



Gwinnett County Government
75 Langley Drive
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

NEWS RELEASE
Charles E. Bannister, Chairman

Heather W. Sawyer
Media Relations and Publications
Manager
Phone: 770.822.7035
Fax: 770.822.7189

Story Contact: Phil Hoskins, Director
Department of Community Services
770.822.8890

GWINNETT BUYS LAND ON CLUB DRIVE FOR PARK

(Lawrenceville, Ga., March 21, 2006) – A new neighborhood park is coming to Club Drive off Pleasant Hill Road near the Rolling Ridge subdivision after Gwinnett commissioners bought 6.7 more acres on Tuesday, bringing the total assemblage to about 25 acres.

The land adjoins other County-owned land, including two greenspace areas and the site of a former fire station. Phil Hoskins, director of the Community Services Department, said the potential acquisition was identified in the 2004 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. "It's in an area of dense population where there is very little open land available," he said. The County is purchasing the land for \$1.5 million from Contract Development, LLC.

The planning process for the park will likely begin by late summer with an advertised public meeting. The County envisions a park with lake views, trails, picnic areas, restrooms, a playground and open lawn areas. "With the scarcity of land in this highly developed area, it is important that the County buy and preserve this property before it, too, undergoes development," said District 1 Commissioner Lorraine Green.

Chairman Charles Bannister said the County would use funds from the 2005 SPLOST sales tax to make the parkland purchase. "I'm especially pleased that we are able to provide a new park in a well-established area of the county. I hope it will help revitalize the whole community."

###