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Watauga County Parks & Recreation Announces Three Master Planning Community Meetings

Boone, North Carolina (Tuesday, November 24, 2009) Watauga County Parks and Recreation will hold three community meetings to discuss residents needs and desires for future improvements and additions to the community recreation provisions in Watauga County, NC. The meetings will take place on the following dates:

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| Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 7pm: | Valle Crucis Elementary School Cafeteria |
| Monday, December 14, 2009, 7pm: | Parkway Elementary School Gym |
| Thursday, December 17, 2009, 7pm: | Hardin Park Elementary School Gym |

These community meetings are an opportunity for all residents to provide public input. The information gathered from these meetings will be used to supplement that obtained from a recently mailed needs assessment conducted by Appalachian State University. This public input will help guide the recommendations that will be included in the 2020 Watauga County Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The High Country Council of Governments is currently in the process of developing this 10-year master plan on behalf of the Watauga County Parks & Recreation Department. The plan is comprehensive, and will address most aspects of the County's program and facilities. In addition, the master plan will make recommendations regarding new recreation facilities, upgrades needed on existing facilities, and other recreation-related issues.

For more information about the Master Plan, the community meetings, or to obtain directions to the meetings, please contact Stephen Poulos, Director of Parks and Recreation at 828-264-9511 or by email: stephen.poulos@ncmail.net.