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Gwinnett County Fights Gang Graffiti

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The Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District teamed up with local business owners and police officers to eliminate the problem of gang graffiti in the area.

Gangs have plastered graffiti all over the side of the building at the Promenade at Pleasant Hill.

"It's aggravating that they do these kinds of things," said resident Glenn Wisdom.

Glenn Wisdom wants to do something about it.

He works with the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District and they've teamed up with local police and business owners to eliminate the problem.

"It's a crime, bottom line this is a crime and it's costly to the property owner," said Wisdom.

The Promenade property manager told CBS Atlanta that they've already spent more than \$8,000 to paint over the graffiti.

"Well you know it gives us a level of frustration, but as vested property owners it's something we try to aggressively combat because we're only concerned about having a pleasant, safe well kept center and good shopping experience," said property manager Debbie Ellington.

Gwinnett Place encourages property owners to paint over the graffiti as quickly as possible. It's a tactic they believe will work.

"The quicker that it gets cleaned up it sends the message back to the vandals that the property owner is not going to tolerate it," said Wisdom.

• **Images:** Gwinnett County Fights Gang Graffiti

"In regard to transportation project list, I can honestly say that the Gwinnett County Transportation Department along with its Director Brian Allen have been great team players with the cities within Gwinnett," said Duluth Mayor Nancy Harris. "We 'get it!' In other words, we know that our list should be reflective of regional projects that are good for this entire county and other edging counties. As cities, we realize that having a vision for this region is the only way to improve economic growth for all of Gwinnett," she said. "I think the list is very impressive and reflects hours of hard work from all of the city administrators and county level employees."

Gwinnett cities started the process of identifying specific transportation projects last November and began working jointly with Gwinnett County in January 2011, Auburn Mayor Linda Blechinger, the Georgia Municipal Association president, explained in the announcement. "This has been a cooperative, professional effort involving all cities, the county staff and our CIDs. I believe the comprehensive list represents transportation projects that are important to and can be supported by our Gwinnett citizens," she said.

"Through this collaborative effort, Gwinnett County, its cities and CIDs have compiled a broad range of transportation projects," stated Nash. "I want to emphasize that the submission of the potential project list is the beginning of the selection process. The public will have multiple opportunities to affect the final project list and will ultimately determine if the slate of approved projects is worthy of a positive vote in the referendum."

"I believe the joint effort of the Gwinnett cities, the county and CIDs have resulted in a good first step of the process outlined in the 2010 Transportation Investment Act," said Johnson. "I trust that Gwinnett's effort will help streamline the next steps required of the Regional Roundtable. Ultimately, our citizens will authorize the projects, and our voters deserve our best efforts to insure municipal, county and regional projects are all included."