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IVY CREEK GREENWAY CONSTRUCTION TO START

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 5, 2007) – The Ivy Creek Greenway Trail near the Mall of Georgia will be under construction soon. Gwinnett County commissioners awarded the \$942,000 contract Tuesday to Lewallen Construction Company.

The project includes an 81-foot prefabricated steel bridge with a wood deck to span Ivy Creek and connect to a previously constructed trail at the Mall of Georgia Nature Area. Most of the new trail will run parallel to the creek.

About 1,700 feet of 12-foot wide multipurpose trail will be constructed of pervious material that allows stormwater to soak into the ground. A 10-foot wide boardwalk 230 feet long will connect the bridge to previously-built multi-purpose trail in the Mall of Georgia Nature Area.

This phase of the SPLOST-funded project also includes signage, landscaping and an information kiosk. When completed, the greenway will connect the new Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center to the Mall of Georgia Nature Area.

Community Services Director Phil Hoskins said, "This Ivy Creek project is typical of many in our long-range plans to use greenways to connect activity centers throughout the county."

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