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July 29, 2025

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE STONE MOUNTAIN TRAIL MASTER PLAN STUDY AND TO AMEND THE DEKALB COUNTY 2050 UNIFIED PLAN, CHAPTER 5, SMALL AREA PLANS, TO INCLUDE THE STUDY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain Trail was opened in 1996 as a regional trail to connect sites of the 1996 Olympics and now serves as an important pedestrian transportation corridor in DeKalb County; and

WHEREAS, in May 2023, DeKalb County was awarded \$300,000 by the Atlanta Regional Commission under the Community Development and Assistance Program to conduct the Stone Mountain Trail Master Plan Study; and

WHEREAS, the study aimed to bring together cross-jurisdictional stakeholders, align planning goals, create affordable housing options, improve multimodal transportation options, and provide recommendations for other amenities along the trail; and

WHEREAS, between January 2025 and September 2025, a diverse array of stakeholders and community members participated in public meetings and workshops to contribute input on the goals and objectives of the study; and

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Planning & Sustainability department and ARC recognize that the Stone Mountain Trail Master Plan Study aligns with both the 2050 Unified Plan and DeKalb County's Trails Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain Trail Master Plan Study is an amendment to Chapter 5: Small Area Plans of the 2050 Unified Plan, offering additional guidance for the study area; and

WHEREAS, the Stone Mountain Trail Master Plan Study includes the following elements: Community Engagement Process, Assessment of Conditions (Existing Conditions Analysis, Safety Assessment, Future Land Use & Zoning Analysis, Housing Issues & Opportunities), Trail

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Corridor Visioning (Connectivity, Safety, Placemaking, Open Space & Parks, Land Use, Character & Density, Amenities), Implementation Framework (Phasing & Parking Strategy, Funding & Financing Mechanisms, Public Infrastructure Cost Estimate, Proposed Implementation Schedule); and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure plan implementation, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt the proposed Stone Mountain Trail Master Plan Study as an amendment to the 2050 Unified Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners:

- (1) hereby adopts the DeKalb Stone Mountain Trail Master Plan Study, and amends the 2050 Unified Plan, Chapter 5, Small Area Plans, to include this Plan; and the recommended policies and implementation proposals contained in the Stone Mountain Trail Master Plan Study provide specific guidelines to support the character areas of the Future Land Use Map of the 2050 Unified Plan and provide specific density/intensity guidelines.

APPROVED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

MICHELLE LONG SPEARS

Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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LORRAINE COCHRAN-JOHNSON

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA SANDERS, CCC

Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
and Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MATTHEW WELCH

Interim County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

JULIANA NJOKU

Director of
Planning and Sustainability