**FHWA Georgia Division Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

**Categorical Exclusion (CE) Form**

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| 1. Project Information | | | | |
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| 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): | Federal | State | Local | Private |
| Estimated Total Project Cost: | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |

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| 1. Do any of the following apply to the project? | | | |
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|  | Yes | No | Comments |
| 1. The activities associated with this project do not lead directly to construction.   *(ex: education projects, requests for administrative funds, purchase of trail construction/maintenance equipment)* |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. This project occurs on lands under the control of a federal agency and a NEPA analysis has been completed by that federal agency. |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| 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.  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. | | | |

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| 1. Involvement with Resources | | | | | | | |
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|  | | \*No | Possible | Resources Present, Studies, Coordination, Comments, and Commitments | | | |
| 1. Water Resources | |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| 1. Wild and Scenic Rivers | |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| 1. Threatened and Endangered Species | |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| 1. Cultural Resources | |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| 1. Air Quality Impacts | |  |  | 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. | | | |
| 1. Environmental Justice | |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| 1. Public Involvement | |  |  | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| 1. Floodplains | |  |  | 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. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Environmental Commitments Made and Resources to be Avoided | | | | | | | |
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| 1. Were any commitments made during the project development process? | | | | | | Yes | No |
| 1. Are any of the following permits required on the project? | | | | | |  |  |
| * 1. CWA USACE Section 404 Permit | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. GA EPD Section 401 Water Quality Certification | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. GA EPD Buffer Variance | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. Tennessee Valley Authority Permit | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. Coastal Zone Management Coordination | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. Cemetery Permit | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. NPDES | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. U.S. Coast Guard | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. Forest Service/USACE Land (Section 408) | | | | | | Yes | No |
| * 1. Other (please describe below)   Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | | Yes | No |
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| 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. | | | | | | | |
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| 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. | | |
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| The commitments described in the table above MUST BE incorporated into the contract and discussed with the contractor prior to construction. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Required Attachments | | | | | | | |
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| The following items must be submitted as attachments to the CE Form.   * Second-Level Application * Copies of Resource Agency correspondence, including but not limited to:   + Section 106 coordination with the GA Historic Preservation Division (HPD) and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO)   + GA HPD Environmental Review Form   + Section 7 coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)   + Protected species coordination with GA Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Resources Division (WRD)   + Floodplain coordination with GA DNR Environmental Protection Division (EPD) and Local Floodplain Administrator (LFA) if applicable * Screening Tool for Equity Analysis of Projects (STEAP) Project Buffer Analysis Profile Report * Documentation of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Planning Review * Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) documentation, as required * Completed GA RTP Trail Accessibility Form * Copies of public comments received and responses to comments | | | | | | | |

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| 1. Approvals | | |
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| This section must be signed by the Project Sponsor, GA DNR, and FHWA prior to authorization of the next phase of the project. | | |
| *Below section to be completed by Project Sponsor* | | |
| The project sponsor has reviewed the RTP CE Form and supporting documentation and certifies that the information provided is consistent with the proposed project and accurately represents its anticipated impacts. | | |
|  | | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Insert Name and Title of Project Sponsor’s Representative | | Date |
| *Below section to be completed by GA DNR* | | |
| GA DNR has reviewed the RTP CE Form and supporting documentation and recommends authorization to proceed to: | | Acquisition of Land |
| Construction |
| Program Administration |
| Total Federal Aid Funds Authorized: | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Total Non-Federal Matching Funds: | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Program Code: | | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Additionally, GA DNR certifies that this project and phase are correctly programmed in the currently approved Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) either as: | | |
| STIP Page # | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Lump Sum Page # | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Amendment | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Or on page | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
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| GA DNR Grants Chief | | Date |
| *Below section to be completed by FHWA GA* | | |
| FHWA has reviewed the proposed action and it is our assessment that the proposed action is consistent with the CE requirements described in 23 CFR 771.117. If during further development of the project there is a substantial change in its impacts or the scope of the proposed action, the environmental effects will need to be reevaluated. FHWA has determined that Section 4(f) of the DOT Act of 1966 is not applicable to the Recreational Trails Program. | | |
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| for: Sabrina David, AICP  Division Administrator  Federal Highway Administration | | Date |