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**COX ENTERPRISES, JOY CARTER, PATH FOUNDATION &  
COUNCILMEMBER KWANZA HALL HONORED WITH  
2011 PARK PRIDE INSPIRATION AWARDS**

*“To honor extraordinary commitment by a person or group to the preservation and improvement of parks and greenspaces.”*

Atlanta, Georgia (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE) — At its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Parks & Greenspace Conference on March 28, Park Pride announced the 2011 winners of its Inspiration Awards in the categories of community, government, organization & corporate volunteerism— honoring Joy Carter, Councilmember Kwanza Hall, PATH Foundation and Cox Enterprises, respectively.

“The Inspiration Awards acknowledge those making a substantial difference when it comes to engaging community, and taking care of and advocating for parks throughout metro Atlanta. As Park Pride leads & inspires action, our efforts are augmented by amazing partners like the many nominees and these four award winners,” said Park Pride Executive Director Margaret Connelly.

**Community Category: Joy Carter**

Carter’s leadership, commitment and innovation have made Constitution Lakes a safer, more accessible place for people. Her five years of steady visits and advocacy for that little-known place have catalyzed others to be involved, and contributed to it being a positive place in SE Atlanta. Her bird walks educate people about the important role they play in supporting and sustaining greenspace.

**Government Category: Councilmember Kwanza Hall**

With his commitment to the community Councilmember Kwanza Hall hosted dog walks and physical activities along the NE BeltLine corridor to introduce citizens to one of Atlanta’s newest area of trail adjacent to the City’s newly opened public park--Historic Fourth Ward Park. Councilmember Hall’s leadership has also educated citizens about the positive impact the BeltLine is already having in our communities.

**Organizational Category: PATH Foundation**

For 20 years PATH has held to its long-term commitment and vision that “Building trails, builds community,” developing over 160 miles of trail throughout Georgia and has become a nationally recognized model for trail-building success. PATH trails have become part of the landscape and are bringing people together from all races, ages, income levels and cultural backgrounds, representing great opportunity for Atlanta to increase its per capita of usable green space for all metro residents.

**Corporate Volunteerism: Cox Enterprises/ Cox Conserves program**

Cox has a long-term commitment to parks and greenspace and sponsors numerous organizations through volunteerism, donations and in-kind support, including the BeltLine Partnership, EarthShare of Georgia, Keeping it Wild, Georgia Conservancy, Piedmont Park Conservancy, Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and Park Pride. Cox employees have also teamed up with Accenture to beautify Washington Park by mulching and planting, and volunteered along the BeltLine to clean up trash and remove invasive species.

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Park Pride, founded in 1989, is the only organization that works with communities all over Atlanta to improve their parks. Park Pride coordinates more than 15,000 hours of volunteer work in Atlanta parks, develops new conceptual park plans for and helps start dozens of “Friends of the Park” groups. Park Pride is able to engage and serve the community by generating Friends of the Park groups, focusing on advocacy efforts as well as promoting participation in its Adopt-a-Park, Park Visioning, Volunteer, Fiscal Partners and Micro Grant programs. Park Pride continued to work with local organizations and community members to support the creation of the Atlanta BeltLine, which promises to create more than 1,000 acres of new parks and 33 miles of trails. The organization’s annual Parks & Greenspace Conference serves as the signature event in our work to create a world class park system in Atlanta.