



more & better parks... all over Atlanta

2008 Accomplishments

In partnership with the City of Atlanta, Park Pride broke ground on **Vine City Park**, which will become **Atlanta's newest park** when it opens in March 2009.

Launched our Adopt-a-Community Garden program, allowing residents to create community gardens in their parks. In the first year we coordinated creation of **5 Community Gardens**.

Coordinated **13,357 volunteer hours through 99 volunteer days** in 38 different Atlanta parks.

Partnered with communities to develop park visions (conceptual master plans) for the East Side Greenway (Edgewood, Kirkwood and East Lake) and Washington Park.

Provided **10 Community Grants totaling \$275,000** which will, among other things

- Create Atlanta's 1st 2-acre dog park in South Bend Park
- Expand Lake Claire Park by 20% (3/4-acres)
- Renovate the Outdoor Activity Center in SW Atlanta
- Restore the 9-acre Skyline Meadow and North Woods in Chastain Park

Launched our **LEAD Volunteer Program, training residents on proper tree care and the removal of invasive species**. Resulted in the removal of several acres of privet, Eleagnus and other undergrowth in 9 parks, improving public safety and forest health.

Advocacy efforts **successfully defended the Office of Parks against any staff cuts** despite a \$140 million shortfall and the elimination of more than 200 positions in City Government.

Helped residents **form 12 new "Friends of the Park" Groups** – community-based organizations that partner with Park Pride to organize volunteer work days, provide park programs and raise money to improve their parks.

Hosted 319 people at Park Pride's 7th Annual Park and Greenspace Conference, which focused on Parks and Sustainability.

Partnered with Peachtree TV for the Park Pride/Peachtree TV Community Award. These recognized and rewarded 6 Metro Atlanta communities for support of their parks. The program creates public service announcements highlighting the community's accomplishments and provided funding to support

- Recreational programming for disabled children in Gwinnett County
- A successful effort to gain \$40 million for land acquisition in Cobb County
- Construction of bleachers, a press box and concession stand near the Adamsville community
- Environmental education in SW Atlanta's Outdoor Activity Center