



# Plan 2040

# Regional Resource Plan



**The Purpose.** Pursuant to Rules of the Department of Community Affairs, Chapter 110-12-4, Regionally Important Resources are defined as “any natural or cultural resource area identified for protection by a Regional Commission following the minimum requirements established by the Department.” The Regional Resource Plan is designed to

- Enhance the focus on protection and management of important natural and cultural resources in the Atlanta region.
- Provide for careful consideration of, and planning for, impacts of new development on these important resources.
- Improve local, regional, and state level coordination in the protection and management of identified resources.

**The Process.** The public nomination process resulted in over 150 nominations from local governments, non-profit agencies, and private citizens. Many of these nominations included multiple resources, resulting in the consideration of hundreds of individual resources. After reviewing all nominations, researching the work of other local, state, and federal agencies, and considering input from regional stakeholders, three categories of resources were identified.

- Areas of Conservation and/or Recreational Value
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Areas of Scenic and/ or Agricultural Value

Using DCA’s Rules for Regionally Important Resources, as well as six criteria approved by the ARC Board, resources were evaluated in regard to their *Value and Vulnerability* within the context of the Atlanta Region. Consideration is also given to *Guidance for Appropriate Development Practices and General Policies and Protection Measures* to promote the stewardship of these resources. To this end, ARC has identified general *Management Strategies* to guide its involvement in the stewardship of these resources and support the work of local governments in developing their community green infrastructure network.

**The Plan.** Ultimately, the plan will be used to “...coordinate activities and planning of local governments, land trusts and conservation or environmental protection groups’ activities in the region, and state agencies toward protection and management of the identified Regionally Important Resources.” The Regional Resource Plan furthers the work being done on the local, regional, state and federal levels to preserve environmental resources, historic sites, and unique cultural landscapes. With the articulated goal of fostering a continuous green infrastructure network, the Regional Resource Plan promotes balanced growth and sustainable development practices to enhance the quality of life in communities throughout the region.

## Areas of Conservation and/ or Recreational Value

- Water Supply Watersheds
- Groundwater Recharge Areas
- Wetlands
- River Corridors
- Mountain Protection
- Regional Reservoirs
- National Park Service Sites
- State Parks and Other Recreation Areas
- Regional Greenways and Multi-Use Trails

## Historic and Cultural Resources

- National Historic Landmarks
- National Historic Districts (85 total)\*
- Olympic Legacy/ Centennial Olympic Park
- Civil War Battlefields and Sites\*
- Archaeological Sites\*
- Cemeteries\*
- Cultural Sites\*

## Areas of Agricultural or Scenic Value

- Rural Preserves
- Georgia Centennial Farms
- Georgia Agritourism Sites\*
- Community Gardens\*
- Designed Landscapes\*

## Greenspace Linkages

- Parks
- Cemeteries
- Archaeological Sites

\* indicates categories with additional resources added in 2011.



For More information

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