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SPLOST FUNDS TO RENOVATE TWO BETHESDA PARK POOLS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Aug. 5, 2014) – Renovations are in store for the Bethesda Park Aquatic Center at 225 Bethesda Church Road near Lawrenceville. Funds from the 2009 SPLOST program will pay for the \$408,107 contract commissioners approved Tuesday with low bidder Poolside Inc.

The year-round indoor instructional pool and leisure pool will both get new tile along with new mechanical skimmers, grates, float assemblies and equalizers. Drains and HVAC ducts will be cleaned and a new system installed to remove chloramines from the air at pool level to improve air quality. The contract also includes replacing the play structure.

Project Administration Division Director Grant Guess said, “We’re using SPLOST funds to renovate existing facilities like this one in order to extend their life and improve operational efficiency.”

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, a finalist for the national Gold Medal Award presented by the National Recreation and Park Association after winning it in 2008, operates 17 aquatic facilities. Pool types include indoor competition, instructional, lap and indoor and outdoor leisure/water parks. General attendance at county pools numbered around 418,000 visits last year. Information on hours, fees, swim lessons or facility rentals can be found at www.gwinnettparks.com or by calling (678) 277-0880.

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