

OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

415 South Pine Street - Walhalla, SC



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Planning Commission agenda- 5:00 pm Monday, March 18th, 2020

Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (read by chairman if any have been submitted)
5. Commission member comment
6. Approval of minutes from 03/02/2020
7. County operations update
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Vote if required
8. Clarification of motions and motions to rescind
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Vote if required
9. Census 2020 update
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Discussion
10. Planning & Economic Development committee update – Corridors
 - a. Public Comment (3- minutes per person)
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Vote if required
11. Brass Town Falls upgrade
 - a. Public Comment (3- minutes per person)
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Vote if required
12. USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction
 - a. Public Comment (3- minutes per person)
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Vote if required
13. Recreational vehicle park discussion
 - a. Public Comment (3- minutes per person)
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Vote if required
14. Unfinished Business
14. New Business
15. Adjourn

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Minutes

5:00 pm- Monday, February 3, 2020

Council Chambers - Oconee County Administrative Complex

Members Present

Frankie Pearson

Mike Smith

Gwen McPhail

Alex Vassey

Mike Johnson

Stacy Lyles

Andy Gramling

Staff Present

Adam Chapman

Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

1. Call to Order – Ms. McPhail called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
2. Invocation by Ms. Lyles
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person) -
Mr. Jerry Barnett would like the County to leave the citizens alone. Stop the intrusion into our lives and work on the recycling/solid waste program.
Ms. Melinda Jenkins is a new permanent resident on Lake Keowee in the Craggmore subdivision. Ms. Jenkins is concerned about the commercial property on the corner of her development.
5. Planning Commission Comment -
Mr. Pearson - there were ample opportunities for the citizens to come out and voice their opinion about the Comprehensive Plan.
Mr. Gramling - Not many people show up to meetings, citizens need to show up and give their input.
6. Approval of minutes from 2/03/2020
Mr. Pearson made a motion to accept the minutes, and Mr. Smith seconded. Approved 7/0.
7. Solid Waste presentation – Swain Still – Mr. Still gave an extremely knowledgeable presentation and said that the Planning Commission needs to come up with a long term plan.

8. Census 2020 Update – Mr. Chapman update the Commission and asked the members to also post some information on their social media.
9. Corridors – Mr. Johnson said that Mr. Chapman is updating the Planning & Economic Development Committee on 3/3/20 and will find out who is taking the lead on this.
10. Discussion regarding performance standards for specific uses in the County –
Mr. Smith made a motion to go forward with this and set priorities and devise a letter for Council, seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 5/2. . Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Lyles voted against.
Mr. Pearson made a motion to rescind the motion, seconded by Mr. Gramling and approved 7/0
Mr. Vassey made a motion to prioritize with the RV Parks as the first priority, seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 7/0.
Mr. Johnson made a motion to set junkyards as the second priority, seconded by Mr. Pearson and approved 6/1. With Mrs. Lyles voting against
Mr. Pearson made a motion to make multifamily the third priority and commercial the fourth, seconded by Mr. Vassey and approved 7/0.
11. Life after lockup overview – Mike Smith – Mr. Smith spoke with Sherriff Crenshaw about the Life after **Lockup program. It's a great program with leads into the need for affordable housing.**
12. Unfinished Business – None
13. New Business – Mr. Chapman mentioned that the third reading of the Comprehensive Plan will be 3/3/2020. Planning Commission members who would like to speak should be there at 6pm.
14. Adjourn – The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6.36pm.

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County operations update

Impacts on home and property of the Tornado

92 Homes destroyed 66 Major damage
= estimated 5.8 million

486 Homes moderate to minor damage
= estimated 5.2 million

479 homes impacted by downed trees or
other damage to property not home.



PRESS RELEASE



May 6, 2020

CONTACT: DIRECTOR OF THE OCONEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Oconee County Public Library Reopening Plan

The Oconee County Public Library will phase in the opening of the libraries in various ways over the next two months. The library has established a plan based on the National and State benchmarks for reopening or moving to levels of increased service.

Beginning May 4, the book returns at all branches were reopened. Materials may be returned to any branch, but will be subject to a three-day quarantine, so items **that are returned may still appear on a patron's record for a few days. No fines will be assessed during this period.**

Beginning May 14, the library will begin calling users who had items on hold when the libraries closed to the public on March 17. The calls will be to arrange a pickup time and place, which will begin on Monday, May 18. No other holds may be placed yet.

Beginning on Thursday, May 21, users may begin placing holds through the library catalog online, or by calling their local branch. Holds will be limited to fifteen (15) items on a card at any time. The library will call users to schedule pickups on those items starting on Tuesday, May 26. Curbside pickup will be arranged in such a way that items will be left at certain time on tables near the entrance(s) of the branch(es). Upon request, items can be placed in your trunk or back seat. The library will only be loaning books, DVDs, and audiobooks during this period. Launchpads, Literacy Kits, telescopes, and so on will not be available for holds.

Once the library starts curbside service, items being brought back will still need to be returned to the book returns. For safety reasons, staff will not be able to take items directly from users.

A date has not yet been determined for the library to open for in-person visits, but the library will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so. Library hours will be limited, and certain areas of the library will not be open. Once it has been deemed safe, more areas will be opened and more services will be reestablished.

Any questions related to Oconee County Public Library may be directed to (864) 638-4133.

For more information, please visit the official COVID-19 information center for your Oconee County, SC Government at oconeesc.com/covid19.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) was first identified in Wuhan, China. Over the past few weeks, the disease has rapidly spread in multiple countries, including the United States. The virus mainly spreads from person-to-person through direct contact or respiratory droplets. Symptoms of the virus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Oconee PRT Park opening plan-Covid-19

Please use these guidelines in your efforts to provide safe working spaces for our employees, and safe spaces for our visitors to gain entry back into the parks. As we open under circumstances we have never experienced, it is impossible to predict the challenges and issues we will face. This approach is a crawl-walk-run methodology to transition back to full operations. Each park will follow the dates listed below, however each park superintendent is empowered to take these guidelines and improve them for their specific park situation. These dates are subject to change if local or state orders are presented.

- April 21- All public boat landings open except High Falls County Park.
- May 15- Open day use areas and High Falls boat ramp with limited hours and 50% capacity. Restrooms will open and be sanitized multiple times daily closing temporarily until dry from sanitizer. Retail and park offices will remain closed. Campgrounds will remain closed.
- May 22 Playgrounds will open. They will be sanitized multiple times daily and be closed until dry from sanitizer. Retail spaces will open with limited capacity and social distance spacing around the counter/register area.
- June 1- Increase day use capacity to 75% with regular hours; Open campgrounds to existing reservations, No additional reservations accepted until June 15. Building/shelters remain closed.
- June 15- Increase to full capacity still operating under limited space restrictions and social distancing rules. Building and shelter reservations will resume with users abiding by social distancing measures as much as possible.

Limited Hours- will be 7am-8pm May 15-May 31. High Falls should make sure boaters know gate closure time.

Day Use Percentages- phased opening will be a percentage of your marked vehicle spots for day use parking (see below). Day use percentages do not apply to boats/trailer parking.

Annual passes-If anyone enters with an expired annual pass from March or April, please allow entry as we will extend all passes through June 30

Chau Ram vehicle capacity-60

High Falls vehicle capacity not including boat/trailer parking- 100

South Cove vehicle capacity not including boat/trailer parking-100

Staff Guidelines

Due to COVID-19 these recommended procedures will ensure staff safety and visitor safety while greeting visitors and reopening our park system.

First, if you are sick, feel ill or have a fever, do not come to work; please stay home. If while at work, you begin to feel ill, please notify a supervisor and leave your station as soon as possible. Sick employees should follow [CDC recommendations](#). Employees should not return to work until the criteria to discontinue home isolation are met, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments. Employees who are well but who have a sick family member at home with COVID-19 should notify their supervisor and follow [CDC recommended precautions](#).

Personal Protective Equipment

- Staff will be required to wear appropriate disposable gloves and facemask at all times while cleaning restrooms and in contact with visitors.

Cleaning Procedures

Safety is the priority. Protecting yourself and co-workers requires all of us to practice basic infection prevention measures. All staff should be practicing good hygiene and infection control practices, to including the following:

- Frequently and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, if soap and running water are not immediately available, use alcohol-based hand rub containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Encourage respiratory etiquette (facemasks provided or you can make your own). Please remember to cover coughs and sneezes with tissue and or sleeve.
- Keep appropriate social distancing among employees and between employees and visitors. Physical barriers should be made for customer interaction points and these should be maintained while facilities are in operation.
- **Where possible, do not use other workers' phones, computers/key boards, desks, office equipment, or other work tools and equipment.** If this is not possible, regular cleaning will be necessary. Use approved germ-killing disinfectants provided by the park.
- Maintain regular housekeeping practices, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of all equipment surfaces. It is critical that regular cleaning takes place.

Handling Customer Interaction

- Gloves should be replaced if they are damaged or soiled. Gloved hands should still be cleaned periodically while handling currency/credit cards with soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- For all transactions, staff should request that the customer place currency or card in a plastic container and then the employee will take out card and or currency to avoid direct contact. Same steps should be taken when returning the card or currency change and presenting the receipt.
- Ink pens used for signing credit card slips should be sanitized between uses.
- Plastic container used for transactions should also be sanitized between transactions, simply wipe container down with a disinfectant.
- All surfaces on counters, cash registers and credit card swipes should be wiped down periodically with a disinfectant.
- Where possible, a stationary shield should and/or adequate space should be in place between the register and the customer, preventing direct face-to-face exposure.

Other reminders for staff:

- Limit close contact with other staff by maintaining a distance of at least 6 feet, when possible.
- Minimize handling cash, credit cards, and mobile devices, where possible.
- Practice routine cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces, following the **directions on the cleaning product's label.**
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol can be used, but not as a substitute for cleaning hands with soap and water.
- Key times to clean hands, in general, include:
 - Before, during, and after handling any merchandise
 - Before eating food
 - After using the toilet
 - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Additional times to clean hands on the job include:
 - Before and after work shifts
 - Before and after work breaks
 - After touching frequently touched surfaces
 - After interacting with a customer who is visibly ill
 - After putting on, touching, or removing cloth face coverings
 - After touching objects that have been handled by customers
 - After touching dirty surfaces like floors, walls, counters, etc.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Restroom/Comfort Station Cleaning

General restroom/comfort station cleaning procedures and protocols should be followed, however, due to COVID-19 we need to update these procedures to ensure staff safety, visitor safety and overall facility cleanliness. Restrooms should be cleaned at least once daily, more depending on use and need.

In this document the terms Cleaning and Disinfecting are referenced:

- *Cleaning* refers to the removal of dirt and impurities, including germs, from surfaces. Cleaning alone does not kill germs. But by removing the germs, it decreases their number and therefore any risk of spreading infection.
- *Disinfecting* works by using chemicals, for example EPA-registered disinfectants, to kill germs on surfaces. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs. But killing germs remaining on a surface after cleaning further reduces any risk of spreading infection.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Staff will be required to wear appropriate gloves and facemask at all times during any and all stages of cleaning procedures.

Cleaning Procedures

- All High Touch surfaces to include door handles, partition walls, partition locks, soap dispensers, light switches, mirrors, etc. are to be sprayed or wiped with disinfecting cleaner (sanitizer). South Cove has plenty of sanitizer if you need some.
- Sinks and counter tops should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Faucets should be cleaned thoroughly to include between the water control handles and the spout, the back of the faucet control, and the space between the water control handles and the base. Mirrors should be cleaned thoroughly using the appropriate cleaner. Once clean, all areas should be sanitized.
- All surfaces should be dried to remove any standing water and residue of cleaning agents.
- Soap must be available for guests to wash their hands. Check all dispensers (paper towel, soap, etc.) and insure that they are properly filled.
- Tubs, shower areas, and related fixtures should be free of debris (i.e. hair, soap **pieces'** cigarette butts, etc.), soap scum, and mildew. If needed spray shower walls with mildew remover and allow to set while attending to other cleaning duties. After removing mildew, rinse the area thoroughly to assure that all chemicals have been removed from all surfaces. All surfaces should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Shower curtains should be plastic, not cloth and cleaned of all soap scum and mildew using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. Once clean, must be sanitized.

- Toilets (Commodes) should also be cleaned thoroughly inside and out. The exterior surfaces include the tank, top of the bowl, top and underside of the seat, sides of the bowl, and the base of the bowl. These surfaces may be cleaned with abrasive cleansers or other approved cleaning agents prior to disinfection. The interior of the bowl to include the underside of the lip and trap may be cleaned with the same cleansers as the outside. Always flush the toilet after cleaning. Rinse and dry all surfaces thoroughly. Clean sanitary napkin dispensers where provided.
- Vault toilets and restroom facilities without running water are cleaned less frequently. Encourage visitors to bring their own hand sanitizer for use in these facilities.
- Urinals must be thoroughly cleaned inside and out. The exterior surfaces to include the top, sides, and underside of bowl should be cleaned with an approved cleaning agent such as abrasive cleaner. The interior surfaces to be cleaned include under the rim and the trap. These surfaces may be cleaned with the same cleansers as the exterior. If a urinal screen is used, remove it and thoroughly clean the trap and screen. Rinse and dry all surfaces thoroughly. Clean the walls and partitions around the unit using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Floors must be swept and mopped with an approved disinfecting solution
- Signage **stating maximum occupancy should be placed in a visible location on the building's** exterior. Clipboards with a spreadsheet stating the date/time/initials of employee (similar to information provided at restaurant restrooms) should be visible in restrooms as an added reassurance to visitors and a visual confirmation for quality control.

Letter to Reservation Holders

Anyone with a camping reservation for the month of June 2020 will receive the following letter via e-mail.

We are happy to announce that Oconee County campgrounds including Chau Ram Park, High Falls Park and South Cove Park will be open for your reservation; however, operations will be slightly different.

We would like to share some important information prior to your visit. Our visitor centers and retail areas will limit the number of people allowed inside each facility. If you have a balance to pay on your reservation, we recommend that you contact the call center at 1-855-622-6727 to pay it prior to your arrival. During your visit, please be sure to practice social distancing with employees and other visitors by keeping at least 6 feet of separation. At this time, we are not offering any park programs and some playground areas may be closed if social distancing rules not followed.

Our Park Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized by CDC standards. Restrooms may close temporarily after each sanitizer application to allow for drying. Please bring any additional disinfectants or sanitizers you may need for your stay. We also will not be permitting any large gatherings on campsites or any other park facilities. During this time, parks will be operating at lower capacities and gates may be closed once those capacities are reached. If gates are closed due to capacity, reservation holders will be allowed to enter the park, however other visitors and guests will not be allowed to enter if the park has reached capacity.

Please know that we are taking these precautions to keep visitors and employees as safe as possible while still providing recreational opportunities.

If you have any questions or concerns in regards to your upcoming reservations, please call our Call Center (1-855-622-6727).

Although operations will be a little different, we look forward to your visit and welcoming visitors back into the parks.

Clarification of motions and motions to rescind

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Only a person voting in the affirmative may make a motion to rescind or reconsider.

One member who voted in the affirmative needs to make a motion to rescind the previous voted-on motion, it needs to be seconded by a member who voted in the affirmative and then voted on .

Census 2020 update

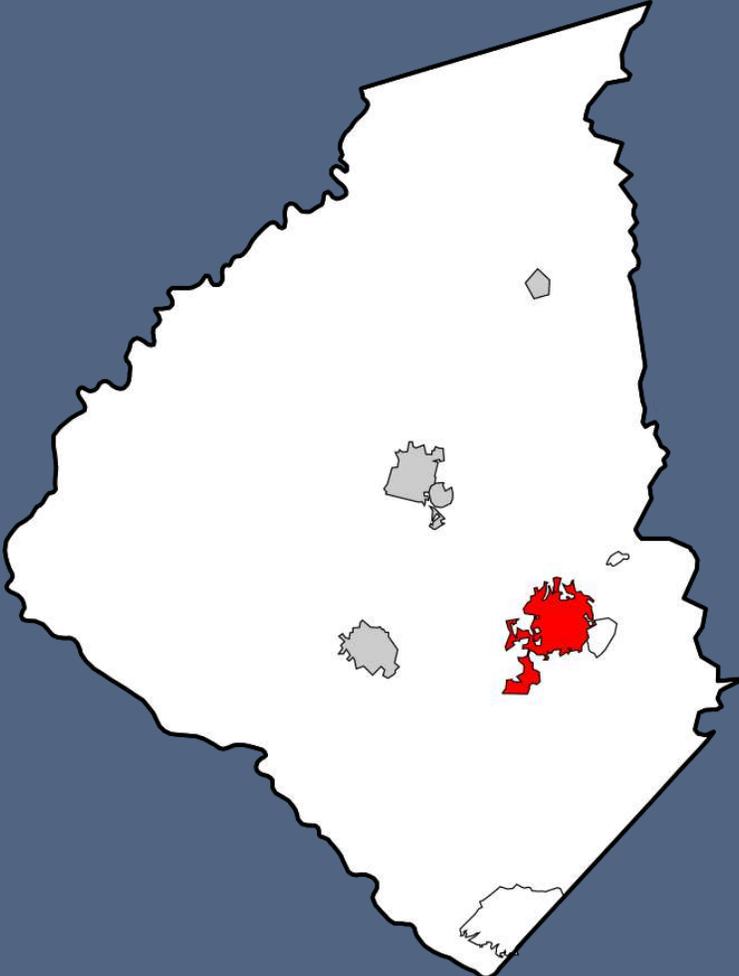
Planning & Economic Development committee update – Corridors



Corridor Planning

Corridors

- 11
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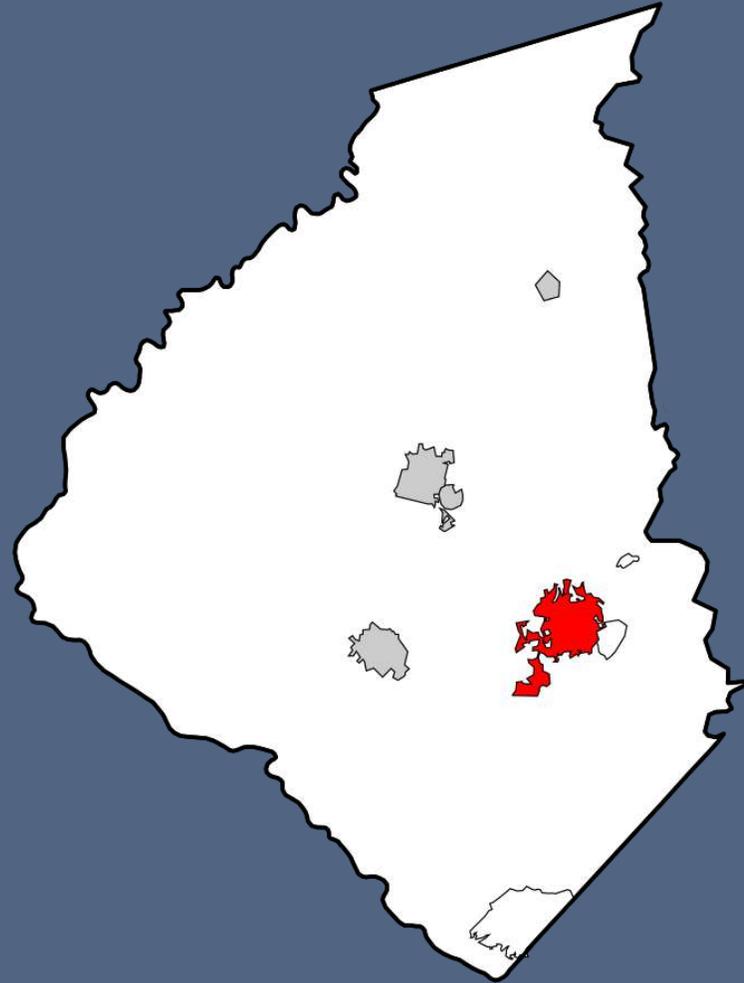
Parameters

Traffic & Safety

On-site signage

Building design

Frontage landscaping



Applicable to all the following:

- All recommendations are “proposed”
- Within “Oconee County” means within the jurisdiction of Oconee County and not the municipalities or Federally owned lands which may have their own governance.



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REALIZING THE
FUTURE OF
OCONEE COUNTY

In General
Require
Traffic & Safety
Signage

Incentivize
Building design
Landscaping

Applicable to
Non-residential
Mixed-use
Multi-family

11

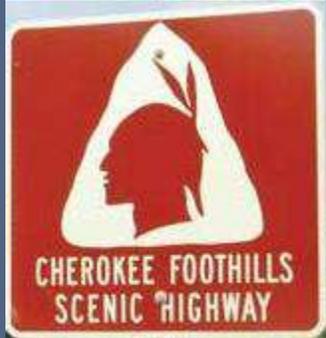
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Exempt
Farms



“The Department of Transportation is responsible for ensuring that off-premise outdoor advertising signs and junkyards are not permitted on state scenic byways. Any other legal protections against scenic impediments are the responsibility of local government.”

SCDOT Scenic Highway Commission

https://www.scdot.org/getting/scenic_byways/committee.aspx

Signage scope
Entire Route in Oconee
County

Requirements
Destination Oconee Scenic
Byway ordinance

Traffic & Safety scope
Entire Route in Oconee
County

Requirements

- Traffic-impact study
- Connected parking lots
- **New traffic lights be “mast & boom”.**
- Sidewalk connectivity

Design & Landscaping scope
South – Terminal End to Rock
Creek Road
North- Terminal end to
Jocasse Lake Road



Signage scope
Entire Route in Oconee
County

Requirements
Destination Oconee Sign
Ordinance

Traffic & Safety scope
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Design & Landscaping scope
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Signage scope
State line to Damascus
Church Road

Requirements
Destination Oconee Sign
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Traffic & Safety scope
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Design & Landscaping scope
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County



Signage scope

Highway 11 intersection to the 123 intersection

Requirements

Destination Oconee Sign Ordinance

Traffic & Safety scope

Highway 11 intersection to the 123 intersection

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Design & Landscaping scope

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A word on *Design*



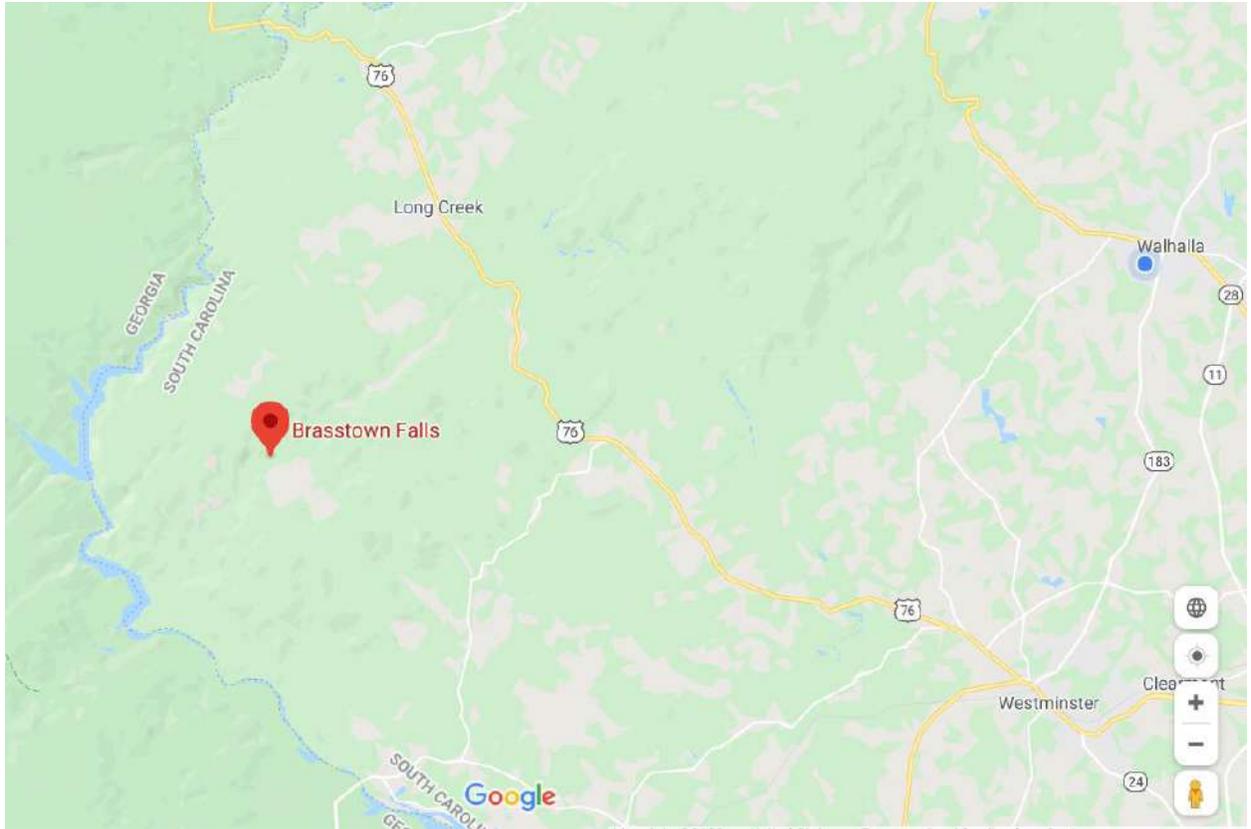
Another word on *Design*
“Franchise Architecture”





Questions?

Brass Town Falls upgrade





File Code: 2300
Date: May 6, 2020

Dear Interested Public,

Pursuant to provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), I invite you to comment on the following proposal to help refine the proposed activities disclosed in this letter. The Andrew Pickens Ranger District on the Sumter National Forest in Oconee County, South Carolina is proposing to construct a sustainable hiking trail to Brasstown Falls and to address dispersed camping in the vicinity of the trail.

Purpose and Need

Brasstown Falls is a popular hiking destination that leads to a series of three separate waterfalls on Brasstown Creek which draws daily visitors to the area. The current trail at Brasstown Falls is an unsustainable, user-made trail that is dangerous for users because of exposed tree roots, steep slopes, and slippery rocks. Heavy use on this steep trail has exacerbated erosion. There are also several user-made campsites along Brasstown Creek in this area that are eroded down to mineral soil and have been expanded considerably over the years by people cutting trees at the sites. The sites are immediately adjacent to the existing trail, and when occupied, other users such as hikers and fisherman are discouraged from using the trail to access the creek and the falls. There is also a safety concern with people camping here because of the proximity to the creek and the potential for flooding.

Access to the Brasstown Falls area is desirable by the public and a sustainable trail is needed to protect the riparian zone of Brasstown Creek and to provide for recreational enjoyment and public safety. Addressing the situation with the existing user-created Brasstown Falls trail and adjacent camp sites would contribute to meeting standards, goals, and desired conditions outlined in the Sumter National Forest Land Management Plan (LMP). Specifically:

- Brasstown Creek has been identified as eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System. LMP Goal 29 states that “eligible rivers will be managed to protect free-flow, protect, and to the extent possible, enhance outstandingly remarkable values, and maintain the identified wild, scenic, or recreational classification.”
- The project would address compliance of the existing camp sites with forest-wide standard 81 of the LMP, which requires that dispersed camping occurs at least 50 feet from lakes and streams to protect riparian areas, 50 feet from trails, and 1/4 mile from a road on the Andrews Pickens district.
- The project would move the area toward meeting the desired condition for riparian corridors that “current recreation areas and facilities are maintained or upgraded to minimize impacts on stream banks, shorelines, and water quality.”
- In addition to addressing concerns for impacts to resources, constructing a safe, sustainable trail at Brasstown Falls addresses LMP Goal 23 to enhance hiking systems in non-motorized settings with high quality landscapes.

Proposed Action



The proposed project would comprise approximately 11.5 acres in the Brasstown Falls area and consist of the following actions (see attached map):

- Construct a new sustainable trail to access Brasstown Falls that would be approximately 0.5 mile long and provide a safe recreational experience.
 - The first section of the new trail would be fully accessible with a bridge over Brasstown Creek to view the upper falls.
 - The remainder of the trail would follow a safe, sustainable path away from the edge of the falls and would have viewing platforms for users to observe the falls.
 - A rigorous trail beyond the last viewing platform would still provide access to the bottom of the falls.
- The existing user-made trail would be rehabilitated, which may include scarifying, seeding, mulching, and blocking off the trail as needed.
- The user-made dispersed campsites along Brasstown Creek will also be rehabilitated and may include similar restorative actions to the trail.
- The existing parking area accommodates approximately 12 cars. It would be expanded to accommodate approximately 18 cars and the boulders delineating the parking area would be partially buried to provide a more natural appearance, allow natural vegetation growth, and to discourage graffiti and vandalism.
- The area would be managed as a day use area in compliance with the LMP.

Environmental Analysis

In accordance with Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and Forest Service regulations, it appears that this project may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. The applicable category is 36 CFR 220.6(e)(1): Construction and reconstruction of trails.

How to Comment

The Responsible Official for this project is the Andrew Pickens District Ranger. Comments may be mailed electronically, in a common digital format, to: SM.FS.r8fmsapcom@usda.gov; by regular mail to: Robert Sitzlar, District Ranger, Andrew Pickens Ranger District, Sumter National Forest, 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mt. Rest, SC 29664; or faxed to 864-638-4490.

Comments should be received within 30 days of the date of this letter. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to ensure they are received in a timely manner. Specific written comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. Please identify the project on which comments are being submitted: "Brasstown Falls Trail Construction and Dispersed Camping Management"

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the public record on these proposed actions and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Forest Service with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent information about the project.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Amanda Gee Walrod, Recreation

Program Manager, Andrew Pickens Ranger District, 112 Andrew Pickens Circle, Mt. Rest, SC
29664 or 864-638-4463.

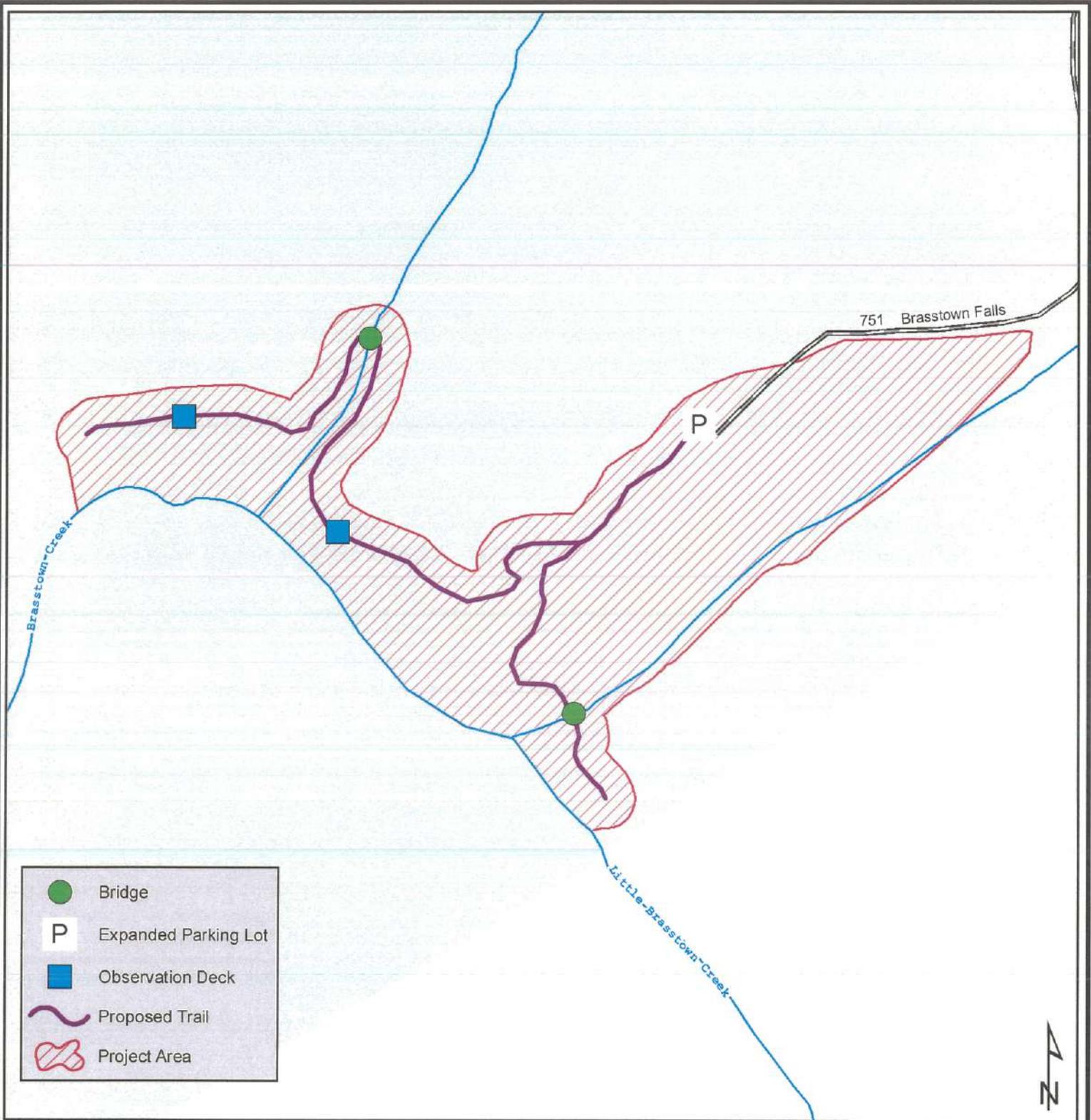
Sincerely,



ROBERT SITZLAR
District Ranger

1 MAP

cc: Amanda Walrod, Patrick Yamnik



Brasstown Falls Trail Project

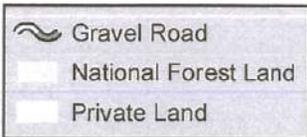
Scoping Map

Sumter National Forest
Andrew Pickens Ranger District

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 17N

Data Source: USFS, USGS, Esri

Disclaimer: The USDA Forest Service makes no warranty, expressed or implied, regarding the data displayed on the map, and reserves the right to correct, update, modify, or replace this information without notification.



USDA Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction

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Receive Updates



USDA Announces Cooperative Agreements for Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction

USDA Farm Service Agency sent this bulletin at 05/12/2020 02:21 PM EDT

May 2020



Farm Service Agency **Electronic News Service**

BULLETIN

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USDA Announces Cooperative Agreements for Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced the availability of \$900,000 for local governments to host a Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (CCFWR) pilot project for fiscal year (FY) 2020. The cooperative agreements will support projects that develop and test strategies for planning and implementing municipal compost plans and food waste reduction plans. The agreements are offered through USDA's Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production.

USDA will accept applications on [Grants.gov](https://www.usda.gov/grants) until midnight June 26, 2020. Projects should span two years with a start date of October 1, 2020 and completion date of September 29, 2022.

Cooperative agreements support projects led by local governments that: 1) generate compost; 2) increase access to compost for agricultural producers; 3) reduce reliance on, and limit the use of, fertilizer; 4) improve soil quality; 5) encourage waste management and permaculture business

development; 6) increase rainwater absorption; 7) reduce municipal food waste; and 8) divert food waste from landfills. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service will provide assistance for conservation related activities.

Priority will be given to projects that anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits; incorporate plans to make compost easily accessible to farmers, including community gardeners; integrate other food waste strategies, including food recovery efforts; and collaborate with multiple partners.

A webinar, which will be held on June 4, 2020, from 2 to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, will provide an overview of the cooperative agreements' purpose, project types, eligibility and basic requirements for submitting an application. Information on [how to register and participate in the webinar](#), or listen to the recording, will be posted at farmers.gov/urban.

More Information

Comments can be sent to UrbanAgriculture@usda.gov within 90 days, with the subject line "Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Project."

Questions about this cooperative agreement opportunity can be sent to UrbanAgriculture@usda.gov

The Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production was established through the 2018 Farm Bill. It includes representatives from many USDA agencies, including Farm Service Agency and Agricultural Marketing Service, and is led by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Its mission is to encourage and promote urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural practices, including community composting and food waste reduction. More information is available at farmers.gov/urban.

Additional resources that may be of interest to urban agriculture entities include [AMS grants](#) to improve domestic and international opportunities for U.S. growers and producers and [FSA loans](#).

Questions?

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Recreational vehicle park discussion

Recreational Vehicle Parks: Recommended scope

- Intent
- Define “RV Park”
- Garbage & Recycling facilities
- Wastewater
- Utilities
- Setbacks
- “Ready for travel”
- Parking/Maneuverability
- Access
- “Park models”
- Review process

Are these items the details the Planning Commission wants staff to draft an ordinance for