



City of Atlanta

2016 CDP Round 2 Community Engagement

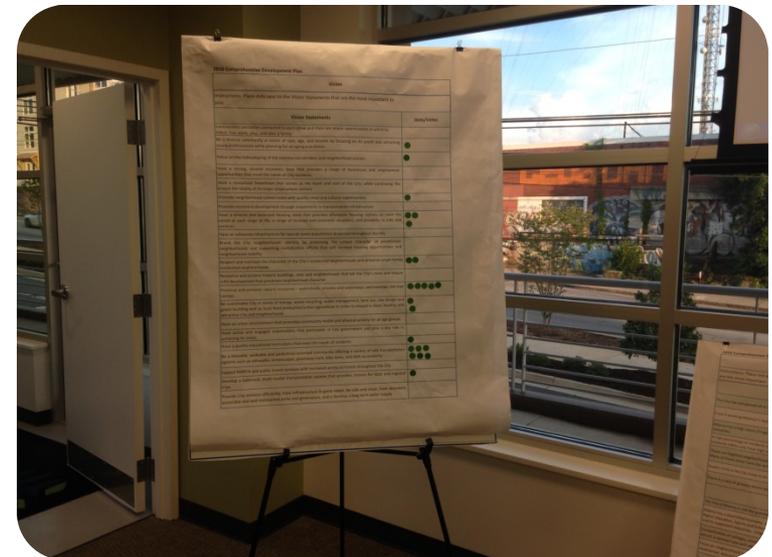
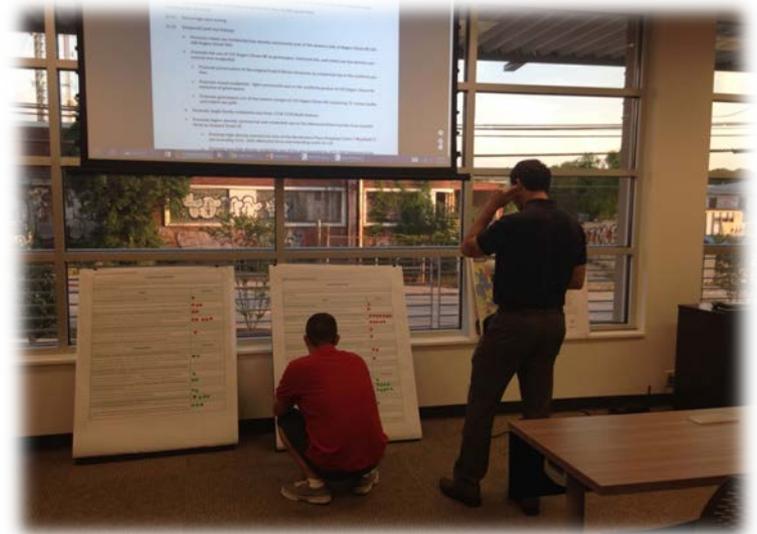
- WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
- SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
FEEDBACK
- CHARACTER AREAS: PRESENTATION/ACTIVITY
- NEXT STEPS

Community Engagement round #1

QUADRANT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION
QUADRANT #1 NORTH	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016 6:30-8:30PM	TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 3003 HOWELL MILL ROAD
QUADRANT #2 EAST	THURSDAY JUNE 2, 2016 6:30-8:30PM	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 824 MEMORIAL DR SE
CITY-WIDE	MONDAY JUNE 6, 2016 6:30-8:30PM	OLD COUNCIL CHAMBERS 68 MITCHELL ST SW, 3RD FLOOR
QUADRANT #3 WEST	THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2016 6:30-8:30PM	ADAMSVILLE RECREATION CENTER 3201 MLK, JR DR SW
QUADRANT #4 SOUTH	WEDNESDAY JUNE 22, 2016 6:30-8:30PM	METROPOLITAN LIBRARY 1332 METROPOLITAN PRKWY SW

CITIZEN FEEDBACK

- Five Community Meetings
- Approximately 80 participants
- Attendees Voted on Top Issues/Opportunities
- Plan Elements:
 - Vision
 - Population
 - Economic Development
 - Housing
 - Natural & Historic Resources
 - Water & Wastewater
 - General Government/Parks & Recreation
 - Public Safety
 - Transportation
 - Land Use/Urban Design



VISION: TOP FIVE

1	Be a bikeable, walkable and pedestrian-oriented community offering a variety of safe transportation options such as sidewalks, streetscapes, greenway trails, bike lanes, and ADA accessibility.
2	Expand MARTA and public transit services with increased access to transit throughout the City.
3	Have a diverse and balanced housing stock that provides affordable housing, options to meet the needs at each stage of life, a range of incomes and economic situations, and proximity to jobs and services.
4	Be a diverse community in terms of race, age, and income by focusing on its youth and attracting young professionals while planning for an aging population.
5	Preserve and enhance natural resources – watersheds, streams and waterways- and maintain the tree canopy

TOP FIVE ISSUES OVERALL

CDP ELEMENT	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
PUBLIC SAFETY	Illegal dumping, trash, litter, unkempt appearance in communities	31
POPULATION	The City has concentrated areas of poverty. The poverty rate has increased since 2010.	29
HISTORIC RESOURCES	Lack of value of historic resources/lack of preservation of historic resources. Too much demolition of historic buildings. The poor condition of some historic resources make them endangered by neglect and continued deterioration.	27
HOUSING	The City's ability to provide housing code enforcement is out-paced by the volume, back log and rate at which code violations occur and can be addressed therefore, substandard housing persists.	26
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	There is a lack of grocery stores and basic retail services in many areas of the City.	25

TOP FIVE OPPORTUNITIES OVERALL

CDP ELEMENT	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
POPULATION	Work to attract a diverse mix of population - to include singles, couples, children, retirees/seniors, empty nesters and families, as well as all ethnic backgrounds and income levels.	26
POPULATION	Develop plan to meet the needs of an aging population, provide the ability to age in place in all City Neighborhoods and affordably	26
LAND USE/URBAN DESIGN	Preserve existing neighborhoods.	22
PUBLIC SAFETY	Improve crime fighting/reduction by creating specialized units to combat specific types of crime and ensuring that police zones and beats are staffed and distributed proportionately, among other strategies.	22
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Partner with Atlanta Public Schools to create a neighborhood-based educational system that can become a key asset in attracting residents to live and work in Atlanta.	21

POPULATION: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	The City has concentrated areas of poverty. The poverty rate has increased since 2010.
2	Some areas of the City have experienced increased growth while others have had very slow growth or a declining population
3	The City's population is aging. The population over 60 have increased by 11,000 since 2000.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Work to attract a diverse mix of population - to include singles, couples, children, retirees/seniors, empty nesters and families, as well as all ethnic backgrounds and income levels.
2	Develop plan to meet the needs of an aging population, provide the ability to age in place in all City Neighborhoods and affordably
3	Create policies to encourage and promote growth in areas with slow growth/declining population

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	There is a lack of grocery stores and basic retail services in many areas of the City.
2	There are blighted neighborhood commercial districts, commercial and industrial corridors and districts. Many of these areas have the wrong type of retail.
3	3 out of 5 working Atlantans leave the city for work while 4 out of 5 workers in Atlanta come from elsewhere.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Partner with Atlanta Public Schools to create a neighborhood-based educational system that can become a key asset in attracting residents to live and work in Atlanta.
2	Focus on neighborhood economic development - rehabilitation and investment in neighborhood commercial districts and work to attract grocery stores and basic retail in targeted areas
3	Atlanta has a diversified economy. Atlanta is a regional and national serving economy for Film, Tourism, Higher Education, Sports and Entertainment and through Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport and its supported industries.- freight, logistics and cargo transportation

HOUSING: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	The City's ability to provide housing code enforcement is out-paced by the volume, back log and rate at which code violations occur and can be addressed therefore, substandard housing persists.
2	Lack of affordable housing: Many of the affordable housing developments in the City are being replaced with market rate housing, the availability of quality affordable housing is scarce particularly close to employment centers.
3	Many of the new housing units, both for rent and for sale, are not affordable to those earning the median household income.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Through the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) plan, Ft. McPherson, Atlanta Beltline, Inc., MARTA's TOD initiative, transit oriented development has become a focus in the city's planning efforts. This encourages residential development at new and existing transit stations and it encourages mixed income residential, job creation and economic development.
2	Continue to provide incentives to encourage homeownership
3	Requirements for affordable housing in projects with city and county funds, inclusionary housing policies, TAD funding and other programs can increase the number of affordable housing units.

NATURAL RESOURCES: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	Urban forest land and the City's tree canopy are disappearing.
2	The size of flooded areas has grown due to increased volume and velocity of storm water. Frequent flooding is a consistent issue in some areas.
3	Sprawling land development patterns contribute to the environmental degradation

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Promote elements to support healthy communities - by improving access to food, promoting physical activities, walkability and access to healthcare
2	Promote and facilitate urban agriculture, green roofs, community gardens and rainwater harvesting and particularly use of vacant land for community gardens.
3	Implement and enforce the new amendments to the Tree ordinance which includes protection of the urban forest.

HISTORIC RESOURCES: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	Lack of value of historic resources/lack of preservation of historic resources. Too much demolition of historic buildings. The poor condition of some historic resources make them endangered by neglect and continued deterioration.
2	Undesignated, but potentially historic buildings, are demolished too frequently.
3	Lack of awareness and education regarding the history of the City, historic resource protection and revitalization, preservation tools, the role of historic preservation in the City's future and the value of historic preservation approaches.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Partner with other organizations to promote all aspects of the City's history, historic resources, provide interpretation, and heritage tourism as a valuable component of the City's future.
2	Promote existing financial resources, technical assistance programs, and economic incentive programs to the owners of historic properties in particular and potential historic districts in general.
3	Develop programs to promote the City's historic resources and their value to the City's future to City agencies, the general public, potential developers, or other interested parties.

PUBLIC SAFETY: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	Illegal dumping, trash, litter, unkempt appearance in communities.
2	Drugs, prostitution, drug houses, open and vacant houses and thefts plague neighborhoods.
3	Continued need for Crime Reduction.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Improve crime fighting/reduction by creating specialized units to combat specific types of crime and ensuring that police zones and beats are staffed and distributed proportionately, among other strategies.
2	Attract and retain a diversified and experienced workforce, develop a recruitment and retention strategy and establish a more competitive compensation package
3	Video Integration Unit is effective tool in crime reduction. Continue to expand the network of cameras.

WATER & WASTEWATER: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	Replace aging collection system.
2	Eliminate sewer spills and address capacity issues.
2	Replace City's aging distribution and collection system.
2	Maintenance of the City's storm-water system

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Develop the Bellwood Quarry to meet the City's collective raw water storage, greenspace, recreational and development needs.
2	Continue to support the City's Clean Water Atlanta Program which provides funding to replace water distribution system.
3	Continue to implement water conservation programs that reduce water consumption.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PARKS & REC: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	Public safety in Atlanta parks is an ongoing concern with the public and requiring continuing improvements in design, operations and enforcement.
2	Atlanta lacks sufficient acreage of parkland and other green space. Lack of greenspace/ per capita park acreage is insufficient.
3	Many parks are not easily accessible to pedestrians from nearby neighborhoods because of lack of direct street access.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Improve park security.
2	The City's green infrastructure including parks and multi-use recreational trails, is a system that provides many benefits for Atlanta's citizens – social, educational and health - and encourages economic development.
3	Improve connectivity to parks, improve connectivity/accessibility to river and streams.

LAND USE/URBAN DESIGN: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	Lack of development in some parts of the city.
2	Older homes are being replaced with newer homes that are incompatible in scale, height, massing, size and design.
3	Lack of zoning enforcement

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Preserve existing neighborhoods.
2	Support Transit Oriented Development/density around transit
3	Rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance will promote development compatible with existing character of the each area.

TRANSPORTATION: TOP 3

ISSUES

1	Atlanta needs a seamlessly integrated public transportation network with various modes, technologies and classes of transit service along railroad corridors and multimodal streets connecting livable activity centers.
2	Traffic Congestion.
3	There is insufficient connectivity between pedestrian, bicycle, transit, and road facilities in the City of Atlanta.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Bicycle and pedestrian facility planning, construction, and maintenance are cost effective investments for expanding transportation choices.
2	Promote/increase walkability and pedestrian accessibility. More streetscapes, lighting and trees
3	Streetcars, arterial bus rapid transit, and enhanced bus service will expand transit options, attract more riders and reduce single occupant vehicle use.

OPEN ENDED FEEDBACK

ISSUES

1	Develop an affordable housing standard to service families in lower register incomes.
2	More zoning police for Quality of Life crimes (tag-less vehicles parked in driveways and on street, trespassers).
3	Better response time from Public Works: instead of weeks and months to 5 to 10 business days.
4	Focus on communities not in downtown, uptown, midtown for immediate needs.
5	Workforce housing initiative needs to be adopted and implemented.

OPPORTUNITIES

1	Opportunity to shape character of neighborhoods which is multi-cultural.
2	Work with G-DOT to make our streets/exits beautiful.
3	MARTA extending to Marietta
4	Reduce apartment zoning that negatively effects infrastructure
5	Foot patrol 24-7.

Next Steps:

- Draft mid-August
- Public Hearing September 12, 2016
- Submission to DCA/ARC September 13, 2016

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THANK YOU!

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