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## ARC and RBC Honor Innovative Developments



**T**here are more innovative developments than ever before that are “bending the trends” to create a more livable region. And as the region continues to grow, it becomes increasingly important to showcase those projects that stand out as models for sustainable development.

To this end, the **Atlanta Regional Commission** (ARC) and the **Regional Business Coalition** (RBC) recently announced the winners of the third annual **Developments of Excellence** awards. “With so many exciting and innovative developments being built throughout the region, it is tough to single out only a few,” said ARC Director Charles Krautler. “So this year, we doubled the number of awards to recognize the great things happening in this region.”

Past winners include **Lindbergh City Center**, **Millennium in Midtown** and **Monarch Village** in 2000; and **Riverside by Post** and **Ridenour** in 1999. An interdisciplinary jury composed of members of the Georgia Planning Association, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, The Georgia Conservancy, the American Institute of Architects and representatives of both the commercial and residential development communities, among others, made the award selections.

For more information, contact Beverly Rhea at (404) 463-3311, or check ARC’s Web site at [www.atlantaregional.com/landuse/dre\\_2001.html](http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse/dre_2001.html).

### The winners are:

- Development of Excellence Award** . . . . . *Old Suwanee*
- Exceptional Merit Award** . . . . . *Perimeter Summit*  
Existing Suburban Employment Center
- Exceptional Merit Award** . . . . . *Townhomes at Fernwood Park*  
Live/Work Design and Transit  
Oriented Development
- Exceptional Merit Award** . . . . . *East Lake Commons*  
Mixed Income Housing and  
Ecological Protection
- Excellence Award** . . . . . *Bell South Metro Plan*  
Business Vision and Implementation  
of Regional Policies
- Excellence in Planning Award** . . . . . *The Downtown Decatur  
Development Program*  
Local Government Vision, Initiative  
and Implementation of Regional Policies

For many years ARC has reviewed **Developments of Regional Impact** (DRIs) in the Atlanta Region to determine their potential positive or negative effect. Past **Developments of Excellence Award** winners have been selected from projects reviewed.

This year, however, ARC and the RBC also considered developments that do not meet the DRI thresholds, but nevertheless exemplify quality growth in the Atlanta Region. In awarding the annual **Developments of Excellence** awards, ARC and RBC intend to showcase both large-scale and smaller, innovative developments that are setting the standard for how we might design more livable communities.



### The Development of Excellence Award

**Old Suwanee**, a joint partnership of the City of Suwanee and Richport Properties

The Old Suwanee Development is the result of a unique partnership between the City of Suwanee and Richport Properties. This 27-acre, 104-home development emphasizes traditional neighborhood design through a modified grid street pattern with the use of alleys to promote pedestrian safety and community-building. The home prices have been kept well below market averages for the area, while designed with historical accents that give it a feel and complexity beyond the standard of today. Regulatory modifications and development agreements between the public/private partners have led to a strong relationship that continues with the addition of a mixed-use component to the project. The collaborative effort between the city and developer allowed them to revive a dormant area of the city and preserve and improve upon its unique character.

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# ARC Brings Community Choices for 2002



## 22 Communities Apply For LCI Planning Grants

The application period for the third round of **Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)** study funds came to a close at the end of November after receiving 22 applications from communities throughout the Atlanta Region. The successful recipients will be announced in late January.

ARC already awarded 22 planning grants totaling \$2 million in the first two years of this program, with 12 communities having already completed their studies. Including this third round, ARC will have awarded \$3 million for smart growth studies, with \$2 million more over the next two years. Then, beginning in FY 2003, ARC will make \$350 million available for project and plan implementation.

The 22 new applicants can be categorized as follows:

### Types of Applicants

- 13 cities
- 3 counties
- 3 CID/TMAs
- 2 civic associations
- 1 consultant

### Types of Studies

- 9 activity centers
- 12 town centers
- 1 "other"

For more information about the *Livable Centers Initiative*, call Dan Reuter at (404) 463-3305, or go to ARC's Web site at [www.atlantaregional.com/landuse/lci.html](http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse/lci.html).



## ARC Board Members, Staff Recognized in Georgia Trend

Georgia Trend Magazine's January 2002 issue features its annual 100 Most Influential Georgians and Notable Georgians. Among the Most Influential Georgians are ARC Chairman and Gwinnett County Commission Chair Wayne Hill and ARC Director Charles Krautler. ARC Board Member and Fulton County Commission Chair Mike Kenn was honored as a Most Notable Georgian. All were recognized for their influence in business or government, and involvement in civic activities.



In November of last year, ARC kicked off **Community Choices**, an exciting new initiative that will provide the region's communities with new tools and resources for greater livability. Realizing that one size does not fit all, **Community**

**Choices** offers unique and customizable strategies for communities grappling with growth challenges.

This initiative brings a comprehensive, holistic approach to community planning. A major component involves techniques to help citizens and planners envision community design alternatives. The **Community Choices Visualization CD** includes a thorough discussion of the types of visualization technology available, how these technologies can be applied in a local setting and examples of how communities have used these technologies. Whether simple photography or sophisticated GIS, the **Community Choices Visualization CD** is a valuable resource to communities that are interested in bringing the planning process to life.

Also included on the **Visualization CD** are six tools designed to offer customized solutions for a variety of growth challenges - from promoting transit-oriented development to developing conservation districts. With a simple click of a mouse, anybody can download these comprehensive tools and model ordinances that can be put to use right away.

ARC will conduct training sessions on how to use these technologies and help communities put these resources into action through the **Community Planning Academy**. Now in its second year, the **Community Planning Academy** provides targeted education to citizens and planners to enhance their community-building skills.

Further, ARC will make customized resource teams available to local governments upon request to assist with a wide variety of challenges.

"This program is all about making good choices. But, there are no cookie-cutter solutions. That's why we have a broad range of tools and solutions that we hope will be helpful to everyone, from the smallest city to the largest county in our region," said ARC Director Charles Krautler.

For more information about the resources available through **Community Choices**, call Kellie McDonough at (404) 463-3212, or email her at [kmcdonough@atlantaregional.com](mailto:kmcdonough@atlantaregional.com).

### The Community Choices Visualization CD includes:

- ▶ How to use a vast array of visualization techniques
- ▶ A video explaining the Community Choices program
- ▶ Downloadable software and a photo library of over 200 images
- ▶ Six initial tools in the Community Choices Toolkit, ranging from transit-oriented development to conservation subdivisions



## LCI Development Fair

**Building a Livable Region One Community at a Time:** ARC, in conjunction with the **Atlanta District Council of the Urban Land Institute (ULI Atlanta)** and the **Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association (GAHBA)**, recently put on a **Livable Centers Initiative (LCI)** Development Fair that brought developers, financial institutions and builders together to learn about the LCI program and opportunities for development in LCI study areas.

More than 140 developers from the Atlanta Region attended and received information about the 22 LCI communities that have completed or begun specific studies to ensure livability in the future.



# Innovative Developments Continued

## Exceptional Merit Award

*For Excellence in the Enhancement of an Existing Suburban Employment Center*

### **Perimeter Summit** by *Hines Development*

Perimeter Summit was nominated by DeKalb County and is located inside I-285 at Ashford-Dunwoody Road. It was originally redeveloped as an office park development from a 120-home subdivision in the 1980s. Hines purchased the project in 1998, envisioning the addition of condominium and apartment residential buildings with retail services along the street to create a mixed-use pedestrian environment. Combined with over 23 acres of parks, Hines has transformed an existing development into a true urban, mixed-use community.



## Exceptional Merit Award

*For Excellence in the Live/Work Design and Transit-Oriented Development*

### **Fernwood Park** by *Jack Honderd and Betsy Eggers*

Fernwood Park is a 6.2-acre, 72-unit townhome project located in DeKalb County adjacent to the Brookhaven Marta Station. The development, located just across the street from the MARTA station, exemplifies how redevelopment can fit into the existing pattern of streets and homes, while improving the viability of transit use through compact design. It also includes live/work units that face the MARTA station, which work to enhance the residential feel of the project. Through its transit-supportive design, Fernwood Park allows people to engage in multiple activities, all within short walking distance of each other.

## Exceptional Merit Award

*For Excellence in the Design of Mixed-Income Housing and Ecological Protection*

### **East Lake Commons** by *East Lake Commons Inc. and Village Habitat Design*

East Lake Commons is an 18-acre infill project located near the East Lake Country Club in DeKalb County. This 67-unit townhome development was designed and developed to promote true mixed-income housing through support programs to help lower-income families purchase housing. The \$90,000 to \$300,000 range of housing costs exemplifies an emphasis on promoting inclusion in the design of the project. In addition, the design saves over 55 percent of the project for greenspace including woodlands, ponds and seven acres of farms and gardens.



## Excellence Award

*For Business Vision and Implementation of Regional Policies*

### **The BellSouth Metro Plan** by *BellSouth Inc.*

The BellSouth Metro Plan is a truly visionary plan that will consolidate 23 offices dispersed throughout the region into three new development areas. These development sites are all located at MARTA transit stations with special attention given to securing MARTA parking and transit use rights for BellSouth employees. This plan will significantly improve the quality of life for BellSouth employees while promoting all of the Regional Development Plan policies. The plan represents the synthesis of community and business needs to provide the best future for the region.

## Excellence in Planning Award

*For Local Government Vision, Initiative, and Implementation of Regional Policies*

### **The Downtown Decatur Development Program** by *the City of Decatur*

The Downtown Decatur Development Program started in 1982 with their first Town Center Plan and has evolved into a development vision that comprehensively implements all of the Regional Development Plan policies. The City of Decatur's plans lay a foundation for future growth, while promoting and approving projects in its downtown that mix uses to the finest grain, enhance pedestrian life and strengthen the character of place. It is this type of vision that makes Decatur a wonderful place to live, work and play.



# 2002 Atlanta Regional Commission

## New Public Elected Officials



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**Hon. Shirley Franklin**  
*Mayor, City of Atlanta*



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**Hon. Marguerite Cline**  
*Mayor, City of Waleska*



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*Mayor, City of Kennesaw*



FAYETTE COUNTY  
**Hon. Ken Steele**  
*Mayor, City of Fayetteville*

## New Citizen Members



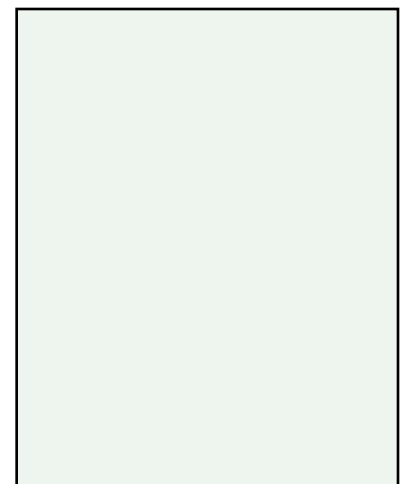
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*Architect, Homer Lewis Associates, Inc.*



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(representing Cobb)  
**Mr. Dan Post, Jr.**  
*CPA*

# 2001 Developments of Regional Impact

For many years ARC has reviewed large-scale developments that are likely to have regional impact. These **Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)** reviews ensure improved communication between not only the host community, but also its neighbors that also may be affected by such projects.

In 2001, ARC received 38 DRIs for review, the results of which are listed below with brief explanations for some of the more unique proposals. *For more information on the thresholds that trigger a DRI review, please check [www.atlantaregional.com/landuse/dris.html](http://www.atlantaregional.com/landuse/dris.html), or call Beverly Rhea at (404) 463-3311.*

## 2001 REVIEWS OF DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT (DRI)

### BellSouth Midtown Center – City of Atlanta

Development of 524,749 sq.ft. of office space (including 54,850 sq.ft. of retail space) to be constructed on the block bounded by West Peachtree, Cypress, 3rd and 4th Streets.

*Determined in the Best Interest*

### Canterra Crossroads – DeKalb County

Proposed development of 66 single-family homes, 66 cluster homes, 24 townhomes, approximately 20 condominiums (above retail) and 373 sq.ft. of commercial space on 121 acres on the east side of Panola Road slightly north of Hillandale Road and the planned new Salem Baptist Church.

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### Cedar Grove Lakes – Fulton County

Proposed development of 655 single-family homes, 200 townhomes, 1,450 multi-family residential units, a 136-unit assisted living facility, a 200-room hotel, 200,000 sq.ft. of commercial/office space, 6,000 sq.ft. of convenience retail and daycare center(s) on 541.1 acres of land generally south of the intersection of South Fulton Parkway and Cedar Grove Roads.

*Determined in the Best Interest*

### Gateway Center – City of College Park

Proposed development of 400,000 sq.ft. of office space, 1,600 hotel rooms, and 200,000 sq.ft. of convention and trade center on 410 acres on the south side of Camp Creek Parkway northwest of Roosevelt Highway.

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### Midtown Park – City of Atlanta

Proposed development of 1,225,000 sq.ft. of office space, 955 apartments, and 65,000 sq.ft. of retail space on 12.098 acres bounded by Williams Street, Peachtree Place, Spring Street, and 5th Street.

*Determined in the Best Interest*

### Queen's Mill – Cobb County

Proposed development of 264 single-family homes, 228 condominiums, 15,000 sq.ft. of retail space with approximately 15 residential units over the retail space, and 20,000 sq.ft. of other retail space on 112 acres on the south side of Veterans Memorial Highway and the east side of Queen's Mill Road.

*Determined in the Best Interest*

### Sandtown Center – Fulton County

Proposed development of 75 single-family homes, 150 townhouses, 50 live/work units, 225 units of assisted and independent senior living, 350 apartments, 200 loft apartments, 259,000 sq.ft. of retail/office/medical space, 11,000 sq.ft. of child care, 200-room hotel/conference facility, 5,000 sq.ft. of service station/general store and 120,000 sq.ft. for potential community uses such as Y, library, fire and/or charter school on 223 acres on the south side of Boat Rock Road and the east side of Reynolds Road.

*Determined in the Best Interest*

### W.B. Casey Water Reclamation Facility Expansion/Pipeline and Huie Constructed Wetland Treatment System – Clayton County

Proposed construction of a new expanded Casey Water Reclamation Facility, shutting down existing Casey and R.L. Jackson facilities, construction of a pipeline between the two, and construction of wetlands at the Huie Land Application Site.

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### Winter Properties Marietta Boulevard Mixed-Use Development – City of Atlanta

Proposed development of 584,800 sq.ft. of office space, 614 residential units and 5,000 sq.ft. of retail space on 27 acres on the northeast side of Marietta Boulevard, north of Elaine Avenue and extending at one point to Ellsworth Industrial Drive.

*Determined in the Best Interest*

Governor's Club - Cobb and Paulding Counties <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Crescent Galleria Parkway Office Building – Cobb County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Cousins Properties/Northside Hospital – Fulton County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Manchester Pointe – City of College Park <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Gwinnett Civic and Cultural Center Expansion – Gwinnett County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Gravelly Tract Office and Residential Mixed Use Development – Gwinnett County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Hamilton Mill Business Park – City of Buford <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
The Bluffs of Technology Park – City of Canton <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
South Park Business Park Addition – Clayton County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
The Campus at Woodside – Douglas County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Camp Creek Business Centre Addition – City of East Point <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Horizon Ridge Business Park – City of Suwanee <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Safeguard Landfill Expansion – Fulton County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Soful Landfill – Fulton County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Oakley Township – Fulton County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Creekside Industrial Park – Henry County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
J. A. Green Industrial Development – Clayton County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
James Parkway Development – City of Powder Springs <i>Determined Not in the Best Interest</i>
Chadwick Road Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Pine Grove – City of Stockbridge <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Cherokee County Airport Improvements – Cherokee County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Walker Concrete Company – Clayton County <i>Determined Not in the Best Interest</i>
Hartman Road Business Park – Cobb County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Gwinnett Partners U.S. 41 Development – City of Kennesaw <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Abbott's Bridge Tract – Fulton County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Omni Hotel Expansion – City of Atlanta <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Camp Creek Marketplace – City of East Point <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Creekside of Sugar Hill – City of Sugar Hill <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>
Villages of Hampton – Henry County <i>Determined in the Best Interest</i>

# Georgia's Gas Tax Explored in ARC Regional Issues Fall Poll

Previous polling efforts indicate that traffic congestion is the number one concern for metro Atlantans, but one of the more taxing questions is how to pay for needed improvements. The latest **ARC Regional Issues Fall Poll** delved into these issues as several questions were asked pertaining to Georgia's motor fuel tax, currently the lowest in the nation.

The current poll explained that the average motor fuel tax in the U.S. is 20 cents per gallon, while Georgia's is 7.5 cents per gallon. Still, when asked if the tax should be increased to fund roadway projects, 63 percent said no. Interestingly, though, when those who said no to increasing the tax were asked if they supported a decrease, an overwhelming 80 percent preferred the tax to be kept the same.

Georgia's Constitution states that the gas tax can only be used for roads and roadway improvements. The current poll asked whether Georgia's Constitution should be changed to allow the tax to also be used for mass transit. Even though 59 percent of respondents felt the tax should be changed to be more flexible and allow for transit investments, 48 percent still did not want the tax raised to fund mass transit projects.

By asking respondents about both roadway projects and transit, an interesting comparison emerge. While only 32 percent said they would

increase the gas tax to fund roadway projects, 46 percent supported an increase to fund mass transit projects.

Finally, 77 percent of the respondents said they drive alone to work, compared with seven percent who carpool, six percent who work at home and five percent who take mass transit. When those who drove alone to work were asked what action they would take if their commute to work became significantly longer, 24 percent (the most popular answer) said they would do nothing, choosing to sit longer in traffic. Carpooling (20 percent) and taking mass transit (17 percent) were the next two highest responses.

"It is clear that the public is concerned about finding additional funds for transit," said Tom Weyandt, ARC's Director of Comprehensive Planning. "The region's challenge is to develop comprehensive funding that is directed towards our transportation needs and is acceptable to an informed public."

The **ARC Regional Issues Poll** is conducted quarterly by the **Applied Research Center at Georgia State University**. It is a scientific survey of randomly selected adult residents in the 13-county air quality, non-attainment area.

For more information about this poll, contact Mike Carnathan at (404) 463-3101.

**Question: Georgia's Constitution states that the gas tax can only be used for roads and roadway improvements. The average motor fuel tax in the U.S. is 20 cents/gallon while Georgia's is 7.5 cents/gallon. Would you support an increase in Georgia's motor fuel tax to fund roadway projects?**

- 32% Yes
- 63% No
- 5% didn't know/didn't answer



**Question: How much do you think Georgia's gas tax should be increased, for example, by 10, 15, 20 cents/gallon? (Asked only to those who responded "Yes" to the above question)**

- 65% said 10 cents
- 8% said 15 cents
- 6% said 20 cents
- 16% offered a different answer
- 5% didn't know/didn't answer



**Question: Do you think Georgia's motor fuel tax should be decreased or kept the same? (Asked only of those who said they did not think the tax should be increased).**

- 17% said it should be decreased
- 80% said it should be kept the same
- 3% didn't answer/didn't know



**Question: Would you support a change to Georgia's Constitution that allows the gas tax to be used for mass transit projects as well as roadway projects?**

- 59% Yes
- 34% No
- 6% didn't answer/didn't know



**Question: Would you support an increase in Georgia's motor fuel tax to fund mass transit projects?**

- 46% Yes
- 48% No
- 6% Didn't know/didn't answer



**Question: How much do you think Georgia's gas tax should be increased, for example, by 10, 15, 20 cents/gallon? (Asked only to those who responded "Yes" to the above question)**

- 60%...said 10 cents
- 17%...said 15 cents
- 1%...said 20 cents
- 15% offered a different answer
- 10% didn't know/didn't answer



**Question: How do you usually get to your job location?**

- 77% Drive alone
- 7% Carpool
- 5% Mass Transit
- 6% Work at Home
- 6% Other



**Question: If your commute to work were to become significantly longer, which one of the following actions would you be most likely to take? (Asked only to those who drive alone to work)**

- 24% Do nothing
- 20% Carpool
- 17% Mass Transit
- 13% Change Jobs
- 13% Move
- 11% Work from Home



# Atlanta Builders Recognized for Developing “Easy Living” Homes

Two well-known Atlanta area builders - **Bob Adams Homes** and **Wendt Builders, Inc.** - were recently honored at the **Metropolitan Partnership In Aging (MPIA)** Business and Aging Breakfast for developing innovative homes geared towards older adults. Both builders have worked with the aging community to develop housing for changing lifestyles, incorporating features of *Easy Living Homes*. The homes include features such as a level entrance, wide passage through hallways and doors as well as first floor bedrooms.

*Easy Living Homes* is a concept developed by partners in the disabilities and aging communities, along with the public sector including the ARC, *Statewide Independent Living Centers*, *Concrete Change*, *AARP*, *Georgia Department of Community Affairs*, *Easter Seals*, *The Shepard Center* and the *HomeBuilders Association of Georgia*.

“So many companies are recognizing the importance of partnerships with the aging community,” said Maureen Kelly of ARC’s Aging Division and coordinator of MPIA. “As society grays, everything changes from employment issues to caregiving to housing and recreation.”

**Metropolitan Partnership in Aging** is a consortium including ARC and the 10 county-based aging programs whose mission is to work with members of the business community to create mutually beneficial partnerships.

The annual MPIA breakfast invites the business community to a mini-briefing on different topics relative to aging issues and to announce the winners of the annual “Business and Aging” awards. Previous award winners include *Georgia Power* and *WSB-TV’s Family-2-Family*.

**EasyLiving  
Home** <sup>CM</sup>



**October 24, 2001**

The 2001 Regional Leadership Institute (RLI) graduating class presented a position paper to the ARC Board entitled “*If Not Now, When? If Not Us, Who?: Areas of Policy Change and Achievement Possible for the Atlanta Region*”....An overview of the activities of ARC’s Workforce Development Division were given, focusing on the economy and the numerous layoffs the Atlanta Region is experiencing....A preview was provided of the November 14 kick-off of *Community Choices*, a new initiative that will provide the region’s communities with new tools and resources for greater livability....The Board adopted the *FY 2002-2004 Transportation Improvement Program and Associated Amendment of the 2025 Regional Transportation Plan*. At \$4.6 billion, this TIP is the largest in the region’s history and more than doubles the previous TIP....Announcement was made of the new slate of *Citizen District Members* who will assume a seat on the ARC Board on January 1, 2002....The “*Atlanta Region Job Access Transportation Plan*” was released to the Board on CD.

**November 2001**

ARC Board does not meet in November.

**December 5, 2001**

Appreciation was expressed to members of the Commission who will not return in January. They include City of Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell, Peachtree City Mayor Bob Lenox and Marietta Mayor Ansley Meaders. Outgoing Citizen Members include **Paul Bolster, Jack Carrollton, Doug Mitchell, Rick Porter, Paul Robinson and Robbie Robinson**.... Results of the *Metro Atlanta Source Water Assessment Project* were shared with the Board....The Commission adopted a 2002 Work Program and Budget....The new *Georgia Generations* magazine was distributed to the Board. Published quarterly as a joint initiative by the Area Agencies on Aging across Georgia, it provides information to caregivers of older adults, grandparents raising grandchildren or anyone else in a caregiver role.... Highlights of the recent *Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Development Fair* were presented.... The GRTA (Georgia Regional Transportation Authority) Procedures for DRI (Development of Regional Impact) Review was distributed for information.... ARC and the Regional Business Coalition (RBC) announced the recipients of the third annual *Developments of Excellence* awards.... “Not in the best interest of the State” was the finding by the ARC Board on the *Walker Concrete Company’s proposed concrete batch plant* located on 12.59 acres of land in the northern limits of the City of Jonesboro.



## TAKE NOTE

### New ARC Publications

**2001 Annual Report** called *Highlighting Regional Progress* provides an overview of regional issues and ARC’s activities, initiatives and accomplishments in 2001. No charge

**Community Choices Visualization CD** provides new ways to help citizens and planners visualize community design possibilities – from architectural renderings to 3D GIS technology. No charge

**2002 Transportation Fact Book** presents a summary of current data for the transportation system in the 10-county Atlanta Region. It includes information about the existing regional transportation infrastructure and travel patterns as well as other transportation-related issues. No charge

To order these or other ARC publications, call 404-463-3102 or visit [www.atlantaregional.com/bookstore](http://www.atlantaregional.com/bookstore).

### Get the Facts on Suburban Redevelopment

The Atlanta Region’s growth over the past 20 years is well-documented, with much of this growth centered in pockets outside of the downtown core. As suburban commercial areas begin to decline, it is important to develop strategies for reuse to ensure continued vitality and usefulness. The **City of Roswell**, the **Urban Land Institute (ULI) - Atlanta District** and **ARC** will sponsor a **Symposium on Suburban Redevelopment** on **March 15**, from **8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** that will explore this issue and present successful redevelopment stories from throughout the Southeast. It will be held in the **Roswell Cultural Arts Center**.

**Geoffrey Booth**, ULI’s Director of Retail Development and author of *Transforming Suburban Business Districts* will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Kathy Field with the City of Roswell at (770) 594-6173.

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The Atlanta Regional Commission is the official planning agency for the 10-county Atlanta Region including Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale counties, as well as the City of Atlanta and 62 other cities. It is a forum where leaders come together to discuss and act on issues of regionwide consequence.

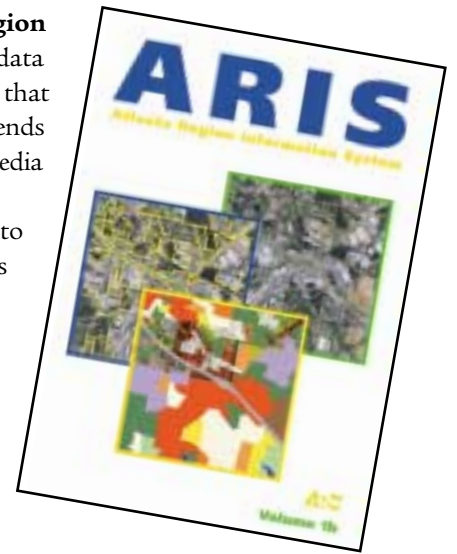
# Updated ARIS is Powerful Information Tool

ARC recently introduced the latest version of the **Atlanta Region Information System (ARIS)**, which includes 1999 Land Use data and 2000 Census data. ARIS is a four-volume set of CD-ROMs that forms the center of a powerful decision support system. ARIS blends Geographic Information System (GIS) software, data, and multimedia presentation tools into an easy-to-use PC environment.

ARIS is a powerful and cost-effective resource with which to access, analyze and present the Atlanta Regional Commission's extensive geographic and demographic data on the 10-county Atlanta Region.

**Applications include:**

- location analysis
- marketing studies
- environmental planning
- economic development
- digital imagery
- power point presentation tool for community planning



**How to Find Out More!**

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## C A L E N D A R

### February 2002

- 5** 1:00 p.m.  
Aging Services Task Force, Location TBA,  
Contact: *Maureen Kelly at 404-463-3222*
- 7** 9:30 a.m.  
Land Use Coordinating Committee, CANCELLED
- 8** 9:30 a.m.  
Transportation Coordinating Committee, ARC Offices,  
Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*
- 13** 10:30 a.m.  
Economic and Community Development  
Committee, Executive Conference Room,  
Contact: *Tony Landers at 404-463-3210*
- 14** 9:30 a.m.  
Communications and Public Involvement  
Committee, Executive Conference Room,  
Contact: *Julie Ralston at 404-463-3190*  
10:30 a.m.  
Transportation and Air Quality Committee,  
Amphitheater/ARC Board Room,  
Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*  
12:00 p.m.  
Environment and Land Use Committee,  
Harry West Community Room,  
Contact: *Pat Stevens at 404-463-3255*
- 22** 9:30 a.m.  
Transportation Coordinating Committee, ARC Offices,  
Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*
- 27** 12:00 p.m.  
Executive Committee, Executive Conference Room,  
Contact: *Phyllis Thigpen at 404-463-3102*  
1:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting, Amphitheater/ARC Board Room,  
Contact: *Phyllis Thigpen at 404-463-3102*

### March 2002

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Contact: *Maureen Kelly at 404-463-3222*
- 7** 9:30 a.m.  
Land Use Coordinating Committee, ARC Offices,  
Contact: *Dan Reuter at 404-463-3251*
- 8** 9:30 a.m.  
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Contact: *Jane Hayse at 404-463-3265*
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