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PEACHTREE RIDGE PARK CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Nov. 7, 2006) – Gwinnett County will begin construction soon on a new park near Peachtree Ridge High School. The first phase of construction will cover 65 of the park’s nearly 155 acres.

Facilities will include a football field with a lighted track and four baseball/softball fields, one of which will be designed for special-needs children. There will also be a special-needs playground similar to the county’s award-winning Unity Place playground at Bay Creek Park.

The special-needs ball field will have a rubberized surface over an asphalt base with larger dugouts to accommodate wheel chairs, walkers, etc. Different colors of rubberized materials will mark infield and outfield areas. There will also be a small soccer overlay on the outfield, according to the county’s Community Services Director Phil Hoskins.

The playground is designed for easy access and use by all children and to encourage interaction between children. It includes swings, slides, panels and a shade structure.

Commissioner Lorraine Green expressed her appreciation to area residents who “recognized the need and helped raise money to support the county’s second special-needs recreation facility. By applying universal design concepts, these facilities will be accessible to many more people.”

There will also be at the park restroom and concession buildings, an open play area and a paved multi-purpose trail almost two miles long. The site will also be graded for the future addition of two soccer fields.

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