

The Metropolitan Atlanta region has grown into a complex combination of counties, municipalities and jurisdictional boundaries. This map series reflects the various planning areas of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and seeks to promote a greater understanding of our rapidly expanding region. Please refer to the user notes accompanying each map for explanation of map content and clarification of acronyms and definitions.

The Atlanta Region

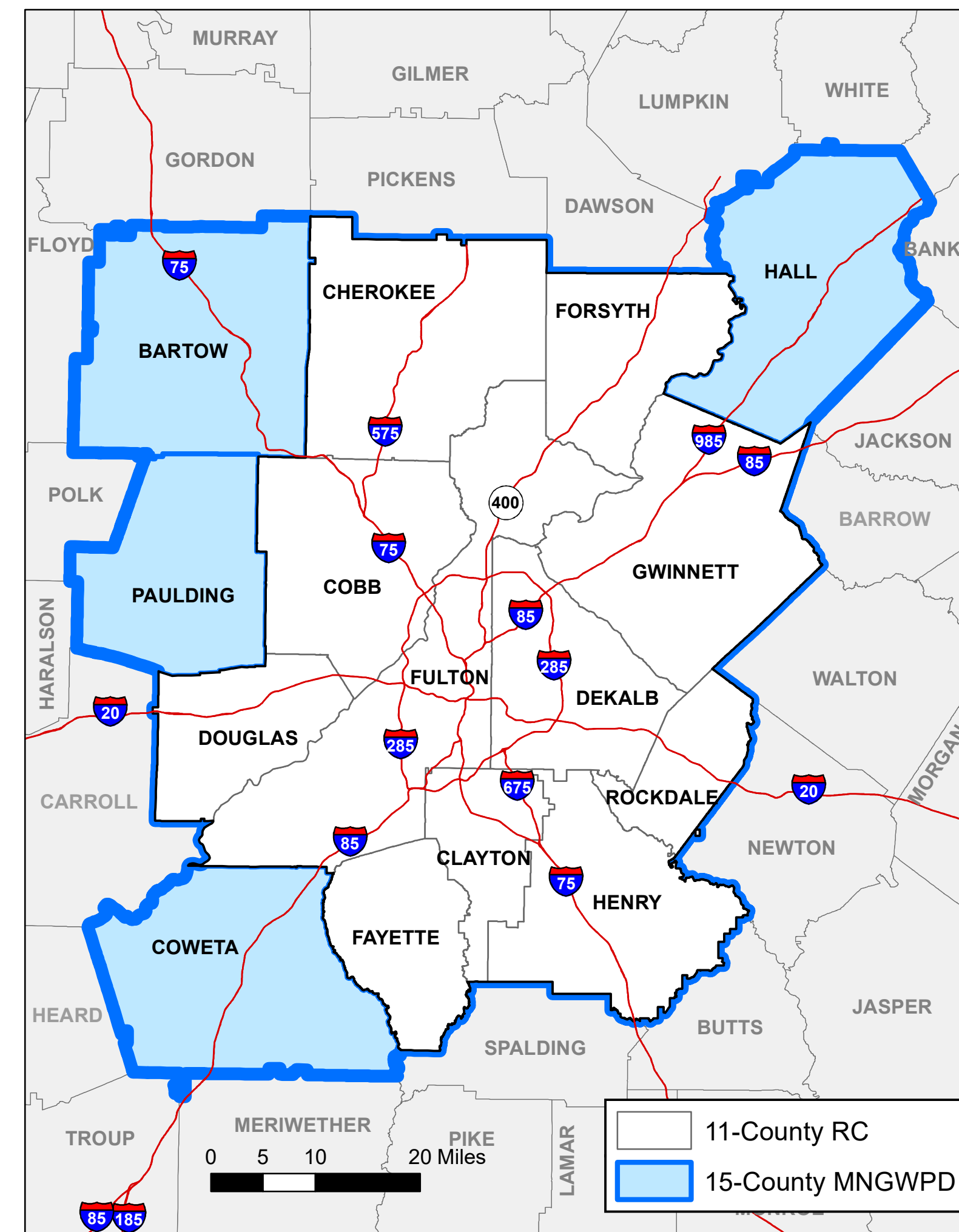
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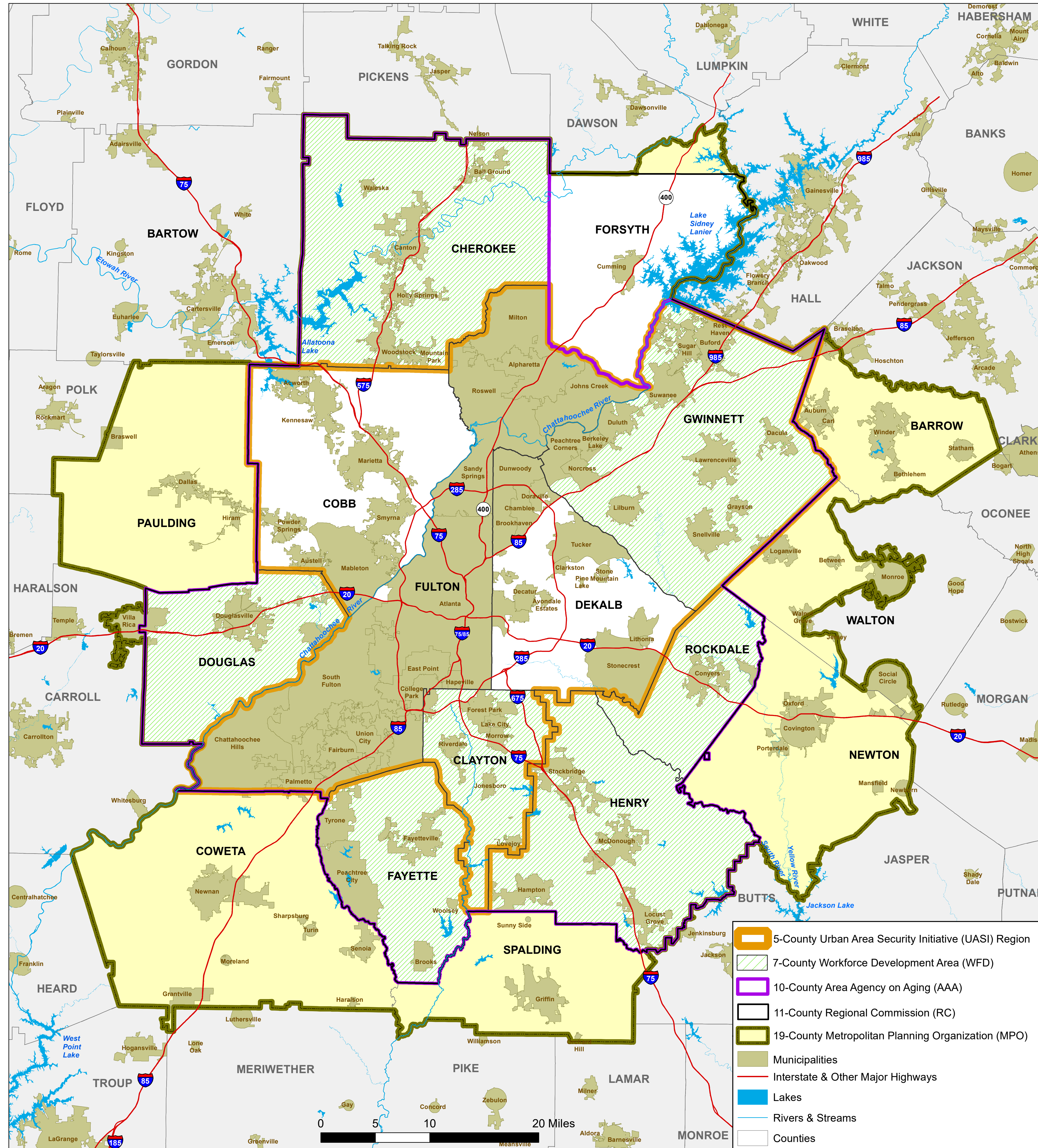


The Atlanta Regional Commission is one of 12 Regional Commissions (RCs), as currently established by the Board of the Department of Community Affairs according to OCGA 50-9-30, in order "to develop, promote and assist in establishing coordinated and comprehensive planning, to assist local governments, and promote the essential public interests of the state and its citizens." RCs are multi-county planning and development agencies serving municipal and county governments, providing professional technical assistance to state and federal agencies as well as to local governments in advancing quality growth and development. Georgia's RCs are involved in such activities as comprehensive planning, land use development, historic preservation, aging services, revolving loan funds, business retention and development, affordable housing, global economics, tourism, defense conversion, workforce development, coordinated transportation, telecommunications and technology, geographic information systems and disaster mitigation planning. For more information please go to www.garc.ga.gov.

Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District



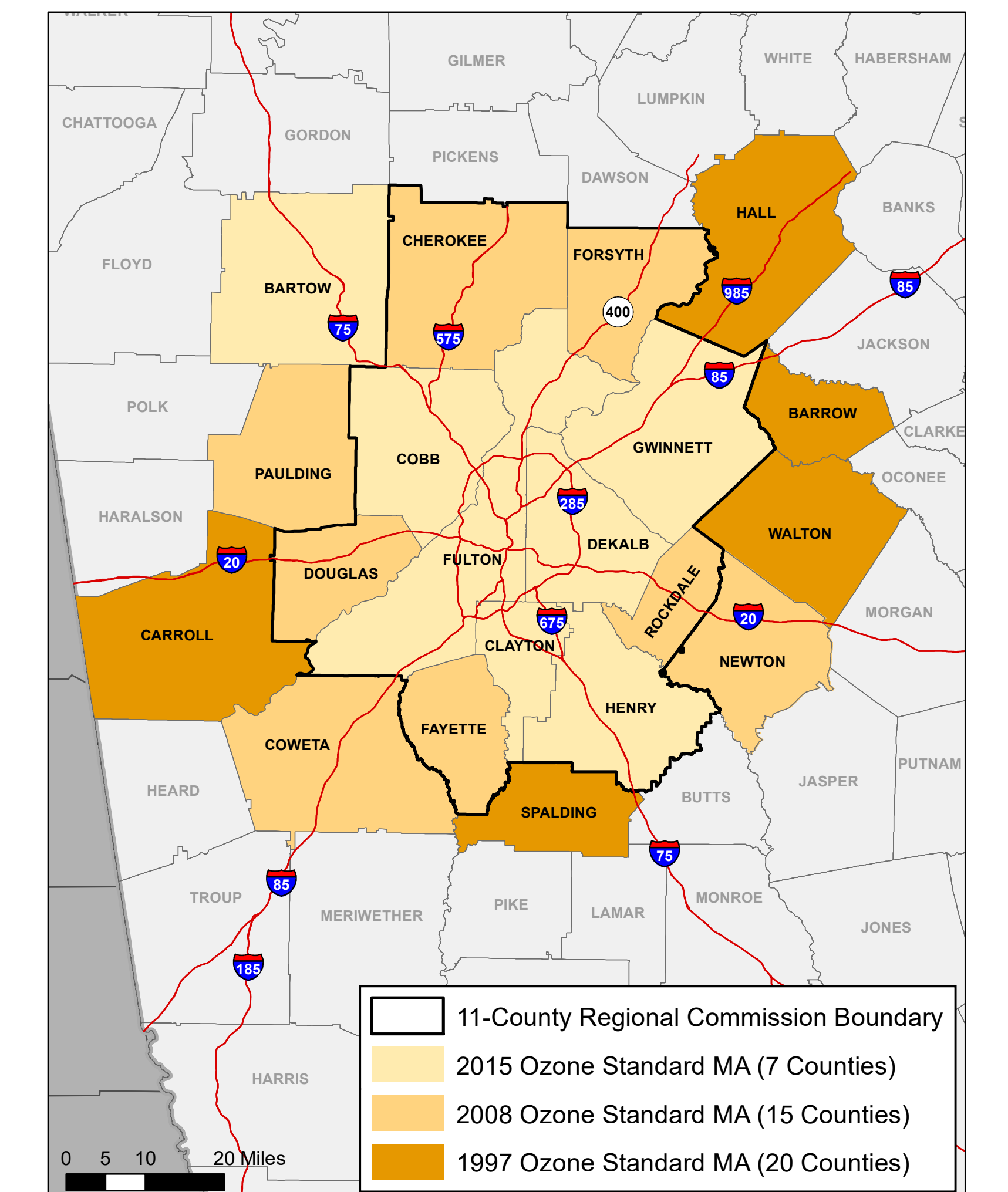
This map represents the boundary of The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, which provides water resource plans, policies and coordination for metropolitan Atlanta. The District has developed regional plans for stormwater management, wastewater treatment and water supply and water conservation. The 15-county Water Planning District includes the eleven counties in the ARC plus four additional counties (Bartow, Coweta, Hall, & Paulding). For more information please go to www.northgeorgiawater.org.



This map represents ARC's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Region, Workforce Development Area (WFD), Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Regional Commission (RC) and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries which are defined as follows:

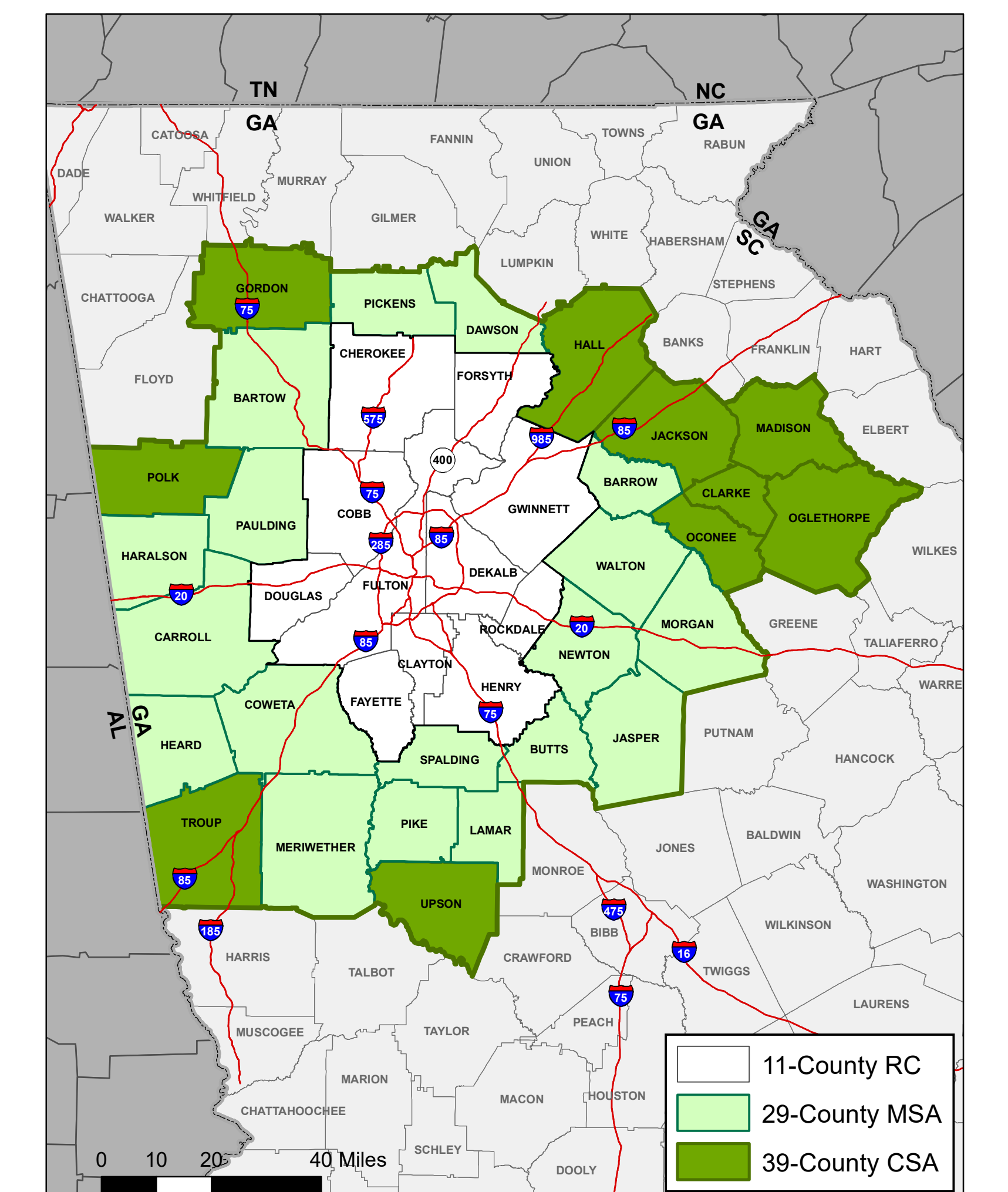
- The 5-county Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) was established by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under the Homeland Security Grant Program. This program was designed to provide enhanced federal preparedness funding to specific cities that were identified as vital to the Nation's economy and national security, and to encourage regional cooperation in emergency preparedness and response. For more information please go to www.atlantaregional.org/community-development/community-preparedness/homeland_security_recovery.
- The Workforce Development Area (WFD) is a 7-county area created by agreement of county chief-elected officials, administered by the Atlanta Regional Commission and funded for training and employment activities under the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA). For more information on ARC's Workforce Development programs and services please go to www.atlantaregional.org/workforce-economy/workforce-solutions-overview.
- The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is a 10-county area funded by the Department of Human Resources and designated by the Older Americans Act to plan for the needs of the rapidly expanding group of older citizens in the Atlanta region. It is part of a statewide network of 12 AAAs and a national network of more than 670 AAAs. For more information on aging services please go to www.atlantaregional.org/aging-health/aging-and-health-overview.
- The Regional Commission (RC) is an 11-county area designated by State law to be the area-wide planning agency for all federal and state programs which require or encourage area wide planning. Programs and services provided by ARC to the region include comprehensive planning (transportation, environmental and land use planning), research and information processing, review of local development, community services (workforce development, social services to the elderly, services to local governments), leadership development and community outreach. For more information on ARC's programs and services please go to www.atlantaregional.org.
- The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is a 19-county area federally-designated for regional transportation planning to meet air quality standards and for programming projects to implement the adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The MPO planning area boundary includes the 11-county state-designated Regional Commission and eight additional counties (all of Barrow, Coweta, Newton, Paulding & Spalding and parts of Carroll, Dawson, and Walton). This boundary takes into consideration both the current urbanized area as well as areas forecast to become urbanized in the next 20 years. For more information please go to www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/transportation-planning/metropolitan-planning-organization-mpo.

U.S. EPA Air Quality Maintenance Areas



This map represents the 1997, 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standard Maintenance Areas for the Atlanta Metro area. Atlanta is currently in compliance with all three ozone standards and has moved from non-attainment into maintenance status, which still requires continued monitoring and reporting of air quality. For more information please go to www.atlantaregional.org/natural-resources/air-quality/air-quality.

U.S. Census Bureau Statistical Areas



This map represents the 29-County "Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA" Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and the 39-county "Atlanta-Athens-Clarke County-Sandy Springs, GA" Combined Statistical Area (CSA), which includes the 29 counties of the Atlanta MSA along with the Athens-Clarke County and Gainesville MSAs and the micropolitan statistical areas of Calhoun, Cedartown, Jefferson, LaGrange and Thomas, GA. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) defines CSAs, MSAs and the smaller micropolitan statistical areas nationwide according to published standards applied to U.S. Census Bureau data. These various statistical areas describe substantial core areas of population together with adjacent communities having a high degree of economic and social integration, often illustrated in high rates of commuting from the adjacent areas to job locations in the core. For more information, please go to www.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro.html.