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Fayette County installing surveillance cameras at various park locations

Fayette County, Georgia, August 13, 2015 – In an effort to provide citizens with the safest and securest environment possible, Fayette County is installing surveillance cameras at various park locations. The main focus will be to enhance the overall safety and security in the parks and deter vandalism, especially as the county makes costly upgrades to various recreation areas.

The County has taken appropriate steps to protect personal privacy and civil liberties with the use of the cameras. Accordingly, no security camera will be installed on park property where there may be a reasonable expectation of privacy. "Surveillance cameras offer communities potentially useful tools for preventing and dealing with crime," said County Manager Steve Rapson, "The surveillance is intended to complement and not replace normal patrols of the Marshal or Sheriff Office."

The cameras are set up to capture images when they detect motion and the pictures will only be retained if vandalism or other crimes have occurred. The cameras do not monitor anything that a law enforcement officer would not be able to monitor if he was sitting in a patrol car. Images recorded are considered sensitive information whose confidentiality, integrity, and availability will be protected.

This system augments security procedures already in place and provides another element in preventing the recurrence of any violations, and when necessary, to aid law enforcement in prosecuting criminal activity.

Appropriate signage will be posted at entrances of facilities equipped with video surveillance.

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