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## **Brookhaven purchase of 'PDK Greenspace' gets DeKalb approval**

*City will preserve 33 acres of forest land at Clairmont and Tobey roads*

**Brookhaven, GA, Jan. 24, 2017** – Fulfilling a promise made to Brookhaven residents, the City of Brookhaven on Jan. 24 signed off on an intergovernmental agreement to purchase and preserve the 33-acre "PDK greenspace."

The City Council action followed a unanimous vote by the DeKalb County Commission authorizing the sale of the tract for \$5.7 million to the city. As part of the agreement, the City will preserve the land for greenspace and cannot sell it for development.

"The City of Brookhaven is fulfilling its promise to keep Brookhaven green and vibrant. At 33 acres, this purchase represents one of the largest continuous green space acquisitions inside the Perimeter," said Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst. "Our thanks to Commissioner Jeff Radar, and all the DeKalb Commissioners, CEO Mike Thurmond and staff at DeKalb County for the ability to preserve this gem in our city for current residents and for future generations."

The DeKalb Peachtree Airport once designated the wooded tract as a "crash zone" for a runway that was since decommissioned, and DeKalb is now selling it as surplus property.

The property contains mature trees, a stream, wildlife and native plants, and is located west of Clairmont Road at the intersection with Tobey Road in Brookhaven.

"Purchasing this space aligns with the goals of our Comprehensive Plan and parks plans," Mayor Ernst said. "But most importantly we heard loud and clear from a dedicated, large group of citizens that have been lobbying for years to have this land preserved."

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