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COLUMBIA COUNTY, GA

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IN RE:

COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA,  
CONDEMNOR

CIVIL ACTION NO

V.

2018-CV-0411

.23 ACRES IN PERMANENT EASEMENT FROM  
TAX PARCEL ID NO. 061 321;

PARRIS D SPARKS

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION

ROBERT B SPARKS

OF CERTAIN TESTIMONY

ETC EL OTHER INTERESTS

OF RECORD

AS RECORDED ON RECORDS

- I. Copies of correspondence to Columbia County Property Acquisition Department
- II. Motion of Appeal: Permanent Easement which causes permanent obstruction to the enjoyment of our residential property *PS 2-4*
- III. Motion of Appeal: Valuation of 0.23 acres of land situated in a prime Columbia County Development
- IV. Motion to be absolved of any and all court and legal costs resultant to this Civil Action brought against us by Columbia County.

WHEREAS We recognize that we have no cause of action to stop the plan of the Euchee Creek Greenway but desired to go on the record that the actions of the representatives of this project have deeply disappointed us as citizens of this county and that as senior citizens of this county we are deeply disappointed in the lack of consideration we received.

Respectfully submitted this date September 26, 2018

*Parris D Sparks Robert B Sparks*

Parris D Sparks & Robert B. Sparks  
127 Long Creek Way  
Grovetown, GA 30813

*9/26/18*

RECORDED & SCANNED IN  
MINUTES *9/26/18*

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PARRIS SPARKS <parrissparks127@gmail.com>

## REQUEST FOR APPEAL in Response to Your Letter Dated April 25, 2018

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PARRIS SPARKS <parrissparks127@gmail.com>  
To: mcuster@columbiacountyga.gov

Tue, May 8, 2018 at 2:41 PM

Dear Mr. Custer:

In RE Euchee Creek Greenway Project-Ivy Falls  
County: Columbia  
Parcel: 061 321  
Property owned by Robert B. Sparks and Parris D Sparks  
127 Long Creek Way Grovetown GA 30813

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 25, 2018.  
This is our formal REQUEST FOR APPEAL.

Your letter of April 25, 2018 is confusing to us in the following ways.

You stated in paragraph 2 of your letter "The property rights required have been explained to you by our negotiator". We are confused because NO ONE from the county EVER contacted us let alone a "negotiator"

Two men who identified themselves as Andrew Strickland and Carmen somebody showed up at my neighbors home and requested a signed waiver for this easement. My neighbor was distressed by these tactics. I was personally never contacted nor my husband. The only reason I knew about this was that my neighbor told me and invited me to this impromptu meeting. Afterwards I attempted to contact Andrew Strickland and Carmen by written request and my letters were ignored and sent back to me by the post office marked "not deliverable".

My neighbor then contacted me some months later that he was told an appraiser was coming out to inspect and appraise the value of the proposed easements. Again neither my husband nor me was ever contacted. Some time later my neighbor told me the appraiser stated his property easement was only valued at \$47. I was never contacted or informed by said appraiser.

When your rather intimidating letter arrived you stated in paragraph 2 that "Based upon assessments we have obtained, we believe that the fair market value for the permanent easement of your property the County seeks to acquire is \$500.

As senior citizens of the County we are totally confused by this belief that the 0.23 acre you intend to acquire is worth \$500?" Are copies of the "assessments we have obtained" as quoted above available to us? In addition to that, my neighbors encroachment was offered by you in his similar letter \$500 and his is 0.06 of an acre. Does this make sense? Again you may understand the reason for our confusion. Not only is this a significant piece of our property, the use you intend to put forth permanently obstructs us from access to the balance of our property as evidenced by your plats that you included in your letter of April 25, 2018.

We were also confused as to the extremely limited response time put forth in your letter and the intimidating language put forth if we fail to respond in less than that 15 days.

Please consider our confusion and these various reasons as basis for this REQUEST FOR APPEAL. I understand that this email may not be accepted as due notice and since we have limited resources I am printing out this email and will provide physical delivery of such to meet the deadline you set forth of May 09, 2018.

Very sincerely and truly yours,

Robert B. Sparks  
Parris D. Sparks  
127 Long Creek Way  
Grovetown, GA 30813  
706-834-0806  
email: parrissparks127@gmail.com

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## Thank you so much for calling

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**PARRIS SPARKS** <parrissparks127@gmail.com>

Tue, May 8, 2018 at 8:35 PM

To: mcuster@columbiacountyga.gov

Dear Mark Custer: Thank you so much for calling in response to our email request for appeal today. We are so sorry to have missed your call. We will be unavailable until noon tomorrow May 9th and look forward to speaking with you after that.

Again we appreciate your quick follow up.

Sincerely,

Robert & Parris Sparks

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PARRIS SPARKS <parrissparks127@gmail.com>

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**Your recent letter RE: 127 long Creek Way Grovetown, GA 30813**

2 messages

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**PARRIS SPARKS** <parrissparks127@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 15, 2018 at 10:27 AM

To: mcuster@columbiacountyga.gov

How very disappointing it was to receive your recent correspondence. Your correspondence is full of errors and I would recommend for the sake of such a serious legal matter you review this and resend if only for the sake of the professional reputation of Columbia County.

Your letter and your appraisers affidavit states you seek 0.01 acres from our plat and that the appraised value is \$160.

Not the least of these errors is the legality in which we are in no position to accept any offer of a permanent easement since our primary lien holder Citimortgage would have all the say in conveyance of property.

I urge you to contact them.

How very disappointed I am in the disrespect and disregard the county has shown for us and in the unprofessional manner that the county is being represented.

Parris & Robert Sparks  
127 Long Creek Way  
Grovetown, GA 30813

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**PARRIS SPARKS** <parrissparks127@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 19, 2018 at 10:43 AM

To: mcuster@columbiacountyga.gov

Dear Mr. Custer:

Once again I am in receipt of very important legal correspondence from the county which is in error and I must say I am quite disappointed that such a matter is not taken with more care by those in pursuit of the Euchee Creek Greenway project. Once again allow me to say that I nor my husband is in any position to accept any offers since the primary lien holder Citimortgage is in first position of ownership. You had conveniently left this fact off of your last batch of legal documents even though it was included on all others.. Also I wish to inform you that I am in receipt of your appraisers legally signed documents stating 0.1 acres are valued at \$160.

These and all other documents and correspondence will be included in my filings as we pursue legal action against the county.

In the meantime as your inadequate correspondence suggested; a counter offer be made: The acceptable amount for approx 1/4 acre of property in the prime area of Columbia County which this parcel is located is \$20,000. You can make all paperwork out to be paid and applied directly to Citimortgage and its successors of which all correspondence except your last had listed as primary lien holders.

In addition it is Ivy Falls, not Ivey. How embarrassing.

Parris & Robert Sparks  
127 Long Creek Way  
Ivy Falls Subdivision  
Grovetown, GA 30813

706-834-0806

since you had not acknowledged my last email I can only suppose you have been advised not to do so. I however have documentations of review and receipt.

I am sorely disappointed in this county. Especially in their dealings with senior citizens.

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