



Atlanta Regional Commission

ARC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT **HENRY 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.



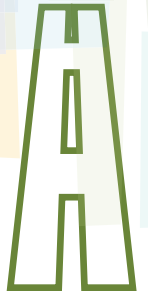
Goal

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

Improving Mobility in Henry

\$345 million in federal and state funds allocated by ARC through 2028 to improve transportation across Henry County. Key projects include:

- 🎯 **SR 81 Widening** – Three miles of SR 81 will be widened from two to four lanes between Bethany Road and just east of Lemon Street, with sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.
- 🎯 **Rock Quarry Road Widening** – A 2.4 mile stretch of Rock Quarry Road will be expanded from two to four lanes with a 10-foot multi-use path between SR 42/SR 138 and just north of Eagle Springs Drive. This project will help ease congestion near Henry Medical Center and I-75.
- 🎯 **I-75 South Interchange at Bethlehem Road** – This interchange will help relieve freight congestion along the SR 155 and SR 42 industrial and distribution corridors.



1.2 million fewer miles traveled by the **265 Henry residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$771,636** 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

\$772,521 in federal and state funds to **Henry Senior Services** for direct services provided exclusively to Henry residents, including:

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



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

\$125,000 Henry County has received \$125,000 through ARC's **Community Development Assistance Program** to assess a proposed fixed-route local bus service between McDonough and Stockbridge. The **Henry County Local Bus Services Creative Placemaking Plan** aims to envision the proposed bus route as a transit-friendly corridor through a range of creative placemaking concepts that prioritize safety and accessibility. This may include landscaping, sidewalks, crosswalks, bus stop shelters and bus stop signs.



The **City of Hampton** has developed the King, George, and Daniel Streets Revitalization Strategy, utilizing an **\$80,000 Livable Centers Initiative grant** from ARC. The strategy aims to revitalize the area and improve transportation safety without displacing existing residents. The strategy also examines so-called "missing middle" housing options, such as duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes, that could expand housing options in the area.

Percent of Population 65+

13%
in the 11-county region

12%
in Henry

Housing

48%
of renters pay 30%
or more of their
income on housing

25%
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** Henry County companies received four new employee and wage subsidies through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **On-the-Job Training (OJT) program**.
- 130** Henry county residents received training through WorkSource Atlanta Regional's **Career Resource Centers**.
- 20** Henry County youth participated in WorkSource Atlanta Regional's youth providers **Work Experience Program**.



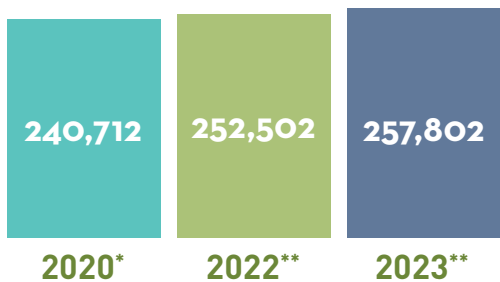
Securing a Competitive Economic Future

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, with a renewed focus on equity



Henry Population



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

Henry Building Permits

