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THREE MORE SUBDIVISIONS JOIN STREETLIGHT PROGRAM

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Oct. 8, 2014) – Since 1997, Gwinnett County has required developers to install streetlights in new subdivisions. For older neighborhoods, commissioners agreed last year to use funds from the 2009 SPLOST sales tax to pay for streetlight installation if a majority of homeowners sign a petition and agree to pay annual operating costs. This week, three more subdivisions accepted that offer.

Seventy-nine percent of the 24 homeowners in Buckingham Place near Lilburn voted in favor. Installation of 11 lights there will cost \$31,486 with estimated operating costs of \$1,457. Near Snellville, a majority of the 26 homeowners in Cedar Pointe agreed to split estimated operating costs of \$1,248 for nine lights that will cost \$4,181 to install. And the 34-home Westwood Crossing subdivision nearby will get 10 lights with installation costs of \$5,400 and estimated operating costs of \$1,769.

Gwinnett County divides electricity and maintenance costs among all affected homeowners on their annual property tax bills.

Police say increased lighting in neighborhoods can reduce crime. "This program is an important factor in improving safety in our older communities," said Gwinnett Police Chief Charles Walters.

Commissioners approved the first installation under the program in January for the Stratford Square subdivision near Lilburn. Since then more than a dozen neighborhoods have joined the program. For information on the petition process, call the Gwinnett DOT Community Relations office at (770) 822-7400 or email DOTCommunityRelations@gwinnettcounty.com.

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