

Speech at Opening of Lakeshore Park

May 30, 2014

Progress can be defined in a number of ways:

A movement forward

Reaching a goal

Growth or development

In very simple terms, progress can also be defined as “leaving a situation or place better than you found it.”

Lakeshore Park is evidence of progress.

Thank you TVA for your investment in the Lakeshore Park- a “sustainable recreation area.”

TVA has 5 primary missions and 3 of these missions have been achieved at Lakeshore Park:

1. Helps economic development
2. Reflects environmental stewardship
3. Integration of river system management

This gift to the community and our county adds a valuable asset to Roane County’s recreation portfolio.

“Thank you” TVA for this investment. Not only is this an asset for today but also for future generations.

The community has a beautiful park. The county has an additional asset. TVA has made a financial investment that we can see, touch, hear and smell. I had the opportunity to tour/inspect this project during construction and talked to a number of Roane County citizens who were employed on this project, so not only do we have this asset, but citizens’ lives were enriched through the employment opportunities.

We will soon forget what is said here today but let us not forget, “Progress is made when we leave a place better than when we found it.” TVA has made progress. Success accomplished.

“Thank you TVA”