



Atlanta Regional Commission

# ARC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT **FULTON 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 Fulton

**\$531 million** in federal and state funds allocated by ARC through 2028 to improve transportation across Fulton County. Key projects include:

- 🎯 **Abbotts Bridge Road Improvements** – Bike lanes, sidewalks and a raised median are proposed for a 1.5-mile stretch of Abbotts Bridge Road in the City of Johns Creek, between Parsons Road and Primrose Parkway. The project will also correct a sharp curve.
- 🎯 **PATH 400** – A proposed multi-use trail within the GA 400 right of way that runs 2.3 miles from Loridans Drive to Johnson Ferry Road in Sandy Springs aims to provide access to major employment centers and offer connection to the Atlanta BeltLine.
- 🎯 **I-85/SR 74** – The interchange project will help reduce congestion by adding turn lanes at the end of the I-85 exit ramp and widening the SR 74 bridge with a partial cloverleaf design.
- 🎯 **Buffington Road** – Buffington Road will be widened by two lanes for about one mile between Rock Quarry Road to Roosevelt Highway in South Fulton County.



**2.3 MILLION** fewer miles traveled by the **2,228 Fulton residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$1.8 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.



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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 federal and state funds to **Fulton Senior Services** for direct services provided exclusively to Fulton residents, including:

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



### Making Fulton an Even Better Place to Live, Work, and Play

**\$200,000** Livable Centers Initiative Grant to the **City of Fairburn** for the **Education Campus Expansion & Community Connectivity Study**, which will leverage the Fairburn LCI Downtown Master Plan to transform the city's Education Campus, which consists of Georgia Military College and Brenau University South Campus. The study seeks to create a primary gateway primary gateway into the city's downtown, improve connectivity between the campus and downtown Fairburn's amenities, and incorporate smart technology and creative placemaking along the Highway 29 Overlay District.

**\$200,000** Livable Centers Initiative Grant to the **City of Sandy Springs** for the **Peachtree Dunwoody Road Corridor Study**, which seeks to identify spaces for placemaking improvements that will facilitate future multimodal mobility and align with the Perimeter Center LCI and Perimeter Small Area Plan's vision for Sandy Springs. This vision includes connecting two transit stations and the Perimeter employment district. The study will also incorporate a Transit Oriented Development Plan for 13 acres of underdeveloped land at the North Springs MARTA Station.

#### Percent of Population 65+

**13%**

in the 11-county region

**13%**

in Fulton

#### Housing

**48%**

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

**45%**

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:

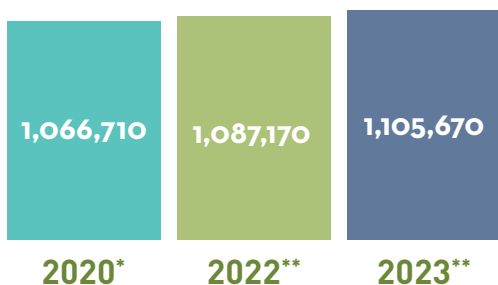
- Positioning equity as the foundation for regional and local economic development initiatives
- Fostering business innovation by supporting the development of small and mid-sized businesses
- Ensuring the global and national competitiveness of metro Atlanta's economy
- Building on previous CEDS success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



### Fulton Population



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

### Fulton Building Permits

