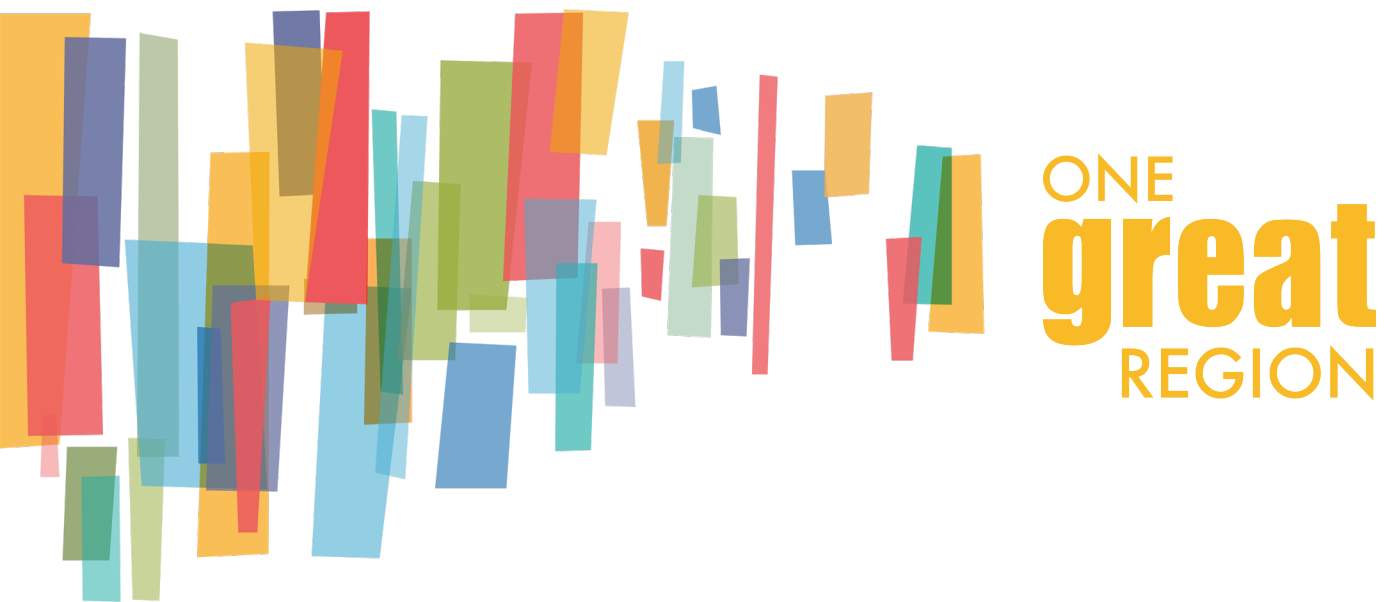




Live Beyond Expectations 2026

Presented to the Advisory Committee on Aging

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Vision

ONE **great** REGION

Mission

Foster thriving communities for all within the Atlanta region through collaborative, data-informed planning and investments.

Values

Excellence | **Integrity** | **Equity**

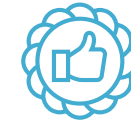
Goals



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.

Agenda: Live Beyond Expectations 2026

- Background and Live Beyond Expectations (LBE 2020-2025) Framework
- Implications and Recommendations for Partners
- Context for Expanding LBE
- Aims for LBE 26
- Research and Engagement Plan
- Request for Approval

Framework: Life Expectancy Disparities in Metro Atlanta

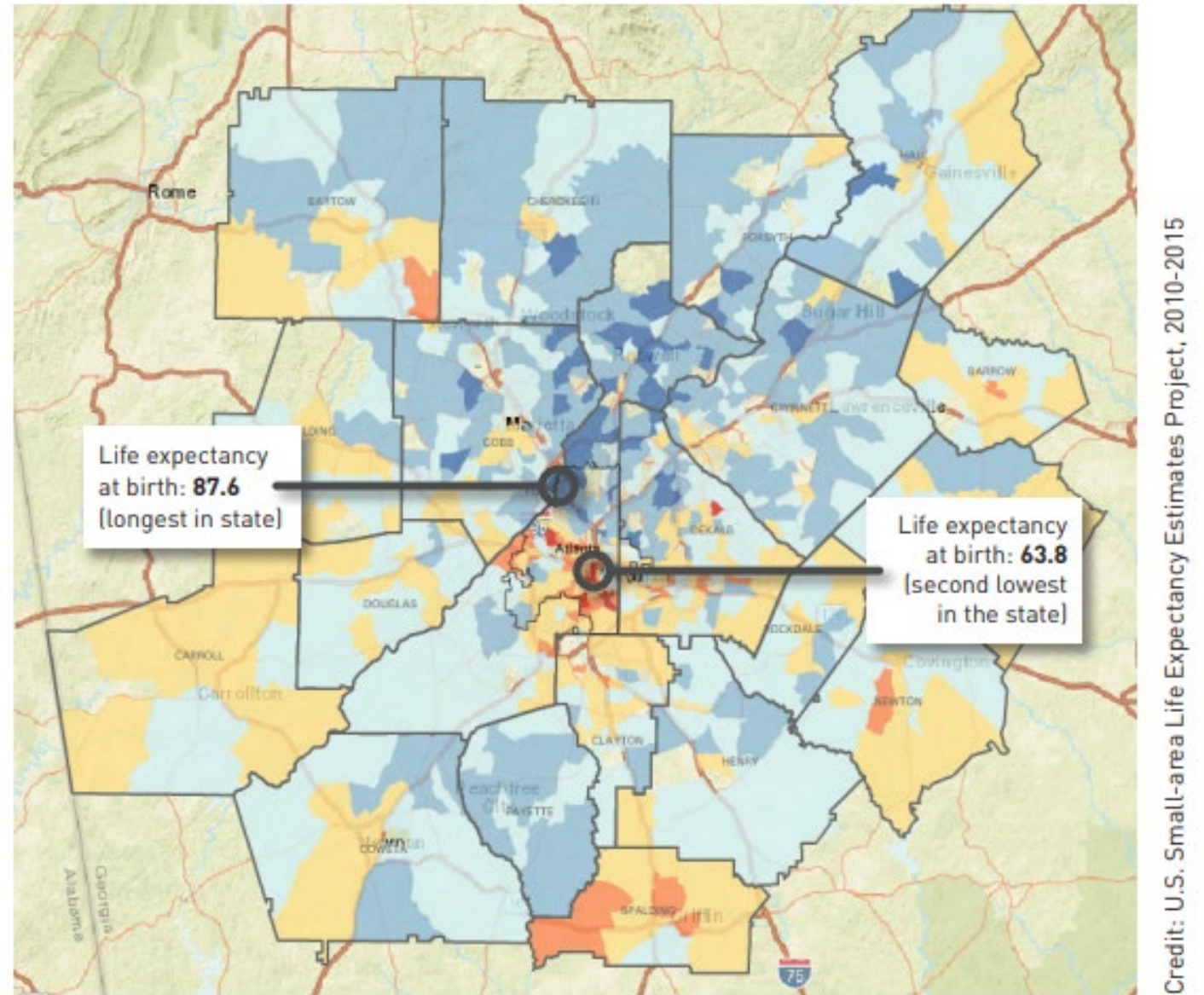
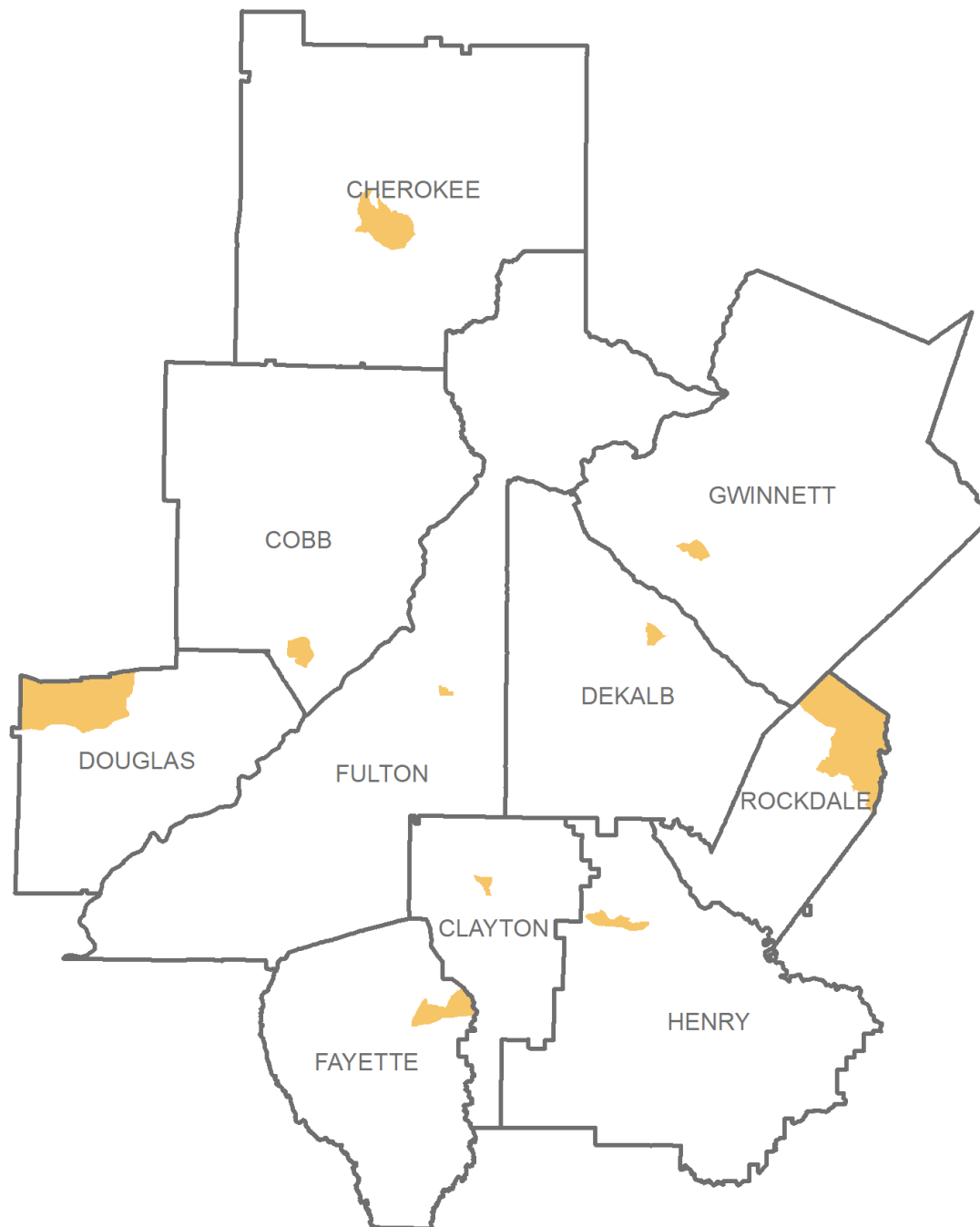


Figure 1: Varying Life Expectancies in the Atlanta Region

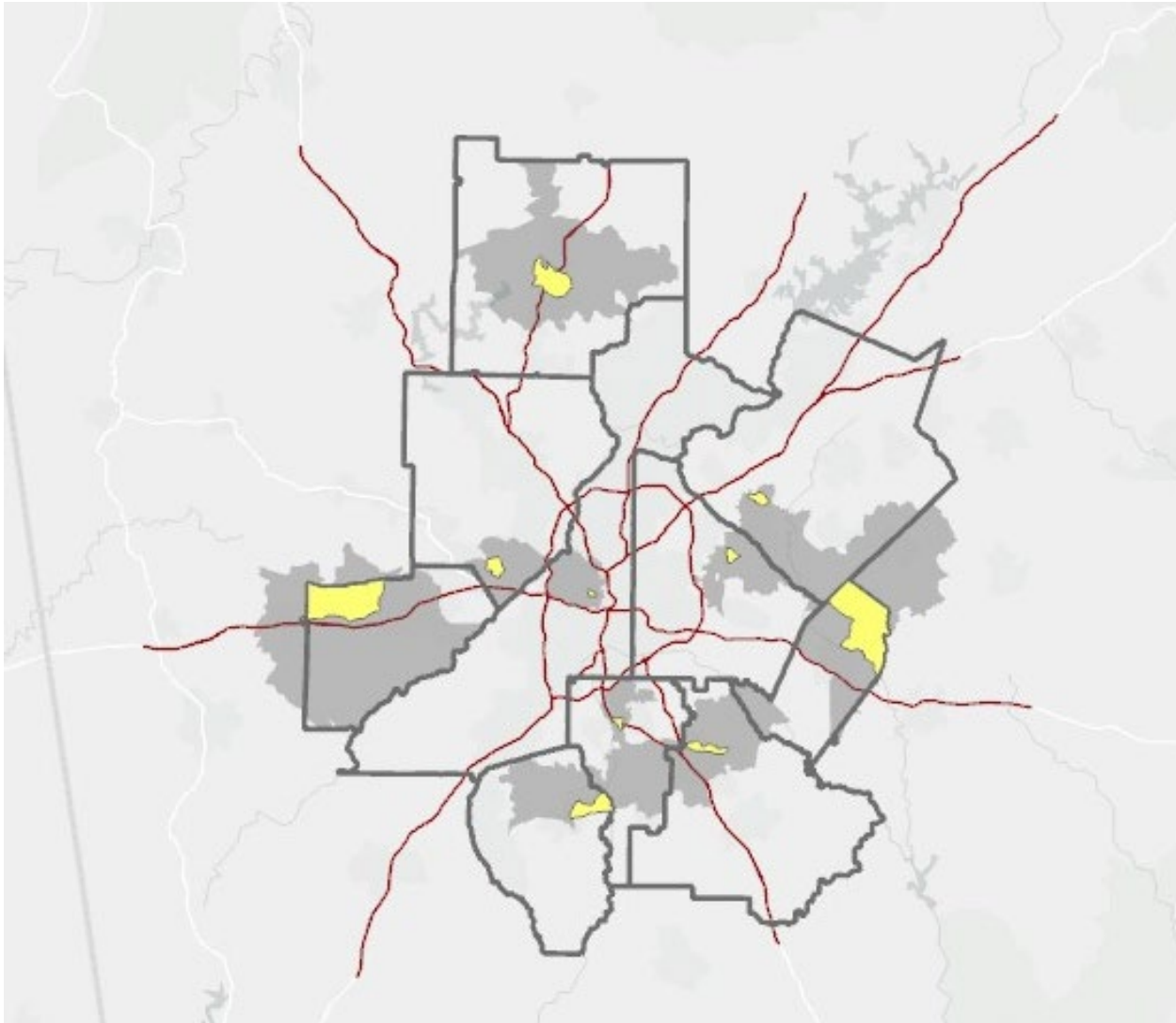


- South Canton
- Mableton
- Uninc. Clayton County
btwn. Morrow/Forest
Park/Riverdale
- South Tucker/Uninc.
DeKalb
- Norcross/Uninc.
Gwinnett
- Bankhead/English Ave.
- Winston
- East Fayetteville
- North Stockbridge
- North Uninc. Rockdale

Selection of LBE 2020-2025 Strategies and Achievements

- Facilitated a webinar for local elected officials
- Analyzed client data for aging services and incorporated findings into technical assistance and quality monitoring process
- Provided input to internal ARC departments and workgroups
- External education and non-monetary support for new and existing projects
- Hosted LBE Summit
- Launched mini grant program
- Collaboration between Age-Friendly and LBE

Mini Grant Awardees



- 18 mini grants up to \$3000
- Foodwell Alliance: “We addressed the need for long-term access to fresh produce by planting a new orchard...in a neighborhood identified by ARC as experiencing extreme health disparities...located within an EPA-IRA Disadvantaged Community. Once fruit begins producing...the orchard has the potential to provide 9,800 annual servings of fruits, nuts, and berries...Over a 20-year period, this equates to 212,281 servings, with an economic value exceeding \$150,000.”

Analysis: What We Learned

Affordable Housing

- Lower rents
- More types of housing (e.g., accessory dwelling units)
- Assistance for those on fixed incomes
- Pathways to homeownership
- Home repair assistance

Transportation

- Increased public transportation
- Local transit options
- Road maintenance
- Increasing walkability

Community activities

- Activities for youth
- Activities for older persons
- Arts & culture events
- Public gathering spaces

LBE 2026 Recommendations: Housing

Engage community members

- Understand varied housing needs and preferences
- Implement creative solutions and strategies, i.e., multigenerational

Encourage a mix of housing types at a variety of sizes and price points

- Implement zoning that allows for a diversity of housing types
- Build and preserve housing near services
- Provide opportunities for downsizing within existing communities

Support older adults remaining in their homes

- Reduce the cost burden of home modifications
- Decrease the tax burden for low-income older people

Increase the supply of affordable, accessible housing

- Incentivize diverse, affordable housing near service
- Provide data and education to landlords about vouchers

LBE 2026 Recommendations: Transportation

Engage community members

- Include disability and aging communities in planning
- Work to understand transportation culture

Research and identify geographic areas of need

- Identify geographic areas where residents lack options to meet their needs
- Work with community members to identify appropriate options

Expand and improve active transportation and transit infrastructure

- Support physical infrastructure improvements and social supports like discount fares
- Leverage technology to support solutions
- Participate in cross jurisdictional planning efforts and service coordination

Expand transportation options

- Consider creative solutions like volunteer driver programs
- Invest in active transit like bike share systems with accessible and inclusive options
- Increase funding for transportation options

LBE 2026 Recommendations: Community Supports

Engage community members

- Ensure a variety of perspectives are represented in decision-making processes
- Leverage community advisory boards to share information
- Encourage pre-retirement residents to plan for the future

Build and maintain physical infrastructure that incorporates healthy community design elements

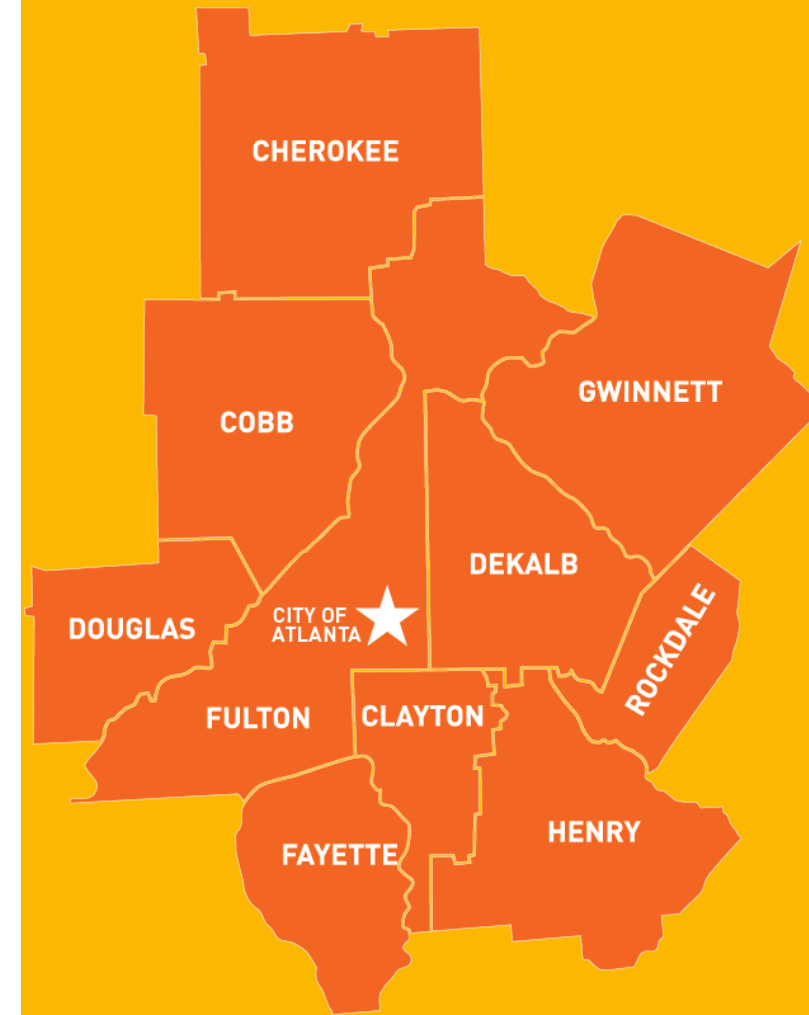
- Include street pattern design and connectivity in planning
- Support safe pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- Expand public transit infrastructure and access
- Modify zoning and land use policies to support lifelong communities

Create and sustain strong social infrastructure

- Bolster resident ties with one another and with and between social institutions
- Host intergenerational events that include diverse experiences of history and culture
- Formalize volunteer groups to provide structural and social supports

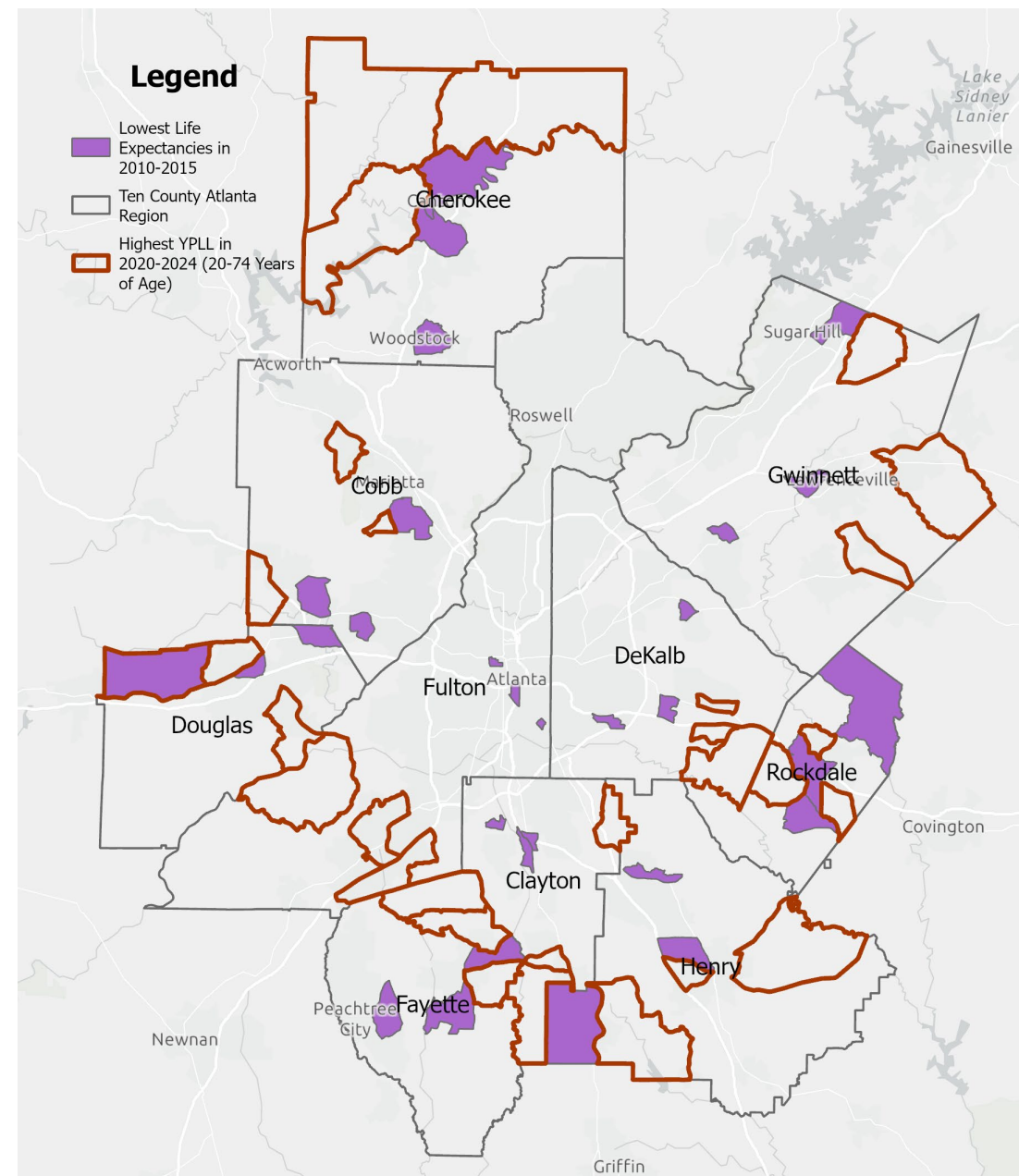
Tailor Recommendations throughout the Region

- One region with a wide variety of local circumstances
- Lifelong Communities team aims to understand different county, municipal, and neighborhood contexts
- Lifelong Communities team will continue interdepartmental communication and collaboration
- A&IS will continue its advocacy efforts and maintain stakeholder relationships



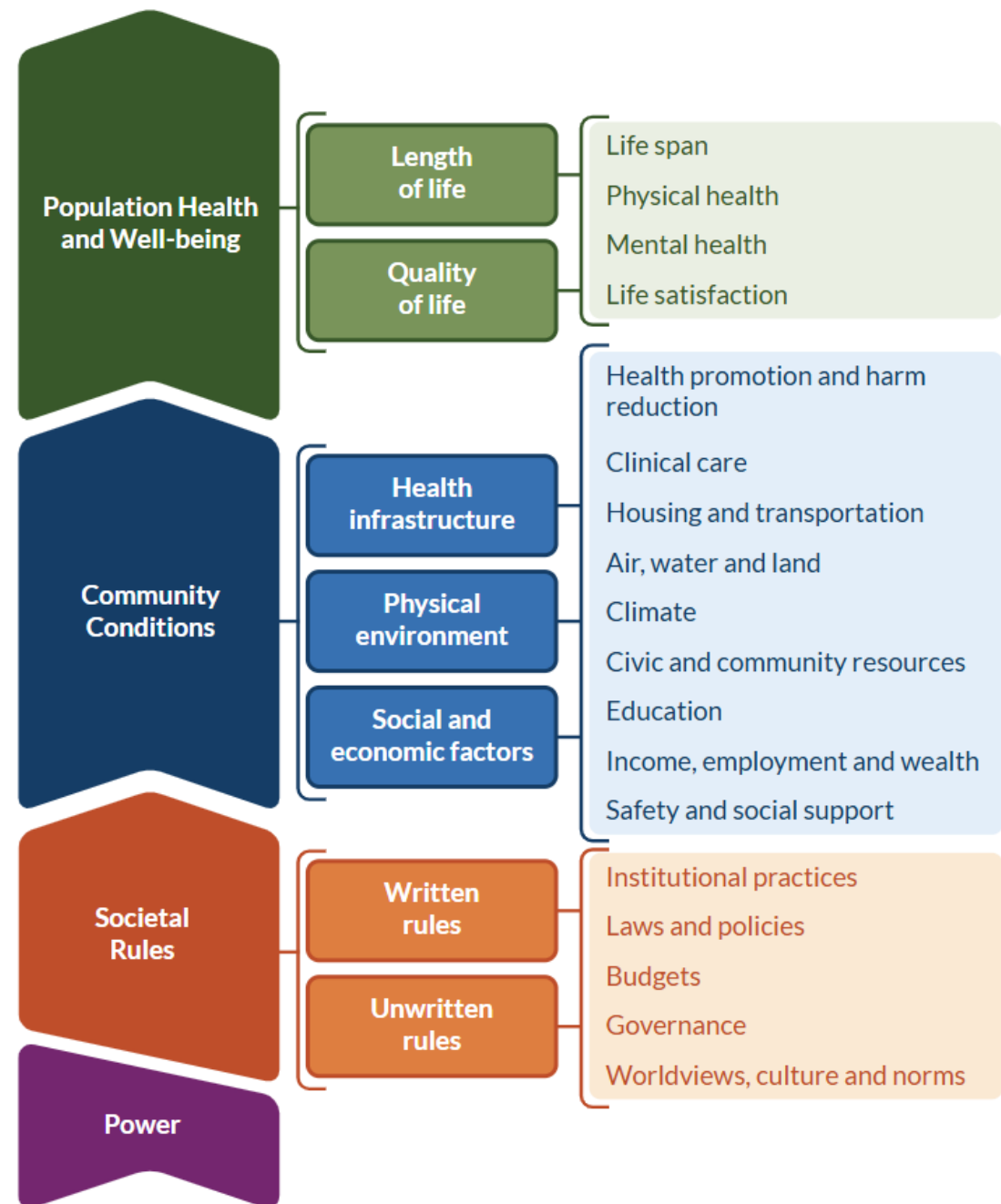
Expanding LBE: Context for Continuation

- Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL) can deepen the framework
- Upstream drivers of health align with drivers of economic mobility
- Tracts with high climate risk tend to have lower life expectancy
- Geographic approach illuminates neighborhoods with highest socioeconomic need



Renewed Vision: Upstream Drivers of Health

- Many factors can help make communities healthier places to live, learn, work, and play
- We can take action to influence these factors

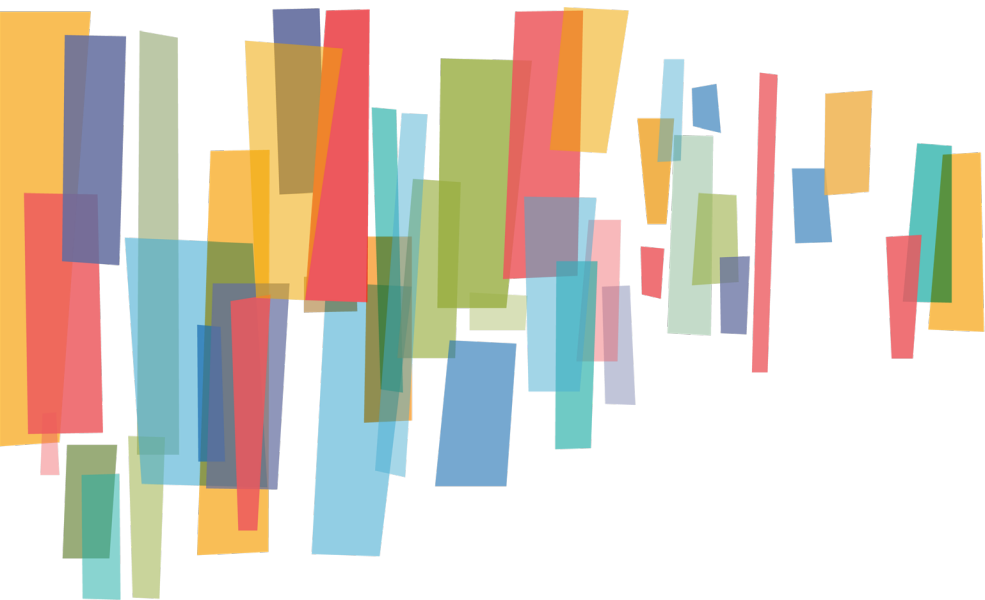


LBE 26 Aims

- Communicate recommendations from LBE 2020-2025 broadly throughout the region
- Develop new metrics for understanding health impacts throughout the region
- Describe and record the conditions in each focus tract and more broadly where possible
- Identify which LBE 2020-2025 objectives should continue
- Identify and work to solve obstacles to completing LBE 20 objectives
- Determine new objectives shaped by communities
- Identify an accountability framework
- Prioritize ARC objectives using data, expertise, and community input

Research and Engagement Plan





Questions?

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