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Georgia Department of Transportation
Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA)
Application for FY '97 Funds
South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc.
P.O. Box 33247, Decatur, Georgia 30033
Contact: Vivian Tilley (404) 633-1729
County: DeKalb Congressional District: 4
RDC: Atlanta Regional Commission
City: Unincorporated DeKalb

THE SOUTH PEACHTREE CREEK MULTI-USE TRAIL

Brief Description

Our proposed multi-use trail follows the South Fork of Peachtree Creek from Market Square to Clifton Road. We begin our journey at Market Square at North DeKalb; it is just inside I-285, at the intersection of Druid Hills Road and Lawrenceville Highway (U.S. 29 & U.S. 78). We travel west along DeKalb water and sewer easements to access the North Valley and Medlock neighborhoods. Next we pass through two DeKalb County Parks: Medlock and Mason Mill. Subsequently, we pass between Clairmont Place, a retirement community, and Sterling Carlyle Apartments. We pass over Clairmont Road (U.S. 23 & S.R. 155) at an intersection containing a traffic light and pedestrian command capability. We then come onto the grounds of the Veterans Administration Hospital and Nursing Home. We pass a possible fork to the Lullwater Estate of Emory University. We continue past the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Mason Mill neighborhood, The Houston Mill House. We then move south on Houston Mill towards Clifton. We pass The Hahn Woods, and the Ronald McDonald House. We turn right on Clifton and pass The American Cancer Society, The Emory School of Public Health, The Emory Conference Center Hotel, The Protestant Radio and Television Network, and Villa International. We end our trip at The Wesley Woods Geriatric Center on Clifton Road.

The Benefits of the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

- *Congestion mitigation is a necessity in this corridor that is bordered by national and state routes and busy feeder streets. Residents desire alternatives to road widenings.
- *Environmental Air Quality would improve as commuters gained a non-motorized option for short-trips, the heaviest polluters.
- *Local residents already walk or bike to the Emory area in high numbers despite the danger. If a safe trail was developed, it is clear that high usage would be achieved and the investment would be justified. This trail leads into a housing district of first-time home buyers and affluent apartment dwellers able and ready to ride a bike to work.
- *Small children are currently learning to ride bikes in neighborhood streets bordered by national routes. A safe alternative space for play would lead to stability in DeKalb population figures, especially among school age populations.
- *An active elderly population walks for health and enjoyment, however the Veteran's Administration Hospital and Nursing Home lacks a path system. This multi-use trail would provide one.
- * This multi-use trail will meander along the South Fork of Peachtree Creek in an environmentally responsible manner. It would be marked by the establishment of a riparian buffer to reduce flooding and to promote cleaner water as well as air.
- * This multi-use trail will pass the CDC and the Emory School of Public Health. It would provide researchers with an opportunity to test the benefits of trail usage and greenway preservation upon our health in an unprecedented quantitative manner. This research could provide critical information for the expansion of multi-use trails and increased greenway preservation, not only in Georgia, but across the country.
- * This multi-use trail will make nature accessible to wheel chair users.

Long Range Plan

The Peachtree Creek-South Fork Trail appears in the plans of the DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs, dated December 1988. It is consistent with DeKalb County and ARC Bike/Pedestrian plan. It is consistent with the RTP based on policies established by ARC, and The South Peachtree Creek Multi-use Trail intersects with the City of Atlanta Greenway Trail Corridor Plan.

Ownership of Trail

The ultimate owner of the South Peachtree Creek Multi-use Trail will be DeKalb County.

Linkage to the Intermodal Transportation System The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail links the following transportation modes.

The Highway System

The following United States routes intersect with the multi-use trail:

1. Market Square - Lawrenceville Highway (U.S. 78 & U.S. 29)
2. Clairmont Road - (U.S. 23).

These State Routes intersect with the multi-use trail.

1. Clairmont Road - (S.R. 155)
2. Briarcliff Road (S.R. 42)

MARTA

Four bus lines intersect the trail.

1. The Avondale to Brookhaven bus (number 8) stops at Market Square.
2. Bus 123 begins at the Decatur station and ends at Market Square.
3. Bus 19 begins at Brookhaven and ends at the Veterans Hospital.
4. Bus 6 begins at the Edgewood-Candler Park station and travels along Clifton Road with a stop the Wesley Woods Geriatric Center, a terminus point of the proposed multi-use trail.
5. The Kensington Express Shuttle serves the Clifton Corridor.

The South Peachtree Creek Multi-use trail would cross over the railroad tracks, shown as a proposed MARTA line on DOT maps. There is a bridge crossing already proposed here in DeKalb RPCA plans.

Private Transportation Systems

The Emory Shuttle and The Egleston Children's Hospital Shuttle also serve the area surrounding the western terminus of the South Peachtree Creek Trail. Several retirement communities shuttle residents to Market Square, the eastern terminus.

Other Trails

The South Peachtree Creek Multi-use Trail would intersect with at least five walking trail systems. It is consistent with the DeKalb County Bike/Pedestrian Plan.

1. The Market Square access point would lead to a proposed nature preserve which would include walking trails.
2. Walking trails are already being developed at Medlock and Mason Mill Parks.
3. Emory's diverse university population uses the extensive paths at Lullwater.
4. The Hahn Woods contain an upper and lower level path system and formal indigenous woodland landscape.
5. Wesley Woods has paths with seating areas.
6. The Marcus Center has a path system designed for victims of cerebral palsy.

Carpooling

Emory has a carpooling program with DOT's Rider Matcher Service.

Ratio of Planted Spaces

Seventy-five percent or more of this four-mile trail has a natural setting. The meadow areas may require some tree plantings, which DeKalb County will provide through the Tree Bank Program. Wild flowers would enhance the few open space tracts. Indigenous plantings would mark trail entrances.

Historic Properties

- * The National Historic Register lists the **Steele-Cobb House**, the only two-story, plain-style plantation home in metropolitan Atlanta. This private residence occupies 3 acres and sits on Fox Hills Drive in the Medlock neighborhood one block from the multi-use trail. Mrs. Steele grew up in the Tullie-Smith House, which is now located on the grounds of the Atlanta Historical Society.
- * **The Water Works** is located in Mason Mill Park. It is slated for restoration in DeKalb RPCA master plans.
- * Walter Turner Candler commissioned architect, Lewis E. Crook, Jr., to design **Lullwater**, a Tudor Manor House, in 1925. The President of Emory has lived in the house since 1963.
- * **The Houston Mill** was built in 1863 by Major Washington Jackson Houston. He later converted this grist mill into DeKalb's first hydroelectric plant. In the early 1900's Major Houston held an annual picnic and square dance every May first. The guests gathered inside the mill and across the bridge.
- * **The Houston Mill House** was built in 1925 by Harry J. Carr.

Amenities

Our initial budget request includes 20 bicycle racks, 55 overhead path lights, 55 benches, indigenous landscape plantings, sign systems, and two pedestrian bridges.

Additional Bike Racks

Emory University Campus - 37 bike racks; 50 more have been purchased.

Vehicle Parking

Provided by destination points and points of interest; Eighty additional spaces are included in future DeKalb County park plans.

Restrooms

There are public restrooms at Market Square, Medlock Park, Mason Mill Park, The Veteran's Administration Hospital, and Emory University. User groups are already at points of business and interest.

AASHTO

Seventy-six percent of the South Peachtree Creek Multi-use trail, or 3.04 miles out of 4, will meet the AASHTO definition of a Class I Trail.

Maintenance

The South Peachtree Creek Multi-use Trail will require a full-time maintenance person. One will be employed using a program similar to The Trail Ranger Program by PATH.

Point System : Facilities For Pedestrians and Bicycles Category

10	points	10 or more destinations
5	points	5 miles
10	points	amenities comprise over 31% of budget
10	points	more than 5 linkages to other transportation modes
10	points	76% or more is Class I trail
45	points	total (45/50 possible points or 90%)

Points of Interest

The South Peachtree Creek Trail links numerous points of interest:

- * Market Square at North DeKalb - This regional mall has three anchors: Rich's, Mervyn's and Stein Mart, as well as seventy specialty shops, a post office, a theater complex, two banks and a food court.
- * A proposed 37 acre floodplain and wetland nature preserve
- * Medlock Park - Eight ball fields compose a regional, competitive program.
- * Mason Mill Park - This park includes Avis Memorial Library, The Life Enrichment Services/DeKalb Special Population Center, The DeKalb Tennis Center, and the planned Mason Mill Nature Center. The Water Works, an historic site slated for restoration, is located here.
- * The Veterans Hospital and Nursing Home
- * The Lullwater Estate of Emory University
- * Yerkes Primate Center
- * Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- * The Houston Mill House & Scholars Press
- * Hahn Woods
- * The Ronald McDonald House
- * The American Cancer Society
- * The Emory School of Public Health
- * The Emory Conference Center Hotel
- * The Turner Village of the Candler School of Theology
- * The Protestant Radio and Television Network
- * Villa International
- * The Wesley Woods Geriatric Center

The Marcus Center and WGNX-TV are within walking distance on Briarcliff Road to the west of Wesley Woods. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Grace Crum Rollins Public Health Building, The Georgia Association of Pastoral Care and Global Health Action are also located on Clifton Road to the east.

The South Peachtree Creek Trail Expansion Possibilities

1. The South Peachtree Creek Trail can be extended eastward to connect with the Stone Mountain Trail and westward to the City of Atlanta Greenway Trail Corridor Plan.
2. Midpoint: A fork at the intersection with Lullwater could link users to the Emory campus. Direct access to the Emory University Hospital and Clinics, The Egleston Children's Hospital and the Center for Rehabilitation Medicine would then be achieved. A pedestrian bridge across the railroad, similar the bridge on the other side of Clifton, could provide patients with access to Lullwater. Also, The Centers for Disease Control is almost equidistant between the endpoints of the possible fork.

Letters of Support (In chronological order)

1. DeKalb County Civic Coalition, Inc.
2. The Georgia Conservancy
3. Clairmont Heights Civic Association
4. Life Enrichment Services
5. Mason Mill Civic Club
6. Wesley Woods, Inc.
7. Pierre Howard, Lieutenant Governor
8. Erick Gaither, Director of Parking and Community Services, Emory University
9. Joanna Buffington, M.D., M.P.H.
10. Global Health Action
11. Villa International Atlanta
12. Echo Lake
13. Betsy Gumpert, Guidance Committee
14. North Druid Valley Home Assn.
15. The Medlock Floodplain Coalition
16. Professor Ragsdale and Adjunct Professor Dahl, Senate's Committee on the Environment, Emory University

PROJECT COST PER MILE
South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail
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MILE 1:	Market Square Mall to Medlock Park	
	Pedestrian Bridge (100 feet)	\$ 40,000
	New trail (1,700 feet X 12 feet)	\$ 51,000
	Trail on existing county R.O.W. (3,350 feet)	\$ 0
	Wildlife refuge revegetation	\$ 20,000
	Amenities (1a)	\$ 21,000
	SubTotal	\$132,000
MILE 2:	Medlock Park to Clairmont Road	
	Trail on existing county R.O.W. (200 feet)	\$ 0
	New trail (5,000 feet X 12 feet)	\$150,000
	Amenities (1b)	\$ 36,000
	SubTotal	\$186,000
MILE 3:	Clairmont Road to Houston Mill Road	
	Pedestrian Bridge (100 feet)	\$ 40,000
	Trail on existing Clairmont Place road (300 feet)	\$ 0
	Trail on existing V. A. road (1,400 feet)	\$ 0
	New Trail (3,500 feet X 12 feet)	\$105,000
	Amenities (1c)	\$ 34,200
	SubTotal	\$179,200
MILE 4:	Houston Mill Road to Clifton Road	
	New trail (3,600 feet X 12 feet)	\$108,000
	Trail on existing Wesley Woods Center road (1,600 feet)	\$ 0
	Amenities (1d)	\$ 34,200
	SubTotal	\$142,200

(1a) 5 bicycle racks
7 overhead path lights
7 benches
indigenous landscape planting
sign system
pedestrian bridge

(1b) 5 bicycle racks
20 overhead path lights
20 benches
indigenous landscape plantings
sign system

(1c) 5 bicycle racks
14 overhead path lights
14 benches
indigenous landscape planting
sign system
pedestrian bridge

(1d) 5 bicycle racks
14 overhead path lights
14 benches
indigenous landscape plantings
sign system

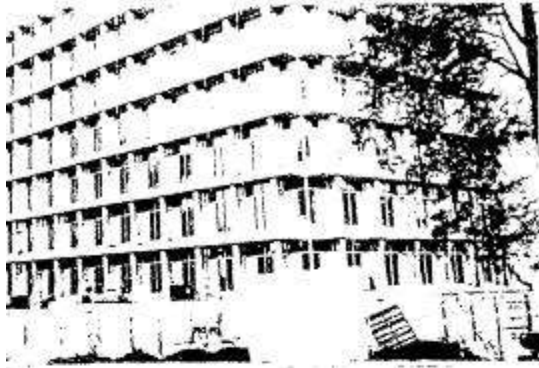
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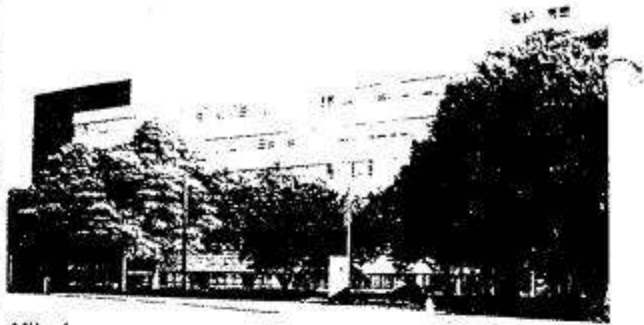
PROJECT COST SUMMARY

\$ 35,000	Project Administration		
\$ 73,000	Design/Engineering Plan		
\$150,000	Land/Structure Acquisition		
\$639,200	Construction	Multi-Use Trail	\$414,000
		Amenities (2)	\$225,200
\$897,200	SubTotal		
\$ 67,300	7.5% Contingency		
\$964,500	Total		
\$965,000	Total Funds		
\$193,000	20% Local Match		
\$772,000	T.E.A. Request		

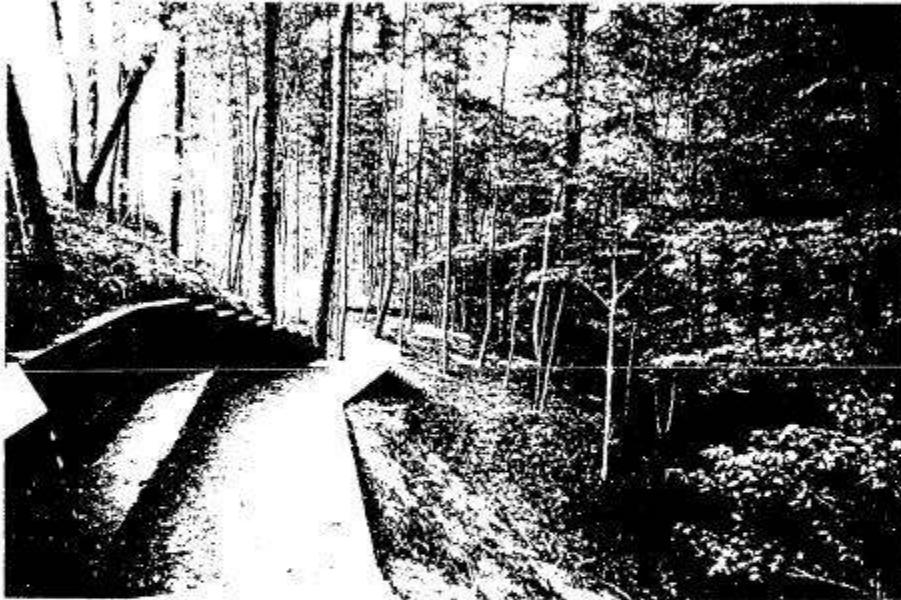
(2) Includes amenities listed in (1a), (1b), (1c), (1d) and wildlife refuge revegetation.



Rollins Research Center at Emory University



Mile 4 - Centers for Disease Control

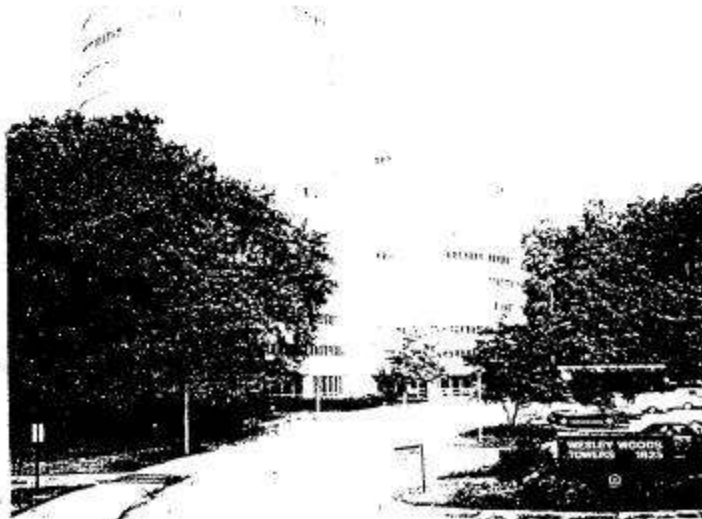


Mile 4
(above) Hahn Woods
at Emory University

Mile 4
Houston Mill Road
to Wesley Woods
Geriatric Center



Mile 4
(right) Wesley Woods
Geriatric Center





Mile 3
(left) Southern Association
of Colleges and Schools



Mile 3
Clairmont Road to
Houston Mill Road

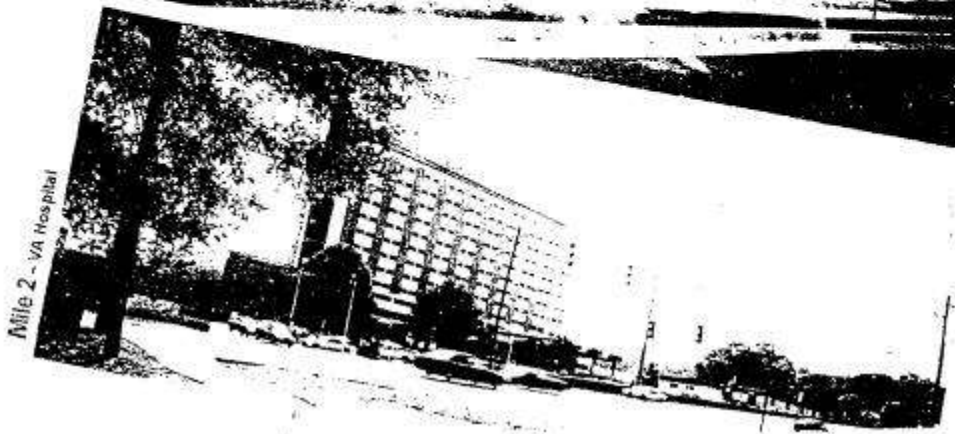
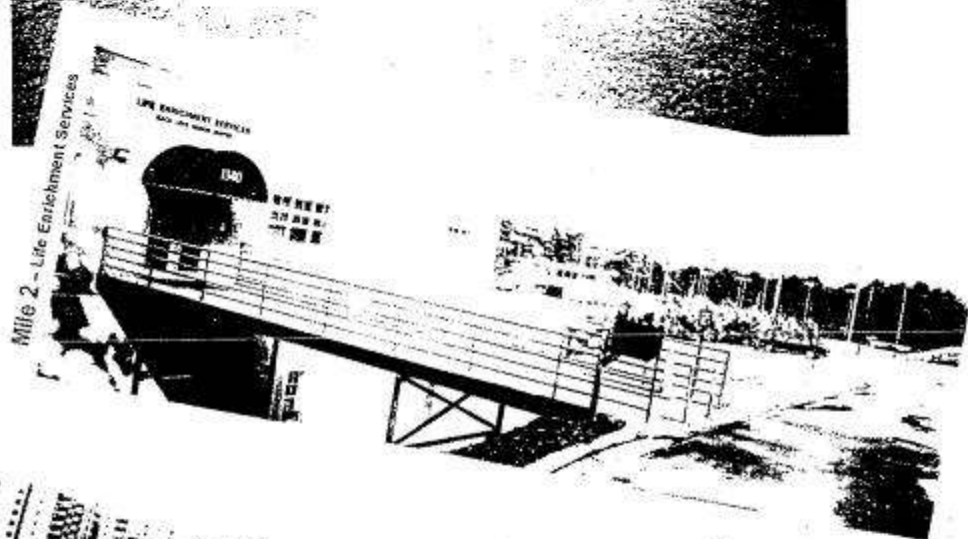


Mile 3
(above & left) water
fall at Houston Mill
Road and abandoned
bridge



Mile 3
(below) Houston Mill
House

2
Jack Park (right) to
Mont Road





Mile 1

Market Square Mall
(above) to Redlock
Park

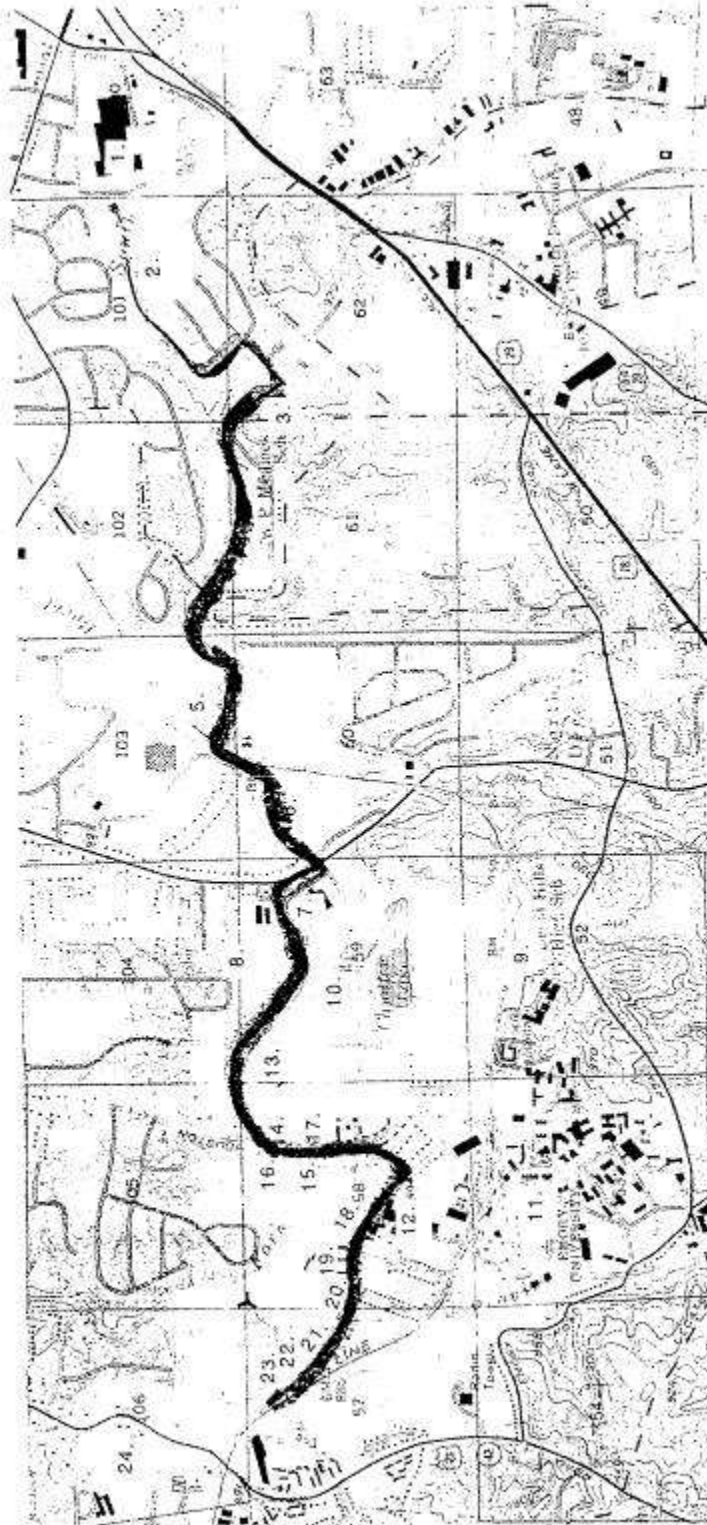
(right) proposed
entrance to 37 acre
Greenspace/Nature
Preserve



Mile 1

(left) Steele Cobb house is
listed on the National
Register of Historic Places

The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail



- 19. Emory Conference Center
- 20. Turner Village of the Candler School of Theology
- 21. Protestant Radio and Television Network
- 22. Villa International
- 23. Wesley Woods Geriatric Center
- 24. Marcus Center

- 13. Yerkes Primate Center
- 14. Houston Mill House
- 15. Ronald McDonald House
- 16. Fahn Woods
- 17. Scholars Press
- 18. American Cancer Society

- 7. Veterans Administration Hospital
- 8. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- 9. Druid Hills High School
- 10. Lullwater Estate
- 11. Emory University
- 12. Center for Disease Control and Prevention

- 1. Market Square Mall
- 2. Proposed Nature Preserve
- 3. Medlock Elementary School
- 4. Medlock Park
- 5. Mason Mill Park
- 6. Clammont Place Retirement Center

T.E.A. APPLICATION AUGUST, 1994

↑ NORTH 1 INCH = 2,000 FEET

Appendix:
South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail
Letters of Support

CLAIRMONT HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
1125 A CLAIRMONT RD.
DECATUR, GA 30030

August 4, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Planning
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta, GA 30034

Attn: Enhancement Application

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

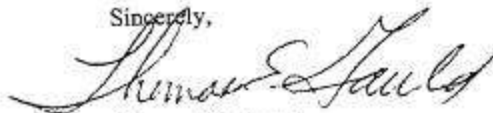
The Clairmont Heights Civic Association neighborhood is in DeKalb County, on South Peachtree Creek near the VA Hospital.

We have been involved in the planning of the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve. A group known as the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. is currently working with DeKalb County on an application for funding of the South Peachtree Creek Multi-use Trail connecting Market Square with Wesley Woods. This multi-use trail will skirt the Clairmont Heights neighborhood as the trail goes through Mason Mill Park.

As neighbors, this plan has our full support. It will provide a much needed connection to Emory, CDC and the VA Hospital, three of the five largest employers in DeKalb County and places of business many of us work. We can think of no better usage of the corridor along South Peachtree Creek.

We ask that you join us in our support of an application for funding under ISTEA by DeKalb County and the Nature Preserves and add this worthwhile project to Georgia's intermodal transportation plan so it will qualify for Federal funding.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Gould
President

2275 Echo Trail
Atlanta GA 30345
11 August 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Office of Planning
Attention: Enhancement Applications
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta GA 30334

Re: The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

Dear Ms. Dunagan,

After reviewing the plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail, I enthusiastically support the project. Our urban setting demands the use of alternative transportation, and linear parks offer a pleasant solution.

Many cyclists in our area would be frequent users of this trail. This project would allow more of our DeKalb County citizens to learn about the advantages of a multi-use trail, and thus insure the expansion of these wonderful facilities for more citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of the application by the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve.

Best regards,

Betsy Gumpert

Betsy Gumpert
Guidance Committee
Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Office of Planning
Attention: Enhancement Applications
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

August 12, 1994

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

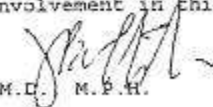
I am familiar with the plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail and wholeheartedly endorse this concept and hope there are many more to follow. I think this project deserves full consideration for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

I work at the Centers for Disease Control on Clifton Road in Atlanta, and am an avid bicyclist, both for recreation and transportation. I ride my bike to work most weekdays, and, despite every effort to try to get from where I live in Decatur to CDC by using backroads, there is absolutely no way to avoid riding on either North Decatur or Clairmont Roads. Neither of these main roads has a shoulder, and in heavy commuting morning or evening traffic, I feel that riding on these roads is incredibly dangerous! I do it anyway, trying to avoid peak travel times by coming into work before 8:00 am and leaving after 6:00 pm each day. Even this does not always guarantee low traffic on these main roads. There are a number of people here at CDC who ride bikes to work, despite the danger we put ourselves in each day. My dedication to relieving the congestion of traffic and the pollution that results, along with my belief in cycling as a healthy physical activity will NOT be quelled by the poor support past city planners have given to promote bicycling in Atlanta. I hope that current planners are looking more to the future with current planning, and realize how important this support is.

As a dedicated environmentalist, I understand the concern that citizens who live along and enjoy the Peachtree Creek have regarding the environmental impact of such a trail on the creek environment itself. I believe that planners, along with environmental consultants can come up with a route and construction plan that minimizes the direct impact on the creek and is acceptable to the majority of people involved. The "it's okay if it's not in my backyard" syndrome, however, I'm less sympathetic with. Bicycle trails on Cape Cod (where my family lives) and in Boulder, Colorado (where I have many friends) have actually increased property values greatly for those whose land abuts the trails, and are felt to be saviors of natural habitats and green areas, because additional building next to the trails is prohibited. Again, I enthusiastically endorse the general plan for this trail and any others. These are not merely desirable, they are absolutely essential to a rapidly growing metropolitan city such as Atlanta in order to provide safe, healthy alternative transportation.

Thankyou for your involvement in this important issue.

Sincerely,


Joanna Buffington, M.D. M.P.H.
c/o Sherman
150 Pinecrest Ave.
Decatur, GA

cc: Vivian Tilley
Steering Committee for the SPC Nature Preserves



DeKalb County Civic Coalition, Inc.

P.O. BOX 95671
ATLANTA, GA 30347

FOUNDING MEMBERS:
Abingdon Civic Club, Inc.
Cambridge Park Civic
Association
Cedar Park Civic
Association
Churchill Downs Civic
Association
Dunwoody Civic Association
Dunwoody Homeowners
Association
East Tucker Civic
Association, Inc.
Friends of Redan, Inc.
Gansborough 500 Civic
Club
Gresham Park Community
Organization, Inc.
Hampton Hill Civic
Association, Inc.
Hilldale Neighborhood
Association
Les Chateaux Civic
Association
Mountain Shadow Civic
Association
Sheridan-Briarcliff
Neighborhood Assoc.
South DeKalb Coalition
Valley Oaks Neighbor-
hood Association
West Nancy Creek Civic
Association

August 2, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Georgia Department of Transportation
Office of Planning
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta, GA 30034

Attn: Enhancement Application

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

Since 1985, the DeKalb County Civic Coalition, Inc., has been an advocate for homeowners and Civic Associations. With a current membership of 50 Civic Associations and 100 individuals, we represent a cross section of DeKalb County.

We have been aware and are involved with the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. in planning for nature preserves and multi-use trails along South Peachtree Creek. The group is currently working with DeKalb County on an application under ISTEA for funding of the South Peachtree Creek Multi-use Trail connecting Market Square, Medlock Park, Mason Mill Park, W.D. Thompson Park, Lullwater Estate, V A Hospital, Emory University, CDC and Wesley Woods.

This plan has the full support of the Civic Coalition as it will provide a much needed multi-use connection through an area of DeKalb County full of senior citizens, special use populations, children and recreational users of such a trail. We can think of no better usage of ISTEA money in DeKalb.

We ask that you add this worthwhile effort to your intermodal transportation plan for submission to receive money under appropriate State and Federal Programs.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Gould
President

DeKalb County, Georgia



Public Works Department
Roads & Drainage Division

Courthouse Square, Decatur, Georgia 30030

August 15, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Department of Transportation
State of Georgia
2 Capitol Square, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1002

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

I am writing to you on behalf of DeKalb County Government to express my support for the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) grant application for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail. I believe you will find that the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. meet all of the requirements specified in the ISTEA. DeKalb County Government will continue to work with the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. to secure the required 20% matching funds.

This grant application is being reviewed by the County Commission and will be an agenda item for approval this month. I expect it to be approved as it is an integral part of the County Master Plan for Parks and Trails.

We look forward to a favorable reply and a successful project.

Sincerely,

John W. Seibert, III, P.E.
Associate Director Public Works,
Roads and Drainage

JWS:sbs



ECHO LAKE
Homeowners Assoc. Inc.

August 11, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Office of Planning
Attention: Enhancement Applications
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta GA 30334

Re: The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

Dear Ms. Dunagan,

Our community very much supports the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve in their plan to create a beautiful trail in an area that will benefit so many citizens. We want to have more outdoor areas to enjoy close to our homes. The plan of a linear park that also provides transportation to schools, parks, and a library is superb.

We thank you for your careful consideration in this application for the funding of the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail.

Sincerely,

Jim Davis
President

EMORY UNIVERSITY

Director Of Parking and Community Services

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FAX 404/727-2673

August 10, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Office of Planning
Attention: Enhancement Applications
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

RE: The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

This office recently met with representatives of the South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves regarding the plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail. After studying the plan, we enthusiastically endorse its concept.

The Parking and Community Services Center at Emory University is responsible for providing adequate parking for its faculty, staff, visitors and students. Additionally, we provide parking for the employees at Emory University Hospital and supplement parking for Eggleston Children's Hospital, not to mention the thousands of daily visitors and patients to our campus. According to the Atlanta Regional Commission, the employment in the Emory activity node (Clifton Road) is comparable to both the City of Decatur and Executive Park.

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) completed a study in 1992 of the 16,432 employees along the Clifton Road corridor. Of the employees, 84.2% drive single occupancy vehicles to work, 6.0% arrive on MARTA and 5.4% carpool. Of the students, 62.5% commute in single occupancy vehicles, 11.0% carpool, 7.0% ride MARTA and the remainder either walk or bike.

Dedicated to promoting alternate transportation to the single occupancy vehicle, Emory Parking and Community Services Center sees the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail as a means to address the growing problems of traffic congestion and parking management for the Clifton Road corridor. As the largest employer in DeKalb County, Emory University seeks a proactive approach in addressing the issues of the Clean Air Act.

We understand that application for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) has been made. We are aware of the intent of this legislation and believe this proposal meets the criteria.

Thank you for your consideration,


Erick Gaither

cc Robert Williams, Vice President for Business



OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334

(404) 656-5030

PIERRE HOWARD
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

August 9, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
Office of Planning, Enhancement Applications
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

It has recently come to my attention that the organizers of the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail are applying for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991. Please allow me to take this opportunity to express my strong support for their application.

The proposed trail is located in an internationally visited area of Atlanta. The South Peachtree Creek nature preserve and trail will provide thirty-seven acres of recreational and aesthetic opportunities for visitors and Georgia residents. In addition, the educational value of preserved greenspace with observable animal and plant life will greatly reward and inspire its guests.

I believe the benefits of the proposed South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail will extend far from its supportive community in enhancing our state's image and growth. I endorse the foresight and long-term commitment of the trail's supporters, and respectfully request your favorable consideration for Transportation Enhancement Activities funding of this project.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pierre Howard".

Pierre Howard

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August 10, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Planning Administrator/Office of Planning
Georgia Department of Transportation
Attn: Enhancement Applications
#2 Capitol Square, Room 372
Atlanta, GA 30034

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

This refers to plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail which Global Health Action strongly endorses.

We understand that application for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) has been made. We are aware of the intent of this legislation and believe this proposal meets the criteria.

Global Health Action is a private, non-profit organization headquartered on Clifton Road in Atlanta, GA. The organization was founded as INSA in 1972 by key leaders from the educational health, religious, and business communities. Global Health Action promotes a mutual respect for individual and cultural diversity.

Our mission is to create a healthier world by providing health education and leadership training for people of emerging countries.

Many of our participants are from countries that provide safe and accessible bicycle and walking paths and would greatly benefit from this project. We would, therefore, like to add our strong support to this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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August 5, 1994

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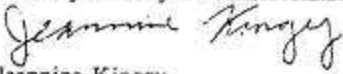
Dear Ms. Dunagan:

Re: The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

The Executive Committee of Life Enrichment Services has been familiarized with the plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail and endorses this concept with enthusiasm. We understand that application for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) has been made. We are aware of the intent of this legislation and believe this proposal meets the criteria.

We are a non-profit organization by/for and with seniors. More and more older adults are realizing the importance of exercise in healthy aging. This multi-use trail would be useful to our 700+ participants as many of them live in the area of the trail.

Thank you for your consideration,


Jeannine Kingry
Executive Director

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Ms. Toni Dunagan
State Transportation Planning Administrator
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Attn. Enhancement Applications

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

This is in reference to the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail.

The Mason Mill Civic Assn., comprised of 196 single family homes along Mason Mill Rd. and intersecting streets between Clairmont Rd. and Houston Mill Rd., supports and endorses the concept of a multi-use trail along South Peachtree Creek. If an application for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991 is approved and funded, we are hopeful that the plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail will be included in your office's plans as we believe it meets all appropriate standards and criteria.

Such a trail, if implemented, would be a tremendous asset to our community. It has the potential of reducing the extremely heavy traffic our neighborhood is burdened with at the present time due to Mason Mill Rd. being the primary cut-through from Clairmont Rd. to Emory University. As a matter of fact, our neighborhood has a long range plan in which we are trying to obtain county support for a number of different ideas we have to reduce traffic congestion along Mason Mill Rd. This does not even take into account the environmentally friendly result of less pollution by getting hundreds of cars off the streets, as well as improving safety.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter and hope you will give it favorable consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

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Robert A. Youngman
President

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August 15, 1994

Ms. Toni Dunagan
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Dear Ms. Dunagan:

Re: The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

Our board has been familiarized with the plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail and endorses this concept with enthusiasm. We understand that application for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) has been made. We are aware of the intent of this legislation and believe this proposal meets the criteria.

Our group is a civic association composed of households in different neighborhoods in the Medlock area but all of which border the South Fork of Peachtree Creek, hence the floodplain part of our name. We are in the Mile 1 area, between Medlock Park and Market Square Mall. This proposal has many potential benefits for our neighborhood. It would access a major shopping area, and link other areas frequented by our residents. I am confident this trail would encourage alternative transportation, be it walking or bicycling.

Thank you for your consideration,



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August 14, 1994

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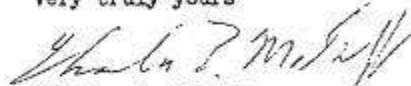
Ref: Multi-Use Trail, South Peachtree Creek Area

Dear Ms. Dunagan:

We believe that the Multi-Use Trail proposed by South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserve would be an asset to the community. The four mile long path between Market Square Mall and Wesley Woods would afford a protected route for pedestrian, bicyclists, roller skaters and wheelchair bound individuals who might not otherwise have an opportunity for such wholesome activity in a "close to nature" environment. If such a path could eventually extend into downtown Atlanta, people who choose to commute by bicycle might even reduce the number of automobiles on our roads.

Our members are in favor of the proposed Multi-Use Trail and hope you will be able to include funds for the project in the 1997 ISTEPA budget.

Very truly yours



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August 10, 1994

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Dear Ms. Dunagan:

Re: The South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail

This will have reference to plans for the South Peachtree Creek Multi-Use Trail which Villa International Atlanta endorses wholeheartedly.

We understand that application for federal funds under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) has been made. We are aware of the intent of this legislation and believe this proposal meets the criteria.

Villa International Atlanta is an ecumenically supported international guest house that provides affordable housing for medical research personnel from other countries. In 1994, Villa hosted 1,016 persons from 111 countries. Since our founding in 1972, we have hosted more than 10,000 persons. Our guests are selected by their governments and other agencies for advanced study and research at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Emory University and other local institutions. Many of our guests are from countries that provide safe and accessible bicycle and walking paths and would greatly benefit from this project. We would, therefore, like to add our strong support to this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harry F. Petersen
Co-Director

Carol A. Wood
Co-Director

WESLEY WOODS, INC.

WILLIAM L. MINNIX, JR.
President and Chief Executive Officer

August 9, 1994



Ms. Toni Dunagan
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Dear Ms. Dunagan:

I represent the Wesley Woods Geriatric Center at Emory University. Our 72-acre campus serves approximately 15,000 older people each year through various types of outpatient, hospital, and long term care services. These people come to us from throughout the State of Georgia and the Southeastern Region.

Wesley Woods is fortunate to be located on a campus that is dissected by the South Fork of Peachtree Creek. It is a unique and beautiful natural setting which we want to preserve. In fact, all of our physical facilities are built to enhance the natural topography and beauty of the area.

Included in our acreage is a 12-acre spring fed pond that was created by beavers years ago. The pond is a habitat for beavers and four varieties of wild ducks and geese.

Therefore, we are vitally interested in supporting the procurement of federal funds through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991. We understand your group is attempting to secure funds to develop a multi-use trail on the South Peachtree Creek area from Market Square to Wesley Woods.

Please keep us informed about these plans, and we will do what we can to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

William L. Minnix, Jr.

cc: Ms. Vivian Tilley
Chair
The Steering Committee for the
South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves

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