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News Release

Citizens for Brentwood Green Space Receives \$100,000 Matching Gift

BRENTWOOD, TN – June 16, 2012 – Citizens for Brentwood Green Space (CBGS) President Gil Hutchinson today announced a challenge pledge by an anonymous donor to match any contribution up to \$100,000 between now and Dec. 31, 2012.

“This is an incredible opportunity for our fund raising campaign,” remarked Hutchinson. “We are very excited to announce that an anonymous donor has offered to match all gifts up to \$100,000 through the end of the year. We are in the process of contacting prospective donors. Because of this generous pledge, donations from the community can make an even bigger impact towards helping Brentwood purchase the remaining property at Ravenswood Farm.”

Brentwood’s acquisition of 320 acres at Ravenswood to create the new Marcella Vivrette Smith Park in December 2010 was the largest land purchase ever in the City’s History. The City has an opportunity to purchase an additional 80 acres at Ravenswood Farm from The Conservation Fund – a non-profit organization that saves America’s favorite outdoor places and currently holds an Option for the property. This purchase is subject to raising \$3 million from outside sources such as grants from other governments, foundations, private sources and in-kind services.



CBGS formally announced their goal to help raise funds over the next five years towards the acquisition of the remaining 80 acres at Ravenswood Farm late last year. “We can’t lose this beautiful piece of property to development”, stated Hutchinson. “All of us – the local sports clubs, civic organizations, scouting, hiking and biking clubs – need to come together to help save this land”.

The City of Brentwood authorized an agreement in April with the nonprofit group regarding fund raising activities for facilities and improvements at the park. CBGS will help the city solicit sponsorships for the park as part of its fundraising mission.

“We can’t be looking down the road because it won’t happen if we wait,” said Hutchinson. “For anyone that has ever wanted to do something to help preserve green space in our community, this is their opportunity to make a difference before development takes over.”

Contributions may be made on-line at www.brentwoodgreenspace.org and people interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Gil Hutchinson at (615) 300-0647 or gil@brentwoodgreenspace.org.

About Citizens for Brentwood Green Space

The Citizens for Brentwood Green Space, Inc. is a volunteer citizens group organized as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation. Our mission is to preserve open space in the form of parks, trails, historic sites, and flood plains while being sensitive to the rights of landowners and developers. CBGS desires to assure that ongoing development of land resources is accomplished in a way that is beneficial to landowners, to existing citizens of the city, and to future generations of Brentwood residents. For more information please visit www.brentwoodgreenspace.org and our Facebook site “Brentwood Green Space”.

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