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Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy Receives The Garden Club of America (GCA) Zone Civic Improvement Commendation

ATLANTA, GA — January 14, 2026 — The Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy (AMPC) has received **The Garden Club of America Zone Civic Improvement Commendation**, honoring the Conservancy’s leadership in restoring, enhancing and preserving Atlanta Memorial Park as a vital urban greenspace. The **Peachtree Garden Club (PGC)** proposed AMPC for this prestigious commendation.

The award was presented at the **GCA Zone VIII Meeting** on January 14, 2026, in Delray Beach, Florida.

Founded in 2011, AMPC was created in response to the Park’s severe decline. Originally dedicated in 1929 as a memorial to Civil War soldiers who fought in the Battle of Peachtree Creek, the park now serves surrounding Buckhead neighborhoods and the broader Atlanta community with a beloved playground, nature trails, rain gardens, sidewalks, the NW Beltline Connector Trail, the Northside Drive bridge underpass, and a restored tree canopy.



Pictured left to right: AMPC Executive Director Catherine Spillman and Peachtree Garden Club member Debby Melnyk

AMPC’s work is guided by three focus areas—**greenspace, watershed, and connectivity**—and is strengthened through key nonprofit partnerships along with its public/private partnership with the City of Atlanta’s departments of Parks and Recreation and Watershed Management.

Looking ahead, AMPC is advancing its most ambitious initiative to date: **FixPeachtreeCreek Campaign**, a comprehensive effort to restore Peachtree Creek beginning with the 1.5-mile reach within the Park’s borders. **Mary Norwood**, District 8 Councilwoman for the City of Atlanta commented: **“Together, the Conservancy and the City of Atlanta are working in concert to transform the creek and to improve water quality for Atlanta residents.”** The project envisions a restored, resilient Peachtree Creek that benefits everyone who lives, works, and plays along its corridor, while positioning Atlanta as a leader in climate adaptation and watershed restoration.

“We are deeply grateful to the Peachtree Garden Club for their many years of partnership and shared commitment to AMPC and Atlanta Memorial Park,” said **Catherine Spillman**, Executive Director of the Atlanta Memorial Park Conservancy. **“Their support—from Debbie’s Place to broader conservation efforts—has been instrumental in helping us care for this cherished park and advance transformative projects like the FixPeachtreeCreek Campaign.”**

The GCA Zone Civic Improvement Commendation recognizes AMPC’s enduring stewardship and its forward-looking vision for protecting one of Atlanta’s most significant natural and historic landscapes.
