Quality Growth Implementation Assistance Program Projects

(2005-2009)

Projects for Year 2009

This year, the Community Choices program received a record 29 applications for implementation assistance. The projects below will be updated as soon as drafts are available.

City of Alpharetta

The Community Choices team will help the city implement some of the recommendations made in last year's Aging Initiative Report related to permitting in-law suites, developing a senior-friendly development checklist and facilitating home modifications for older adults.

City of Auburn

The Community Choices team will assist the city in developing a set of architectural design guidelines for the newly designated downtown overlay district.

City of Avondale Estates

The Community Choices team will review the city's sign ordinance and work with a team of stakeholders to propose changes to facilitate quality growth.

Cobb County - presented December 2009

Cobb County has adopted the region's first Complete Streets policy. The Community Choices team will create an implementation plan for the policy, giving the county a menu of options on how to move forward.

DeKalb County

The Community Choices team will draft an overlay for the Greater Hidden Hills area, focusing mainly on commercial nodes that show great potential for redevelopment.

City of Fayetteville - presented November 2009

The Community Choices team will carry out a quality growth audit, ensuring that the city's plans and ordinances align with the adopted comprehensive plan.

Henry County - presented January 2010

The Community Choices team will conduct a quality growth audit comparing the recently adopted Unified Land Development Code with the goals of the comprehensive plan.

Newton County

The Community Choices team will create a mixed use district for a portion of the 278 Livable Centers Initiative study area. This project is a direct recommendation from the LCI study.

City of Roswell - presented January 2010

The Community Choices team will facilitate a two-day charrette guiding future development of several blocks adjacent to the City Hall, drawing from the area's recent LCI study.

Projects for Year 2008

City of Acworth - completed March 2009

The Community Choices team is researching economic development incentives that meet the city's specific needs for redevelopment.

City of Alpharetta - presented October 2008

The Community Choices team recently completed and presented to the Mayor and City Council a report summarizing steps the city could take to plan for its aging population. The report addresses areas of housing, transportation, healthy lifestyles and information and access. An Older Adult Inventory of Services was also created specifically for Alpharetta to serve as a quick reference tool for the city's aging population.

City of Auburn - adopted October 2008

The Community Choices team created an overlay ordinance for the downtown area of Auburn with the input of a team of community members, elected officials and local business owners. This ordinance was recently presented to the Mayor and City Council. Rezoning efforts are also underway to facilitate development of the downtown area.

City of Ball Ground - presented March 2009

The Community Choices team is in the final stage of drafting new sign and tree ordinances for the city to facilitate quality development.

City of Chamblee

The Community Choices team is working with a technical advisory group, reviewing the Chamblee green building ordinance and researching plans for its implementation.

City of Griffin - adopted June 2009

The Community Choices team is working with city staff on final changes to a quality growth audit, performed to ensure coordination among planning and zoning documents.

City of Norcross - presented September 2008

The Community Choices team completed a quality growth audit for the city, checking several planning documents and the zoning ordinance for conflicts. This report was presented to the Mayor and City Council in September 2008.

City of Stone Mountain - adopted December 2008

The Community Choices team assisted the Planning & Zoning Committee in rewriting the zoning ordinance to reflect character area designations in recent planning documents.

Projects for Year 2007

DeKalb County - adopted February 2008

The Community Choices team developed an overlay ordinance for the downtown area of Tucker including elements of parking, open space requirements and urban design features.

City of Griffin - adopted August 2008

The Community Choices team, with the input of a committee of community members, created a set of design guidelines for the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) area covering elements of streetscape, architecture, signage and lighting. The guidelines have been written into the city's development regulations.

City of Kennesaw - presented August 2008

The Community Choices team assisted the City of Kennesaw with researching and developing a strategy for incentivizing redevelopment that supports the city’s existing planning goals.

City of Marietta - presented August 2007

The Community Choices team completed a comprehensive review of the development review process and provided the city with a full outline of each specific process from start to finish as well as a one-page flowchart to distribute to applicants.

City of Sugar Hill - adopted January 2009

The Community Choices team reviewed all planning documents and created an implementation strategy for the downtown master plan.

City of Woodstock - presented October 2007

The Community Choices team analyzed four overlay districts in the city for possible overlaps and presented recommendations for moving forward with quality growth objectives.

Projects for Year 2006

City of Auburn - presented March 2007

The Community Choices team facilitated a comprehensive visioning process which includes elements of housing, employment and park space.

City of Douglasville - adopted June 2007

The Community Choices team created a zoning overlay for the LCI area encompassing areas of parking, pedestrian access, streetscape and sidewalks, street trees, signage and building placement.

City of Kennesaw - presented July 2007

The Community Choices team formulated a set of comprehensive design guidelines to be in effect throughout parts of the city not included in the historic downtown. Elements addressed are landscaping, architecture, signage and lighting.

City of Clarkston - presented December 2006

The Community Choices team completed a review of all planning documents and formulated an implementation strategy that coordinates the objectives and guidelines of all documents.

City of Holly Springs - presented December 2006

The Community Choices team conducted a quality growth audit of all planning documents and put forth recommendations that would enhance future coordination and implementation efforts.

Projects for Year 2005

Henry County - adopted December 2006

The Community Choices team assisted in formulating an ordinance that covers design guidelines and access management regulations for the Highway 20 ("Bruton Smith Parkway") corridor from McDonough to Hampton.

Cherokee County / Bells Ferry - adopted 2006

The Community Choices team reviewed the 2006 Bells Ferry LCI study and all county ordinances to develop an implementation plan for the LCI.

Project reports can be viewed online at:

http://www.atlantaregional.com/local-government/community-choices/online-studio/community-choices-online-studio