



# Gwinnett County Government Communications Division NEWS RELEASE

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## IMPROVEMENTS COMING TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND HERITAGE CENTER

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 7, 2012) – Gwinnett’s Environmental and Heritage Center will get a new festival field, expanded parking and a new storage building on its campus near the Mall of Georgia. Commissioners approved a \$2.22 million bid from the lowest of three bidders, Ed Castro Landscape Inc., this past Tuesday.

A new 2,400-square-foot service building will store supplies and equipment, allowing more space for programs in the main building. It will showcase green building technologies including solar cells, water harvesting rain gardens, daylight harvesting windows, incinerator toilets, and reuse water for irrigation and equipment maintenance.

The festival field, once a construction material site, will provide outdoor space for special events, camping, concerts, movies and overflow parking for large events. The work includes an expansion of the main parking area with more bus parking and improved circulation.

Contractors from low bidder Macallan Group LLC will relocate the old Lee Farm Barn and a shed from Five Forks Trickum Road in Lilburn to the campus where they will join the historic Chesser-Williams House as heritage structures to help teach students and visitors about Gwinnett County history and culture. Funding for the \$210,000 project, which includes some demolition and debris removal, also comes from SPLOST sales tax programs.

Work on both projects will be underway mid-summer. For more information, go to [www.gwinnettehgc.org](http://www.gwinnettehgc.org) or call (770) 904-3500.

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