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GWINNETT, NORCROSS TEAM UP TO BUILD NEW LIBRARY BRANCH

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 28, 2017) – Gwinnett County and the city of Norcross are collaborating to build a new Norcross branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library at Buford Highway (U.S. 23) and Britt Avenue.

The city and County recently signed an intergovernmental agreement in which Norcross acquired the land, about 1.5 acres, and will deed it to the County. Per the agreement, Gwinnett County, using SPLOST funds, will construct the 22,000-square-foot facility, about double the size of the current library branch in Norcross. The project will also include a 128-space parking deck under the building, a pedestrian plaza, gateway stairs, and a traffic circle on Britt Avenue, plus streetscape improvements, stormwater detention and other improvements. The current library site will be deeded to the city of Norcross.

“The taxpayers are the big beneficiaries when two governments commit their combined resources on a common project,” said Gwinnett County District 2 Commissioner Lynette Howard. “We have worked successfully on similar projects with other cities, and now we’re pleased to be partnering with Norcross on this needed and important facility. I like the thought of library patrons being able to check out a book and enjoy it at the fountain or waterfall at the nearby Lillian Webb Park. I think Mayor Webb would be proud that the city and the County are working together.”

Mayor Bucky Johnson expressed gratitude to Gwinnett County for working with the city on the new library, which will be an asset to Norcross residents and promote economic development.

The city of Norcross is grateful to be working with Gwinnett County on relocating and expanding the existing branch to Lillian Webb Park and closer to the downtown area,” said

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Norcross Mayor Bucky Johnson. "Designed to be a 21st century library, this development represents the city's dedication to meeting the needs of community members as well its continued commitment to attracting families and businesses to the Norcross area."

In the IGA, approved by the County on June 6, the County will take the lead on design and construction of the library with input from the city. Parking will be dedicated for library use during regular hours but will otherwise be available to the general public.

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