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## Commissioner Steve Bradshaw Allocates \$1 Million for Avondale Dunaire Park Capital Improvements

**DECATUR, Ga.**— Commissioner Steve Bradshaw has allocated \$1 million from District 4 Park Bond Funds for capital improvements at Avondale Dunaire Park. Commissioner Bradshaw secured the support of the Board of Commissioners for this allocation in a vote that took place earlier today.

Avondale Dunaire Park sits on approximately 16 acres on George Luther Drive, which intersects with Memorial Drive just inside I–285. It is basically two large fields. Adjacent to that parcel is an old 14-acre Georgia Department of Transportation, which was the site of a massive tire dump. DeKalb County purchased this site in the fall of 2018.

On Dec. 4, 2018, Commissioner Bradshaw allocated \$65,000 to do a master plan study of the entire 30 acres. That study process included a community engagement component.

"Just imagine: what was once literally a mosquito-infested dumping ground for old tires could become something that is special and potentially a destination point for residents and visitors to the area," Commissioner Bradshaw said. "As I stated at the beginning of the master planning process, I would be ready to allocate a significant amount of the remaining District 4 Park Bonds Funds to help make the plan a reality. This allocation represents me following through on that previous commitment."

Earlier this year, Commissioner Bradshaw laid out his approach to address the long overdue need for the revitalization of the Memorial Drive Corridor between I-285 and Stone Mountain. Commissioner Bradshaw envisions Avondale Dunaire Park as an important asset to the revitalization of this area.

For more information on the master plan for Avondale Dunaire Park, contact the District 4 office at 404-371-4749.

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