

Recreation Authority Board**Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 2:00pm**Innovation Square – Conference Room 108
446 West Crogan, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046**Present:** Samia Abdulle, Iris Hamilton, Bruce Johnson, Eric Thigpen, Kyle VanNus,
Not present: Norman Carter, Pam Cox, Rashida Wilson

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome/Announcements

3. Approval of Agenda

{Action: Approved; Motion: Johnson; Second: Abdulle; Vote: (5-0) Abdulle-Yes; Hamilton-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Thigpen-Yes; VanNus-Yes}

4. Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2025

{Action: Approved; Motion: Abdulle; Second: Johnson; Vote: (5-0) Abdulle-Yes; Hamilton-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Thigpen-Yes; VanNus-Yes}

5. Election of Officers

The Recreation Authority made a motion to appoint Iris Hamilton as Chairperson of the Recreation Authority

{Action: Approved; Motion: Abdulle; Second: VanNus; Vote: (5-0) Abdulle-Yes; Hamilton-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Thigpen-Yes; VanNus-Yes}

The Recreation Authority made a motion to appoint Samia Abdulle as Vice Chairperson of the Recreation Authority

{Action: Approved; Motion: Johnson; Second: Thigpen; Vote: (5-0) Abdulle-Yes; Hamilton-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Thigpen-Yes; VanNus-Yes}

The Recreation Authority made a motion to appoint Marlene Frazier as the Secretary of the Recreation Authority.

{Action: Approved; Motion: Abdulle; Second: VanNus; Vote: (5-0) Abdulle-Yes; Hamilton-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Thigpen-Yes; VanNus-Yes}

6. Staff Updates

7. Comments from Audience

9. Adjournment

{Action: Approved; Motion: Abdulle; Second: VanNus; Vote: (5-0) Abdulle-Yes; Hamilton-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Thigpen-Yes; VanNus-Yes}



Project Updates

March 12, 2026

Recreation Authority Board





DISCOVERY PARK

Coming Soon

This park will feature a playground, an interactive fountain, a court complex, a multipurpose sports field, a 1.5 mile paved trail, and restrooms.



YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Discovery Park







DACULA PARK ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

Coming Soon

This facility will feature a new Community Recreation Center, Senior Wing, and renovations to the existing activity building and parking lot.



YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS AT WORK











Gwinnett

BEAVER RUIN WETLAND PARK



Coming
Soon



TETRA TECH







RESTRICTION & BARRIER
PROTECTION ZONE
DO NOT
ENTER
VIOLATION WILL BE
PROSECUTED



LENORA PARK ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

Coming Soon

New Community Recreation
Center and renovations to the
gym and parking lot.



YOUR **SALES TAX DOLLARS** AT WORK



2025 Synthetic & Natural Turf Fields

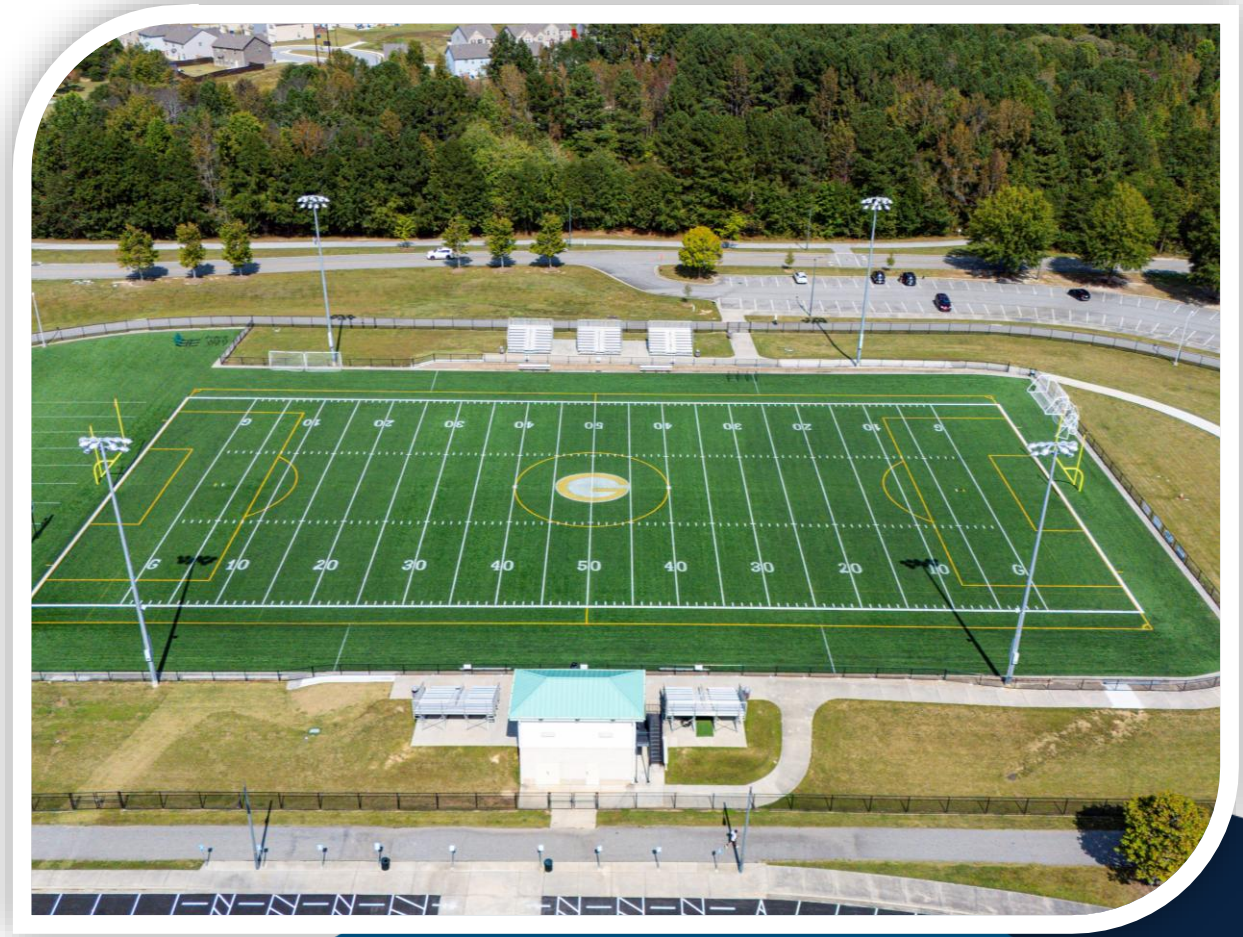
Bay Creek Park

Complete

Bay Creek Park Multi-Purpose Field
Bryson Park Multi-Purpose Field
Bethesda Park Multi-Purpose Field
Rabbit Hill Park Field #7
Rabbit Hill Park Soccer Fields #1 and #2

In Design

Rabbit Hill Park Multi-Purpose Field
Harbins Park Multi-Purpose Field
South Gwinnett Park Baseball Field #3



Bryson Park



Bethesda Park





2025 Playground Renovations

Duncan Creek Park

Complete

Dacula Park (Baseball)
Club Drive Park
Deshong Park (Kids and Teen Area)
Shorty Howell Park (Pavilion)
Best Friend Park
Duncan Creek Park
Shorty Howell (Baseball 2-5 and 5-12)

Under Construction

Graves Park





Dacula Park



Club Drive Park



Deshong Park (Teen)



Deshong Park



Shorty Howell Park



Best Friend Park

Sports Courts

West Gwinnett Park

Under Construction

West Gwinnett Park Pickleball

Lenora Park Pickleball

Bethesda Park Pickleball awarded 3/03



Other Project Updates

Under Construction

Ivy Creek Greenway Boardwalk and Bridge Replacement near the GEHC

Lenora Park Pressbox and Maintenance Building

Pool Pak Replacements at Bogan Aquatic, Mountain Park Aquatic, and West Gwinnett Aquatic

Parking lot paving at Bay Creek Park and Mountain Park Aquatic

Aquatic Playstructure Replacements at Collins Hill, Best Friend, and West Gwinnett Aquatic

Procurement

EHC Greenroof Replacement – evaluating options to move forward

Planning and Design

McDaniel Farm Park- Trail connection to Commerce Drive

EHC Sensory Treehouse A/V

Lenora Park- Outdoor Basketball Court Addition after Community Recreation Center project

Centerville Park

Sweetwater Park Phase II

Vines Park Phase II

Maguire Livsey Family Big House

- **Community Ambassadors**
- **Listening Sessions**
- **One on One Conversations**



November 8, 2025 Open House

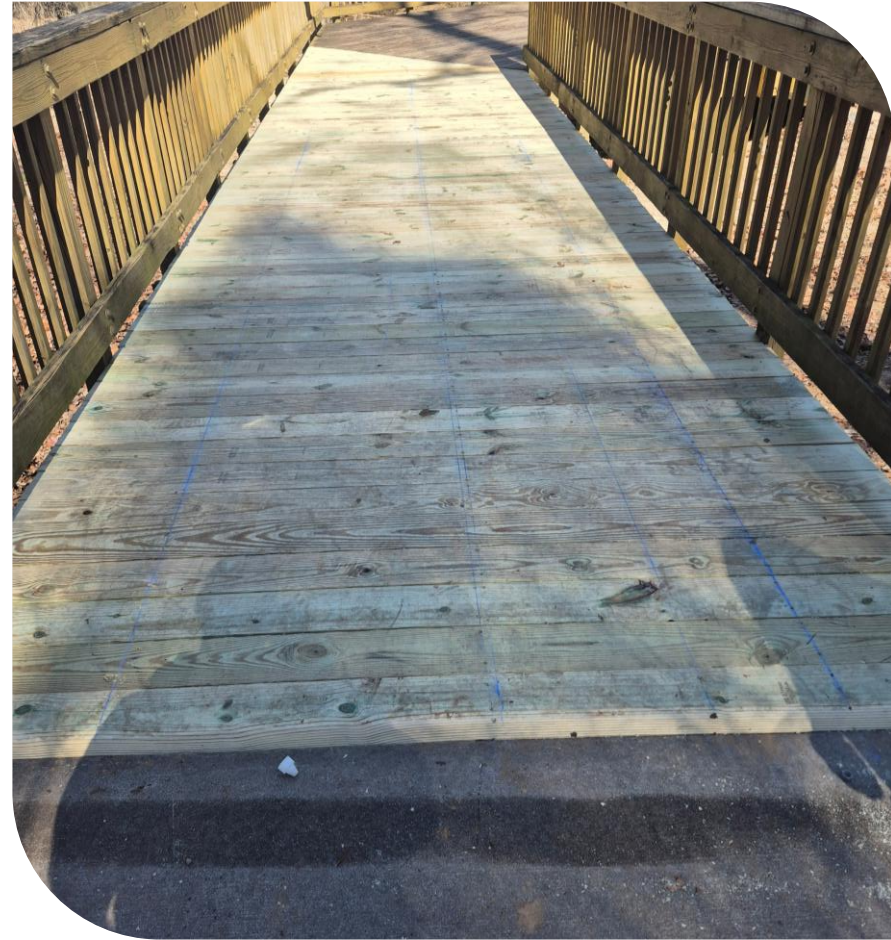


Asset Management Projects

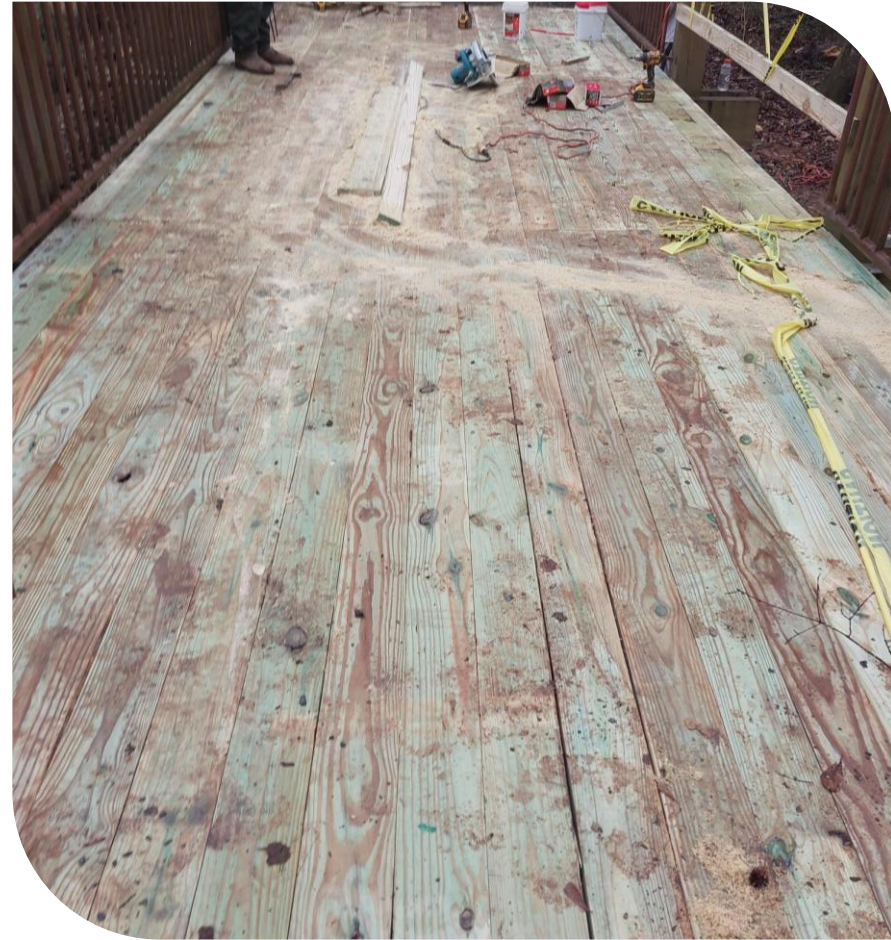
- Under Construction
- Wood Bridge Repairs
- LED Light Conversions
- Carpet Replacement
- ADA Upgrades
- Plumbing Repairs



Yellow River Park– overlook



Yellow River Park– bridge



Questions?





Parks & Recreation 2026 Look Ahead



40 Years of Excellence:

Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future

- Polar Plunge (kind of)
- GeoGwinnett-Park and Seek
- Hop into Spring Festival-GPP, April 25, 1-4pm
- Gwinnett Parks Foundation 5K series



Parks Maintenance

- Ice Storm response
- Detention pond maintenance
- Pressure washing
- YAA meetings and field preparation



Aquatics

- Training, Hiring
- Underwater Egg Hunt, March 28, Bogan Park Aquatic Center, 9am-noon
- Splash Pads Open April 4th
- Price Roll Back coming!



Recreation

- Dacula and Lenora!!
- Elections
- New Programs and Events:
 - Night Market on the Square, GHC, March 19
 - We Like to Paddy Adaptive Event, Shorty Howell Activity Building, March 14, 6-8pm
 - Archery 101, Yellow River Park, March 28
 - A Starry Eve, Lucky Shoals Park, March 20
 - Teens Acrylic Art, Lilburn Activity Building



Environmental Stewardship

- Volunteer Resources:
- GGC Spring Break
- Gwinnett Parks Foundation
- Central Gwinnett Beta Club
- Wildlife Projects-The Wolf Center, GGC, UGA



Looking ahead:

- CAPRA Audit
- Summer Camp
- Dacula! Lenora!
- Roving Crews
- Budget Preparation



Questions?

