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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Commission Chair, Tony Hyde
Commissioner, Earl Fisher
Commissioner, Henry Heimuller

FROM: Glen Crinklaw, Asst. Public Works Director.

CC: David Hill, Public Works Director
Robin McIntyre, Asst. Legal Counsel

RE: Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee Recommendation (seasonal closure)

At the September 11th meeting of the Columbia County Parks Advisory Committee the topic of seasonal park closure was discussed. The discussion focus was identification of expense reduction opportunities through off-season operational changes. All revenue generating parks were evaluated from a 2 ½ year historical performance perspective.

Three parks were identified as having potential for yielding budgetary savings through off-season closure:

- Big Eddy (December 15 to March 15)
- Scaponia (December 15 to March 15)
- Hudson (November 1 to March 15)

The basic financial benchmark employed by the Committee was expense vs revenue. The expectation that expense would exceed revenue during a several month period was the primary basis for the recommendation. Other considerations included park host placement issues, vandalism exposure plus illegal trash dumping.

Attached is a graphical display of monthly expense vs revenue for the 2 ½ year evaluation period.

