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**Subject:** Re: Veronica Valley Park Information request  
**Date:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:45:47 AM

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Thanks for the reply, Steve. Is there a time that we could chat about field trips that I was hoping to take this year? My main concern is interrupting improvement plans. I noticed there are plans for plantings, and I want to make sure my students are aware of such things so we don't trample any purposely planted species. Thanks!

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**From:** **Steve Christensen** <[schristensen@leelanau.gov](mailto:schristensen@leelanau.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 1:34 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Veronica Valley Park Information request  
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Greetings,

Let's put this on the Veronica Valley agenda – school uses of the park.

This fits the intended use of the park but we need to talk about scope of use.

Thanks

Steve C

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**From:** Laurel Evans <[levans@leelanau.gov](mailto:levans@leelanau.gov)>  
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**Subject:** FW: Veronica Valley Park Information request  
**Importance:** High

Gentlemen:

Please contact Mr. Cooper in regards to the request stated below – thank you!

*Laurel S. Evans*

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**From:** Thomas Cooper <[CooperTo@tcaps.net](mailto:CooperTo@tcaps.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:31 AM  
**To:** Laurel Evans <[levans@leelanau.gov](mailto:levans@leelanau.gov)>  
**Subject:** Veronica Valley Park

Hello Laurel,

My name is Tom Cooper and I am a 5th grade teacher at Eastern Elementary in TCAPS. I have been taking my fifth graders to Veronica Valley Park for the past several years to fish. It's the perfect place for kids to space out and nearly all kids catch something.

I do have an inquiry about the park, and my hope is that you can give me a contact person for it. Seeing as how our school is located within the city limits, certain science activities can't be done due to space limitations. I would love to make Veronica Valley Park somewhat of an environmental science lab where we can get out of the classroom more often.

I very much appreciate the maintenance and upkeep of the park and I absolutely don't want to overstep my welcome by interfering with any improvements being made. I have taken a close look at the conceptual plans for the future of the park and I think it's awesome! I would like to talk with someone about the activities that I would like to do along with the timeframe, just so I don't mess up anyone's plans.

Do you know who would be the best person to talk with concerning this? Thanks so much and have a great day!

**Tom Cooper**

**5th Grade Teacher**

**Eastern Elementary**