

Porter: Below is a letter we are sending to the neighborhood regarding our 10/15/97 Public Information Meeting (see last paragraph for details). As president of SPCNP I am inviting you to join us at the meeting to hear the exciting news about the Multi-Use Trail along South Peachtree Creek. Please mark your calendar to come. Thanks.

October 2, 1997

Dear Neighbor:

As you might remember, in the Summer of 1994, South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. (SPCNP), the Medlock Floodplain Coalition, Clairmont Heights Civic Association, the North Druid Valley Home Association and other interested groups came together with a concept for a multi-use jogging trail through our neighborhoods from Market Square to the DeKalb Tennis Center. On August 15, 1994, we partnered with DeKalb County to apply for a \$ 965,000 award under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) from the State Department of Transportation in an effort to make the dream of a trail a reality.

There were 120 such ISTEA applications submitted from around the State. On June 12, 1995, SPCNP was notified we were awarded \$ 700,000 for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail, one of only 11 projects to receive an award. All of us were delighted.

Since that time, we have been working with DeKalb County, our elected officials and have partnered with the PATH Foundation to provide required expertise to move forward with the trail. We are working closely with the Parks and Recreation Department as this trail will go through two parks. We actually will be implementing parts of the Master Plans developed during the 1988 Master Planning process under the Parks Bond Referendum which call for the connection of these two parks by trails.

We are happy to inform you that the PATH Foundation has agreed to not only provide the \$140,000 required matching funds to receive the ISTEA Award, but has committed to invest over \$600,000 of their own money into making the project a reality. They have also been investing much time and money into the planning, surveying, engineering and environmental studying of the possible trail route.

So that each of you will have the opportunity to learn more about and share in this wonderful project, a Public Information Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00 PM at the Mack Love Life Enrichment Center Building (lower floor around back between the Avis Williams Library and the DeKalb Tennis Center) on McConnell Dr. Please plan to attend and get caught up on progress with this project. I hope you can come.

Sincerely,

Tom Gould
President, SPCNP