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GWINNETT BUYS LAND ALONG YELLOW RIVER

(Lawrenceville, Ga., June 3, 2014) – On Tuesday, commissioners agreed to buy 140.4 acres adjacent to the existing 566-acre Yellow River Park on Juhan Road from The Conservation Fund, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting land for future generations. The 2009 SPLOST program will fund the \$100,000 purchase.

Located in southern Gwinnett between the Yellow River and a future park site on Centerville Highway, the land was dedicated for public park purposes in the last will and testament of Ms. Martha J. Johnson. The mostly forested land contains a portion of Centerville Creek and has 2,400 feet of Yellow River frontage.

Commission Chairman Charlotte Nash said, “Gwinnett County appreciates the opportunity to partner with the Conservation Fund, and we are committed to the permanent protection of this land.”

Together the three tracts create 766 acres of continuous greenspace and will allow for a longer greenway trail system linking the two parks. Master planning for the park site and trails will begin within a year.

Andrew Schock, Georgia State Director of The Conservation Fund, said, “Ms. Johnson requested that this property along the Yellow River be permanently protected as a public park and recreation space, so we’re excited to work with Gwinnett County to ensure her conservation legacy by protecting the Yellow River corridor and greatly expanding recreational opportunities for county residents.”

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