



CITY OF DUNWOODY

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jennifer Peterson, Community Development Director

Date: May 26, 2009

Subject: **Comprehensive Plan – Community Assessment & Participation Plan**

City staff and the consultant team present to Council the Community Assessment and Community Participation Plan. These two documents are required by the State as the preliminary steps necessary to begin the public outreach and policy drafting of the Comprehensive Plan. As required, this meeting is a public hearing and has been advertised as such.

The Community Assessment is a data document that gives the existing conditions and statistics of the City. The State requires that this step be a staff level effort created for the purpose of creative a “real world” framework to then begin public discussion of the future vision and goals.

The Community Participation Plan is the document that outlines how we will conduct our public outreach.

Staff recommends the Council approve the resolution to transmit the documents to the Atlanta Regional Commission and State offices.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSMIT THE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND
THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY TO THE ATLANT REGIONAL COMMISSION
AND THE STATE OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody was incorporated and created by Charter granted by the State of Georgia, effective December 1, 2008, after a positive referendum vote; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody is subject to the State of Georgia Planning Act of 1989 which calls for a certified Comprehensive Plan in order to obtain and maintain the status of a Qualified Local Government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody, Georgia is a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission, an agency created to provide regional planning and intergovernmental coordination among certain county and city governments in the metropolitan area of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, during this transitional period, as a measure to plan for the future of the City, the City adopted an "Interim Comprehensive Plan," based upon DeKalb County's Comprehensive Plan, to be effective while the City completed its own Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has initiated a process to complete the Community Assessment, Community Participation Program, and the Community Agenda comprising the Comprehensive Plan within this transitional period; and

WHEREAS, in order to adopt a Comprehensive Plan meeting the requirements of law, and to obtain and maintain Qualified Local Government status at an Advanced Planning Level, the City of Dunwoody has prepared the Community Assessment and Community Participation Program documents, being labeled and described as the "City of Dunwoody Comprehensive Plan 2009-2030, Community Assessment" and the "City of Dunwoody Comprehensive Plan 2009-2030, Community Participation Program", has held the required Public Hearing, and now must transmit these documents to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review in accordance with procedures prescribed by state law, with such documents being incorporated by reference;

WHEREAS, these documents were prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the required public hearing was held on May 26, 2009;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY hereby transmit the Community Assessment Plan and Community Participation Program Plan portion of the 2030-year Comprehensive Plan inclusive of any supplemental information requested by the Mayor and City Council during the subject Public Hearing, to the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review as required by the rules governing the Planning Act of 1989.

**STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF DUNWOODY**

RESOLUTION 2009-XX-XX

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council for the City of Dunwoody that the resolution herein authorizes transmittal as prescribed effective this 26th day of May 2009.

Approved for transmittal:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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