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Recreational Trails Program

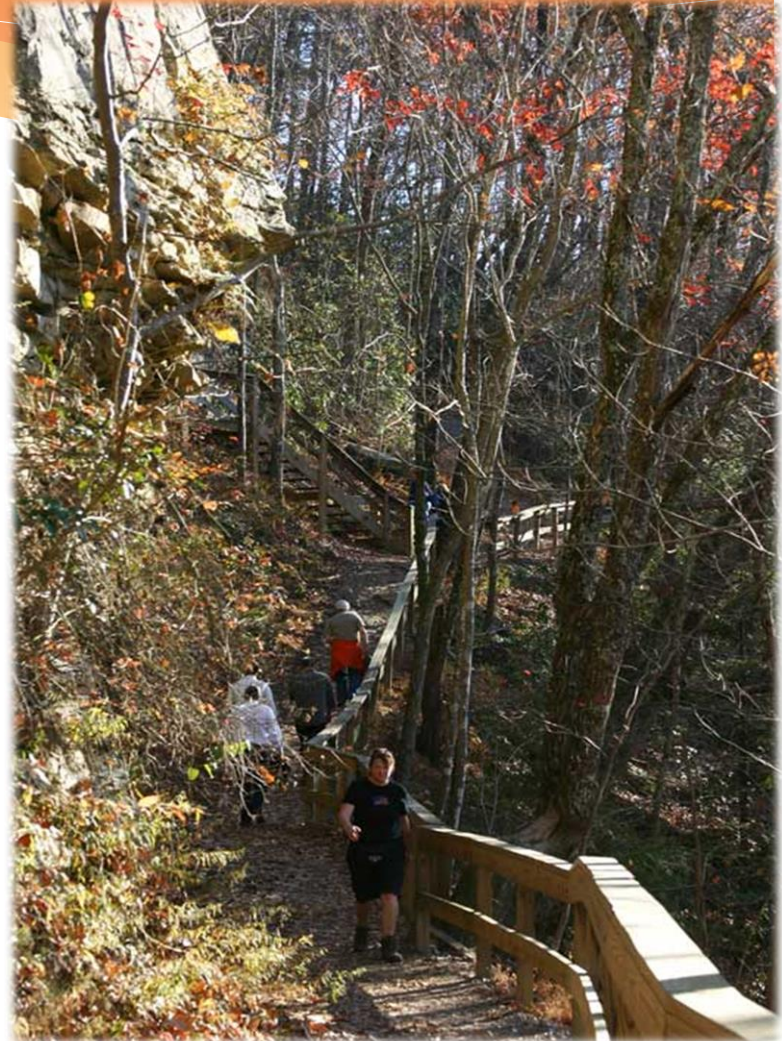


FY 2017-2018 Grant Cycle

Recreational Trails Program

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses.

- Federal Highway Administration



U.S. Highway Trust Fund

A transportation fund which receives money from a federal fuel tax of 18.4 cents per gallon on gasoline and 24.4 cents per gallon of diesel fuel and related excise taxes



50% Distributed Equally



Since 1991, the Recreational Trails Program has received over \$1 Billion in federal funding

50% Based Upon Fuel Use in Each State



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

- * Federal Highway Administration provides funds and guidance
- * Each state administers its own program
- * Georgia Department of Natural Resources



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Georgia Recreational Trails Program 2017-2018 Cycle

September
8, 2017

- Applications on Website

September,
2017

- Pre-Application Workshop

January 2,
2018

- Pre-Applications Due in DNR hands not postmarked!

April, 2018

- All pre-applicants notified
- Sponsor Invited for 2nd level application

Eligibility

Grant Funds

Municipal Agencies

State Agencies

Federal Government Agencies

Other Government Entities

Educational Funds

Non-Profit Organizations- must meet the following criteria:

- * Not part of Project Package
- * IRS 501©(3) tax exempt status
- * Only eligible for educational program grants that promote recreational trail safety and environmental protections (at discretion of DNR staff)



Federal Highway Requires Grant Funds to be split 40-30-30



40%

- Diverse Recreational Trail Use (Multi-use)

30%

- Non-motorized Recreational Trail Use (intended for Single-use only)

30%

- Motorized Recreational Trail Use

Grant Awards

- Changed to a 2 year Cycle (2017-2018)
 - Starting at Sponsor agreement with DNR
- Changed the Criteria
 - Must describe project in detail
- In-Kind Match
 - Donated Materials at Fair Market Value (FMV)
 - Project Planning and Environmental Compliance Services (FMV)
 - Documentation required (gift and value)
 - Must apply to guidance or support of grant



Grant Awards Cont.

- Non-motorized Recreational Trail Use (Single-use)
Maximum Award Amount: \$200,000
- Diverse Recreational Trail Use (Multi-use or Diversified)
Maximum Award Amount: \$200,000
- Motorized Recreational Trail Use
No Maximum Award Amount



Reimbursement Program

- Grant recipients pay 100% of up front cost
- Eligible for 80% reimbursement
- Non-Motorized Grant Max = \$200,000

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \$ 200,000 & + & \$ 50,000 & = & \$ 250,000 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ 80\% & & 20\% & & \end{array}$$

80% Cost Share

- Eligible Practices

- New trail construction
- Trail restoration
- Trailhead facilities
 - Parking, signage, restrooms, benches, trash receptacles, safety railing, guide maps
- Lease of heavy equipment
- Purchase of hand tools (construct/renovate trails)
- Land acquisition
- Water trail facilities
- Facilitating access and use of trails by persons with disabilities
- Safety and educational programs

20% Eligible Matching Costs

- * **Cash**
- * **Donations**
 - Services
 - Materials
 - Land value
- * **Volunteers**
- * **In-kind**
 - Labor
 - Equipment



Grant Funds Cannot Be Used For:

- * Sidewalks
 - * Lighting
 - * Decorative landscaping
 - * Roads
 - * Design only projects
 - * Purchase of heavy equipment
 - * Administrative costs relating to grant
 - * Running Tracks
 - * Campsites
 - * Playgrounds
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First Level Application Basics

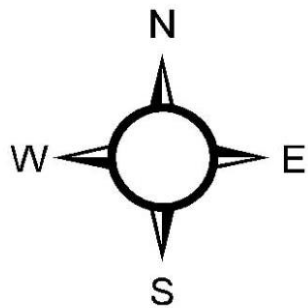
RTP Application Form

- * Fill Out Basic Information
- * New Criteria
- * Detailed Project description
- * Timetable (2 Years) from Sponsor Agreement with DNR

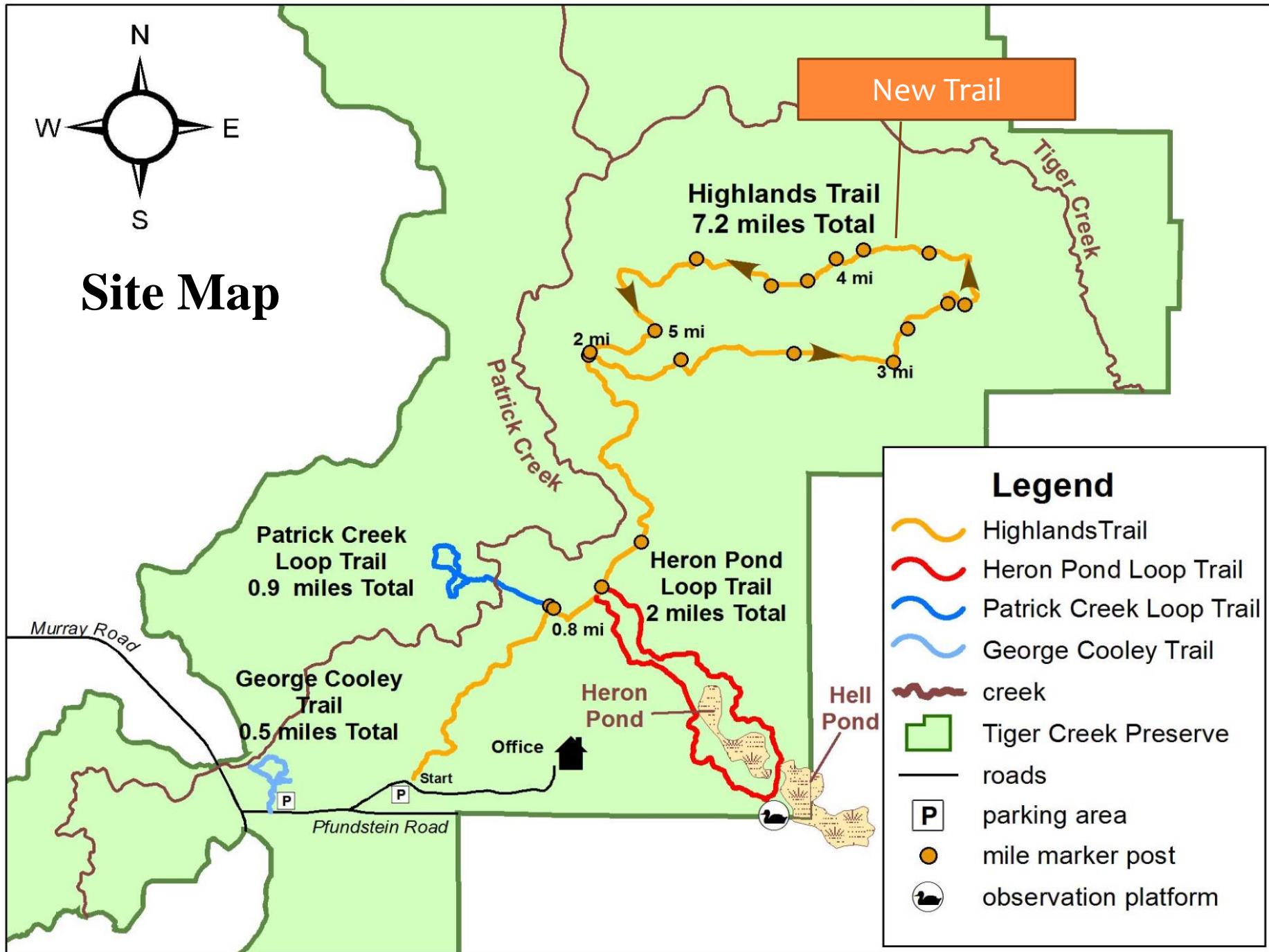


Support Documentation

- * Transmittal Letter
- * Current Resolution
- * Site Map
- * Location Map
- * Narrative description
- * Documentation for permits & approvals
- * Any additional information (Comprehensive Plan, etc..)








Site Map



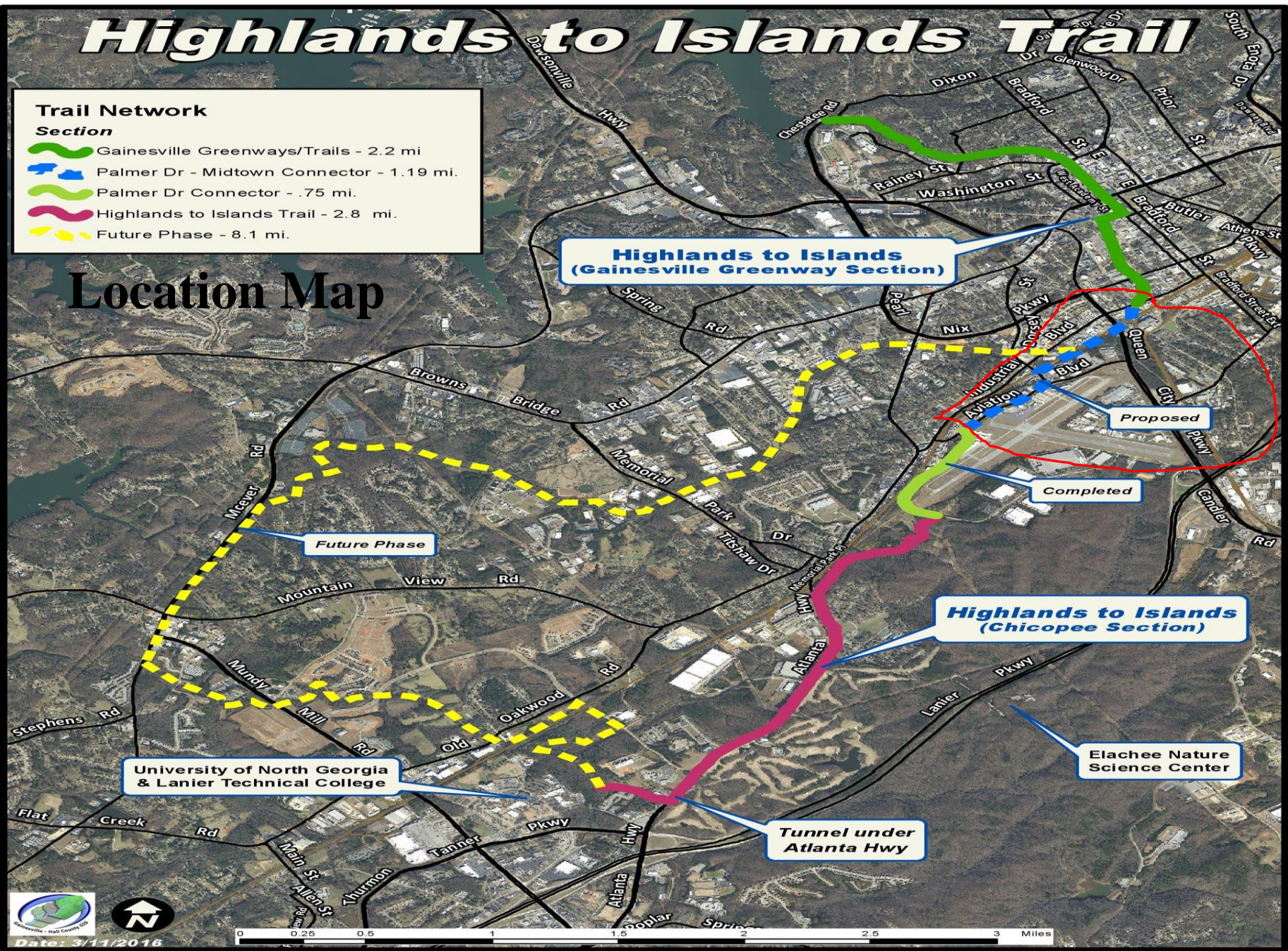
Highlands to Islands Trail

Trail Network

Section

-  Gainesville Greenways/Trails - 2.2 mi
-  Palmer Dr - Midtown Connector - 1.19 mi.
-  Palmer Dr Connector - .75 mi.
-  Highlands to Islands Trail - 2.8 mi.
-  Future Phase - 8.1 mi.

Location Map



Date: 3/11/2016

Budget

- * Make sure donations appear in budget sheet as in-kind
- * Itemize all your costs
- * Engineering & Design capped at 15% of grant award
 - * Incurred before DNR agreement, D&E can count for in-kind match (going back 18 months from time of agreement)
 - * Incurred after DNR agreement, D&E can be reimbursed as part of grant

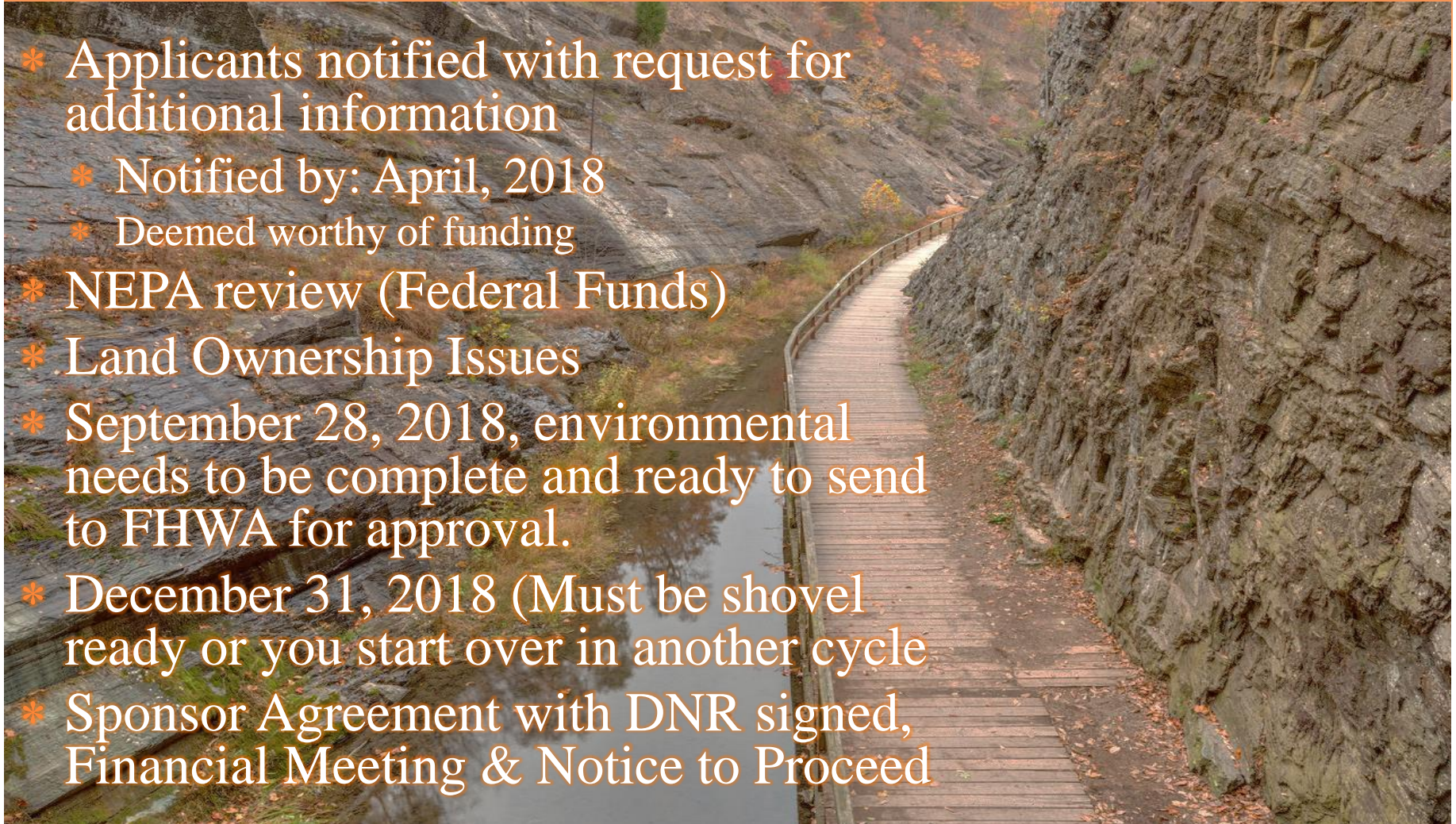


Budget MUST be followed throughout the project

Phase # _____		BUDGET		IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2CFR200	CFDA # 20.219		
ITEM DESCRIPTION	GRANT FUNDS	MATCHING IN-KIND (\$)	MATCHING CASH (\$)	TOTAL	TOTAL GRANT LESS REIMB.		
Design & Engineering (15% of Grant amount maximum)					\$ -	R1	0
				\$ -	0	R2	REIMB. REQUESTS
				\$ -	0	R3	GO HERE
				\$ -	0	R4	
Direct Labor Costs					\$ -		R1-R6
Salaries or actual costs					\$ -	R1	REIMB. #
				\$ -	0	R2	
				\$ -	0	R3	
				\$ -	0	R4	
Special Service Purchase Contract					\$ -		Beginning Date of Project
				\$ -	0	R1	End Date of Project
				\$ -	0	R2	
Purchase or rental of equipment					\$ -		Percentage Complete
				\$ -	0	R1	
				\$ -	0	R2	
				\$ -	0	R3	
				\$ -	0	R4	
				\$ -	0	R5	
				\$ -	0	R6	
Construction contract					\$ -		
				\$ -	0	R1	
				\$ -	0	R2	
				\$ -	0	R3	
				\$ -	0	R4	
				\$ -	0	R5	
				\$ -	0	R6	
Purchase of Materials					\$ -		
				\$ -	0	R1	
				\$ -	0	R2	
				\$ -	0	R3	
				\$ -	0	R4	
Other (please be specific)					\$ -		
				\$ -	0	R1	
				\$ -	0	R2	
TOTALS				\$ -	\$ -		
*Volunteer labor rates:							
General Laborer (no skills required): \$ 11.40 per hour							
***Volunteers who donate job specific skills and/or equipment (for example, grading contractors, plumbers)							FHWA can audit at anytime
can value their time and/or equipment at their standard rates but may not exceed the rate at: https://www.wdol.gov/sca.aspx							
BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS							
Section 635.410 (b) (4) of Title 23 CFR permits a minimal amount of foreign steel to be incorporated into a Federal-aid project							
This amount is defined as one-tenth of one percent (0.1 percent) of the total contract cost or \$2,500, whichever is greater.							
The cost of the foreign steel is defined as its value delivered to the project.							

Second Level Application

- * Applicants notified with request for additional information
 - * Notified by: April, 2018
 - * Deemed worthy of funding
- * NEPA review (Federal Funds)
- * Land Ownership Issues
- * September 28, 2018, environmental needs to be complete and ready to send to FHWA for approval.
- * December 31, 2018 (Must be shovel ready or you start over in another cycle)
- * Sponsor Agreement with DNR signed, Financial Meeting & Notice to Proceed



Happy Trails!

<http://gastateparks.org/RTP>

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