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## **PARK PRIDE SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR INSPIRATION AWARDS**

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

Atlanta, Georgia – Park Pride is now seeking nominations for its 2007 Inspiration Awards. “The awards not only acknowledge a job well done, they increase the visibility of park issues regionally and inspire others to become more active in building a world-class park system in Atlanta,” said Park Pride Executive Director George Dusenbury. “Park Pride encourages residents to take the time to nominate individuals and organizations who are leading the effort to expand and improve our parks and greenspaces.”

The deadline for submitting nominations is February 28, 2007. Nominations should be for a specific category and should address the four overarching criteria listed below. Recognized work must take place within Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton or Gwinnett Counties (and municipalities therein). Recipients will be announced during lunch at Park Pride’s 2007 Park and Greenspace Conference on March 19 at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The nomination form is attached and available on-line at [www.parkpride.org](http://www.parkpride.org).

### **Award Criteria**

Award nominees will be judged against four criteria:

1. Leadership
2. Commitment (long-term)
3. Results (tangible accomplishments)
4. Innovation

### **Award Categories**

Park Pride will present awards in three categories:

1. Community – an individual or organization who volunteers their time
2. Corporate – both profit and not-for profit organizations with paid staff
3. Government – elected official(s), employee(s), department(s), or county or municipality as a whole

At its 2006 Parks and Greenspace Conference, Park Pride initiated its annual Inspiration Awards. Initial honorees were Bruce Morton (community), The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation (corporate), and Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin (government). Park Pride again thanks them for their good work; they continue to inspire others to get involved and make our parks, greenspaces and communities better.

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