



Making Parks the Pride of Atlanta

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Park Pride Announces \$5,000 Tree Planting Grants

Atlanta, Georgia -- Park Pride is pleased to announce an exciting new partnership with the City of Atlanta to provide matching grants up to \$5,000 for planting trees in public parks. This is a wonderful opportunity for residents currently participating in park improvement projects to continue their efforts in their communities.

“We are extremely excited by this opportunity to work with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to empower our communities and improve our parks,” said George Dusenbury, Executive Director of Park Pride. “Our parks are vital public spaces that can thrive only with the active engagement of Atlanta’s residents. These grants are part of Park Pride’s greater effort to partner with communities to build and implement dreams for their parks.”

“The implementation of this program will demonstrate a collective pledge, further supporting our commitment towards improving all of the city’s parks and greenspace,” adds Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Commissioner Dianne Harnell Cohen. “We are excited about this partnership and strongly encourage it. It will prove beneficial for our residents, visitors and our environment for years to come.”

Beginning November 1, 2005, community groups and non-profit organizations may apply for matching grants up to \$5,000 for planting trees in City of Atlanta parks. Grant applicants must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The grant may only be allocated to the cost of planting trees.
- 2) The trees must be planted in a park or greenspace within the jurisdiction of the City of Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.
- 3) The trees must be planted in accordance to a conceptual master plan or similar planning document. Parks that have completed Park Pride’s Park Visioning Program automatically qualify for the grants.
- 4) The grants may account for up to 40% of the total cost of a park improvement project. The project need not be limited to planting trees. For example, a community could spend \$600 to build a pavilion and qualify for \$400 to plant trees near the pavilion.
- 5) Trees should be planted between November 1 and March 31.

Community groups and non-profit organizations may submit grant applications through December 31, 2005. For more information about this program and to download an application, visit www.parkpride.org or contact Walt Ray at (404) 817-7965.

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