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PARK RENEWAL DAY SET FOR NOVEMBER 7
Community Groups Compete to Clean Up Dearborn Park

DECATUR – The DeKalb County Parks and Recreation Department, along with the City of Decatur and Renewal Design Build, will host the second annual **Park Renewal Day** on Saturday, November 7, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Dearborn Park in Decatur.

Park Renewal Day will feature local neighborhood organizations, churches and schools competing to clean up Dearborn Park for the chance to win the event's \$1,000 top prize. The competition gives participants a fun way to clear invasive plants and species, such as privet and ivy, from the park to preserve greenspace.

The competition is slated for 9:00 a.m. to noon, followed by judging, lunch, live entertainment and an awards ceremony, where five teams will share \$2,000 in prize money. Officials from DeKalb County and the City of Decatur, along with other prominent members of the community, will be on hand to judge the quality and quantity of work done to each team's designated plot.

During last year's event, 11 teams, comprised of 145 volunteers, participated in the event and cleared more than an acre of forest in the park. The four prize winning teams all donated their winnings to their respective charities.

For more information on Park Renewal Day, contact Jackie Swain at (404) 371-2990 or visit www.ParkRenewalDay.com.

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