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**DEKALB COUNTY**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **DEKALB COUNTY TO HOST DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR THE DREW VALLEY DRAINAGE FACILITY**

**DECATUR** - DeKalb County will host a dedication ceremony for the Drew Valley Drainage Facility on July 29, 2009 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. An engraved bronze plaque will be commissioned to mark the site at 2390 to 2406 Drew Valley Road. The Drew Valley Drainage Facility, completed in 2009, provides much needed flood relief for residents downstream of the structure who were devastated by multiple flood events in 2003 and 2004.

Twenty five percent of the project was funded by DeKalb County Stormwater Utility Fees and a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant covered the remaining cost in partnership with GEMA. In addition to the flood risk benefits, the facility provides additional greenspace in a continually urbanizing part of DeKalb County. Significant planning and design efforts were focused on the landscaping and overall aesthetic appearance of the nearly 3 acre facility.

The Drew Valley Drainage Facility was managed, funded, and constructed through cooperative efforts of the DeKalb County Public Works Department Roads & Drainage Division, Parks Bond & Green Space Division, Transportation Division and Watershed Management Department. The project was developed by Dewberry, designed by Golder Associates, Inc. and constructed by Civil Works, Inc.

Chief Executive Officer Burrell Ellis will join members from the Board of Commissioners along with state and local elected officials, and representatives of FEMA, GEMA, EPA, GAEPD, Atlanta Regional Commission, and Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District for the dedication ceremony recognizing this significant improvement to the infrastructure and environmental quality in DeKalb County.

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