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CHAMBLEE TO ADD 25 ACRES OF PARK LAND

June 29, 2017—The City of Chamblee is moving forward today with plans to add more than 33 percent more park space within the city by the end of this summer. The city currently has nine parks with a total of 76 acres. The proposed new park land includes:

- 8.9 acres of undeveloped green space located at 4197 North Shallowford Road, just south of the Savoy Drive commercial corridor. Once completed, this park will connect neighborhoods and businesses on North Shallowford Road and North Peachtree Road along Nancy Creek as part of a larger bicycle and pedestrian trail system in the area.
- 16.5 acres at 4445 Buford Highway, the former Jim Hearn Golf Center. This effort will preserve existing green space, protect the nearby stream and offer expanded recreational activities adjacent to Dresden Park.

The addition of new parks and recreation space was a key task identified by residents in the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, efforts from the 2016 Parks Master Plan process identified Chamblee residents' desire for additional park space featuring amenities like playgrounds and dog parks, new recreational opportunities and trail connectivity.

"Representing a 33 percent increase to the city's existing parks, these two additions will enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors and marks a significant investment in two areas of the city that were recently annexed," says Chamblee Mayor Eric Clarkson.

City officials and staff welcome resident input on the proposed park spaces. Residents have the opportunity to complete a survey by August 15<sup>th</sup> at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STT7QBP>.

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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.