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MCDANIEL FARM PARK PHASE TWO CONSTRUCTION ADDS AMENITIES

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Dec. 17, 2015) – Gwinnett's McDaniel Farm Park will get \$3.4 million in SPLOST-funded improvements after commissioners approved a phase two construction contract on Tuesday with low bidder Vertical Earth Inc.

The 134-acre park near Gwinnett Place Mall opened in 2004 and has been restored to depict a typical 1930s farm in Gwinnett with a furnished farmhouse, barn, blacksmith shed, carriage house and tenant house. Other amenities at the park include a picnic pavilion and three miles of paved multi-purpose and soft surface trails.

Upgrades will provide a new northeast entrance that creates public access from McDaniel Road and Duluth Highway. Major phase two components include an open play area, new picnic pavilion, a farm-themed playground, dog park, trail extension, restroom building, landscaping, roadway and parking.

"This phase was envisioned by the citizens committee that helped create the original master plan for McDaniel Farm Park," said District 1 Commissioner Jace Brooks. "I'm happy the plans call for a playground and the dog park, two enhancements that were requested by residents in the local community. The entire park is a wonderful amenity that enhances the surrounding Gwinnett Place area."

Chairman Charlotte Nash added, "Gwinnett County bought this property from the Archie McDaniel family in 2000, and now the 2009 SPLOST program has provided funding for continued preservation and improvement of the site to make it more attractive to park users of all ages."

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