



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.



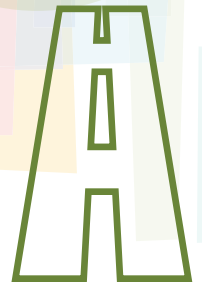
Goal

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

Improving Mobility in Gwinnett

\$440 million in federal and state funds allocated by ARC through 2028 to improve transportation across Gwinnett County. Key projects include:

- 🎯 **Evermore North Boulevard Extension** – This 1-mile project in the Snellville area will provide additional east-west connectivity and ease congestion on U.S. 78.
- 🎯 **I-85 North/McGinnis Ferry Road Interchange** – Funding has been allocated for Phase 1 of this project, which will create an important freight corridor between I-85 and Georgia 400.
- 🎯 **Gwinnett Satellite Corridor BRT** – ARC has allocated funding to study the environmental impact of proposed bus-only lanes on Satellite Boulevard between Jimmy Carter Blvd. and the Sugarloaf Mills Park and Ride lot.

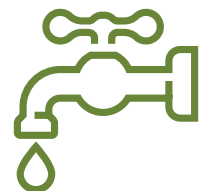


4 million fewer miles traveled by the **1,006 Gwinnett residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$2.5 million** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



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

\$4.1 million in state and federal funds to **Gwinnett Senior Services** for direct services provided exclusively to Gwinnett residents, including:

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



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

\$80,000 Livable Centers Initiative study

provided to the **City of Lawrenceville** for the **Honest Alley Activation project**, which aims to study the potential transformation of Honest Alley in the city's downtown into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly destination that sparks economic development and improves quality of life.



City of Suwanee Roundabout Master Plan

The **City of Suwanee** will work with ARC staff to build upon the 2015 Downtown Suwanee Master Plan Update to develop a vision for an activity node at the intersection of Buford Highway and Russell Street to better connect the Old Town and Suwanee Town Center. This project, part ARC's Community Development Assistance Program, will guide desired downtown land uses based on market studies and inform design guidelines for future buildings and public spaces in the area.

Percent of Population 65+

13%

in the 11-county region

11%

in Gwinnett

Housing

57%

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

34%

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

2 Gwinnett companies received new employees and wage subsidies through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **On-the-Job Training (OJT) program.**

515 Gwinnett county residents received training through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **Career Resource Centers.**

63 Gwinnett County youth participated in WorkSource Atlanta Regional's youth providers **WorkExperience program.**



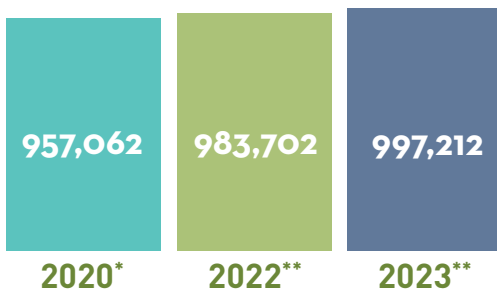
Securing a Competitive Economic Future

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



Gwinnett Population



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

Building Permits by Jurisdiction

