



REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: Apr 20 2007

ARC REVIEW CODE: L704206

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 Duluth-Rogers Bridge Greenway Trail

Review Type: Parks and Recreation

Description: The Rogers Bridge Greenway project is the construction of a trail along the Chattahoochee River. The project proposes 2700 ft of 5 foot wide permeable surface (rubber composite) trail with timber borders from the Rogers Bridge west along the Chattahoochee River towards the Abbots River Unit of the Chattahoochee River National Recreational Area.

Submitting Local Government: Gwinnett County

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
FULTON COUNTY

ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
GWINNETT COUNTY

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 Duluth, GA - Rogers Bridge
Greenway Trail

CFDA NO.: 20.219

STATE ID: GA070410006

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: City of Duluth
Address: 3578 West Lawrenceville Street
City, State, Zip: Duluth, Georgia 30096
2. **Classification of Applicant (Check one):**
Federal _____ State _____ County _____ City X Authority/Commission _____
3. **Project Applicant Federal Employer ID # (FEI):** 58-6002457
4. **Contact information**
Project Contact Person: Phil McLemore
Project Contact Title: City Administrator
Phone Number: 770-497-5300
Fax Number: 770-623-2765
Email: pmclemore@duluth-ga.com
5. **Name of Trail or Project:** Rogers Bridge Greenway Trail
- ✓ 6. **Classification of land ownership at time of application:**
Public Land X Private Land X 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 Duluth
County: Gwinnett
Nearest Street/State Route/Interstate: Rogers Bridge Road NE and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
(Please see enclosed Project Location Map, Attachment 1)
State Senate District: 048
State House District: 097
Federal Congressional District: 007
8. **Project Category (Check one):**
Non-motorized single use
X 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):**

- _____ Miles of trail maintenance/grooming
_____ Amount of environmental restoration of areas damaged by usage
2700 feet (0.51 miles) Miles of new trail construction
10 benches & trash receptacles Number and size/type of trailhead and trailside facilities
_____ 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) Rubber composite
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 Recreational Trails project funds will be used for the construction of a trail along the Chattahoochee River within the Rogers Bridge Greenway in Duluth, Georgia. The project proposes 2700 feet of 5-foot wide, permeable surface (rubber composite) trail with timber borders from the Rogers Bridge west along the Chattahoochee River towards the Abbots Bridge Unit of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. The project will provide a pedestrian bridge, benches, trash receptacles, and educational signs to accommodate a variety of visitors, provide educational opportunities and promote trail use. (Please see Attachments 2 & 3)

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: The project will be a fundamental part of the Rogers Bridge Greenway project. The project will be the first part of a trail system that will connect two units of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNA). It will connect to future multiuse facilities and pathways planned by the City of Duluth, Gwinnett County, and Fulton County along Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Rogers Bridge Road, and on the north side of the Chattahoochee River, respectively (Please see Attachment 4).

14. **Time Schedule:**

Estimate number of months to accomplish all work: 24 months

Estimate start date: November 2007

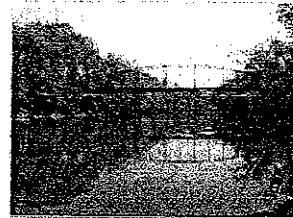
Attachment 2

Rogers Bridge Greenway Trail

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Rogers Bridge Greenway Recreational Trails project application for funding proposes to develop 2700 feet of 5-foot wide trail along the Chattahoochee River as part of the Rogers Bridge Greenway, within the City of Duluth. The project will also include the provision of benches, trash receptacles, and educational nature signs at rest areas along the trail. Also, a pedestrian bridge will be necessary to cross a tributary along the trail.

Given the sensitive natural environment along the River, the chosen material is a rubber composite which is firm but permeable. The trail will be 5-foot wide, which will allow for comfortable wheelchair access. This material will provide a soft, comfortable surface for different types of users to feel at ease using the trail.



The proposed trail will be the beginning of a well planned and greatly anticipated system of trails along the Chattahoochee River. This project is all about linkages; Issue 7 of the 2003 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The overall greenway trail is about 1.3 miles in length. This path will extend from the Abbott's Bridge Unit of the CRNRA to Rogers Bridge Park. The footpath will then continue from Rogers Bridge Park east through some forested uplands, and along the boundary of a wetlands area in the Suwanee Creek Unit of the CRNRA where portions of the trail will become boardwalk. This trail will be suitable for walking, jogging, birding and any other passive activities. The greenway plan calls for extensive reforestation. Much of the land along the river was cleared in the past for pastures and farming. Almost all of the property needed for the greenway has been acquired through purchases or easements.



All the amenities and design features will comply with the Principles and Guidelines section of the Chattahoochee River – Greenway Planning and Implementation Handbook, which was developed by The Chattahoochee River Land Protection Campaign. The guidelines set forth in that document apply to greenway implementation on public lands and all areas allowing public access along the Chattahoochee River Corridor.

The proposed Recreational Trails project will provide essential enhancements to the site in terms of accommodating visitors and promoting trail use by providing initial access to Rogers Bridge and the Chattahoochee River. Moreover, these improvements provide the framework for additional amenities to be developed in the future, including construction of the Welcome Center, parking areas, a boat launch, and the multi-use trail along Rogers Bridge Road and across the Rogers Bridge.



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 21, 2006

Mr. Noel Holcomb, Commissioner
Georgia Department of Natural Resources
2 Martin L. King, Jr. Drive, S. E. Suite 1352
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Holcomb:

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 Duluth requesting funding for the Rogers Bridge Greenway Trail 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 will prove to be a positive investment for the City of Duluth's greenway along the Chattahoochee, resulting not only in improved transportation alternatives, but in the enjoyment of the local surroundings.

The Rogers Bridge Greenway Trail will be a critical public access hub for the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, and will connect existing NPS, City of Duluth, and Fulton County lands. There are approximately 750,000 visitors each year to the units of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area that are located to either side of Rogers Bridge Greenway. The trail along the greenway would provide a stopping place for those travelers wishing to refresh themselves, take a break and perhaps to change modes of transportation. 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 H. Cheri

cc: Mr. Phil McLemore, City Administrator, City of Duluth





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