

Georgia State Parks and Public Lands Grant Program

The State Parks and Public Lands Committee is pleased to offer small matching grants to any Club, Council, or District planning and carrying out a project in a State Park or Historical Site. The program is designed to promote interest and involvement in these areas within each District, bring a greater awareness of the needs of our Parks and Historical Sites, and encourage the application of good environmental practices. Eligible locations are the State Parks or Historical Sites listed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on their current web site.

Guidelines

Each District State Parks and Public Lands Chairman will be the point of contact for any group interested in a project in a State Park or at an eligible Historic Site. The group might be a single Club, a Council, or even an entire District. District Chairmen will assist any interested group in deciding on a project location. The project must be related to gardening, conservation, environment, or natural resources. The project must be planned in cooperation with a designated DNR official.

The group sponsoring the project will be responsible for obtaining local funding for a portion of the project costs. This funding can come from the group's resources, individual or corporate funding, contributions from another non-profit organization, or any other source of funding. In-kind contributions can be considered as matching funds; however, volunteer time spent on the project will not be counted toward this. Also, in-kind contributions from the State Park or Historical Site or the Department of Natural Resources will not be counted toward the local funding needed. The Garden Club of Georgia State Parks and Public Lands program will award matching grants to the locally obtained funding, up to a maximum of \$200 per grant. Funding obtained from other grants awarded by the Garden Club of Georgia, or any obtained from DNR or The Friends of Georgia State Parks will not be included as matching sources, but will be considered additional funds. Since funding is limited for these projects, the first applications received during the GCG fiscal year (May 1- April 30) will be awarded the funding, up to the maximum amount available. One project may be awarded to a Park or Historical Site in one fiscal year. GCG awarded projects will be forwarded to DNR for additional funds to a maximum of \$200 per project and to Friends of Georgia State Parks for a maximum of \$500 per project from their state organization and local affiliates.

Projects may be scheduled at any time appropriate to the project. In order to receive a Certificate of Appreciation, projects must be completed and the appropriate certificate of completion submitted to the State Chairman by March 1.

Submission

This application is to be submitted by mail or email to the State Parks and Public Lands Chairman:

Marilyn McDonnell
1311 York St.
Evans, GA 30809
mmcdonnell25@comcast.net
(706) 863-4992

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Application

Date Submitted _____

Club (if applicable) _____ Club # _____

Council _____

District _____

This application is for a (choose one) Club _____, Council _____, District _____ project.

Name of Presiding Officer of group _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Email _____

District Parks and Public Lands Chairman _____

Project Coordinator _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Email _____

Location of Project (Name of Park or Historic Site) _____

Project Site Contact Person _____

Title _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Email _____

DNR Coordinating Official _____

Type of Project: Gardening _____ Conservation _____ Natural Resources _____ Environmental _____

As representative of the group planning this project and applying for the matching funds grant, I attest that the group is currently in good standing with The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. We agree to use the funds for their stated purpose or agree to return said funds to GCG within 2 months of the anticipated completion of the project.

Signature _____ Date _____

Project Summary

Give a brief description of the project planned. Include anticipated dates for beginning and completion of project. Name any GCG awards for which you intend to apply.

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Proposed Project Financial Statement

Project Name _____

Project Coordinator _____

Local Funding Sources (include copies of checks or letter of intent) **Amount**

TOTAL	

Proposed Expenses (Itemize) **Amount**

TOTAL	

Amount requested from GCG State Parks and Public Lands Grant \$ _____
(\$200 maximum)

Signature
Title
Date

Note: The check from GCG will be made payable to the garden club/council/district making application and must be negotiated within 45 days.

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Completion Certification

The project utilizing GCG State Parks and Public Lands grant funding at

_____ Name of State Park or Historical Site

was completed on _____ for the current year (May 1-April 30).
Date

Signature of Project Site Contact _____

Signature of Project Coordinator _____

Please submit this form, along with photos of the project, to the State Chairman by March 1.

Check Here _____ if this will be an ongoing project (more than one year)

Check Here _____ if this is the second annual project completed by the same organizing group
(Garden Club/Council/District)

List GCG Awards for which you have applied or will apply for regarding this project:

Award #	Award Name
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List additional grants awarded in support of this project (GCG or other grant):

Grant Source (ex. GCG)	Name
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____