

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Rachel Waldron
Parks and Recreation Director

Re: Gift from Dr. Betty Wills to Dunwoody Parks and Recreation

Date: November 10, 2025

Action

Acceptance of a donation from the Estate of Dr. Betty Wills in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for the purchase, installation and maintenance of American Flags in all parks in the City of Dunwoody.

Details

Dr. Betty Wills was known to the Parks Department as the "Flag Lady" due to her community work of placing American flags in each Dunwoody park. A flag in Georgetown Park was dedicated in her honor in 2014, as well as a park bench in Brook Run Park.

Recommendation

Staff respectfully requests that Council: (1) accept a donation from the Estate of Dr. Betty Wills in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for the purchase, installation and maintenance of American Flags in all parks in the City of Dunwoody; (2) authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

In re: Estate of Betty Bell Wills
 Probate Court of DeKalb County
 Estate Number: 2025-0452

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

STATE OF GEORGIA
 COUNTY OF DEKALB

The undersigned, _____ [Name of City Official],
 _____ [Title] of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia hereby acknowledges
 receipt of the devise described in the Third Article of the Last Will and Testament of Betty Bell
 Wills, deceased, dated April 21, 2022, which specifically provides as follows:

THIRD: Without limiting my Executor's reasonable discretion concerning the appropriate management and handling of my real property, including the manner and timing of marketing my real property for sale (for example only, listing residential real property for sale in the early Spring rather than late Fall), I hereby direct my Executor to sell my real property, to fund the following cash bequests, and to distribute all remaining proceeds in accordance with the provisions of Article FOURTH hereinbelow.

I give certain cash bequests from my estate, as follows:

....

(b) Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY, GEORGIA, to be used for the purchase, installation and maintenance of American Flags in all parks in the City of Dunwoody. It is my desire that Bret Walker, the current Parks and Recreation Manager, manage, direct and supervise the proper use of this gift on behalf of the City of Dunwoody. If the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Dunwoody, Georgia no longer exists and has no successor in interest or its successor in interest cannot be identified with reasonable certainty, or if the beneficiary does not agree to use this gift in accordance with the terms set forth hereinabove, then this gift shall lapse, and the property subject to this gift instead shall be distributed i[n] accordance with the terms of Article FOURTH hereinbelow.

This acknowledgment is made solely for the purpose of confirming receipt of the above-described devise and confirming recipient's agreement to fully comply with the terms of the devise. By executing this acknowledgment, the City of Dunwoody, Georgia does not waive, release, or limit any rights, claims, liens, taxes, or other obligations that the City of Dunwoody,

Georgia may have against the Estate of Betty Bell Wills, including, but not limited to, claims for taxes, fees, assessments, or other liabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Acknowledgment as of this ____ day of _____, 2025.

(SEAL)

(PRINT NAME)

(TITLE)

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of:

Witness

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: