



**GEORGIA**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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**2026  
RECREATIONAL TRAILS  
PROGRAM  
NON-MOTORIZED**

SECOND-LEVEL APPLICATION  
GUIDANCE



We extend our congratulations on your successful advancement to this stage of the process. We encourage you not to be deterred by the volume of information required for this application, and we remain available to provide any necessary assistance.

This guide furnishes the necessary resources and instructions for the successful completion of the application. The requisite Special Terms, Environmental Coordinations, and a list of required documents are detailed below.

## Key Terms to Avoid in the Application and CE Form.

- Environmental Justice
- Racial Equity
- Equity
- Climate
- Climate Change
- Greenhouse Gas
- GHG
- Energy
- 40 CFR
- Justice 40
- Sea level
- Sea rise
- low -income
- BIL
- Diversity
- minority

### Environmental Coordination Checklist

- Section 106 coordination with the GA Historic Preservation Division
- Tribal Historic Preservation Coordination Form
- GA HPD Environmental Review Form
- Section 7 coordination with the USFWS (US Fish and Wildlife Services Wildlife Resource Division (WRD)
- Georgia Department of Transportation Planning Review Response
- Floodplain Coordination with GADNR Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and Local Floodplain Administrator (LFA) if applicable.
- Statewide Transportation Improvement (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Response/Amendment.

### Applicant Required Documents

- Resolution
- Deeds, easements, leases, or acquisition plans for the project site.
- Georgia Environmental Policy Act GEPA Checklist
- DNR ADA Accessibility Form
- DNR Implementation Schedule
- DNR Budget Spreadsheet
- Public Announcements- Copy of the official Announcement and comments received within the 14-day period.
- Completed Categorical Exclusion (CE Form) for DNR Review.



# 2025-2026 RTP Second-Level Application Portal Instruction

The link is sent to your email to use throughout the process. If you have issues accessing the application, please contact our office.

## Georgia Recreational Trails Grant Program DNR Formal Application

Welcome to the RTP Second-level Application. In this application, you will be asked to submit various documents. If you have any questions, please contact Oucia Jolly at [oucia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:oucia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov). The goal is to receive all documents by March 1, 2026. If you need additional time please email [oucia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:oucia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov). Be aware that we may not be able to hold funding for projects submitted after September 30, 2026.

### Current Status

- Active
- Closed
- NEPA review
- Withdrawn

**The FHWA project number can be found in your email along with the application link**

### FHWA Project Number

NRT 26(#)

### Applicant Agency

### Agency Address

### City, State, Zip

### Primary Contact Person

### Email Address

### Phone Number

### Name and Title of Chief Elected Official

### Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN or FEIN)

### System for Award Management SAM Number \*



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## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name

Trail Site Address

City, State, Zip

What county or counties is the trail project located?

Latitude and Longitude of Trail Site

Project Length **Show the amount feet or miles of the trail project**



Primary Trail Users; must include ALL user groups you included during Pre-application and may contain others if you have added others since Pre-application (check all that apply)

- Pedestrians (hike, walk, &/or run; & wheelchair)
- Bicycles
- Water Trail (canoe & kayak access along an established water trail)
- Equestrians
- other

Project Description



Describe the work and all elements to be included in the project.

Explain in detail all potential land disturbance for this project.

Total Project Cost

Maximum RTP Funds

Minimum Grantee Percentage (%) Matching Funds

Grantee's Match Commitment

# PROJECT DOCUMENTS REQUIRED


## Resolution Authorizing Commitment to Project \*

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+ Select a file

## Does the applicant currently control the site through: \*


- deed
- easement
- lease
- acquisition will occur during the project period
- other



Resolution



Proof of Ownership



GEPA Environmental Checklist

Please upload all deeds, easements, leases, or acquisition plans for this site as a single PDF.

+ Select a file

## GEPA Environmental Checklist \*

Form can be found at [https://gadnr.org/sites/default/files/dnr/pdf/GEPA\\_Environmental\\_Checklist.pdf](https://gadnr.org/sites/default/files/dnr/pdf/GEPA_Environmental_Checklist.pdf)

+ Select a file

### Resolution

Adopted by the governing entity to authorize the following:

- Submission of the full application.
- Commitment of funds to complete the proposed project.
- Commitment to the match of funds.
- Acceptance of agreement terms.



### Ownership Documents

- Deed
- Lease for 25 years and more.
- Easement Documents

### Environmental Check List Georgia Environmental Policy Act

Project No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

GEORGIA AREA/CATEGORY	IS AREA AFFECTED?			IF AFFECTED, HOW SEVERELY?			
	NO	YES	UNKNOWN	MINOR	MEDIAN	MAJOR	UNKNOWN
1. Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Flood Plain/River Corridor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Water Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Groundwater Recharge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Storm Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Waste Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Solid Wastes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Soil Stability/Erodibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Protected Mountains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Protected Species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Critical Habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Historical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Archeological	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Parks/Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Energy Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Beaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Dunes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Shoreline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Coastal Marshland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Forest Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Barrier Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Aquatic Life/Treat Streams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### Georgia Environmental Policy Act (GEPA)

- Address any concerns or explanation based on the guidelines.
- The form and guidelines can be found on the website. <https://gadnr.org/RTP>

# ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION DOCUMENTS (Applicant & GADNR)

Section 106 HPD: Please submit attachments individually for coordination by GADNR.

## Section 106 Application for HPD Applicant upload the documents only

This information is to be submitted by the applicant.

## Section 106 Maps for HPD

This information is to be submitted by the applicant.

## Section 106 Detailed Project Plans

This information is to be submitted by the applicant.

## Section 106 Photo Key Maps

This information is to be submitted by the applicant.

## Section 106 Supporting Photos

This information is to be submitted by the applicant.

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DNR will submit the documents to HPD for review.

## Coordination Documents (EPD and GDOT) Applicant upload the documents only

Provide a PDF file of the following:

brief project description

location map

DNR will submit the documents to GDOT & EPD for review.

Submit for EPD and GDOT environmental review. (ONLY ONE DOCUMENT IS NEEDED.)

## US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Documents

IPAC Correspondence

Species List

See the next page for instructions for IPAC

Submit the document in PDF format

## USFWS - Would tree clearing occur on the project? \*

yes

no

## USFWS - Would the project include construction activities within the wetlands, rivers, or streams? \*

Yes

No

This is a three-step process. All steps must be completed to ensure your project is reviewed by a biologist in our office and you receive a timely response. In brief the steps are:

1. Request an official species list for your project area through the Service's Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system at <https://IPaC.Ecosphere.FWS.gov/>;
  - o If logging into IPaC for the first time, you will be asked to first create a [Login.gov](#) account if you do not have one. Here are the steps on how to [create your Login.gov account](#).
2. Complete applicable determination keys (dKeys); then if no dKey is applicable or the dKeys do not address all aspects of the project;
3. Send your complete project information to: [GAES\\_Assistance@FWS.gov](mailto:GAES_Assistance@FWS.gov) for review

Detailed instructions for each step are below.

#### Step 1. Request an official species list for your project through IPaC

- Log into IPaC: <https://ECOS.FWS.gov/IPaC/>
- Create an account for yourself or log into your existing account.
- For a new project, click on "Get Started".
- Enter the project location (upload a shapefile or search by lat/long, address, and then draw the project area on the map), click "Continue."
- Review the list of Endangered and Threatened species in your project area, then click, "Define Project."
- Enter project name (up to 100 characters) in the format: "*Consulting firm-Agency-Project Name-Code or permit number*"
  - o Example: *Green Tree Consulting-FCC -Greenville Tall Tower Project-TTP7G*
  - o Example: *Army Corps of Engineers-Acme Development-Green Wetland Fill-PN 2022-11111*
- Enter project description. Describe the actions that are proposed, the current onsite habitat and proposed impacts to habitat. If the project was assigned a TAILS number by USFWS in the past, please include that in the project description.
- Click "Save." Your project name and map should now appear.
- Click "Start Review."
- Review the Step-by-step Consultation Process page, then click "Continue."
- Click on "Yes, request a species list."
- Enter the information associated with the lead Federal (or state, etc.) agency for the project. Depending on your answers, you will be prompted to answer additional questions and provide your contact information and project type. Click "Submit official species list request."
- Your species list will be automatically generated and available on your project's page shortly for viewing and downloading. Download a pdf copy of your species list.

#### Step 2. Complete applicable Determination Keys

- Click on "Next Step: Determination Keys." You may be presented with one or more dKeys that may streamline your consultation process. For each dKey that appears, we

recommend clicking "Evaluate." These may streamline the consultation for federally-listed species for your specific project.

- We recommend concluding the use of IPaC after evaluating dKeys that are applicable to the project. Next, either move to Step 3 below if further consultation with the USFWS is needed, or present the information generated from IPaC and the dKeys to the lead federal agency for the project.
- "Next step: Analyze Project"—This link will take you to the Consultation Package Builder. We do not recommend this step for projects in Georgia at this time.

#### Step 3. Send your complete project information to:

That includes the IPaC correspondence and the species list provided in steps 1 and 2 to [Ouicia Jolly](mailto:Ouicia.Jolly@dnr.ga.gov) at [Ouicia.Jolly@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Ouicia.Jolly@dnr.ga.gov)

# Example of the USFWS Coorespondence . Include the species list.



## United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
Georgia Ecological Services Field Office  
355 East Hancock Avenue  
Room 320  
Athens, GA 30601-2523  
Phone: (706) 460-7161 Fax: (706) 613-6059



In Reply Refer To:

04/05/2024 16:42:52 UTC

Project Code: 2024-0073493

Project Name: [REDACTED]

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for requesting information on federally listed species and important wildlife habitats that may occur in your project area. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has responsibility for certain species of wildlife under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 as amended (16 USC 1531 et seq.), the Migratory Bird Treaty Act as amended (16 USC 701-715), Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act as amended (16 USC 668-668c). We provide the following guidance for determining which federally imperiled species may occur within your project area and to recommend conservation measures to consider for your project if you determine those species or designated critical habitats may be affected by the project activities.

### **FEDERALLY-LISTED SPECIES AND DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT**

Attached is a list of endangered, threatened, and proposed species that may occur in your project area. Your project area may not necessarily include all or any of these species. Under the ESA, it is the responsibility of the Federal action agency, their designated non-Federal representative, or a project proponent to determine if a proposed action "may affect" endangered, threatened, or proposed species, or designated critical habitat, and if so, to consult with the Service further. Similarly, it is the responsibility of the Federal action agency or project proponent, not the Service, to make "no effect" determinations. If you determine that your proposed action will have "no effect" on threatened or endangered species or their respective critical habitat, you do not need to seek concurrence with the Service. Nevertheless, it is a violation of Federal law to harm or harass any federally listed threatened or endangered fish or wildlife species without the appropriate permit. If you need additional guidance to inform your effect determination, please contact the Service.

# DNR Coordination USFWS Part II

USFWS - Would tree clearing occur on the project? \*

yes

no

USFWS - Would the project include construction activities within the wetlands, rivers, or streams? \*

Yes

No

DNR needs both questions answered ASAP. This review must be sent in bulk along with other applicants' responses. This review should take up to 3 weeks or less.

## Applicant Coordination Wildlife Resource Division (WRD)

### Wildlife Resources Division (WRD)

- Applicants must submit the following information:
  - a. A description of the project and scope of the proposed activities.
  - b. Locational information such as a shapefile and detailed map.

### Shapefile Creation Instructions Wildlife Resources Review

To be able to use the GNHARGIS system, a zipped shapefile is needed. Note: only polygons can be used in GNHARGIS. It will not accept points or lines.

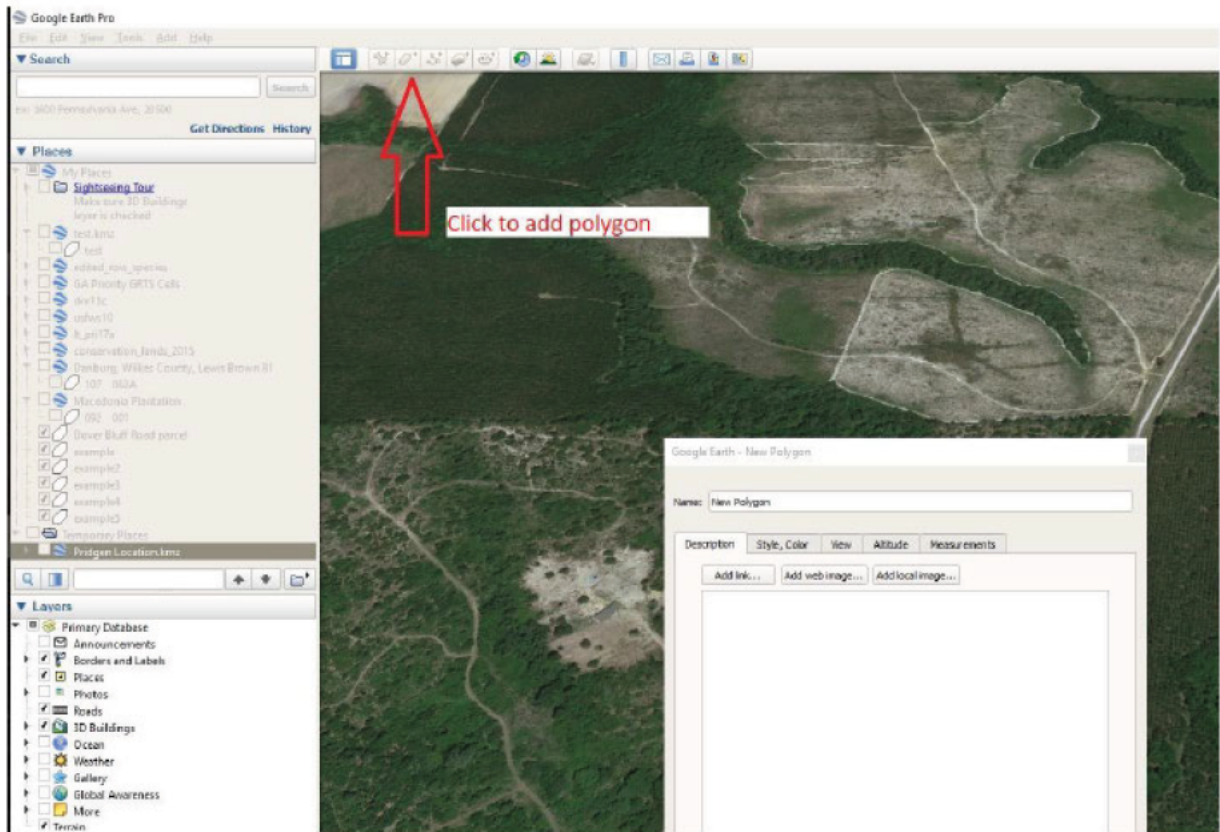
*The following pages contain instructions to prepare a shapefile using free online tools.*

### Step 1 - Create a Google Earth KML (before creating the shapefile)

The Google Earth Polygon creation instructions also available at:

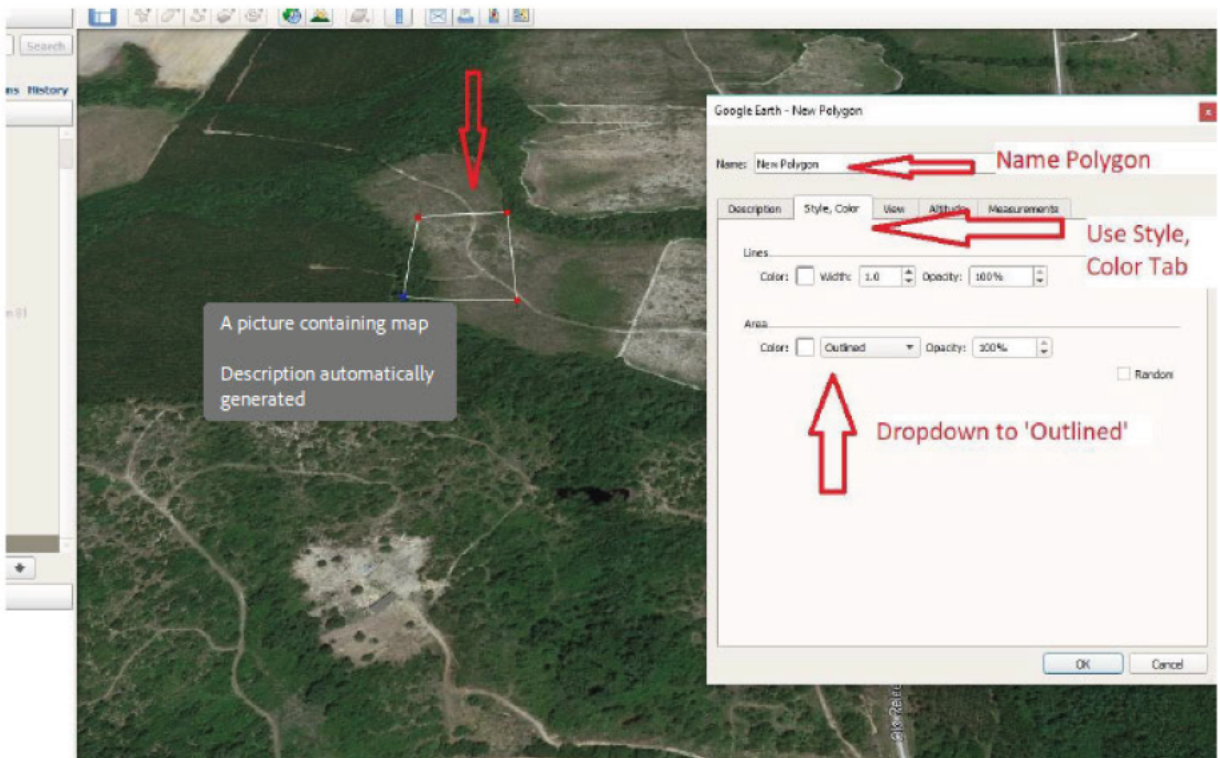
<https://support.dronedeploy.com/docs/planning-flights-with-shapefiles>

- Open Google Earth and locate the area of interest
- Click Add Polygon



- o Name the Polygon >

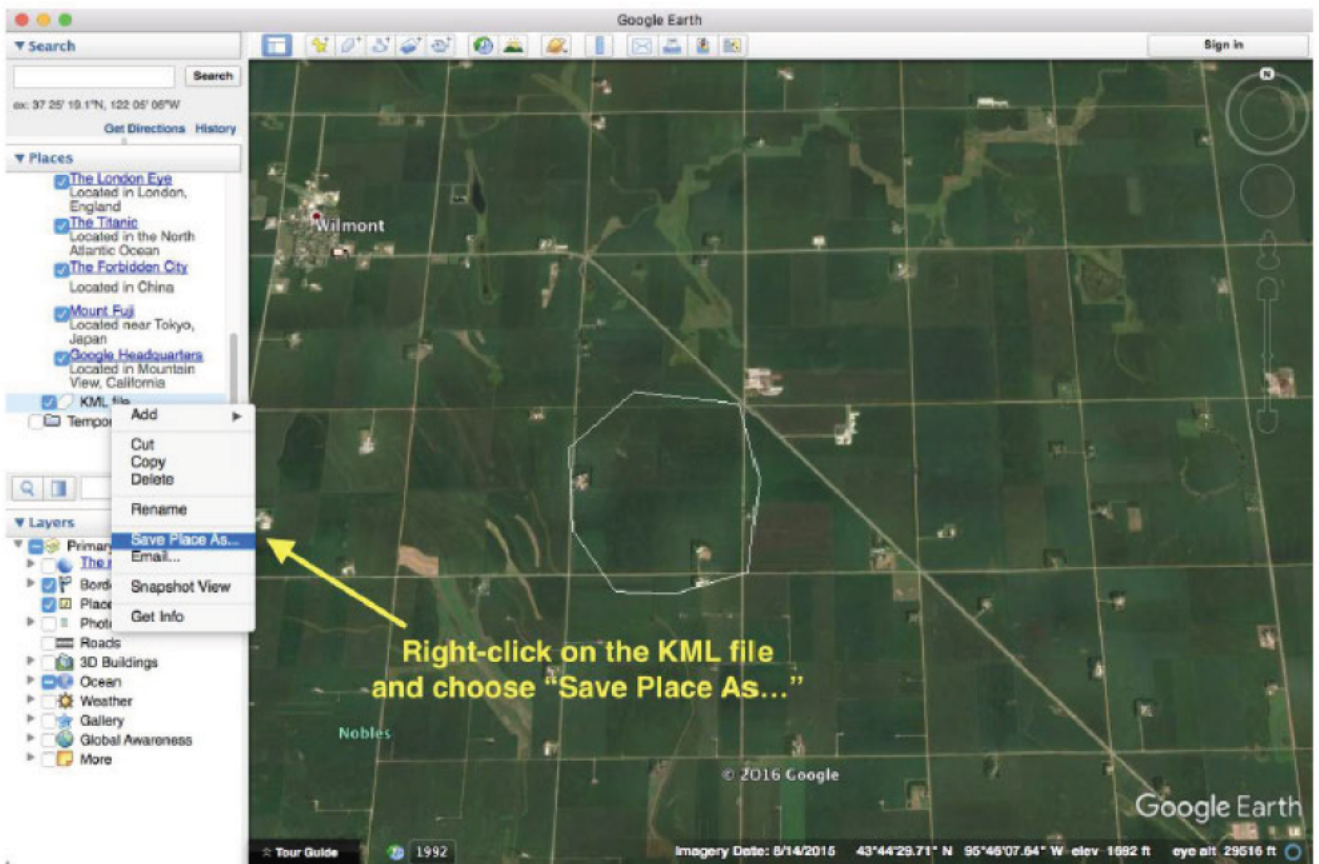
Click on Style, Color menu Select Outlined



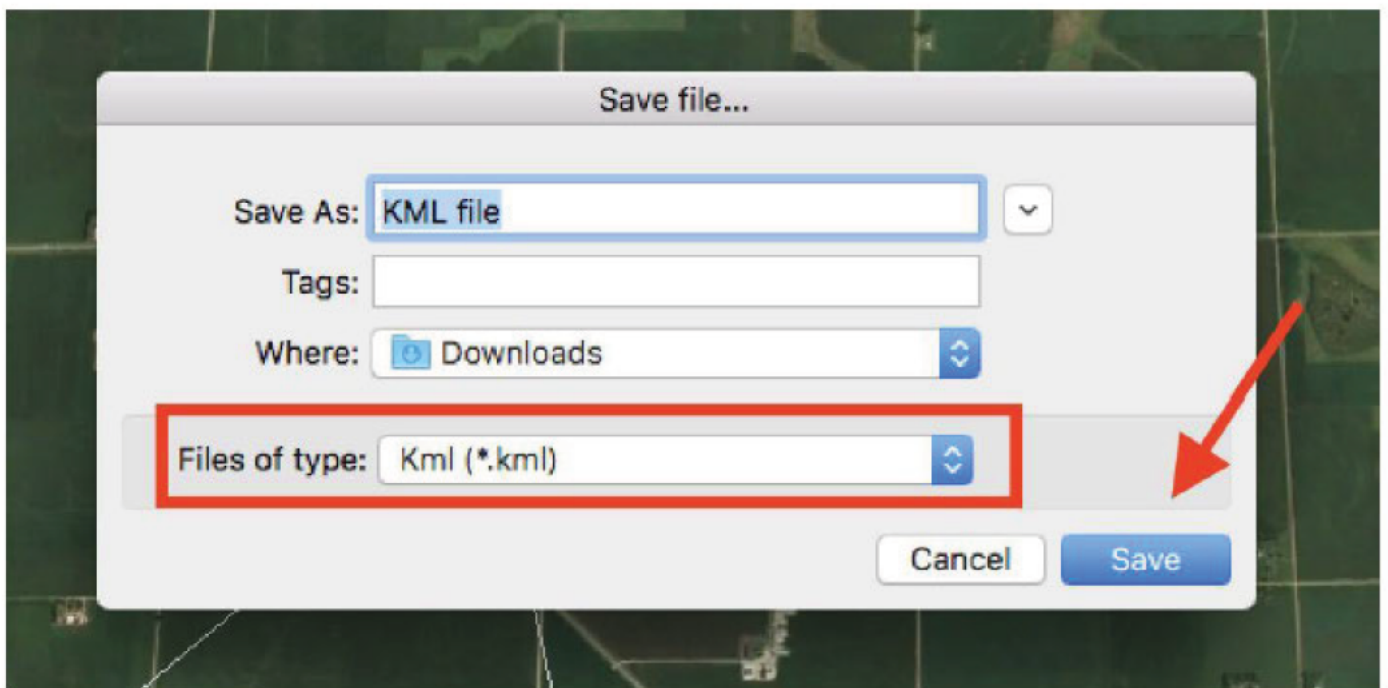
- o Draw the polygon and

Click OK when it's done!

**6. In Places window, right-click on the KML file created > Select Save Place As...**



**7. Choose Kml (\*.kml) as Files of Type and Click Save**



#### 4. Convert the kml into a shapefile

The online tool at this page will assist you with this process:

<https://mygeodata.cloud/converter/kml-to-shp>

- 1) You will need to drag and drop (or browse to find) the file that you created in Google Earth. Fortunately, this is the only step needed.
- 2) Push Continue
- 3) Push the green 'Convert Now' button
- 4) Save the file (the default name is 'my geodata,' so if you will be converting more than one, make

sure to rename.

The converted file is already zipped, so it is ready to add to GNHARGIS

**NOTE:** The zipped shapefile NAME MUST be the SAME as all the files within it. The file name also can have NO SPACES (you may use underscores instead)

For example:

*Zip file name:*

River\_Road\_1.zip

*Within the zip file folder:* River\_Road\_1.shp River\_Road\_1.prj River\_Road\_1.shx  
River\_Road\_1.dbf



Send the information to the email link [Nongame.Review@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Nongame.Review@dnr.ga.gov)  
Include "Recreational Trails Program" in the subject line.

Once the review has been completed by WRD the applicant will receive correspondence based on the information submitted for the review.



Submit a copy of the correspondence to Ouicia Jolly at [Ouicia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:Ouicia.jolly@dnr.ga.gov)

# The End of WRD Coordination Instructions

# Categorical Exclusion (CE Form)

## Section I Project Information

I) Project Information	
Name of Project:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Federal Project Number:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Project Sponsor:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Project Description:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Project Location:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Project Purpose:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Project Need:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Funding Source(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Private
Estimated Total Project Cost:	Click or tap here to enter text.

**1. Provide the information related to identifying the project and applicant information in the sections as requested.**

**2. Project description- please include the elements of the RTP project area only that will utilize the funds requested.**

**3. Why is the project being proposed and the benefits that is intended after the completion.**

**4. Create a list of needs and any transportation issues to address by the proposed project.**

**5. Funding source check Federal and Local in the funding source issue. If there is a partnership with another state related funding, check the state box as well.**

# Categorical Exclusion (CE Form)

## Section II Do any of the following apply to the project?

Do any of the following apply to the project?			
	Yes	No	Comments
<p>1. The activities associated with this project do not lead directly to construction.</p> <p><i>(ex: education projects, requests for administrative funds, purchase of trail construction/maintenance equipment)</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project does not lead directly to construction.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>This project includes construction activities.</i>	

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<p>2. This project occurs on lands under the control of a federal agency and a NEPA analysis has been completed by that federal agency.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<p>If either of the above apply, the project may qualify for a streamlined environmental review process. Please coordinate with GA DNR to determine the appropriate next steps. If a federal agency has prepared a NEPA document for the project, please provide a copy of the NEPA document and supporting documentation for review.</p> <p>If the project includes activities that are not described in Section II, then additional environmental analysis is required. Please proceed to Section III of this form.</p>			

1. The statement for #1 check no as your project will involve construction activities.

2. The statement #2 check no if your project does not involve federal lands.

# Categorical Exclusion (CE Form)

## Section III Involvement with Resources

III) Involvement with Resources			
	*No	Possible	Resources Present, Studies, Coordination, Comments, and Commitments
1. Water Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
2. Wild and Scenic Rivers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Threatened and Endangered Species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Water Resources - View requirements and contact information on the website. (If there is further coordination, please contact our office on how to report the comments in the Water Resources Section.)


GDOT Environmental Procedures Guidebooks – Ecology

Permit Program under CWA Section 404

2. Wild and Scenic Rivers - if there are no impacts to the 2 rivers considered scenic rivers (Chattooga and St. Mary's), make sure to check no.

If you believe that your project will impact the scenic rivers, please get in touch with our office for additional information and coordination

3. Threatened and Endangered Species (USFWS & WRD) - include comments from the environmental agency and include the commitments of each comment that will be implemented in the project. (Make sure to include the comment if presented in the WRD correspondence response relating to the erosion control.)



We are glad to see multi-use path or trail construction, which will provide additional recreation opportunities for the surrounding communities. Please keep erosion to a minimum during


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construction and leave as much vegetation intact as possible. In seepage or wetland areas, use boardwalks where feasible to prevent degradation and destruction of these sensitive habitats. If the path is paved, we strongly recommend using a porous pavement that allows for stormwater infiltration rather than impervious materials that significantly increase runoff into the watershed. Please plan the path carefully and provide adequate parking and access areas. These measures will help protect water quality, protect sensitive habitats and native species, and provide for a more enjoyable recreational experience for the users.

Include in the comments for the Threatened and Endangered Species section of the commitment that this requirement will be included in the project, and what steps will be taken to ensure that this suggestion is applied.



If you have questions, please contact us to assist and provide guidance on how to respond to any of the responses from USFWS and WRD.

# Categorical Exclusion (CE Form)

## Section III Involvement with Resources Continues

4. Cultural Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Air Quality Impacts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RTP projects will not result in any meaningful changes in traffic volumes, vehicle mix, location of the existing facility or any other factor that would cause an increase in emissions impacts relative to the no-build alternative pursuant to the Clean Air Act criteria for pollutants.
6. Public Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
7. Floodplains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Click or tap here to enter text.
*If "No" is selected for an above resource, then no description is required in the box to the right.			

4. Cultural Resources - This review consists of the response from HPD and THPO. Our office will contact the applicant to outline the suggestions from the agency and what actions must be taken before or after the approval. If there are no concerns, check no, or if there are concerns or suggestions, check possible.
5. Air Quality Impacts - This section checks no and makes sure not to remove the pre-filled environmental language FHWA has included.
6. Public Involvement- list any comments that may affect the project and check the possible. If there were no comments received. Add the statement - "No comments received" and check no.
7. Floodplains - The response will come from the Environmental Protection Division (EPD). If there is a special guidance or coordination request from the agency, then include the information and check if possible.

# Categorical Exclusion (CE Form)

## Section IV Environmental Commitments Made and Resources to be Avoided

IV) Environmental Commitments Made and Resources to be Avoided		
1. Were any commitments made during the project development process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
2. Are any of the following permits required on the project?		
a. CWA USACE Section 404 Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
b. GA EPD Section 401 Water Quality Certification	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
c. GA EPD Buffer Variance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
d. Tennessee Valley Authority Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
e. Coastal Zone Management Coordination	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
f. Cemetery Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
g. NPDES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
h. U.S. Coast Guard	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
i. Forest Service/USACE Land (Section 408)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
j. Other (please describe below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Click or tap here to enter text.		
If commitments have been made or permits are required, then list these in the environmental commitments table below. Permits should be listed as pre-construction commitments.		
When will the commitment be completed?	Commitment Description/ Permit(s)	Responsible Party
Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Choose an item.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
The commitments described in the table above <b>MUST BE</b> incorporated into the contract and discussed with the contractor prior to construction.		

In section 4, you outline all the permits and commitments from the comments added to section 3, Involvement with Resources.

1. Check all permits that will be required for your project.
2. List the commitments by identifying the agency acronym, example (EPD - submit request for NPDES permit as required by comments regarding construction near areas of water.

If you have any questions regarding adding commitments or agencies to contact regarding obtaining the permits.

# Categorical Exclusion (CE Form)

## ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE ATTACHMENT

Arrows are for the applicants uploads.

### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CE Form) ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE ATTACHMENTS

#### Categorical Exclusion (CE) Form

The instructions and the form can be found on our website <https://gadnr.org/RTP>.

This form must be reviewed by DNR before signature.

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#### HPD Review Letter (DNR)

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#### EPD Review Letter (DNR)

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#### GDOT - Correspondence (DNR)

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#### WRD Review Letter (Applicant) ←

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#### USFWS - Review Results (DNR)

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#### THPO - Review Response (DNR)

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#### STIP/TIP - Results (DNR)

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#### Public Announcements and Comments (Applicant) ←

Submit a copy of the announcement and comments if received. If there are no comments, add the statement to the announcement: "No comments were received."

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#### DNR ADA Accessibility Form (Applicant) ←

The form can be found on the DNR grants website [www.gadnr.org/RTP](http://www.gadnr.org/RTP)

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#### DNR Budget Form (Applicant) ←

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1. DNR will review form and upload to the application after signatures are received from the applicant and our office.
2. DNR will notify the applicant and upload the HPD document.
3. DNR will notify the applicant of the results from EPD and upload the document.
4. DNR will notify the applicant of the GDOT results and upload the document.
5. The applicant will complete the WRD review and upload the correspondence.
6. DNR will upload the final results from the 2<sup>nd</sup> coordination with USFWS.
7. DNR will upload the results from THPO.
8. DNR uploads the STIP/TIP document.
9. Applicant must upload a copy of the public announcement of their project and provide any comments received within the 14 days.
10. Applicant must complete the ADA Accessibility form and upload.
11. Applicant must complete the DNR budget form and upload the document.
12. Applicant must complete the DNR Implementation form and upload.



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