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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Brent Walker

**Date:** 6/13/2011

**Subject:** **Discussion of Parks 2011 Capital Improvement Plan**

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

The 2011 Parks and Recreation budget allows for \$150,000 in capital improvement expenditures. Staff recommends that council approve the expenditures as outlined in this memo.

**BACKGROUND**

The 2011 Parks and Recreation budget allows for \$150,000 in capital improvement expenditures. Staff recommends that these monies be allocated for the following projects:

1. Shade structures at Brook Run Park playground	\$50,000
2. Keycard security system for North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center	\$60,000
3. Matching Funds for the Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant	\$40,000
Total	\$150,000

Item number 1 would allow for a large shade structure over the center play structures at Brook Run Park playground. This would allow for the playground to be utilized more often during the summer months and has been a request from the community.

Item number 2 would reduce the City's expenditures by \$45,000 a year by providing security for the North DeKalb Cultural Arts Center without paying for security guard services.

Item number 3 is the matching funds for the \$100,000 Recreational Trails Grant the City has been awarded by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. It will be used to development and construct an approximately 2 mile trail through Brook Run Park.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff respectfully requests that Council approve the 2011 Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Plan and authorize staff to pursue bid requests as outlined in the City's Purchasing Policies to secure qualified vendors for these projects.