

TCA Parks and Greenspace July 2010 report:

TCA's Parks & GreenSpace had a busy end of June, beginning of July coordinating this year's "River's Alive" cleanup for South Fork Peachtree Creek off Sarr Parkway and Greer Circle. On Tues., June 15th we held our initial River's Alive meeting to organize volunteers for the various committees needed to pull off an event of this size. A few volunteer coordinators from various groups around Tucker attended the meeting, along with Michael O'Shield, P.R. Rep for Dekalb County's Dept of Watershed Management. We were able to hand out assignments for folks to help with organizing volunteer efforts, but we're still in need of sponsorship and donation help. If interested in helping us organize in-kind donations and/or services, please call Pam McNall at 678.464.0962. Any leads would be greatly appreciated.

Since our initial meeting, P&GS continues to reach out to volunteers and the county about various needs. The Dept. of Watershed Management is allowing us to use their parking lot as a parking and staging area for this year's cleanup and we are very thankful. Their headquarters are just a few meters away from our cleanup area!

Four volunteers, including two TCA board members, explored the creek on July 1st. We grabbed our goulashes and measured the clean up area, diagnosed the creek, took video and photographs, and wrote detailed notes about logical access points and pull out points (see attached). A very successful analysis of a very dirty creek. We have our work cut out for us! We plan to work with the county about coordinating a "Friends of Peachtree Creek" group to monitor the dumping area and keep up with any needs the creek has after our cleanup on October 2nd.

Next up! Work on sponsorship help and clear out overgrowth and debris around entrance points into the creek. More information coming next month about the "Friends of Tucker Parks" initiative.

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