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KIRKWOOD NAMED TO NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DECATUR – The Kirkwood Historic District in DeKalb County has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. With the designation, the district joins more than 80,000 properties listed in the National Register representing 1.4 million individual resources, including buildings, sites, districts, structures, and objects.

Kirkwood can trace its beginnings to residential development back to the 1870s. The community was an early streetcar suburb of Atlanta. By 1910, streetcars in Kirkwood provided express service to and from Atlanta three times daily, and streetcars continued service along some streets including Kirkwood Road until the early 1950s. In 1899, Kirkwood was incorporated as an independent municipality.

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

Listing in the National Register is the first step towards eligibility for National Park Service-administered federal preservation tax credits.

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