

**A RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROSITY OF MS. MARGARET L. MILES AND HER FAMILY IN MAKING POSSIBLE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF APPROXIMATELY 22 ACRES OF PARK LAND PROPERTY; TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND AND THE SANDY SPRINGS CONSERVANCY FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THE PARK PROPERTY ACQUISITION POSSIBLE; AND TO DESIGNATE THE NAME OF THE PARK PROPERTY AS "LOST CORNER PRESERVE", IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF MS. MILES.**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Margaret L. Miles owned an extraordinary piece of property located in the City of Sandy Springs at the southwest corner of the intersection of Dalrumpyle Road and Brandon Mill Road, affectionately known as "Lost Corner" by her family, on which property Ms. Miles lived her entire life; and

**WHEREAS**, Lost Corner was initially purchased by Ms. Miles' father approximately ninety years ago and has been disturbed only by the construction of the family home, a driveway, and a small animal pen; and

**WHEREAS**, more than three quarters of Lost Corner is populated with pristine hardwoods and pine trees and is generally characterized by native Georgia perennials and shrubs and the resources of Lost Corner serve as excellent examples of the prototypical mature Piedmont forest; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Miles during her lifetime developed extensive knowledge in science and knew all of the plants on the property by name and worked diligently to attend to them all herself; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Miles was aware that her property could be threatened by the rise in population and land prices in Sandy Springs and that it had the potential of being consumed by development; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Miles was determined to protect the critically important ecosystem of Lost Corner and in her great love for its conservation, approached the Sandy Springs Conservancy to help permanently protect her land in a manner that ensures Lost Corner will remain forever in uses consistent with her wishes; and

**WHEREAS**, so as to allow Ms. Miles to fulfill her wishes, The Trust for Public Land and the Sandy Springs Conservancy, as partners in the effort: developed a relationship with Ms. Miles and her family; worked arduously to structure the acquisition of Lost Corner by The Trust for Public Land and the bargain-sale disposition of that property to the City of Sandy Springs; and identified likely funding sources and raised funds by which means Lost Corner could be acquired and ultimately placed in the hands of the City in accordance with Ms. Miles' wishes; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 6, 2008, Ms. Miles died, but not without knowing that her beloved Lost Corner would be deeded to the City to be preserved in perpetuity as a protected property through her generosity and the efforts of her family, The Trust for Public Land and the Sandy Springs Conservancy; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2008, Lost Corner was deeded to the City, permanently restricted as a passive nature preserve and "conservation land" pursuant to the terms of the Georgia Land Conservation Act, O.C.G.A. § 36-22-1, et seq., and partially funded via a generous grant from the State of Georgia via the Georgia Land Conservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City now wishes to acknowledge the generosity of Ms. Miles and her family and the diligent efforts of The Trust for Public Land and the Sandy Springs Conservancy in making the acquisition of Lost Corner by the City become a reality by permanently naming the property and placing a plaque thereon in recognition of the parties involved in the acquisition of Lost Corner;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Sandy Springs as follows:

Lost Corner shall hereinafter be designated as "Lost Corner Preserve", to honor the wishes of Ms. Margaret L. Miles and to acknowledge her spirit of conservation and her great generosity to the City of Sandy Springs and its citizens.

There shall be erected on Lost Corner Preserve a plaque establishing that the property is to be known as "Lost Corner Preserve." The plaque shall also recognize the efforts and role and include the respective logos of The Trust for Public Land and the Sandy Springs Conservancy in gratitude for their efforts in helping to acquire and create Lost Corner Preserve. The City shall provide the plaque design to The Trust for Public Land and the Sandy Springs Conservancy for their review and approval prior to finalization of the plaque.

**SO ORDAINED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

Approved:



Eva Galambos, Mayor

Attest:



Tracy Tye, Acting City Clerk

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