



DeKalb County Government

Manuel J. Maloof Center
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Agenda Item

File ID: 2022-1379

Substitute

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Board of Commissioners

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Commission Districts

Board of Commissioners Community Spending Projects: Federal Funding Requests

Information Contact: Commissioner Robert Patrick

Phone Number: 404-371-3052

PURPOSE:

Aggregate list of requested federal funding projects by the Board of Commissioners

NEED/IMPACT:

The proposed list details projects requested to be under consideration for federal funding by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners

FISCAL IMPACT:

Final costs to be determined

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the resolution and authorize the chief executive officer to execute all necessary documents.....

Community Spending Projects

Commissioner/ District	Project Title	Discription	Estimated Cost	Additional Notes
Patrick, D1	Trail Project-Top End Project	The DeKalb County portion of the I-285 Top End Trail (Hammond Drive to Northlake Mall) is approximately 3.5 miles The concept calls for a 14' trail width (on average with various trail segments between 12-16') with a combination of on-grade concrete trail and boardwalk in low-lying areas. For planning purposes, we estimate the cost per mile at approximately \$3.5 Million/mile. That puts our potential construction cost based on the current concept at approximately \$12-12.5 Million. If we add engineering, survey, and miscellaneous services to design and engineer the trail, then we would place the total budget at approximately \$15 Million for the DeKalb County portion of the trail.	\$ 15,000,000.00	attachment: I-285 Fact Sheet
Patrick, D1	Park and Street Project	Pleasantdale Park and Street Improvement Street Project: McElroy Street Estimate at \$1 million	\$ 1,000,000.00	(3/14/22 email) more information will be forthcoming)
Patrick, D1	PDK Support	Funding for the Peachtree DeKalb Airport		(3/14/22 email) more information will be forthcoming)
Patrick, D1	PATH Trail Project	PATH Trail Project - PATH-North Fork Peachtree Creek	\$ 5,680,000.00	attachment: DeKalb-SPLOST Project Package
Rader, D2	Sidewalks Rainbow Drive and Columbia Drive	Funding for sidewalks along Rainbow Drive and Columbia Drive		
Johnson, D3	Sidewalks Bouldercrest Road	Funding for sidewalks along Bouldercrest Road. Specifically, Constitution Road to the City of Atlanta line		
Bradshaw, D4	Trail Network	Trail serves as a connecting mechanism to the MARTA system, including the heavy rail stations at Kensington and/or Indian Creek and the park and ride located at Goldsmith. Indian Creek MARTA station would likely take on the form of a multi-use path on the side of South Indian Creek Drive. Providing the key connection to MARTA and GSU Clarkston Campus with the GSU owned Indian Creek Recreation Area. A key feature of any trail network is connecting the Stone Mountain Trail to the north of the corridor. East-West dedicated bicycle and pedestrian facility along the corridor. Serving as an off-road facility designed more as a side path or through other facility designs (such as sidewalks and Sharrows) in the residential neighborhoods surrounding the corridor.	\$ 13,000,000.00	
Bradshaw, D4	Round-About	Round-about Bermuda and Stewart Mill Roads Stone Mountain	\$ 2,000,000.00	
Bradshaw, D4	Memorial Drive Gateways	Gateway West, southeast quadrant of the I-285 interchange Gateway East, northwest quadrant of the intersection with Goldsmith Road (and just south of the Goldsmith MARTA Park and Ride)	\$ 1,500,000.00	
Davis Johnson, D5	Arabia Mountain Trail Maintenance	Repair portions of the trail that pose a danger to potential cyclists, hikers, and runners		
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Terry, D6	Youth Farm Project	Funds to complete all remaining phases of Youth Farm Could include up to: land restoration, repair and renovation of building structures, industrial honey bee farm, roadside historic marker, professional consulting and contractor services and other associated costs for the completion of the project.		
Cochran Johnson, D7	Trail Revitalization	Trail revitalization funds within District 7		3/14/2022: Commissioner Requested estimation from Director Ellis
Est Total Cost			\$ 41,797,500.00	

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA, PROPOSING A LIST OF DETAILED PROJECTS REQUESTED TO BE UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, in pursuit of funding for the development of community projects, proposes a list of detailed projects submitted for consideration of federal funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal FY2023 appropriations process is available for receiving requests for localized community spending projects, giving DeKalb County an opportunity to provide robust infrastructure expansion, improved quality of life for citizens, and economic development opportunities throughout the County; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County has historically recognized the importance of community partnerships with organizations such as the PATH Foundation, the Peachtree Creek Greenway, the Atlanta Beltline, and others that have worked to boost the local economy and foster outdoor health and recreational opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, DeKalb County also recognizes the mutually beneficial advantages derived from partnerships with incorporated cities and communities within the metropolitan Atlanta area, as it relates to providing a throughfare of connections for infrastructure, parks, quality of life, and economic development opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, the outcomes derived from these spending measures will produce a plethora of benefits for all of DeKalb, including: connectivity and enhancement of trail systems, street infrastructure and safe-sidewalks accessibility, increasing wellness through the Parks system, improvement of County facilities, and community development efforts that benefit all County residents, with an emphasis on seniors and youth; and,

WHEREAS, further community impact will include expansion and connection of a regional trail network that is both a transportation system and a recreational amenity, by providing options for alternative modes of transportation and pedestrian safety, while producing zero emissions and boosting community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in the pursuit of the achievement of these outcomes, DeKalb County is submitting to the Federal Government the attached spreadsheet (Exhibit A) that outlines the opportunities to utilize federal funds related to enhancing County infrastructure, quality of life initiatives, and stimulating economic development.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ROBERT PATRICK
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VIVIANE H. ERNSTES
County Attorney
DeKalb County, Georgia

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LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Bridgett Fields
4057 Bayside Cir
Atlanta GA 30340
14 March 2022

Robert Patrick
Commissioner, District 1
DeKalb County Government

To whom it may concern:

I support Commissioner Patrick's efforts in requesting federal funds to improve Pleasantdale Park.

Sincerely,
/s/ Bridgett D Fields
Bridgett Fields
bfields9@att.net

18 March 2022

Re: Funding for Pleasantdale Park, Dekalb County Ga

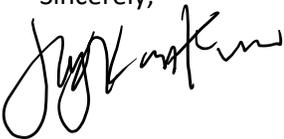
To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to support District Commissioner Robert Patrick's ongoing efforts to enhance, vitalize and beautify Pleasantdale Park.

According to historic report, underfunding of operations greatly impacts park maintenance, rule enforcement, and the ability to provide recreational programming. These are issues I know our community members care deeply about. The economic benefit of a well-maintained park provides foot traffic which can improve security and vibrancy of the area. Additionally, people are more likely to consider the area when looking for a place to live if a well-maintained park is available for various recreational activities.

Maintaining and improving the Pleasantdale Park should be a priority for the city government. Our community and families deserves better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joy Okonkwo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized 'J'.

Joy Okonkwo

Treasurer Spring Harbor Community

Mark Just
3400 Bayshore
Atlanta, GA 30340
678.368.8368

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Mark Just and I live in District 1 of Dekalb at the above address. I support Commissioner Robert Patrick in his endeavors in requesting federal funding to improve/upgrade Pleasantdale Park.

Sincerely
/s/ Mark Just

Mark Just

March 15, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Commissioner Robert Patrick and DeKalb County for federal funds to improve Pleasantdale Park. I strongly support this request and the focus on upgrading and updating Pleasantdale Park.

Pleasantdale Park is a vital part of our community and is in need of improvements. Commissioner Patrick and DeKalb County have my full support.

Sheree Slaughter
3386 Spring Harbour Drive
Doraville, GA 30340

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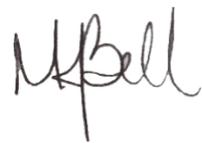
March 17, 2022

RE: Funding for Pleasantdale Park, DeKalb County, GA

To Whom It May Concern:

As a fifteen-year resident of the area, I support District 1 Commissioner Robert Patrick's effort to enhance and revitalize Pleasantdale Park. This park is in the heart of our unique community and a diamond in the rough. The park neighbors the newly built Pleasantdale Elementary School and is surrounded by several family-oriented and active neighborhoods. This park is regularly used for youth soccer practice and games but has the potential to be so much more for this community. Unfortunately, the playground, picnic area, concession building, pavilions, etc. are in a dilapidated condition. However, with funding, this park has the potential to shine again. By providing the proper funding, for Commissioner Patrick's effort to revitalize this community park will help to invigorate the area and build community connections. Please fund this effort.

With gratitude and respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

M. Janine Bell



March 16, 2022

The Office of Commissioner Patrick
The Office of Commissioner Rader
Board of Commissioners
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30030

RE: North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway – Letter of Support

Dear Commissioner Patrick and Commissioner Rader,

The City of Doraville is pleased to support the North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway project. The City of Doraville has been working with the PATH Foundation to create a connection to the North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway within Doraville and would greatly benefit in regional connectivity via the implementation of the North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway in DeKalb County. Further, pedestrian and active mobility have become a priority in the City of Doraville upon the 2021 adoption of the Doraville Citywide Mobility Plan. Doraville has been actively constructing and planning sidewalks, multi-use paths, and bike lanes along our corridors, so Doraville is in full support of this project, which is aligned with the City's vision for connectivity.

The North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway is an excellent candidate for Congressional Community Funding as it will connect to many other regional trails such as PATH 400, The Atlanta Beltline, South Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway and our planned trail – the Doraville Connector. This will connect users into 33 miles of trails from these three trail systems alone, not including the many additional spur trails and connector trail systems. Building interconnected trail systems such as North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway is key to boosting the local economy, fostering outdoor health and recreational opportunities and strengthening alternative methods of transportation.

The North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway will also provide a pedestrian connection and thoroughfare between many communities, municipalities, and counties such as the Cities of Atlanta, Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville as well as DeKalb County, Fulton County, and Gwinnett County. Communities connected by the trail include Buckhead, Briarcliff Heights, Briarcliff Woods and Embury Hills.

With this regional trail completed, users will be able to ride their bike, scooter, skate, walk or jog to see neighbors, get groceries, and commute to work, all while producing zero emissions, boosting their health and connecting with their environment. This trail is truly a regional greenway connector within DeKalb County, Gwinnett County and Metro Atlanta's trail system.

We sincerely hope this trail will be considered for Congressional Community Funding as it will provide lasting environmental, economic and social benefits for the City of Doraville. Please let us know if you need anything additional to confirm our support of the project and feel free to contact me directly at chris.eldridge@doravillega.us.

Sincerely,

Chris Eldridge, City Manager



EMBRY HILLS
Civic Association

March 18, 2022

DeKalb County
Board of Commissioners
Commissioner Jeff Rader
Commissioner Robert Patrick
1300 Commerce Drive
Decatur, GA 30030

Re: Peachtree Creek Greenway – Letter of Support for Congressional Community Funding

Dear Commissioner Rader and Commissioner Patrick,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Embry Hills Civic Association (EHCA), we respectfully request your support in seeking Congressional Community Funding for the North Fork Peachtree Creek Trail, also known as the Peachtree Creek Greenway (PCG), and other trails/greenways within DeKalb County. The Embry Hills neighborhood, with 368 homes, sits just inside two (2) converging interstates, I-85 and I-285 north of Atlanta, and would greatly benefit from connecting us to other trails such as PATH 400, the Atlanta Beltline, and the South Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway along with other planned trails in the Cities of Tucker and Doraville and Gwinnett County.

The Peachtree Creek Greenway is an excellent candidate for Congressional Community Funding as it has been identified as a trail of regional significance. Building interconnected trail systems such as the Peachtree Creek Greenway is key to boosting the local economy, fostering outdoor health/recreational opportunities, and strengthening the use of alternative methods of transportation by connecting to many other trails.

We strongly feel that the Peachtree Creek Greenway will be a catalyst for preserving greenspace along one of our most precious and jeopardized urban waterways, the North Fork Peachtree Creek. Acres of greenspace will be protected along the North Fork Peachtree Creek through the implementation of this trail system. This will in turn protect urban wildlife, prevent invasive plant species, deter illegal dumping & littering, and connect citizens to long neglected waterways and watersheds.

Once completed, the Peachtree Creek Greenway will provide an equitable, low barrier means of access for our community members to connect with their neighbors, shop locally, and commute to work; all while producing zero emissions, boosting their health, and engaging with the environment.

We cannot stress strongly enough how much we feel that the Peachtree Creek Greenway would be appropriate for Congressional Community Funding.

Respectfully,



Bill Blumberg
President



Making Buckhead...so very livable.

March 16, 2022

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RE: North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway – Letter of Support

Dear Commissioner Patrick and Commissioner Rader,

Livable Buckhead, the organization leading the charge to bring PATH400 to fruition, is pleased to support the North Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway project. We have worked for several years with the Peachtree Green Greenway, PATH Foundation and the Atlanta Beltline to create one of the most important intersections of regional trails in Lindbergh and are excited to see the model mile in Brookhaven take on a life of its own extending even further through Dekalb and the region! It is projects and partnerships like these that make a real difference for the region.

With this regional trail network completed, users will be able to ride their bike, scooter, skate, walk or jog to see neighbors, get groceries, and commute to work, all while producing zero emissions and boosting their health. We all know that health is top of mind and the pandemic certainly demonstrated the value of these outdoor transportation amenities. Trails and greenways are not only highly desired locally, they are also a key economic development tool that will ensure businesses continue to find the best that Atlanta has to offer to and continue to relocate here.

Please let us know if you need anything additional to confirm our support of the project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at denise@livablebuckhead.org or 404-842-2682.

Sincerely,

Executive Director



March 18, 2022

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Dear Commissioner Rader and Commissioner Patrick,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northcrest Civic Association (NCA), we respectfully request your support in seeking Congressional Community Funding for the North Fork Peachtree Creek Trail, also known as the Peachtree Creek Greenway (PCG), and other trails/greenways within DeKalb County. The Northcrest neighborhood sits just outside the perimeter off Northcrest Road, encompassing 594 homes, and would greatly benefit from the PCG connecting us to other trails such as PATH 400, the Atlanta Beltline, and the South Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway as well as many planned trail systems in the City of Tucker, the City of Doraville, and Gwinnett County.

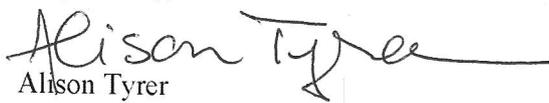
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We strongly feel that the Peachtree Creek Greenway will be a catalyst for preserving greenspace along one of our most precious and jeopardized urban waterways, the North Fork Peachtree Creek. Hundreds of acres of greenspace will be protected along the North Fork Peachtree Creek through the implementation of this trail system. This will in turn protect urban wildlife, prevent plant habitat from becoming developed, decrease illegal dumping and littering, and connect citizens and communities to our waterways and watersheds.

The Peachtree Creek Greenway is truly a regional transportation greenway connector within DeKalb County, Gwinnett County and Metro Atlanta's trail systems. Once completed, the Peachtree Creek Greenway will provide an equitable, low barrier means of access for our community members to connect with their neighbors, shop locally, and commute to work; all while producing zero emissions, boosting their health, and engaging with the environment.

Please feel free to contact me directly at ajtyrer13@yahoo.com or 770-380-3843 to discuss this project. We cannot stress strongly enough how much we feel that the Peachtree Creek Greenway would be appropriate for Congressional Community Funding.

Respectfully,


Alison Tyer
President



March 17, 2022

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Please feel free to contact me directly at chris@peachtreecreek.org or 404-374-0636 to discuss this project. We cannot stress strongly enough how much we feel that the Peachtree Creek Greenway would be appropriate for Congressional Community Funding.

Respectfully,



Chris Hester
Executive Director

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Northwoods Area Neighborhood Association

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northwoods Area Neighborhood Association, (NANA), we respectfully request your support in seeking Congressional Community Funding for the North Fork Peachtree Creek Trail, also known as the Peachtree Creek Greenway (PCG), and other trails/greenways within DeKalb County.

The Northwoods Historic District consists of five adjoining residential neighborhoods, including Northwoods, Fleetwood Hills, Gordon Hills, Gordon Heights and Sequoyah Woods. NANA membership consists of over 65 households, and NANA members unanimously voted to support the vision of PCG at their 2019 fall membership meeting. The Facebook group “Peachtree Creek Greenway Doraville” currently has 50 followers, and members of the community have met informally to discuss ideas for the PCG’s potential routes through our city.

Doraville residents not only need and deserve to be connected to the rest of the county and metro area, we also face internal challenges with connectivity as our city is bisected by I-285 and Buford Highway. This creates “islands” within the city and discourages residents from crossing these boundaries. Building interconnected trail systems such as the PCG would provide access for our community members to connect with their neighbors, shop locally, and commute to work.

Doraville is at a crucial point in our redevelopment with several commercial and high-density residential projects either planned or already underway. We are growing and changing, and we need to plan now for inclusion, connectivity, and accessibility for all residents using all modes of transportation.

Northwoods, Doraville, and all surrounding areas would greatly benefit from the PCG connecting us to other trails such as PATH 400, the Atlanta Beltline, and the South Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway as well as many planned trail systems in the City of Tucker and Gwinnett County. It’s an excellent opportunity to boost local economies, foster outdoor health and recreational opportunities, protect natural resources, and strengthen the use of alternative methods of transportation.

Please feel free to contact me directly at NANAPresident1952@gmail.com or 217-369-4966 to discuss this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carrie Armistead".

Carrie Armistead
NANA President



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Atlanta, Georgia 30324
404. 875. 7284
pathfoundation.org
path@pathfoundation.org

RE: Peachtree Creek Greenway – Letter of Support

Dear Commissioner Patrick and Commissioner Rader,

The PATH Foundation is pleased to partner with DeKalb County to support the Peachtree Creek Greenway project for Congressional Community Project Funds. Since 1991, the PATH Foundation has been building trails across the Metro-Atlanta area and the State of Georgia. By skillfully combining philanthropic, public, and other funding sources, PATH has been able to build over 300 miles of trails over the last 30 years. PATH trails create linear greenways, link neighborhoods to bustling commercial centers, and provide alternative modes of transportation for joggers, walkers, cyclists, and people of all ages and abilities.

Peachtree Creek Greenway is an excellent candidate for Congressional Community Project Funds as it will connect to many other regional trails such as PATH 400 and the Atlanta BeltLine. Building interconnected trail systems such as Peachtree Creek Greenway is key to boosting the local economy, fostering outdoor health and recreational opportunities, and strengthening alternative and equitable methods of transportation.

The Peachtree Creek Greenway will provide a pedestrian connection and thoroughfare between many communities, municipalities, and counties such as the Cities of Atlanta, Brookhaven, Chamblee, Doraville as well as DeKalb County, Fulton County, and Gwinnett County. With this regional trail completed, users will be able to commute to work, connect with their neighbors and visit retail and commercial centers, all while producing zero emissions, boosting their health, and connecting with the environment.

Please let us know if you need anything additional to confirm our support of the project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at greta@pathfoundation.org or (404) 234-6327.

Sincerely,

Greta deMayo, Executive Director

Greta deMayo
Executive Director

Ed McBrayer
Executive Advisor

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March 21, 2022

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Re: Peachtree Creek Greenway – Letter of Support for Congressional Community Funding

Dear Commissioner Rader and Commissioner Patrick,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the North Briarcliff Civic Association (NBCA), we respectfully request your support in seeking Congressional Community Funding for the North Fork Peachtree Creek Trail, also known as the Peachtree Creek Greenway (PCG), and other trails/greenways within DeKalb County. The North Briarcliff Civic Association promotes the civic interests of residents of the area surrounding the Hawthorne Elementary School in DeKalb County, Georgia, USA. Serving 1400 houses/condos and 1700 apartments in the Hawthorne Elementary school district and adjacent streets, the NBCA and its residents and would greatly benefit from the PCG connecting us to other trails such as PATH 400, the Atlanta Beltline, and the South Fork Peachtree Creek Greenway as well as many planned trail systems in the City of Tucker, the City of Doraville, and Gwinnett County.

Building interconnected trail systems such as the Peachtree Creek Greenway is key to boosting the local economy, fostering outdoor health and recreational opportunities, and strengthening the use of alternative methods of transportation. The Peachtree Creek Greenway is an excellent candidate for Congressional Community Funding as it has been identified as a trail of regional significance connecting to many other regional trails such as.

We strongly feel that the Peachtree Creek Greenway will be a catalyst for preserving greenspace along one of our most precious and jeopardized urban waterways, the North Fork Peachtree Creek. Hundreds of acres of greenspace will be protected along the North Fork Peachtree Creek through the implementation of this trail system. This will in turn protect urban wildlife, prevent plant habitat from becoming developed, decrease illegal dumping and littering, and connect citizens and communities to our waterways and watersheds.

The Peachtree Creek Greenway is truly a regional transportation greenway connector within DeKalb County, Gwinnett County and Metro Atlanta's trail systems. Once completed, the Peachtree Creek Greenway will provide an equitable, low barrier means of access for our community members to connect with their neighbors, shop locally, and commute to work; all while producing zero emissions, boosting their health, and engaging with the environment.

Please feel free to contact me directly at heaton61@gmail.com or 251-605-3743 to discuss this project. We cannot stress strongly enough how much we feel that the Peachtree Creek Greenway would be appropriate for Congressional Community Funding.

Respectfully,

Andrew Heaton
President