



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1112

1. **Title of Project:** Silver Springs State Park - Swim Area and Docks

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/18/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Marion County is requesting funding to be designated to Silver Springs State Park for two capital improvement projects: 1) development of a swim area and associated facilities at the headsprings, and 2) develop down-river docking/public access areas on the Silver River. Swimming at the headsprings at Silver Springs and the construction of a down-river facility are both projects included in the park's adopted Unit Management Plan and getting them completed will increase visitation and revenues at the park. The Marion County community has a long history of swimming in this significant natural resource and supports opening the headsprings back up. Providing additional access points into the park, specifically along the Silver river, will cater to paddle craft and create opportunities for the existing concessionaire to provide services to those visitors.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Environmental Protection

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No



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**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, design, permitting and design of swim area and associated improvements at the headsprings and down-river docking/access areas at Silver Springs State Park	1,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

**a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**

Swimming in the headsprings at Silver Springs State Park is one component of the state-approved conceptual land use plan which will have a major impact on increasing visitation at the park. Completing this project in a timely manner will benefit the greater Silver Springs community.

**b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

Consultant teams will be needed to plan, design and permit work at the headsprings and at the down-river facility. Once permits are obtained, bidding and construction of the work should proceed there soon after.

**c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

A swim area at the headsprings and additional docking/access areas along the Silver River will both provide outstanding recreational uses and increase eco-tourism in Marion County.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

These projects are intended to serve the greater public population as swimming and using paddle craft are low-impact and affordable recreational activities. Total number served will be predicated by the ecological and physical capacity of the swim area and support facilities such as parking spaces and overall size of the swim area.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**



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Besides contributing to physical and mental well-being, the increase of park visitation and park revenues will be the main benefit to the park system. Point of sale systems in place at the park will capture current swimmers (zero) vs the number of swimmers after construction.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?**

Both facilities, the swim area and the down-river docking area, are included in the parks adopted Unit Management Plan and the citizens of Marion County are expecting this work to be completed.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Park Service Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

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- b. **County:** Marion
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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**Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only**

**16. Have you applied for alternative state funding?**

- Wastewater Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (Please describe)
- N/A

**17. What is the population economic status?**

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288-0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

**18. What is the status of construction?** Conceptual planning

**19. What percentage of construction has been completed?** 0%

**20. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 08/30/2020