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TRAIL EXTENSION COMING FOR IVY CREEK GREENWAY

(Lawrenceville, Ga., May 21, 2013) – The Ivy Creek Greenway trail near the Mall of Georgia will soon stretch 4.4 miles after commissioners approved the construction contract for a \$2.2 million extension project on Tuesday. The addition of slightly less than three-quarters of a mile of 12-foot wide asphalt trail will feature three wood boardwalks, a 270-foot cable bridge, an overlook platform and restrooms.

According to Community Services Director Phil Hoskins, school groups visiting the Environmental and Heritage Center will use the recreation trail because it connects to a recently completed nature trail through the nearby F. Wayne Hill Water Resources Center site.

Long range plans call for the greenway to connect to an existing section at George Pierce Park, creating seven miles of biking and walking opportunities. District 1 Commissioner Jace Brooks said, “Greenways are an important extension of our park system and provide a chance for individuals and families to focus on fitness in a natural setting.”

Funding comes from a \$1 million state and federal transportation grant and the 2005 and 2009 SPLOST sales tax programs. Astra Group Inc. was the low bidder for the construction, which should be finished by the end of this year.

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