

# Land and Water Conservation Fund

## 2022-2026 Funding Cycles Evaluation Criteria- City/County

### **Administrative Criteria** (completed by all applicants)

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#### **1. Unresolved Issues (0 points)**

Do you currently have an outstanding conversion and how did you reach that determination?  
Do you have a current open grant that is not in good standing or unresolved issue with the Recreational Trails Program?  
Are you on the federal debarred list?

If you answered yes to any of the above, contact the Grants Unit at 404.463.8629 for further information. You will not be eligible to receive LWCF funding until all issues are resolved.

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#### **2. Park System Information (0 points)**

Provide our office with updated data for all parks you operate and maintain. (spreadsheet, maps, polygons, and/or park amenities) *Inclusion #6*

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#### **3. LWCF Site History (0 points)**

List the existing LWCF sites within your jurisdiction.  
List all LWCF sites that have closed temporarily and explain the circumstances.  
List all LWCF sites that have been permanently closed/abandoned and explain why.

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#### **4. Past Grants (15 points)**

When was your last LWCF grant award?

- 0-5 years ago
- 6-10 years ago
- Over 10 years ago
- Have never received an LWCF grant

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#### **5. SHPO Review (10 Bonus Points)**

Have you received pre-approval from the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the proposed project? If yes, attach a copy of your approval letter.

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### **Project Specific Criteria** (completed by all applicants)

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**6. Recreation Type (0 Points)**

What type of recreation will the project provide, active or passive? [Conservation #4](#)

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**7. Connect and Educate (5 points)**

If passive, will the project connect and educate users on the importance of Georgia's natural resources within the project area? If yes, explain how this will be achieved? [Conservation #4](#)

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**8. Disadvantaged Area (5 Points)**

Is this project within a financially disadvantaged area? If yes, provide documentation. [Economic Vitality #5](#)

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**9. Economic Opportunities (5 Points)**

Does the project create economic opportunities within the immediate surrounding project area? If yes, explain how. [Economic Vitality #5](#)

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**10. ADA (5 Points)**

Does the project go above and beyond ADA requirements? If yes, explain how. [Inclusion #2](#)

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**11. Barriers (0 Points)**

Are there any barriers that discourage the public from using your recreation facilities such as physical limitations, safety concerns, costs, access? If yes, describe the barrier(s). [Inclusion #3](#)

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**12. Addressing Barriers (5 Points)**

Does the proposed project address the barrier(s) described in the previous question? If yes, explain. [Inclusion #3](#)

## Planning Efforts

Read each question carefully. Some relate to your parks & recreation system as a whole while others are project specific.

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### 13. General Land-Use Planning Efforts (5 points)

Outdoor recreation is an important part of providing, maintain and protecting Georgia's natural resources. Does your jurisdiction have plans in place that specifically address outdoor recreation and/or conservation of natural resources? If yes, provide the plan's cover page, and any other relevant page with the section highlighted. Ex: comprehensive plans, recreation plans, greenspace plans, zoning, conservation subdivisions, etc.). [Conservation #2](#)

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### 14. Project Specific Planning (5 Points)

Does your jurisdiction have a planning document that specifically identifies this project? If yes, provide the plan's cover page, and any other relevant page with the project highlighted. [Conservation #2](#)

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### 15. General Land-use Policies (5 Points)

Outdoor recreation is important no matter who provides and maintains it. Do you have land-use policies that encourage or require developers and businesses to identify and maintain greenspaces, outdoor recreation facilities and safe access to these places? If yes, provide a copy. [Health #2](#)

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### 16. Healthy Communities (5 points)

Have you collaborated with partners like Dept of Public Health, GRPA, etc. in an effort to advance the Healthy Communities Initiative and incorporate health and livability programs at your sites? If yes, describe partnership efforts. [Health #4](#)

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### 17. Collaboration Efforts (10 points)

Have you have collaborated with a state agency, another local government, businesses, civic organizations, and/or the faith community to increase access to outdoor recreation facilities in general? If yes, explain. [Inclusion #4](#)

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### 18. Project Specific Collaboration Efforts (5 Points)

Is this project a result of the efforts described in the question above? If yes, explain. [Inclusion #4](#)

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**19. Identifying Recreation Users (5 points)**

Has your community commissioned market research that tracks demographics and usage trends for the type of facility you are apply for? If yes, provide a copy of the research. [Economic Vitality #1](#)

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**20. Return on Investment (5 Points)**

Was a report on the return of investment included? If yes, provide a copy of the report. [Economic Vitality #1](#)

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**21. Census Data (0 Points)**

Using census demographic data from 2010 to 2020, which demographic increased in your area? Provide document for support. [Health #3](#)

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**22. Increasing Demographic Population (5 Points)**

Will this project directly impact the recreation preferences of the increasing demographic population? If yes, explain the impact. [Health #3](#)

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**23. Increasing Demographic Involvement (10 Points)**

Was the identified group involved in creating the proposal? If yes, explain. [Health #3](#)

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**24. Underrepresented Communities (5 Points)**

Will this project directly impact underrepresented communities and/or diverse individuals? If yes, explain how they were involved in the planning of this project? [Inclusion #1](#)

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**Rehabilitation Projects** (complete for rehabilitation projects only)

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**25. Nature of Rehabilitation (20 points)**

Describe your rehabilitation project and why it is critical.

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**26. Type of Rehab Project (15 Points)**

Select the type of rehab project you will be completing.

Multiple facilities

Single facility

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Support facility (parking, restroom, concessions, lighting)

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**27. Rehab to meet needs (10 Points)**

Will your project consist of replacing the facility with a different type of facility? If yes, will the project facilitate a new recreation trend or meet the preference of a new growing demographic or underrepresented users? [Health #3](#)

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**28. Rehabilitating an LWCF-funded Site (15 points)**

Does this project refurbish an existing LWCF site?

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**29. Rehabilitating Parks near People (10 points)**

Does your project involve the rehabilitation of parks near where people live and work? If yes, provide an aerial map (Google Earth or other) with scale, that displays the park and nearest residential areas, schools and/or businesses. A labeled map must be included. [Health #1](#)

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**30. Rehabilitating Trails (10 points)**

Does your project involve the rehabilitation of a trail within a park boundary that will create connectivity for nearby residents and/or businesses? If yes, include a labeled map showing the connectivity. [Health #1](#)

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**Development Projects** (complete for development projects only)

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**31. Nature of development (15 points)**

Describe your project and why this development project is critical.

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**32. Type of Development Project (15 Points)**

Select the type of development project you will be completing.

Multiple facilities

Single facility

Support facility (parking, restroom, concessions, lighting)

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**33. Development to meet needs (10 Points)**

Will your project consist of developing facilities for a new recreation trend or meet the

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preference of a new growing demographic or underrepresented users? If yes, explain. [Health #3](#)

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**34. Development within an LWCF-funded Site (15 points)**

Does this project develop new facilities within an existing LWCF site?

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**35. Type of Development Recreation (10 points)**

Will the project provide a recreation opportunity or provide a support facility?

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**36. Developing Parks near People (10 points)**

Does your project involve a development of a park or within a park near where people live and work? If yes, provide an aerial map (Google Earth or other) with scale, that displays the park and nearest residential areas, schools and/or businesses. A labeled map must be included. [Health #1](#)

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**37. Developing Trails (10 points)**

Does your project involve the development of a trail within a park boundary that will create connectivity for nearby residents and/or businesses? If yes, include a labeled map showing the connectivity. [Health #1](#)

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**Acquisition Projects** (complete for acquisition projects only)

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**38. Description of acquisition (0 points)**

Describe why this land needs to be purchased. Include a map that indicates the parcel/tract being acquired.

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**39. Type of Land (20 Points)**

Select the type of land being acquired. [Conservation #3](#)

- Wetlands
  - recreation purposes
  - buffer for a river/stream
  - rare threatened endangered species
  - other
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**40. Recreation Areas (20 points)**

Select the type of recreation site being acquired.

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Expand existing LWCF site  
Expand non-LWCF site  
New recreation area  
In-holding or edge holding

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**41. Acquiring Park land near people (10 points)**

Does your project involve acquiring land for recreation near where people live and work? If yes, provide an aerial map (Google Earth or other) with scale, that displays the park and nearest residential areas, schools and/or businesses. A labeled map must be included in order to earn points. [Health #1](#)

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**Grant Match and Partnership** (All applicants must complete this section.)

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**42. Match Source (25 maximum points)**

Select the source(s) of your match.

To be eligible for points, the value of the match must be **at least 5%** of grant request. Example:  
Total project cost= \$50,000 Grant request= \$25,000 Match source 5% of \$25,000= \$1,250

SPLOST/General fund  
Volunteers from the local community ([Conservation #5](#))  
Secured/awarded grant  
Donation from business/organization  
In-kind/work force

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**43. Number of Financial Partners (10 points)**

Provide a letter from each partner describing their commitment through volunteer hours, donation of cash or materials, or professional services. Partner can be local convention & visitors bureau, recreation equipment vendor, guide service provider, non-profit, local government. A letter of support does not constitute a financial commitment. To be eligible for points, the value of the donation must at least 5% of the grant request.

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[Economic Vitality #2](#)

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