

## **Recreational Trails Program (RTP)**

Southside Park Trail System  
417 Baldwin Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680  
County Council District 28

The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT) administers the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles.

Funding provided by this competitive program is on a cost-reimbursement basis. Project sponsors must initiate their approved projects with their own funds and be reimbursed up to 80 percent of allowable costs after submitting documentation of expenses. Individual trail grants can range from a minimum of \$10,000 (\$12,500 would be the total project cost) to \$100,000 maximum (\$125,000—total project cost).

The proposed project will introduce a 1.5-mile multi-use natural trail system to Southside Park. The park includes Discovery Island Waterpark, athletic fields and courts, picnic shelters, playground, and restroom building. The proposed trail system will expand into an undeveloped portion of property and provide a new recreational feature to the popular regional park.

The department of Parks, Recreation & Tourism has local funds available to match the grant request.

Funds:

RTP	\$ 100,000
Greenville County	\$ 25,000
TOTAL Project Budget	\$ 125,000