

Georgia Planning Association

2014 Chapter Awards

October 2, 2014
GPA Chapter Awards Ceremony



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

2014 Categories:

1. **Outstanding Planning Process**
2. **Outstanding Planning Document**
3. **Honorable Mention**
4. **Outstanding Initiatives**
5. **Outstanding Economic Development Planning (Rotating Practice Award)**

Outstanding Planning Process

Large Community

Stonecrest Livable Centers Initiative Plan - DeKalb County



Utilized innovative public participation methods to develop a community supported vision for the Stonecrest area.

- The public participation portion of this plan is well-thought-out and was clearly instrumental to the effort.
- The diversity of the events and their careful sequencing both maximize the reach and effectiveness of the public input.
- Bringing the charrette to the mall in the study area demonstrates commitment to wide participation.

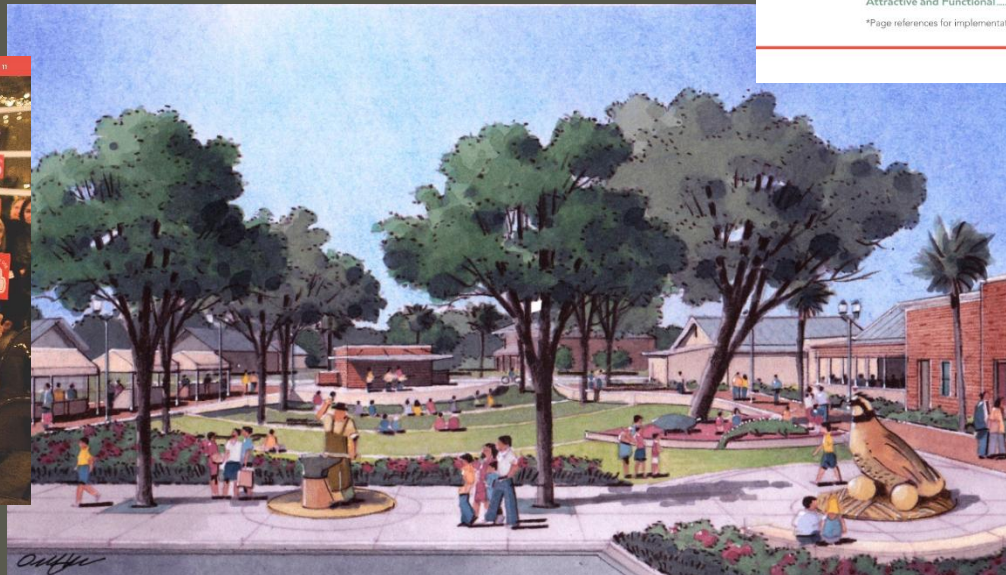


FIGURE 4c: Lifestyle CENTER ENTERTAINMENT NODE

Outstanding Planning Process *Small Community*

Thomasville Creative Arts District Charrette - City of Thomasville

- The collaboration, scope of content, and the document itself were the strongest parts of this plan.
- The use of a charrette was excellent and clearly had an impact on the community beyond its specific products



“Very nice and professionally designed materials”
- reviewer

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Making Great Communities Happen

I – INTRODUCTION

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- **Pedestrian amenities**
 - an additional 125 miles
 - sidewalks,
 - road diets, and
 - trails
- **Bicycle amenities**
 - 139 miles
 - bike lanes,
 - sharrows and
 - trails

...elements of this plan are truly outstanding

Outstanding Planning Document *Small Community*

Greenways Trails Connections Plan - City of Harlem

3 crucial goals:

1. Engage and excite
2. Emphasize connectivity
3. Implementation tools

...“active transportation”
is a key element in the
connectivity goals



*“This plan
seamlessly
integrates
foresight into the
value of
recreational
amenities and
public health into
its considerations
of future
development
patterns and
desirable
community
characteristics”
- reviewer*

Honorable Mention

State Route 144 Environmental Assessment - The Georgia Department of Transportation

“...exemplary effort developing the reader-friendly document.”

*-Hiral Patel, P.E.,
GDOT, State Environmental
Administrator*

EDC News, May 23, 2014



Innovation of the Month: Implementing Quality Environmental Documentation

The goal of the Every Day Counts effort on [implementing quality environmental documentation](#) is to improve and expedite transportation project delivery through focused improvement of National Environmental Policy Act documentation.

Several state transportation agencies are making progress on implementing the EDC program:



Not only did the approach lead to short reviews with minimal comments and a fast-track federal approval, but it also gained better feedback from citizens...

Outstanding Initiative

Sweet Auburn Transformation - The Atlanta Regional Commission

- over 900 attendees
- 45 partner organizations

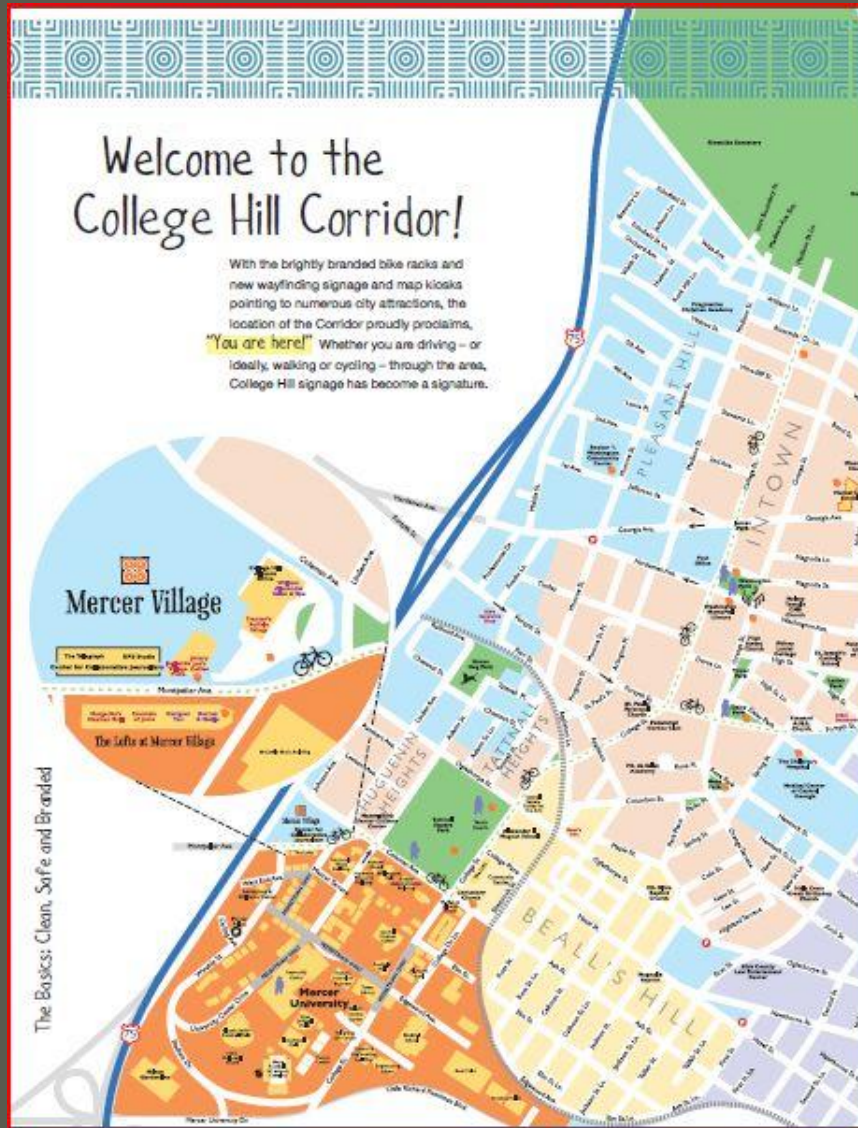
A great example of collaboration on multiple levels to transform a community



...create lifelong communities that allow us to live life “Beyond Expectations”

Outstanding Economic Development Planning

College Hill Corridor Initiative – College Hill Alliance



The series of reports and updates collectively represent the attitude of excitement, energy, fun, enthusiasm and ultimately happiness in the College Hill community.

This is a great recipe for success and an excellent model for other communities to follow

WHAT 1 BIG IDEA LEVERAGED IN 2-SQUARE MILES*

*Investment in the Corridor from 2009-2013



Newly Rehabbed Commercial Spaces
\$1,658,900

Mercer Village
\$18,000,000

"By engaging the community, building partnerships, and focusing efforts in a specific area, the College Hill Corridor is successfully revitalizing a neighborhood and having a positive impact on all of Macon-Bibb!" — Mayor Robert Reichert

Non-Knight Funded Real Estate Investments
\$18,052,085

\$63,392
Special Event Sponsorship Investments

121
Jobs Created

Community Activism & Engagement
298
Volunteer Hours per Month

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