

# DRUID HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD

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## Proposed South Peachtree Creek Greenway



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South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. August 1995

\*\*\*\*\*Preliminary Trail Route & Alternatives

## Proposed South Peachtree Creek Greenway Gains Increased Community Support

Druid Hills residents have joined forces with Medlock area residents to help create a four-mile multi-use greenway/pathway. The proposed greenway will run from a 32-acre nature preserve near Market Square Mall, past Medlock Park, Mason Mill Park, and Wesley Woods Geriatric Center, and connect with Emory University, paralleling the floodplain of South Peachtree Creek. The map shows the neighborhoods involved and a preliminary route which connects existing and proposed parks to create an extensive greenway.

Such greenways promote "neighboring," improve community relations, encourage neighbors to exercise together, and can help unshackle residents from the automobile. The multi-use path would be designed to accommodate

neighborhood walkers, joggers, mothers with strollers, bicyclists, skaters, and even those in wheelchairs. The proposed greenway should reduce automobile traffic, noise and pollution. It will afford residents the opportunity for scenic walks and safe bicycling, either for exercise or going to and from neighborhood activities.

Partial funding for the proposed project would come from a Federal/State ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act) grant which has recently been approved. The money would not be disbursed until 1997 and not until certain matching funds are raised locally. The idea behind the Federal ISTEA program is to provide alternatives to the automobile.

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reducing our dependence and usage. DeKalb County Parks and Recreation is also working to help make the greenway a reality.

Volunteers involved in the planning also want to monitor that portion of South Peachtree Creek that runs through the neighborhood and along the greenway. It is hoped that a stream management program with neighborhood volunteers can work to improve the quality of the water and clean up trash in the creek bed. These efforts will have a positive effect on the neighborhood and potentially on those people downstream.

South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. is the official name of the group of neighborhood residents who filed the application for the ISTEA grant. This group is applying to the IRS for status as a 501(c)3 corporation to make contributions tax-deductible. This project is still in the planning stage and volunteer and financial support is needed. If you want information on how you can help please call Vivian Tilley, chairperson, at 728-1411. The DHCA Board of Directors has reviewed the project and has made a donation. Individual donations can be mailed to South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves at P.O. Box 33247, Decatur,