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Conserve. Connect...One Mile at a Time

COMPANY PROFILE: Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc.

Date: July 22, 2009

Organized: January 1, 2009

Incorporated: April, 2009

501 c (3) Non-Profit Status: in progress

Bylaws: Adopted April 30, 2009

Mission: The Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc. (CGG, Inc.) works with citizens, governments and private economic interests to create a 450-mile regional greenway and multi-use trail system that will conserve the unique natural and cultural resources of Georgia's coast while safely providing educational, recreational and tourism opportunities for the enjoyment and health of both residents and visitors.

The CGG, Inc. accomplishes its mission through:

Promoting good stewardship of the unique ecosystems, habitats and cultural resources of Coastal Georgia and its individual communities,

Encouraging public access to and use of conserved landscapes and waterways,

Energizing community members to assist in the planning and implementation of comprehensive greenway systems,

Organizing landscapes into connected systems of parks and greenspace linked by waterways and greenways.

Narrative:

Our legacy of Georgia's coast is a magnificent treasure. The key to preserving its unique identity will be energizing people to experience its habitats and history firsthand while safely enjoying new and existing hiking, canoeing, horseback, riding and biking trails and greenways that link places in which adults and children can work and play. The Coastal Georgia Greenway exists due to grassroots support for this shared regional vision: to develop a 450-mile regional, multi-use trail system on which residents and visitors can exercise daily and directly experience the coast's singular appeal while building lifelong memories of its culture and beauty. Our goal is to bring citizens, governments and developers together to create a greenway system to enhance our communities and state.

The Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc. (<http://coastalgeorgiagreenway.org/>) is a rapidly growing grassroots volunteer organization working to build a network of trails from South Carolina to Florida through six Georgia coastal counties. A shared regional vision, the planned 450-mile Coastal Georgia Greenway system of trails will make the beauty of coastal Georgia safely and easily accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists, hikers, joggers, equestrians, canoeists and kayakers – helping preserve the unique and beautiful Georgia coast, attracting visitors, providing recreation, and making local economies stronger.

These leaders realize that a signature greenway, like Savannah's historic squares, will be our generation's legacy to the next. As the Appalachian Trail has defined a singular mountain experience, the Coastal Georgia Greenway can offer a valid visitor experience, and will become known as a destination in its own right. Ironically, the advent of the car served to disconnect coastal towns and cities. I-95 bypassed and left them economically adrift. The key to a sustainable future will be working with communities to strengthen the connection between the health of natural areas and the health of local economies. The Coastal Georgia Greenway will bring economic life back to these historic communities.

Current Projects:

- **Build organization funding base and membership**
- **Build a regional coalition of public and private sector organizations and apply for funding to construct the 155-mile Coastal Georgia Greenway**
- **Work with the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission and GDOT to extend the Altamaha Scenic Byway to Jekyll Island and apply for National Scenic Byway Status.**