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September 30, 2021

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GUEST SPEAKER & PANELISTS



Anthony Alston
City of East Point



Sarah Brown
Food Well Alliance



Maceo Rogers
City of East Point



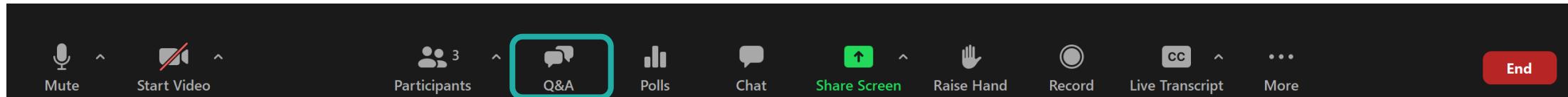
Chelsea Townsend
*East Point
Food Advocate*



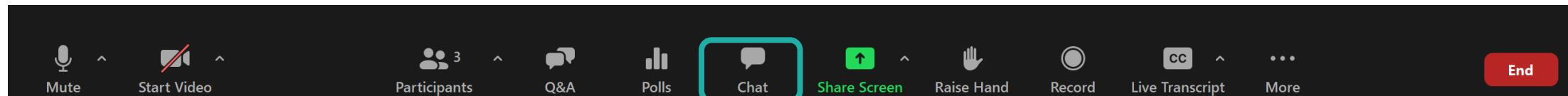
Kimberly Smith
City of East Point

HOW TO PARTICIPATE – ZOOM

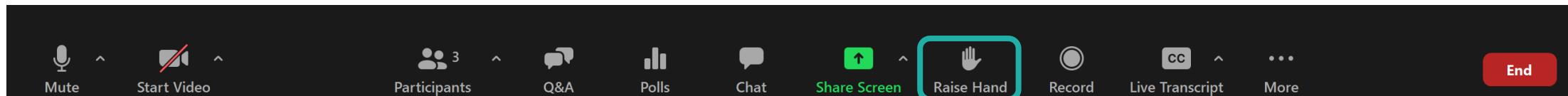
1. Add questions to the Q&A function.



2. Add comments to the Chat function.



3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on to speak.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Solicitation will open October 1. Find out more [HERE](#).
- Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) will be accepting grant and loan applications starting October 1. Find out more [HERE](#).



CITY AGRICULTURE PLAN

GROWN IN CITIES



100% COMMUNITY

P R E S E N T E D B Y

F O O D W E L L A L L I A N C E



SARAH BROWN
Policy & Advocacy Manager
Food Well Alliance

Sarah Brown is currently the Policy and Advocacy Manager at Food Well Alliance. She leads the organization's engagement with local governments throughout the metro Atlanta area, using data and storytelling to advocate for inclusive policies and programs that strengthen the local food system. She recently managed the adoption of the Southeast region's first-ever City Agriculture Plan in East Point, GA in partnership with several local stakeholders. She also co-facilitates the Atlanta Community Compost Council with the Georgia Recycling Coalition, leading efforts to expand infrastructure, training, and awareness around community composting operations. Prior to joining Food Well Alliance, Sarah served as an AmeriCorps VISTA with Hunger Free America and as a Client Service Manager at Willis Towers Watson. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and received a Masters of Food and Agricultural Law and Policy from Vermont Law School.

WHAT IS A CITY AGRICULTURE PLAN?

A City Agriculture Plan provides a roadmap for a community to achieve its vision of creating a vibrant and sustainable community food system over the next 5-10 years.

A community food system refers to the **place-based relationships** between producers, processors, distributors, consumers, and postconsumer waste disposal of food.

In contrast to conventional food systems, a community food system makes these ties visible and integrates them to **enhance the environmental, economic, social, and nutritional health of a community** and its residents.

The City Agriculture Plan is developed using a **consensus-based and community-led process** that brings together urban growers, residents, and City officials to identify community priorities. It also identifies strategies to achieve community food system priorities as well as prioritize implementation over time.

A City Agriculture Plan is not meant to be a stand-alone document but is meant to **identify ways in which local food can be integrated into City plans and programs**.



WHY ARE CITY AGRICULTURE PLANS IMPORTANT?

CULTIVATE THE HEALTH OF RESIDENTS



BETTER NUTRITION



SOCIAL INTERACTION



STRONGER KIDS

PROMOTE THE VITALITY OF CITIES



SAFE SPACES



GREATER VALUE



SUSTAINABILITY

BUILD RESILIENT AND EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES



FOOD ACCESS



CULTURAL FOODWAYS



INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

HOW WAS THIS CONCEPT DEVELOPED?



Atlanta's
Local Food
Baseline —
Report

FALL 2017 | VOL. 1



ARC

WHERE HAS THIS BEEN DONE BEFORE?

The Southeast region's first City Agriculture Plan was developed in East Point, GA.

Fall 2018	Applications opened
Spring 2019	7 Community Food Forums were held in applicant cities.
Summer 2019	East Point was selected as pilot city and MOU finalized
Fall 2019	Food Well Alliance led a community engagement phase
Spring/Summer 2020	ARC led planning phase with the Steering Committee
Fall 2020	East Point's Planning and Zoning Committee approved the plan
Spring 2021	East Point's City Council approved the plan as part of the Community Goals section of the city's Comprehensive Plan



Other major cities with Urban Agriculture plans and/or ordinances include, but aren't limited to: Detroit, Seattle, Portland, Boston, Minneapolis, Austin, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, San Francisco, and more.

WHAT DOES THE PILOT CITY PLAN INCLUDE?



HOW DOES THIS PROCESS CENTER COMMUNITY?



1

PHASE I COMMUNITY ASSET MAPPING



HOW DOES THIS PROCESS CENTER COMMUNITY?



WHAT WERE THE TAKEAWAYS?

- ❖ The approach for each community needs to be tailored and individualized.
- ❖ The process can be longer and more complicated, but the results will be more impactful.
- ❖ Relationship building and raising issue awareness throughout the planning process is as important as the plan's content.
- ❖ Working with CBOs opens communication with their established networks of community members.
- ❖ Rooting recommendations in stated community needs builds in an implementation plan.

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Please visit

<https://www.foodwellalliance.org/start-a-plan-for-all-well-being>

Our website details the East Point City Agriculture Plan, hosts a copy of the finalized plan, and includes information on how to get involved with City Agriculture Planning.

Applications are open!

Cities can apply to develop the region's second City Agriculture Plan through October 15th.

For any follow up, please contact Sarah at sarah@foodwellalliance.org

Atlanta Regional Commission
Board of Directors
Land Use Coordinating Committee
September 30, 2021

PLANNING WITH COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURE

Marian Liou

Manager

Community Engagement and Arts Program
Community Development Group

ABOUT ME



Dianna Settles for Living Walls
2017

Founded a community-based
501(c)(3) nonprofit organization
serving immigrant communities

Creative Placemaking /
Creative Placekeeping

Arts and Culture

Community Engagement

Inclusive & Equitable Community Engagement

Center communities that we have excluded and marginalized in prior planning efforts, specifically the communities of color that constitute nearly all of metro Atlanta's growth

Arts & Culture Creative Placemaking

Create opportunities to connect and communicate with communities in creative, intentional, and meaningful ways

WORKSHOP[®] DESIGN

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Identify community based organizations led by and serving communities most negatively impacted by and during COVID

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Partner with an artist with a civic and social practice to share their work and facilitate arts-based community design

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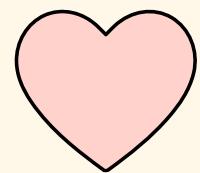
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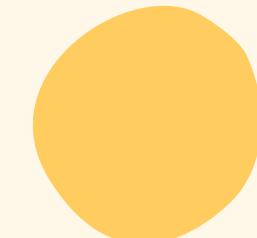
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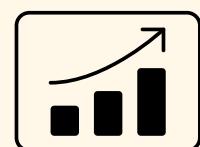
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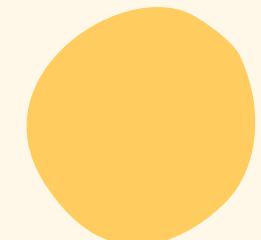
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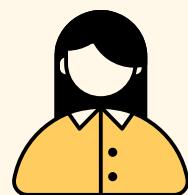
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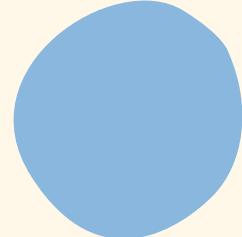
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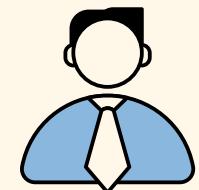
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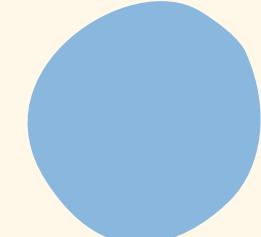
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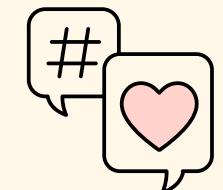
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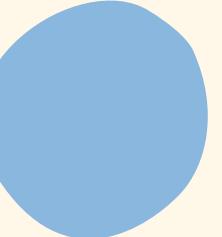
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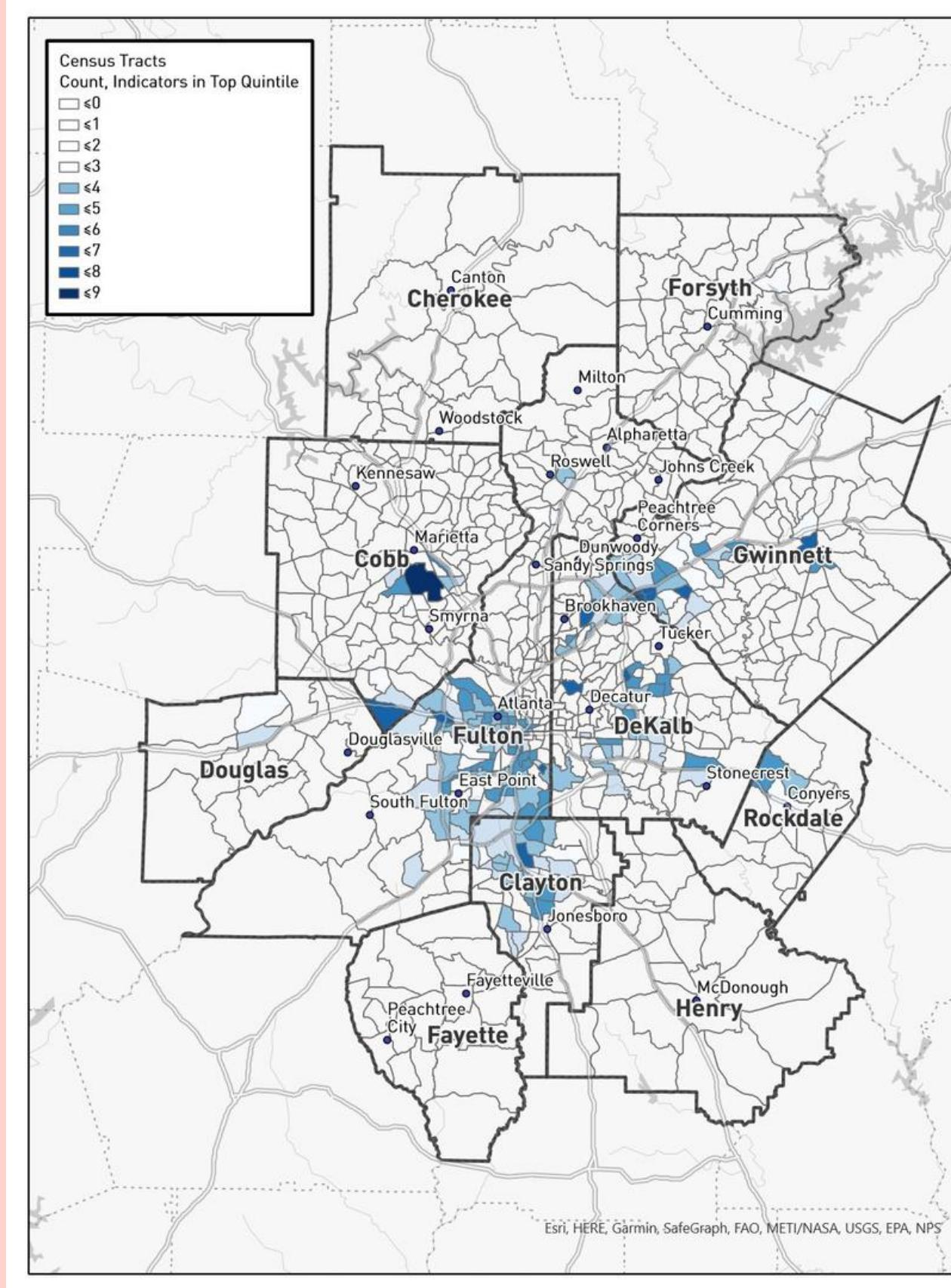


Households
with
Broadband
Access



Households
with Personal
Computers

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS AREAS



Cobb County south of Marietta

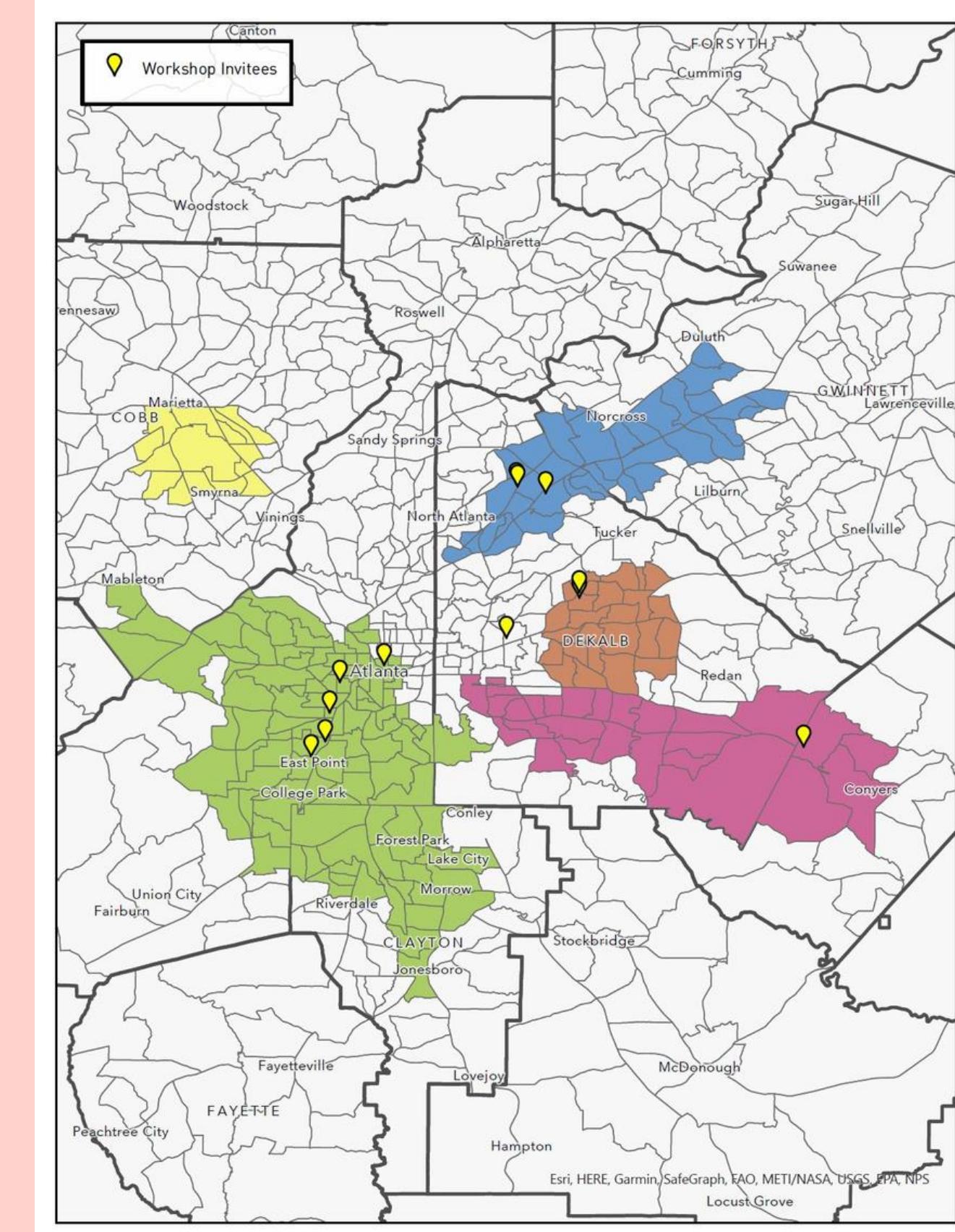
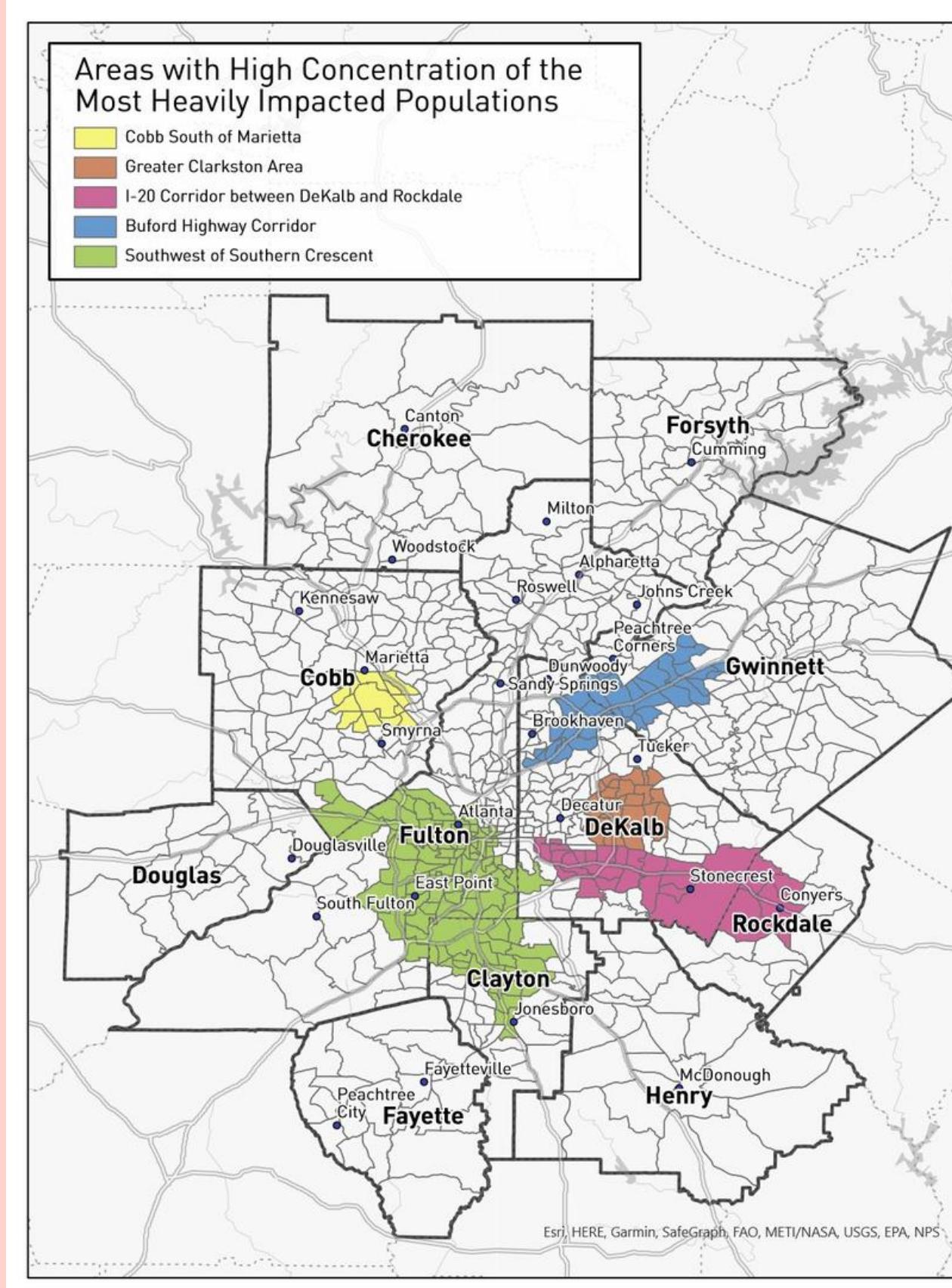
Greater Clarkston Area

1-20 Corridor between DeKalb County and Rockdale County

Buford Highway Corridor

Southwest of Southern Crescent

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS AREAS



PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

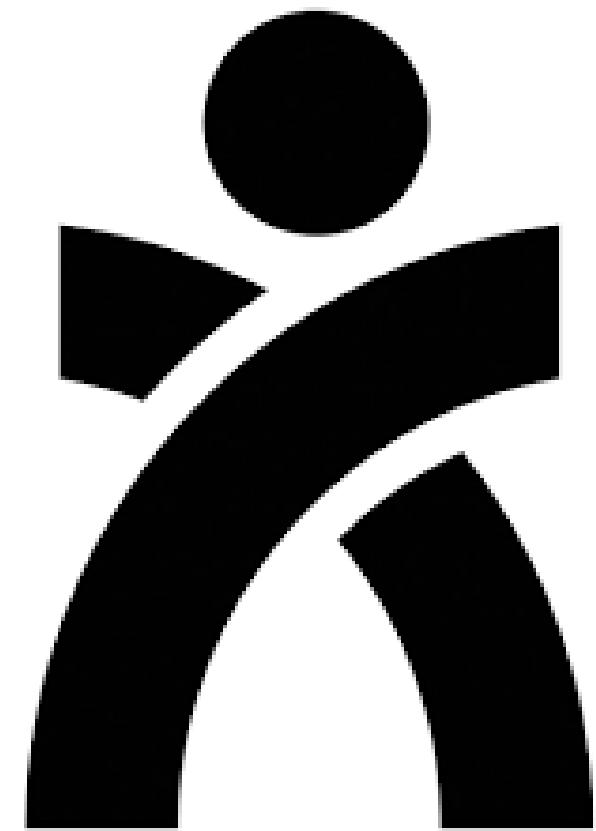
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Center for Pan Asian Community Services

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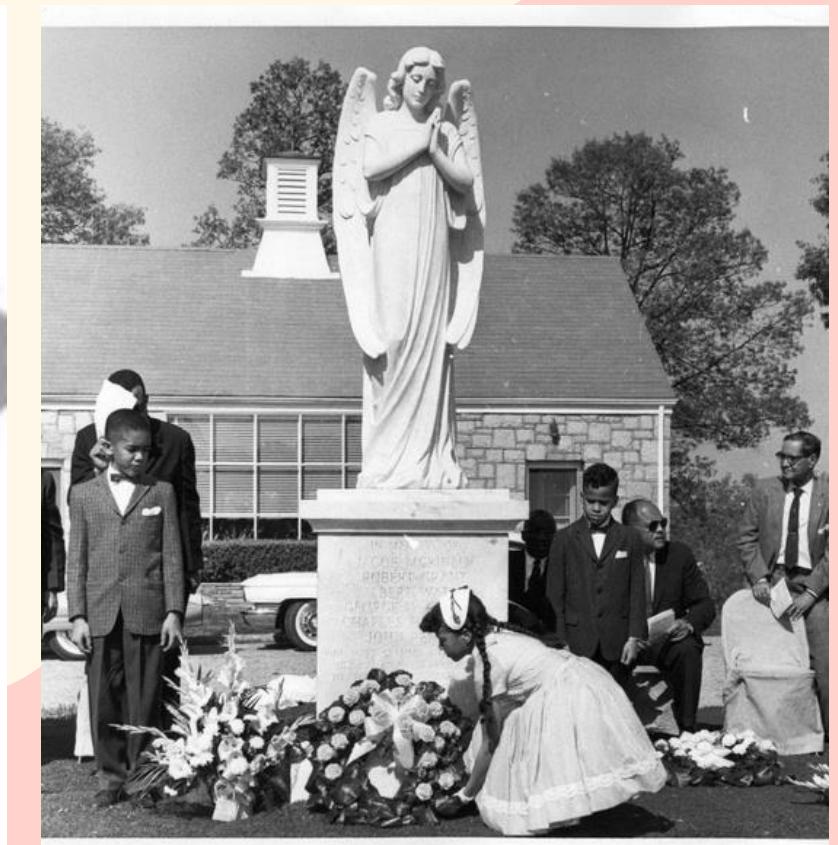
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Global Village Project



Latino Community Fund Georgia



South View Cemetery Association

KEY WORKSHOP ELEMENTS

- up to 10 community based organizations
- 2-3 representatives from each organization
- \$250 compensation to each organization
- 3 project ideas to be included in ALMA 2022
- foundation for CDG-CBO partnership in 2022

WORKSHOP[°] DESIGN

2

Partner with an artist
with a civic and
social practice to
share their work and
facilitate arts-based
community design



CHARMAINE MINNIEFIELD

The work of artist-activist
Charmaine Minniefield preserves
Black narratives as a radical act of
social justice.



REMEMBRANCE AS RESISTANCE

public art as an act of resistance
against erasure

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

- Shared understanding around values
- Community visioning through storytelling
- Discuss arts initiative changing social landscape
- Cohort-based learning
- Community groups share back project ideas

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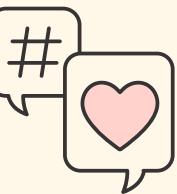
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Partner with CBOs to co-design projects that center their lived experience & knowledge to improve community outcomes

DESIRED WORKSHOP TAKEAWAYS FOR CBOS



Reimagine the role of and learn about new opportunities for CBOs in community planning, particularly with ARC



Acquire examples and ideas for working with artists in the planning process to change community outcomes



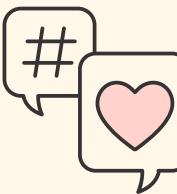
Begin developing one clear idea for addressing a specific community challenge or opportunity through arts and culture

DESIRED WORKSHOP TAKEAWAYS

FOR ARC



Begin building relationships of transparency, accountability, mutuality, and trust with CBOs



Learn by doing and iterating how to collaborate and co-design with and in community



Amplify, support, and effectively partner with CBOs and community voices leading the planning process

THANK YOU!

Feel free to send in any questions
to mliou@atlantaregional.org.

Climate Snapshot: SolarAPP+

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Sustainability Coordinator

Land Use Coordinating Committee

September 30, 2021

Context

- U.S. Department of Energy >
Research & Development Labs
 - National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) > Projects
 - SolarAPP+ automated solar permitting software for cities/counties
 - NREL partnership with Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) on SolarAPP+ adoption





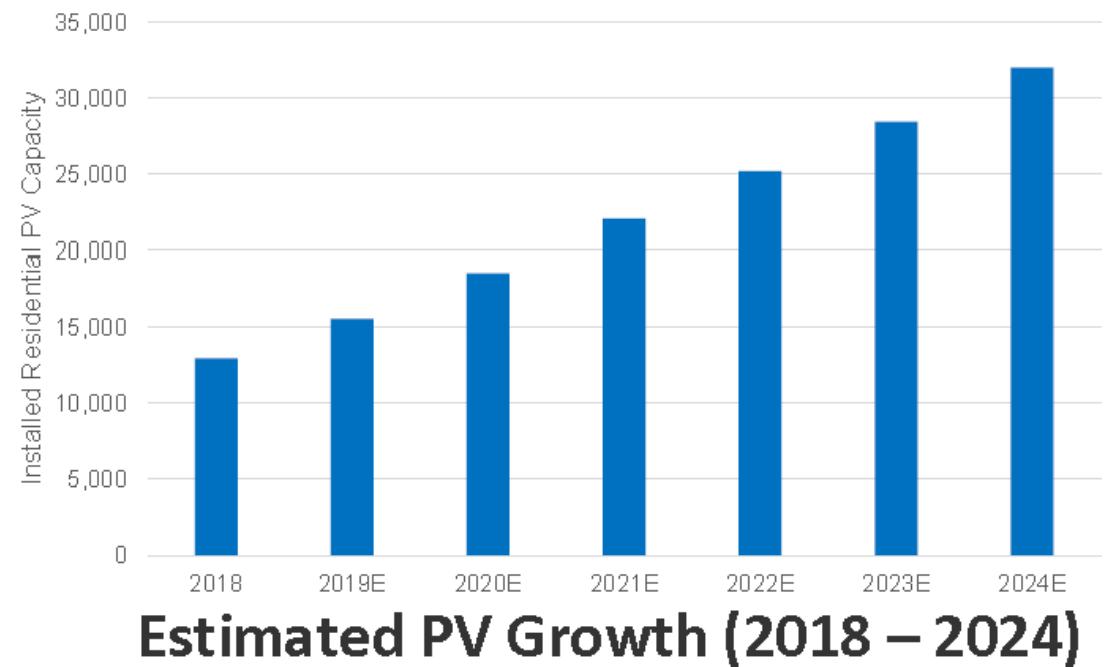
SolarAPP+ is a collaborative effort to accelerate rooftop solar adoption by making it easier for local governments to quickly and safely approve standardized rooftop PV projects for installation using NREL's permitting software.

SolarAPP+ is free for AHJs to adopt and is supported by small admin fees paid by installers.



Why are we developing the SolarAPP+?

- Residential PV markets are expanding
- AHJs must permit and inspect these systems with limited resources
- Many PV systems have similar designs
 - ~75% of solar systems have one inverter and one or two solar arrays.



Source: U.S. Solar Market Insight Q4 2019

What will SolarAPP+ Do?

- Provide a flexible, web-based PV-permitting tool for residential systems at no-cost to AHJs.
- Evaluate applications for safety and code compliance.
- Enable standardization of permitting processes.
- Deliver automated, instant plan review and permit approval
- Provide a clear inspection checklist to streamline inspection processes
- Integrate with existing software platform(s)
- Incorporate energy storage and expand to other market segments.

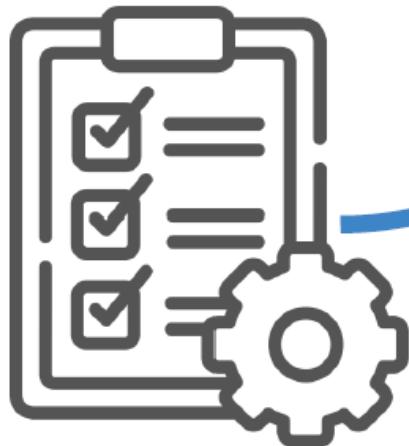
SolarAPP+ Flow

Installer submits an application with design specifications through SolarAPP

1



2



SolarAPP checks the application to ensure the system design is code compliant

3

Code compliant applications are issued a permit instantly after fee payment



Benefits of SolarAPP+

Automated Permitting Can

- Reduce resource constraints on AHJ personnel
- Block incomplete, non-compliant applications
- Allow your staff to focus on tougher projects/tech
- Enable economic development
- Support AHJ clean energy and environmental goals



Past Work

ARC WEBINAR SERIES

Automated Solar Permitting with SolarAPP



May 2021 ([Watch Here](#))

National Renewable Energy
Laboratory

+

Solar Energy Industries Association

Present Work



Measure 18:
Community Solar Ready

13 of 20 certified Green
Communities

Future Work*

