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NEWEST BALL PARK IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, VA TO OPEN (Beaverdam Creek Park in Damascus Set For Ribbon Cutting April 2, 2011)

DAMASCUS, VA: The Washington County Board of Supervisors announced today that Beaverdam Creek Park in Damascus, VA will officially open with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Little League Jamboree on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. (rain or shine) Washington County spent approximately \$800,000 creating this 8-acre field sport park resulting in the single largest public ball park ever developed by the County and the first park constructed in Damascus in over 50 years. The park will provide over 500 youths with the opportunity to participate in recreation activities in their own community on fields designated for Little League baseball, Little League softball, T-ball and multi-purpose use (football/soccer).

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which will include comments by local and state elected officials, will be immediately followed by a Little League Jamboree officially kicking off the 2011 Little League season for Damascus teams. Damascus Little League will be able to host play with teams from the Walker Mountain League including the communities of Glade Spring, Saltville, Chilhowie and Marion, Virginia. The Jamboree will be open to the public and will include food vendors, inflatables, face painting, a live radio broadcast, and demonstrations by both the Damascus Fire and Police Departments.

"The Board of Supervisors is proud to finance this park to provide much needed field sport and recreation space for our youth and to create additional economic opportunities for the tourism businesses in Damascus" said Joe Straten, Supervisors for the Taylor District.

"This is a win-win for the County, the Town and the kids in our community!" said Jack McCrady, Mayor of the town of Damascus, "The Town has taken a piece of property that was overgrown and not in use, and through a partnership with Washington County, we've provided one of the best parks in the region."

"These parks will give our teams much more practice time on the field." said Damascus Little League President Tanya Richardson, "We're excited about expanding the opportunity to host teams from our region right here in Damascus; even Little League State tournaments."

Management, scheduling and maintenance of this park will be provided by the Washington County Department of Recreation. The park is physically located at 1011 South Shady Avenue, Damascus, Virginia.