



Atlanta Regional Commission

ARC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT **CLAYTON COUNTY**

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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.



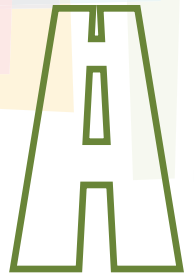
Goal

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

Improving Mobility in Clayton

\$128 million in federal and state funds allocated by ARC through 2028 to improve transportation across Clayton County. Key projects include:

- 🎯 **Clayton County Bus Route Additions** – MARTA Bus routes 197 and 198 provide critical east-west transit connectivity for county residents.
- 🎯 **Clayton Transit Center** – The transit center provides improved transit service, with amenities that include sidewalk connectivity, ADA compliant boarding, bus shelters, benches, and next bus signage.
- 🎯 **SR 85 Widening** – SR 85 will be widened from four to six lanes from SR 279 to Roberts Drive in the City of Riverdale, with improved pedestrian access, curbs, and gutters.

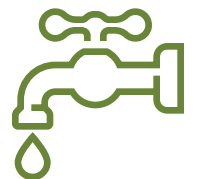


806,174 fewer miles traveled by the **333 Clayton residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$503,859** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



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.







Goal

Healthy, safe, livable communities in metro Atlanta.

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

\$1.1 million in federal and state funds to **Clayton Senior Services** for direct services provided exclusively to Clayton residents, including:

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



Making Clayton an Even Better Place to Live, Work, and Play

\$160,000 Livable Centers Initiative Grant

to the Atlanta Airport **Community Improvement Districts** for the **Northwest Clayton LCI Update**, which aims to improve quality of life and economic opportunity in northwest Clayton County, near I-285 and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. The study will review the area's growth since the last LCI plan adoption in 2011 and outline a comprehensive vision for equitable future growth and development to include access to affordable housing, employment, recreational spaces, and transit-oriented development around planned MARTA BRT stations.



Percent of Population 65+

13%

in the 11-county region

11%

in Clayton

Housing

58%

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

47%

of residents rent their homes

Values

Excellence | Integrity | Equity



Goal

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

Workforce Solutions: Connecting talent with opportunity

- 1** Clayton company received a new employee and wage subsidy through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **On-the-Job Training (OJT) program**.
- 247** Clayton County residents received training from WorkSource Atlanta Regional's Career Resource Center.
- 83** Clayton County youth received training through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's youth providers and in the Work Experience Program.



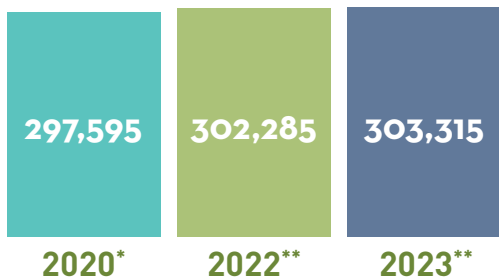
Securing a Competitive Economic Future

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.



Clayton Population



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

Clayton Building Permits

