

Staff Report

Subject: Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) Cycle 28 Application for the Atlas Park Project
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Item Description: Consideration for the Effingham County Board of Commissioners (ECBOC) to approve the application for the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) Cycle 28 to support the Atlas Park Project.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff request ECBOC's approval to apply for the Coastal Incentive Grant (Cycle 28) for \$80,000 to support the Atlas Park Project. This grant requires a 1:1 non-federal funds match, which the county will provide.

Executive Summary:

The Atlas Park Project is a critical initiative for Effingham County, aiming to enhance public access to coastal resources, improve environmental stewardship, and promote recreational opportunities in the region. Through the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) Cycle 28, offered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division, Effingham County seeks \$80,000 to fund improvements to Atlas Park, with a matching contribution from the county as required.

The project will focus on coastal habitat restoration, enhanced water quality, and community education on sustainable practices. The CIG aligns with Effingham County's environmental sustainability, conservation, and resilience goals while enriching recreational options for residents and visitors.

Background:

1. CIG requires a 1:1 non-federal funds match

Alternatives for the Commission to Consider:

1. Approve ECBOC's application for the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) Cycle 28 for the Atlas Park Project, including the \$80,000 grant and a 1:1 non-federal funds match.
2. Disapprove of the application for the Coastal Incentive Grant (CIG) Cycle 28.
3. Provide staff with additional directions.

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommend Alternative 1—Approve the Coastal Incentive Grant (Cycle 28) for \$80,000 to support the Atlas Park Project.

Attachments: