



Atlanta Regional Commission

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Our Vision

ONE **great** REGION

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ARC's Mission

Foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning and investments.



Goal

Strategic investments in people, infrastructure, mobility, and preserving natural resources.

Improving Mobility in Atlanta

\$4.7 billion in federal and state funding allocated by ARC through 2028 for projects that include:

- 🎯 **Major road and highway projects:** SR 81 in Henry County will be widened, with improved pedestrian access; a new interchange at I-85 North/McGinnins Ferry in Gwinnett County to create an important new freight corridor; and improvements to the I-85/N. Druid Hills interchange in DeKalb County to improve safety.
- 🎯 **Improved transit options:** Arterial Rapid Transit service on Metropolitan Parkway in the City of Atlanta; new bus routes and improved transit center in Clayton County; and cleaner-burning compressed natural gas buses in Cobb County.
- 🎯 **Expanded bike-ped access:** PATH 400, a multi-use trail along Ga. 400 in North Fulton County; the Chattahoochee Hill Country Greenway Trail segment in Douglas County; and extension of the Rockdale River Trail in Rockdale County.

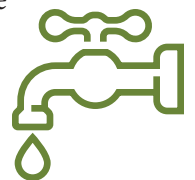


18 million fewer miles traveled by the **7,392 metro Atlanta residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$11 million** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



Securing a Sustainable Future

The **Metropolitan North Georgia Water District**, which is managed by ARC, adopted an update to the Water Resources Management Plan that **improves the Atlanta region's resilience** to droughts by enhancing conservation education efforts and enabling the region's water providers to enforce state-issued drought restrictions. An effective early response could mitigate the need for more stringent watering restrictions during a severe drought.



Goals



Healthy, safe, livable communities in the Atlanta Metro area.



Strategic investments in people, infrastructure, mobility, and preserving natural resources.



Regional services delivered with **operational excellence** and **efficiency**.



Diverse stakeholders engage and take a regional approach to solve local issues.



A competitive economy that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient.







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Improving Quality of Life for Metro Atlanta Residents of All Ages and Abilities

\$23.5 million in federal and state funds to **county senior services agencies** across the Atlanta region for direct services provided to residents, including:

-  Congregate and home-delivered meals
-  In-home support services
-  Transportation
-  Case management



Making the Atlanta Region an Even Better Place to Live, Work, and Play

\$1.6 million in **Livable Centers Initiative study grants** were awarded by ARC to help ten metro Atlanta communities develop plans and policies to create more vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, and connected places.

5 communities in the Atlanta region are receiving critical planning and technical support through ARC's **Community Development Assistance Program**.

12 communities across metro Atlanta worked with ARC to develop comprehensive plans to guide their future growth and development.



Percent of Population 65+

15%

in the State of Georgia

13%

in the 11-county region

Housing

51%

of renters pay 30% or more of their income on housing

35%

of residents rent their homes

Values

Excellence | Integrity | Equity



Goal

A competitive economy that is inclusive, innovative, and resilient.

Securing a Competitive Economic Future

ARC has updated the region's **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**, which aims to foster economic prosperity across metro Atlanta with an emphasis on equity, resiliency, and addressing the needs of the region's underserved communities. CEDS strategies include:

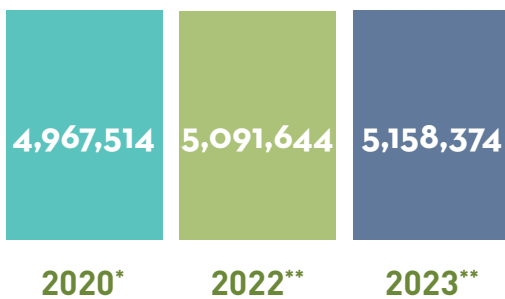
- Positioning equity as the foundation for regional and local economic development initiatives
- Fostering business innovation by supporting the development of small and mid-sized businesses
- Ensuring the global and national competitiveness of metro Atlanta's economy
- Building on previous CEDS success to promote the economic resiliency and prosperity of all residents

The CEDS plan detailed several action steps, including:

- Supporting the implementation of Aerotropolis Atlanta's Blueprint 2.0, which aims to catalyze the communities around Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- Creating an inventory of assets in the region's creative sectors, such as art, music, film, gaming, digital, software, fashion, and sports
- Updating local and state procurement regulations to facilitate access and participation of small and minority businesses
- Streamlining permitting, development, and other regulatory processes at the local level to meet changing business needs



Atlanta Region Population



*U.S. Census, **ARC Population Estimates

Atlanta Region Building Permits

