

UPHAPEE CREEK RECREATIONAL TRACK AND TRAIL SYSTEM Macon County, Alabama

LOCATION

3636 Alabama Highway 199 (approximately 126 acres south of Uphapee Creek, currently owned by Macon County)

ASSETS

- Creek side location with sand bars including fishing, camping and boating opportunities.
- High tree canopies overlooking escarpment.
- Multi-access points for boat launch.
- Potential connection to the Bartram Trail (*In the Tuskegee National Forest, on National Forest Rd. 949, North of State Route 186*).
- Close water access to **Seminole Chief Osceola's** birthplace.
- Existing cross-country trails.
- Abundant supply of sand and gravel for trail and parking construction.
- Significant bird and wildlife population on-site, **and within the Uphapee Creek viewshed**.
- Significant variety of trees and plants native to the site **and within the Uphapee Creek viewshed**.
- See Attached Photos

MISSION

To create a community support facility offering competitive track and field facilities for students of the Macon County Board of Education and Tuskegee University.

Additionally, camping, trail heads, hiking/walking trails, Uphapee Creek canoe/kayak access points and float trails, and other recreational and support facilities will be developed and fully accessible to the citizens of Macon County as well as the surrounding area, creating a new ecotourism/recreation opportunity. The project would be phased as follows:

1. The existing cross-country trails would be fully developed with appropriate signage. This phase would also include walking paths for citizens to both exercise and learn about local flora and fauna. Estimated cost of Phase I is \$30,000. This phase is scheduled for completion in December 2015.

2. Phase II would consist of **canoe/kayaking access points and float trails access points near the Bartram Trail and at the County Community Center** on Highway 27. This Phase would also include parking and primitive camping along the Creek. Estimated cost would be \$30,000 and scheduled for completion in September 2016.

3. Phase III would consist of a track and field facility on the open field along the entry off Highway 199. The facility would be regulation for both High School and College Competitive meets and would have appropriate viewing stands, bathrooms, parking, and concession facilities. This phase would be done under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Macon County Commission, the Macon County Board of Education, and the City of Tuskegee, and Tuskegee University. Each of these parties to the MOU would contribute \$50,000.00 towards the construction cost of this phase of the project. SCADC will request a grant for \$250,000.00, which will be submitted for funding in 2016. The partners in the MOU will make their funds available in 2016. Estimated total cost is \$450,000.00. Projected completion date is December 2016.

PARTNERS

- Macon County Commission

- Macon County Board of Education

- City of Tuskegee

- Tuskegee University



The following are photographs taken on a site visit in May 2015 of the Uphapee Creek Walking Trail. This site visit was conducted by Chairman Louis Maxwell, Macon County Commission; Mr. Roland Vaughan, President of VAST Solutions; and Mr. Rip Weaver, Landscape Architect of VAST Solutions.

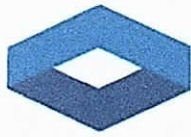
Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Weaver were asked to help the County Commission develop the Scope of Work (SOW) for the Recreational Track and Trail System. This SOW would be used to develop documents for a grant to be presented to SCADC for monies to design and construct these efforts on behalf of the Macon County Commission, the Macon County Board of Education, the University, the City of Tuskegee, the Macon County citizen's and the surrounding area.



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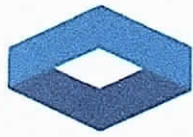


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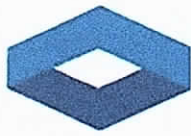






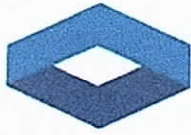
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