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**Informal Presentation Minutes**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland D. Carden, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Matthew Holtkamp

**1. Parks & Recreation**

Parks & Recreation Update

Department Director Chris Minor provided an overview of Parks and Recreation programs, services, and initiatives. No official action taken.



# Parks & Recreation

**Chris Minor, Director**  
**April 14, 2026**

# Mission

The Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Department is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all residents by providing exceptional parks, facilities, and programs that inspire healthy, active and connected lifestyles.



# Organization

225 Full Time Employees

Five Divisions

- Aquatics
- Grounds Maintenance
- Operations and Logistics
- Project Administration
- Recreation



# Outdoor Recreation

2025

- 66 campers
- 84 astronomers
- 567 GEOGwinnett participants
- 70 outdoor recreation programs scheduled for 2026



# Therapeutic Recreation

- Buice Center Collaboration
- Buddy Hikes
- Adaptive fishing, birding, camping
- Adaptive Family Swims



# Aquatics



# Roving Crews



# Help Locator System



Eastern Regional Greenway



- First implemented in 2013
- 307 Help Locators along Gwinnett Trails
- Collaborative effort between Gwinnett Parks and Gwinnett Police Services
- 96 Help Locators Retrofitted



# Maguire Livsey Family Big House



# Dacula Park Activity Building Expansion



# Lenora Park Gym Expansion



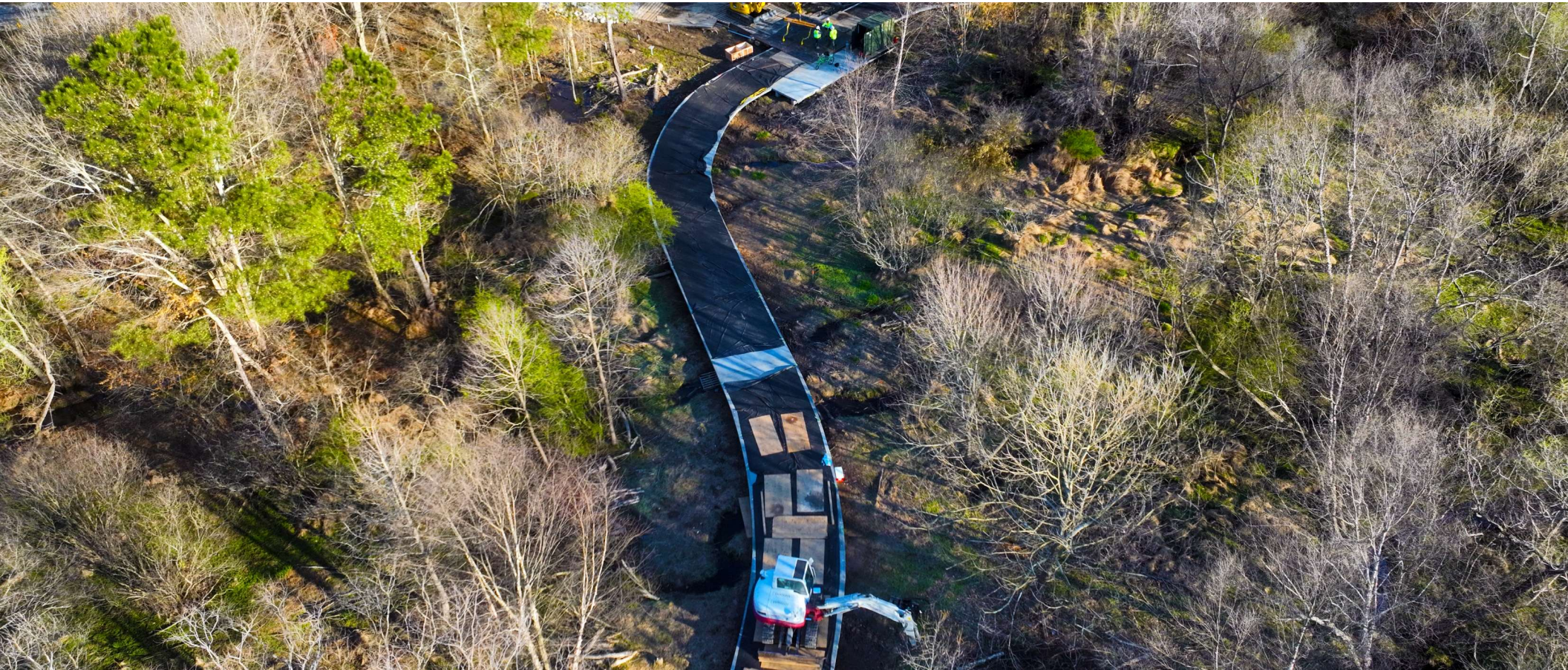
# Discovery Park



# Beaver Ruin Wetland Park



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## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- November 1986
- Events throughout the year
- Tell us your story

# Gwinnett Parks Foundation Anniversary

- Established 2001
- EquiSol 5K Series
- Annual Basketball Tournament



# Research Partnerships

Georgia Gwinnett College

- Collins Hill Park, Harbins Park

University of Georgia and Georgia Gwinnett College

- Rock Springs Park, Little Mulberry Park

The Wolf Center, NY





# Employee Discounts

574 Registered Participants

- Summer Camp
- Swim Lessons
- Pickleball

Thank You