

September 28, 2017

Park Pride Grant Application Program  
Attn: Ellen Bruenderman, Grant Manager  
233 Peachtree Street, Ste 1600  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Briarlake Forest Park Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bruenderman:

I am writing to support for the application of the Friends of Briarlake Forest Park for a Park Pride Community Building Grant to continue to develop this beautiful greenspace in DeKalb County with respect for the old growth forest that presently exists there.

The Friends of Briarlake Forest Park are creating a circulation trail around the park in addition to a water feature, fencing and a parking area. Specifically, I am committing \$85,000 to their grant total of \$140,000.

The acquisition of this greenspace and the planning effort by the community has taken some time, but it has been well worth it. The purpose and care with which the Friends of Briarlake Forest Park have taken to increase access to this jewel while protecting the forest is noteworthy and they continue to enlarge their circle of support with work days and programming that has included music and yoga. I know we will continue to see expanded uses of the park and I welcome any opportunity to support their efforts.

Thank you for your commitment to our parks!

Jeff Rader  
Commissioner, District 2  
DeKalb County