



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Sustainability Commission
Date: January 10, 2011
Subject: **Partnership for Sustainable Georgia Certification Program**

BACKGROUND

In December, Mayor and Council chartered the Sustainability Commission to promote measures that encourage Dunwoody to work towards reducing the environmental footprint of the government through its policies, practices, buildings, and fleets.

The Commission continues to enthusiastically pursue the Green Communities certification, but in light of the pursuit for Silver Green Communities, the Commission has found that as new measures require long-term progression, it is beneficial to investigate other partnerships to further the charter of the Commission.

DISCUSSION

The Sustainability Commission would like to propose to submit an application for the Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia program, administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. GA DNR provides this certification program that offers assistance, connection, and recognition for completing the various levels of distinction. The assistance we receive can aid in pursuing and attaining other sustainability goals and offers workshops and webinars that provide continuing education for staff and Commission members. The program will afford the City networking opportunities with other cities and mentor groups. Additionally, the program will provide another distinction for Dunwoody to assert its commitment to sustainable practices. Attached, you will find additional information about program levels and criteria.

RECOMMENDATION

The Sustainability Commission would like to request the support of Mayor and City Council for their application submittal to Partnership for a Sustainable Georgia Certification Program.