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SCPRT Recommends 13 Trail Projects for Federal Grants

COLUMBIA – Thirteen projects totaling \$1,477,302 designed to help build or improve trails across South Carolina have been recommended for federal grants by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism (SCPRT).

The money would come from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a program of the Federal Highway Administration that helps pay for the construction of new trails, improvement of existing trails, the development and improvement of trailhead or trailside facilities, and the acquisition of corridors for public recreation. Grants are provided on an 80-20 reimbursable match.

Projects were recommended for Abbeville, Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Greenville, Laurens, Richland and York counties. Below is a chart listing the projects. All are subject to final approval from the Federal Highway Administration.

Projects were rated on how best they met criteria, goals and objectives of the South Carolina State Trails Plan and South Carolina Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and were evaluated in terms of their overall quality, need, public support, planning process, and the ability to maintain and operate the project after completion. Members of the South Carolina State Trails Advisory Committee also provided input in the selection process.

For more information about the RTP program, contact the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism at (803) 734-0130.

County	Agency	Project
Abbeville	USDA Forest Service – Sumter National Forest	Parson's Mountain and Cedar Springs OHV Trail Rehab
Beaufort	SCPRT State Park Service – Hunting Island State Park	Hunting Island Trail System
Beaufort	Town of Bluffton	New River Trail – Trailhead Development
Berkeley	USDA Forest Service – Francis Marion National Forest	Wambaw Cycle Trail Hardening
Charleston	Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission	Wannamaker Nature Trails
Chesterfield & Darlington	SC Forestry Commission & County of Chesterfield	Sand Hills State Forest OHV Trail System Construction
Dillon	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	Little Pee Dee Scenic River Trail
Greenville	Greenville County Recreation District	Swamp Rabbit Trail – Phase 1
Greenville	City of Greenville Parks & Recreation Department	Reedy River Trail – Greenville Tec South Section
Laurens	Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission	Lake Rabon Trails
Laurens	City of Laurens	Little River Trail Extension

County	Agency	Project
Richland	Columbia Parks & Recreation Department	Earlewood Park Trail
York	City of Rock Hill	Arcade Trail Project

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