

Representative Annie E. McDaniel,

The Town of Ridgeway would like your assistance in acquiring \$50,000 for revitalizing the Ridgeway Town Park. The funds will go towards the town park budgeted previously which will add to the downtown development (smaller version of the Greenville Unity Park). The park is in need of restrooms, at least two shelters, and a structure for indoor activities. It is located on the Ridgeway Town Park site, in the downtown area of Ridgeway. The park is centrally located and accessible to the community. As Ridgeway continues to grow and develop as a unique small town, there will be an increase in population generated by SCOUT. In addition, Ridgeway wants to be part of the greatness SC has and continues to offer. This project is being developed in phases.

The project will give the town residents, particularly students an opportunity to enjoy outdoor recreation and outdoor events within their community and in a family-oriented environment. When families visit the park they will more likely patronized local eateries which will boost the economy in the Town of Ridgeway. Research has shown that recreation sites are therapeutic and bonding for families.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heath Cookendorfer, Mayor <u>Town of Ridge</u>way, South Carolina