



# 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 Douglasville–Aneewakee Creek Greenway Trail

**Review Type:** Parks and Recreation

**Description:** Construction of .23 miles of a five-foot wide trail along Anneewakee Creek at Stewart Mill Rd. on greenspace-protected property owned by the City of Douglasville. The trail will be paved with poured recycled rubber and framed with wood timbers. A.6 acre parcel will be acquired adjacent to the trail site for a gravel parking facility.

**Submitting Local Government:** City of Douglasville

**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 DATA RESEARCH  
ARC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

ARC ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING  
DOUGLAS COUNTY

ARC LAND USE 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 Douglasville, GA - Aneewakee  
Creek Greenway Trail

CFDA NO.: 20.219

STATE ID: GA070410005

**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: The City of Douglasville, Georgia  
Address: 6695 Church Street  
City, State, Zip: Douglasville, Georgia 30134
2. **Classification of Applicant (Check one):**  
Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ City X Authority/Commission \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Project Applicant Federal Employer ID # (FEI):** 58-600057
4. **Contact information**  
Project Contact Person: Mr. William Osborne  
Project Contact Title: City Manager  
Phone Number: (770) 920-3000  
Fax Number: (770) 920-0499  
Email: william-osborne@ci.douglasville.ga.us
5. **Name of Trail or Project:** Douglasville Anneewakee Creek Greenway Trail at Stewart Mill Road
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: Douglasville  
County: Douglas  
Nearest Street/State Route/Interstate: Stewart Mill Road/SR 5/I-20  
State Senate District: 30  
State House District: 67  
Federal Congressional District: 13
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) Creek Viewing

\*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  
0.23 miles Miles of new trail construction  
(Listed below) Number and size/type of trailhead and trailside facilities  
6-benches, 6-waste receptacles, 4-picnic tables, 1-gazebo, 1-pedestrian bridge, 1-entry sign, 1-trailhead sign, 6-guide signs, 25-nature interpretive signs, parking facility.  
0.6 acres for parking 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) Recycled Rubber  
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):

Grant funds will be used to construct 0.23 miles of a five-foot wide trail along Anneewakee Creek at Stewart Mill Rd. on greenspace-protected property owned by Douglasville. The trail will be paved with poured recycled rubber and framed with wood timbers. Other amenities included are trailhead signage, wayfinding signage, nature interpretive plaques, benches, picnic tables, waste receptacles, a gazebo, and a pedestrian bridge. A 0.6-acre parcel will also be acquired adjacent to the trail site for a gravel parking facility which will connect via a footpath to the trailhead.

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 is the first component of the Anneewakee Creek Greenway Concept Plan. A second component of this plan is to continue to trail north to a connecting greenspace along Anneewakee Creek at Parkway Circle.

**Attachment Three**  
**Douglasville Anneewakee Creek Greenway Trail at Stewart Mill Road**

**3. Natural Resources**

The proposed trail is located within a 2.3-acre portion of the greater 8-acre protected Anneewakee Creek Greenspace. The focus of this project is on preservation of the area, and therefore, the project will not negatively impact any natural resource environmental elements.

In March 2006, the City completed a natural resource inventory and assessment of the 8-acre greenspace, which included the project site. The purpose of this process was to identify current conditions and uses of the land, environmental opportunities, and possible constraints related to greenway development. The inventory and assessment was conducted by a panel of technical advisory professionals (see attached list), divided into six functional teams, namely:

Land Use  
Vegetation and Forestry  
Wildlife

Geology and Soils  
Water Quality and Hydrology; and  
Access and Transportation.

Working collaboratively, the teams conducted field surveys of the creek corridor, gathered existing technical information from numerous data sources, lent their extensive knowledge, and produced written reports documenting their findings and recommendations. These findings:

- Defined current creek and natural habitat conditions regarding soils, geology, water quality, erosion, tree and plant species, wetland areas, birds, fish, wildlife, and potential corridor access;
- Pinpointed specific environmental concerns; and
- Provided best management practices and greenway development recommendations.

A summary of these findings are contained in *Section III. Corridor Inventory and Assessment* of the **Anneewakee Creek Greenway Concept Plan**, published in August 2006.

A great deal of effort was put into the inventory process, producing valuable information which guided the development of the final greenspace Concept Plan, upon which this project is based. The trail project, proposed here, will give local residents the opportunity to enjoy, learn about, and appreciate the abundant natural resources of Anneewakee Creek. The project will also provide the impetus for the City to continue its greenway initiatives in the future.

## **Project Narrative**

### **Douglasville Anneewakee Creek Greenway Trail at Stewart Mill Road**

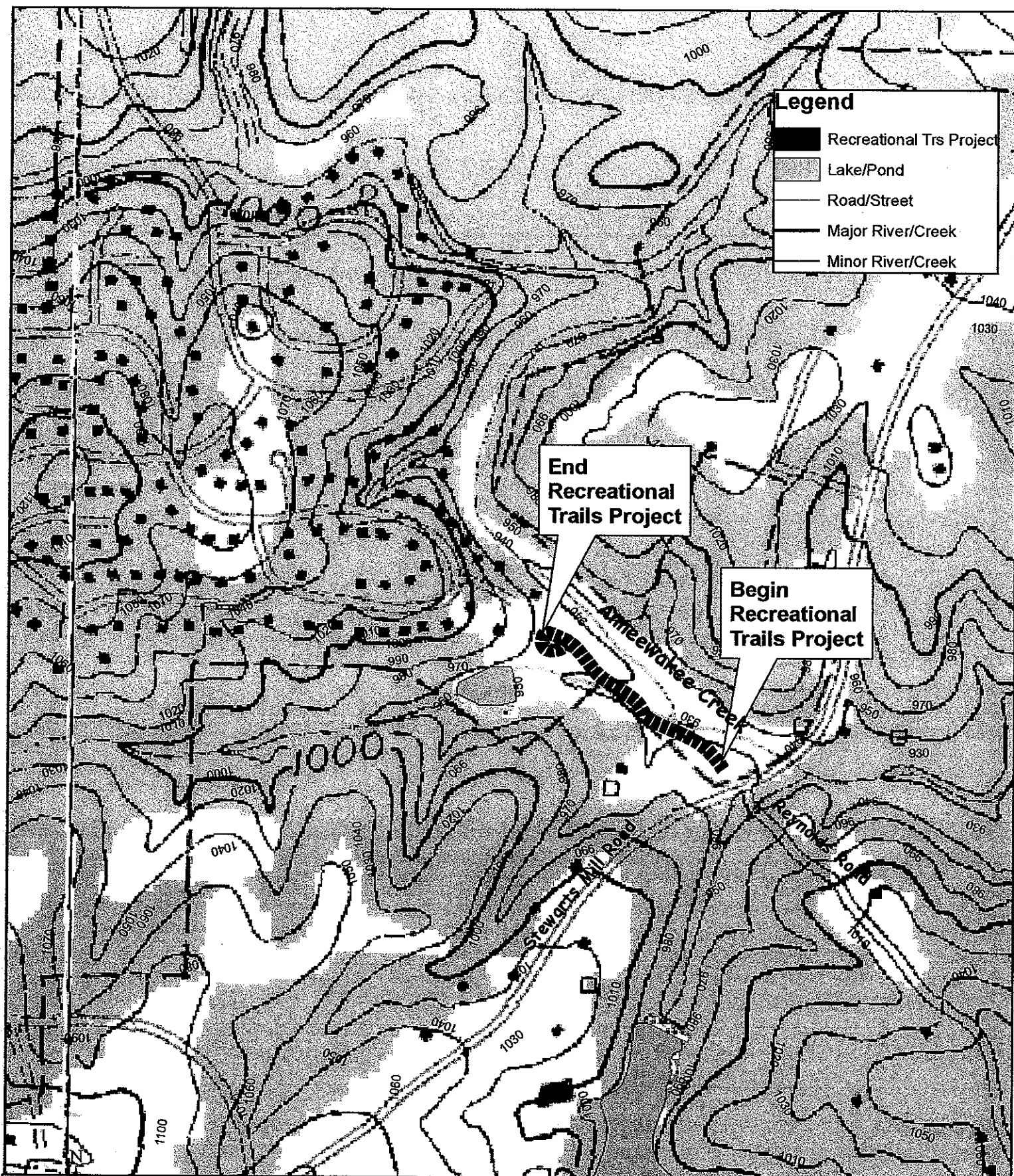
Anneewakee Creek is a forested, free flowing, natural habitat wonder which traverses through residential communities, under Arbor Place Mall (the third largest regional mall in Georgia), and under Interstate 20 (I-20) in Douglasville. City leaders, recognizing the beauty and value of this natural resource, began to examine the potential for an in-town greenway as a means to preserve the creek and its urban forest which is located in the heart of this rapidly growing city. (See Map 2 - Location Map.)

In May 2004, the City utilized Georgia Community Greenspace Program funds to acquire and protect approximately eight acres of greenspace property adjacent to Anneewakee Creek for informal recreational use and natural resource protection. To further this initiative, the City received grant funds from the Georgia Forestry Commission in 2005 to complete an inventory of natural resources of the corridor and to develop a plan to define future greenspace use. Completed in August 2006, the Anneewakee Creek Greenway Concept Plan presents a phased approach for community greenspace development which preserves the corridor's natural resources and trees and provides recommendations for passive enjoyment of its beauty.

The City now seeks 2007 Recreational Trails Funding to launch the first phase of the Plan. The project, presented in this grant application, proposes to develop a 0.23 mile greenway trail along Anneewakee Creek on the City's protected greenspace property located off of Stewart Mill Road. (See Map 1 – Site Map.) The five-foot wide trail will be constructed from a poured recycled rubber material that is framed by wood timbers. The trail will be enhanced with benches to provide comfortable rest points, a gazebo to offer creek viewing, a pedestrian bridge over an existing ravine, and several picnic tables. Signage will be placed at the trailhead near Stewart Mill Road and along the trail for direction. Plaques will also be included to identify native plants, various tree species, and other flora and fauna of this diverse natural environment. The proposed trail will be wheel-chair accessible and meet all AASHTO, ADA, and GDOT design standards.

The City plans to acquire a 0.6-acre parcel of adjacent property for a gravel parking lot to provide a vehicle entrance from Stewart Mill Road to the greenway park. An entrance sign will be placed at Stewart Mill Road and a footpath will be constructed to provide access between the parking area and the trailhead.

The Anneewakee Creek Greenway Trail will offer many benefits to Douglasville's citizens. The greenway will encourage exercise, biking, and quiet recreation, nature walks and environmental education, and water quality and tree planting volunteer opportunities for surrounding residential neighborhoods and schools. Furthermore, the project will allow the City to achieve implementation of its vision for preservation and enjoyment of this valuable urban forest and will propel initiatives to continue the project into its next phases in the future.



USGS MAP  
 Recreational Trails Project  
 Anneewakee Creek Greenway  
 City of Douglasville, Georgia