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## Burbanck Park Dedication

**D**id you know that according to the National Recreation and Park Association, only four percent of Atlanta's acreage is parkland? That compares to almost nine percent in other big cities.

This month, another park emerges thanks to Emory, the Clifton Community Partnership, the Druid Hills Civic Association and Park Pride. On Earth Day—Sunday, April 22—these groups will dedicate the 1.2-acre property located at 1164 Clifton Road as the Drs. Madeline and William Burbanck Park; the property will be converted from a residential site back to its natural state for use as a community park.

Parks and greenspace often create a lush buffer between commercial and residential properties; they also improve the quality of life in the following ways:

- Parks clean the air, filter polluted water and help keep children off the street. An urban ecosystem analysis revealed that in Atlanta, trees remove 19 million pounds of pollutants annually.
- Parks improve physical health, promote mental well-being and help children learn. An ongoing study of DeKalb County parks by Emory's Rollins School of Public Health found that accessibility to parks strongly correlates to increased physical activity.
- Parks and greenspace unite neighbors, foster friendships and create a sense of community. Parks can stem the downturn of a commercial area and provide a landmark element and point of pride for neighbors.



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the workshop, cyclists will learn safe methods of riding on the road and in traffic. The workshop also covers the fundamental principles of riding your bike effectively, predictably and confidently. Workshop participants are required to pay a \$20 fee and class size is limited. For further information please call 404.727.1829.

✦ The final commemorative Earth Week event is the dedication of the Drs. Madeline and William Burbanck Park on Sunday, April 22 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 1164 Clifton Road. Neighbors and community members are invited to join Emory, the Clifton Community Partnership, Druid Hills Civic Association, Peavine Watershed Alliance, Alliance to Improve Emory Village and Park Pride for this celebration. Parking at the new park will be limited, so walk or take Cliff shuttles to the event. Shuttles run from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. between the park and the B. Jones parking lot just inside Emory's campus off of Dowman Drive. For more information about the park dedication please visit [www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org](http://www.cliftoncommunitypartnership.org).

Emory is working in conjunction with the City of Atlanta for "Arms Around Atlanta" to clean up parks along the BeltLine. For more information on this event, visit [www.atlantaga.gov/mayor/greener\\_atlanta\\_102306.aspx](http://www.atlantaga.gov/mayor/greener_atlanta_102306.aspx).

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