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**GROUND BROKEN FOR MATT COMMUNITY PARK**  
**AT SETTINGDOWN CREEK**

*Project funded by Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond  
and by Impact Fees*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – On Friday, July 17, ground was broken for a new park in the Matt area of northwest Forsyth County. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Matt Community Park at Settingdown Creek was held at the future park site located off of Wallace Tatum Road.

The property for the new park was acquired with funding from the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond approved by Forsyth County voters in 2008. Construction of Phase I of the park is being funded by both the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond and by Impact Fees.

“We owe a sincere thank you to the citizens for approving the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond that enabled us to purchase this beautiful piece of property,” said County Commission Chairman R.J. (Pete) Amos. “I know that this park has been a long time coming to fruition, so I would also like to thank the development community for the Impact Fee funding that is helping to build this great new park.”

Phase I of the park will include four synthetic-turf rectangular fields, a walking trail, a playground, concession area, restrooms and a parks maintenance facility. It is slated for completion in spring 2016.

District 4 Commissioner and Vice Chairman Cindy Jones Mills, whose district includes the new park, expressed her excitement about the project.

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“It can be challenging to meet the demands of growing our parks and recreation amenities to keep pace with the county’s growing population, but Forsyth County voters met that challenge with the passage of the \$100 million Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond in 2008,” said Jones Mills. “That vote allowed for this land to be bought and for us to add this new park to the county’s outstanding park system.”

“I could not be happier to be participating in this groundbreaking for Matt Community Park as this is the community not only where I grew up, but where many generations of my family grew up as well,” continued Jones Mills. “This new park will serve the residents of the Matt area and northwest Forsyth County for many generations to come. I hope the community will embrace this park and take great pride in making it theirs.”

While Phase I of the park is the only portion currently under construction, future plans for the park include the possibility of adding tennis courts, an outdoor amphitheater, picnic pavilions, four additional fields and additional trails with overlooks. The timeline for any future development of the park will depend upon future availability of funding. The master plan for the property also includes the potential location of a library and senior center on the property.

Approximately 185 acres of property was acquired by the county in December 2008, to serve as Matt Community Park at Settingdown Creek. In November 2011, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners approved for the Fire Department to acquire three acres of the property to serve as the location of new Fire Station #3, with the purchase funds for those acres going back into the Parks, Recreation and Green Space Bond account. New Fire Station #3 opened in July 2013. The fire station and new park will share an entrance off of Wallace Tatum Road.

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