



# REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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**DATE:** Apr 20 2007

**ARC REVIEW CODE:** L704191

**ATTN TO:** Barbara Jackson, Administrator

**FROM:** Charles Krautler, Director

NOTE: This is digital  
signature. Original on file.

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has received the following proposal and is initiating a regional review to seek comments from potentially impacted jurisdictions and agencies. The ARC requests your comments related to the proposal not addressed by the Commission's regional plans and policies.

**Name of Proposal:** National Recreation Trails Program: City of Sandy Springs Island Ford Trail Extension  
**Review Type:** Parks and Recreation

**Description:** The scope of this project will consist of clearing and grubbing for the construction of a 2 mile trail system within including a loop along the Chattahoochee River. The project will also construct a parking area and trail head along Roberts Drive at the overpass location along State Route 400.

**Submitting Local Government:** City of Sandy Springs

**Action Under Consideration:** Approval

**Date Opened:** Apr 10 2007

**Deadline for Comments:** May 1 2007

**Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed:** May 1 2007

## THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC LAND USE PLANNING  
ARC DATA RESEARCH  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
FULTON COUNTY

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING  
CITY OF ROSWELL

**Attached is information concerning this review.**

If you have any questions regarding this review, Please call Haley Fleming, Review Coordinator, at (404) 463-3311. If the ARC staff does not receive comments from you by May 1 2007, we will assume that your agency has no additional comments and we will close the review. Comments by email are strongly encouraged.

The ARC review website is located at: <http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse> .

**GEORGIA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE MEMORANDUM  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 REVIEW PROCESS**

TO: MS. HALEY FLEMING  
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION  
40 COURTLAND STREET, NE  
ATLANTA, GA 30303

FROM: Barbara Jackson  
Georgia State Clearinghouse

DATE: 4/10/2007

SUBJECT: Executive Order 12372 Review

APPLICANT: Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources

PROJECT: National Recreational Trails Program: City of Sandy Springs, GA - Island Ford Trail Extension

CFDA NO.: 20.219

STATE ID: GA070410014

**IMPORTANT! REVIEW COMMENTS DUE BY OR BEFORE: 5/1/2007**

A copy of the Standard Federal Application package, Environmental Information, or Direct Federal Development project is enclosed for your review and comment. Your review should focus on the projects compatibility with those state or regional goals, policies, plans, fiscal resources, criteria for Developments of Regional Impact (DRI), environmental impacts, or inconsistencies with federal executive orders, acts and/or rules and regulations with which your agency is concerned. Negative environmental impacts or provision for protection of the environment and possible duplication of the proposed project with programs presently in place should be pointed out.

Any major points of conflict identified by you during the review process immediately should be brought to the attention of the Administrator, Georgia State Clearinghouse. The Administrator will attempt to mediate these concerns prior to completing the review of the project. The Clearinghouse telephone number is (404) 656-3855.

Please have your comments typed (or hand-printed) and dated on the enclosed Form SC-3. An additional sheet may be used if additional space is needed. Your comments will be summarized in a single state position or a composite that reflects both the state and regional recommendations and be returned to the applicant/sponr. They in turn will forward a copy to the federal agency if necessary.

Form SC-2  
May 2004

DNR USE ONLY
Project # _____
Project Category _____
Score _____

**Section I – Applicant/Project Information**

1. Applicant: City of Sandy Springs  
Address: 7840 Roswell Road, Building 500  
City, State, Zip: Sandy Springs, GA 30350
2. Classification of Applicant (Check one):  
Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ City X Authority/Commission \_\_\_\_\_
3. Project Applicant Federal Employer ID # (FEI): 59-0918189
4. Contact information  
Project Contact Person: Cedric D. Clark  
Project Contact Title: Planning Engineer  
Phone Number: 770-206-2016  
Fax Number: 770-206-2578  
Email: cedric.clark@sandyspringsga.org
5. Name of Trail or Project: Island Ford Trail Extension
6. Classification of land ownership at time of application:  
Public Land X Private Land\* \_\_\_\_\_ Combination Public/Private\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\* If trail project involves private land, easements for twenty years or more must be in place or obtained prior to final grant approval unless the grant funds are to be used for acquisition.
7. Location of Project (if located in more than one county, district, etc., please list all):  
Nearest City: Sandy Springs  
County: Fulton  
Nearest Street/State Route/Interstate: Roberts Drive/ SR 400/ I-285  
State Senate District: 056  
State House District: 048  
Federal Congressional District: 006
8. Project Category (Check one):  
☐ Non-motorized single use  
☒ Combination of non-motorized uses  
☐ Motorized single use  
☐ Combination of motorized uses  
☐ Combination of motorized and non-motorized uses

9. **Trail Use (Check all that will apply)\*:**

Motorized Uses:

- ☐ ATV (quads, motorcycles)  
☐ OHV (jeeps, Broncos and similar vehicles)

Non-motorized Uses:

- ☐ Bicycling (paved trails)  
☐ Mountain biking (non-paved trails)  
☐ Equestrian  
☒ Canoeing/Kayaking/Paddling sports  
☒ Day hiking (short trails)  
☐ Backpacking (extended, overnight trips)  
☒ Jogging/Fitness  
☐ Interpretive/Environmental Education  
☐ ADA accessible (must meet ADA guidelines)  
☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Checking a specific trail use in this application requires the applicant to allow that type of trail use on the trail, if awarded a grant.

10. **Trail Information (Indicate the amount and type of trail activities this project will include):**

- N/A Miles of trail maintenance/grooming  
N/A Amount of environmental restoration of areas damaged by usage  
2 Miles of new trail construction  
Parking lot area-30 spaces Number and size/type of trailhead and trailside facilities  
N/A Size of land acquisition for trail construction (easements or fee simple)

11. **Type of Trail Surface (Check all that apply):**

- Hard:** ☐ Concrete ☐ Asphalt ☐ Native Rock ☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Soft:** ☐ Mulch ☐ Gravel ☒ Native Soil ☐ Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Description of Project (Describe exactly what the grant funds will pay for and what work will be completed as part of this project, limited to space provided):**

The scope of this project will consist of clearing and grubbing for the construction of a 2 mile trail system including a loop along the Chattahoochee River. The project will also construct a parking area and trail head along Roberts Drive at the overpass location with State Route 400.

13. **Does this project link to or is it an integral part of any other trail(s)? (Check one)**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, please explain:** This project will create a 2 mile trail system located in the Northern section of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (Parcels E, D, & C) and in an 11 acre tract owned by the City of Sandy Springs (Parcel B). This trail path will link to the existing network of trails located within the Island Ford Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area located at the southern end of Island Ford Park (Parcel A). **Please see attached site map.**

14. **Time Schedule:**

Estimate number of months to accomplish all work: (3) months

Estimate start date: May 2007

laborer is \$8.80 per hour. Between the above four organizations it is estimated that 6 people will be available as needed to assist with trail construction. As a result, these volunteer services total an estimated investment of 23% of the total project cost.

9. This project will provide direct connections to four resources. The project will run parallel to Roberts Drive and will be located on the opposite side of the road from the following communities: Dunwoody Town homes, River Crossing Apartment Homes, Riverside Place Apartment Homes, and the Dunwoody Plantation Town homes at the Chattahoochee Terrace. These communities will have direct access to the trail system as there will not be a physical barrier between the trail and Roberts Drive and there will be a trailhead at Roberts Drive and State Route 400. The trail system will also serve a host of other private residential communities that live along Roberts Drive as public awareness and community outreach spreads.
10. This project will be used to serve or provide access for the following five non-motorized uses: canoeing/ kayaking/ paddling sports, day hiking, and jogging/ fitness.
11. The City of Sandy Springs does not have any unfinished trail projects for which we have received Recreational Trails Program funds in the past as this is the City's first submission for the RTP grant program.

#### **Narrative Description of Proposed Project:**

Rivers, forest and vegetation are not just amenities, but rather are a basic part of the infrastructure of any City. Without outdoor resources, a City is a sterile landscape. This trail facility will prove to be a positive investment for the City of Sandy Springs along the Chattahoochee, resulting not only in improved transportation alternatives, but in the enjoyment of the local surroundings.

The Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area provides 95% of all green space and park land in the City of Sandy Springs and there are approximately 80,000 visitors each year to the Island Ford Unit. The addition of this new trail system will nearly double the area currently accessible in the Island Ford Unit.

This project will provide outdoor recreational trail activities where there are currently no existing accommodations. This project will provide additional activities for the citizens of the City of Sandy Springs in the northern section of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. The project will also connect land owned by the City to the National Park Service parcels thereby increasing the greenspace concentrated in this area.

This project will also provide direct access to recreational activities for those residents living in the northern section of the Roberts Drive corridor. Along with creating passive outdoor recreational activities, this project will enhance the community's recreational and scenic resources. As the trail loops around and traverses back southward the project will provide a beautiful scenic reflection of the Chattahoochee River.

The National Park Service is prepared to oversee the new trail area and provide ongoing maintenance of the trails. This project will be a very important part of the overall enjoyment of the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area for years to come.



IN REPLY REFER TO:

## United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service  
Chattahoochee River  
National Recreation Area  
1978 Island Ford Parkway  
Atlanta, Georgia 30350-3400



IN REPLY REFER TO:  
L3217 (CHAT)

November 20, 2006

Mr. Jon Drysdale  
City of Sandy Springs  
7840 Roswell Road  
Building 500  
Sandy Springs, Georgia 30350

Dear Mr. Drysdale:

On behalf of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, I am pleased to submit a letter in support of the Recreational Trails Application sponsored by the City of Sandy Springs requesting funding for the Island Ford Trail Expansion project.

Rivers, forests and vegetation are not just amenities, but rather are a basic part of the infrastructure of any city. Without outdoor resources, a city is a sterile landscape. This trail facility will prove to be a positive investment for the City of Sandy Springs along the Chattahoochee, resulting not only in improved transportation alternatives, but in the enjoyment of the local surroundings.

The Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area provides 95% of all green space and park land in the City of Sandy Springs. There are approximately 80,000 visitors each year to the Island Ford unit of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. This trail will provide additional opportunities for passive recreation and reflection along the Chattahoochee River as well as nearly double the area accessible in the Island Ford Unit. The National Park Service is prepared to oversee the new trail area and provide ongoing maintenance of the trails. It will be a very important part of the overall enjoyment of the river for years to come.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 678-538-1210 if we can provide additional information regarding this funding project.

Sincerely,

Kevin G. Cheri  
Superintendent

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