

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Nassau County Westside Regional Park

2. Date of Submission: 11/09/2017

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, Col. E***

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:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)	Recurring Base Budget  (Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds  (Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)
Input Amounts:					898,000	898,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? 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? Department of Environmental Protection

5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

## Revocation of funds

### 6. Requester:

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

### 7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

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

### 8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

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

### 9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- 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): Baker, Clay, Duval, 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. E) 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	We have purchased 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,	898,000

	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 sf pole barn.	
TOTAL		898,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- ☐ 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?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Outdoor recreation, educational opportunity and emergency holding area for large animals

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Improved facilities to improve physical and mental health of residents, improved agricultural promotion and education, enriched cultural experience, preservation of forest, natural areas, wildlife and wetlands, spur economic activity through agritourism, creation of local jobs and improved wastewater and stormwater management.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- ☐ Elderly persons
- ☐ Persons with poor mental health
- ☐ Persons with poor physical health
- ☐ Jobless persons
- ☐ Economically disadvantaged persons
- ☒ At-risk youth
- ☐ Homeless
- ☐ Developmentally disabled
- ☒ Physically disabled
- ☐ Drug users (in health services)
- ☐ Preschool students
- ☐ Grade school students
- ☐ High school students
- ☐ University/college students
- ☐ Currently or formerly incarcerated persons

- ☐ Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)  
☐ Victims of crime  
☒ General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)  
☐ Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- ☐ < 25  
☐ 25-50  
☐ 51-100  
☐ 101-200  
☐ 201-400  
☐ 401-800  
☒ >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome 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. 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. 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	Annual counts can be taken to determine park usage. Surveys can be provided at the information kiosk. The proposed project will provide much needed recreational amenities

	WHO states that ?there is no health without mental health.? The American Psychological Ass. (2005) finds direct correlation between physical health and mental health. This project provide active recreation to an under-served population base.	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. solicit recommendations, demographic and activity information.
<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	Number of events and program specifically offered at the facility. Catalogue of subject matter and material.

	an opportunity to expand the toolset necessary for educators to bring the natural-sciences to life and better 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	Phase one of the proposed project is passive in 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.)	Will serve as an emergency holding area for large animals. In addition, 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	<p>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 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.</p>	<p>Monitor annual users and obtain demographic and point of origin data. Catalogue event participants and home state.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	<p>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.</p>	<p>Monitor annual users and obtain demographic and point of origin data. Catalogue event participants and home state.</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	<p>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.</p>	<p>Through the Economic Development Board and Chamber of Commerce annual review of direct and indirect employment as a result of the facility maybe studied.</p>

<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 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.	Number of participates in programs as well as monitoring of criminal 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	Acres of wetlands preserved in perpetuity and properly restored. Acres of natural area preserved.

	wetland systems as part of the property management strategy. These actions have the ability to protect groundwater quality.	
<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 2018-19 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	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%	No
4. Local:	224,500	20.0%	Yes
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,122,500</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

No