

ARKANSAS RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM  
2009 Application

Applicant: City of Jonesboro Parks and Recreation

Type of Applicant: City

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Recreational Trails Program Funds Requested: **\$73,808.00**  
Local Match (Must be at least 20% of total project cost):  
\$18,452.00  
Total Project Cost: \$92,260.00

County: Craighead Nearest Municipality:

Land Ownership: Public Type of Ownership: Long Term Easement

Provide an accurate 8.5" x 11" map showing the location of the project site in relation to the nearest municipality and the nearest State or U.S. Highway.

Length of trail to be constructed or repaired in feet: 1,422 Width of trail in feet: 10

Trail surface material: Asphalt If other, specify:

1. Describe what you will accomplish with the funds you are applying for:  
The City of Jonesboro is seeking to construct Section V of Phase I of the Turtle Creek Greenway. Section V construction will include 1,422 feet of trail. The trail will be a 10 foot wide asphalt trail that will eventually connect Downtown Jonesboro, Arkansas State University, Turtle Creek Mall, Nettleton Public School's Intermediate Center and Central Elementary, and Allen Park Community Center. If the City receives full funding from the Rec Trails Program, it will be able to extend the existing trail an additional 1,422 feet and continue toward ASU.

2. What is the Primary purpose of your project (check one box)?
- Restoration of trail damaged by use. **40 points**
  - New trail construction. **50 points**
  - Improvements, upgrades, or relocation to enhance use of existing trail. **30 points**
  - Trail-side or trail-head facility construction including, but not limited to: kiosks, bulletin boards, trash receptacles, lights, benches, parking lots, vista clearing, restrooms **20 points**

3. Check each of the trail uses to be provided by this project and provide a **brief explanation** of how each will be accommodated.

- bicycling
- walking
- equestrian
- jogging
- interpretive
- motorcycle
- 4-wheel drive vehicle
- 4-wheel all terrain vehicle
- overnight/long distance hiking
- aquatic
- barrier free
- other, please specify roller blading

The overall trail design meets ASHTO and Arkansas SCORP guidelines for shared-use trails. The trail will be asphalt; the highest rated surface for a shared-use trail. Several entry points will allow 6 neighborhoods to access the trail. Trailheads with handicapped parking spaces will allow community members to drive and access the trail. The trail is flat and will be easily accessible for senior adults, wheelchairs and strollers. The trail will provide safe routes to school for children in the Nettleton Schools. Trail will be landscaped with native tree species and interpretive signs will be installed to help community members identify wildlife and plants.

4. How is this project in compliance with the current statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan developed by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, (501) 682-1301 or available on the internet at [www.outdoorgrants.com./2003%20SCORP.pdf](http://www.outdoorgrants.com./2003%20SCORP.pdf)

This project directly fulfills the priority for urban trails and greenways. More specifically, it fulfills the priority for multi-use trails. All of Jonesboro's parks are maintained at a high level with an emphasis on safety. The City has demonstrated its commitment to maintenance in the way parks are maintained. The Greenway trail will also provide barrier free access, add to recreational diversity, was recommended and designed with the input of over 2,000 citizens and the trail was designed by landscape architects who have an eye for integrating infrastructure with nature.

5. How will the project be designed and constructed to ensure the safety of its users and to avoid danger or injury to users due to possible conflicts between different user types? **20 points**

The trail design is based upon the ASHTO guidelines for shared-use trails. The trail will be striped for two way traffic. As recommended by ASHTO, one foot on either side of the trail will be flat, crushed aggregate to provide a flate area where users can step or ride off the trail safely if needed. Most turns are sweeping and wide open for long range visibility. Collapsible bollards at entry points prohibit cars from entering. Signs at entry points along the trail will instruct of safe and proper trail etiquette. When possible, the greenway will be patrolled by Jonesboro Police.

6. Describe how maintenance will be accomplished after project completion. Include who will perform maintenance, maintenance schedule and checklist, and inspection schedule. **30 points**

The City of Jonesboro Parks and Recreation Department will perform the daily mowing and maintenance of the facility. Any surfacing repairs will be performed by the City of Jonesboro Street Department. Lighting and lighting maintenance, when added, will be performed by the City's utility company, City Water and Light. The Parks and Recreation Department will mow the grass on





- 2. Cost
- 3. Cost

**Other:**

- 1. Storm Water BMP's Cost \$720.00
- 2. Final Soil Stabilization Cost \$720.00
- 3. Miscellaneous - Concrete/Riprap/Hard Armor Cost \$15,000.00
- 4. Bank Stabilization Cost \$30,000.00

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**All applications must be received at the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department headquarters building in Little Rock no later than 3:30 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2009. No facsimile (fax) or electronic (e-mail, diskette, etc.) applications will be accepted. Send one original and fourteen (14) copies of this application with all necessary attachments to:**

Bill Bastress  
 Planning and Research Division  
 Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department  
 10324 Interstate 30  
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72209

**RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST**  
**Do not include this with your application.**

Frequently Asked Questions have been read.

Recreational Trails Program

Site Plan

Location Map

Completed Budget

All Questions Answered Completely

Length

Width

Surface Type