ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Atlanta Regional Commission is the regional planning and intergovernmental coordination agency for the 10-county Atlanta region. ARC helps the region’s leadership focus attention, collaboration, and resources on critical issues affecting our collective future.

We’re here to make the region work for everyone – regardless of age, ethnicity, income, education, background, or ability. On any given day, ARC works with local jurisdictions and various regional partners to:

• Plan new transportation and mobility options
• Wisely manage water resources
• Encourage the development of vibrant, livable communities
• Provide services for older and disabled residents
• Help businesses recruit and retain workers and provide services for job seekers
• Analyze data to inform leaders and decision-makers
• Cultivate regional leaders to meet the region’s challenges
• Serve as a regional convener to address complex, regional issues
• Coordinate with local first responders in preparing for a secure region

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

ARC is governed by a 39-member board consisting of both elected officials and citizen members:

Kerry Armstrong, Board Chair | Doug Hooker, Executive Director

Department of Community Affairs Representative | Atlanta City Council Representative

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Transportation – Worked with planning partners on a major update to the Atlanta Region’s Plan that allocates $173 billion in federal, state, and local funds to improve regional mobility and safety through 2050.
• Housing Affordability – Partnered with organizations across sectors and geographic boundaries to develop the Metro Atlanta Housing Strategy, which helps local communities better understand and address their housing challenges.
• Workforce Development – Launched atlworks.org, a consumer-friendly site to help metro Atlanta job-seekers and businesses find resources for hiring, training, job placement and more through the services of WorkSource Metro Atlanta.
• Chattahoochee River – Worked with regional partners to develop a vision for the future of the Chattahoochee River that aims to increase access along a 100-mile section of the river through metro Atlanta.
• Research & Data – Completed the 2050 forecast, which found the Atlanta region will add 2.9 million people by 2050, pushing the 21-county’s population to 8.6 million.
• Aging & Independence Services – Launched Empowerline.org to better connect the region’s older persons and individuals with disabilities with the resources they need to thrive and maximize independence.
• Future of Mobility – Organized the ConnectATL summit to help the region prepare for the fast-paced changes in transportation technology, like autonomous vehicles and connected cars.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ARC’S WORK IN THE ATLANTA REGION →

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ARC works with its regional partners to develop and maintain world-class infrastructure. This includes a sustainable supply of clean water, and a transportation network that improves mobility and provides all residents with access to jobs and services.

**Improving Mobility in the Atlanta Region**

ARC works with state and local transportation agencies and local governments to develop and manage a long-range Regional Transportation Plan.

**Highlights include:**

- Building a network of Express Lanes that offer faster, more reliable trips
- Expanding transit service to better connect major employment centers
- Widening major thoroughfares and improving highway interchanges
- Developing a regional bike-ped trail network
- Encouraging the growth of alternative commute options

**Securing a sustainable future for metro Atlanta**

As metro Atlanta’s population continues to grow, protecting our natural environment is increasingly important to securing a healthy and sustainable future.

**Key Efforts:**

- Providing planning staff for the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, which develops and implements an integrated, long-term, comprehensive water management program for the 15-county Atlanta region
- Improving water conservation in the region through coordinated efforts such as a toilet rebate program and leak detection
- Securing an abundant supply of clean water by providing technical expertise in the tri-state water wars litigation
- Monitoring the region’s air quality and developing transportation and land use plans designed to reduce air pollution

**Improving quality of life for residents of all ages and abilities**

ARC supports healthy living and aging by offering a range of services for older adults and people with disabilities, such as transportation and in-home personal care.

**Our goal:** enabling people to remain and thrive in their homes and communities as their needs change, rather than move into costly institutional settings.

**Our focus:**

- Providing daily support services for older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers through our local provider network
- Promoting overall health through broad initiatives such as lifelong community planning, senior volunteer programs, and wellness programs

**Making the Atlanta region an even better place to live, work, and play**

Bustling town centers. Shady green spaces. Wide sidewalks and bike lanes. Affordable housing. These are just some of the qualities that make up a great community.

ARC has developed a range of programs and initiatives designed to help the Atlanta region maintain a high quality of life.

**Key Efforts:**

- Livable Centers Initiative – Incentivizes local jurisdictions to re-envision their communities as vibrant, walkable places
- Community Visioning – Assists local governments in preparing for key issues, such as population growth and redevelopment
- Regional Arts & Culture – Encourages growth of the region’s arts and culture community
- ARC as Regional Convener – Brings diverse stake-holders to the table to discuss important issues facing metro Atlanta

**A strong economy is essential to our region’s success.** ARC works with its regional partners to ensure our economy remains thriving and competitive, with improved opportunities for social and economic mobility.

**Workforce Solutions: Connecting talent with opportunity**

ARC manages WorkSource Atlanta Regional to develop a highly educated and skilled workforce that meets the needs of today’s employers in Cherokee, Clayton, Douglas, Fayette, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale counties.

**Our focus:**

- Providing services for businesses, such as employee recruitment assistance and data tools that provide labor market insights
- Providing services for job seekers, including career assessment testing, job readiness training, and job search assistance

**CATLYST: Developing a regional economic competitiveness strategy**

CATLYST is a regional effort, coordinated by ARC, to ensure our region has a steady supply of good jobs, a well-trained workforce, and the collaboration needed to catalyze economic growth.

**Priorities include:**

- Amplifying the region’s identity as a global economy
- Improving education outcomes throughout metro Atlanta
- Increasing availability of affordable, quality housing
- Fostering a climate that encourages robust civic participation

**Cultivating leaders to meet the region’s challenges**

Informed and committed leaders serve as catalysts to transform challenges into opportunities and help move the Atlanta region forward.

- Leadership Involvement Networking Knowledge (LINK™) takes influential leaders on an information trip to another region
- Regional Leadership Institute (RLI) prepares local leaders to work collaboratively in addressing regional issues
- Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta (ALMA) prepares local leaders to work collaboratively in addressing regional issues
- Model Atlanta Regional Commission brings together high school students to study and debate regional issues