



July 13, 2023

CEO Michael Thurmond
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County Government
1300 Commerce Drive, 6th Floor
Decatur, GA 30030

Dear CEO Thurmond,

As the DeKalb County District 6 Commissioner, I am humbly and formally requesting access to Intrenchment Creek Park to lead members of the South River Forest Coalition, Friends of Intrenchment Creek Park, Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Sierra Club on a guided naturalist walk through the park. In full transparency, the list of participants with affiliation is listed below.

This naturalist walk will include a forestry inventory and a stop at the over 200-year-old Champion Tree, known to many park goers as the Grandmother Tree. This educational outing is of utmost importance to ensure forest health, allow Friends of ICP to survey the park before construction, take account of trash and the efforts needed for cleaning, and conduct a full inventory of damages to the park.

This request comes with full intention as indicated above and will not interfere with any of the issues that have been in discussion either internally or via the media. As an elected official by the citizens of District 6, my priority is DeKalb County, for who I serve with integrity and honor. The group is aware that there has/are safety concerns and will take all measures to ensure that this is of the utmost importance and main reason that has continued park closure. If needed each attendee can sign a waiver should the County Law Department deem this appropriate.

Date: July 29

Time: 3 pm

Location: Intrenchment Creek Park

Attendees

1. Commissioner Ted Terry
2. Miranda Rupkey
3. Joe Peery (Friends of Intrenchment Creek Park)
4. Kathryn Kolb (EcoAddendum, Naturalist)
5. Amy Taylor
6. Lev Omelchenko
7. Joe Santifer
8. Alex Levy
9. Brad Beadles
10. Laura Kearns
11. Sally Sears
12. Thayu Lou Hamer
13. Abundia Tristan (representative of Mvskoke Tribe)
14. Vedia Barnett (Sierra Club)
15. Nate Edwards (Sierra Club)



16. Victoria Webb (DeKalb Soil and Water Conservation District)
17. Dell MacGregor (DeKalb Soil and Water Conservation District)

Press

18. Timothy Pratt (The Guardian)
19. Matt Scott (Atlanta Press Collective)
20. Emily Wu Pearson (WABE)

I sincerely appreciate your review and respectfully look forward to a favorable response.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Terry".

Edward C. "Ted" Terry, Commissioner
DeKalb County District 6

Cc: Zach Williams, COO
Viviane Ernst, County Attorney
Jack Lumpkin, Public Safety Director