

## **COBB COUNTY; ; 13 Cobb parks to get tag readers to deter crime**

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

October 10, 2019 Thursday, Main Edition

Copyright 2019 The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution  
ajc.com

**Section:** METRO; Pg. 7B

**Length:** 313 words

**Byline:** Kristal Dixon

Staff

### **Body**

---

More than two dozen license plate readers coming to **Cobb** County parks will help deter crime, police say.

County Commissioners on Tuesday voted 5-0 to approve a contract with Flock Group Inc. to install 26 solar powered automatic license plate readers at 13 county parks. The \$182,000 proposal includes two cameras at each of the following locations: Lost Mountain Park, Oregon Park, Fair Oaks Park, East **Cobb** Park, Terrell Mill Park, Fullers Park, Skip Wells Park, Noonday Creek Park, Wallace Park, Hurt Road Park, South **Cobb** Campus, Tramore Park (on the north side) and Wild Horse Creek Park. The project will be funded using Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funding approved by voters.

Flock will also provide four years of cloud hosting, cellular service and software upgrades for new features. The readers will record the date and time, license plate information and characteristics of cars entering and leaving parks. **Cobb** officers are notified when a scanned plate is from a vehicle reported as stolen, or the plate itself has been stolen or if there's a warrant out for a driver's arrest.

The system will tie directly into the **Cobb** County Police Department's existing Flock camera system. Any information obtained from the readers will be transmitted directly to the Police Department. No parks employee or county department will have access to that information, the county said.

County spokesman Ross Cavitt said **Cobb** County police reached out to the parks department earlier this year after investigating 14 incidents of smash-and-grab burglaries at parks facilities. **Cobb** police thought the Flock readers "would be a deterrent" and used a list of 911 calls from the parks to determine which areas needed them, Cavitt said.

"It's been a cooperative effort all along," he said.

Cavitt said he doesn't believe there has been any discussion about expanding the program "at this time."

### **Classification**

---

**Language:** ENGLISH

COBB COUNTY; ; 13 Cobb parks to get tag readers to deter crime

**Publication-Type:** Newspapers

**Subject:** OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION (90%); PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS (90%); POLICE FORCES (89%); NEGATIVE PERSONAL NEWS (89%); COUNTY GOVERNMENT (89%); CRIME PREVENTION (89%); CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT & CORRECTIONS (89%); COUNTIES (89%); ARRESTS (75%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (75%); ARREST WARRANTS (75%); PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENTS (75%); APPROVALS (75%); BURGLARY (75%); LEGISLATIVE BODIES (70%); LOCAL & STATE TAXES (70%); TAXES & TAXATION (69%); INVESTIGATIONS (69%); PRODUCT ENHANCEMENTS (65%)

**Industry:** PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS (90%); OPTICAL CHARACTER RECOGNITION (90%); MOBILE & CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS (66%); COMPUTER SOFTWARE (65%); SOLAR ENERGY (54%)

**Load-Date:** October 10, 2019

---

End of Document