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## ALCOVY GREENSPACE CONNECTS TWO PARKS

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Feb. 3, 2009) – By buying almost 54 acres of undeveloped land along the Alcovy River, Gwinnett commissioners today added significantly to a future greenway connection between two large parks as envisioned in their long-range master plan.

The \$1.1 million purchase includes 1,670 feet of river frontage that adjoins another 14 acres of County property to protect more than a mile of the riverbed. The newly purchased property is located west of Lawrenceville between the 715-acre Tribble Mill Park and the 290-acre Palm Creek park site.

District 3 Commissioner Mike Beaudreau said, "The County's Open Space Master Plan identified the Alcovy River corridor as a preservation priority so we're excited to be able to take this big step toward completing it."

Chairman Charles Bannister again credited voters for approving the 2005 SPLOST program that raised money to preserve undeveloped land. "This is another move forward in protecting waterways and providing greenspace for our nationally recognized park system," said Bannister.

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