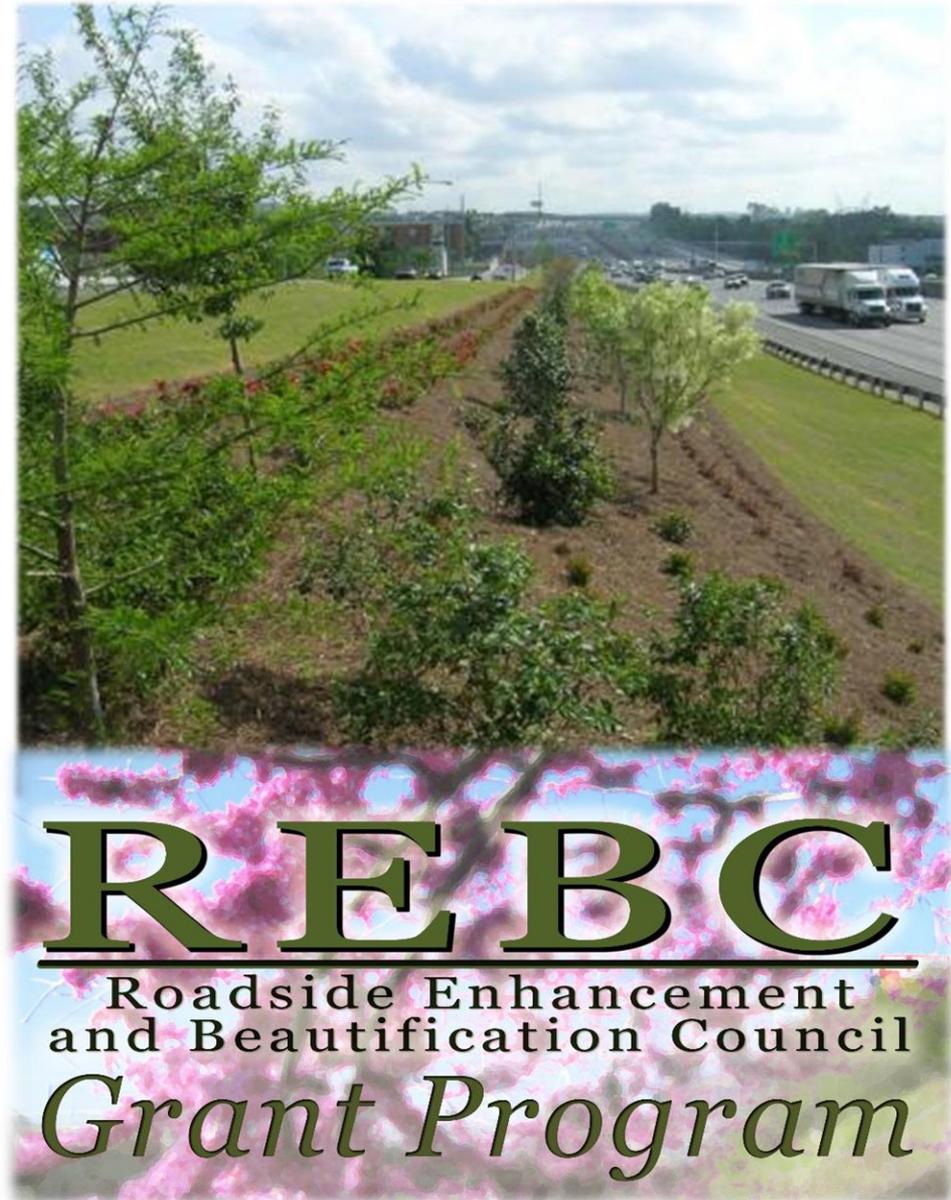




Update: REBC Grants

Phase 6



Program Background

Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Grant

- ✿ The Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council is an entity established in law that advises on how to spend funds from the Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Fund. (O.C.G.A. § 32-6-75.1, O.C.G.A. § 32-6-75.2)
- ✿ Previously known as the GATEway Grant (prior to 2016)
- ✿ Funded by Contributory Value Fees from permits for vegetation management at permitted Outdoor Advertising signs.
- ✿ Funds can only be used for plants and the costs to install.



Program Background

Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Grant

- ✿ The REBC Grant is a REIMBURSEMENT grant. The project is installed by the Grantee, and the funds are distributed afterwards.
- ✿ Maximum amount allowed per grant: \$50,000. **No local match is required.**
- ✿ The Grantee must be a local government entity or have a local government partner who is willing to commit to long term maintenance of the landscape.
- ✿ Plans must follow Policy 6755-9 – Policy for Landscaping and Enhancements on GDOT Right of Way.



Previous Phases

There have been 5 Phases (Calls for Applications) since 2008

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| Phase I (2008): 23 Grants awarded, 19 Grants reimbursed | |
| Total reinvested in Right of Way Vegetation: | \$ 753,879.00 |
| Phase II (2009): 38 Grants awarded, 36 Grants reimbursed | |
| Total reinvested in Right of Way Vegetation: | \$ 1,350,984.00 |
| Phase III (2010): 20 Grants awarded, 17 Grants reimbursed | |
| Total reinvested in Right of Way Vegetation: | \$ 524,996.00 |
| Phase IV (2014): 43 Grants awarded, 30 Grants reimbursed | |
| Total reinvested in Right of Way Vegetation: | \$ 1,250,179.00 |
| Phase V (2016): 21 Grants awarded, 11 Grants reimbursed | |
| Total reinvested in Right of Way Vegetation: | \$ 384,231.00 |

Total reinvested in Right of Way Vegetation through GATEway/REBC Grants:
\$ 4,264,269.00

Previous Phases

Successes

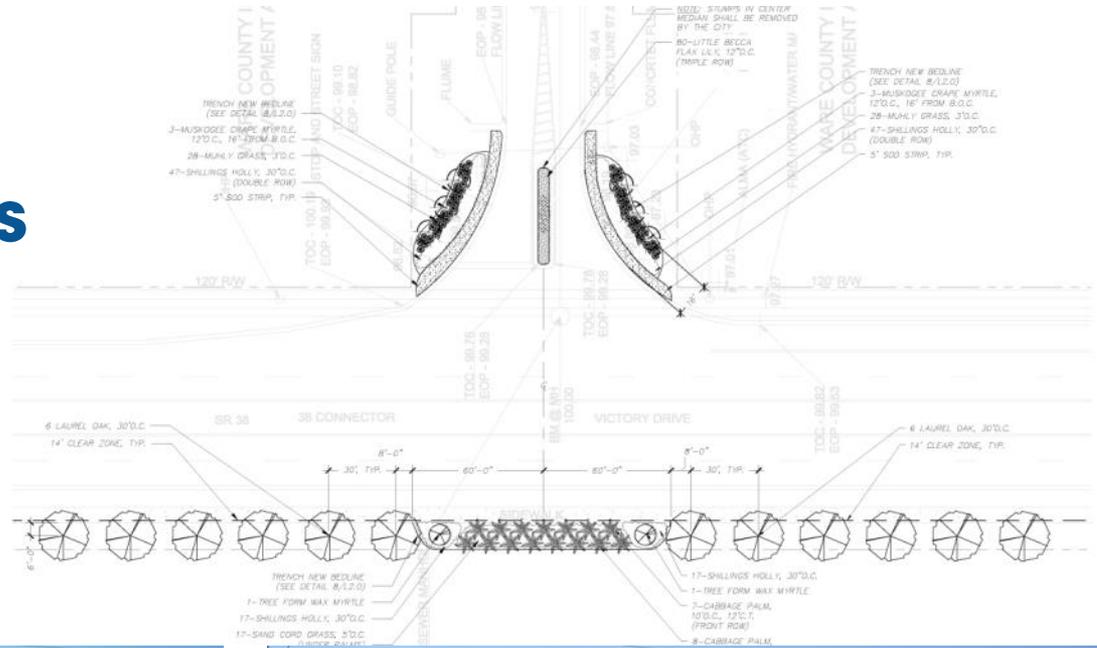
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Previous Phases

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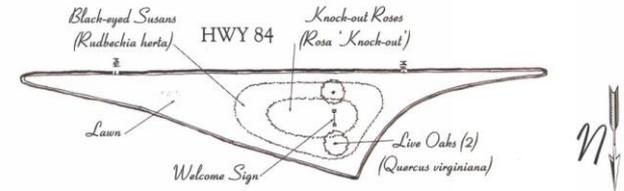
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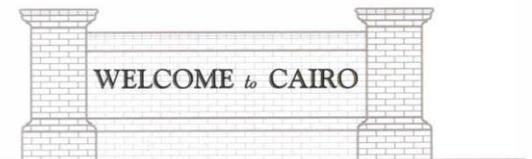
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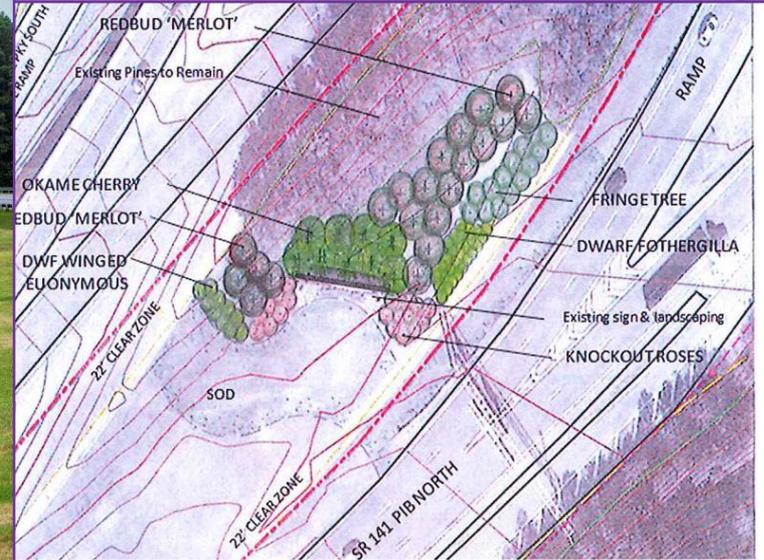
Plan view of Entry Design



Example of Text Placement

The sign would read well if the brick were painted white and the metal lettering were a dark bronze for contrast. The base of the sign allows for plant material to be placed in front of the sign and the letters still readable.

Previous Phases Successes Peachtree Corners



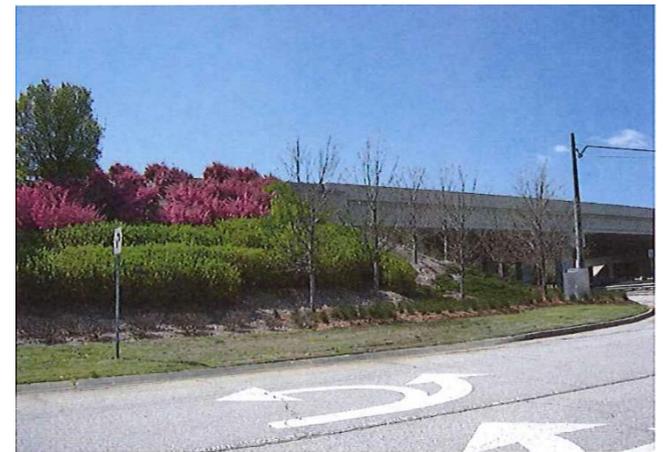
Phase VI

New Call for Grant Proposals

\$ 508,511.51 Available for Grants as of November 1, 2019

Additional unused grant funds to be added to this total: \$ 128,276.00

There will also be additional contributory value fees added, as new permits are approved.



Phase VI

New Call for Grant Proposals

Timeline:

- ✿ Call for Grants issued January 29, 2020
- ✿ Applications due by close of business, April 29, 2020
- ✿ Roadside Enhancement and Beautification Council Subcommittee meets by end of May to review and finalize recommended projects
- ✿ Subcommittee recommendations to be presented, discussed, approved at June 2020 REBC meeting, and projects recommended for funding will be sent to Commissioner for approval.
- ✿ Award letters with Memoranda of Agreement sent out by end of August 2020

Phase VI What's New?

Partnership with Georgia
Department of Agriculture.

Trees and shrubs used in
REBC Grant plantings must
be grown in Georgia, when
available.

These Plants are



GEORGIA
grown

Phase VI What's New?

- ✿ Process and forms have been updated and simplified.
- ✿ Grant Memoranda of Agreement must be signed and returned to GDOT within 45 days of notification.
- ✿ Grantees must get a Special Encroachment Permit within 1 year of the MoA effective date.
- ✿ Projects must be installed within 30 months of the MoA effective date.
- ✿ Grantees must send documents to claim reimbursement within 90 days after project completion. The release date of the Special Encroachment Permit is considered project completion.
- ✿ Notifications will be sent to awardees at regular intervals to make sure that projects are moving forward.

How to apply ...

All applications should be sent to GDOT Landscape Architecture Unit through the online submission system.

- ✿ An online submission system has been created. The applications can be accessed at:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/REBC2020>
- ✿ Applicants can request a pdf copy of the application for hard copy submission if there are technical difficulties. Mail all application documents to GDOT Landscape Architecture Unit.
- ✿ Applications sent by mail must include an electronic copy of all documents on a USB flash drive. No CDs are accepted.

Thank you!

**Grants will be
awarded very soon!**

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