

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

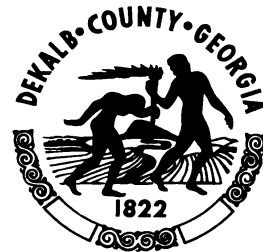
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Susan Hood - Administrator

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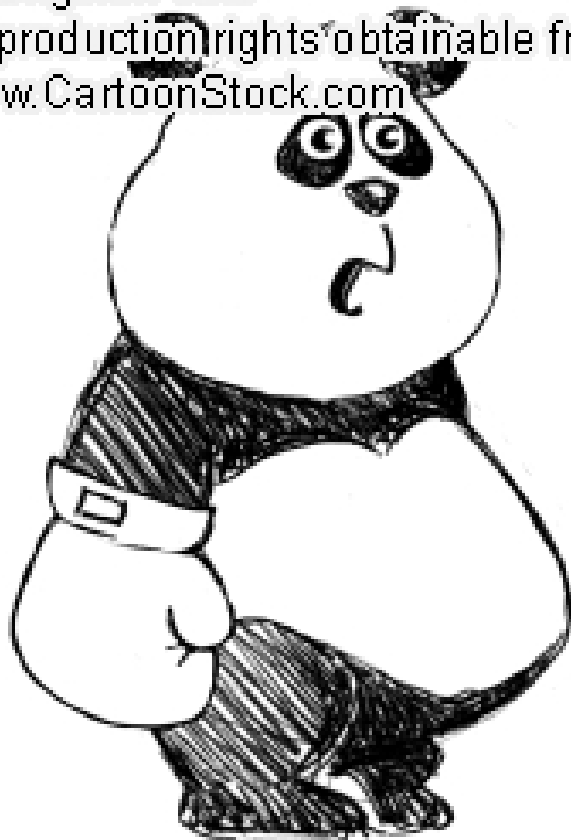
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# DeKalb County Budget

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"Keep still, this won't hurt a bit."

# Parks Maintenance Budget



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2009



Parks Maintenance Budget

2011



# Partnership Benefits

- Sense of COMMUNITY
- \$\$\$
- Volunteers
- Expertise
- Security
- Education
- Support



# Partnership Categories

- Community
  - Friends of Park Groups (Park Pride)
  - HOAs, Civic Associations
  - Athletic Associations
  - Schools
- Local Business
  - Nalley Automotive
  - Renewal Design Build

# Partnership Categories

- Non-profit Organizations
  - Trees Atlanta
  - PATH Foundation
  - National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (Five Star)
  - Arabia Alliance
  - Atlanta Botanical Garden
  - Boy and Girl Scouts of America
  - Blank Foundation
  - Atlanta Audubon Society
  - Government agencies

# Park Pride Friends Groups

- 12 Friends of Parks Groups
- 23 Completed projects



# Park Pride FOP Projects

- Clean up streams
- Raise \$\$ for park improvements
- Remove invasive plants
- Build trails
- Paint picnic shelters
- Plant trees



# Nalley Tree Campaign

## 10,000 Trees



# Park Renewal Day

- Partnership between DeKalb County, City of Decatur, Park Pride, and Renewal Design Build
- Dearborn Park; 2008-2010
- Teams compete for \$\$ prizes





Dearborn Park – Park Renewal Day





← 9:00 AM



1:00 PM →

# Five Star Restoration Grant

- Administered by NFWF, EPA, and NACo
- Funding from Southern Company
- Stream/wetlands restoration
- Environmental Education
- DeKalb received 4 grants
- Five partners





Five Star - Evans Mill Historic Site





Five Star Grant Projects



# Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

- Little Creek Horse Farm



# The Value of Volunteers

- Park Renewal Day (each event) - \$6,600
- Park Pride FOP (one event) - \$6,400
- Five Star Program - \$7,300 to date
- Nalley Tree Campaign - \$2,600 to date
- Eagle Scout project - \$2,500/project



“Each of these committed community stakeholders, and many more, has provided invaluable services to our citizens. A government is only as strong as its people. We thank each and every one of you for your active civic engagement.”

## **CEO Burrell Ellis**



**Belvedere Park Community**