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## Falls Lake, North Carolina Forest Ridge Peninsula Development

- **Sponsor: City of Raleigh, NC**
- **Proposed lease for the development of a natural resource based city park**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 1, NC 13

Date: 8 April 2013

1. **PROJECT NAME AND STATE:** Falls Lake, North Carolina – Forest Ridge Park - City of Raleigh
2. **LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** Falls Lake is located in the upper portion of the Neuse River basin, amidst the rapidly growing areas of Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill. The project's purposes include recreation, flood risk management, fish and wildlife enhancement, water quality, and water supply.
3. **ISSUE AND INFORMATION:** The city of Raleigh, has proposed to develop Forest Ridge Park on a 586 acre area at Falls Lake. The area is designated for intensive recreation in the Falls Lake Master Plan and is leased by the Corps to the state of North Carolina. The city would sublease the area from the state if the project is approved. The major elements of the proposed development include an adventure education center, ropes course and climbing wall, lakeside center, multi-use activity areas, an adventure education overnight lodge, mountain biking and hiking trails, picnic shelters, and a disc golf course. The city prepared an environmental assessment for the proposed project and the FONSI was signed on 30 Jan 2012. Sublease and lease documents are being prepared and routed through the state of North Carolina, the city of Raleigh and the Corps.