

THERE ARE 4 SECTIONS OF THE VOP

Each section has topic-based subsections for citation in your grant application. We recommend using the Table of Contents to navigate the plan and identify the section citation.

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**Section 1 - Priorities,
Implementation, Recreation
Economy**

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Section 2 - Recreation

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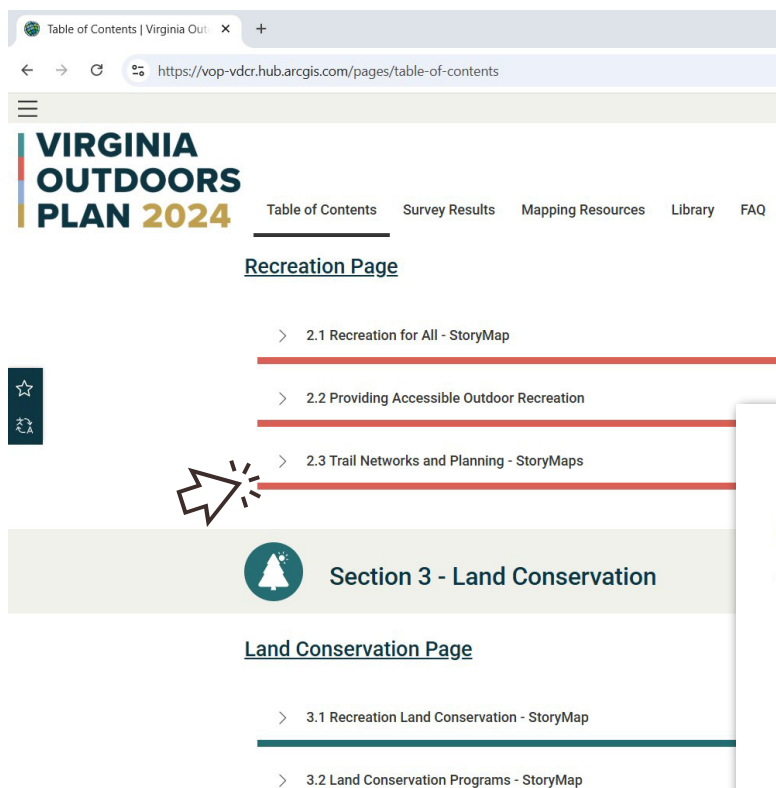
Section 3 - Land Conservation

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**Section 4 - Federal and State
Grants Guidance**

Table of Contents and Project Narrative Example



Expand a subsection to view topics and to quickly navigate to a topic in the VOP. The subsection and title can be used in your citation.

2.1 Recreation for All - StoryMap

Use the links below to jump to a topic in the StoryMap

1. [Introduction - Outdoor Recreation in Virginia](#)
2. [Recreation Inventory](#)
3. [Data and Survey Results](#)
 - [Participation, Interests, and Needs](#)
 - [Outdoor Recreation Activities](#)
4. [Outdoor Recreation Priorities](#)
 - [Expanding Access and Opportunities](#)
 - [Expanding Trail Networks](#)
 - [Expanding Water-Based Recreation](#)

Example Project Scenario

If your project contributes to recreational water access (i.e. swimming, paddling, boating, etc.) then you may want to visit and cite **Section 2.1.4 - Expanding Water-Based Recreation**. You can use direct quotes from the body of the text, or use your own words to explain how your project aligns to subsection topic.

Application screenshot of the 2026 LWCF Grant Round Application Section D - Project Narrative

General Reference and Citation Example



25. Expanding Access

How does the project expand access to outdoor recreation and help provide recreation for all?

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

*"This renovated kayak launch on Craig Creek will provide local residents and visitors with recreational water access including tubing, paddling, and fishing. **(2.1.4 - Expanding Water-Based Recreation)**. The site will be designed as an ADA adaptive kayak launch with a transfer bench system to support all visitors including seniors, children, and people with disabilities. **(2.2 - Providing Accessible Outdoor Recreation)**"*

Survey Results and Project Narrative Example

The Virginia Outdoors Survey results were used throughout the VOP to support the plan topics and narrative. You may find your topic and relevant survey response as a direct quote in the plan, or you may find it easier to cite directly from the results.

Example

Scenario: Your project includes protection of 40 acres of undeveloped space to be used for passive recreation.

Note that **Section 3 - Recreation Land Conservation** describes the importance of these protected areas, and integrates the survey results that support these values.

You can quote and reference this content in the LWCF application form **Section D - Project Narrative**. Below is a screenshot from Section 3 of the VOP to demonstrate integrated survey results within narrative sections. Integrated survey results are primarily found in Sections 2 and 3 of the plan.

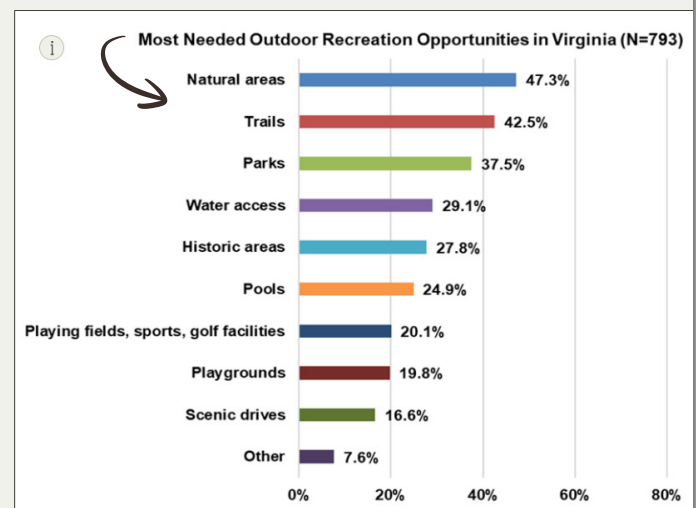
Recreation in Natural Landscapes

Natural areas are the most popular selection when Virginians consider which top three recreation resources are most needed. The top four choices indicate a desire for Virginia to increase and enhance recreation opportunities in natural landscapes throughout the current network of state and local natural areas and parks.

"Recreation for All" has more information and survey results for specific recreation amenities such as trails, pools, and sports fields.

Reasons for outdoor recreation

Nearly half of the survey respondents (48.7%) answered that they seek recreation experiences because they want to 'experience nature,' with over half (52.7%) citing that recreation reduces stress and improves their mental health.



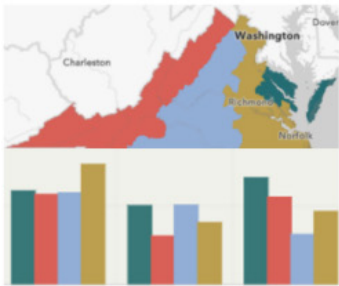
Direct Quote Reference and Citation Example

"This water access site on Craig Creek is located in an undeveloped, natural area along the river. 'Nearly half of the survey respondents (48.7%) answered that they seek recreation experiences because they want to experience nature.' Natural areas are also the Most-Needed outdoor recreation opportunities, and water access is the 4th most needed recreation opportunity." (Section 3.1.3 - Survey Results)

Survey Results and Project Narrative Example

Regional survey results may also support your project narrative. You can use the Virginia Outdoors Survey Report tables and figures, or the Regionalized and Demographic Dashboards for easy reference.

Virginia Outdoors Survey Results Dashboards



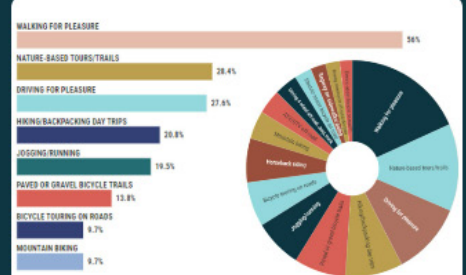
Recreation Values and Preferences

Regional analysis of values and preferences.



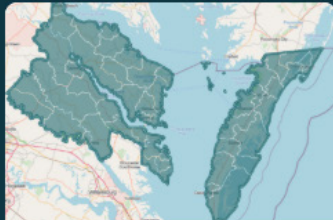
Demographic Variables in Responses

Values and preferences analyzed by demographic variable

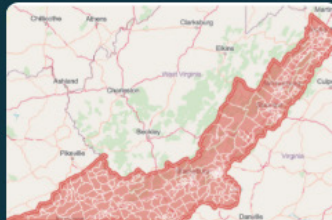


Activity Results Graphs and Charts

Virginia Outdoors Survey results for all 101 recreation activities.



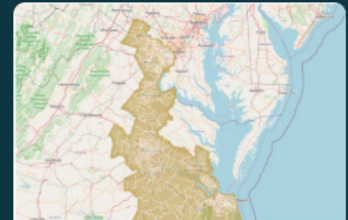
Region 1 Analysis - Recreation Activities



Region 2 Analysis - Recreation Activities



Region 3 Analysis - Recreation Activities



Region 4 Analysis - Recreation Activities

Reference and Citation Example

"This kayak and canoe supports 'Most Needed' activities in Region 2 by surveyed Virginians. Fresh water fishing - 31.9% Canoeing/Kayaking - 27.8 % Tubing - 22.7%

VOS Region 2 Analysis Recreation Activities"

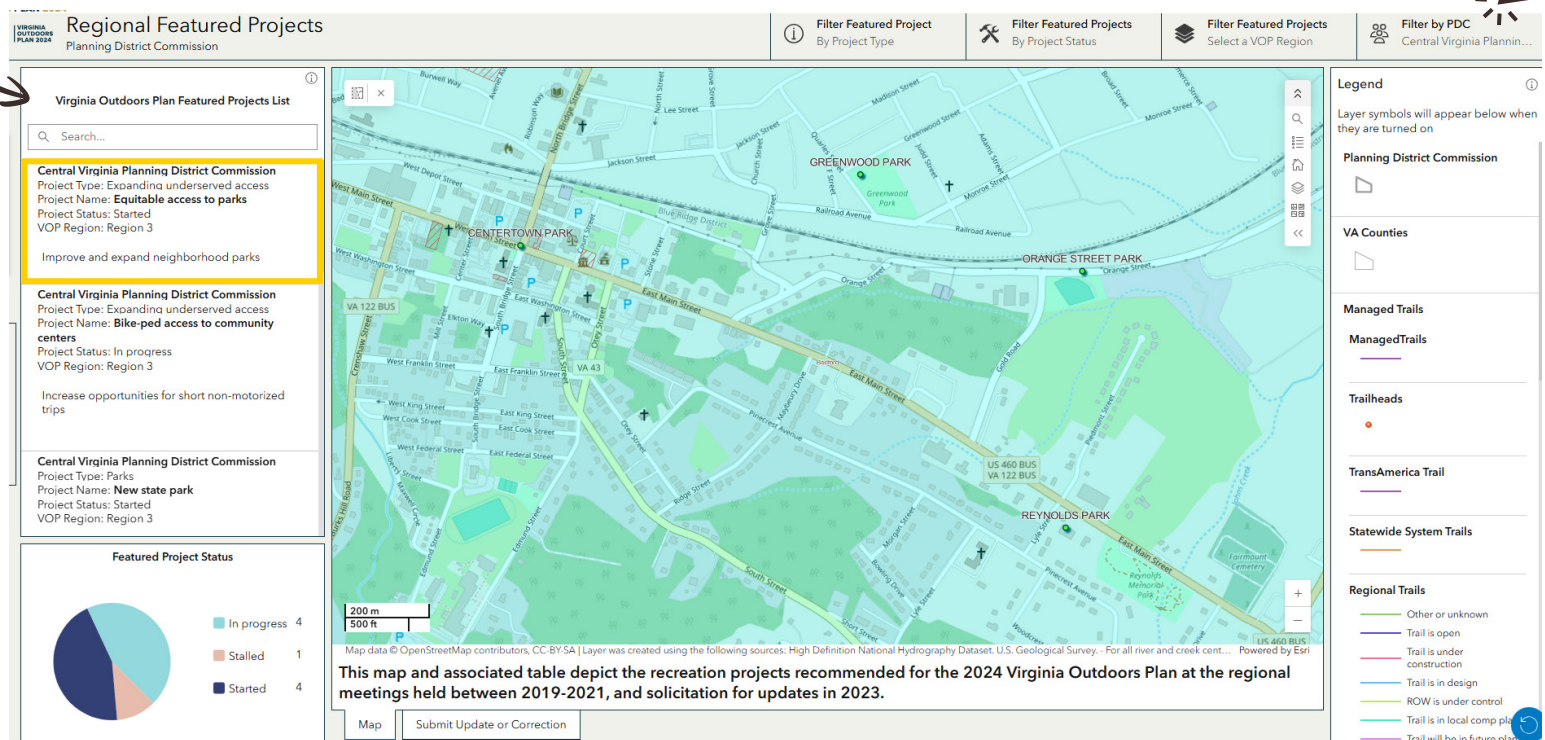
Recreation Activities			VOP Category				View by Activity (Optional)	
Region 2 Analysis			Reset Data Table	Sports and Free Play	Trails	Water Access	Wildlife and Nature-Oriented	No category selected
VOS Question	Activity	Percent Response (%)						
23	Fresh water fishing	31.90						
23	Canoeing/kayaking	27.80						
23	Viewing the water	26.50						
23	Swimming/outdoor pool	26.00						
23	Tubing on water	22.70						
23	Swimming beach, lake, river	20.00						
23	Paddling on scenic rivers	19.80						
27	Pools	19.10						
23	Sunbathing/relaxing on a beach	16.30						
23	Whitewater rafting (guided/solo)	12.20						
23	Power boating	11.30						

Featured Projects Dashboard

The Featured Projects dashboard is located on the main landing page of the VOP and on the Mapping Resources page.



The screenshot below shows the Featured Projects dashboard filtered by Planning District Commission (PDC) with the Central Virginia Planning District Commission used for example purposes. All submitted general and specific projects from the PDC are listed on the left hand side, and will automatically update when a filter is used from the top of the dashboard. If your project aligns to a general Project Name or a specific Project Name, then it is appropriate to reference the Featured Project.



Reference and Citation Example

"This trail project will connect Reynolds Park to Orange Street Park by way of several neighborhoods. This project will expand access to these parks from across several neighborhoods and improve more equitable access to parks in the town of Bedford. Equitable Access to Parks is a VOP Featured Project submitted by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission."