

## Duplicated 'services' a drain on taxpayer

DEAR EDITOR:

The new Adams Park Recreation Center in Kennesaw, which was paid for with \$10.5 million in SPLOST money is but another example of why and how local and county property taxes in Cobb are under constant pressure to be increased.

Once a facility like this is built, it costs money, lots of money, to maintain it. Moreover, the services and facilities of the Rec Center are already amply provided by the private and/or non-profit sector.

Where is it written that governments should provide "services" already provided

elsewhere and tax all of us for its maintenance and upkeep, even for those of us (most of us) who will never use it.

It is through this process that taxpayers are constantly being squeezed so that preening politicians can cut ribbons and brag about what they are bringing to the people. On the contrary, I'd prefer they get out of the way, stop building projects that are already provided elsewhere, focus on the legitimate functions of government that can't otherwise be provided, and keep their greedy hands out of our pockets.

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