Mauldin ready to dig in on park project

By Bruce Smith

Clemson University’s Greenville County park program must do a better job of involving the public and look for ways to bring other programs with other state and federal agencies and the Legislative Audit Council result.

The university’s Public Service and Community Development Department’s Social Development and Youth development programs are still lacking.

Since July 2008, state funding for such programs has dropped from $1.9 million to $280,000. About $262,000 was spent on 20% on agricultural research in 2008, according to university estimates.

In addition, problems have emerged in the program’s management, including a change in leadership without a clear plan for the new director. The program does not yet have a comprehensive strategy for its future.

Auditors found that the park program had been cut from $52 million in 2007 to $28 million in 2008, a 44% decrease. The program’s performance pay scheme was also questioned.

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