Lumpkin County, Georgia
Finance Department

Date: September 24, 2015

Agenda Item: Funding Opportunity
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Recreational Trails Program
Trail Construction

Facts & Historical Information: In September, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced its 2015 Recreational Trails Grant Program applications would be available for download on October 13, 2015.

Projects eligible for funding include: trail and trailhead construction, trail maintenance, trail assessments/studies, and property acquisition for trail recreation facilities. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. The minimum grant award is $25,000.00. Projects that provide for non-motorized uses can receive a maximum grant award of $100,000.00. Projects designed to accommodate off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, or off-road four-wheel-drive trucks may propose a higher grant amount. Grant recipients must match 20% of the project cost.

Potential Courses of Action:

A. Prepare and submit a Recreational Trails Grant Program application to construct a trail connecting the Yahoola Creek Park trail with the Yahoola Creek Reservoir trail.
B. Take no action.

Budget Impact: The Recreational Trails Grant Program requires grant recipients to provide a match of not less than 20% of the project cost.

Staff Recommendation: Please see statement from Greg Walker, Director of Parks and Recreation.

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Lumpkin County, Georgia
Parks and Recreation Department
Recreational Trail Grant Recommendation Letter

September 28, 2015

This letter is to confirm that I support the development of a connecting trail between Yahoola Creek Park and the Lake Zwerner Reservoir Trail.

I believe this project is worthy of consideration in that it would connect two assets in our park inventory.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

Greg Walker

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DATE: September 2, 2015

TO: Local/State/Federal Governments and Authorized Commissions
Outdoor Recreation Providers

FROM: Georgia Recreational Trails Program

SUBJECT: Grant Pre Application Workshops

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is offering Pre Application Workshops for the 2015 Recreational Trails Grant Program. Workshops will introduce new applicants to the grant program and detail the application process.

We welcome you to attend one of our Pre Application Workshops:

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 – 2:00 to 4:00 PM
GoFish Education Center
1255 Perry Parkway, Perry, GA 31069

Thursday, October 8, 2015 – 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Chattahoochee Nature Center
9135 Wileo Road, Roswell, GA 30075

The 2015 Georgia Recreational Trails Program Grant Application will be available for download **Tuesday, October 13, 2015** on the Recreational Trails Program website: www.gastateparks.org/grants/rtp.
The package will include general program information, funding cycle timelines, the 2015 application, and related forms. Continue to check your mailbox for an additional message from Georgia State Parks Director, Becky Kelley announcing the start of the fall grant cycle with pertinent application submission information.

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For more information please contact:
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