



South Metro CID - Emory Morsberger

Our mission is to improve the environment for doing business within the South Metro CID. Ryan Millsap represents the kind of business leader we're looking for. Now and in the future, what Blackhall is bringing to DeKalb County could not be more important to our economic development. The fact that they are expanding is incredible for the South Metro CID, for the county, and for the State of Georgia. We are solidly behind this land exchange.

Southface Institute – Andrea Pinabell, President

It actually makes a lot of sense. This has economic development opportunity, sustainable community development opportunity and additional access to greenspace which is good for both the neighborhood and the environment.

DeKalb Chamber – Kat Taylor

DeKalb County is in a unique position to propel the film and entertainment industry. We believe this land exchange will serve as a major economic development initiative in south DeKalb and the surrounding region, thus providing a much-needed supply chain development opportunity for DeKalb County and Metro Atlanta.

Perez Planning + Design, LLC - Carlos Perez, Principal

A great system of parks makes great communities. And the land swap between Blackhall Studios and DeKalb County serves as the keystone to create a great system of parks for the Intrenchment, Gresham Park, and Cedar Grove community.

As demonstrated by the thoughtful and objective analyses completed by the County, its team of consultants, and with the considerations of the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, the land exchange will provide a multitude of economic, environmental, and social benefits for the surrounding community. To me, one of the many factors that stands out from the land exchange between Blackhall Studios and DeKalb County is the enhanced connectivity and continuity of park land that it creates. Many of the communities that we work with across the country strive to create strings of parks that allow children, active adults, and families to safely navigate through varied park environments. The land exchange between Blackhall Studios and DeKalb County will facilitate this very experience for the surrounding community. Congratulations to Blackhall Studios, DeKalb County, community stakeholders, and their consultants for identifying this opportunity and more importantly, acting on it. This will be a treasured enhancement that will positively impact the Intrenchment, Gresham Park, and Cedar Grove community for generations to come.