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**ATLANTA AUDUBON AWARDS HABITAT RESTORATION FUND GRANT TO LITTLE CREEK FARM
CONSERVANCY IN DEKALB COUNTY**

(Atlanta, Ga.) November 13, 2019 – Atlanta Audubon has awarded a Habitat Restoration Fund Grant to the Little Creek Farm Conservancy for habitat restoration work at the Little Creek Horse Farm and Park, in DeKalb County. As part of the grant, Atlanta Audubon will work with the Conservancy to restore a creek bank and create a bird- and wildlife-friendly habitat in an under-utilized meadow area along the South Fork of Peachtree Creek in the north-central portion of the park. The Atlanta Audubon Habitat Restoration Grant is made possible through the generosity of a private donor.

Located at 2057 Lawrenceville Highway in Decatur, the Little Creek Horse Farm and Park is a 40-acre site that encompasses an equestrian facility and greenspace for local residents to enjoy. The South Fork of Peachtree Creek traverses the property from its east to the west borders. The property was designated as a DeKalb County park in 2004 and is one of the last remaining horse stables inside the Atlanta perimeter.

The Little Creek Farm Conservancy, formed in 2007, partners with DeKalb County to provide stewardship of the park and to offer educational, environmental, and recreational outreach programs and events for the public. DeKalb County Parks and Recreation offers operational support, maintains facilities, and provides land upkeep. They are also responsible for animal care.

As part of the grant, Atlanta Audubon will remove invasive plants along the creek bank and meadow and install site-appropriate, native plants. Atlanta Audubon and Little Creek Farm Conservancy will also explore other opportunities enabled by the habitat restoration project like bird species abundance monitoring, community outreach programs, and Atlanta Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary Certification.

“Atlanta Audubon is eager to work with the Little Creek Farm Conservancy to restore the creek bank and create a bird-friendly garden in the meadow area that is filled with native plants that are good for birds and other wildlife,” says Adam Betuel, Atlanta Audubon director of conservation.

“Little Creek Farm Conservancy is deeply grateful to the Atlanta Audubon Society for this opportunity to restore an underutilized park area with native plants suitable to support a broad diversity of wildlife,” says

Project Lead, Bobbi Woolwine, Little Creek Farm Conservancy. "This sanctuary is a gift for the community to enjoy and learn about nature. Adam and I are already planning Atlanta Audubon guided bird walks."

Established in 2018, the Atlanta Audubon Habitat Restoration Grant aims to increase high quality habitat for birds while also increasing community partnerships and educational outreach. Past projects include Henderson Park, in Tucker, and Candler Park Conservancy for work at Candler Park. To learn more about applying for the Atlanta Audubon Habitat Restoration Fund Grant, visit www.atlantaaudubon.org/habitat-restoration-fund.

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