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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Government Officials  
Parks and Recreation Directors  
Regional Commissions

FROM: Taylor Brown, Chief   
Georgia DNR Grants Unit

SUBJECT: Land and Water Conservation Fund  
2022-2023 Funding Cycle Announcement

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding cycle. LWCF is a federal grant program funded by the Department of the Interior-National Park Service (NPS) and administered by DNR. LWCF grants provide funding for acquisition, development and renovation of outdoor recreation lands and facilities. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs), authorized recreation authorities and recreation commissions and are in good standing with the LWCF program.

Eligible applicants must complete a pre-application online at <https://gadnr.org/lwcf>. Following the competitive/pre-application phase, successful pre-applicants will be invited to complete a second level/federal application. Below you will find the grant cycle timeline.

April 1, 2023 – Grant cycle opens  
May 31, 2023 – Competitive/Pre-application due to DNR  
September 2023 – Successful pre-applicants notified  
February 1, 2024 – Second level/federal application due to DNR  
Fall 2024 – Anticipated approval of projects by NPS

Please visit <https://gadnr.org/lwcf> for more information about LWCF, including educational webinar videos. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Antoinette Norfleet at 404.463.8629 or [antoinette.norfleet@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:antoinette.norfleet@dnr.ga.gov)

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