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Groups benefit from DOT funds

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LAWRENCEVILLE - More revitalization money is headed Gwinnett's way.

The latest \$150,000 comes courtesy of the Georgia Department of Transportation, which recently awarded three grants to the city of Suwanee and the Gwinnett Village and Gwinnett Place Community Improvement Districts. The funds will be used for landscaping improvements surrounding active Interstate 85 interchanges that have redevelopment potential.

According to the Gwinnett Place CID's Director Joe Allen, keeping the entrances and exits to the interstates looking good is crucial to how visitors perceive the county.

"These interchanges serve as a welcome mat for Gwinnett County," Allen said. "The investments made set the standard and send a message that these areas remain successful and are poised to continue thriving in the future."

Suwanee's \$50,000 grant is to be used for enhancements around the Lawrenceville-Suwanee Road interchange. Gwinnett Place's funds will center around improvements made around Pleasant Hill Road. The Gwinnett Village CID will use its grant to fund a \$125,000 aesthetic improvement that focuses on the change at Jimmy Carter Boulevard.

According to Gwinnett Village's Director Chuck Warbington, the projects are about a lot more than just landscaping.

"The aesthetic improvements promote a sense of security, pride and community," he said. "It helps create an environment that is appealing to residents and businesses in the district."

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