2023 Pre-application: Project Title

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Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program: Pre-application

Deadline for submission: On or before midnight on Friday, October 13, 2023

Please utilize the GOSP/Conserve Georgia Program Manual available at

www.gadnr.org/gosp
for direction on how to complete this application. If you have questions that are not satisfied by the manual, contact Soheila Naji, GOSP Coordinator at
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or 404-463-8570 for further assistance.

Part 1 – Pre-application Demographics

Applicant Name:
Bethany Test

Entity Characterization:
Qualified Local Government

Applicant Address:
Applicant Address

Applicant City:
Applicant City

Applicant State:
Georgia

Applicant Zip:
31064

Applicant County:
Applicant County

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Part 2 – Pre-application Project Questionnaire

Project Category:
Local Parks and Trails of Regional Significance

Project Type:
Stewardship

Project Title:
Project Title

Site Address (If no address exists, enter either a parcel number or GPS Coordinates):
Site Address

Site City:
Site City

Site State:
Georgia

Site Zip:
31064

Site County:
Site County

Congressional District (project site):
Congressional District

State Senate District (project site):
State Senate District

State House District (project site):
State House District

Are you requesting grant or loan funding for this project?
Grant funding

Please identify each of the following total dollar values.

The "Total Project Cost" should be the sum of the "Total Amount of Funding Requested" and "Match Commitment Total".

Conserve Georgia grant and loan requests have a $500,000 minimum and are limited to a maximum award of $3,000,000.

For all applicants except state agencies match amount must be at least 25% of the Total Project Cost and correspond with the answer provided in Question #1 in Part 3 of this application.

Total Project Cost:
$666,700

Total Amount of Funding Requested: $500,000

Match Commitment Total:
$166,700

Match % Calculation
25.00

Total Project Cost, Amount of Funding Requested, and Match Commitment total must agree with the dollar values entered in the project budget worksheet required in Part 4 of this application.

Acknowledgement Statements

A. Are you aware that this project must adhere to all required American with Disabilities (ADA) guidelines, as mandated by law?
Yes

B. I understand per the GOSP Program Manual under section 2.3C, no expenditures can be considered for either reimbursement nor match prior to the signing of a Project Agreement with GADNR, unless allowable under sections 2.1 and 2.3B.
Accept

C. By checking the box below, I acknowledge that I have read the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Manual in its entirety.
I have read and understand the GOSP Manual.

Part 3 – Evaluation Criteria

Project Narrative:

Please provide a description of the proposed project and the need for assistance. The narrative should be clear and concise. If the project includes construction of a trail, linear length of the trail must be included in the narrative.
Project description.

1. Can you provide matching funds greater than 25% of the total project cost? (5 points)
Yes

Identify the percentage that you are committing to:
≥ 50.0% (5 points)

2. Does this project satisfy specific and clearly identified priority needs, as identified in a formalized planning document? (25 points)
Yes

Name of Planning Document(s):
Planning Documents

Describe how elements within your proposal satisfy critical and/or priority needs, as identified in a formalized planning document. Also, describe how they relate specifically to the outdoor experience.
Description of elements.

Upload the cover page and sections that are applicable to your project. You must upload at least one document to receive points.

Upload Planning Document (1):
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Upload Planning Document (2):

Upload Planning Document (3):

Note: Acceptable forms of documentation include but are not limited to: comprehensive plan; recreation master plan; county or regional master plan; trail system plan; capital improvements plan; regional water plan or land/use management plan.

3. Please list each outdoor natural resource-based recreational activity provided by the acquisition or development of this property. You must upload a map to receive points. (up to 25 points)
Wildlife viewing, Camping, Hiking

You must upload a map depicting the presence and location of each natural resource-based recreation activity to receive points.

Upload Outdoor Activity Map: Upload map identifying the location of all selected activities
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4. Is this project located in one of the areas described below? (0 points)
Yes

Using the Watershed Technical Appendix (found at https://gadnr.org/sites/default/files/dnr/pdf/GOSA*EPD*TechnicalAppendix_July2022.pdf provided as a reference, select each applicable technical area. For each location characteristic selected, applicant must describe the specific ways in which the project will contribute to improving water quality or water quantity in the specific area. Specific sources of information used to identity applicable characteristics of the project area should be referenced.

A. The project is located in a Hydrologic Unit Code HUC-12 watershed, identified by Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GAEPD) as a priority watershed for water quality purposes.

B. The project is located in a HUC-12 or equivalent size area as impacted by or sensitive to hydrologic alteration.

C. The project is located in a HUC-12 watershed identified by GAEPD as a healthy watershed.

D. The project is located in a HUC-12 watershed with waters identified by GAEPD as impaired with any of the following criteria violated: algae, biota impacted (fish community), biota impacted (macroinvertebrate community), bacteria (Fecal Coliform, Enterococci), Chlorophyll a, or dissolved oxygen.

E. The project is located in one of the most significant groundwater recharge areas in Georgia.

F. The project is located in the Inner or Outer Management Zone identified in a Wellhead Protection Plan or a Source Water Protection Plan.

Select all that apply
A., B., C., D.

You must upload at least one supporting document to receive points. For additional information about each of these characteristics, please see the Technical Appendix. (https://gadnr.org/sites/default/files/dnr/pdf/GOSA*EPD*TechnicalAppendix_July2022.pdf)

Upload Watershed Location Document (1):
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Upload Watershed Location Document (2):

Upload Watershed Location Document (3):

Upload Watershed Location Document (4):

4.b. Will any of the below listed Best Management Practices be used for any improvements, restoration, or management activities associated with the project? (up to 25 points)
Yes

For additional information about each of these characteristics, please see the Watershed Technical Appendix (https://gadnr.org/sites/default/files/dnr/pdf/GOSA*EPD*TechnicalAppendix_July2022.pdf)

A. Protection or restoration of vegetated buffers in a condition appropriate for the region.

B. Restoration of streambanks and natural hydrologic processes.

C. Protection of wetlands/marshlands or stream buffers, with minimization of impacts from improvements and management activities.

D. Use of green infrastructure (e.g., bioretention areas, grass swales, and trails constructed with mulch, gravel or other pervious materials rather than concrete or asphalt.)

E. Permanent protection of a significant portion (>25%) of any USGS HUC 12 or larger watershed.

Select the Best Management Practices that apply:
A. Vegetated Riparian Buffers, B. Streambanks and hydrologic processes, D. Green Infrastructure

Please describe how you plan to utilize and implement the selected Best Management Practice(s)?
Describe

5. Does the project include the acquisition or stewardship of land with a cultural or historical value? (10 points)
Yes

Describe how this project adds to or enriches the local, regional, or state-wide cultural and/or historical value of the property. Provide support showing how it is formally recognized, such as Historic Preservation Division documents, Georgia/National Register of Historic Places listings, etc.
Describe

You may upload any supporting documentation that supports the cultural or historical significance of this project. You do not have to upload documents to receive points.

Upload Cultural/Historical Document (1):

Upload Cultural/Historical Document (2):

Upload Cultural/Historical Document (3):

Upload Cultural/Historical Document (4):

Upload Cultural/Historical Document (5):

6. Does the project include the acquisition or stewardship of land with a significant ecological,conservation,restoration, or natural resource sustainability value? (25 points)
Yes

Describe the significance of the project's ecological value, such as native plant and animal species of a conservation concern; and/or the critical importance of the habitat, particularly those that include a stream buffer.
Describe

You must upload supporting documentation, such as documentation provided by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, GAEPD Watershed Technical Appendix support, photographs, maps, publications, etc. to receive points.

Upload Ecological Value Document (1):
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Upload Ecological Value Document (2):

Upload Ecological Value Document (3):

Upload Ecological Value Document (4):

Upload Ecological Value Document (5):

7. Do you have a plan and budget to maintain, manage, and secure this property for multiple years of commitment beyond the project completion date? (15 points)
Yes

Describe how you plan to maintain, manage and keep this property secure from vandalism, loitering, crime, etc. Your narrative should include the methodology in which you plan to achieve this (i.e. video surveillance, patrols, enforcement on site, smart lights, controlled access at night, etc.).
Total points will be divided amongst the following three categories:
• Maintenance Plan: How does this plan address site upkeep and viability into the future?
• Management Plan: How does this plan address management and staffing needs required to
support and promote this site into the future?
• Safety Plan: How does this plan ensure that this will be a safe and secure addition to Georgia's
public outdoor experience into the future?

Maintenance, Management, and Safety Plan Narrative:
Describe

Provide documentation such as proof of dedicated funding for maintenance; resolution of support; formal security plan if you have already developed it, etc. You must upload at least one document to receive points.

Upload maintenance Plan, management plans, Security Plan, budgets, documents, etc. (1)
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Upload maintenance Plan, management plans, Security Plan, budgets, documents, etc. (2)

Upload maintenance Plan, management plans, Security Plan, budgets, documents, etc. (3)

8. Does your project offer a measurable Regional Significance as defined below? (25 points)
Yes

"Regional Significance" can be defined as enhancing the natural-resource based outdoor experience and quality of Georgia's natural resources, while providing value to a greater community beyond the local area.

Describe the regional significance of your project in accordance with the shown definition above, or by any other factors that contribute to the regional significance of the project.
Describe

Upload supporting document (1)

Upload supporting document (2)

Upload supporting document (3)

9. Is there a measurable monetary value added to this project through cooperation with external qualified local governments, Local Authorities registered with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, Community Improvement Districts or with other partners? (Up to 10 points)
Yes

**Applicant may score up to 10 total points as defined by the categories below, although you may have multiple partners within each category. Each category must meet a minimum of 1% of the total requested funding to qualify. *For eligibility purposes, please provide the 501c3 filing for Non-profit partners.

Partnership with
External Qualified Local Governments - 2 Points, Local Authorities registered with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs - 2 Points

Describe the contribution of all partnerships and provide documentation of close participation of all entities. All entities must provide a monetary value of some kind to the project to be considered. Any cash, donations, etc. detailed in commitment letters must be included in the Project Budget Worksheet.
Describe

Please upload letters of participation, letters of commitment of donation or volunteering, etc. You must upload a document for each partnership to receive points. Letters of commitment must quantify the dollar value of each partnership.

Upload letters of commitment identifying the monetary value (1)
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Upload letters of commitment identifying the monetary value (2)

Upload letters of commitment identifying the monetary value (3)

Upload letters of commitment identifying the monetary value (4)

Upload letters of commitment identifying the monetary value (5)

10. Does this project support goals and objectives in Georgia's current State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)? (20 points)
Yes

Describe how the project helps implement SWAP priority conservation actions described in Appendix P or address conservation needs for any High Priority Species or Habitats listed in Appendix A. (The SWAP main report and appendices can be found at https://georgiawildlife.com/WildlifeActionPlan.) Points may also be awarded for conservation actions that are consistent with the goals outlined in the SWAP main report or any other appendices. (You can also search for species in the vicinity of your project area at https:georgiabiodiversity.org. This site includes range maps and ecological information for SWAP high priority species.)
Describe

You must identify the appendix name, page number, and paragraph for each reference to receive points.
Identify

You may upload a copy of each reference identified above. Combine multiple references into one single PDF and upload below.

Upload SWAP supporting document

11. Does this project overlap with the Foundational Goals in Georgia's current State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan?(Up to 5 points)
Yes

Check all SCORP goals that apply
B. Enhance economic vitality, C. Promote health, fitness, and livability of communities, E. Partnership

Describe how your project supports the selected SCORP goals from above.
Describe

You must identify the page number and paragraph within the SCORP supporting your narrative to receive points.
Identify

You may upload a copy of each reference identified above. Combine multiple references into one single PDF and upload below.

Upload SCORP supporting document
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12. Will this project create opportunities to enhance the regional and/or statewide economy? (15 points)
Yes

Describe how this project will create growth within the regional and/or statewide economy.
Describe

You may upload cover sheet and applicable pages of documentation showing support of economic growth, such as current comprehensive plan; current recreation master plan; current county or regional master plan; etc. You do not have to upload documents to receive points.

NOTE: This criterion is only concerned with regionally significant economic growth. Applicants may submit local planning documents as proof, but only if they can show specific reference(s) to regional or statewide economic impacts.

Upload support for economic development (1)

Upload support for economic development (2)

Upload support for economic development (3)

13. Will this project provide access or a connection to other outdoor recreation facilities or areas? (15 points)
Yes

Describe the connections made possible by this project.
Describe

Upload a conceptual map of the proposed project, highlighting the outdoor recreation facility(ies) to be connected and/or access created by the project scope. You must upload at least one document to receive points.

Upload conceptual map (1)
Test Document.docx

Upload conceptual map (2)

14. Will this project promote the stewardship of natural resources? (5 points)
Yes

Describe how this project will promote effective conservation and sustainable practices, protect the scenic or unique natural features present and visibility of such; assist the property in remaining relevant to the community, and encourage visitation and participation by providing a safe recreational experience for future generations.
Describe

15. Will this project add new water access points where none is currently available? (10 points)
Yes

Upload a conceptual map of the proposed project, detailing the location of the new water access opportunities.You must upload at least one document to receive points.

Upload conceptual map (1)
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Upload conceptual map (2)

Upload conceptual map (3)

Upload conceptual map (4)

Upload conceptual map (5)

Note: If a project involves land disturbance to a buffer (i.e. building a boat ramp or viewing platform), you must upload a certification of buffer variance.

Upload certification of buffer variance (if applicable)

16. Is there documented public support for the project? (5 points)
Yes

Provide proof that shows that this project is needed or supported publicly, such as letters of support from elected officials; citizens or user groups; public meeting minutes; proof of a public comment period; petitions; etc. You must upload at least one document to receive points.

Upload proof of public support (1)
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Upload proof of public support (2)

Upload proof of public support (3)

Upload proof of public support (4)

Upload proof of public support (5)

Upload proof of public support (6)

Part 4 – Additional Required Documentation

Please provide a copy of the following, which are required for consideration for approval. If you need to submit an updated version of any uploaded document, you must do so prior to the application period close date. After that time, all applications become locked and are submitted for scoring and review.

A. Application Cover Letter, on official letter head, and signed by a ranking authorizing representative of the entity (Board Chair, Commissioner, Mayor, etc.)
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B. Location map
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C. Preliminary Site Plan / Conceptual Plan
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All elements to be funded or used as match MUST be depicted on the conceptual map.

D. Project Budget Worksheet
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It is required that the applicants use the Pre-application Budget template available at https://gadnr.org/gosp Round up/down the totals to the 100s.
Total Project Cost, Amount of Funding Requested, and the Match Commitment Total must exactly agree with the amounts entered in Part 2 of this application.

E. Resolution adopted by the governing entity of the applicant authorizing the application
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F. Signed statement from landowner(s) expressing support (this is applicable if the Applicant and owner are not the same) (1).

Letter of landowner support (2)

Letter of landowner support (3)

Letter of landowner support (4)

Letter of landowner support (5)

Letter of landowner support (6)

G. Photo Map of Site

Photo (1)

Photo (2)

Photo (3)

Photo (4)

Photo (5)

Photo (6)

H. Georgia Environmental Policy Acts Checklist

I. Phase 1 Environmental Assessment

J. Appraisal 1 (Acquisition Only)

K. Appraisal 2 (Acquisition Only)

L. Current lease agreement (if applicable)

M. Conservation easement agreement (if applicable)

N. The conservation easement management plan (if applicable)

Part 5 - Miscellaneous

The following miscellaneous uploads are provided for requested documentation by DNR as needed.

File Upload

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