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LILBURN, SNELLVILLE GET NEW PARK LAND

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Oct. 16, 2007) – Gwinnett County commissioners on Tuesday approved buying 56 acres for a new park in the Lilburn area and expanding South Gwinnett Park near Snellville by nine acres.

The new Bryson Park is named for the family selling the land on U.S. 29 near Lilburn. The County is combining this land tract with another 11 acres to create a 67-acre active community park. The comprehensive master plan for parks and recreation identifies a need especially for soccer facilities in the area.

The public will be invited to participate in creating a master plan for the park next year, according to District 2 Commissioner Bert Nasuti. “The parks and recreation comprehensive master plan confirmed that this area of the county has a high need for park land,” said Nasuti. “With land becoming scarcer in this part of the county, I am thankful for the opportunity to purchase this property with SPLOST funds to meet the recreation needs of the community.”

South Gwinnett Park on McGee Road in the Snellville area was acquired by the County in 2006. The expansion of the park comes through a land exchange. “By approving this exchange, we are enlarging the park to 32 acres and bolstering our support of youth sports programs in the Snellville area,” said District 3 Commissioner Mike Beaudreau. “Best of all, this is being done at no cost to the taxpayers.”

Board Chairman Charles Bannister said, “Both of these acquisitions are examples of how we’re continuing to support the older, established areas of the county where we have documented needs for improved facilities and additional greenspace.”

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