

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Leon County Fred George Sink Wetland Restoration
2. Date of Submission: 11/13/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Loranne Ausley
Members Copied: Ramon Alexander

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
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? > 5 years
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
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 plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					500,000	500,000

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? Yes
 - 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.

Funds will be returned to the agency if there is a failure to meet deliverables or performance.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Andrew Johnson
- b. Organization: Leon County
- c. Email: JohnsonAn@LeonCountyfl.gov
- d. Phone #: (850)606-5383

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

- a. Name: Theresa Heiker
- b. Organization: Leon County Public Works
- c. Email: HeikerT@LeonCountyFl.gov
- d. Phone #: (850)606-1526

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

- a. Name: Jeffrey Sharkey
- b. Firm: Capital Alliance Group
- c. Email: jeffreysark@gmail.com
- d. Phone #: (850)224-1660

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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

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?

This request is for one-time construction funds to re-grade the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink, a karst feature located within the Ochlockonee River watershed and the Wakulla Springs basin area. The project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.

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	This request is for one-time construction funds to re-grade the existing topography of the Fred George Wetland and intercept debris at a major inflow point to Fred George Sink, a karst feature located within the Ochlockonee River	500,000

	watershed and the Wakulla Springs basin area.	
TOTAL		500,000

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?

N/A

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:

The project is part of the Fred George Sink Greenway Management Plan adopted by Leon County and the FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails.

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:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Upper Wakulla River and Wakulla Springs Basin Management Action Plan.

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

N/A

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 type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality	This project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.	Approximately 65 acres of the park wetland area will benefit from the grade restoration efforts and is expected to remove five tons of floatable debris entering the sink each year.
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		

<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management	This project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.	Approximately 65 acres of the park wetland area will benefit from the grade restoration efforts and is expected to remove five tons of floatable debris entering the sink each year.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality	This project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.	Approximately 65 acres of the park wetland area will benefit from the grade restoration efforts and is expected to remove five tons of floatable debris entering the sink each year.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality	This project will restore wildlife habitat, rehydrate wetlands, and improve discharge into the Floridian aquifer and will directly benefit the Wakulla Springs springshed.	Approximately 65 acres of the park wetland area will benefit from the grade restoration efforts and is expected to remove five tons of floatable debris entering the sink each year.
<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:	500,000	100.0%	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:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	500,000	100%	

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

No

21. What is the revenue source of ongoing operating funds?

Leon County Stormwater Utility Fund

22. Has local approval been given for ongoing operating funds?

Yes

23. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- a. Wastewater Revolving Loan
- b. Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- c. Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- d. Other (Please describe): Springs Restoration Grant
- e. N/A

24. Has project been addressed in a local, regional, or state plan?

Yes

24a. If Yes, insert plan name and cite page numbers.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Upper Wakulla River and Wakulla Springs Basin Management Action Plan-Section 5.11;
Fred George Basin Greenway Management Plan-Page 13

25. Is the project for a financially disadvantaged community? (as defined in Chapter 62-552, F.A.C.)

No

26. What is the population economic status?
- a. Financially Disadvantaged Municipality
 - b. Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern
 - c. Rural Community Experiencing Economic Distress
 - d. N/A
27. What is the status of planning?
- a. Ready
 - b. Not Ready
28. What percentage of the planning process has been completed?
- 100
29. What is the estimated planning completion date?
- 06/01/2015
30. What is the status of design?
- a. Ready
 - b. Not Ready
31. What percentage of design has been completed?
- 50
32. What is the estimated design completion date?
- 12/31/2019
33. List all required permits.
- EPA/FDEP NPDES; NFWFMD Environmental Resource Permit; USACOE Wetland Resource Permit; Leon County Environmental Management Permit
34. What is the status of permitting?
- a. Planned
 - b. Submitted
 - c. Received

35. What is the status of construction?

a. Ready

b. Not Ready

36. What percentage of construction has been completed?

0

37. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2019