



Press Release

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NEWS: Fisherman's Co-Op Grant Award

BRYAN COUNTY Ga, Bryan County has been awarded a \$3 million Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) grant to create outdoor recreational opportunities at the Fisherman's Co-Op. The County is required to match an additional \$1.5 million, which is budgeted in the 2022 County budget.

The goal of this project is to provide more deep-water boating access to county residents and offer more public greenspace for recreation. The phase 1 plan, as submitted with the grant, includes boat ramps to the site's deep water, an 80-foot long floating dock and kayak launch, and a 100-foot long fishing dock on the Kilkenny Creek waterfront. A pavilion, restrooms with showers, trails with wildlife observation areas, and picnic areas round out the 24-acre park. Other areas of the park are set aside for potential future recreational opportunities.

Bryan County bought the Co-op property in September of 2020 with a vision for this park. "Our job, as the Bryan County Board of Commissioners, is to offer recreational opportunities and this gives access to everyone, even those without a boat. As the world grows, there's less and less greenspace available to the public and the opportunity to do something with this space for Bryan County citizens and surrounding areas means a lot to me," said Bryan County Chairman Carter Infinger.

The Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program is Georgia's first source of dedicated funding for the conservation of priority lands, the stewardship of state parks and wildlife management areas, and the support of local parks and trails. The competitive 2021-2022 grant cycle produced 44 submissions requesting a total of \$65 million dollars in funding. The Bryan County Fisherman's Co-op projects is among 15 projects that were awarded these grant funds.