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## Landscaping, Lighting, Sidewalks Among Improvements Planned for Winters Chapel Corridor

**PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, May 1, 2015** – More than 60 residents from the cities of Dunwoody and Peachtree Corners turned out for a follow up meeting on Thursday, April 30, to learn more about the plans to improve the Winters Chapel Road corridor which winds through both cities.

A joint study was launched last November; Pond & Company, an urban planning engineering firm based in Peachtree Corners, was selected for the project. In the initial meeting held in February, residents were asked to provide their input on what improvements they would like to see for this busy corridor.

Improving pedestrian safety, increasing road safety and enhancing the appearance of the 2 ½ mile road that runs from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to Spalding Drive topped residents' list.

"We've identified the issues, and worked on ways to unify the corridor," said Pond & Company's project manager Andrea Greco. "Both cities have the same vision for the area."

That vision includes adding sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and lighting to improve safety for those on foot and enhancing the area with landscaping and pocket parks. Adding curbs and gutters are also part of the project to improve drainage in some areas of the roadway.

The first phase of the project will begin with sidewalks along the north side of Winters Chapel Road between Spring Drive and Winterbrook Court said Greg Ramsey, Public Works Director for Peachtree Corners. The city will use a Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) from the Georgia Department of Transportation to construct the sidewalks.

"The project involves adding new curb and gutter to allow for better drainage flow and improve maintenance capabilities," said Ramsey. "The project also includes the addition of a new

pedestrian island and cross walk at Spring Drive to improve safety. There will be a grassed or possibly stamped concrete strip between the curb and sidewalk.”

Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of this year.

“We’re happy to be working with our Dunwoody neighbors to improve the safety and aesthetics of this busy corridor,” said Mayor Mike Mason. “Our two cities have the same vision and both communities will benefit from all of the improvements planned for Winters Chapel Road.”

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