

Resolution Urging the Dekalb County CEO to Reopen Intrenchment Creek Park and Establish a South River Forest Park Naturalist Position

Whereas, Intrenchment Creek Park has been a valuable public resource in Dekalb County for many years, offering recreational opportunities and natural beauty to residents and visitors alike; and

Whereas, the current executive order closing Intrenchment Creek Park has denied access to the public, causing inconvenience and frustration among those who rely on the park for exercise, leisure, and relaxation; and

Whereas, the South River Forest is an environmentally sensitive area that requires special attention and stewardship to ensure its preservation and restoration for future generations; and

Whereas, the creation of a South River Forest Park Naturalist position within the Parks Department would provide the necessary expertise and leadership to manage the forest effectively and educate the public on its importance; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners urges the CEO to end the executive order closing Intrenchment Creek Park and reopen it to the public as soon as possible; and

Be it further resolved that the Dekalb County Parks Department shall establish a South River Forest Park Naturalist position to serve as the land steward for this environmentally sensitive area, with a focus on educational activities about the forest and leading volunteer efforts to restore and revitalize the local environment; and

Be it further resolved that the County shall allocate funds necessary to hire a qualified individual for this position, and to provide resources for the implementation of restoration and education efforts in the South River Forest; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution shall be communicated to the Dekalb County CEO and other relevant county officials, as well as the general public, to ensure that the importance of Intrenchment Creek Park and the South River Forest is recognized for its potential to change thousands of lives by preserving and improving water quality, access to greenspace, and conservation of its strong tree canopy, a majority of primary productivity in forests.

Approved by the DeKalb County Board of Commission on [insert date].