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ATTENTION GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS: PARK PRIDE TO HOST ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARDEN TOUR

Atlanta, May 8, 2017 – [Park Pride](#), the Atlanta-based nonprofit that engages communities to activate the power of parks, in partnership with the [Food Well Alliance](#), is hosting its annual [Community Garden Tour](#), a fun excursion through four Atlanta community gardens and urban farms, on Saturday, May 20th from 9am – 1pm. If you're interested in the local food movement, a novice or experienced gardener, or just want to learn more about the city in which you live, the Community Garden Tour will not disappoint!

The *Community Garden Tour* will begin and end at the Atlanta History Center, with stops to include the Marian Road Senior High Rise Community Garden, the Farm Chastain Urban Teaching Garden, and the Blue Heron Nature Preserve community and pollinator gardens. The tour will conclude at the Smith Family Farm Gardens at the Atlanta History Center, which also features chickens, sheep and goats! Each stop will include a tour of the garden or farm, and an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about each garden or farm's organization, community engagement and planting techniques.

“This tour is more than the technical aspects of gardening and farming,” explains Betty Hanacek, Manager of Park Prides’ Community Garden Program. “It's about community and connecting with your neighbors while at the same time connecting with the earth, which has been proven to have real health benefits! You'll also discover new places in Atlanta that you never would have known existed; join us and see what's growing!”

Included in the cost of the \$20 registration, attendees will receive a seat on a chartered bus, a picnic lunch, and admission to the Atlanta History Center. Most importantly, participants will leave with an inspiration and renewed creativity to bring back to their home or community garden, and with a refreshed view of the city in which we live. The Community Garden Tour is appropriate for all ages and all levels of gardeners!

Information and registration for the *Community Garden Tour* can be found on Park Pride's Website: <http://parkpride.org/what-we-do/community-garden-tour/>

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About Park Pride:

Founded in 1989, Park Pride is the only organization that works with communities all over Atlanta and DeKalb to improve their parks. The nonprofit engages communities through volunteer projects,

community gardens, community-led park redesigns and by receiving grants for their parks. Park Pride is active in greenspace advocacy and educating both civic leaders and the general public about the benefits of parks, and annually hosts the Parks and Greenspace Conference. Learn more about Park Pride at www.parkpride.org.

About Food Well Alliance:

Food Well Alliance, formed in partnership with Atlanta Community Food Bank, exists to connect members of Atlanta's local food movement around building healthier communities, transforming our local food system and improving our lives. Learn more about Food Well Alliance at www.foodwellalliance.org.