

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Nassau County Westside Regional Park - Phase 1 Implementation

2. Date of Submission: 02/03/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Cord Byrd

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4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d

b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?

c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2016-17 <i>(If appropriated in 2016-17 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2017-18 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited. Any additional Nonrecurring funding requested to supplement recurring funds in the base will result in the base recurring amount being converted to Nonrecurring .)</i>		
	Column:	A	B	C	D	E
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring Request <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D to be CONVERTED to Nonrecurring plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E. These funds will be appropriated non-recurring if funded in the House Budget or the Final Conference Report on the budget.)</i>
Input Amounts:					898,000	898,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency?s Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2017-18? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? For example, if the requested issue pertains to services provided to inmates at correctional facilities, the Department of Corrections would be the most appropriate state agency. Department of Environmental Protection

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Shanea Jones
- b. Organization: Nassau Co. Board of County Commissioners
- c. Email: sjones@nassaucountyfl.com
- d. Phone #: (904)530-6010

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project (Please retype if same as Requester):

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- b. Organization: Nassau Co. Board of County Commissioners
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- d. Phone #: (904)530-6010

8. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. Name: Mark Anderson
- b. Firm: Mark Anderson Governmental Consulting
- c. Email: mark@consultanderson.com
- d. Phone #: (850)329-6549

9. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds(Please retype if same as Requestor or Contact):

- a. Name: Nassau County Board of County Commissioners
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Nassau
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Nassau

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government

- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The vision for the Westside Regional Park expands economic opportunity by creating a facility with the capacity and geometric design to host regional scale events while simultaneously preserving natural areas and improving the Quality-of-Place and Quality-of-Life for Florida residents. The grass-roots genesis of this project has also resulted in a design which provides the dexterity to build community through partnerships with local non-governmental organizations for education and outreach.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. F) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funds will be used to implement the first phase of the Westside Regional Park. We have purchased	898,000

	the land, completed visioning, conceptual design and a wetland delineation. Phase one will include construction of a two way stabilized access road, stabilized parking area, restrooms, 3,611 lf of equestrian and hiking trails, 8,189 lf of multi-use/nature trails, 1,223 lf of elevated walkway, 34,000 sf open equestrian riding arena, primitive camping area, and a 6,000 sqft pole barn.	
TOTAL		898,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (In Question 12, if ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was not selected, question 13 is not applicable)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Nassau County conducted a significant public outreach campaign as part of a County-wide visioning exercise-Vision 2032. Spurred by Vision 2032, a recreation plan was created. Additional public outreach was conducted including a series of public workshops and two public

surveys. The master plan is based upon public comment received. The project is supported by the AIFBY Chamber, Towns of Hilliard & Callahan, NC Econ. Dev. Board NC School Dist., & UF-IFAS.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

In March of 2016, Duncan and Associates Inc. performed a comprehensive Impact Fee Study and resulting Comprehensive Impact Fee Ordinance. The results determined that "The required improvements and additions to the County Park system needed to eliminate any deficiencies shall be financed by revenue sources of the County other than Park Impact Fees". Based on analysis, Nassau County is deficient in developed regional park acreage to meet the LOS adopted in the NC 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

No

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select all that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	The proposed project will provide much needed recreational amenities in a rural community thereby spurring physical activity. The facilities proposed are suited for citizens in various age groups and will support both programed and non-programed users.	Annual counts can be taken to determine park usage. Surveys can be provided at the information kiosk to solicit recommendations, demographic and activity information.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	The World Health Organization (WHO) defines: health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The WHO states that "there is no health without mental health." The American Psychological Ass. (2005)	Annual counts can be taken to determine park usage. Surveys can be provided at the information kiosk to solicit recommendations, demographic and activity information.

	finds direct correlation between physical health and mental health. This project provide active recreation to an under-served population base.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Florida has a strong agricultural heritage and a special affinity for equestrian activity. North-east FL and South-east GA have strong a lineage with strong ties to agricultural and equestrian activity. As a grass-roots initiative, this project protects the rural lifestyle and promotes and enriches the cultural traditions of the region.	The draw of this facility is regional in nature and captures the essence of Real-Florida. These types of facilities are important on a State level as they maintain Florida's heritage. Annual counts can be taken to determine park usage. Surveys can be provided at the information kiosk to solicit recommendations, demographic and activity information.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	The proposed project is supported by the Nassau County Extension Office - UF-IFAS. The NC Ext. Office works closely with the local 4-H groups, Master Gardeners and other NGOS. This facility will be fully available to the Nassau County Extension Office, Public School System, Future Farmers of America and other organizations for use to hold a variety of educational events.	Number of events and program specifically offered at the facility. Catalogue of subject matter and material.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	The proposed facility provides extensive nature trails, access to a variety of natural communities, equestrian facilities and other similar nature related activities that provides an opportunity to expand the toolset necessary for educators to bring the natural-sciences to life and better	Number of events and program specifically offered at the facility. Catalogue of subject matter and material.

	address the 'whole-student'. The 100ac+ site is located between the Towns of Callahan and Hilliard making access convenient to a number of public schools.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	nature. Opening the land to public will create the opportunity for Nassau County to actively manage the forest with the goal of creating a health and sustainable environment. NC is working with the DOF and UF-IFAS to improve the overall quality of the forest health as part of this project. Environmentally sensitive areas (jurisdictional wetlands) are to be preserved and natural hydrology enhanced.	Track restoration activities by acreage of land annually through prescribed burns, thinning to promote a naturally occurring forest and healthy understory, habitat protection and wetland restoration.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	This project will result in the perpetual preservation of natural areas protecting them from the sprawling nature of suburban development. The active management of the forest will promote safety through wildfire mitigation and protection of natural hydrology.	Acres annually thinned, burned (prescribed burning to mitigate wildfires) and wetland restoration.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Agritourism is an export economy that draws a significant money from outside the state to Florida. The proposed facility is of scale and configuration to draw users from the greater region. Given Nassau	Monitor annual users and obtain demographic and point of origin data. Catalogue event participants and home state.

	County's proximity to Georgia, this will result in new money entering the State of Florida. This facility has the potential to operate as an export economy not only for Nassau but for the State of Florida.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	Consistent with State initiatives to promote Agritourism, Nassau County is in a position to utilize the natural amenities to maximize draw. The proposed project captures the very essence of agritourism by establishing facility based on the natural resources available which is of a scale and geometric arrangement to draw from the greater region which includes south-east Georgia.	Monitor annual users and obtain demographic and point of origin data. Catalogue event participants and home state.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Development of this facility will directly create at least three new positions to manage facility operations, coordinate group bookings, and coordinate/manage events. Ancillary job creation is expected to facility groups and events in the service and hospitality sector.	Through the Economic Development Board and Chamber of Commerce annual review of direct and indirect employment as a result of the facility maybe studied.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Nassau County lacks facilities for group youth activities provided by the	Number of participates in programs as well as monitoring of criminal

	county as well as other local organizations whose purpose is to promote community involvement and personal development while diverting individuals from entering into criminal activity.	activity through the Sheriff's department.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management	It is the intent of Nassau County to maintain the natural hydrology of the site and protect jurisdictional wetlands and the surrounding uplands. Furthermore, it is the intent of Nassau County to take remedial action to improve the natural function of wetland systems as part of the property management strategy. These actions will improve stormwater management for the neighboring community.	Acres of wetlands preserved in perpetuity and properly restored.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality	It is the intent of Nassau County to maintain the protect in perpetuity large swaths of natural areas and jurisdictional wetlands. Nassau intends to improve the overall health of the forest and take remedial action to improve the natural function of wetland systems as part of the property management strategy. These actions have the ability to protect groundwater quality.	Acres of wetlands preserved in perpetuity and properly restored. Acres of natural area preserved.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2017-18 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total (Automatically Calculates)	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	898,000	80.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	Yes
4. Local:	224,500	20.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	1,122,500	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No