



## Information Sheet

Join us for the third annual  
Park Renewal Day!

Help save our parks, and your group could win big money!

### **The Objective**

Did you know that invasive plant species like Chinese privet and English ivy are taking over our community parks by strangling and crowding out native plants? Renewal Design-Build, along with DeKalb County Parks, DeKalb County Greenspace, and the City of Decatur, call on neighbors like you to help save our precious green spaces.

### **The Competition**

Teams compete for prize money by uprooting invasive plants in one of our local community parks. Officials from DeKalb County and the City of Decatur will judge the quality and quantity of work done to each group's designated work space.

### **Save the Date!**

Saturday, Nov. 6, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm\* (Registration: 8:00 to 8:30 am)  
Food and live entertainment follow the work session

### **Where?**

Dearborn Park • Deerwood Drive at Midway Road • Decatur, Georgia

Your group can win major cash sponsored by Renewal Design-Build:

First Prize: \$1,000  
Second Prize: \$300  
Third Prize: \$200

### **How do we sign up?**

1. Assemble a fun-loving group of coworkers, club members, or friends who agree to dedicate their time on Nov. 6.
2. Designate a responsible team leader who is willing to participate in one required training session (see below for more info).
3. Fill out the attached group participation form, and mail or fax to:

Dave Butler, DeKalb County Greenspace Environment Manager  
330 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Decatur, GA 30030  
Fax: 404-371-2039

Register by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, and points will be added to your final score!

You may also download these forms at [www.ParkRenewalDay.com](http://www.ParkRenewalDay.com).

*Register now! Space is limited to a certain number of teams.*

*\*There is no rain date for this event.*

### **Mandatory Training**

One member from each team is required to attend one of two training sessions hosted by DeKalb County Parks at the gym in the Decatur Rec Center (Sat, Oct. 23 at 10am or

**We're pulling  
out privet,  
crushing  
kudzu and  
eradicating ivy  
at Dearborn  
Park. Join in the  
fun! Grab some  
work gloves and  
bring your  
friends. Top  
teams win cash  
prizes.**

Thurs, Nov. 4 at 6pm). During this time, your group member will learn how to identify and properly destroy invasive plants. This advance training gives your group the education they need to win the big money! *Tip: Extra points will be added to your final score for each additional team member who shows up to a training session (up to 4 additional members).*



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**Strategically Tracking & Removing Invasive Plants**

Varion Jones, DeKalb County CEO  
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1300 Commerce Dr. Ste 200, Decatur, GA 30030  
[www.co.dekalb.ga.us/parks/](http://www.co.dekalb.ga.us/parks/)



## **Recommendation List**

### APPROVED TOOLS:

- Shovels
- Leaf Rakes
- Garden Rakes
- Clippers
- Loppers
- Hand saws
- Ropes to pull waste up slope

### RECOMMENDED CLOTHING:

- Long-sleeved shirt
- Long pants
- Work boots *strongly* recommended, but sneakers are okay
- Safety glasses are recommended but not required
- Work gloves
- No sandals



## Participation Form

Register by October 15 for EXTRA POINTS.

Register now. Space is limited!

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

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ADDRESS

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PHONE

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TEAM NAME [Be creative!]

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CAPTAIN'S NAME [TEAM LEADER/CONTACT PERSON]

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CAPTAIN'S PHONE & EMAIL

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CO-CAPTAIN'S NAME

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CO-CAPTAIN'S PHONE & EMAIL

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WHICH SPECIAL TRAINING SESSION WILL THE TEAM LEADER ATTEND?

***(Remember, only one member has to attend one session)***

\_\_\_ 10am, Sat. Oct. 23<sup>RD</sup> \_\_\_ 6pm, Thurs. Nov.4<sup>TH</sup>

GROUP PARTICIPANTS (INCLUDING PARENTS) • NO. IN GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_  
***(Please limit group to 7 to 15 participants.) (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)***

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### IMPORTANT NOTES:

This competition is physically demanding. It is recommended that participants be in good physical condition.

The competition is open to those 13 years of age and older.

Groups must have at least 7 and no more than 15 participants.

Bring your own tools! Some will be provided, but there will not be enough for everyone. No power tools and no chemicals! See the Recommendations List for details.

Participants should sign the appropriate waiver and bring it the day of the event. Those under the age of 18 should have a parent or guardian sign the waiver "Parental Permission Slip" and bring it on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Underage team members without a signed waiver will not be allowed to participate.

### QUESTIONS?

Call 404-371-2540, or email [dabutler@dekalbcountyga.gov](mailto:dabutler@dekalbcountyga.gov)  
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