



Making Parks the Pride of Atlanta

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## Park Pride Announces First Community Micro Grants Recipients

Atlanta, Georgia -- Park Pride is pleased to announce the Fall 2004 Community Micro Grants recipients. The program, introduced earlier this year, awards grants of up to \$500 for City of Atlanta communities working to improve their parks. “We are very excited to support so many community groups working to beautify the parks and greenspaces in their neighborhoods,” said George Dusenbury, executive director of Park Pride. “Through their work, these communities are doing their part to make the world a better place. This is our way of saying ‘thank you’ and encouraging others to get involved.”

“We are excited about this special grants program.” said Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Commissioner Dianne Harnell-Cohen. “It is our hope that the community, the true owners of our parks and green spaces, will take this opportunity and join us in planting the seeds of hope, creating a legacy for generations to come.” “Park Pride’s Micro Grants will make a difference,” said Atlanta City Councilwoman Cleta Winslow. “This program will help people start to improve their parks and green space. It will encourage them to get involved and make a difference in their communities.”

Please join Park Pride in congratulating our Fall 2004 grant recipients, and thanking them for the time and effort they are giving to make their community and our city better. The recipients are:

Applicant	Project	Funded
Birchwood Arlene Neighbors	concrete work	\$250
North Buckhead Civic Association	maintenance	\$250
John Hollister	Tree survey	\$250
Memorial Park	playground	\$500
Whittier Mill	preservation	\$500
Brookwood Civic Association	monument landscaping	\$250
Ansley Park Beautification Committee	park entrance	\$250
Sidne Marcus Awesome Renovation Team	landscaping	\$500
Adamsville Neighbors	beautification	\$500
Adamsville Business & Community	beautification	\$350
Vine City Civic Association	reclamation	\$500
Lake Claire Neighbors	kudzu removal	\$500
Poncey Highlands	trash receptacle	\$500
Organized Neighbors of Edgewood	landscaping	\$500
Adams Park Resident's Association	planting	\$500
Oakland City Community Organization	planting	\$500
Grant Park Revitalization	cleanup	\$500
East Atlanta Community Association	erosion control	\$500
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,600</b>



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**Program requirements:**

Starting in September 2004, neighborhood groups will be able to apply for up to \$500 in matching funds for park improvement projects. Neighborhood groups must meet five requirements to qualify for a Park Pride Community Micro Grant. (1) Applicants must be a neighborhood organization or group of 5 or more people. (2) Projects must be located in a park or public greenspace within the City of Atlanta. (3) The project must result in the beautification or physical improvement of the park or greenspace. (4) Grant funds must be matched dollar for dollar by the applicant, (5) the project must be presented to the NPU in which it will be located.

**How the Program Works:**

Once you have identified a project that meets these requirements, there are two ways to apply for a grant:

**1. NPU sponsored projects**

The Park Pride Micro Grant Program allocates \$500 **per annual funding cycle (September 1 – August 31)** to every Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU). Neighborhood groups will submit proposals to their NPU, and the NPU will review and select one or more proposals for funding (in the case of multiple proposals, the total must not exceed \$500). The NPU will submit to Park Pride the project/s which they have selected for funding.

**2. Citywide projects**

In addition to the NPU sponsored projects, very limited funding is available to neighborhood groups from throughout the city who may submit grant proposals directly to Park Pride. We will review these proposals based on the merit of the project and the ability of the applicant to achieve the proposed outcome. Endorsement of the affected neighborhood organization is required, and no undesignated grants will be made within an NPU until after the NPU has designated an NPU sponsored project.

Applicants submitting proposals by September 15<sup>th</sup> will be notified of award decisions by October 1<sup>st</sup> and those submitting proposals by March 1<sup>st</sup> will be notified no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about this program - and to print an application - visit Park Pride's website at [www.parkpride.org](http://www.parkpride.org). You also may call Allison Barnett at (404) 817-6760.

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