

Yahoola Trails Conservancy

Section 2.1. Mission- To enhance and preserve the Yahoola Creek Trail System; hereafter referred to as the Trails. The described trail system encompasses the existing trails, trailhead area and all related facilities within the Yahoola Creek Park Recreation Complex, as well as all proposed and future phases of public trails intended to connect to the existing trails.

AMENDED Section 2.1. Mission - (ADOPTED 10/28/2009)

To work with partners to advocate for the responsible development, enhancement and preservation of sustainable trail systems and greenways across Lumpkin County, and to assist public land managers and private land owners in the design, creation and maintenance of such valued places for the current and future citizens of Dahlonega - Lumpkin County, Georgia, and its visitors.

Section 2.2. Purpose- The Conservancy is an independent, non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, dedicated to supporting the community resource of the Yahoola Creek Trail System, which is managed by the Lumpkin County Parks and Recreation Department; hereafter referred to as the County. The Conservancy works closely with the County to assist with the development, enhancement, preservation, maintenance, and future planning of the Trails. Conservancy functions include, but are not limited to: facilitating communication among the various groups or constituencies of the trail facilities; raising and disbursing funds; assisting with public program development; providing a structure through which community members may become involved; initiating special projects for the Trails; accommodating special events; establishing educational opportunities; encouraging partnerships; building a corps of volunteers; and serving as an organizational structure to accomplish the various ends.

AMENDED Section 2.2. Purpose - (ADOPTED 10/28/2009)

The Conservancy is an independent, non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, dedicated to the preservation and management of the natural, scenic, historic, economic and cultural resources associated with Dahlonega - Lumpkin County, Georgia, in order to provide outdoor recreation and educational opportunities for citizens and visitors along a diverse and interconnected system of trails and greenways. Conservancy functions include, but are not limited to: promotion, publicity, and events; developing organizations and partnerships; working with citizens, partners, agencies, and elected officials; and celebrating activists and volunteers. Through education, partnerships, and timely information resources, the Conservancy promotes the creation, conservation and broad enjoyment of quality trails and greenways that offer places of solace, health, fitness, recreation and transportation for all citizens and visitors; a quality system accessible to all people including a broad range of abilities, economic and cultural backgrounds; serving both urban and rural areas; optimizing wildlife preservation and land and water stewardship; fostering cooperation and communication among all trail users; providing technical assistance and resources for trails and greenways; advocating for trail and greenway systems that are durable and affordable to maintain with a sustainable commitment of resources; and offering quality trail and greenway experiences that enable the appreciation of natural beauty, cultural and historic connections, and bring people back in touch with special places in the outdoors.