

## ATTACHMENT II

### VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PARKS TODDLER PLAYGROUND TRAIN PROJECT FRIENDS OF LAKE ANNA STATE PARK PROTOTYPE PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Playground equipment designed for 2-5 year olds (toddlers) is needed within Lake Anna State Park. The existing playgrounds were designed for 5-12 year olds. The park has more than 200,000 visitors a year and many families have children in the toddler age range. The Commonwealth has no funds for providing such equipment. Thus, the Friends of Lake Anna State Park are seeking help in funding this equipment.

The intended equipment is a playground train to be professionally installed by the manufacturer who would then assume related liability. The train was selected because within the park lie the remains of the Goodwin Gold Mine and the related rail-bed.

Between 1830 and 1850, Virginia was the third largest gold producing state in the Nation. Thus, in addition to the playground train providing an excellent platform for toddler recreation and physical exercise, the combination of the goldmine and the playground train will provide wonderful opportunities for educational and interpretive programming for all ages.