



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

\$1.3 billion in federal and state funding allocated by ARC through 2028 for projects that include:

- 🎯 **Metropolitan Parkway Arterial Rapid Transit** – MARTA will provide arterial rapid transit (ART) bus service on Metropolitan Parkway between the West End MARTA station and Hapeville. The service features less frequent stops and priority at traffic signals to improve trip reliability and connectivity.
- 🎯 **10th Street Bridge Multimodal Connection** – Separated bicycle and pedestrian lanes will be built on the 10th Street bridge over the Downtown Connector, improving safety and providing better connectivity from Georgia Tech and the Turner campus to Midtown Atlanta.
- 🎯 **I-285 at I-20 Improvements** – The busy I-285/I-20 West intersection will be rebuilt to improve safety and traffic flow. The project includes reconstructed ramps and new collector-distributor lanes.

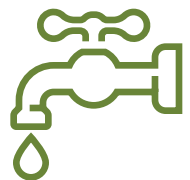


1.5 million fewer miles traveled by the **1,690 City of Atlanta residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$935,977** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



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

\$5 million in state and federal funds were allocated to Fulton County and **\$4.4 million** to DeKalb County for direct services provided to residents of all those counties and the City of Atlanta.

 Congregate and home-delivered meals

 In-home support services

 Transportation

 Case management



Making Atlanta an even better place to live, work, and play

\$200,000 Livable Centers Initiative grant to the **Upper Westside CID** and the **City of Atlanta** for the **Huff Road Multimodal Study**, which will reimagine this industrial freight corridor as an accessible, safe, and multimodal network, in line with the community's goal of creating a restorative urban environment. The study will also include the recommendations from the Upper Westside Creative Placemaking study for bus stops along Huff Road.



15th Street Extension

15th Street will be extended by two blocks, from where it currently ends at West Peachtree Street to Williams Street. The project, funded through the LCI program, provides a direct connection to the Arts Center MARTA station and will include 10-foot sidewalks, a seating area, 4-foot-wide bike lanes, trees, and street lights.

Percent of Population 65+

13%

in the 11-county region

12%

in Atlanta

Housing

47%

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

54%

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

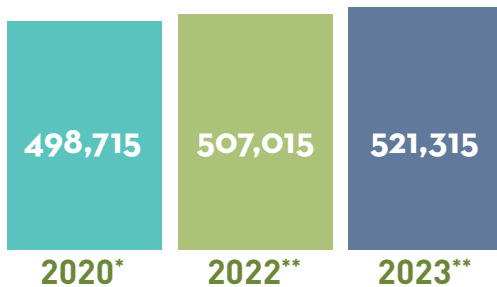


The CEDS plan detailed several action steps, including:

- 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

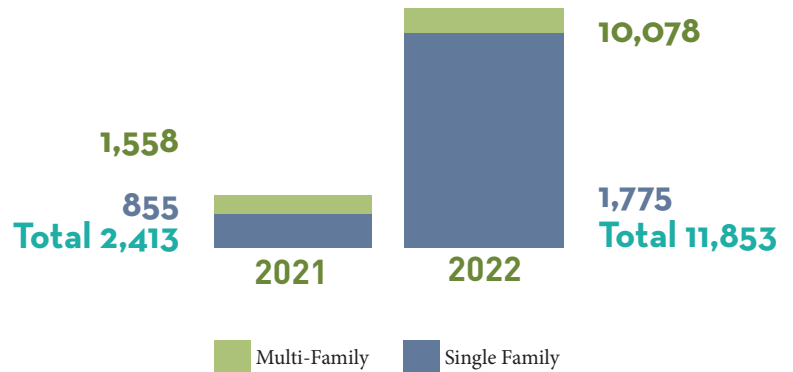


Atlanta Population



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

Atlanta Building Permits



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