

# **PARKS AND RECREATION**

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# Countywide Trail Development

Requesting Department/Division: Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Project Manager/Contact: Jeff Caton/Stam Tillotson

Estimated Start Date: July 2009  
 Est. Completion Date: June 2012

Project Category: Land Acquisition & New Construction

Project Status: New Project Request  
 Project Number: PR0005

## Project Description, Justification and Location

Provide for the first phase of a trail system to follow the Tyger River system on the western side of Spartanburg County. Phase I would afford over four (4) miles of trails to be placed in the sewer right-of-ways, which are already graded and cleared. A ten (10) foot wide paved path will be placed in this corridor that follows the Tyger River(s). This trail would meet specifications for handicapped accessibility. The construction of paved walking trails through these right-of-ways will allow visitors to walk, run, skate, ride bikes, etc. along the Tyger River.



## Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees

This proposed project will allow regional residents and visitors to Spartanburg County access to this beautiful part of the county. The project will also offer opportunities for people utilizing the trail system to become active, enriching their lives and improving their health, and promote eco-tourism in the region. Additionally, this project will allow the County to preserve and recognize the value of our natural resources, add additional passive recreation outlets, and offer nature oriented activities.

## Impact on Annual Operating Budget

There would be no impact on the annual operating budget until fiscal year 2011/12. Once constructed, a truck, trailer, utility vehicle, and two mowers would be necessary for maintenance of the trail system. Two (2) additional turf grass technicians would be necessary to maintain the entire trail corridor and related access points, including the property acquired through the waterway land acquisition project. The cost of these two employees to SCPRC would be approximately \$78,400 (\$39,200 each) annually. In addition, operating costs for supplies, fuel, training, etc. would be \$21,300 annually.

## Project Status (as of June 1, 2008)

New project request.

### Project Expenditures and Funding Sources

PROJECT	TOTAL	COMMITTED	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY 2009-13
PROJECT COST	PROJECT COST	FUNDING	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	TOTAL
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>								
<b>Countywide Trail Development</b>								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	200,000	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
Construction/Improvements	2,435,550	0	0	0	0	2,435,550	0	2,435,550
Capital Materials/Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,735,550</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,435,550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,635,550</b>
<u>Revenues</u>								
Federal Transportation Enhancement Græ	100,000	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospitality Tax	200,000	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	200,000
Hospitality Tax - COPs Issue	2,435,550	0	0	0	0	2,435,550	0	2,435,550
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,735,550</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,435,550</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,635,550</b>

# West Spartanburg Regional Park Development

Requesting Department/Division: Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Project Manager/Contact: Jeff Caton/Stan Tillotson

Estimated Start Date: July 2008  
 Est. Completion Date: June 2012

Project Category: New Construction

Project Status: New Project Request  
 Project Number: PR0006

## Project Description, Justification and Location

West Spartanburg Regional Park will be situated on a 137 acre parcel located between Gano Road and Dillard Road near the Duncan area. This development will provide the citizens of Spartanburg County with a nine (9) diamond baseball complex, two (2) combination concession/restroom facilities, all related park roads and parking, handicap accessible walking trails tailored to take advantage of the natural landscape, all related grading, planning, fencing, lighting, etc, and a small maintenance compound to house staff and equipment necessary to maintaining this regional park. This site will serve the entire western region of the county, as well as draw visitors from neighboring counties, bringing in additional tourism dollars to the area. For FY 2008/09, planning dollars are requested so that site planning, engineering, renderings, and construction documents can be drafted in preparation for construction to begin during FY 2009-10.



## Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees

The entire regional park will provide ample recreational opportunities for all age ranges. Though the athletic facilities will mainly be used for youth sports, other park amenities such as, nature trails, passive recreation areas, etc. will serve adults and senior adults. The regional park is expected to draw visitors from throughout the Upstate region.

## Impact on Annual Operating Budget

There will be no impact on the annual operating budget until FY 2010/11. During FY 2010/11, it will be necessary to purchase a truck, trailer, two utility vehicles, three mowers, two groomers, and a sprayer. Three (3) turf grass technicians and one (1) park technician will be hired at a combined annual cost of \$152,150. Operational costs consisting of fuel, supplies, contract services, utilities, etc. will cost approximately \$123,300, annually.

## Project Status (as of June 1, 2008)

New project request, funding scheduled to begin July 1, 2008.

### Project Expenditures and Funding Sources

PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COMMITTED FUNDING	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2009-13 TOTAL
<b>West Spartanburg Regional Park Development</b>								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	700,000	0	700,000	0	0	0	0	700,000
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Improvements	11,391,487	0	0	6,283,746	5,107,741	0	0	11,391,487
Capital Materials/Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>12,091,487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>6,283,746</b>	<b>5,107,741</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,091,487</b>
<u>Revenues</u>								
Hospitality Tax	700,000	0	700,000	0	0	0	0	700,000
Hospitality Tax - COPs Issue	11,391,487	0	0	6,283,746	5,107,741	0	0	11,391,487
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>12,091,487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>6,283,746</b>	<b>5,107,741</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,091,487</b>

# Water Park Development

Requesting Department/Division: Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Project Manager/Contact: Jeff Caton/Stan Tillotson

Estimated Start Date: TBD  
 Est. Completion Date: TBD

Project Category: New Construction

Project Status: New Project Request  
 Project Number: PR0007

## **Project Description, Justification and Location**

This project will provide funding for an approximately \$7.7 million water park facility. **Location and construction of the water park are contingent on a market analysis and feasibility study, scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008. The market analysis and feasibility study will also determine the appropriate size, makeup, and investment for the facility.**

Proposed site features may include a zero depth pool, water slides, splash area, lazy river, concession stand, retail area, etc. This site will serve to draw visitors from neighboring counties and the entire region, bringing in additional tourism dollars to the area. For FY 2008/09, funds are budgeted so that site planning, engineering, renderings, and construction documents can be drafted in preparation for construction to begin during FY 2009/10.

## **Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees**

Significant benefits will be realized by visitors, residents, and businesses of Spartanburg County by the development of the site. The water park will draw a high volume of tourists, which will generate additional revenue for area hotels, restaurants, and retail locations.

## **Impact on Annual Operating Budget**

Annual operating costs are expected to be offset by revenue generated from the water park. These revenues from admission fees and concession stands should be significant enough to offset the majority operational costs. There will be no impact on the annual operating budget until FY 2010/11, when the water park is scheduled to be fully operational.

## **Project Status (as of June 1, 2008)**

New project request. The County Administrator is directed to preclude expenditure of all appropriated funding included in the FY 2008/09 Capital Year Budget and FY 2009-13 Capital Improvement Plan related to the Water Park Development until such time as the Spartanburg County Council has reviewed and by motion accepted information pertaining to a market feasibility and site location analysis.

## **Project Expenditures and Funding Sources**

PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COMMITTED FUNDING	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2009-13 TOTAL
<b>Water Park Development</b>								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	650,000	0	650,000	0	0	0	0	650,000
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Improvements	7,050,000	0	0	7,050,000	0	0	0	7,050,000
Capital Materials/Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,700,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>7,050,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,700,000</b>
<u>Revenues</u>								
Hospitality Tax	650,000	0	650,000	0	0	0	0	650,000
Hospitality Tax - COPs Issue	7,050,000	0	0	7,050,000	0	0	0	7,050,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,700,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>650,000</b>	<b>7,050,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,700,000</b>

# Va-Du-Mar McMillan Park Development, Phase II

Requesting Department/Division: Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Project Manager/Contact: Jeff Caton/Stan Tillotson

Estimated Start Date: July 2008  
 Est. Completion Date: June 2014

Project Category: New Construction

Project Status: New Project Request  
 Project Number: PR0008

## Project Description, Justification and Location

Va-Du-Mar McMillan Park is a 113 acre facility situated off of McMillan road in the Boiling Springs community. Currently, this park offers several general purpose fields, walking trails, and one play structure. In FY 2008/09, a restroom/concession facility will be built (funded partially through a grant from the State of South Carolina) to serve the existing field. Phase II, as recommended, would provide for a six (6) diamond baseball field complex, an additional concession/restroom facility, additional parking, several picnic shelters, additional walking trails, and one (1) small maintenance compound. Total project cost is estimated at \$7.43 million, with \$412,772 in funding scheduled for FY 2013/14 (beyond the five-year Capital Improvement Plan).



## Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees

The addition of six (6) baseball fields will allow SCPRC to host state and national level youth fast pitch baseball tournaments as well as various softball tournaments, attracting tourists from throughout the Carolinas. These tournaments could bring upwards of one hundred (100) teams to the county for a weekend, providing a tremendous economic impact. Multiple tournaments could be hosted annually.

## Impact on Annual Operating Budget

There will be no impact on the annual operating budget until FY 2011/12. During FY 2011/12, it will be necessary to purchase a truck, trailer, two utility vehicles, three mowers, and two field groomers. Cost associated with the purchase of this equipment will be approximately \$210,000. In addition to the necessary equipment, two (2) turf grass technicians and one (1) park technician, at a combined annual cost of \$120,559 will be necessary. Operating costs (supplies, fuel, utilities, contract services, etc.) will be approximately \$98,000 annually.

## Project Status (as of June 1, 2008)

New project request.

### Project Expenditures and Funding Sources

PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COMMITTED FUNDING	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2009-13 TOTAL
<b>Va-Du-Mar McMillan Park Development, Phase II</b>								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	511,529	15,000	0	0	0	496,529	0	496,529
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Improvements	6,504,391	135,000	100,000	0	0	0	6,269,391	6,369,391
Capital Materials/Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,015,920</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>496,529</b>	<b>6,269,391</b>	<b>6,865,920</b>
<u>Revenues</u>								
State of South Carolina - PARD Grant	200,000	150,000	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
Hospitality Tax	50,000	0	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
Hospitality Tax - COPs Issue	6,765,920	0	0	0	0	496,529	6,269,391	6,765,920
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7,015,920</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>496,529</b>	<b>6,269,391</b>	<b>6,865,920</b>

# Waterway Land Acquisition

Requesting Department/Division: Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Project Manager/Contact: Jeff Caton/Stam Tillotson

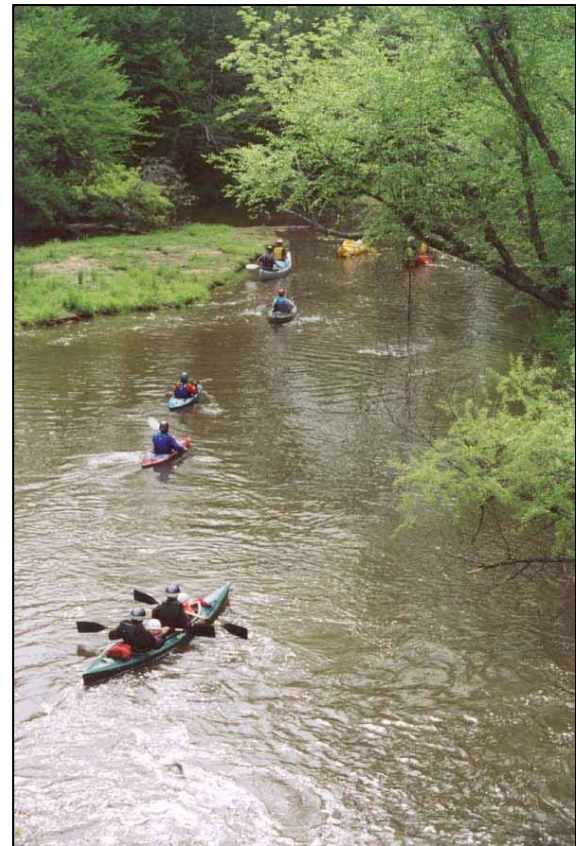
Estimated Start Date: July 2009  
 Est. Completion Date: June 2010

Project Category: Land Acquisition

Project Status: New Project Request  
 Project Number: TBD

### Project Description, Justification and Location

This project will provide for approximately three small parcels of land to be purchased along the Tyger River corridor for the purpose of providing access to the proposed trail system project. Although the individual parcels will vary in size, a combined twenty-five (25) acres will be purchased. Each parcel will likely range from seven (7) to nine (9) acres in size and will have both access to the trail system and have river frontage. These parcels will serve as parking areas, loading and unloading zones for the river, and resting areas for the trail, complete with benches and trash receptacles. Total cost for the project will be approximately \$631,181.



### Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees

The residents and area visitors will be able to enjoy the beauty of the Tyger River corridor. This project will provide ample parking space and resting areas for the trail system's users, helping to ensure full utilization of the trail by disabled and non-disabled individuals alike. These parcels will not only serve as access points to the trail but will also provide space for the addition of picnic shelters and restroom facilities through private sponsorship. This project, combined with the proposed County Wide Trail Development project will be an attraction that will draw tourists and visitors to Spartanburg County, and promote regional eco-tourism.

### Impact on Annual Operating Budget

Operational impact needs are covered under the County Wide Trail Development project's operational impact.

### Project Status (as of June 1, 2008)

New project request.

### Project Expenditures and Funding Sources

PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COMMITTED FUNDING	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2009-13 TOTAL
<b>Waterway Land Acquisition</b>								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	631,181	0	0	631,181	0	0	0	631,181
Construction/Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Materials/Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>631,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>631,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>631,181</b>
<u>Revenues</u>								
Hospitality Tax - COPs Issue	631,181	0	0	631,181	0	0	0	631,181
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>631,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>631,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>631,181</b>

# Pacolet River Regional Park Development

Requesting Department/Division: Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Project Manager/Contact: Jeff Caton/Stan Tillotson

Estimated Start Date: July 2009  
 Est. Completion Date: June 2014

Project Category: Land Acquisition & New Construction

Project Status: New Project Request  
 Project Number: TBD

## Project Description, Justification and Location

Provide funding for a Pacolet River Regional Park Development in the Cowpens/Clifton/Pacolet region. The desired property would ideally be located on the Pacolet River, or at least have partial river frontage, south of SC 29 and north of the Town of Pacolet. This area would serve the entire eastern area of the County. Land acquisition will occur in FY 2009/10, with planning and development in FY 2011/12 and construction of the project completed in FY 2013/14 (beyond the five-year Capital Improvement Plan). Planned improvements include construction of an on-site maintenance compound, construction of two (2) picnic shelters, construction of approximately four thousand (4,000) linear feet of eight (8) feet wide paved walking trail, a six (6) baseball field complex, associated parking, and concession/restroom facilities. Total project cost is estimated at \$4.72 million, with \$903,896 scheduled for funding in FY 2013/14 (beyond the five-year Capital Improvement Plan).



## Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees

This regional park site would benefit residents and visitors of Spartanburg County by providing additional athletic facilities for regional sporting events; and public green space, access to the Pacolet River, walking trails, and passive areas providing regional eco-tourism opportunities. It would also serve to help revitalize an area that has been largely absent of investment since the closing of the many mills located in this area.

## Impact on Annual Operating Budget

There would be no impact on the annual operating budget until completion of the project in FY 2013/14. During FY 2013/14, several pieces of capital equipment will need to be purchased including a truck, trailer, two mowers, and one utility vehicle. In FY 2013/14, two (2) turf grass technicians and one (1) park technician will be needed. Additional budgeted expenditures associated with upkeep of the park for supplies, utilities, minor capital equipment, etc. will be required.

## Project Status (as of June 1, 2008)

New project request.

### Project Expenditures and Funding Sources

PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COMMITTED FUNDING	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2009-13 TOTAL
<b>Pacolet River Regional Park Development</b>								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	542,784	0	0	0	0	542,784	0	542,784
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	946,772	0	0	946,772	0	0	0	946,772
Construction/Improvements	2,323,534	0	0	0	0	0	2,323,534	2,323,534
Capital Materials/Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,813,090</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>946,772</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>542,784</b>	<b>2,323,534</b>	<b>3,813,090</b>
<u>Revenues</u>								
Hospitality Tax - COPs Issue	3,813,090	0	0	946,772	0	542,784	2,323,534	3,813,090
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,813,090</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>946,772</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>542,784</b>	<b>2,323,534</b>	<b>3,813,090</b>

# Holston Creek Regional Park Development

Requesting Department/Division: Parks and Recreation Commission  
 Project Manager/Contact: Jeff Caton/Stan Tillotson

Estimated Start Date: July 2012  
 Est. Completion Date: June 2015

Project Category: New Construction

Project Status: New Project Request  
 Project Number: TBD

## Project Description, Justification and Location

Holston Creek Regional Park will be placed on a 152 acre parcel of land located on New Cut Road near the Inman community. This facility will serve the entire northern region of the County. The site will host a large indoor athletic facility, maintenance compound, and vast amounts of passive recreational areas. Funding will also provide for site preparation, lighting, fencing, parking, infrastructure, etc. The proposed indoor athletic facility will feature multiple amenities, including indoor basketball courts, indoor volleyball courts, indoor running area, racquetball courts, fitness area, locker rooms, fitness classes, meeting rooms, and much more. Only funding for planning (\$864,000) is requested in the FY 2009-13 CIP. Construction is not scheduled to begin until FY 2013/14, and will be completed in FY 2014/15 (beyond the five-year Capital Improvement Plan). The total project cost is estimated at \$13.33 million.



## Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees

The regional indoor athletic facility will provide a positive outlet for youth, adults, and senior adults. In addition to providing positive fitness outlets, this center will enable organized basketball and volleyball tournaments to be held. These tournaments will bring tourism dollars to the county and its businesses.

## Impact on Annual Operating Budget

There will not be any impact on the annual operating budget until completion of the indoor athletic facility in FY 13/2014. During late FY 2013/14, it will be necessary to hire four (4) site managers, one (1) athletic facility manager, one (1) turf grass technician, and one (1) park technician. Operational expenditures will total approximately \$120,000. Capital equipment including one 72" mower, one trailer, one utility vehicle, one trailer, one truck, and one pool car will need to be purchased.

## Project Status (as of June 1, 2008)

New project request.

### Project Expenditures and Funding Sources

PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COMMITTED FUNDING	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2009-13 TOTAL
<b>Holston Creek Regional Park Development</b>								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	864,000	0	0	0	0	0	864,000	864,000
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction/Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Materials/Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>864,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>864,000</b>	<b>864,000</b>
<u>Revenues</u>								
Hospitality Tax - COPs Issue	864,000	0	0	0	0	0	864,000	864,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>864,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>864,000</b>	<b>864,000</b>

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