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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Qualified Applicants

**FROM:** Taylor Brown, Supervisor <sup>tb</sup>  
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**SUBJECT:** Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program and Land and Water Conservation Fund  
2020-2021 Funding Cycle and Educational Workshop Announcement

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to announce the 2020-2021 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Funding Cycle and Educational Workshops dates for the 2020-2021 funding cycle.

Below you will find information on both programs, as well as the dates and times for the webinar-based workshops that are being offered. These are excellent opportunities to become familiar with each program and get invaluable guidance on the application processes and criteria. The GOSP Funding Cycle dates are included below. Official announcement of the LWCF funding cycle dates are anticipated to be released this summer and will be posted at <https://gadnr.org/grants>.

**Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program**

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) is a grant and loan program administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and authorized by The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act. Through GOSP, Conserve Georgia Grants and Loans are dispersed for the purpose of providing stewardship to state parks; state lands and wildlife management areas; to support local parks and trails; and to protect critical conservation lands. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs), constituted recreation authorities, state agencies and nongovernmental entities with a core mission of conservation.

**GOSP Funding Cycle Dates are as follows:**

August 1, 2020 - Pre-application window opens  
October 16, 2020 - Pre-application window closes  
February 2021 - Successful Pre-applicants notified  
Spring 2021 - Second-level Application window opens  
May 30, 2021 - Second-level Application period closes  
Summer 2021 - Final Approval of Projects

## **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

The Land and Water Conservation Fund is a federal grant program funded by the National Park Service (NPS) of the Department of the Interior and administered by the Department of Natural Resources. LWCF provides 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 state agencies.

Official announcement of the LWCF funding cycle dates are anticipated to be released this summer and will be posted at <https://gadnr.org/grants>

For more information about the GOSP or LWCF, please visit <https://gadnr.org/grants>.

## **GOSP and LWCF Workshops**

DNR Grants Staff will conduct five webinar-based Educational Workshops, covering the highlights of each program and offering training on the application process. These workshops will be at no cost to the public, but we do ask that you RSVP at <https://gadnr.org/grants>. Each webinar will be limited to 50 log-ins to accommodate effective question and answer opportunities. Early registration is encouraged to secure your desired date.

### **Workshop dates and times are as follows:**

June 2, 2020, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 4, 2020, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 9, 2020, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 11, 2020, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

June 16, 2020, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning the workshops, please contact:

GOSP – Soheila Najj at (404) 463-0288 or [soheila.najj@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:soheila.najj@dnr.ga.gov)

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We look forward to partnering with you in providing quality outdoor resources for your citizens.

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