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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Brent Walker, Parks and Recreation Manager
Date: November 22, 2010
Subject: **Resolution of Support for Recreational Trails Grant Application**

BACKGROUND

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is currently accepting applications for their Recreational Trails Grant program. Staff believes connecting and improving upon the currently disconnected, underutilized trails in Brook Run Park aligns well with the goals for the Trails Grant program.

Although we are just beginning our Parks and Recreation Master Plan, we know that the facilities in Brook Run Park, such as the playground and DeKalb International Training Center, will likely remain in their current locations. Having a working trail system in Brook Run Park to connect the existing amenities will improve the utilization of the park.

The application requires a Resolution of support from the governing body.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting a Resolution in support for our application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant program.

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the City seeks to protect and preserve greenway corridors by developing outdoor recreational trails opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Brook Run Park is traversed by a trail system that was originally created in the 1970s when the site was used by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, by systematically studying and improving upon the existing trail remnants at Brook Run Park the City will create a new recreational opportunity that will be designed to meet the needs of users with a variety of different abilities; and

WHEREAS, a multi-use recreational trail through Brook Run Park will allow the community to traverse the expanses of the park and provide linkages between recreational resources and community activities; and

WHEREAS, establishing this recreational trail in partnership with our community organizations such as the Brook Run Conservancy, the Community Garden at Brook Run, the Brook Run Dog Park Association, the Dunwoody Nature Center, and our many community volunteers, Dunwoody will not only create a recreational opportunity but also build community; and

WHEREAS, the City looks forward to working with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and their Recreational Trails Grant Program to develop this outdoor recreational opportunity; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody, that the City of Dunwoody supports the application for the Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant Program for the development of a recreational trail in Brook Run Park and hereby authorizes the City Manager and staff to execute all appropriate documents in pursuit thereof.

SO RESOVLED AND EFFECTIVE this 22nd day of November, 2010.

Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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