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CONSTRUCTION TO START ON CLUB DRIVE AND ROCK SPRINGS PARKS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Dec. 13, 2007) – Two new parks will soon be under construction in Gwinnett County following Board of Commissioners approval on Tuesday.

The largest is the new Rock Springs Park on 113 acres in north-central Gwinnett with entrances on Rock Springs Road and Spriggs Road near the intersection of I-85 and I-985.

The active community park will feature a football field with bleachers, press box and concessions, six tennis courts, a picnic pavilion, large playground and about two miles of multi-purpose trails. Planning began with a public meeting and the formation of a citizen's steering committee in 2005.

"We have great relationships with the youth athletic associations and hundreds of volunteers who provide high-quality sports programs for our children," said District 4 Commissioner Kevin Kenerly. "The Collins Hill youth athletic association is one of our partners on Rock Springs Park."

Board Chairman Charles Bannister thanked Gwinnett voters for their support of the SPLOST program that is providing funding for both new parks. The Rock Springs construction contract went to Ace Grading Company, LLC, for \$5.7 million.

The second new park is a smaller, neighborhood park on Club Drive east of Pleasant Hill Road north of Lilburn in west-central Gwinnett. The area was targeted in a 2004 master plan that identified park needs in areas where large land purchases are no longer feasible.

"Recreational facilities have been lacking in this part of my district and I'm glad we can now have the opportunity to meet those needs with this park," said District 1 Commissioner Lorraine Green.

The 25-acre Club Drive Park, bordered by Sweetwater Creek, will have a small lake, a multi-purpose trail, playground, open lawn, restrooms and two half-court basketball courts.

“This park reflects our commitment to revitalize targeted areas of our community,” said Bannister.

Phase One development will focus on the western portion of the park, west of Rolling Ridge Road. Low bidder Astra Group, Inc., got the \$2.6 million contract.

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