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SITE IMPROVEMENTS SLATED FOR TWO HISTORIC BUILDINGS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., April 12, 2016) – The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday approved site improvements at the shared site of the Lawrenceville Female Seminary and the historic Isaac Adair House at 455 South Perry Street, a few blocks from the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville.

Low bidder Tri Scapes Inc. will provide ADA accessibility to both structures, a restroom building, storage for programming supplies, landscaping, bus parking, and other site improvements for no more than \$1.07 million. Funded by the 2009 SPLOST, the improvements are intended to create better access and promote greater use for school field trips, community meetings and events.

Board of Commissioners Chairman Charlotte Nash added, “As we approach Gwinnett County’s bicentennial in 2018, these improvements will allow more people to enjoy these historic buildings and to learn about how our community’s rich history helped shape today’s Gwinnett.”

The original seminary building was built as a girl’s school in 1838 but was replaced after a fire by the existing structure in the 1850s. The Isaac Adair House, built in the 1820s, is one of the oldest houses in Gwinnett. The County moved it to the one-acre seminary site from Chandler Road in 2008 during construction of the Sugarloaf Parkway extension. Its original location was near the present-day intersection of Pike Street and Hurricane Shoals Road.

The Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center staff organizes educational programs at the two historic facilities.

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