

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR MISSISSIPPI TIDELANDS TRUST FUND PROGRAM) FUNDING TO BE UTILIZED FOR NOMA DRIVE TO MONTJOY CREEK NATURE TRAIL CONNECTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Diamondhead (the “City”) has identified a need to improve public access to waterways for its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive funding under the Mississippi Tidelands Trust Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (the “MDMR”) is the administrator of the Mississippi Tidelands Trust Funds program, and is currently accepting grant application for FY26 Tidelands Funding; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to request Mississippi Tidelands Trust Funds to support Noma Drive to Montjoy Creek Nature Trail Connection project for preservation, development and access to public waterways; and

WHEREAS, the City, if awarded FY26 Mississippi Tidelands Funding for its Noma Drive to Montjoy Creek Nature Trail Connection project, would be required to provide \$0 match funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The statements, findings, determinations, and conclusions contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated therein.

SECTION TWO: The City Manager, is hereby authorized to request FY26 Mississippi Tidelands Grant Funds and submit all required information to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources for the Noma Drive to Montjoy Creek Nature Trail Connection Project.

SECTION THREE: The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution and to provide any information to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources in order to complete its review of the FY26 Mississippi Tidelands Grant Application.

SECTION FOUR: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after adoption.

The above and foregoing resolution, after having been first reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____ and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

	Aye	Nay	Absent
Councilmember Finley	___	___	___
Councilmember Liese	___	___	___
Councilmember Cumberland	___	___	___
Councilmember Clark	___	___	___
Councilmember Maher	___	___	___
Mayor Depreo	___	___	___

The motion having received the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the members of the Governing Body, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, this the ____ day of _____, 2024.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

(SEAL)



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Public Access Managed Project

Official Use Only

Project Number: _____

Average Merit Score: _____

Requesting Agency: _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

<p>1. Title of Project: <i>red outlines indicate required fields</i></p> <p>Noma Drive to Montjoy Creek Nature Trail Connection</p>	<p>6. Funding Requested:</p> <p>\$ 500,000.00</p>
<p>2. Location of Project:</p> <p>Diamondhead, MS</p>	<p>6a. Requested Funding for Required Match:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>6b. Amount Above Matching Funds:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>3. Requesting Agency:</p> <p>City of Diamondhead</p> <p>3.a Select your Office (DMR Applicants Only)</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>7. Matching Funds:</p> <p>\$ 0.00</p> <p>8. Source of Matching Funds:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>4. Requesting Agency Representative:</p> <p>a. Name: Jon McCraw</p> <p>b. Phone: (228) 22-4626</p> <p>c. Fax: _____</p> <p>d. Address: 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525</p> <p>e. Email: jmccraw@diamondhead.ms.gov</p>	<p>9. Total Project Funds</p> <p>\$ 500,000.00</p> <p>Joint Project Information</p> <p>Is this a Joint Project?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, enter the agency:</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>5. Project Manager:</p> <p>a. Name: Jason Chiniche</p> <p>b. Phone: (228) 467-6755</p> <p>c. Fax: _____</p> <p>d. Address: 407 Hwy 90 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520</p> <p>e. Email: jason@chiniche.com</p>	<p>Other Agency's Contact:</p> <p>_____</p>



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PROJECT SUMMARY

? 10. Provide Brief Project Description/Overview:

The City of Diamondhead is proposing a nature trail that will stretch approximately 2 miles, linking the Montjoy Creek trail to the Noma Drive boat launch. 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.

? 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 - 3 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 watches, 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)

Planning

- 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.

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The project aims to enable both local residents and visitors to partake in outdoor activities without disrupting the environment. Additionally, it will link two 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:

2027

34. Prioritize if your agency has submitted multiple projects

1

35. SIGNATURES

Project Manager:

Signature

Date

Requesting Agency Representative:

Signature

Date

36. Attach project schematics or drawings as appropriate

*Progress notes must be submitted semi-annually on Public Access projects and DMR projects, and quarterly on Managed projects.



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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	50000					\$ 50,000.00
Legal						\$ 0.00
Consulting						\$ 0.00
Construction	450000					\$ 450,000.00
Site Work						\$ 0.00
Equipment						\$ 0.00
Land Acquisition						\$ 0.00
Indirects						\$ 0.00
Other						\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500,000.00

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

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.
4. *This should be completed only if you plan to reallocate existing funds to this project.
5. **This should only be completed if you were awarded funds in previous Tidelands year for other phases of this same project.
6. ***Refer only to matching funds secured for this project.



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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

1. Title of Project:

Noma Drive to Montjoy Creek Nature Trail Connection

2. Location of Project:

Diamondhead, MS

3. Requesting Agency:

City of Diamondhead

6. Funding Requested:

\$ 500,000.00

7. Matching Funds:

\$ 0.00

8. Source of Matching Funds:

9. Total Project Funds:

\$ 500,000.00

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