

Outdoor Adventure Center

Requesting Department/Division: Spartanburg Parks Commission
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Estimated Start Date: July 2010
Est. Completion Date: June 2013

Project Category: Property Acquisition & Construction

Project Status: New Project Request
Project Number: TBD

Project Description, Justification and Location

This project provides funding for the development of an Outdoor Adventure Center, a unique facility that will be a draw to tourists throughout the region, and provide the citizens of Spartanburg County a world-class facility designed to take advantage of the natural resources of Spartanburg County. The scope and location of the project and will be determined based on the availability of a suitable parcel of land with river access. Components may include an outdoor center office complete with classroom space and ample storage areas, a climbing wall, a high and low ropes course, a zip-line, a canoe and kayak launch, outdoor classroom areas and picnic shelters, a comprehensive series of interpretive and multi-use trails, and all appropriate site infrastructure. Construction of all facilities will be “green” construction, and a significant outdoor education component will be incorporated into the adventure center.

Benefits to Residents, Visitors, Businesses, or County Employees

The Outdoor Adventure Center will be a one-of-a-kind facility in the region, taking advantage of multiple outdoor recreation opportunities, consistent with a major theme of the Spartanburg Parks Commission. The center will attract tourists from throughout the region, with opportunities for multi-day stays which will benefit the local Spartanburg County economy. Day trips from schools and other large groups will also provide local businesses the opportunity to benefit from the facility. The center will also be a venue to host large scale special events.

Impact on Annual Operating Budget

Additional operating impact will not be known until the scope of work is finalized. Selection of different components of the Outdoor Adventure Center will require different staffing needs. The additional operating impact is expected to be offset significantly by user fees, and supplemented with Hospitality Tax proceeds and Parks Commission general operating revenues.

Project Status (as of February 1, 2010)

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Project Expenditures and Funding Sources

PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COMMITTED FUNDING	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15	FY 2011-15 Totals
Outdoor Adventure Center								
<u>Expenditures</u>								
Planning/Design/Engineering	300,000	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	300,000
Land Acquisition/Right-of-Way	900,000	0	900,000	0	0	0	0	900,000
Construction/Improvements	2,282,000	0	0	2,282,000	0	0	0	2,282,000
Capital Materials/Equipment	643,000	0	0	643,000	0	0	0	643,000
Technology Expenditures	25,000	0	0	25,000	0	0	0	25,000
Other	50,000	0	0	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
Total Expenditures	4,200,000	0	1,200,000	3,000,000	0	0	0	4,200,000
<u>Revenues</u>								
Hospitality Tax	4,200,000	0	1,200,000	3,000,000	0	0	0	4,200,000
Total Revenues	4,200,000	0	1,200,000	3,000,000	0	0	0	4,200,000