

# Albemarle Blue Ridge Heritage Project



Mr. Bob Crickenberger  
Director  
Albemarle County Parks and Recreation Department  
401 McIntire Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear Mr. Crickenberger,

On behalf of the Albemarle Blue Ridge Heritage Project Steering Committee, we formally request permission from Albemarle County to allow the creation of a memorial chimney at Patricia Ann Byrom Park. The monument will honor the families displaced at the founding of the Shenandoah National Park.

The vision is to educate visitors and residents about the lives and the culture of the Albemarle residents who lived in the mountains before the creation of the Shenandoah National Park 80 years ago. The location we propose is the level grass area above the parking areas where the chimney will be visible from Blackwell's Hollow Road and be in stark relief against the mountain forest.

Phase I includes construction of the chimney with memorial plaque. Budget: \$13,000

Phase II includes a post and beam structure to shelter informational kiosks and show the dimensions of a modest size house in the park survey area during the 1930's. The structure can also shelter heritage presentations of mountain culture and promote tourism. Budget: \$15,000

Please let us know if there is other information we should provide. We look forward to your response at P.O. Box 88, White Hall, VA 22987 or [albemarleblueridgeheritage@gmail.com](mailto:albemarleblueridgeheritage@gmail.com).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Albemarle Blue Ridge Heritage Project Steering Committee

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