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Bobby Jones Golf Course to Reduce Impacts to Local Creeks

ATLANTA, GA – In collaboration with Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Inc. (CRK), the Bobby Jones Golf Course Foundation (Foundation) has revised its plans for the redeveloped Bobby Jones Golf Course adjacent to Tanyard and Peachtree Creeks in Atlanta. Over the course of the summer months, the Foundation and CRK worked together to amend the Foundation’s original application to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for a stream buffer variance, which initially proposed significant impacts to the 25-foot state designated stream buffer. The revised plans balance the new golf course layout and functionality with substantially reduced impacts and maximizes mitigation opportunities along both streams.

Tanyard and Peachtree Creeks are major tributaries of the Chattahoochee River, draining large urban sub-watersheds that can send huge volumes of stormwater downstream. Recognizing this, the Foundation and CRK worked to develop a plan that will stabilize the streambanks by increasing groundcover using native grasses and shrubs. Unstable streambanks created over many years along both creeks release mud into the streams as they degrade. Repairing and replanting these areas will prevent further erosion.

In other areas along the creeks, original plans called for the removal of 47 large trees from within the buffers. Revised plans have drastically reduced that number to 18 trees. Further, to mitigate for the loss of the 18 trees along Tanyard Creek, the Foundation is planting three new trees for every tree removed from the buffer. Plans call for more than 70 replacement trees—including a mix of native trees such as Black Willow, Dogwood, Maple, Oaks and River Birch—to be planted within the 25-foot stream buffer areas along both creeks.

“One of our Foundation’s primary focuses from the outset has been environmental stewardship,” said Foundation Chairman Chuck Palmer. “We appreciate CRK’s thoughtful suggestions on how to further enhance the golf course’s improvement of this greenspace. CRK’s input has improved the overall project.”

“We are committed to protecting Tanyard and Peachtree Creeks because of the important functions they serve within the larger river system,” said Chattahoochee Riverkeeper Jason Ulseth. “We appreciate the Foundation’s collaboration and commitment to minimizing impacts and taking steps to better stabilize these stream banks.”

The Bobby Jones Golf Course Foundation’s mission is to transform an obsolete, dangerous golf course named after the most iconic figure in golf into a facility worthy of his name that will become the home of golf in Georgia, including a reversible 9-hole course designed by Bob Cupp, state of the art practice facilities, the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame, and programming designed to grow the game of golf with a specific focus on juniors and adaptive/accessible golf.

Established in 1994, CRK has 8,700 members and a mission to advocate and secure the protection and stewardship of the Chattahoochee River, including its lakes, tributaries and watershed, in order to restore and conserve their ecological health for the people and wildlife that depend on the river system. For more information, visit www.chattahoochee.org.

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