



## North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation

Governor Roy Cooper

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Mr. Michael Landguth  
CEO and President  
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Dear Mr. Landguth:

RDU Airport and William B. Umstead State Park are neighbors, and each is important to the current and future economic vitality of the Triangle region. Transportation efficiency and recreational opportunity each play an important role in attracting new businesses and maintaining a dynamic and attractive business environment.

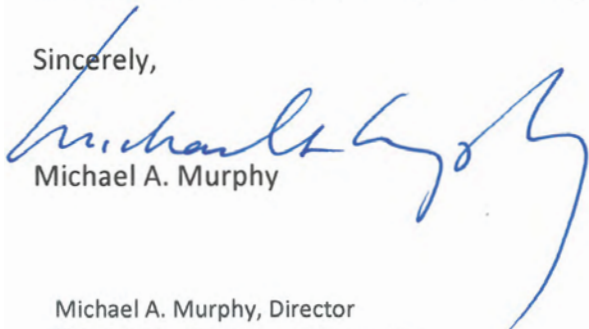
There has been a tremendous community outpouring of support advocating for a network of single-track bicycle/pedestrian trails in the vicinity of Old Reedy Creek Road, to enhance the trails at Lake Crabtree County Park. This demonstrates the community need for this recreational resource.

We are aware that the RDU Airport Authority has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to lease 3 parcels of land along Old Reedy Creek Road, including the Odd Fellows Tract. We appreciate RDU's willingness to consider expanded recreational opportunities for these parcels of land. We support Wake County's efforts to submit a proposal to lease and manage some of these lands for forested trails. We also support The Conservation Fund's offer to purchase the Odd Fellows Tract (Parcel 1) as an addition to the state park. This parcel is on our "Critical Land Acquisition" list for William B. Umstead State Park.

As part of a partnership solution, we are supportive of adding supplemental single track bicycle/pedestrian trails in a nearby section of William B. Umstead State Park, as well as on the Odd Fellows Tract. However, due to the state park's primary mission to preserve natural resources and its need to avoid conflict with its current popular trails, adding new bicycle trails in the state park only makes sense if they are a part of the larger solution.

We look forward to continuing to work together toward a solution that benefits the entire region.

Sincerely,



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