



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 12, 2004

CONTACT: Allison Barnett
404-817-6760

Park Pride Introduces New Executive Director

Atlanta, Georgia -- On Monday, May 10, Park Pride welcomed George Dusenbury as the organization's new Executive Director.

"We are very excited to have George Dusenbury join our Park Pride team," said Park Pride Board President Maureen Darcey. "His leadership, prior experience and career skills will allow Park Pride to best fulfill its mission and continue to be the valuable community asset that it is."

"I welcome the challenge and the opportunity that Park Pride presents," said George Dusenbury. "With the surge of redevelopment and people returning to the city, Atlanta is at a critical juncture in its effort to expand and improve greenspace throughout the city. Park Pride is uniquely positioned to assist in this effort. We are going to work with the neighborhoods, work with our elected officials and work with other green space organizations to make sure that this opportunity is not wasted. Park Pride will fight to make sure that Atlanta has a world class park system."

Mr. Dusenbury will attend his first public meeting as Park Pride Executive Director at the Park Atlanta Rescue Coalition's meeting on May 13 (at 7:30 in the Piedmont Room on the 23d floor of the Georgia Power Building, 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard).

Allison Barnett, who has been serving as Park Pride's Interim Executive Director, will return to her part-time position as the organization's Development Director.

Park Pride is a nonprofit organization dedicated to involving the community in enhancing the quality of life through protection and improvement of parks and green space. Founded in 1989, the organization is best known for its Adopt-a-Park program, its Fiscal Partners program, its coordination of volunteer projects in Atlanta's parks, and its work with the Park Atlanta Rescue Coalition (PARC).

George Dusenbury comes to Park Pride from the Atlanta Office of Congressman John Lewis (D-GA-5), where he served as District Director. Mr. Dusenbury served in that position for three years after coming to Atlanta from Washington DC. In Washington, Mr. Dusenbury worked for Congressman Lewis for six years, serving as Legislative Director when he left in 1999. He worked for a year at the Northeast-Midwest Institute as a policy analyst for river basin planning before moving to Atlanta. Mr. Dusenbury is a graduate of Cornell University and Emory University School of Law. He is married to Courtenay Dusenbury and has two children.

###