

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, TO COMMIT TO THE FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT EXCHANGE, DAVIDSON ARABIA MOUNTAIN NATURE PRESERVE, CHAPEL HILL PARK, AND PLEASANTDALE PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF, AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE GEORGIA OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (GOSP) AND LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LCWF) FOR GRANT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR) is the designated organization for administration of the GOSP Federal funding and LWCF within the State of Georgia, which includes DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, the GDNR has released a call for applications for federal funding from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to submit an application for consideration to fund specific Improvement projects for Exchange Park, Davidson Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, Chapel Hill Park, and Pleasantdale Park; and

WHEREAS, it continues to be the desire of DeKalb County to enhance and support parks, trails and outdoor recreation programming for the development and enhancement of Exchange Park, Davidson Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve, Chapel Hill Park (GOSP) and Pleasantdale Park (LCWF).

WHEREAS; The GOSP is administered by the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act where the counties application will support a fishing pier and lake access, site furnishings, boardwalk and trail access at Exchange Park, trail improvements, an outdoor classroom and overlook area at Chapel Hill Park, and trail access with inlet crossings, replacement of the existing pergola, signage and site furnishing at Davidson Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve which provide

expanded recreational opportunities for passive and outdoor recreation and safe and accessible access to the waterways at all three park locations.

WHEREAS; If awarded, the LWCF will directly contribute necessary funds to implement improvements at Pleasantdale Park to renovate and redevelopment the athletic fields, concession building, playground and pavilion areas based on the Master Plan for Pleasantdale Park; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs recommends submitting an application for a fishing pier and lake access, site furnishings, boardwalk and trail access at Exchange Park, trail improvements, an outdoor classroom and overlook area at Chapel Hill Park, and trail access with inlet crossings, replacement of the existing pergola, signage and site furnishing at Davidson Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve for GOSP, as shown in Exhibit A and enhancements at Pleasantdale Park which include renovate and redevelopment the athletic fields, concession building, playground and pavilion areas based on the Master Plan for Pleasantdale Park, as shown in Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement for federal financial assistance, if awarded, will impose certain obligations upon DeKalb County, and requires DeKalb County to provide the local share of the cost of the selected projects; and

WHEREAS, the GDNR may choose to award an amount that is less than the maximum award which DeKalb County applies for; and

WHEREAS, if awarded the grant money, DeKalb County will provide all necessary certifications and assurances to the GDNR required for the GOSP and LCWF projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Authority of DeKalb County, Georgia, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the Governing Authority:

August 11th, 2026

1. Authorizes the filing of grant applications with GDNR for federal funds from the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) and Land and Water Conservation Fund (LCWF).
2. Authorizes the Chief Executive Officer and designee to execute all necessary certifications, assurances, and other documents the GDNR may require before awarding the federal assistance grant.
3. Authorizes the use of designate SPLOST funds in the amount of \$4,500,000__ approved in agenda items 2024-1071 and 2025-1306 as local matching funds and any additional funds necessary to complete the proposed project should grant funding be awarded.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Chakira Johnson
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

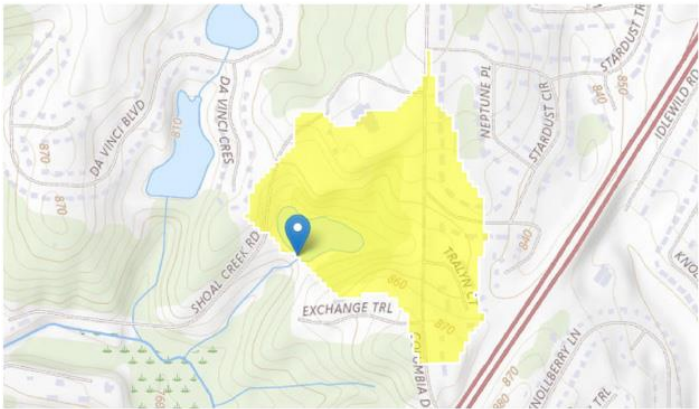
APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

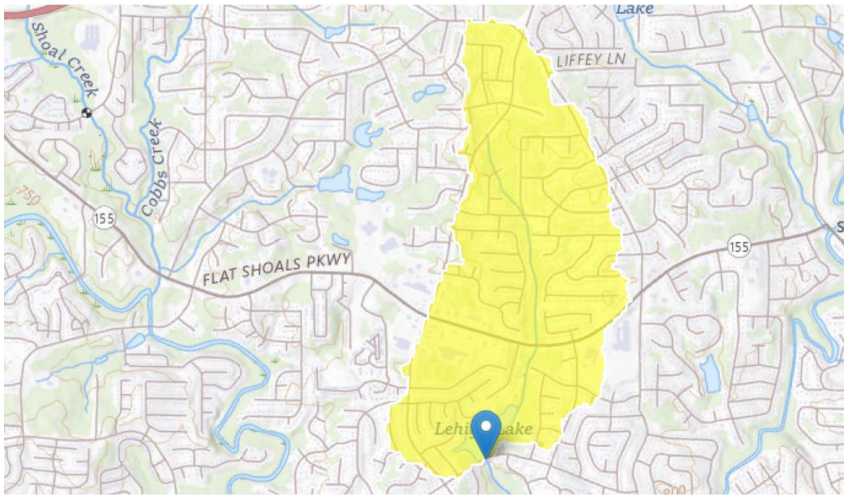
ATTEST:

Barbara H. Sanders-Norwood, CCC, CMC
Clerk of the Chief Executive Officer
and Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

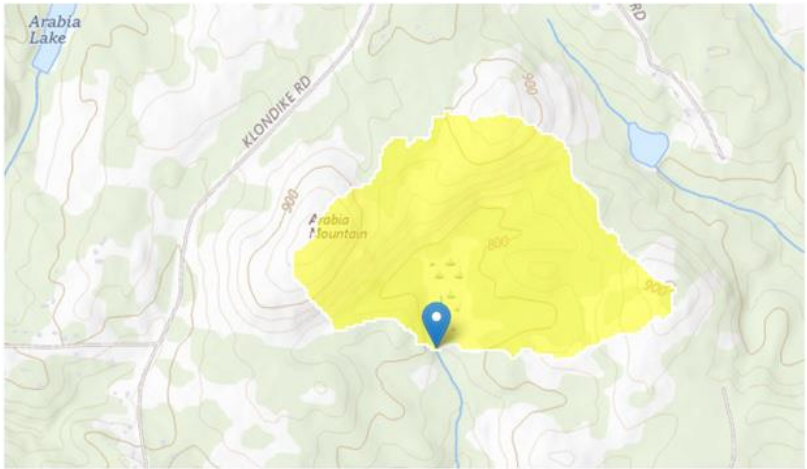
Exhibit A



Exchange Park



Chapel Hill Park



Davidson Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve

Exhibit B



Pleasantdale Park Master Plan