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Media Advisory

Decatur, GA – Commissioner Steve Bradshaw to allocate \$142,000 to Hairston Park for improvements

In tomorrow's Board of Commissioners meeting Commissioner Steve Bradshaw will present an agenda item to distribute \$142,000 to Hairston Park for improvements and development. Commissioner Bradshaw wholeheartedly supports the goals of the Friends of Hairston Park to enhance the amenities with a new playground, gazebo, benches and more.

This is the second funding distribution of Commissioner Bradshaw keeping to his intention to disburse all remaining 2001 and 2005 Parks Bond funds allocated for the development of District 4 parks. Recently, Commissioner Bradshaw and his staff have toured several District 4 parks. "We were impressed with the many attributes these parks have to offer. However, it did not go unnoticed that the years of deferred maintenance have taken a toll on what once were park jewels enjoyed by community members. I remain committed to releasing these funds for their original intended purpose which is to bring parks to a level of quality that DeKalb residents can safely enjoy." – Commissioner Steve Bradshaw

Commissioner Bradshaw and his staff have held several meetings with Friends of Park organizers through-out District 4. These Friends of Park groups include residents with strong commitments and unwavering dedication in their efforts to preserve and sustain the beauty and use of community parks.

“The Greater Hidden Hills Community is elated by Commissioner Bradshaw's support of Hairston Park, says *Jan Costello, President, Greater Hidden Hills Community Development Corp.* “This 33-acre park is a jewel, and central to thousands of families in the area. The proposed new pavilion and playground will be popular features. Other additions, such as adding a water fountain, more seating, and landscaping, will make the park inviting and safe. Parks are a terrific investment -- raising the quality of life and an area's economic profile. We are grateful for leaders like Commissioner Bradshaw who recognize the value of parks.”

“I am committed to taking actions that will enhance the quality of life of District 4 residents and DeKalb County as a whole,” says Commissioner Bradshaw.

Any Friends of Parks Groups are welcome to contact Commissioner Bradshaw for more information on available Parks Bond Funds at srbradshaw@dekalbcountyga.gov.