

**Please mail application and all supporting documents to:**

Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Grant Program

501 N. West St.

Suite 1301

Jackson, MS 39201

**PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Entity Characterization:**

**County**     **Municipality**     **State Agency**     **Nongovernmental Entity**

For purposes of the Act, a nongovernmental entity is a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) status that is primarily concerned with the protection and conservation of land and natural resources, as evidenced by its organizational documents.

**For nongovernmental entities only:**

**Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Mississippi Secretary of State is attached.**

**Organizational Documents are attached.**

**List of current Board members is attached.**

**No voting member of the Board is an executive, member or employee of the applicant county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity.**

**Description of Core Mission:**

**Applicant Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Point of Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different than above):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E.Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Elected Official, Director or President:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different than above):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E.Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Financial Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address (if different than above):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E.Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Auditor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E.Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach most recent audit.**

**List any audit deficiencies noted in the previous five (5) years (attach additional pages if necessary):**

## **PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION**

### **Project Category:**

- Improvement of State Park, Outdoor Recreation, or Trails
- Acquisition of Parks and/or Trails
- Restoration or Enhancement to Create or Improve Access to Public Waters and/or Lands for Public Outdoor Recreation, Conservation Education or the Safe Use and Enjoyment of Permanently Protected Conservation Land
- Restoration or Enhancement on Privately Owned Working Agricultural Lands and Forests that Support Conservation of Soil, Water, Habitat of Fish and Wildlife
- Restoration or Enhancement of Wetlands, Native Forests, Native Grasslands and Other Unique Habitats Important to Fish and Wildlife
- Acquisition of Critical Areas for the Provisions or Protection of Clean Water, Wildlife, Hunting, Fishing, Military Installation Buffering or Natural Resource-Based Outdoor Recreation

**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Address (If no address exists, enter a parcel number or GPS coordinates):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Site City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Site State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Site Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congressional District (project site):** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Senate District (project site):** \_\_\_\_\_

**State House District (project site):** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting  new funding or  reimbursement funding for this project?

Please identify each of the following total dollar values:

**Total Project Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of Funding Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Match Commitment Total (if any; none required):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Match % Calculation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Source of Match Commitment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount of any Additional Funding:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Source of Additional Funding:** \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PART III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENTS**

A. **I understand and acknowledge that this project must adhere to all federal and Mississippi state laws including, without limited, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).**  Yes

B. **I understand I am responsible for ensuring compliance with any and all other terms and conditions as required by funding provided for the project other than that which may be provided through the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust.**

Yes

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c. **If granted, I understand the monies provided will be used for one or more of the stated purposes of the Act.**  Yes

d. **I have read and understand the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Act (House Bill 606, 2022 Legislative Session).**  Yes

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#### **PART IV. PROJECT NARRATIVE**

**Please provide a description of the proposed project and the need for financial assistance. The narrative should be clear and concise. You may attach additional pages if necessary:**

- 1. Does this project satisfy specific and clearly identified priority needs, as identified in a formalized planning document?**

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**[☐ Please attach Planning Document\(s\)](#)**

***NOTE:*** Acceptable forms of documentation include, but are not limited to, a comprehensive plan, recreation master plan, county or regional master plan, trail system plan, capital improvements plan, regional water plan or land use management plan.

- 2. Describe how elements within your proposal satisfy critical or priority public needs, as identified in a formalized planning document. Also, describe how these elements relate specifically to the public's outdoor experience.**

3. **How many residents will utilize the intended project on an annual basis?**

**What is the basis for your estimate?**

4. **Does the proposed project contemplate a charge or user fee to the public?**

Yes  No

If yes, **attach a schedule of contemplated fees.**

5. **Does the proposed project require additional permits?**  Yes  No

**If yes, list all required permits, the date(s) requested and the anticipated date(s) of issuance:**

6. **Does the proposed project require the acquisition of real property?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If yes:**

- a **Is the proposed property currently leased by the State of Mississippi as a wildlife management area?**  Yes  No

If yes, **attach the lease, wildlife management plan and any other documentation pertaining to the agreement to sell the proposed property.**

- b **Does the proposed property adjoin or is in close proximity to state or federal wildlife management areas or state parks, and would provide better public access to such areas?**  Yes  No

- c **Is the proposed property identified in a wildlife action plan developed by a state agency?**  Yes  No

If yes, **attach the wildlife action plan.**

- d **Does the proposed property constitute riparian lands, and its acquisition is for the purpose of protecting drinking water supply?**

Yes  No

e Does the proposed property surround a military base or military installation?  Yes  No

f Will the proposed property be acquired through the exercise of any power of eminent domain or condemnation?  Yes  No

7. Will the proposed project be located upon public or private land?

Private  Public

8. Please list each outdoor natural resource-based recreational activity provided by the acquisition or development of this property.

**Attach an Outdoor Activity Map.**

9. Will any of the below listed Best Management Practices be used for any improvements, restoration, or management activities associated with the project?

A. Protection or restoration of vegetated buffers in a condition appropriate for the region.  Yes  No

B. Restoration of streambanks and natural hydrologic processes.  Yes  No

C. Protection of wetlands/marshlands or stream buffers, with minimization of impacts from improvements and management activities.  Yes  No

D. Use of green infrastructure (e.g., bioretention areas, grass swales, and trails constructed with mulch, gravel or other pervious materials rather than concrete or asphalt.)  Yes  No

If indicated above, please describe how you plan to utilize and implement the selected Best Management Practice(s)?

10. Does the project include the acquisition or stewardship of land with a cultural or historical value?  Yes  No

If yes, describe how this project adds to or enriches the local, regional, or state-wide cultural and/or historical value of the property.

**Attach Cultural/Historical Document(s) showing how the property is formally recognized, such as Historic Preservation Division documents, Mississippi or the National Register of Historic Places listings.**

11. Does the project include the acquisition or stewardship of land with a significant ecological, conservation, restoration, or natural resource sustainability value?

If yes, describe the significance of the project's ecological value, such as native plant and animal species of a conservation concern; and/or the critical importance of the habitat, particularly those that include a stream buffer.

**Attach supporting documentation, such as documentation provided by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, photographs, maps, and publications.**

12. Do you have a plan and budget to maintain, manage, and secure this property for multiple years of commitment beyond the project completion date?

Yes  No

If yes, **attach a written plan and budget.**

13. Describe how you plan to maintain, manage and keep this property secure from vandalism, loitering, and crime. Your narrative should include the methodology in which you plan to achieve maintenance and security, i.e., video surveillance, patrols, enforcement on site, smart lights, controlled access at night.)

**Attach a maintenance plan, management plan, safety plan, budget and proof of dedicated funding for maintenance, management and safety.**

14. Does the proposed project offer a measurable regional significance? Regional significance is defined as enhancing the natural-resource based outdoor experience and quality of Mississippi's natural resources, while providing value to a greater community beyond the local area.  Yes  No

If yes, describe the regional significance of the proposed project and attach **all supporting documentation.**

15. Will this project create opportunities to enhance the regional and/or statewide economy?  Yes  No

If yes, describe how this project will create growth within the regional and/or statewide economy, including anticipated job creation.



16. Will this project provide access or a connection to other outdoor recreation facilities or areas?  Yes  No

If yes, describe the connections made possible by this project and **attach a conceptual map of the proposed project**, highlighting the outdoor recreation facility(ies) to be connected and/or access created by the project scope.

17. Will this project promote the stewardship of natural resources?  Yes  No

If yes, describe how this project will promote effective conservation and sustainable practices, protect the scenic or unique natural features present and visibility of such; assist the property in remaining relevant to the community, and encourage visitation and participation by providing a safe recreational experience for future generations.

18. Will this project add new water access points where none is currently available?  Yes  No

If yes, **attach a conceptual map of the proposed project**, detailing the location of the new water access opportunities.

19. **Is there documented public support for the project?**  Yes  No
- If yes, provide proof showing the proposed project is needed or supported publicly, such as letters of support from elected officials, citizens or user groups, public meeting minutes, proof of a public comment period, petitions.**

**I have read this Application and the instructions and understand and agree to all the terms and conditions therein. I further swear or affirm that the information provided in this application and supporting documents is true and correct as of the date submitted to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge and agree that this application and supporting documents may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature.**

**Name:**

**Date:**

#### **PART V. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

**Provide a copy of the following, if applicable to your proposed project:**

- A. Application Cover Letter, on official letter head, and signed by an authorized representative of the entity.**
  - B. Location map**
  - C. Site Plan / Conceptual Plan**
  - D. Project Budget**
- An application budget template is available [here](#).**
- E. Resolution adopted by the governing entity of the applicant authorizing the application.**
  - F. Signed statement from landowner(s) expressing support, if applicable.**
  - G. Photo Map of Site**
  - H. Appraisals (for acquisitions of real property only)**
  - I. Current lease agreement (if applicable)**
  - J. Conservation easement agreement (if applicable)**
  - K. The conservation easement management plan (if applicable)**
  - L. Most recent audit**