Planning Trends & Hot Topics – Planning for Seniors, Green Planning, Public Markets

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The Atlanta Region
From the 2004 Census Projection

State Population Projections 2000 to 2030

128 Million More People Between 2010 and 2050

Source: Census Bureau
1. City dwellers have longer and thicker nose hair than country dwellers
2. Real estate agents typically ask owners the value of home and then subtract 10%
3. The U.S. has 40 percent of all global mail volume
4. Girls have larger brains than the boys
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<th>Household Type</th>
<th>1970</th>
<th>2000</th>
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<td>Family HH (2 parent)</td>
<td>81%</td>
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<td>With Children</td>
<td>40%</td>
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<td>Non-family HH</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>Living Alone</td>
<td>17%</td>
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The Age Pyramid

20-County Forecast Area

1970 Age Structure

- Female
- Male

Age Groups:
- <5
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70-74
- 75-79
- 80-85
- 85+

Population Count:
- 0
- 50,000
- 100,000
- 150,000
2050 Age Structure

20-County Forecast Area

GI and Silent Generation and Baby Boomers: Old

Generation X: Age 86 to 73

Generation Y: Age 72-58

Generation Z: Age 57 to 40

Generation AB: Age 10 to 24

Generation AA: Age 25 to 39

Generation AC: Age 0 to 9

Source: PLAN2040 Forecasts v4
Lifelong Community

- a place individuals can live throughout their lifetime.
- provides a full range of options to residents, insuring a high quality of life for all.

Promote Housing and Transportation Options

Wide range of housing options to meet wide range of needs. Housing options must be affordable, accessible, located close to services and available within existing communities.

Mobility options to insure that as individuals age they can access basic services and remain independent.

Encourage Healthy Lifestyles

Create environments that promote physical activity, social interaction and easy access to healthcare.

Expand Information and Access Services

Strengthen and modernize the current education and information network to meet the complicated long term care needs of a population that demands choice.
1. More people have died in car wrecks than all U.S. war deaths
2. More snow occurs in Grand Canyon than Minneapolis
3. Central Park in NYC is twice the size of the country of Monaco
4. Dogs remember better in the cold than warm weather
Ongoing effort to develop and maintain an inventory of existing parks and greenspace in the Atlanta region.

- Initial inventory completed in 2006
- Annual updates to inventory
- Special studies and inventory adjustments

Establish web-based tool to allow approved agencies to update the inventory, as well as to allow the public to view public accessible properties.

www.atlantaregional.com/greenspace
Welcome to ARC's Regional Parks and Greenspace interactive mapping Web site.

Here you can find parks and greenspace around the region.

The Inventory is a GIS dataset developed by ARC's Land Use Planning and GIS Divisions.

The Inventory allows you to search for parks in greenspace in your area by querying several attributes including county, zip code, or nearest city.

Aerial photography is included in the map when fully zoomed into specific parks. Some park amenities (golf courses, tennis courts, ball fields, lakes, etc.) may be noticeable when aerial photography is present on the map. You may also click the “Help” button for more information.

ARC would like feedback on this interactive mapping feature.

Simply click the link below to let us know what you like and don’t like. Also, use this link if you would like to tell us about a park or greenspace in your community that is not shown.

Thank you for your interest.

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Regionally Important Resources

RDCs under new Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) rules must:

• Prepare a Regional Resource Plan that includes:
  – Regionally Important Resource Map
  – Guidance for Appropriate Development Practices
  – General Policies and Protection Measures

• RDC must seek nominations for important natural and cultural resources for consideration on RIR map

• All RIRs are automatically considered in the Regional Plan
Green Infrastructure Toolkit

Presents a set of tools and mechanisms available to local governments in Georgia that can be used to acquire and preserve greenspace.
The ARC Green Communities Program is designed to encourage local governments to take environmental leadership.

The goals of the program are:

- Promote measures that encourage local governments to work towards reducing the environmental impact of the government through its buildings, fleets and practices
- Promote measures that assist local governments in encouraging their community to reduce its environmental impact
- Provide assistance in public education and outreach on sustainability
Certification Categories

- Green Building
- Energy Efficiency
- Green Power
- Water Efficiency
- Tree Planting & Greenspace
- Transportation & Air Quality
- Recycling & Waste Reduction
- Land Use
- Education & Outreach
- Innovation
• Visit the Atlanta Regional Commission at [www.atlantaregional.com/greencommunities](http://www.atlantaregional.com/greencommunities).

• Download the application, checklist and manual.

• Submit completed Green Communities Checklist with supporting documentation.
1. Porcupines float
2. Bats always exit left from a cave
3. All platinum in the world would fit in a living room
4. Apartments waste more energy than homes
Pop Quiz

1. They are feeding themselves
2. They are supporting a healthy lifestyle
3. They are keeping dollars in Georgia
4. People who dig in dirt look suspicious
Georgia Organics (www.georgiaorganics.org) is a non-profit organization that is reaching out to local governments statewide to partner on many issues related to urban gardens, farmers markets and support for organic farming.

The National Association of Counties has also released a guide: http://danedocs.countyofdane.com/webdocs/pdf/foodcouncil/localFoodSystems.pdf

TLW services include: growing fresh produce, seminars, educational tours, land and garden consultation, etc. More information is available at: www.trulylivingwell.com
The City of Decatur is working on a master plan for a large city garden as well as a Farm to School program.

The Oakhurst Community Garden in Decatur has become a resource to a larger community (see link: http://www.oakhurstgarden.org/)

The City of Suwanee is also hard at work on a community garden (see link: http://www.suwanee.com/communitygarden.php)
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