



REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: Apr 20 2007

ARC REVIEW CODE: L704201

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 Recreational Trails Program: City of Union City –Windham Creek Greenway Trail

Review Type: Parks and Recreation

Description: The Union City Recreational Trails Project will design and construct a 10-foot wide multi-use trail along the Windham Creek Greenway from Watson Street to Shannon Parkway on City owned property. The approximate length is 1500 feet and it will include interpretative signage, benches, and trash receptacles along the trail for the enjoyment of its users. The trail will accommodate varied non-motorized uses such as bicycling, rollerblading, walking and jogging.

Submitting Local Government: City of Union City

Action Under Consideration: Approval

Date Opened: Apr 20 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

ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
FULTON COUNTY

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

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 Union City, GA - Windham Creek
Greenway Trail

CFDA NO.: 20.219

STATE ID: GA070410015

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 Union City
Address: 5047 Union Street
City, State, Zip: Union City, Georgia 30291
2. **Classification of Applicant (Check one):**
Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ City ☒ Authority/Commission ☐
3. **Project Applicant Federal Employer ID # (FEI):** _____
4. **Contact information**
Project Contact Person: Terrell Jacobs
Project Contact Title: City Manager
Phone Number: 770-964-2288 ext.102
Fax Number: 770-306-6861
Email: tjacobs@unioncityga.org
5. **Name of Trail or Project:** Windham Creek Greenway Trail
6. **Classification of land ownership at time of application:**
Public Land ☒ 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: City of Union City
County: Fulton
Nearest Street/State Route/Interstate: Watson Street, Shannon Parkway, and Oakley Road (Please see enclosed project location map, Attachment 1a)
State Senate District: 035
State House District: 065
Federal Congressional District: 013
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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Windham Creek Greenway Trail

The Union City Recreational Trails Project will design and construct a 10-foot wide, paved, multi-use trail along the Windham Creek Greenway from Watson Street to Shannon Parkway, on City owned property. The approximate length of the project is 1500 feet and it will also include interpretative signage, benches, and trash receptacles along the trail for the enjoyment of its users. The trail will accommodate varied non-motorized uses such as bicycling, rollerblading, walking, and jogging.

This project will serve as a catalyst to the implementation of a much needed recreational site within the City. Union City currently lacks many recreational amenities to offer its citizens. The City officials are adamant about the importance of providing such facilities and therefore have taken the lead to plan for the future with this goal in mind. This greenway trail will provide recreational amenities and protect the natural resources along the creek.



This project will bring the community a much needed respite from the overbearing commercial environment while at the same time preserving the City's natural resources. The area surrounding the creek is overwhelmed by commercial development. The majority of this area is marked by the suburban development. Shannon Mall is located to the South of the Creek and uses along this area are predominately commercial, including fast food restaurants, gas stations, and shopping centers. The proposed trail will bring the citizens closer to the creek, which hopes to motivate and educate them of the importance of preserving its natural beauty.

2. Land Use:

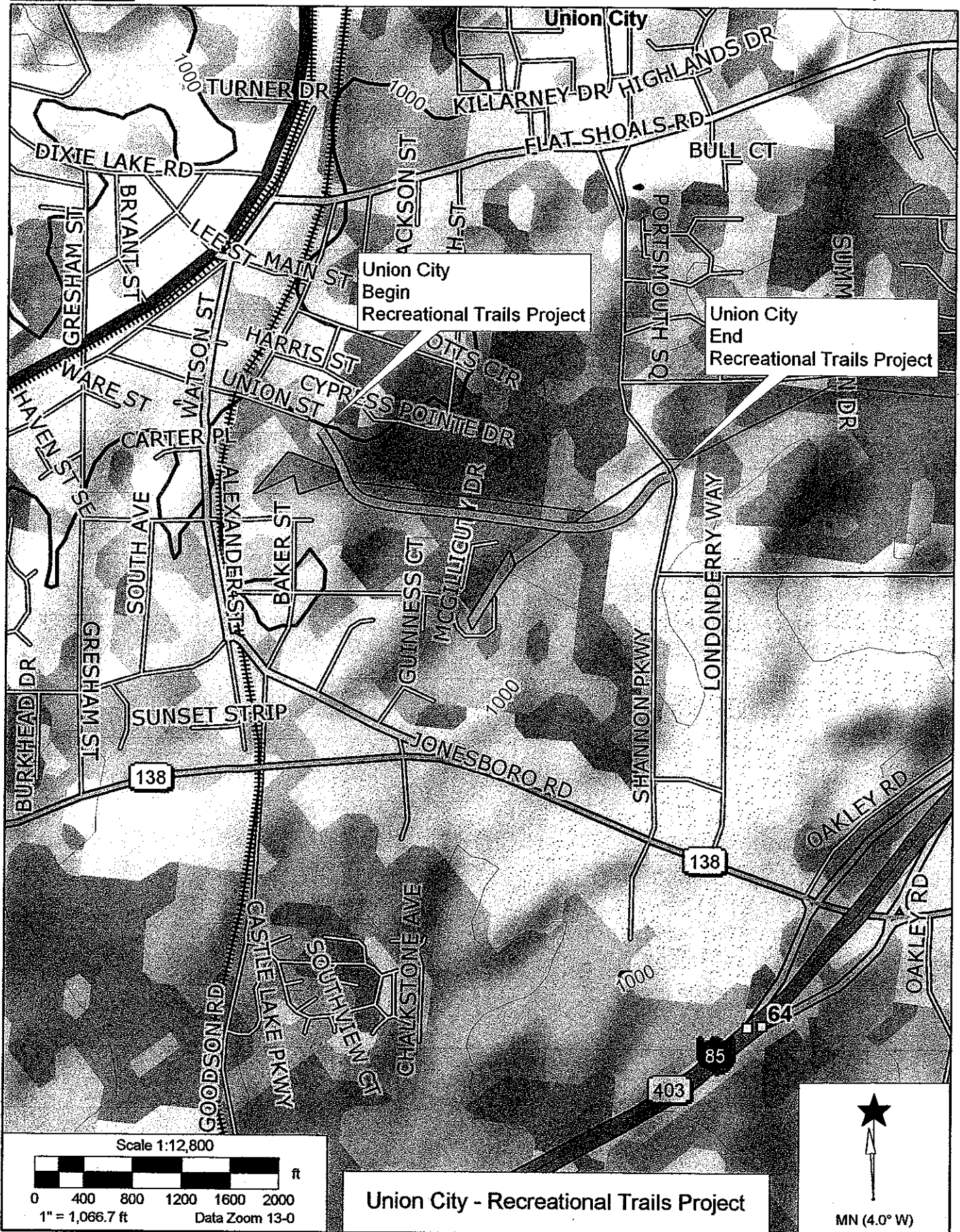
The Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Town Center Study, which the City completed in 2003, evaluated the existing land uses in the 782 acres of the LCI Study area. The Study found that the majority of the area in the vicinity of Windham Creek is marked by the suburban development patterns found in traditional community developments. The following table summarizes the findings of the study regarding land uses.

Land Use	Acres	% Study Area*
Parks	0.5	<1%
Single Family Residential	116.5	15%
Multifamily Residential	114.5	15%
Commercial	184.5	23%
Industrial	11.0	1%
Public/Semi-Public	12.0	1%
Transportation/Comm./Utilities	22.0	2%
Vacant	241.0	31%
Streets	81.0	21%

*Based on percent of total land area

Windham Creek borders on the South with the Shannon Mall area, which is currently marked by the low-density, automobile oriented commercial uses associated with interchanges (I-85). Many of these uses are fast food restaurants, gas stations, and shopping centers. These uses, with their accompanying parking areas, are the defining characteristic of this area. North of the creek, there is a large tract of multifamily residential developments while to the west are many older single-family homes and Union City's traditional downtown, which is now largely a governmental center (LCI, 1:28). The enclosed existing land use map depicts these findings.

The Windham Creek Greenway Trail project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Union City Town Center Study. Those goals are equally consistent with the vision stated in the Union City Comprehensive Plan. Both documents state that the land surrounding Windham Creek must be protected and dedicated for recreational purposes. The Comprehensive Plan includes the existing and future land use classifications for the area. In the existing land use map, one can see that the majority of the land along the creek is currently undeveloped or vacant. The future land use shows that the area surrounding the creek is projected to house more commercial development. This is why the City is taking a proactive approach to protect and preserve this area. By dedicating the land to a greenway, the City ensures that this natural resource is safeguarded. The City has already taken strives to protect it by acquiring about two-thirds of the vacant land along the creek.



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