

Lifelong Mableton: Creating a Livable Community for All Ages

The Atlanta Regional Commission has fostered a dynamic partnership with Cobb County, Cobb neighborhood associations and developers to create the Lifelong Mableton initiative, a program designed to make Mableton a thriving place where young singles, families, empty nesters and the frail can live throughout their lifetimes.

This session will have an updated description in the next couple of weeks.

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Mitigation Plans- How to Navigate the Federal Requirements for developing an Approvable Local or State Mitigation Plans

The Region IV Mitigation Planning Team is responsible for reviewing Mitigation Plans from Local and State in Region IV. Countless errors are made because the developer and even contractors do not understand what is intended or needed for compliance with the Federal regulations. I propose to present a “Nitty-Gritty” sessions of how to develop an approvable mitigation plan

CM : 1.25

Creating Sustainable Coastal Georgia

This session will highlight recent accomplishments in the area of comprehensive sector planning, transportation planning, plan implementation programs, and introduction of new public transit services within the evolving Coastal Georgia. Representatives from a variety of public agencies involved in these efforts will discuss innovations in planning, implementation, and intergovernmental coordination and collaboration.

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Funding Strategies for Plan Implementation

Developing a way to fund the initiatives in a Comprehensive Plan should be an intrinsic part of the planning process. The new City of Dunwoody provides a case in point—the full range of funding approaches were considered hand-in-hand with the decision-making processes fundamental to preparation of its first-ever Comprehensive Plan. Considering the opportunities, limitations and strings attached to funding sources will assist any community in matching its dreams to reality.

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Discovering Your Community Patterns - A Creative Way to Implement Character Areas

Is your community baffled by Character Areas? Learn from planning staff who undertook an intensive study of the development patterns within Cherokee County. Using a combination of field work and GIS, the team wrote a reference document for citizens, developers, county staff, and elected officials to understand existing development patterns.

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Keys to Base Sustainment - Moody Air Force Base, GA

This presentation will highlight sustainable planning efforts of Moody Air Force Base including the development of new off-base housing areas, a new child development center, new gate entry, and general master planning.

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Neighborhood Redevelopment: Community Redevelopment Tools in Thomasville

The State of Georgia has a variety of statutes and incentives to help local governments redevelop communities. The City of Thomasville used the Georgia Urban Redevelopment Law to redevelop the Victoria Place neighborhood, portions of which are locally designated historic districts. This session will focus on the practical aspects of combining these two redevelopment strategies that at times have opposing goals and objectives.

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Session on Form Based Codes

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Georgia's Water Stewardship Act

The Georgia Water Stewardship Act requires State Agencies to incorporate water conservation into their programs and standards. As a result, building codes and Comprehensive Planning requirements will be changing. Come learn about the Water Stewardship Act and what it means to planning in Georgia.

CM : 1.25

Sustainable Sites Initiative: Guidelines for Sustainable Land Design, Construction, and Maintenance Practices

The Sustainable Sites Initiative, developed by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center was created to promote sustainable land development and management practices that can apply to sites with and without buildings. The presentation shall give a general overview of the program, its rating system, and a case study exploration of an existing pilot project.

CM : 1.25

Stormwater

As Georgia continues to grow, the connection between development and stormwater management is a key component that must be implemented. This session will provide presentations on stormwater in general, State/Federal regulations, the perspective of a community that has implemented a stormwater program, and ways to meet the financial component of stormwater management.

CM : 1.25

Implementing A Successful Community Garden in your County or City

The session will address how to best implement a community garden from start to finish. The discussions will take the attendee through the entire process from inception of the idea and finding a suitable location thru to implementation and long term management of the garden. The session will include details on establishing a founders committee, setting up garden rules, obtaining funding and local political support, managing the construction, supervising volunteers and keeping the interest level high. The session will focus on the success of recently completed gardens in the Metropolitan area of Atlanta including Suwanee's Harvest Farm, currently the largest public community garden in the state.

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Cumberland: from Sprawl to Sustainability

This session will cover the Green Transit Oriented Development (G-TOD) Framework developed for Cumberland incorporating the Livability Principles of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, LEED-ND metrics and suburban retrofit guidelines. Special focus will be on the policy and project recommendations that were identified as catalysts for redevelopment at Cumberland.

CM : 1.25

LEED®-Neighborhood Development (ND) Case Study: Sustainable Fellwood

Sustainable Fellwood, certified LEED-ND Silver, is the redevelopment of Savannah's first housing project into a \$50-million mixed-income, mixed-use community. An overview of this award-winning transformative project will walk participants through the LEED-ND process, demonstrating a hands-on example of how to achieve points towards LEED certification

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Additional sessions will be added in the following weeks

Plenary: Telecommunications Law Update - Georgia and National Trends and Changes

This plenary will focus on recent changes to law and regulatory policy affecting local decisions relating to the placement of wireless facilities in Georgia. Included in the session will be a discussion of the Federal Communications Commission's recent Declaratory Ruling establishing a "shot clock" for local decisions on telecommunication facility applications, Georgia's newly enacted "Advanced Broadband Collocation Act," which establishes a new procedural framework for modifying and adding antennas to existing telecommunication facilities, and a discussion of recent federal court decisions addressing local government efforts to regulate technological and operational standards for wireless facilities through zoning.

CM : 1.5

The Zoning Clinic

No presentations - just ANSWERS from a panel of experts to your most pressing, vexatious or beguiling questions about zoning law, practice, regulation, administration, enforcement, etc.

CM : 1.25

Impact Fees, Development and You

This hands-on workshop will discuss the major affect of the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act on funding, zoning and development practices of local governments (are you legal?), and present a primer on impact fee programs. The session will include a discussion of the pros and cons of adoption during a slow economic period, with special focus on how development is affected by fees and taxes. Since DIFA applies to every city and county in the state, whether or not they adopt impact fees, this session will also explore the ramifications of the law on other local practices.

CM : 1.25

Getting the Best out of Government: Reorganizing and Revitalizing a City Government

During the last two years, a new City Manager and Planning department staff have worked with the Mayor and City Council to adopt new ordinances, reorganize Planning & Zoning functions, initiate new projects to improve quality of life, and effectively manage the budget to better serve the City of Euharlee, a small community of 4,200 residents in Northwest Georgia. Ron Goss, consulting Zoning Administrator for the City of Euharlee who has experience in historic preservation and is a well-respected developer, will lead a presentation on the improvement efforts.

CM : 1.25

Death by Public Meeting- Have our efforts to involve the public gone too far?

Over the last decade the planning profession has updated many of its processes with an emphasis on public input and public involvement. Public meetings provide an opportunity for public education, allow citizens to ask questions, and create an opportunity to build public support or at least reduce public opposition. But, have our efforts gone too far? Are our public meetings effective? Or are we meeting citizens to death?

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Ethics Bowl

The ethics bowl returns!

CM : 1.5

Interested, but not Invested: Public Involvement in Transient Communities

In any planning process, effective public involvement is essential to ensure that the plan reflects the vision of the community. This session identifies techniques to engage stakeholders in transient communities, including communities with a high percentage of renters or military personnel, where active public involvement can be particularly challenging.

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Professional Development Through Efficient Day-to-Day Productivity

Efficiency is probably the most overlooked area of business; and yet it is so simple. Teach people how to organize and work efficiently and they will get more done in less time and experience less stress in the process. This seminar is packed full of practical tips and tricks you can use to increase your productivity. Every tip in this seminar can be implemented the same day by anyone. You will learn what needs to be done but more importantly you will learn how it is done. This session will highlight efforts to use technology and tools to better manage an office, day-to-day tasks and those things that seem to get in the way of making our lives run more smoothly. Audience members will be able to implement lessons learned immediately and cost effectively to improve their personal and office productivity.

CM : TBD

High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail - Where are we and what does it mean for Georgia Planning? Where does Georgia fit into this?"

The excitement continues to build over the emergence of High Speed Rail as a transportation option in the US. The National High Speed Program is in high gear. The Session will answer "Where does Georgia fit into this?" discussing the current status of High Speed Rail Development within the United States, with a focus on the Southeast, and Georgia and the impact of the emergence of this transportation option to planners, Georgia communities, the southeast and the nation?

CM : 1.25

Transportation Safety Enhancing Livability

Transportation safety is a major ingredient for a high quality of life. Anyone, by any mode of travel, should experience a safe trip to their destination. This session will provide examples of crash analyses the Atlanta Regional Commission has used in making safety decisions, as well as efforts in working with Georgia Governor's Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

CM : 1.25

Planning for Sustainable Transportation

An overview of current efforts to link livability, sustainability, and transportation. Topics include incorporating sustainability into transportation plans and transportation into sustainability plans, as well as techniques for measuring outcomes for livability and sustainability.

CM : 1.25

An Explanation of HB 277

This session will be a presentation from GDOT staff on the implementation of HB 277. the Transportation Investment Act of 2010, proposing a referendum on regional sales taxes to be implemented in Georgia in 2012. This session will highlight the key points of the law, answer questions to myths and what if questions the law has generated. The session will outline the criteria presented by the GDOT Director of Planning to local governments, MPOs and other agencies. The session will also include a look at the timeline and what the next steps are prior to the referendum.

CM : 1.25

New Gateways for Valdosta: A Master Plan for Two Primary Entry Corridors

Session will explore the process of creating a master plan for “Gateways” into Valdosta. This current case study project will review the various factors influencing planning and design, including corridor visual enhancement, access management, way finding, beautification and economic aspects.

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Using Livability Measures to Prioritize LRTP and TIP Projects

The FHWA recently adopted Livability Principles for use in the design and construction of federally funded transportation projects. The pending reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU is expected to include Livability requirements. The presentation will describe a quantitative tool developed to measure the Livability elements in a proposed widening, intersection, and new facility transportation projects.

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Access Management: What, When, Where, How, and Who

The session is an overview of the principles to managing access points, improving safety for all modes, and maximizing the corridor’s mobility. Adequately managed access can supply more road capacity without adding concrete. Come here how it works - what is “access management”, when it is best to implement, where varying levels of access are appropriate, how to use the tools, and who are currently integrating access management policies into plans, and codes. Included are updates on the Regional Access Management Initiative, South Fulton Parkway Access Management Study, and a toolbox of planning programs.

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Human Services Transportation

This session will highlight the current federal and state requirements for Coordinated Human Service Transit Plans. This session will inform audience members about new requirements in HB277. This session will also highlight two regional case studies of different ways to implement Coordinated Human Service Transportation.

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