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2022 REPORT

SSC had a productive year from helping to move forward the first segment of construction of the Sandy Springs Trail Master Plan, to new community engagement efforts, the return of the Thought Leaders Dinner and successful Micro Projects! SSC efforts to conserve, enhance and connect greenspace in our community are made possible by the support of sponsors, donors, community volunteers and a hands-on volunteer board of directors. SSC is a leading voice for greenspace, parks and connectivity that provides value for all residents for generations to come.

SSC PROVIDES \$30K TOWARD \$3M GRANT

Putting Your Donations Back into the Community

In 2022 SSC provided the necessary \$30,000 in community funds required for the city to secure a \$3M grant toward the cost of constructing the first segment of the Sandy Springs Trail Master Plan. In 2022 the city of Sandy Springs approved funding and selected a contractor to build Segment 2A of the plan. This segment is a 1.6 mile stretch from Morgan Falls Overlook Park to Roswell Rd. A highlight of Segment 2A will be a boardwalk along Orkin Lake. The Trail Master Plan outlines a total of 31.4 miles of trails throughout the city. The plan serves as a road map for the development of connectivity trails that will improve access to parks and greenspace. Construction is expected to begin in late 2022.



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THOUGHT LEADERS DINNER RETURNS

SSC's Thought Leaders Dinner returned in September following a two-year hiatus! More than 100 SSC supporters and civic leaders enjoyed social time and dinner at the City Springs Terrace. Keynote Speaker George Dusenbury, from the Trust for Public Land, shared big picture plans for public use along the Chattahoochee River corridor. Also addressing guests were Mayor Rusty Paul and Councilman John Paulson. SSC Board Chair Jack Misiura, and SSC Chair Emeritus Steve Levetan presented the Greenspace Champion award to SSC founding board member and former executive director Linda Bain. Special thanks to Presenting Sponsor Northside Hospital and all 2022 sponsors for making the evening possible!



JOIN SSC ACTIVITIES AND GET ACTIVE!



TRAIL BLAZERS

A new series of guided walks at local parks. The popular monthly walks from May to November will resume in 2023.



HIDE & SEEK

This treasure hunt activity in parks engaged families, with prizes for the winners!



SANDY SPRINGS FARMERS MARKET

SSC volunteers met with folks at two farmers markets in 2022 to educate and get input on greenspace wishes.

SSC MICRO PROJECT GRANT PROGRAM GENERATES IMPROVEMENTS

SSC and volunteers are enhancing local greenspace and parks through the Micro Project program. Project proposals are welcome and grants are available! Find more details at www.sandyspringsconservancy.org

ORGANIZE A PROJECT - APPLY FOR A GRANT—DONATE TO THE MICRO PROJECT FUND

Eagle Scout Projects

- Lost Corner: 30 native azaleas planted, \$1,236 Micro Project Grant
- Morgan Falls Overlook Park: stairs and landscaping improvements at north lakeside trail with donated materials, troop donation and \$500 Micro Project Grant
- Morgan Falls Overlook Park: Bluff Trail bench area improvements with donations and \$716 Micro Project Grant

Library Reading Garden Enhancements

SSC has laid the groundwork for and is contributing about \$10,000 in Micro Project Grant funds with a \$2,500 grant from the Sandy Springs Society for improvements to the Sandy Springs Library Reading Garden. Work will be done by individual and corporate volunteers.



A LOOKAHEAD AT SSC PARKS, TRAILS AND GREENSPACE INITIATIVES IN 2023

With your support SSC in 2023 will continue to support efforts to improve existing parks and create new greenspace opportunities for all to enjoy in our community for years to come.

- Sandy Springs Trail Master Plan, help lay the groundwork for construction of the next segment
- Old Riverside Drive, support efforts for usable river-view greenspace
- Allen Road Park, expansion and improvements to better serve residents of the neighborhood
- Create projects in underserved communities with enhancements such as beautification efforts, butterfly and community gardens
- Expand involvement with Micro Project Grant program
- Improvements to Morgan Falls Overlook Park
- More events and activities for community engagement opportunities



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