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## CITY OF CHAMBLEE OBTAINS ARC'S GREEN COMMUNITIES GOLD CERTIFICATION

January 23, 2019—The City of Chamblee was recognized by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) as a Green Community Gold level. The Green Communities Program is a voluntary certification program that helps local governments implement measures that will reduce their environmental impact.

All winners earned certification points for sustainable measures implemented in their communities. Some measures that earned the City of Chamblee certification points include:

- Adopting small area plans that promote redevelopment of underutilized land around major intersections and along essential corridors;
- Being designated as a Tree City USA, requiring that Chamblee have a Tree Commission, a community tree ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita and an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation;
- Nurturing partnerships with Keep Chamblee Beautiful and Chamblee Charter High School, which have led to the founding of the school's Environmental Science Club as well as student involvement in the city's transportation advisory committee;
- Hosting a "light bulb exchange" at its annual household hazardous waste event. LED bulbs were exchanged for less-efficient bulbs to decrease the city's per-capita energy consumption; and
- Identifying bicycle and pedestrian connections to transit-oriented development opportunities and other public amenities throughout the city via its Rail Trail plan. Stormwater management and expansion of greenspace are two of the plan's key goals.

In metro Atlanta, 20 local governments — 13 cities and seven counties – are currently certified under the ARC Green Communities program. This is the first program in the country to promote sustainability through a green certification program for local governments.

"This was our second year to apply for and be certified as a Green Community," said Chamblee Mayor Eric Clarkson. "Last year we were named a bronze community, and this year we achieved gold. We are thrilled with this honor, and we hope to go even further in the program as we are dedicated to improving the environment."

For more information on the City of Chamblee please visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov) or call 770-986-5010. More information about ARC can be found at <https://atlantaregional.org/>.

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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](http://www.chambleega.gov) for more information.