

North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation



Recreational Trails Program Grant Pre-Application 2017

*Purpose: To evaluate trail project readiness for 2017 RTP Grant funding cycles
Any agency can submit one pre-application which is*

Due no later than Friday, February 12, 2016.

Pre-Applications received after this date (11:59 p.m.) will not be considered for final funding.

Please contact the [State Trails Program](#) if you have questions regarding this application.

If you have specific questions regarding RTP legislation, please reference the [FHWA - RTP website](#)

All answer boxes highlighted in RED are required before document can be submitted!

1. Sponsor Agency / Organization Name:

2. Sponsoring Agency Type:

3. Federal Tax ID Number: (9 digits; ##-#####)

ATTENTION: All contacts and correspondence in reference to this project will be sent to the Project Contact that is listed below.

4. Prefix: Contact First Name: Middle Initial:

Last Name: Suffix:

5. Contact Title:

6. Mailing Address:

City: State: ZIP:

7. Telephone: Extension:

8. E-mail Address:

9. Has your agency received any grants from NC DPR in the past?

PROJECT INFORMATION

10. Name of proposed Trail Project:

11. Anticipated amount of grant request: (Max = \$100,000 & Min = \$10,000)

12. Project classification (*applies to project deliverable(s) that will be paid for with RTP funding only*):

13. Will completion of your proposed RTP grant project require additional funding other than the RTP grant amount and the required 25% cash and/or in-kind match?

Yes No

14. Have you secured all funding and/or have commitment for your force account and in-kind match for your RTP project?

Yes No

15. Indicate if the trail project is designated as any of the following?

16. What type of connection does your trail project make to the surrounding trail/greenway network?

17. Recreational Trails Program category is: (User categories are applicable for Signs/Blazes and Tools/Equipment)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS

Question # 18 on the following page requires a project description that will determine the overall sustainability of your proposed trail project as compared to peer pre-applications.

The Division of Parks and Recreation, State Trails Program and the North Carolina Trails Committee feel that the definitions listed below best define each level of sustainability required to produce a quality trail project.

Sustainability is defined as: *a project that is economically feasible, environmentally appropriate, structurally sound, with demonstrated, quantifiable social and fiscal support from the sponsoring community, which ultimately provides the greatest return on the investment of public funds.*

It is highly recommended that you read these definitions carefully to ensure you have covered each level in your project description on page 3, question number 18.

Definitions for Components of Sustainability:

Physically Possible: Any potential use must be physically possible given the size, shape, topography, and other characteristics of the site.

Legally Permissible: Only those uses that are, or may be, legally allowed and fall within environmental regulation will be considered for trail projects.

Economically Feasible: the proposed trail project must have adequate funding sources to justify the costs of construction and long term maintenance.

Maximally Productive: the proposed trail project must indicate that all potential opportunities have been leveraged, that the proposed project does not duplicate other efforts of the same scale and location and shows a defined public need for use of public funds.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

18. In the space provided below, briefly describe your project. Be sure to include enough detail to convey your project to someone unfamiliar with your project and/or location such as length, width, connectivity, etc. Please define your project description in terms of the components of sustainability referenced above. This description will be used to determine your project's overall sustainability as compared to projects submitted by your peers.

Note: This statement should be suitable for public review, text provided in this box will be published internally and externally without editing by DPR or the State Trails Program. (Text is limited to space provided)

TRAIL PROJECT MAP - REQUIRED

Maps will be an important part of your pre-application. The following map will be required as part of your pre-application package.

Note: *The Division of Parks and Recreation, State Trails Program and the North Carolina Trails Committee value trail projects that are legal, safe, and managed, that provide connectivity, reasonable public access and parking. Trail projects that simply dead end or circle athletic fields will not rank highly for funding. Please don't hesitate to contact our staff if you have any questions.*

Please check this box indicating that you understand what maps are required for this pre-application and that you have included those with your pre-application documentation.

Overview Map:

It is required that all projects have a corresponding map that shows the entirety of the planned trail project. For large plans, include counties adjacent to your project area that have existing and planned segments clearly identified. We want to understand how the project you are applying for - fits into the greater trail/greenway plan.

Authorization

"I am authorized by the Project Sponsor to submit this application and understand that this application will be evaluated on the basis of the information submitted, and the submission of incorrect information can result in this application being withdrawn from consideration."

Typed Name (required):

Title:

Date:

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

E-mail submission of this application is required.

Please complete this **entire** pre-application.

Rename the file by selecting "**Save As**" and **include** your *Agency's Name* in the file name.
Submit your applications by e-mail, to dprstate.trails@ncparks.gov, as a separate **.pdf** document attachment.

Also, include the **REQUIRED** map as a separate **.pdf** document attached to your e-mail submission.
ALL submitted documents must be in **.pdf** file types.

**Please e-mail ALL RTP Grant Pre-Application information as .PDF files
by 11:59 PM on Friday, February 12, 2016 to:**

State Trails Program

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