# 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: <b>\$73,808.00</b> 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 reloc

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.

<ul><li>☑ bicycling</li><li>☑ 4-wheel drive</li></ul>	⊠ walking □ 4-wheel all	equestrian		interpretive	motorcycle
vehicle		le distance hiking			
$\boxtimes$ other, please s			5		

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 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 agregate 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. Collapsable bollards at entry points prohibit cars from entering. Signs at entry points along the trail will insturct of safe and proper trail ettiquitte. 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

approximately a 10 day schedule. Formal maintenance inspections will take place on a monthly basis and will be reported in the Parks Department work order system.

 Explain the planning process that led to this proposal, i.e. public involvement, establishment of need and demand, review process, etc. **50 points** The need for a shared use trail has been expressed by 1,300 citizens in the 2002 Recreation Activity Study, 710 citizens in the 2003 Recration Venue Poll, in the 2004 Mayor's Conference on Economic Development and in the 2005 MPO transportation study. The 2008 Jonesboro Quality of Life survey

conducted bye the Arkansas State's Center for Social Research indicated 88% of Jonesboro citizens supported or stronly supported more sidewalks and bike paths. The report said "the construction of more sidewalks and bike paths received the greatest amount of support from respondents."

What accommodations will be made to provide access to this trail for individuals with disabilities?
10 points

All new construction of the City of Jonesboro meets ADA guidelines and must be approved by an engineer who specifically reviews ADA requirements. The plans for the Turtle Creek Greenway have been through this review. Specifically, the greenway will have handicapped accessible parking, asphalt paving, and accessible drinking fountains. The trail itself if flat and will be easily traversable by the elderly and wheelchairs.

9. What is the source of the required local 20% match: budget item, donated materials, donated services, donated cash, or a combination? If donated funds, materials, or services will be used as all or part of the local 20% match, written commitments by the donors(s) must be provided. The cash match will come from the City of Jonesboro 2010 Operating Budget.

## 10. Is the local 20% match available right now?Yes20 points

## 11. Source of labor: Contract

12. List any previous Recreational Trail Program or Trails for Life Program funds you have received since 1996 and the projects' status.

1998 Job #100414 Chat walking trail around an 85 acre lake at Craghead Forest Park. The trail is currently in excellent condition and is maintained and groomed by the Parks and Recration Department.

2002 Job#100571 Development of a parking lot and fencing for an ATV area at Craighead Forest Park. The project is complete and is in very good condition. The ATV parking lot is used by many ATV patrons on a daily basis. \$85,000

2007 Job#100669 Construction of Section III of Turtle Creek Greenway. \$57,742.00. Out for Bid. 2008 Job#100683 Waiting on Notice to Proceed

Budget

Clearing and Grubbing: Length in feet 1,422 \$7,220.00	Width in f	et 10	Cost
Base Material: Include purchase, hauling, and installation.	Cost	\$12	,500.00
Paving / Surface Material: Include purchase, hauling, and ins	stallation.	Cos	t \$26,100.0

### Trailside / Trailhead Facilities:

1.	Cost
2.	Cost
3.	Cost
4.	Cost
5.	Cost
6.	Cost
7.	Cost

# Bridges:

1. Length in feet	Width in feet	Cost
2. Length in feet	Width in feet	Cost
3. Length in feet	Width in feet	Cost
4. Length in feet	Width in feet	Cost

#### **Utilities:**

1.	Co	ost
2.	Co	ost
3.	Co	ost
4.	Co	ost
5.	Co	ost

#### **Drainage Structures:**

Number	Length in feet	Cost

# **Brochures / Maps / Educational Materials:**

1. Cost

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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RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FUNDS RE	QUESTED:	\$73,808.00

All applications must be <u>received</u> 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.



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Frequently Asked Questions have been read.

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Site Plan



Location Map



Completed Budget



All Questions Answered Completely



Length



Width



Surface Type