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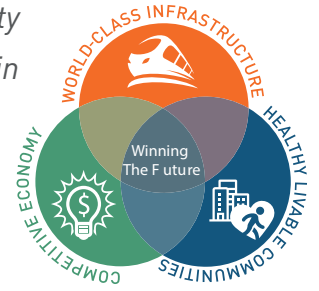
ARC 2022 ANNUAL REPORT **FORSYTH COUNTY**

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ARC works closely with local governments and community partners in Forsyth County to improve quality of life and secure future success. This report measures progress in Forsyth in the three long-range goals of the Atlanta Region's Plan: providing **World-Class Infrastructure**, fostering **Healthy, Livable Communities**, and developing a **Competitive Economy**.



WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC works with its regional partners to develop and maintain world-class infrastructure, including a transportation network that improves mobility and a sustainable supply of clean water.



Improving Mobility in Forsyth

A \$300 million in federal and state transportation funds allocated by ARC for projects that include: lane improvements along SR 9 and **correcting alignment issues along Jewell Bennett Road**.

1 million fewer miles traveled by the **214 Forsyth residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$577,496** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

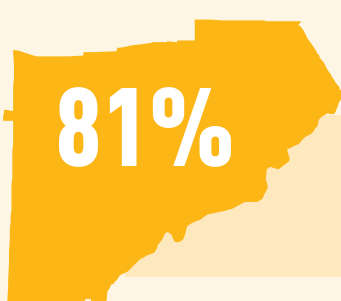



Securing a Sustainable Future

2 toilet rebates received by Forsyth residents, facilitating the replacement of older, inefficient toilets.

3 Forsyth County students participated in the Metro Water District's Middle School Essay Contest. The Metro Water District held its 10th Annual Water Drop Dash 5K, attracting over **600 participants**.

BY THE NUMBERS: FORSYTH COMMUTING




of Forsyth residents
work outside the
county

107,903 

Total workers living in Forsyth

33 minutes 

Average daily commute

HEALTHY, LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

ARC works to foster vibrant, walkable communities and supports healthy living and aging by offering a range of services to communities.



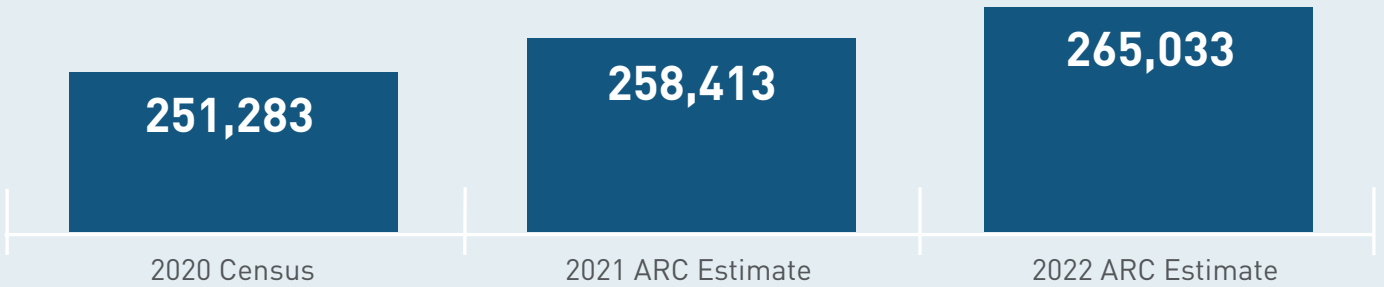
Making Forsyth an Even Better Place to Live, Work, and Play



Forsyth County will receive assistance from the **Livable Centers Initiative Program** to study an extension of a planned Bus Rapid Transit line along Georgia 400 into the county and **explore the feasibility and concept of a BRT station at McFarland Road.**

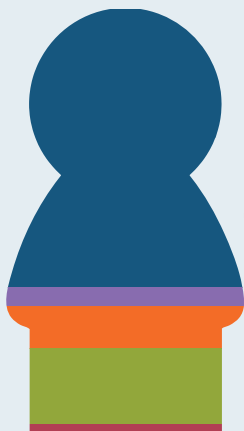
BY THE NUMBERS: FORSYTH POPULATION

ARC Population Estimates



Race & Ethnicity

Forsyth 2021



Region 2021



Percent of Population 65+

Forsyth 2021

12%

Metro Atlanta 2021

13%

65+

Source: Atlanta Regional Commission; US Census Bureau

COMPETITIVE ECONOMY



ARC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) program is a 5-year effort designed to improve regional competitiveness and collaboration throughout the 11-county region and the City of Atlanta. The Atlanta Regional Commission is currently updating this plan, which will be adopted by the end of 2022. The CEDS will ensure that metro Atlanta has good jobs, a well-trained workforce, and the regional collaboration needed to invigorate economic growth. CEDS is focused on the following:

- Equity, inclusion & access
- Housing availability, affordability & displacement
- Infrastructure & mobility
- Education, talent & workforce development
- Entrepreneurship, innovation & small business development
- Global business environment

An action plan with specific implementation measures will provide a roadmap to success for the next 5 years and beyond. For more information, visit www.atlantaregionalceds2022.org.

Cultivating Leaders to Meet the Region's Challenges

4 Forsyth County residents took part in ARC leadership programs Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta (ALMA), Community Planning Academy (CPA), and Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC).

184 Metro Atlanta residents took part in **ARC's signature leadership programs:** Regional Leadership Institute (RLI) and Leadership Involvement Networking Knowledge (LINK).



BY THE NUMBERS: FORSYTH ECONOMY

Median Household Income

\$116,690

Forsyth

\$71,742

Atlanta region



Source: 2020 SAIPE and 2019 ACS 1-Year

Housing

46%

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

16%

of residents rent their home

Source: DataNexus, 2020

Poverty Rate

5%

in Forsyth live below poverty level

12%

in metro Atlanta live below poverty level

Source: 2020 SAIPE



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