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Diamondhead, MS 39525

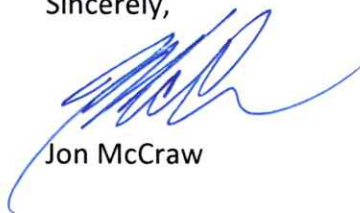
Dear City Council,

I am writing to request your approval to submit an amended application for the FY27 Tidelands Funds, Project #FY27-P510-10. The amendment requested is to reallocate all funds to engineering and design. The matching RESTORE funds will be used for the construction cost of this project.

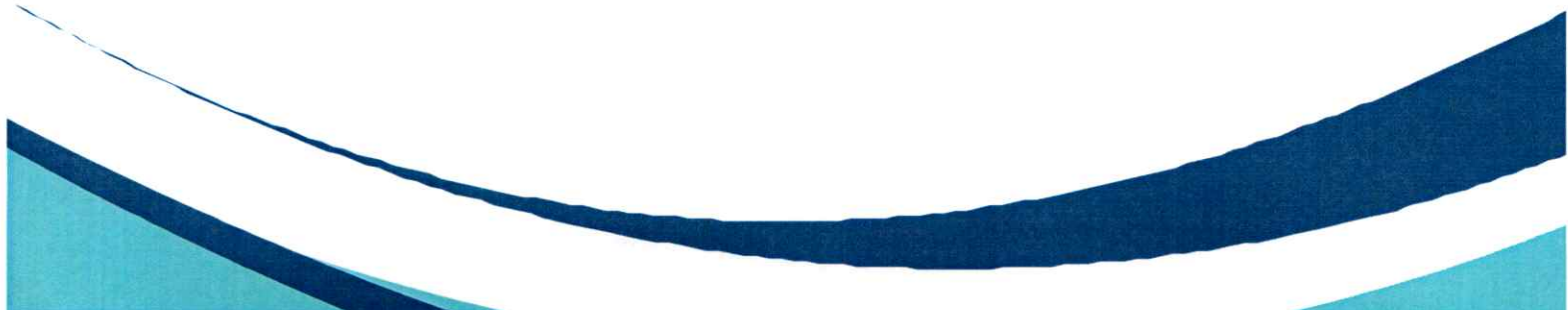
No purchase orders or work assignments will be issued until all grant agreements have been received by the city and approved by the council.

Your approval will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jon McCraw', is written over the printed name.

Jon McCraw





MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM

Amended Application for FY27

Project Number: FY27-P510-10

PROJECT SUMMARY

1. Title of Project: *red outlines indicate required fields*

Rotten Bayou Nature Trail

2. Location of Project:

Diamondhead, MS

Lat: 30.380459, Long: -89.384443

3. Requesting Agency:

City of Diamondhead

4. Requesting Agency Representative:

a. Name: Jon McCraw

b. Phone: 228-222-4626

c. Fax:

d. Address: 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525

e. Email: jmccraw@diamondhead.ms.gov

6. Funding Requested:

\$ 500,000.00

7. Matching Funds:

\$ 3,786,200.00

8. Source of Matching Funds:

RESTORE

9. Total Project Funds:

\$ 4,286,200.00

5. Project Manager:

a. Name: Jason Chiniche

b. Phone: 228-467-6755

c. Fax:

d. Address: 407 Hwy 90 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

e. Email: jason@chiniche.com



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10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

The City of Diamondhead is proposing a nature trail that will stretch approximately 2.6 miles, linking Montjoy Creek Natural Trail to Noma Drive Boat Launch, to Noma Drive multi-modal path. the trail will be tailored to walkers, hikers, fishermen, bird watchers, and other nature enthusiast withing the community. It will feature access points to waterways and low lying regions, incorporating pedestrian bridges, boardwalks, natural elements, and viewing platform/rest area equipped with benches.

11. LIST Project Goals/Objectives:

- Enhance public access to recreational activities
- Promote outdoor activities for families and visitors
- Develop ecotourism

12. LIST Project Benefits:

- Connects to popular recreational areas, creating a continuous natural corridor
- Supports communities and businesses through ecotourism
- Supports local habitat in the area



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13. LIST Project Tasks:

1. Preliminary Design
2. Design and Engineering
3. Permitting
4. Construction
5. Closeout

14. Project Timetable/Milestones:

1. Preliminary Design - 1 month
2. Design and Engineering - 3 months
3. Permitting - 9 months
4. Construction - 6 months
5. Closeout - 1 month

15. If this project has been funded previously through Tidelands Trust Fund indicate which fiscal years: *(type N/A if not applicable)*

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16. Project Timing:



Short-term (3 years or less)



Deferred/long-term (3 – 5 years)



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17. Is this a Multi-Phase Project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

18. Is any part of this project located on private property? ☐ Yes ☒ No

19. Is there an existing lease between the requesting agency and property owner? ☐ Yes ☒ No

20. If required, are the plans approved by the DMR Permitting Office? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21. Will this project enhance an existing water-dependent activity? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Identify the activity:

Ecotourism, Fishing, and Bird Watching

22. Does this project coordinate with other existing or planned projects? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Identify the project(s):

Montjoy Creek Nature Trail and Noma Drive Boat Launch Waterfront Improvements

23. Will this project involve impacting, filling, or dredging coastal wetlands? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what acreage: 1 acre

24. Identify the constituency or interest group(s) which this project will serve:

Local residents, tourists, nature enthusiasts, bird watchers, hikers, and ecotourists.

25. Identify the service that this project will provide to the group(s) identified in 24:

The nature trail will provide public access to the above groups.



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26. Project Category:

(more than one may apply)

- ☒ Conservation
- ☐ Reclamation
- ☐ Preservation
- ☐ Acquisition
- ☒ Education
- ☒ Public Access
- ☒ Public Improvement
- ☐ Other (Identify)

**27. Current status of architectural/
engineering plans & specifications
for this project (if applicable):
(check one from each group)**

- Group 1:
- ☐ Completed
 - ☒ In Progress
 - ☐ Ready to Bid
 - ☐ Other (identify)

- Group 2:
- ☐ Paid for
 - ☒ Funds budgeted
 - ☐ Funds not budgeted

28. Categorize the benefits from 12:

- ☒ Environmental
- ☒ Economic
- ☒ Safety
- ☒ Public
- ☐ Other (identify)

**29. Have other State or Federal funding
sources been identified for the project?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If yes, identify:

30. In what way does this project meet the goals and objectives of the Department of Marine Resources and the Secretary of State's Office, which include enhancing, protecting, conserving and providing public access to tidelands affected areas?

The project meets the goals and objectives of the DMR and SOS by enhancing, protecting, and providing public access to tidelands affected areas for local residents, tourists, and nature enthusiasts.



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31. Summarize, in paragraph form, your Tidelands Application below. Give additional detail from TTF-1 Section 7 and include how the project will meet the requirements of the Public Trust Tidelands Act and the potential benefits that would be derived from receipt of Tidelands Trust Funds.

The City of Diamondhead is proposing a nature trail that will stretch approximately 2.6 miles, linking Montjoy Creek Natural Trail to Noma Drive Boat Launch, to Noma Drive multi-modal path. The trail will be tailored to walkers, hikers, fishermen, bird watchers, and other nature enthusiasts within the community. It will feature access points to waterways and low lying regions, incorporating pedestrian bridges, boardwalks, natural elements, and viewing platform/rest area equipped with benches.

The project aims to enable both local residents and visitors to partake in outdoor activities without disrupting the environment. Additionally, it will link three current outdoor public spaces, enhancing the overall appeal of the area for visitors.



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32. Estimated number of years to completion: 1

33. Estimated Completion Date: 2028

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

1

35. SIGNATURES

Project Manager:

Jaron Chincho, P.E.
Signature

9/1/2026

Date

Requesting Agency Representative:

[Signature]
Signature

9/3/26

Date

36. Attach project schematics or drawings as appropriate



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BUDGET

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Salaries, wages, Fringe						\$ 0.00
Travel						\$ 0.00
Architecture & Engineering	500000					\$ 500,000.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction	3786200					\$ 3,786,200.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment						\$ 0.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 4,286,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,286,200.00

Funding Sources	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
Tidelands Funding Reallocated (Project #: _____, Year _____)						\$ 0.00
Tidelands Funding Awarded	500000					\$ 500,000.00
Federal Grants Funding	3786200					\$ 3,786,200.00
FEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
MEMA Funding						\$ 0.00
CDBG Funding						\$ 0.00
In-Kind Donations						\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 4,286,200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,286,200.00

Instructions:

1. If project will be completed in one year, complete only the "Year 1" budget column.
2. If project will be completed in two years, complete "Year 1" and "Year 2" columns.
3. Follow the same process as above for "Year 3", "Year 4", and "Year 5", if project will not be completed for 5 years.