



Atlanta Regional Commission
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ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Atlanta Regional Commission is the regional planning and inter-governmental coordination agency for the 11-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 41-member board consisting of both elected officials and citizen members:



ARC SERVICE AREAS

ARC Member Jurisdictions

Area Agency on Aging (10 counties)

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (20 counties)

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (15 counties)

Atlanta Regional Workforce Development Board (7 counties)

Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) (5 counties)

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REGIONAL PLANNING TO 'WIN THE FUTURE'

Regional planning has helped metro Atlanta become one of the nation's largest, most dynamic regions.

ARC is responsible for developing and updating the **Atlanta Region's Plan**, a long-range blueprint that details investments needed to ensure metro Atlanta's future success and improve the region's quality of life.

The plan, developed with ARC's community partners and with robust public input, aims to "Win the Future" by providing world-class infrastructure, building a competitive economy, and ensuring the region is composed of healthy, livable communities.

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
- **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** – Developed 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
- **Ageing & 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

GOAL WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

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



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GOAL HEALTHY, LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

The Atlanta region is becoming more diverse, with a rapidly growing population of older adults. ARC works to foster vibrant, walkable communities, greater access to parks and greenspace, and better housing options.

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 stakeholders to the table to discuss important issues facing metro Atlanta



GOAL COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

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** teaches leaders about opportunities and challenges facing the arts and culture community
- **Model Atlanta Regional Commission** brings together high school students to study and debate regional issues

