Community Choices

Quality Growth Implementation Assistance Program

- **Are you trying to encourage specific quality growth techniques like mixed use development or open space preservation?**
- **Are you looking to use quality growth to reach water conservation goals?**
- **Do you need help reviewing your ordinances and planning documents to make sure they coordinate with your comprehensive plan and/or Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) goals?**

Atlanta Regional Commission staff is responding to these needs by issuing a request for applications for the Quality Growth Implementation Assistance program. Through this program, a team of ARC staff from across departments along with graduate student interns will provide free technical assistance to cities and counties that want to develop in ways that meet local and regional quality growth goals.

The Atlanta Regional Commission is soliciting applications from communities that want help with either policy analysis or creation. Selected communities will receive staff assistance over a 6-12 month period.

The range of past projects includes:

Development of overlay districts for designated areas in the community:
City of Douglasville, Dekalb County and Rockdale County

Comprehensive review of all planning documents and policies and recommendations for coordination:
Cities of Fayetteville & Norcross and Henry County

Analysis of and recommendations for streamlining the development review process: City of Marietta

Design Guidelines: Cities of Kennesaw and Griffin

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

- Every application must be submitted and signed by the Chief Elected Official in the community.
- Priority will be given to applications that include signatures from the entire legislative body.
- Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate commitment to quality growth concepts, local staff time and community support of the project and/or plan.

Community Choices
Application for Implementation Assistance
2010

Jurisdiction_____

Address _____**Phone** _____

Contact Person _____**E-mail** _____

Local government plans, policies and practices that reflect the principles of quality growth are often characterized by a common set of principles:

- a mix of land uses;
- a range of housing and transportation opportunities and choices;
- walkability;
- distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place;
- open space, natural beauty and critical environmental areas;
- emphasis on community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. The applicant must be a city or county in the ten county Atlanta region or an LCI recipient in the expanded metropolitan region.
2. The community must have a demonstrated understanding of and commitment to the principles of quality growth.
3. The application should include an overview of growth conditions in the community, as well as assets and challenges to implementing quality growth policies and plans. The application should also specify the type of assistance being requested (i.e. the development of an ordinance, a quality growth audit and recommendations, etc.) and how it will be applied.
4. The community must have a specific, clearly defined project, and there must be a clear role for a team to assist with implementing the project. Applicants must describe the project, discuss how it relates to local and regional growth, and explain how its success would affect the community's environmental, social, and economic health.
5. The community may be asked to form a local team to work with the ARC team and to follow up on the technical assistance. This team should include representatives from a variety of sectors of the community, including public, private and nonprofit partners.
6. **Elected officials – mayors, county commissioners, city council members – must support this project and be committed to its success. The response to this request for applications will require a letter of support from the primary elected official in the community, as well as a list of other elected officials who support it.**

<u>Important Dates</u>

Applications Distributed:	February 2010
Application Deadline:	March 5, 2010
Recipients Notified:	March 26, 2010
Data and information collection from selected communities:	April 2010
Initial meetings with elected bodies:	May 2010
Assistance begins:	June 2010

1. Briefly describe the project for which you are requesting implementation assistance. (150 words)

2. Identify and explain how this project focuses on implementing quality growth concepts in your community (200 words).

3. Describe the specific tasks for which you are requesting assistance.

4. Describe how elected officials have demonstrated support for this project and how they will be involved throughout the process.

5. Identify key actors who will work with ARC staff on this project.

6. **How will assistance with this project lead to implementation of Community Choices quality growth principles and concepts? (200 words)**

In order to demonstrate full commitment to implementation, the completed application must be signed by the chief elected official in your jurisdiction. Applications will not be accepted without this signature. All other elected officials are also encouraged to sign the application as a show of support for the effort.

Print Name	Signature	Title	Date

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Please Mail 5 Copies of the Completed Application and Supplemental Materials* to:
Atlanta Regional Commission
Community Choices
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Supplemental Materials may include plans, amendments, newspaper articles, brochures and/or other materials that demonstrate community commitment
PLEASE INCLUDE NO MORE THAN 3 SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS PER APPLICATION