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Piedmont Park Aquatic Center to Open
One of Only Three Outdoor City Pools Open This Summer

ATLANTA (May 20, 2009) — Piedmont Park Conservancy announces that as a part of the 53-acre expansion, the Piedmont Park Aquatic Center will open on Memorial Day. The new facility is designed to accommodate multiple user groups that were under-served at Piedmont Park in the past. It will feature beach entry, a current channel, splash area for small children and lap lanes. For the first time in Piedmont Park, disabled park users will have access to the pool. The Aquatic Center features ramps and zero-entry for wheelchair access, as well as a wheelchair lift for the disabled. Other new features of the pool include concessions, a landscaped deck and pool level lockers and showers.

“The Conservancy developed plans for the Bathhouse and pool project with input from an advisory committee consisting of representatives from more than 50 neighborhoods, organizations and constituent groups along with representatives from Atlanta City government,” said Conservancy President and CEO, Yvette Bowden. “Because of their input, swim teams can use the pool for practice and seniors can use the new current channel for exercise. We also have an area designed specifically for toddlers that is separate and safe.”

The multi-million dollar complex also includes a LEED certified renovation of the Park’s historic Bathhouse, updating approximately 30,000 square feet of outdoor plazas, patios and picnic pavilions. The pool will be open from May 25th – September 7th from 11am-7pm daily. Pool passes are available and include pass-holder only swim times. Daily swim fees are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors.

The Atlanta City Council approved the planned expansion in 2005 and fundraising began in the fall of 2007 with a Green Concert featuring the Dave Matthews Band and The Allman Brothers Band. The approved expansion plan addresses the final project outlined in the 1995 Piedmont Park Master Plan, and adheres to the fundamental principles guiding the rehabilitation of the Park. There will be a 40% increase in existing green space to the popular park by the end of 2010, when the expansion is expected to be complete.

About Piedmont Park Conservancy

Piedmont Park Conservancy is a member and donor funded nonprofit working in partnership with the City of Atlanta to maintain and enhance historic Piedmont Park. Founded in 1989, the Conservancy has raised and invested more than \$23 million in private funds for Park improvements, and today manages over 90% of the overall maintenance and security. By 2010, the Conservancy will have invested an additional \$41.25 million in Phase I expansion projects.

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