

HOUSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Summary of 1999 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Progress

The following is a list of items that were identified as part of, or following, the adoption of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan for Athens-Clarke County. The items listed below have been completed or are near completion.

In order to facilitate the review of this information, the accomplishments listed below have been arranged in topical groupings. This is a representative list of accomplishments and is not intended as a definitive accounting of every action taken in support of housing-related efforts undertaken in Athens-Clarke County since 1999.

General

- Re-written Zoning Code (with revised Official Zoning Map) and Development Regulations created and adopted
- Neighborhood Notification Initiative established

Historic Preservation / Cultural Resource Management

- Local designation of Downtown Athens
- Local designation of Lower Dearing Street area
- Local designation of Henderson Avenue
- Oglethorpe Avenue area studied; local designation failed
- University Drive/Hampton Drive area studied for local designation
- Milledge Avenue area studied for local designation

Parks and Community Recreation Amenities

- Construction of Southeast Clarke Park completed
- Design and preliminary construction completed for East Athens Park
- Dudley Park redevelopment complete
- Memorial Park building renovation and expansion complete
- North Oconee River Greenway expanded; Willow Street section completed

Development Design Standards

- Architectural standards incorporated into development regulations
- Infill development encouraged
- Multi-family design standards established
- AR densities reduced
- Conservation Subdivision ordinance(s) adopted, revised and expanded
- Residential and right-of-way landscaping requirements established and expanded
- Sidewalks required with most new development
- Front yard parking standards set

Environmental

- Adopted Environmental Areas ordinance offering protection to riparian buffers, floodplain, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, and steep slopes.
- Athens-Clarke County Material Recycling Facility completed and expanded.
- Adopted Mass Grading ordinance regulating land disturbance associated with single-family residential subdivision development.
- Developed Community Tree Program (Community Tree Management ordinance and hiring of A-CC Arborist)
- Five tracts of land protected using Athens-Clarke County Greenspace Program
- Langdale property acquired cooperatively and protected as prime agriculture land
- Stormwater Utility created to manage area-wide stormwater improvement program

Housing Stock

- Rehab of nine lower-income owner-occupied units
- Eliminate health hazards for nine other units
- Habitat for Humanity development
- Athens Housing Authority development
- Athens Land Trust, HOME, and other local housing-related agency efforts

Public Infrastructure (Sewer, water, right-of-way improvements, transit)

- Developed bicycle facilities network.
- Developed pedestrian facilities network (Sidewalk Enhancement and Improvement Program)
- Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
- Dirt Roads paving program
- Improve storm drainage in several area basins – most notably Brooklyn Creek
- Construction of the Multi-modal Transportation Center
- Construction of numerous bus shelters
- Ongoing maintenance and expansion of local transit system
- Completed engineering and design of sanitary sewer expansion along Trail Creek and Sandy Creek
- Construction of four new fire stations completed; one more station in development