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Park visitors advised to stay off bridge at Murphey Candler

Brookhaven, GA, Jan. 4, 2016 – For their safety, residents are advised to stay off of the nature trail pedestrian bridge at Murphey Candler Park until the structure is replaced.

The city is currently working on retrieving expedited bids for emergency replacement quotes, and is considering installing a temporary bridge. Access to the bridge has been closed by the city and signs are posted advising visitors to keep off.

The bridge was damaged in November after a tree fell on it, and a claim was submitted to the city of Brookhaven's insurance carrier immediately. An insurance adjuster was concerned that the bridge was no longer usable and dangerous to pedestrians, which was confirmed by C&D Engineers & Associates, who stated in their report, "Please do not open this bridge to public; it is very unsafe."

Per standard policy, the insurance company will reimburse the city up to \$100,000 if the cost to replace the bridge equals or exceeds that amount.

"The city is working to get this resolved as quickly and efficiently as possible," said District 1 Councilperson Linley Jones. "I am concerned about our residents' safety, and urge pedestrians to stay off the bridge until it is replaced."

As part of the city's master plan process for individual parks, a design for a replacement bridge has been completed and can be seen below.

The public will be notified as soon as possible of plans to install a temporary bridge and of the status of the bridge replacement.



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