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**ADDITIONAL PORTION OF
BIG CREEK GREENWAY NOW OPEN**

Trail now spans approximately 6.8 miles

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – An additional portion of the Big Creek Greenway in Forsyth County was officially opened Friday, December 4 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new portion, known as Phase 1, covers approximately 3.9 miles from McFarland Parkway to the Fowler Park site at SR 9. A large portion of Phase 1 of the Big Creek Greenway was funded by state and federal funds. Phase 1 connects to the already opened Phases 2 and 3, which cover approximately 2.94 miles from SR 9 to Bethelview Road.

The Big Creek Greenway is a 12-foot wide concrete and boardwalk path meandering through the deciduous woods along the Big Creek. The trail offers an ideal setting for walking, jogging, biking and inline skating.

“We have received great feedback about the trail since opening Phases 2 and 3 in September, and know residents have been looking forward to the completion of Phase 1,” Director of Parks and Recreation Jerry Kinsey said. “The Big Creek Greenway is another wonderful recreational amenity we are very pleased to be able to provide to our citizens.”

A temporary parking area adjacent to McFarland Parkway at Big Creek will be able to accommodate approximately 50 vehicles. The primary parking will be provided with the completion of Fowler Park (scheduled for 2011), which will have a connection to the Big Creek Greenway.

Design of the future Phases 4 and 5 of the trail is currently under way. When all phases are completed, the greenway will be approximately 15 miles in Forsyth County.

To receive additional information about the trail, visit www.forsythco.com.

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