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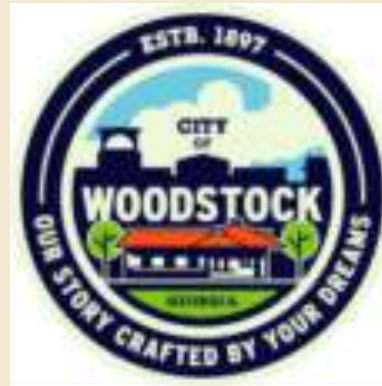
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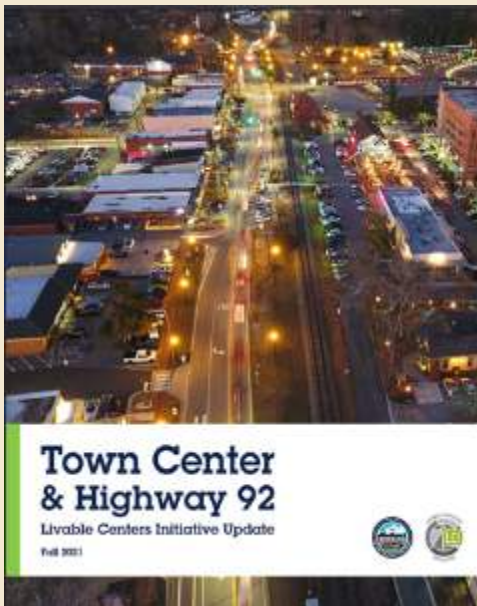


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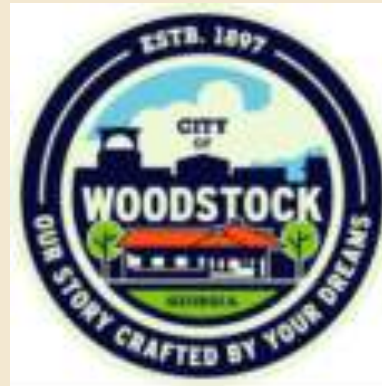


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### 1.4 | Engagement

**Recreation & Parks for All Means Hearing FROM All**

Public engagement for Activate ATL was the most inclusive and robust outreach effort the Department has ever undertaken, and aimed to ensure that everybody had an opportunity to participate. Public engagement for Activate ATL was funded through a generous grant from the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation and spearheaded in partnership with Park Pride, the 30-year-old Atlanta-based nonprofit that engages communities to activate the power of parks. Engagement was achieved by utilizing a wide range of technologies and outreach methods to help reduce barriers to access and foster a sense of community, belonging, and public ownership in the master planning process.

There is continued opportunity to ensure ongoing engagement by residents. Community engagement helps create a more equitable system by developing plans that directly reflect the community it serves. As part of the public engagement for Activate ATL, we worked closely with many local organizations and community representatives committed to advancing equity in the City of Atlanta.

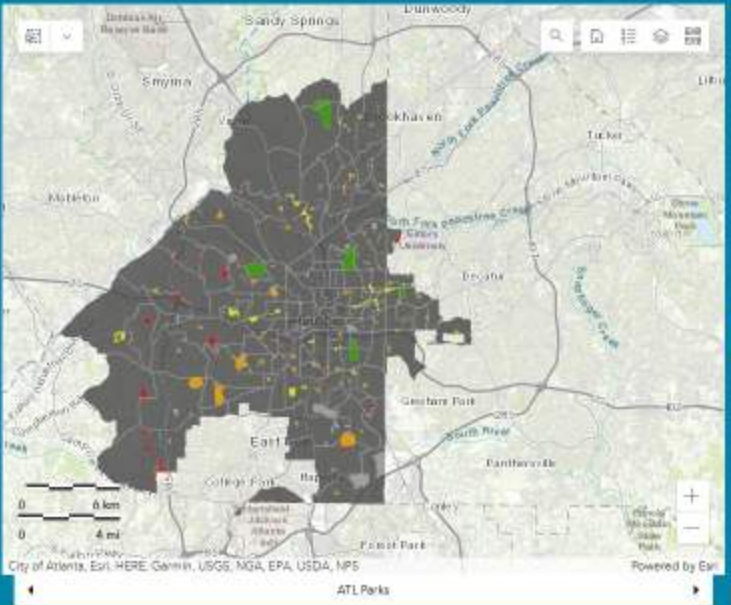
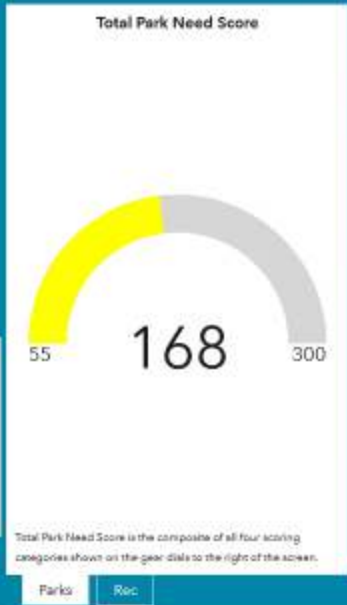
One community member stated that, "First and foremost, city government must have the political will to drive transformative change within the park system in order to achieve equity in how all resources are shared and how all parks are maintained."

To achieve this, we must ensure that everyone has a seat at the table with the opportunity to share their voice. By utilizing representative community feedback, we can build a shared vision for tomorrow and improve existing processes today. To build this shared vision over the next 10 years, DPR will continue to:

- Create compelling and meaningful opportunities to engage.
- Provide transparent access to information.
- Ensure engagement is inclusive of Atlanta's diverse communities.

# City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Equity Data Tool

A Data-Driven Tool for Prioritizing Parks and Recreation Investments across the City of Atlanta



### Parks with the Greatest Need

	North Camp Creek Parkway Nature Preserve Park Score: 230
	Stone Hogan Park Park Score: 228
	Melvin Drive Park Park Score: 225
	Deerwood Park Park Score: 220
	Rockdale Park

### Rec Centers with the Greatest Need

	Collier Recreation Center Total Need Score: 193
	Brownwood Recreation Center Total Need Score: 189
	Pittman Park Recreation Center Total Need Score: 186
	Thomasville Recreation Centers Total Need Score: 185
	C.T. Martin Natatorium and Recreation Center



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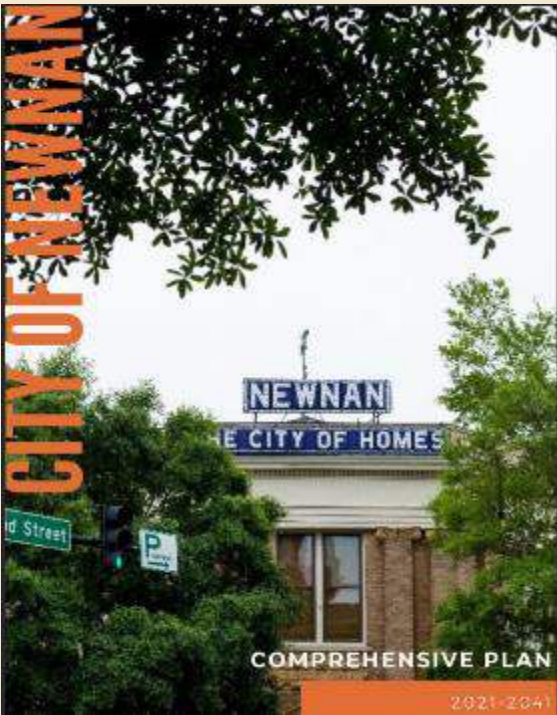
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Identification of Stakeholders

Newnan Coweta Board of Realtors
Three Rivers Regional Commission
Newnan Coweta Historical Society
Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity
Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce
Coweta County NAACP Branch 5180
United Way of Coweta County
Community Action for Improvement
Elevate Coweta Studios
Council on Aging - Tommy Thompson Senior Center
Coweta County Parks and Recreation
Newnan Coweta Boys & Girls Club
The Rutledge Center
Coweta County African American Heritage Museum
Summergrove Community Association
Coweta County Government
Coweta County Water & Sewerage Authority
Coweta County Board of Commissioners
Coweta County Farm Bureau
Coweta County Schools
City of Newnan
City of Newnan City Council
City of Newnan Downtown Development Authority
City of Newnan Planning Commission
City of Newnan City Attorney
City of Newnan Board of Zoning Appeals
Newnan Development Authority
Main Street Newnan
Housing Authority of Newnan
Newnan Urban Redevelopment Agency
Town of Sharpsburg
City of Senoia
Town of Harrison
Town of Tatum
Town of Milledgeville
City of Palmetto
City of Grandville
Newnan Utilities
Newnan-Coweta Art Association
St. Sava's Baptist Church
Newnan Presbyterian Church

Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
Newnan First United Methodist Church
Unity Baptist Church
Healing Waters Outreach Ministry
Southwest Church
Grace Community Fellowship
St. George Catholic Church
Central Baptist Church
A Place of Refuge
Tabernacle of Prayer
Holy Zion Ministries
Cosmoad Church
Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church
Zion Hill Baptist Church
First Baptist Church Newnan
Sunrise Church
Newnan Chapel UMC
Aspen Park at Newnan Community Association
Homebuilders Association of Midwest Georgia
Coweta County Development Authority
Coweta County Coroner & Victim's Bureau
Southern Crescent Area Agency on Aging
Rotary Club of Newnan
Pilot Club of Newnan
Newnan Optimist Club
Newnan Junior Service League
Mads on Wheels Coweta
Chick Level Neighborhood Association
Kiwanis White Oak Golden K
Kiwanis of Newnan
Kiwanis of Coweta
Georgia Department of Veterans Service
VFW Post 2861
American Legion Post 57
Bradinge the Lap
Fideler's Hospital
Parent Resource Center - Coweta County School System
Family Patterns Matter
Coweta Senathian Clinic
Coweta County Family Connection
Coweta CASA
Coweta Public Library System
One Rural Ecumenical Alliance Outreach
Coweta County Airport Authority

Coweta County Estimation Service
Coweta County Children's Association
Central Educational Center
West Georgia REISA
Odyssey Charter School
Heritage School
Trinity Christian School
Central Christian School
University of West Georgia - Newnan Campus
West Georgia Technical College
Pathways Center Behavioral Health
Coweta County Environmental Health Department
Coweta County Public Health Department
Cancer Treatment Centers of America - Atlanta
Newnan Times-Herald
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Jeff Lindsey Communities
Coweta Fayette UMC
Georgia Power
Woodbury Station at Newnan Crossing
Heritage Ridge
Stonebridge at Newnan Crossing
Keller Williams
Interested Citizens/Stakeholders

Steering Committee

The City appointed a Steering Committee to serve as a guide in reviewing and finalizing all the comments received through the community involvement process. In 2021, the Steering Committee met on March 11, April 8, April 22, May 6, and May 13.

As stated in the Planning for Community Involvement document, "The Steering Committee has the ability to assist with keeping the project on schedule, review the preliminary findings, provide a "reality check" to the staff and planning team, and to serve as a political barometer for plan recommendations." Staff found this statement to be exactly right and valued the involvement with the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee focused on the following issues:

- Needs and Opportunities
Homes, Goods, and Policies
Future Land Use map

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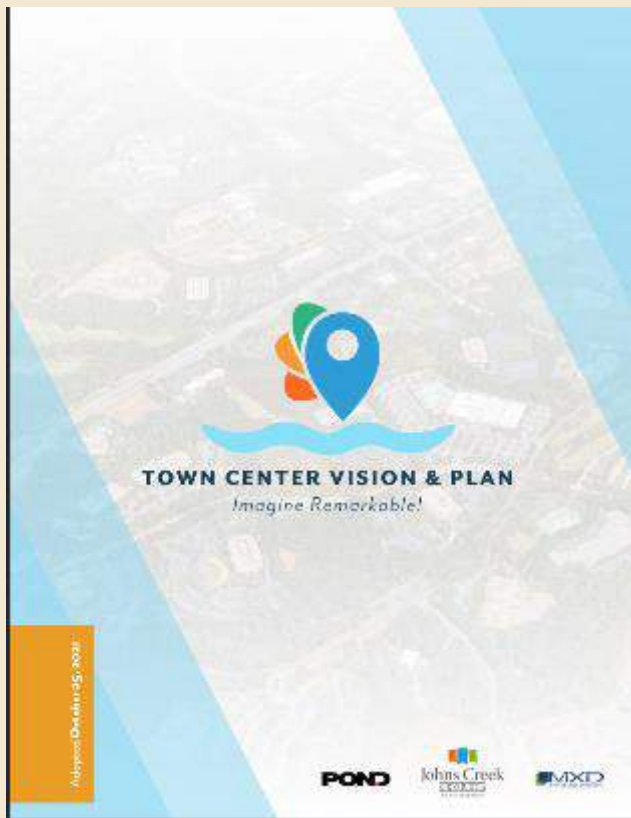
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## ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

An economic analysis and market analysis was conducted to evaluate a variety of development options for the Johns Creek Town Center. The analysis provides a baseline understanding of the size of future potential housing development in the study area and identifies both the short-term and long-term opportunities for the Town Center Vision & Plan. Current residential, commercial, and supply industry uses were analyzed in John Creek, North Atlanta, and the Metro Atlanta region to understand development characteristics and opportunities. This market-based analysis is designed to provide the appropriate size, mix, and density of development for the Johns Creek Town Center and assess the future development opportunity.

John Creek Vision & Plan - Market Analysis

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## MULTI-FAMILY ANALYSIS - KEY TAKEAWAYS AND IMPLICATIONS

### Continued Demand for a Variety of Housing Types in Metro Atlanta

Metro Atlanta has experienced continued demand for multi-family housing, however, current supply is low. Growth in the region is expected to be high, and the demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow.

### Accessibility is Important

Metro Atlanta's family demographics are located in the suburbs and inner city. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow.

**What does this mean for the Johns Creek Town Center Plan?**

### Providing a Variety of Housing Options

Designing and building a variety of housing options is essential for the success of the Johns Creek Town Center. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow.

### Creating Downtown in the Suburbs Attracts Desirable Clientele

Creating a downtown in the suburbs can attract a desirable clientele. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow.

### High Amenity Living

High amenity living is a key trend in the multi-family market. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow. The demand for multi-family housing is expected to increase as the region's population continues to grow.

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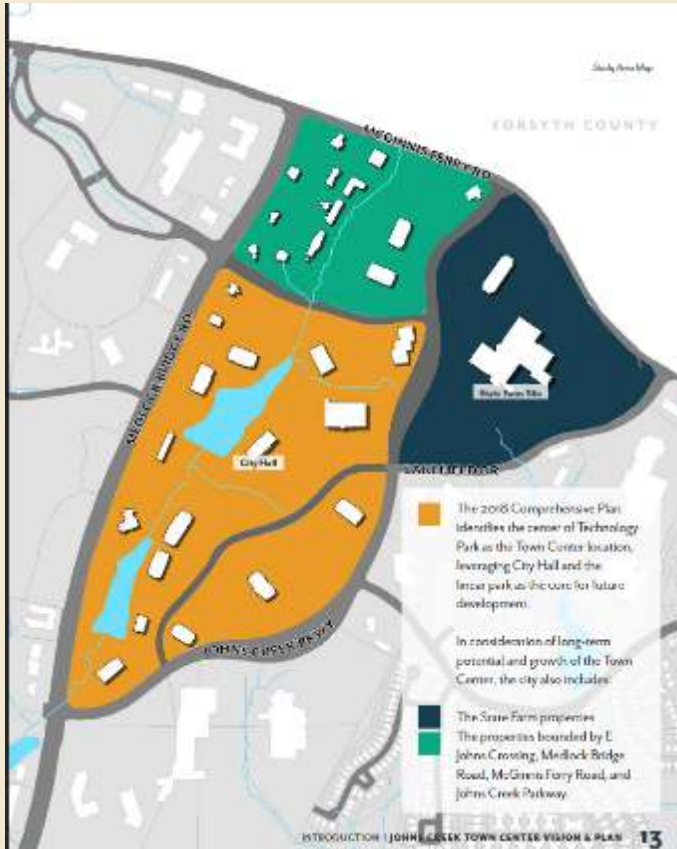


## TRAILS & OPEN SPACE

Programmed outdoor spaces are essential to the function of this Town Center. Trails, parks, and open space can serve multiple functions, and in this case, they will operate in tandem with prospective development, creating a vibrant community and maximizing the potential for the Johns Creek Town Center.

Like the street grid, the proposed trail network will serve those living in the vicinity of the plan area as well as visitors. The system of sidewalks and trails will provide interesting and safe routes for cyclists and pedestrians alike. Trail types include the following:

- Linear Park Trail
- Multi-Use Trail
- Edge Trail
- Nature Trail



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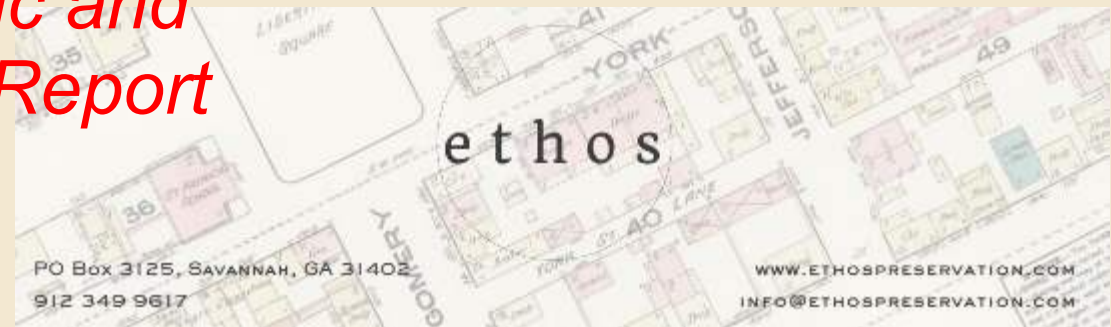


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## CANAL DISTRICT HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES REPORT

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Figure 20: Excerpt from the 1855 Sanborn Map index showing the area that had developed east and west along Ogle Avenue by this date. Nearly all the street names within the survey area have different names today, with the exception of those associated with the Episcopal neighborhood (see #60 in brown) (Library of Congress).



Figures 21 and 22: Brickyard neighborhood in 1905. Note the "home of brick yard" and railroad spur at the southeast corner of 26th and Louisville Road (left). Excerpts from the 1905 Sanborn Map (for Savannah) (Library of Congress).

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The 1960s was a time of significant change. 1967, Interstate 516 was constructed as a spur off of Interstate 16. This bisected the neighborhoods around the survey area, to include the Water Works community. An elevated highway that encircles the eastern half of the survey area, the precursor of the highway has had a dramatic effect on its surroundings, to include the loss of buildings, reduced connectivity within and between neighborhoods, and sound and light pollution produced by the highway.

Since the mid-twentieth century, the survey area has seen the removal of many houses. Today, about half of all lots cleared previously have been infilled. Houses built in the 1950s and 60s were largely concrete block homes, many of which are considered ranch bungalows (Figures 27-30). As a result, many streets in the survey area feature houses from the 1920s adjacent to houses from the 1950s and 60s.



Figure 27: 224 Pitt Street, built circa 1967.



Figure 28: 1229 Cornwell Street, built circa 1950.



Figure 29: 1905 Sanborn Map excerpt from page 47 showing the area north of Quincey Street on either side of 26th Avenue. Blue buildings represent concrete block buildings (left). Note the corner corner of the Springfield Terrace School east of Johnson Street (Hastings Street today) (Library of Congress).

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The architectural styles in the survey area can mostly be classified as vernacular, where no academic architectural style could be determined. However, Plain-Style Ranch houses and Commercial Plain buildings accounted for a small portion of those with an expressed architectural style as defined by the Georgia Historic Preservation Division (Table 3).

Architectural Style	Number of Resources
Colonial Revival	1
Commercial Plain (early 20th Century)	8
Craftsman	2
Folk Victorian	2
No Academic Style	165
Plain-style (Ranch)	14
Richardsonian Romanesque	1

Table 3: Architectural Style of Resources Surveyed



Figure 4B: Savannah Water Works Pump House at 1204 W Gwinnett Street built 1892 in the Romanesque Revival style (Ethos).

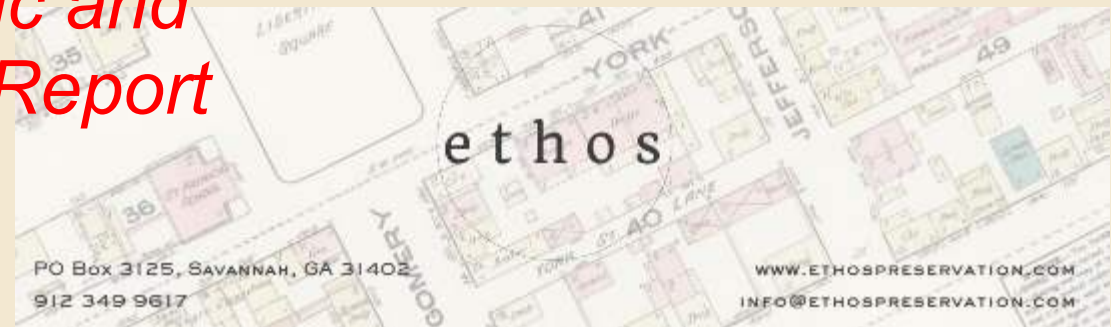


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