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CHAMBLEE ADDS 16+ ACRES TO PARK LAND

November 20, 2017—The City of Chamblee recently acquired more than 16 acres of land for park space bringing its total of park land to more than 104 acres. The former Jim Hearn Golf Center, located at 4445 Buford Highway, was purchased for \$4.5M through a low-interest lease program through the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

The addition of new parks and recreation space was a key task identified by residents in the City's 2015 Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, efforts from the 2016 Parks Master Plan process identified Chamblee residents' desire for additional park space featuring amenities like new recreational opportunities, such as soccer and trail connectivity. In fact the study found:

- Soccer ranked as the second most wanted sport in which residents would like their children to participate;
- Soccer also ranked second, behind baseball, as a sport they currently participate in; and
- For adults, soccer ranked fifth as the most common sport that adults participate in.

The Hearn property will be used as active park space and developed into several soccer and multi-use fields and walking trails adjacent to Dresden Park. Chamblee has issued a Request for Proposals for the development, maintenance, operation and financing of this complex. This investment by the City is designed to create premier field space and expand the athletic offerings available to residents. The secondary goal of the project is to spur additional private development along the Buford Highway corridor.

"The purchase of the property, combined with the existing Dresden Park, creates a 40-acre contiguous park amenity in the area. This is an investment in the Buford Highway corridor that could spark further private development," says Chamblee Mayor Eric Clarkson.

For more information on Chamblee Parks and Recreation or to view the city's RFP, please visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov).

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov) for more information.