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**PHASE TWO CONSTRUCTION APPROVED  
FOR FREEMAN'S MILL PARK**

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Jan. 21, 2009) – Gwinnett commissioners on Tuesday awarded a \$1.6 million contract to Hogan Construction Group LLC, the lowest of nine bidders, to build new amenities at Freeman's Mill Park in Lawrenceville. Located on the Alcovy River, the park is expected to open in early 2010.

This second phase of construction on the new park will include a playground, picnic pavilion, half-mile multi-purpose trail, parking and restroom facilities. Last month Hogan also received the contract for phase one, which involves raising the historic mill above the current regulated floodplain as well as other improvements.

There were more than 1,200 water-powered mills in the state at the time of the mill's construction between 1868 and 1879. By 1996, however, it was said to be one of only 15 mills remaining in working order and the only one in Gwinnett County. The mill changed hands several times over the years until Gwinnett County purchased the mill and surrounding property in 2001.

"I am proud that we are preserving and protecting this treasure for the enjoyment of future generations and thankful to voters who approved the sales tax program to pay for it," said Board Chairman Charles Bannister.

Funding for both phases of construction on Freeman's Mill Park comes from the 2005 SPLOST. The County bought the land and mill in 2001 through the Georgia Greenspace Program.

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