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YELLOW RIVER HISTORIC SITE GETS IMPROVEMENTS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 2, 2011) – Commissioners recently approved a contract that will provide better public access to the historic Yellow River Post Office site. Improvements to the site located on the former Hudson-Nash farmstead will include historical interpretive signage for self-guided tours, restroom building, retaining wall, walkways, erosion control, grading, parking, landscaping, picnic tables and trash cans.

Located off Five Forks Trickum Road in southern Gwinnett County, the historic site was donated to the County by developer Scott Hudgens in 1996. The post office building and slave quarters (both built in the 1840s) as well as a barn, sit on the site that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The post office building has been a general store, a post office, a school, a sharecropper's house and a barn.

Funding for the project comes from the 2005 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, or SPLOST. Gwinnett County awarded the project to the lowest of eight bidders, Todd Smith Grading, Inc., for \$455,132. The improvements are expected to be completed by spring 2012.

In addition to the Yellow River Post Office, other historic sites in Gwinnett County's inventory include Freeman's Mill Gristmill in Dacula, McDaniel Farm in Duluth, and the Gwinnett Historic Courthouse, Isaac Adair House and Lawrenceville Female Seminary in Lawrenceville, and the Chesser Williams House located on the campus of the Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center in Buford.

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