



REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: Apr 20 2007

ARC REVIEW CODE: L704205

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 Kennesaw-Community Trail Phase II

Review Type: Parks and Recreation

Description: Design and Construction of 2600 ft of new trail and amenities and improvements to 1600 ft of existing trail

Submitting Local Government: City of Kennesaw

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
COBB 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 Kennesaw, GA - Kennesaw
Community Trail Phase II

CFDA NO.: 20.219

STATE ID: GA070410008

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

Section I – Applicant/Project Information

1. Applicant: Doug Taylor, City of Kennesaw
2. Address: 2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave.
City, State, Zip: Kennesaw, GA 30144
3. **Classification of Applicant (Check one):**
Federal _____ State _____ County _____ City X Authority/Commission _____
4. **Project Applicant Federal Employer ID # (FEI):** 586010582
5. **Contact information**
Project Contact Person: Doug Taylor
Project Contact Title: Director of Parks and Recreation
Phone Number: (770) 422-9714
Fax Number: (678) 460-3373
Email: dtaylor@kennesaw.ga.us
6. **Name of Trail or Project:** Kennesaw Community Trail Phase II
7. **Classification of land ownership at time of application:**
Public Land _____ Private Land* _____ Combination Public/Private X (See Supplement B, Exhibit A, Item 2)
* 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.
8. **Location of Project (if located in more than one county, district, etc., please list all):**
Nearest City: Kennesaw
County: Cobb County
Nearest Street/State Route/Interstate: Deerfield Drive\ Highway 293\ I-75
State Senate District: 37
State House District: 32 and 35
Federal Congressional District: 6
9. **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

10. 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.

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

☐ 0.38 Miles of trail maintenance/grooming

☐ NA Amount of environmental restoration of areas damaged by usage

☐ 0.52 Miles of new trail construction

4 trailheads. Benches, trash receptacles, interpretive signage as needed. Parking provided at Deerfield and Winchester Forest Parks. Jiles Road parking to be included with 2010 Jiles Road improvement project under SPLOST. Number and size/type of trailhead and trailside facilities 1600x20ft Cobb County Sewer Easement Size of land acquisition for trail construction (easements or fee simple)

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

Hard: ☐ Concrete ☐ Asphalt ☐ Native Rock ☒ Other (explain) Wooden Bridges & Boardwalk
Soft: ☒ Mulch ☐ Gravel ☒ Native Soil ☒ Other (explain) Crushed Granite Screenings

13. 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 Work includes the design and construction of approximately 2600 ft. of new trail and amenities and improvements to 1600ft of existing trail. The grant funds are being requested to pay for engineering, material and labor costs. The design and engineering costs required to create construction documents may include, but not be limited to, a Topographic Survey, a Site Plan, Erosion and Sediment Control Plans, a Site Details Plan, a Landscape Plan, Construction Details and Specifications, and Construction Administration. (Additional project description listed in Project Narrative.)

Project Narrative

Kennesaw Community Trails Phase II

The Kennesaw Community Trail Phase II project is a continuation of the Phase I trail implementation. These two phases of the Kennesaw Community Trail System are in response to recommendations presented in the *2003 Livable Centers Initiative study* and the *2004 Kennesaw Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update*. The recommendations call for constructing a trail system from Adam's Park, located just south of downtown Kennesaw, to Jiles Road near the Legacy Park Community. This trail would provide a valuable link to downtown Kennesaw for residents located in the northern most communities of the City. Upon completion of phase III, the trail is expected to immediately link four neighborhood communities through which the trail passes to downtown. An additional four neighborhood communities will have access to the trail system via a short walk using sidewalks.

The initial trail loop spans approximately 2,300 feet through Deerfield Park located to the south of Deerfield Drive. The Phase II trail will begin at Deerfield Park, north of Deerfield Drive, and follow Proctor Creek through the Deerfield and Winchester Forest subdivisions. The trail will continue through the Winchester Forest subdivision following the creek to the western edge of the Bridges of Kennesaw Apartment Community before finally reaching Jiles Road.

The total length of the Phase II trail will be approximately 4,200 feet. The trail route presents numerous opportunities to experience abundant wildlife such as deer, squirrels, insects, and birds as well as to see unique geographic features and specimen American Beech, Oak and Hickory trees that are scattered throughout the trail route.

Preliminary observations suggest that several new bridges will be required for stream crossings. An opportunity exists to re-deck and re-use an old bridge on the Bridges of Kennesaw property in order to access Jiles Road. Also, the use of a boardwalk may be required to traverse the creek in the Winchester Forest subdivision at Winchester Park. The boardwalk may present a unique opportunity for users to observe the ecology of Proctor Creek from an advantageous height.

Section III – Environmental Survey

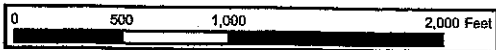
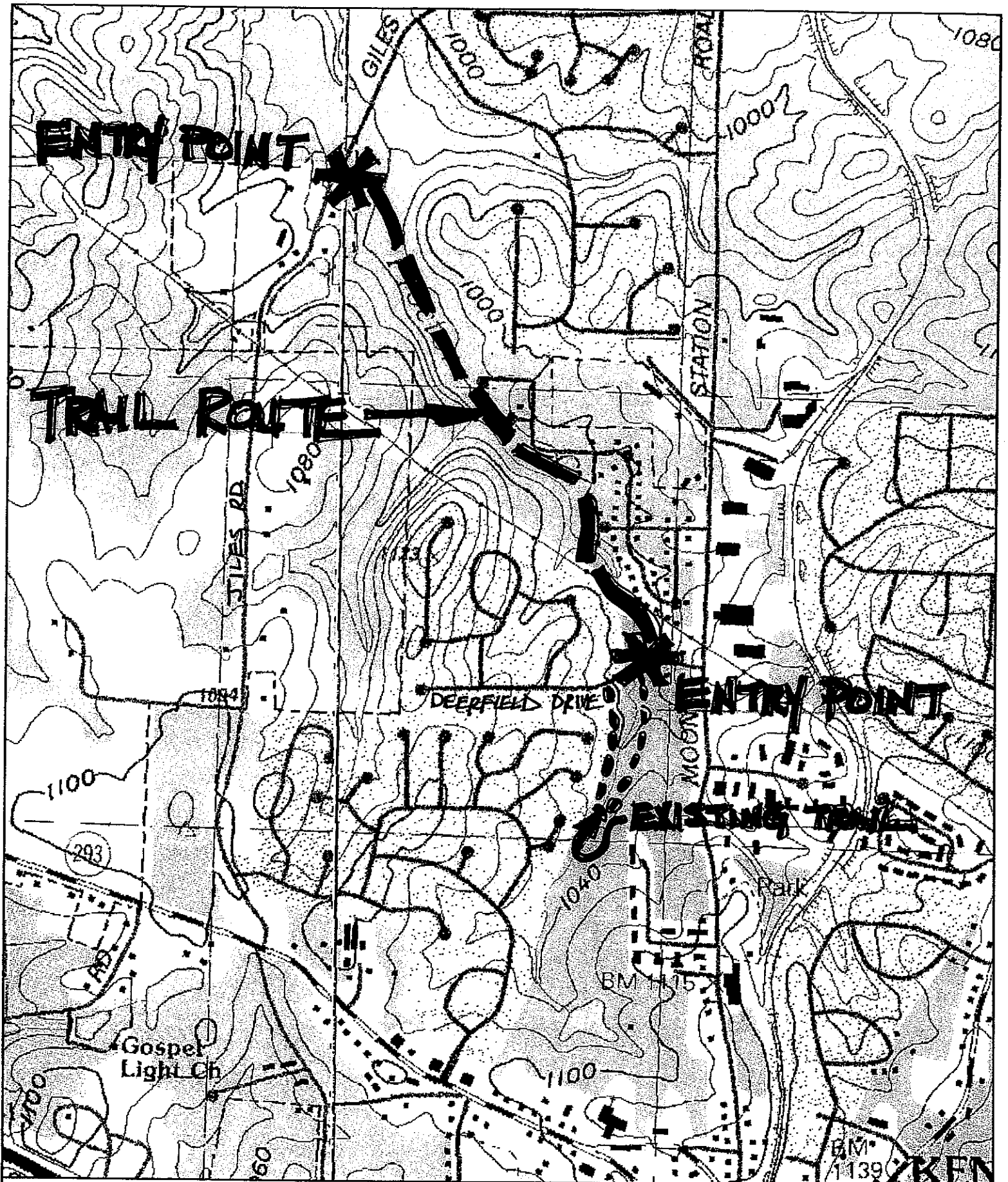
1. Land Use:

Briefly describe the land use in the project area and any potential changes that would result from this project. Address whether the project is consistent with any applicable comprehensive land use and/or development plans. Attach additional pages and a land use map, if needed.

The trail will be constructed on city-owned property with the exception of the land parcel adjacent to Jiles Road and owned by Kennesaw Residential Associates LLC. This parcel does contain a Cobb County Sanitary Sewer Easement on which an existing trail is located. It is presumed that the trail was constructed by the Kennesaw Residential Associates LLC for use by the residents of the apartment community. With the exception of the apartment community, the surrounding land use is established, single-family residential. Two local parks, Deerfield Park and Manchester Forest Park, are located along the proposed trail route. No land use changes are expected due to the construction of the trail.

The Kennesaw Community Trails Phase II project is a continuation of the Phase I trail construction. The Kennesaw Community Trail System is being implemented in response to recommendations presented in the 2003 Livable Centers Initiative study and the 2004 Kennesaw Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan Update. The recommendations call for constructing a trail system from Adam's Park, located just south of downtown Kennesaw to Jiles Road near the Legacy Park Community. This trail would provide a valuable link to downtown Kennesaw for residents located in the northern most sections of the City.

Two maps are attached to illustrate the location of the trail, its relationship to the adjacent properties and surrounding land use.



RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT
APPLICATION 3/23/07

City of Kennesaw

Kennesaw Trails
USGS Map

Prepared by:
Checked by:
Project number:

MACTEC

Figure
Number:

Source: USGS 7.5-minute Quadrangle
Digital Raster Graphic (DRG) Topographic Map