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GRAVES PARK IS GOING GREENER

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Nov. 17, 2010) – Graves Park will get more than 1,900 new trees under a reforestation contract that Gwinnett commissioners awarded Tuesday to low bidder Tri Scapes, Inc. The project follows recommendations made by the Engage Gwinnett citizens committee last spring. That group said the County should use SPLOST funds to make park renovations that will reduce operating costs like mowing and irrigation.

Under the almost \$165,000 contract, Tri Scapes will plant about three acres of parkland with hardwood trees like maple, hickory and oak plus native understory species such as sourwood, redbud and sassafras during the early winter months.

“We’re making an investment that will make this park in southeastern Gwinnett more attractive and greener by adding much-needed native vegetation,” said District 2 Commissioner Bert Nasuti.

The 70-acre park is between Graves Road and the DeKalb County line south of I-85 near Norcross. It features a dog park area, a multi-purpose trail, pavilion, playground, and tennis and sand volleyball facilities.

Gwinnett’s parks system received honors recently as best in the state by the Georgia Recreation and Park association in addition to previous national recognition.

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