## LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE 2.0

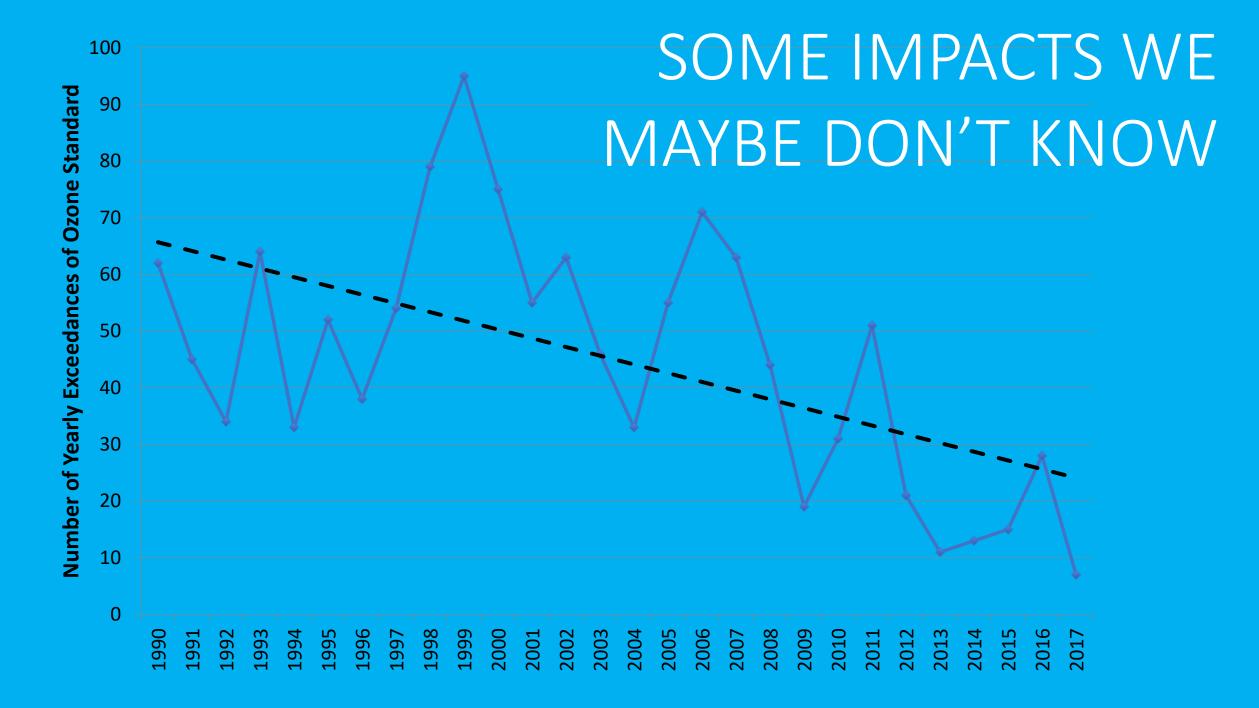
A NEW FRAMEWORK

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## LCI PROGRAM IMPACT

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# OUR REGIONIS CHANGING...

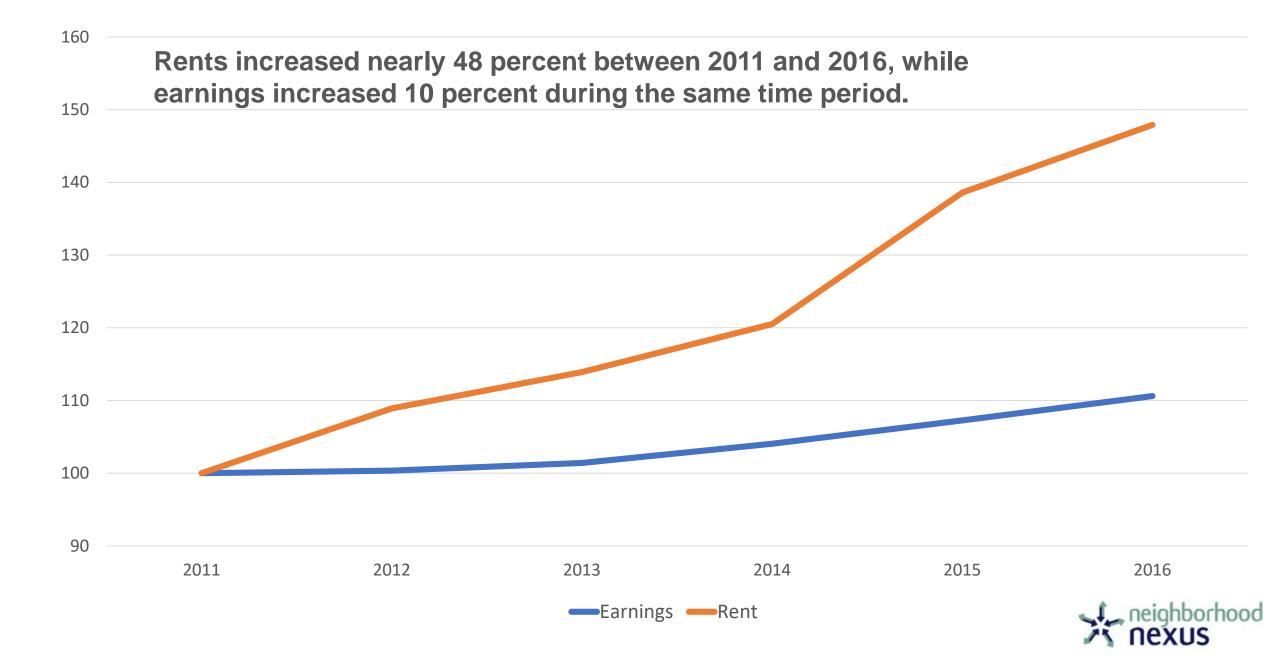
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Today we see new kinds of challenges and opportunities that the LCI is not designed to address

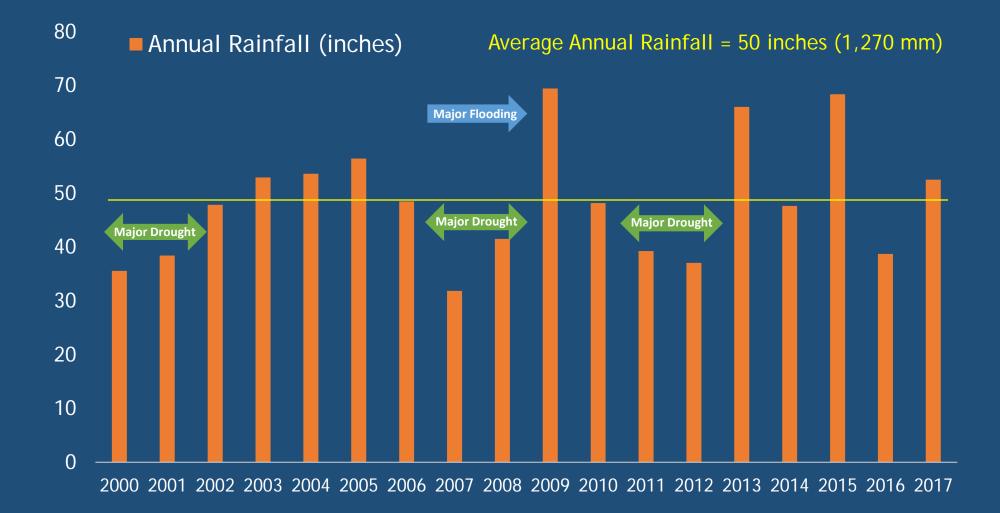
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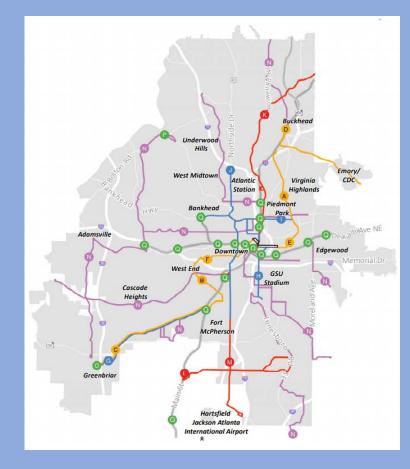
Changing expectations

Changing economy



### Rainfall in the Atlanta Region





### CHANGING EXPECTATIONS

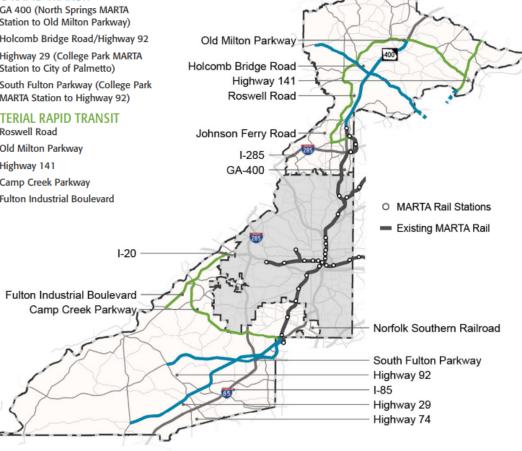


#### **BUS RAPID TRANSIT**

- GA 400 (North Springs MARTA Station to Old Milton Parkway)
- Holcomb Bridge Road/Highway 92
- Highway 29 (College Park MARTA Station to City of Palmetto)
- South Fulton Parkway (College Park MARTA Station to Highway 92)

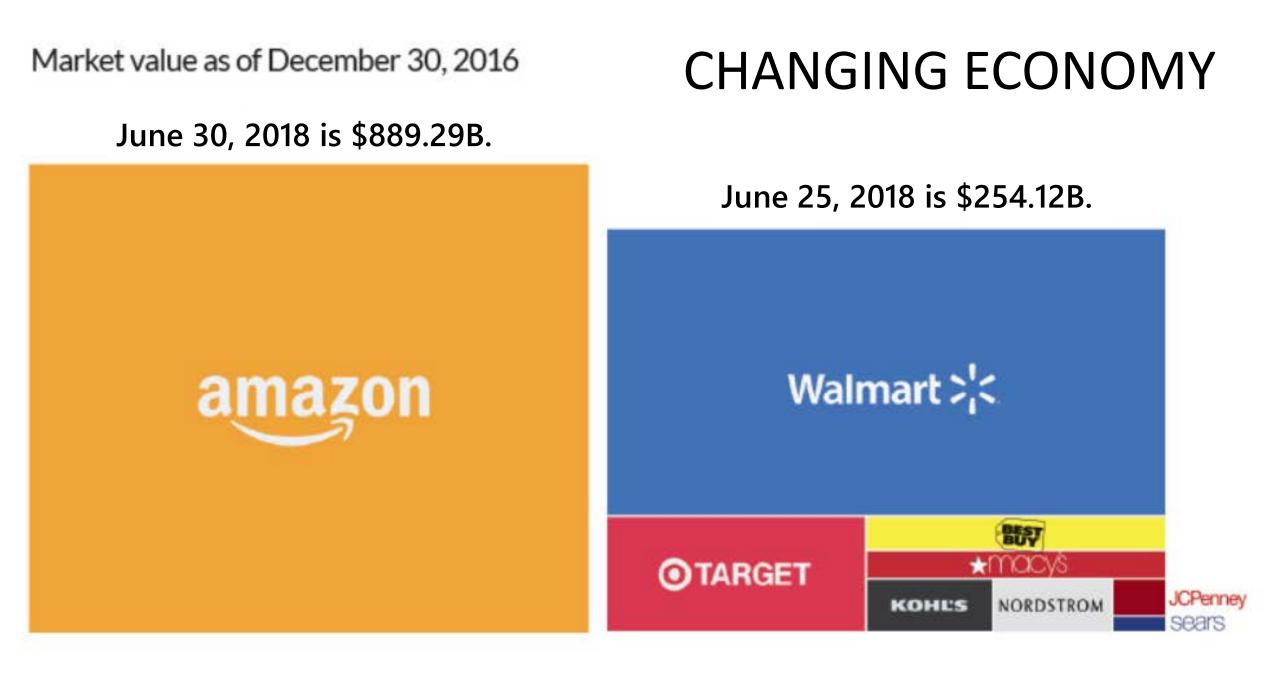
#### **ARTERIAL RAPID TRANSIT**

- Roswell Road
- Old Milton Parkway
- Highway 141
- Camp Creek Parkway
- Fulton Industrial Boulevard





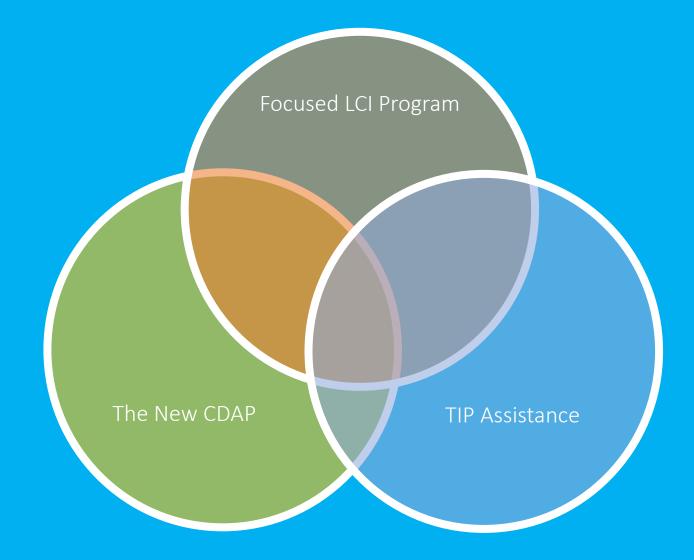






### **A NEW FRAMEWORK**

To make sure that every community achieves its best, the Community Development Group is defining a renewed framework for evaluating and focusing our efforts. It responds to the diversity of our region, acknowledging a wide variety of conditions, perspectives, identities, lifestyles, and values.



## A Focused LCI Program

#### • Catalytic

*Support the creation of transit-oriented development around existing or planned transit nodes (rail or bus); and regional and local town centers that are committed to a multi- faceted planning approach – including resiliency and equity as core components.* 

#### • Tactical

support implementation activities that provide multiple benefits to the LCI area. Studies will be expected to demonstrate how they will help create a more resilient and/or equitable LCI area.

#### • Experimental

support the experimentation of new initiatives within or outside of an LCI area. If the experiment is to be conducted in a geography outside of the LCI area, it should directly benefit the LCI area.

### The New CDAP



community-driven planning assistance to guide local, sub-regional, and County level decision-making

technical assistance to implement high-priority action items identified in adopted plans

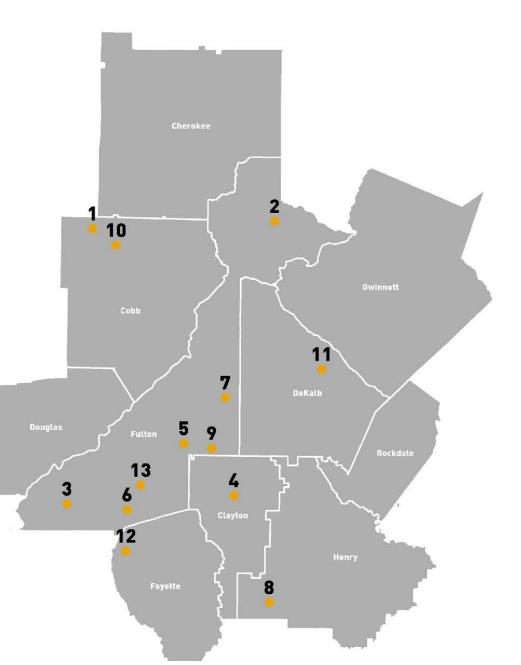
structured education and awareness programs to help a diversity of decisionmakers make well-informed decisions

consensus building activities to help stakeholders achieve desired outcomes for a given program or project

#### **Community Development Assistance Program 2018 Projects**

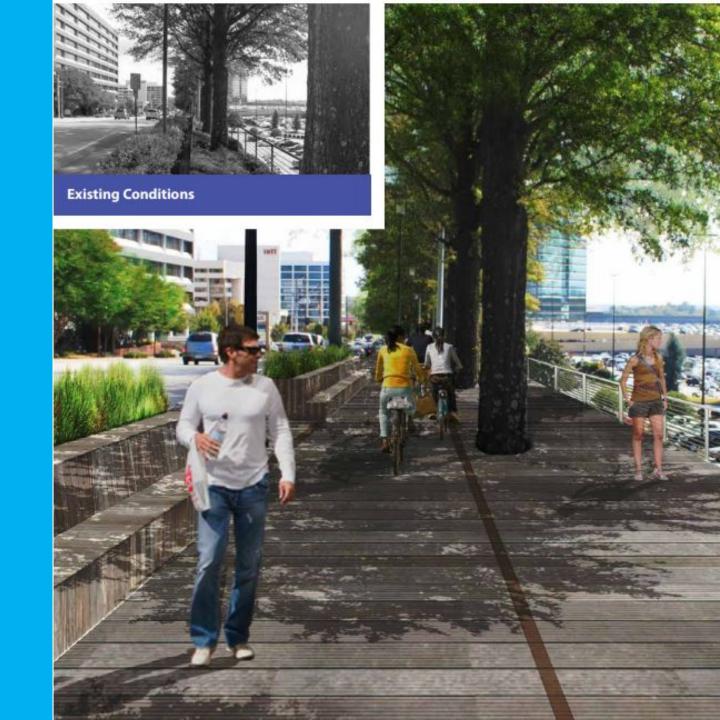
#### **Technical Assistance by ARC Staff**

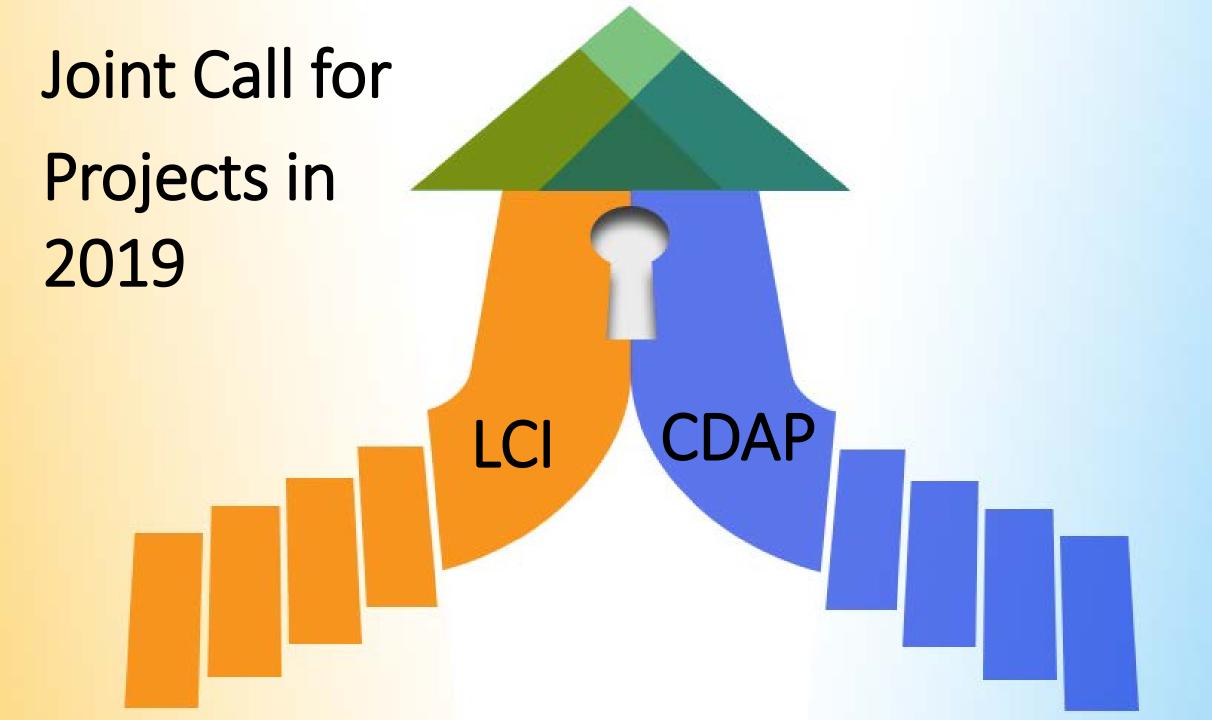
- 1 Acworth Planning Commission and City Council Training
- 2 Alpharetta Placemaking Plan
- 3 Chattahoochee Hills Stormwater Management Manual
- 4 Clayton County Zoning Board Training
- 5 East Point Downtown Overlay District Plan
- 6 Fairburn Creative Placemaking Plan
- 7 Grove Park Visioning and Housing Assessment
- 8 Hampton Economic Development Plan
- Hapeville Affordable Housing Technical Memo and Parking Study
- 10 Kennesaw Stakeholder Facilitation Plan
- 11 Stone Mountain DDA Parking Study
- 12 Tyrone Downtown Zoning District Ordinance
- 13 Union City Community Garden Strategy



### **TIP Assistance**

- College Park Station Access Plan
- Peachtree Street
  Placemaking Plan
- State Route 74 Corridor Study
- Howell Mill Cycle Atlanta Concept Study





### Increase LCI Study Funding



- Increase to \$2 million a year for studies
- Current amount since program inception in 1999
- Administrative costs to remain same
- Critical need identified in focus group meetings

### **IDEAS EXCHANGE WORKSHOP**

September 27, 2018

### IDEAS EXCHANGE WORKSHOP

#### • Format

- Open House
- Two Focus Groups

#### • Purpose

- Introduce new framework idea
- Receive general feedback
- Begin conversations about project ideas and how they may or may not fit in the new framework
- Participants
  - 75+ attendees for open house
  - Two Focus Group meetings; one with County and City Planning Directors, one with LCI Steering Committee

## IDEAS EXCHANGE WORKSHOP

91% supported proposed changes to the program

#### Equity and Resiliency Ideas

- Affordable Housing
- Green Infrastructure
- Workforce Development
- Incorporating education and awareness as part of studies

#### Barriers to Addressing Equity and Resiliency Ideas

- Lack of public understanding of equity and resiliency issues
- Lack of political will
- Need for proper messaging about need to address

### NEXT STEPS

- Continue to receive input
- Define priority topics related to equity and resiliency based on input and discussion.
- Craft a new unified application process
- Launch unified call in January 2019
- Host pre-bid information session in February 2019
- Select projects in April 2019

