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**MINERAL DEVELOPERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY:  
ON THE WAY TOWARD MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING**

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Under the conditions of intensive development of mineral resources and especially natural building materials mining industry and the increased role of the latter in the territories' economy the interests of a mineral developer often come into contradiction with the goals of sustainable and balanced development. The article analyses the experience on creating recreational parks and ecological paths in the Republic of Karelia and expresses the need to establish effective and long-term interaction between the enterprises and local community.