



STATE PARKS & HISTORIC SITES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Officials
Regional Commissions
Park and Recreation Departments

FROM: Becky Kelley, State Liaison Officer and Georgia PRHSD Director

SUBJECT: Land and Water Conservation Fund 2015 Grant Cycle

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to announce the 2015 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant cycle. The federal LWCF grant program helps state and local governments acquire recreation lands, and develop and rehabilitate outdoor recreation facilities. Approximately \$2 million will be dispersed to local governments in the 2015 funding cycle.

Disbursement of the LWCF funds are guided by criteria which are developed to address the priorities within the state's current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Because SCORP is a 5 year plan, other situational factors may be used in the selection process. This year trail projects will be excluded from the LWCF grant cycle because of the overlap in the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant cycle and the exclusive nature of RTP projects. Projects that are submitted for LWCF funding and include trail related facilities will be deemed ineligible and the entire project will not be scored.

LWCF requires grant recipients to provide at least 50 percent in matching funds for each selected project. A \$25,000 grant minimum (total project cost of \$50,000) and a \$100,000 grant maximum (total project cost of \$200,000) will apply again this year.

Local governments should not submit more than one (1) pre-application.

The original plus one copy of the pre-application should be **postmarked on or before Monday, November 30, 2015.**

In an effort to be eco-friendly, the pre-application form, related instructions, and the evaluation criteria will not be mailed to each local jurisdiction, but are instead available on-line at gastateparks.org/grants.

We look forward to assisting you in meeting your outdoor recreation needs. Contact Antoinette Norfleet at (404) 656-2770 if you need additional information / clarification / or do not have internet access.

cc: Members of the Board of Natural Resources
Mark Williams, Commissioner