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Park Pride Awards Community Building Grants to DeKalb Parks for Capital Improvements

DECATUR, Ga. – DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs will receive \$145,000 for capital improvements to three neighborhood parks, on behalf of its Friends of the Park partners.

The Park Pride's Grant Program awards funding to community groups seeking to revitalize their neighborhood parks. Contributions were provided in part through Park Pride's Community Building by The Home Depot Foundation.

The Friends of Briarlake Forest Park was awarded a \$45,000 grant and was allocated \$280,000 from Commissioner Jeff Rader's district funds. The friends group contributed \$5,000 toward the plan to convert a historic homestead into a nature center and a pavilion.

The Friends of Hairston Park group was awarded a \$50,000 grant. Commissioner Steve Bradshaw provided \$50,000 match to develop a serenity garden with walking paths and bench swings.

The Friends of Little Creek Horse Farm Conservancy was awarded a \$50,000 grant and contributed another \$50,000 to enhance the park with an ADA-accessible overlook, visitors' center, and signage.

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