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LIONS CLUB PARK CONTRACT SIGNED

(Lawrenceville, Ga., May 2, 2012) – Gwinnett commissioners on Tuesday awarded an almost \$5.3 million construction contract to redevelop Lions Club Park to low bidder, Astra Group, Inc. The 51-acre park is on Rockbridge Circle just off U.S. 29 in Lilburn.

Gwinnett County signed a 50-year lease agreement in 2005 with the city of Lilburn to operate and maintain the park as part of the county's nationally recognized parks and recreation system.

The project involves demolishing the existing facilities and building a five-field baseball/softball complex with parking, a concessions/restroom building, a plaza area and batting cages. Other major elements will include a pavilion and playground area with parking and restrooms as well as a 1.1 mile paved trail with benches, adult swings and small shelters.

A citizens' steering committee helped develop the master plan with support from the Gwinnett County Recreation Authority. Funding will come from the SPLOST sales tax program.

District 2 Commissioner Lynette Howard said, "The redevelopment of Lions Club Park is an excellent example of how the County is using voter-approved SPLOST funding to renovate and maintain existing parks throughout Gwinnett. It demonstrates our commitment to providing parks and recreation opportunities countywide. Quality amenities like parks help to build a stronger community and make Gwinnett a great place to live, work and play."

Work on the project should get underway in early June. The park will be closed during construction, which is anticipated to last 11 months.

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