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### DESHONG PARK CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

(Lawrenceville, Ga., May 2, 2006) – Toddlers will soon be exploring a new playground as teens shoot hoops and adults play lawn games at Gwinnett’s newest community park. County commissioners approved development plans for DeShong Park, near Annistown Road in Stone Mountain, at their meeting today.

The Board awarded the \$3.7 million construction contract to Gary’s Grading and Pipeline Company. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 2 p.m. The County purchased the 208-acre tract of land in October of 2001 for \$9.4 million. Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) is funding the purchase and development of DeShong Park.

Chairman Charles Bannister commented on this addition to the park system, saying “this park will give residents of the southern part of the county another opportunity to enjoy one of the benefits of living in Gwinnett – our comprehensive program of quality parks and leisure activities, funded primarily by the voter-approved SPLOST.”

The new park is located at 2859 North DeShong Road in the southern end of the county. “This will be a community park that truly has something to offer people of all ages and interests,” said District 3 Commissioner Michael Beaudreau. “The residents in south Gwinnett will find an amazing variety of amenities at DeShong Park.”

Those amenities will include a two-acre open play area, a 1.5-mile multi-purpose trail, a lawn court area with horseshoe pits, shuffleboard courts, chess/checker tables, a pavilion and benches, a teen area with two half-court basketball courts and skate complex, a playground with swings and climbing structures, and restroom facilities. The mission of Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation is to provide quality parks and leisure services to the citizens of Gwinnett County.

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