



# Lumpkin County, Georgia

## Finance Department

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**Date:** November 19, 2015

**Agenda Item:** Funding Opportunity  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Recreational Trails Program  
Trail Maintenance Program & Authorizing Resolution

**Facts & Historical Information:**

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced it will once again be accepting Recreational Trails Grant Program (RTP) applications.

Eligible projects 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. Another requirement of the RTP is an authorizing resolution from the governing authority.

Since the Yahoola Creek Park Trail was constructed approximately ten years ago and the Yahoola Creek Reservoir Trail was completed nearly five years ago, it has been determined the best use of RTP funding, at this time, would be for a trail maintenance project for the Yahoola Creek Trail System.

**Potential Courses of Action:**

- A. Prepare and submit a RTP trail maintenance project application for the Yahoola Creek Trail System.
- B. Take no action.

**Budget Impact:**

The RTP requires grant recipients to provide a match of not less than 20% of the project cost. Based upon initial cost estimates, the County's matching requirement for the proposed project will be \$6,250.00. This amount can be met by utilizing existing funds within the County's FY-2016 Annual Operating Budget.

**Staff**

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

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**LUMPKIN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 60**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A  
GEORGIA RECREATION TRAIL PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Whereas**, the governing authority of Lumpkin County desires to submit an application for funding assistance from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Georgia Recreation Trails Program for the purpose of acquiring recreational trail maintenance equipment; and,

**Whereas**, the governing authority of Lumpkin County intends to apply for funding assistance from said program in the amount of \$25,000.00; and,

**Whereas**, to accept the grant, the governing authority must approve and execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources agreeing to the terms of the grant program;

**Now therefore**, it is hereby resolved that the Commission Chairman is authorized and empowered to execute said grant application in the amount of \$25,000.00 on behalf of Lumpkin County.

**Resolved, adopted and effective** this 15th day of December, 2015.

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Chris Dockery, Chairman  
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

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Kathleen C. Walker  
Clerk, Lumpkin County