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## **City of Chamblee Awarded \$422K Grant to Improve Neighborhood Park**

*Grant from Governor's Office to improve Village Park*

**June 15, 2023** — The Chamblee Parks and Recreation Department is a preliminary award recipient announced by Governor Brian Kemp to receive funding to improve one of its parks. The Governor's Office awarded more than \$225 million for 142 projects statewide to improve neighborhood assets such as parks, recreation facilities, sidewalks, and healthy food access in communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Chamblee is receiving \$422,391.20 from the Georgia Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant to replace grass with artificial turf in the multi-use field at Village Park. The field currently has patches due to high usage levels from the community.

"The City of Chamblee is extremely excited to have been selected as an award recipient of the Georgia Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionally Impacted Communities Grant," said Jodie Gilfillan, Chamblee Parks and Recreation Director. "We look forward to continue providing safe, clean, and beautiful park facilities for the community to enjoy."

Construction is expected to start later this year.

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*Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov) for more information.*