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HOLCOMB BRIDGE PARK UPGRADES ANNOUNCED

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Jan. 3, 2006) – River corridor protection and passive recreational opportunities will result from Holcomb Bridge Park improvement plans approved by Gwinnett County commissioners on Tuesday. Chairman Charles Bannister said the project is “the first of several new or improved parks that will open this year thanks to funding from the voter-approved SPLOST sales tax.”

Located along the Chattahoochee River at Holcomb Bridge Road, the site formerly housed the Pinckneyville Arts Center that has relocated to the new Community Center building at Pinckneyville Park. The County purchased a six-acre expansion parcel in 1998 from the Trust for Public Land, bringing the total site to 11.63 acres.

“This will be an open space park that allows public use while preserving greenspace and protecting this section of the Chattahoochee River corridor,” said District 2 Commissioner Bert Nasuti.

Improvements will include two river overlook structures, a soft-surface walking trail, a playground, picnic pavilion, restrooms, landscaping and parking. The Board awarded the almost \$968,000 contract to Astra Group, Inc., with a groundbreaking to be held later this month.

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