

April 4, 1967

Mr. Charlie Leftwich
1665 Jonesboro Rd., S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30315

Dear Mr. Leftwich:

You probably have noticed, more and more trees are being planted in the downtown area by private property owners. No provision was made in the 1967 Budget granted this department for personnel or materials to maintain these trees in a proper fashion. Already, several have died because of the lack of watering or because of the intense heat being reflected off of light colored buildings, etc. When the trees died, it seems that this department receives criticism from the general public when in fact we had nothing to do with planting the trees. I just wish to make it clear that we did ask for sufficient help and equipment to adequately maintain the downtown tree planting program but it was not possible for it to be budgeted and our request was not granted.

Very truly yours,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
All Members of the Parks Committee
Mr. Eric Harkness, Planning Dept.