

Project Timeline

- **Fall 2013 - Roanoke County Signs Lease Agreement**

VRFA agrees to 99-year lease for Roanoke County to fully operate Explore Park.



- **Spring 2014 Celebrates Grand Opening**

Roanoke County re-opens 14 miles of trails, and renovates Taubman Center & Mountain Union Church.



- **Fall 2014 - Roanoke County Submits RFP for Master Plan**

Vendors are solicited and interviewed by Roanoke County staff for creation of a master plan.



- **Spring 2015 - Master Plan Awarded**

Design firm Wallace, Roberts and Todd (WRT) is awarded the master plan bid.



- **July 2015 - Master Plan Kickoff Meeting**

WRT completes initial site visit and meets with project team, developing schedule & objectives.

- **September-October 2015 - Community Meetings**

Community meetings held with stakeholder groups and the general public.

- **October 2015 - Community Survey**

A comprehensive public input campaign launched to receive broader feedback.

- **November 2015 - Programming & Conceptual Development**

Feasibility study coordinated with steering committee, and utility recommendations are made.

- **December-January 2016 - Cost Modeling & Business Plan**

Preliminary site plan is developed, and business plan recommended for amenities and investment.

- **February 2016 - Final Master Plan Document Developed**

Draft technical document created and reviewed by steering committee.

- **March 2016 - Master Plan Presentation**

Final master plan is presented to Roanoke County's Board of Supervisors by WRT and partners.



A Roanoke County Parks,
Recreation and Tourism Facility
Blue Ridge Parkway, Milepost 115