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## GWINNETT COUNTY PURCHASES 90 ACRES LOCATED BETWEEN SNELLVILLE, LAWRENCEVILLE

(**Lawrenceville, Feb. 28, 2002**) – Gwinnett County officials have again expanded park land in the county with the acquisition of 90.42 acres on Scenic Highway, located on the west side of Highway 124 and south of Sugarloaf Parkway.

The gently rolling site of this future park is mostly open land used for cattle grazing. There are several very large oak trees located on the property. The 2000 Capital Improvements Program for Parks and Recreation cited the need for a future community park in the area between Lawrenceville and Snellville. This is one of the future active recreation parks prioritized for funding in the 2001 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) program. Gwinnett County closed on the property this month at a cost of approximately \$5.47 million.

"Once again, citizen approval of SPLOST funding for parks and recreation has provided us with the opportunity to purchase park land in Gwinnett County," stated Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairman F. Wayne Hill.

District 4 Commissioner Kevin Kenerly also supported the land purchase. "This future park site is a very visible and accessible location for a future community park to serve the residents of District 4 and the citizens of Gwinnett County," Kenerly said.

The mission of Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation is to provide quality parks and leisure activities to the citizens of Gwinnett County.

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