



Georgia Planning Association

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Making Great Communities Happen

Chapter Awards

Criteria:

- **Innovation** of concept
- **Transferability** to other areas or projects
- **Quality** of thought, analysis and character
- Effectiveness of, or promise for, **Implementation**
- **Comprehensiveness** of principles observed
- Strong effort to solicit **Public Participation**
- Use of **Technology** in planning processes
- Demonstration of **Equity**
- Integration of **Sustainable** practices

Categories:

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Outstanding Planning Process Large Community

City of Dunwoody Transportation Plan



- **Comprehensive Transportation Plan – ARCADIS**

- **Key Elements of Process : inventive transparent, responsible while maintaining a close community atmosphere**



Vision Statements



Choice

Provide a transportation system that emphasizes choice by increased mobility for all users, increased connectivity, and increased health and wellness options. View the street as a public space with the intent to serve multiple functions. Public expenditures on transportation should provide for equal access by all users.



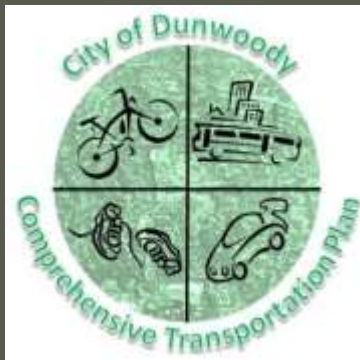
Connectivity

Create an integrated network of transportation facilities that connects people to where they want to go, both in the community and destinations near the city limits. Establish a maintenance and safety program that will enhance the existing system. Prioritize multi-modal transportation options.



Community

Transportation investments should enhance the Dunwoody community first, the Atlanta region second. Provide opportunities for increased interaction within the community, increased recreational opportunities, and increased active living opportunities.



- **Advisory Committee served as a sounding board for overall plan direction**
- **Community at large participated through several interactive public meetings**

Outstanding Planning Document Large Community

2010 Downtown Master Plan LCI Study - City of Doraville

- Brought together residents, businesses, property owners, developers, transportation agencies, and economic development officials
- Established an implementation-oriented plan for the redevelopment of the 165-acre GM site and the revitalization of surrounding areas.



- Document provides practical transportation linkages
- Recommendations aimed at generating economic growth, preserving local diversity, expanding aging-in-place opportunities, and ensuring sustainability.

Outstanding Planning Document Large Community

Valdosta Downtown Master Plan

- **Intent:** To create a holistic and unified Downtown by engaging two very different areas - the vibrant historic core and struggling Southside
- **Concept:** Urban design to create sense of place with a focus on:
 - Four cardinal points around the core
 - Projects to create diverse public spaces
 - Innovative planning methods to bring equity between north and south
- **Implementation:** “Top Ten” priority actions leading to execution of larger catalyst projects



Outstanding Plan Implementation Large Community

Heritage Pine, Historic Laney Walker, Augusta

- Multi-phased approach to guide redevelopment, growth and sustainability in this historic African American inner-city community
- Demonstration project for the overarching objectives of the larger revitalization: affordable housing, sustainability, celebrating heritage, community capacity, and economic stimulation.
- Heritage Pine will replace a blighted neighborhood with 26 new single-family, energy efficient, affordable homes, three rental duplexes for workforce housing, and community green space.



Outstanding Plan Implementation Small Community

Implementing Auburn's Vision

- Represents a response to a nine fold population growth between 1980 and 2000 from 691 to 6,900
- Initiated a Strategic Plan in 2005 that revealed the core values of its citizens and business stakeholders
- Subsequent Plans: Auburn Vision 2015, 2008 Comprehensive Plan, 2010 Strategic Implementation Plan, 2011 Auburn Redevelopment Plan pushed city toward implementation
- Documents have served in the identification, funding and implementation of City resource to build out Auburn's vision over the last 16 years



Outstanding Educational Tool Large Community

Community Planning All Year Round Initiative

- Initiative provides citizens with information and full access to land use and transportation planning decisions and project development in a convenient and timely manner
- Package of tools include:
 - “In Touch” email marketing software
 - Columbus Plans! Quarterly newsletter
 - Social Networking sites
 - Two planning videos and one carpooling video
 - Redesigned website
 - Ongoing partnerships
 - Community events



Outstanding Initiatives

Small Community

Thomasville Community Landmarks Multi-Use Trail

- **Thomasville Community Landmarks Multi-Use Trail**
 - 14 mile pedestrian dedicated trail that circumnavigates the city connecting the city's residential historic districts to commercial and recreational areas.
 - Promote public private partnerships to facilitate redevelopment
 - Serves as the initial public investment with private partnerships
- Trail divided into 5 phases
 - Connections to parks
 - Corresponding redevelopment plan

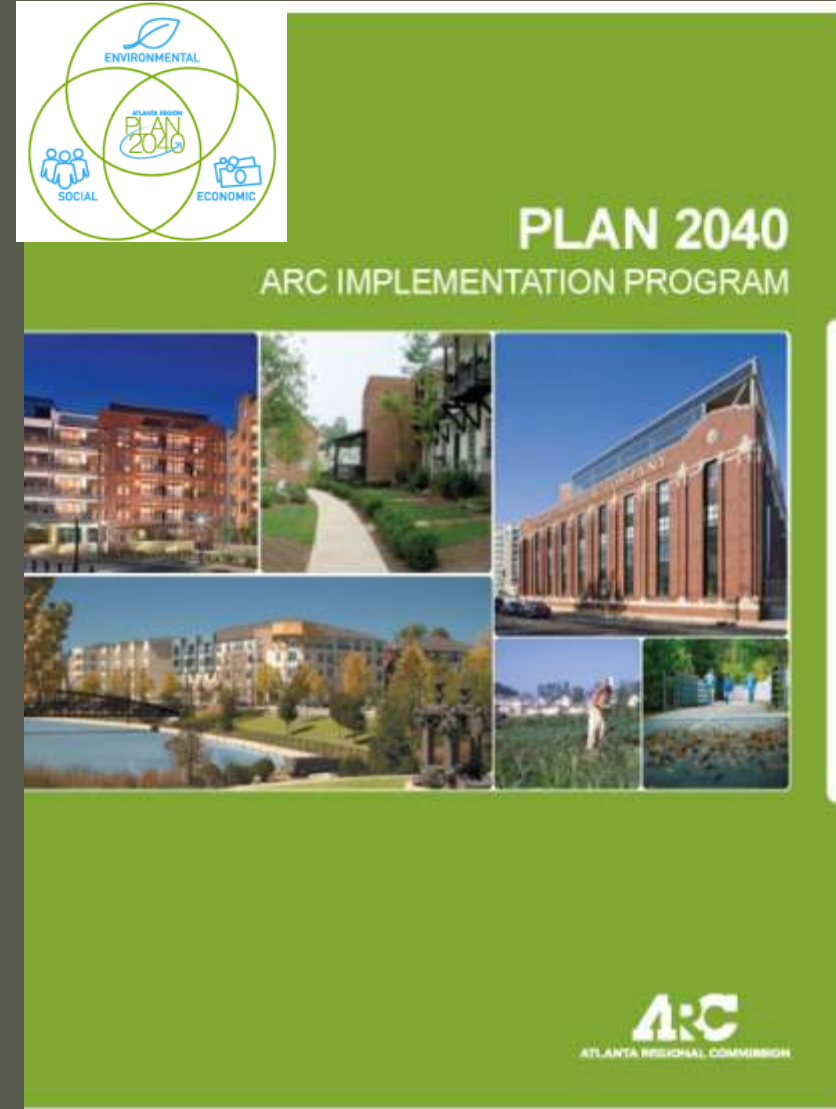


Outstanding Initiatives

Large Community

Plan 2040 Regional Agenda

- **PLAN 2040**
 - ARC's plan for the future of the Atlanta region
 - Founded on the three pillars of sustainability
 - Establishes three overarching goals to help sustain the region's economy, environment, and communities.
 - Lead as the global gateway to the South,
 - Encourage healthy communities, and
 - Expand access to community resources.
- Local government planners, elected officials, and regional residents have been involved for more than 2 years



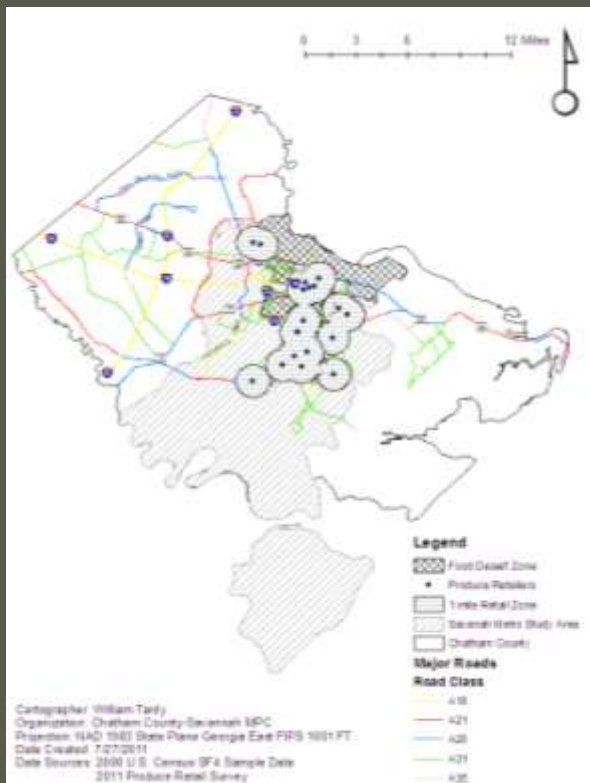
The graphic features a green background with a Venn diagram at the top left showing three overlapping circles labeled 'ENVIRONMENTAL', 'SOCIAL', and 'ECONOMIC', with 'PLAN 2040' in the center. Below the diagram, the text 'PLAN 2040 ARC IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM' is displayed. A collage of six images shows various urban and community scenes: a modern brick building at night, a park path, a large brick building, a waterfront park, a person walking, and a group of people. The ARC logo (Atlanta Regional Commission) is at the bottom right.

Outstanding Initiative Large Community Honorable Mention

Rediscovering Roots: A Food Policy Planning Initiative



- In Savannah, food system planning was prominent in James Oglethorpe's conception of the colony.
- The Oglethorpe Plan includes provisions for livestock on urban squares and garden plots on the outskirts of the City assigned to every residential lot
- Food system planning in Chatham County is a return to the traditions of the City
- Initiative based on the dependence of the food system on fossil fuel and the failure of markets to address the needs of low-income families



Outstanding Student Project

Action Plan For The Fort McPherson Community



Interim Plan Land Use, Zoning & Urban Design Transportation Economic Development

Housing Environment History, Education, & Culture Public Health & Public Safety

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Georgia Tech Stand-Up Georgia Tech College of Architecture

Final Draft December 2010

The Fort McPherson Community Action Plan

- The Georgia Tech Planning Studio (Fall 2010) responded to concerns expressed by the neighborhoods surrounding Fort McPherson about its imminent closure and redevelopment planning under the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA).
- Students provided assistance to a Community Action Plan that proposed how the base redevelopment opportunity could better meet the needs and priorities of its neighbors
- The Plan projects a future beneficial to the base and their neighbors
- Ongoing community effort has led to modifications to the plan and the process



Great Places in Georgia Great Public Spaces

Atlanta Beltline Inc. – D.H. Stanton Park Redevelopment Project

“This is a significant milestone for the Atlanta BeltLine and a real cause for celebration for the Peoplestown community,” said Mayor Kasim Reed.

“Not only will D.H. Stanton Park provide a beautiful and safe environment for residents and visitors alike, but it will also be the first energy-cost neutral park in the City of Atlanta. D.H. Stanton Park will serve as a best-in-class model for other cities to follow.”



BeltLine

Great Places in Georgia

Great Streets

Canton Street, Roswell – A Great Place in Georgia!



Canton Street's Charm:

- Alfresco dining has become something of a craze here
- A walker's dream
- No doubt the best way to get the Canton Street experience is the [Alive After 5](#)
- If you're looking for the [Virginia Highland](#) experience OTP, Canton Street has you covered
- The hottest scene OTP



Distinguished Leadership Award

David Howerin, **Planning Director for Northwest Georgia Regional Commission in Rome**



Major Accomplishments:

- Leads RC staff in providing planning services for local governments in a 15-county area
- Advises elected and appointed officials on comprehensive planning efforts, solid waste management planning, environmental protection, intergovernmental coordination, and other regional issues and opportunities

Plays a lead role in developing job training and neighborhood improvements for the last three decades

Recipient of a \$21 million Broadband Technology Opportunity Grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce



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