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2.3 Tons of Trash Pulled from Peachtree Creek Saturday - Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy Holds First Annual Cleanup Day

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Atlanta, GA – on Saturday, March 1, 2014 over 80 volunteers gathered in Atlanta Memorial Park for the newly established Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy's (AMPC) First Annual Peachtree Creek Cleanup Day. Partnering with Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (CRK), AMPC recruited volunteers from AMPC & CRK, Castlewood Civic Association, Springlake Civic Association, Brandon Civic Association, Wildwood Civic Association, Peachtree Battle Alliance, Memorial Park Neighborhood Association, Friends of Bobby Jones Golf Course, Diplomatic Leadership Corps, Pollack Shores and PSREG/Matrix Residential.

Among the over 2.3 tons of trash removed from the water: a shopping cart, 37 tires (weighing 832 lbs.), hub caps, a car bumper, clothing, shoes, metal pipes, gutters, appliances, plastic bottles, golf balls and a golf club.

"Working together with the local community and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, AMPC can do its part in preserving Georgia's water resources while working towards making the Conservancy's vision a reality" said AMPC President Roxanne Smith. "This event is just the beginning of the Conservancy's efforts to improve overall water quality in the park and bring awareness of and involvement in the preservation of our local creek, water resources and Memorial Park."

The cleanup effort focused on the 2 mile stretch of Peachtree and Tanyard Creek that run through Atlanta Memorial Park from Colonial Homes to Howell Mill. Both creeks funnel water from an immense natural drainage basin that serves some 55,000 acres of land ranging from Decatur to Dunwoody and are highly contaminated with garbage and debris.

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About the Atlanta Memorial Conservancy

The Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy, Inc. (the "Conservancy") is a recently formed Georgia non-profit company that has been granted 501(c) (3) status. The mission of the Conservancy is to:

1. Create a Master Plan for the property that currently includes Bobby Jones Golf Course, Bitsy Grant Tennis Center and Atlanta Memorial Park (the "Park"). The Master Plan will focus, among other things, on solutions to improve conditions on those segments of Peachtree Creek and Tanyard Creek running through the Park, including storm water management and flood mitigation; restoration and preservation of creek beds to prevent further erosion; and management of sewer-related issues.
2. Develop and implement, within the Master Plan, a plan to renovate Bobby Jones Golf Course. The renovation plan will make the course more enjoyable for players of all skill levels as well as more sustainable, environmentally friendly and easier to maintain, while at the same time retaining its character as an accessible municipal course. The renovation plan will incorporate design solutions that encourage junior and community programs, affiliations with public and private schools, and other elements that will bring new players to the game.
3. Develop and implement, within the Master Plan, a plan to renovate the Bobby Jones Golf Course clubhouse in order to make it more efficient, historically significant and desirable for public use.
4. Develop, within the Master Plan, a plan to revitalize Atlanta Memorial Park, including a reforestation program, recognizing that the park needs to maintain its character as a passive public park.
5. Support and incorporate within the Master Plan the ongoing renovations taking place at Bitsy Grant Tennis Center.

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