



more & better parks... all over Atlanta

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**PARK PRIDE CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY WITH UPS AND OTHER PARTNERS**

Atlanta, Georgia – Park Pride will celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 27, by partnering with corporations and several of its community-based Friends of the Park groups to conduct volunteer work days in several Atlanta parks.

UPS was the first partner to support Park Pride’s National Public Lands Day efforts. Volunteers from UPS will work with community leaders to rehabilitate the playground and clear underbrush in Adams Park in southwest Atlanta. Elsewhere, Girl Scouts and GA Tech Team Buzz students are planting flowers and beautifying Gilliam Park in Kirkwood. A second group of GA Tech Team Buzz volunteers will be helping is volunteering at Spink Collins Park in northwest Atlanta. Finally, a second Girl Scout Troop will join the Friends of Collier Heights Park to clean up their northwest Atlanta park.

“National Public Lands Day lets us honor the tremendous legacy that earlier generations have given us,” said Park Pride Executive Director Park Pride. “We also recognize the need to build upon their legacy by volunteering in our parks and working to create more parks. No major city has a smaller percent of its land dedicated to parks than does Atlanta.”

Park Pride invites other community, corporate or civic organizations to partner with us to celebrate our public lands while working to create more and better parks all over Atlanta. Contact Ayanna Williams at (404) 917-7963 or [Ayanna@parkpride.org](mailto:Ayanna@parkpride.org) to learn how you can help improve the public legacy that we leave our children and future generations.

**National Public Lands Day** is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve America's public lands-- begun in 1994 with three federal agencies and 700 volunteers. This year, 120,000 volunteers are expected to lend a hand at more than 1,600 locations in every state of the nation.

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Park Pride, founded in 1989, is the only organization that works with communities all over Atlanta to improve their parks. In 2007, Park Pride coordinated more than 20,000 hours of volunteer work in Atlanta parks, developed new conceptual park plans for seven parks and helped start more than a dozen “Friends of the Park” groups. Park Pride is able to engage and serve the community by generating Friends of the Park groups, focusing on advocacy efforts as well as promoting participation in its Adopt-a-Park, Park Visioning, Volunteer, Fiscal Partners and Micro Grant programs. Park Pride continued to work with local organizations and community members to support the creation of the Atlanta BeltLine, which promises to create more than 1,000 acres of new parks and 33 miles of trails. The organization’s annual Parks & Greenspace Conference serves as the signature event in our work to create a world class park system in Atlanta.