



## Department of Energy

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The Honorable Tom Beehan  
Mayor, City of Oak Ridge  
200 South Tulane Avenue  
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Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mayor Beehan:

The Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Office (ORO) is in the process of assessing DOE's continued ownership of land holdings across the Oak Ridge Reservation. One parcel of land under consideration by ORO for disposition is approximately 80 acres of land known as Clark Center Park (Park). This parcel of land is wholly within the city limits of Oak Ridge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for meeting with my staff and me on July 10, 2014, to begin the discussion of a possible future transfer of the Park from federal ownership. As you are aware, federal land transfers can be a lengthy process and I wanted to reach out to the community to assess your views and concerns on a potential transfer of this particular parcel to the City of Oak Ridge.

The citizens of Oak Ridge have long enjoyed the Park for its many amenities and features, much of which are available year round. As you know, DOE has a number of options for disposing of excess real property, and in the case of Clark Center Park, we would be interested in transferring the property to the City of Oak Ridge as a public benefit conveyance. Given the Park's benefit to the citizens of Oak Ridge, the option we currently favor would be to transfer ownership to the City at no cost, provided that the property remains a recreational park asset for the public.

If the City is interested in pursuing ownership of the Clark Center Park parcel, ORO would be pleased to participate in further conversations with you. We understand that in considering this offer, you will need to seek input and direction from a variety of entities. We are available to provide additional information at any time. As I stated in our July 10, 2014, meeting, DOE has not set any deadlines for a response from the City. It is also important to point out that DOE has not established any timeframes for pursuing options to disposition the property.

Please feel free to contact me at (865) 576-4444, or our Assistant Manager for Administration, John Shewairy, at (865) 576-9603, respectively. I look forward to working with you on this or any other matters of interest to the City of Oak Ridge.

Sincerely,

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Manager

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