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CHAMBLEE NAMED PLANFIRST COMMUNITY

November 20, 2018—The City of Chamblee was recently named a PlanFirst Community by The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). This honor recognizes excellence in community planning and demonstrates an established pattern of successfully implementing a local comprehensive plan. Designated communities are eligible for technical assistance, as well as bonus points and enhanced eligibility for certain DCA funding opportunities.

“We had a vision and kept to it,” said Chamblee Mayor Eric Clarkson. “Sometimes it can be hard to do, such as during a recession, but we stuck to ours, parcel by parcel, block by block, year after year. Now, we are seeing the fruits of our labor. It all started with our original Livable Centers Initiative, which we got in 2001.”

“Good planning sets the stage for economic growth,” said Christopher Nunn, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. “Our PlanFirst communities serve as statewide models for others in how to actively and strategically implement a vision for the future.”

To apply for PlanFirst, communities are required to address four primary program criteria focused on having a proven record of plan implementation success: goals, leadership, community participation and implementation. The designation is for three years – beginning January 1, 2019 – and enables these communities to take advantage of various incentives that include public recognition, eligibility for specified grant opportunities and certain reduced interest loans.

For more information on the City of Chamblee, visit www.chambleega.gov or call 770-986-5010.

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit www.chambleega.gov for more information.