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CITY OF LITHONIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03-01

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2020 COMPREHNSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF LITHONIA, GEORGIA AND TO DIRECT THE TRANSMITAL OF THE UPDATE TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISION

WHEREAS, the City of Lithonia, Georgia has completed the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update;

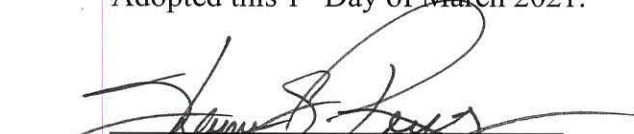
WHEREAS, these documents were prepared according to the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective October 1, 2018 and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lithonia's Comprehensive Plan Update has been reviewed by the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and found to be in compliance with the minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lithonia, through the Mayor and City Council, does hereby adopt the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update and directs that the availability of the Plan Update for public review and inspection be publicized.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Lithonia, through the Mayor and City Council, directs the City Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution and the final 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update to the Atlanta Regional Commission.

Adopted this 1st Day of March 2021.


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Darold Honore, Council Member

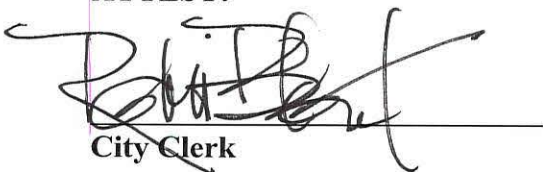

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Amelia Inman, Council Member


Diane Howard, Council Member

ATTEST:


City Clerk





THE CITY OF LITHONIA

2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE



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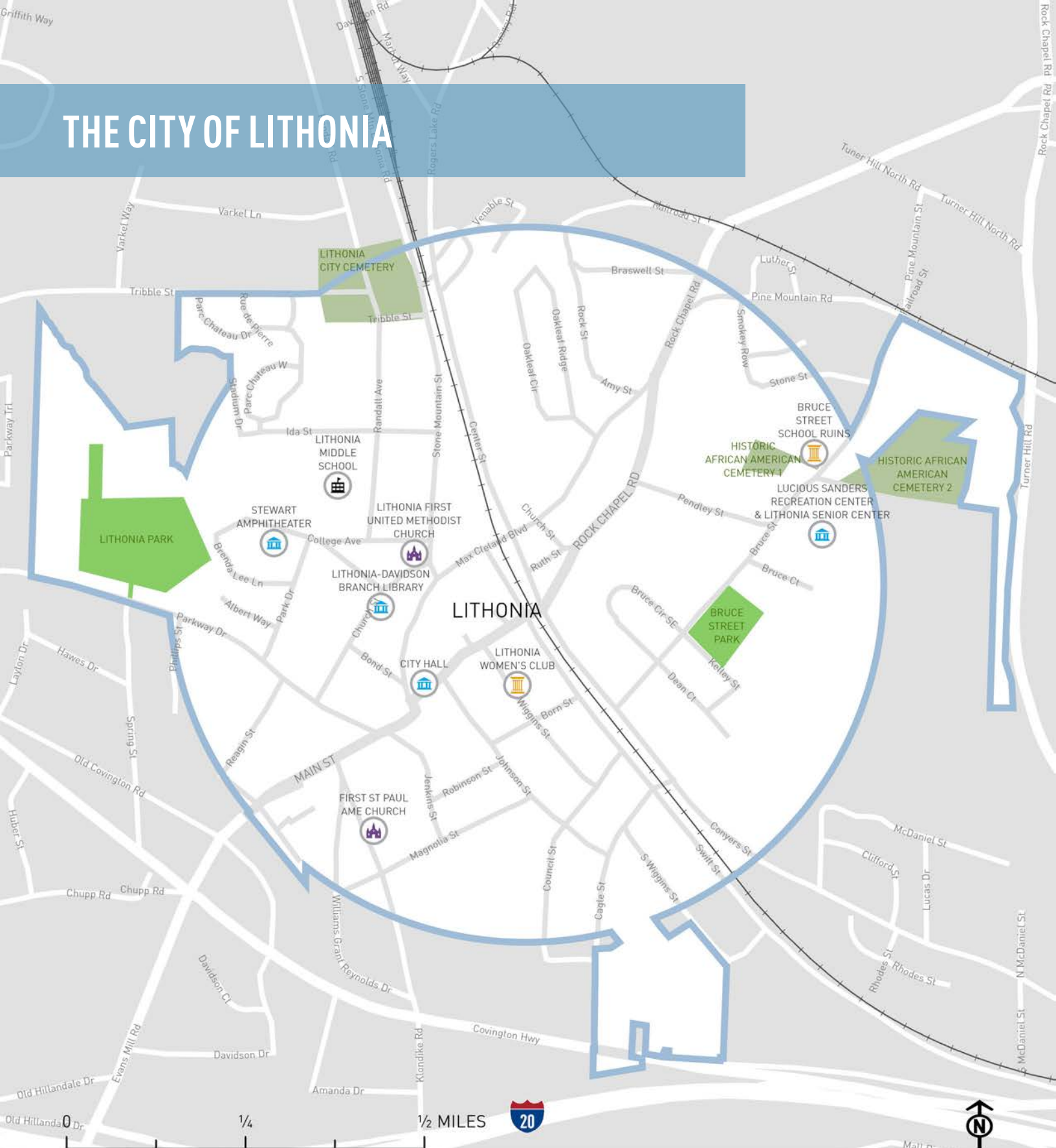


EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Lithonia is one of DeKalb County's smallest cities, both in population and geography. However, it has a rich history, a strong sense of place, and a community that is determined to shape their future. Lithonia benefits from a geography that is close to Interstate 20 and surrounded by the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area, providing easy access to major employment centers and environmentally-oriented recreation opportunities.

Citizens appreciate the quality of life offered in the community, while simultaneously advocating for increased opportunities for economic and community development. Creating new opportunities while preserving the existing quality of life will achieve the balance the community is looking for in attaining the vision set out in this comprehensive plan.

THE CITY OF LITHONIA



LANDMARKS

-  CHURCH
-  COMMUNITY FACILITY

-  HISTORIC ASSET
-  SCHOOL

GREENSPACE

-  CEMETERY
-  COMMUNITY PARK

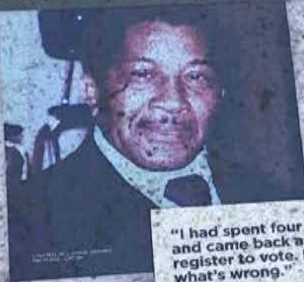
-  RAILROADS

CHAPTER 1

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LITHONIA

Lithonia Voices

A HISTORY OF HELPING



"I had spent four years in the US Army and came back and couldn't even register to vote. I started wondering what's wrong." - Lucious Sanders

LUCIOUS SANDERS

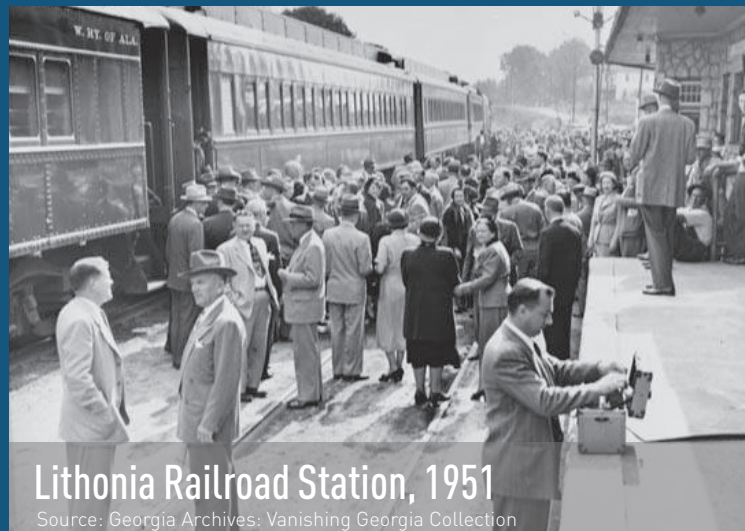
As the Civil Rights Movement drew national attention, local Lithonians like Lucious Sanders worked for equality in their own backyards. After returning from World War II, he learned that he couldn't register to vote and led voting rights drives where Lithonians demanded to register. They were successful, and these early efforts inspired Lucious Sanders to form the Lithonia Civic League, an organization that fought racial discrimination and promoted civic awareness.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LITHONIA

The name “Lithonia” derives from the Greek words for rock, “lithos”, and place, “onia.” Granite construction notably characterizes the city as it features prominently in buildings throughout Lithonia. Located approximately 20 miles east of downtown Atlanta along the I-20 corridor, the city was originally a crossroads settlement. It served the trading needs of a small community of rural farmers, and it grew with the development of the Georgia Railroad (now CSX). The line, which runs southeast-to-northwest through the commercial center of town, came to Lithonia in 1845. By 1856, the town incorporated; its original boundary extended just one-half mile in circumference. At this time, there were already whites-only educational facilities, churches, and a community cemetery among the landmarks in the community.

The Civil War left its mark on Lithonia when the railroad depot was destroyed by General Sherman’s troops in 1864. However, the late 19th century brought revitalized commercial industries to the community. In 1879, the first granite quarry opened near Lithonia, and in 1888, the city of Lithonia was re-chartered by the state legislature. In 1895, the Davidson Granite Company was founded and a local, whites-only private school, The Seminary, opened in the community. Commercial development along Main Street flourished during this era – the oldest surviving buildings downtown date to this period and were constructed of brick and granite, many by African Americans. A 1948 article in the DeKalb New Era and the Lithonia Journal recognized three African American men vital to Main Street’s development – Aleck Meadow, Job Johnson, and Mart Bush – though their work was categorized as manual when two of the three were described as drafters, a skilled profession.

The era after the Civil War also saw the organization of African-American church congregations, ultimately giving rise some of the first, and only, educational facilities for African Americans in DeKalb County. In 1869, the Antioch Lithonia Baptist Church became the first documented African American congregation in DeKalb County. It, along with the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, offered education for African American children as early as 1884.



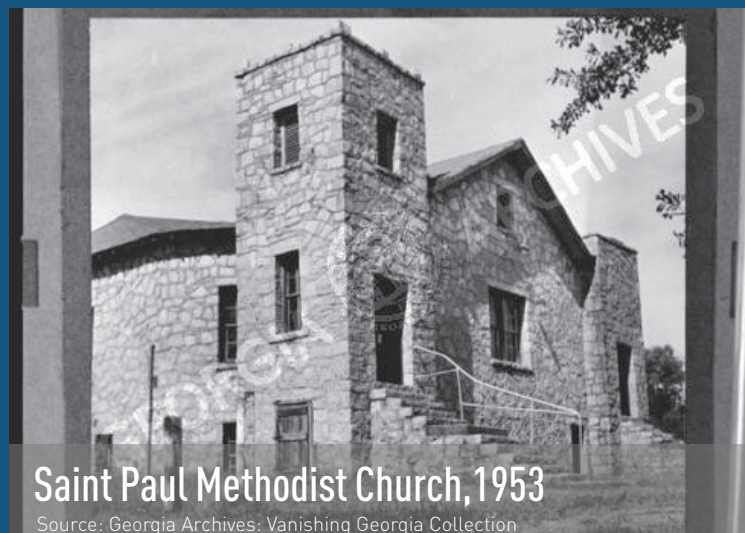
Lithonia Railroad Station, 1951

Source: Georgia Archives: Vanishing Georgia Collection



Lithonia Main Street, 1915

Source: Georgia Archives: Vanishing Georgia Collection



Saint Paul Methodist Church, 1953

Source: Georgia Archives: Vanishing Georgia Collection

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LITHONIA

The Lithonia Negro School, also known as the Bruce Street School, was the first public school constructed for African American students during the segregation era in DeKalb County. In 1938, funds were raised by teachers from the Yellow River School, a former African American school located in the vicinity whose facility was destroyed by fire in 1935 and six acres were purchased on Bruce Street where the school was constructed of local granite for \$18,000. Though originally only serving grades one through eleven, the school held its first high school graduation in 1943. Bruce Street School burned sometime in the 1950s after being shuttered during the school equalization era, but remnants of the building are still extant today.

Bruce Street also boasts the only two African American cemeteries in Lithonia. Cemetery One is a 6.7-acre cemetery adjacent to the Lithonia Senior Center. Its

earliest known burial is of Sam Murders in 1911 and remains active to this day. Cemetery Two, also known as the Bruce Street Cemetery, is located across Bruce Street from Cemetery One. This one-acre cemetery includes some 75 graves, the earliest of which dates to 1963.

In 1907, the first whites-only public library in DeKalb County was established in Lithonia. In 1928, the whites-only Lithonia Women's Club built their clubhouse on Wiggins Street, which eventually also contained the city's library. The Lithonia Speedway and County Club, one of the few country clubs in the nation owned by African Americans during the mid-twentieth century, provided African Americans in the area with a variety of entertainment, from stock car racing to concerts from legends such as B.B. King, Gladys Knight, and James Brown.

Bruce Street School Circa 1953



Bruce Street School Ruins Today



A BRIEF HISTORY OF LITHONIA

Growth in Lithonia slowed during the Great Depression, but by the middle of the 20th century, construction had begun on Interstate 20, accelerating the pace of suburban development, as well as the decline of historic downtowns, in DeKalb County. In 1963, voters in Lithonia approved the development of Lithonia Plaza as an urban renewal project, which resulted in the loss of many historic buildings including a train depot, fire station, and one of the city's first churches. The street grid of the time was also altered significantly to accommodate the development. Nonetheless, news articles of the time declared this a positive step toward the modernity of the city.

The opening of the Mall at Stonecrest in 2001 marked a new era of development for Lithonia. The city was linked to regional attractions such as Panola Mountain and the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area through the construction of an extensive network of PATH trails. In addition, new initiatives continue to be undertaken, including the adoption of a historic preservation ordinance, despite the 2008 economic downturn and 2020 pandemic.

Though Lithonia's population steadily decreased beginning in the 1980s, its African American population grew significantly over the past several decades to over 80% in 2019, leading to Lithonia becoming a "black-majority" city, one of more than 1,262 such cities in the nation*. A majority of these cities – emerging between the 1970s and 2010s due to the "New Great Migration" and intra-metropolitan movement – are located in the South, where black professionals and college-graduates have flocked to economically-rising areas that also boast strong cultural and familial ties. With a resurgence in population between 2010 and 2019, Lithonia is poised to capitalize on the many assets it and other black-majority cities contain, including \$609 billion in owner-occupied housing assets, 10,000 public schools, and over 3 million businesses, as well as the less tangible, yet equally as rich, cultural resources.

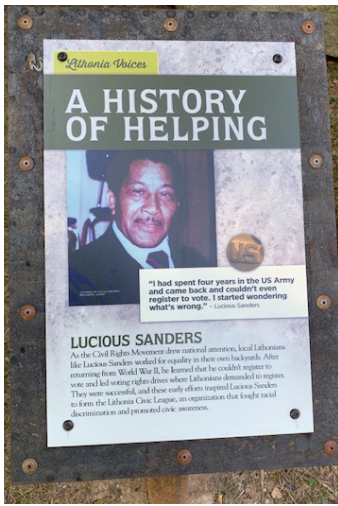
**Only US cities in which population figures exist for each decennial census from 1970 and 2010, and the median total population of those figures exceeds 2,500 were included. It is safe to assume that there are a number of smaller black-majority cities such as Lithonia throughout the nation.*



Image Source: Atlanta Journal Constitution

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LITHONIA

Lithonia's Famous Citizens

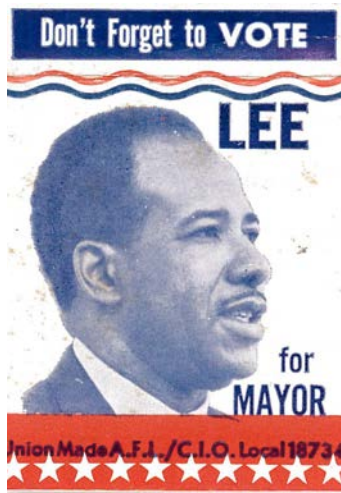


Lucious Sanders:

Born July 15, 1915, Lucious Sanders was raised in Lithonia and enlisted in the U.S. Army on April 7, 1941. After returning from military service during WWII, he fought for voting rights and equal services for African Americans in DeKalb County. He was a founding member of the Lithonia Civic League.

Joseph 'Max' Cleland:

Born in Atlanta in 1942, and raised in Lithonia, Cleland is a Vietnam Veteran and Silver and Bronze Star recipient. He served as Georgia's Secretary of State from 1983 to 1997, and he served as United States Senator from 1997 through 2003.



Howard Lee:

Born July 28, 1934, he was raised in Lithonia. He attended the equalization-era "Bruce Street School" and tells of incidents of racial intimidation in his biography "The Courage to Lead: One Man's Journey in Public Service". He was first and only black Mayor of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Source: City of Lithonia Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and Proposed Design Guidelines, and Brookings Institution. Max Cleland Photo Source: New Georgia Encyclopedia. Howard Lee Photo Source: WUNC

1840-1895

- 1840 - Crossroads Community Formed
- 1845 - Georgia Railroad Corridor Completed
- 1846 - Railroad Records Referred to "Lithonia"
- 1847 - First Whites-Only School Established
- 1848 - Lithonia Baptist Church Formed
- 1851 - City Cemetery Established
- 1856 - City Incorporated with 5 Citizen Commission
- 1860 - Lithonia Baptist Church Formed
- 1864 - General Sherman Burned Rail Depot
- 1869 - First African American Church Formed
- 1879 - First Granite Quarry Opened Nearby
- 1887 - First DeKalb Newspaper: "The New Era"
- 1888 - City Re-Chartered with Mayor & Commission
- 1895 - Davidson Granite Company Founded

1905-2001

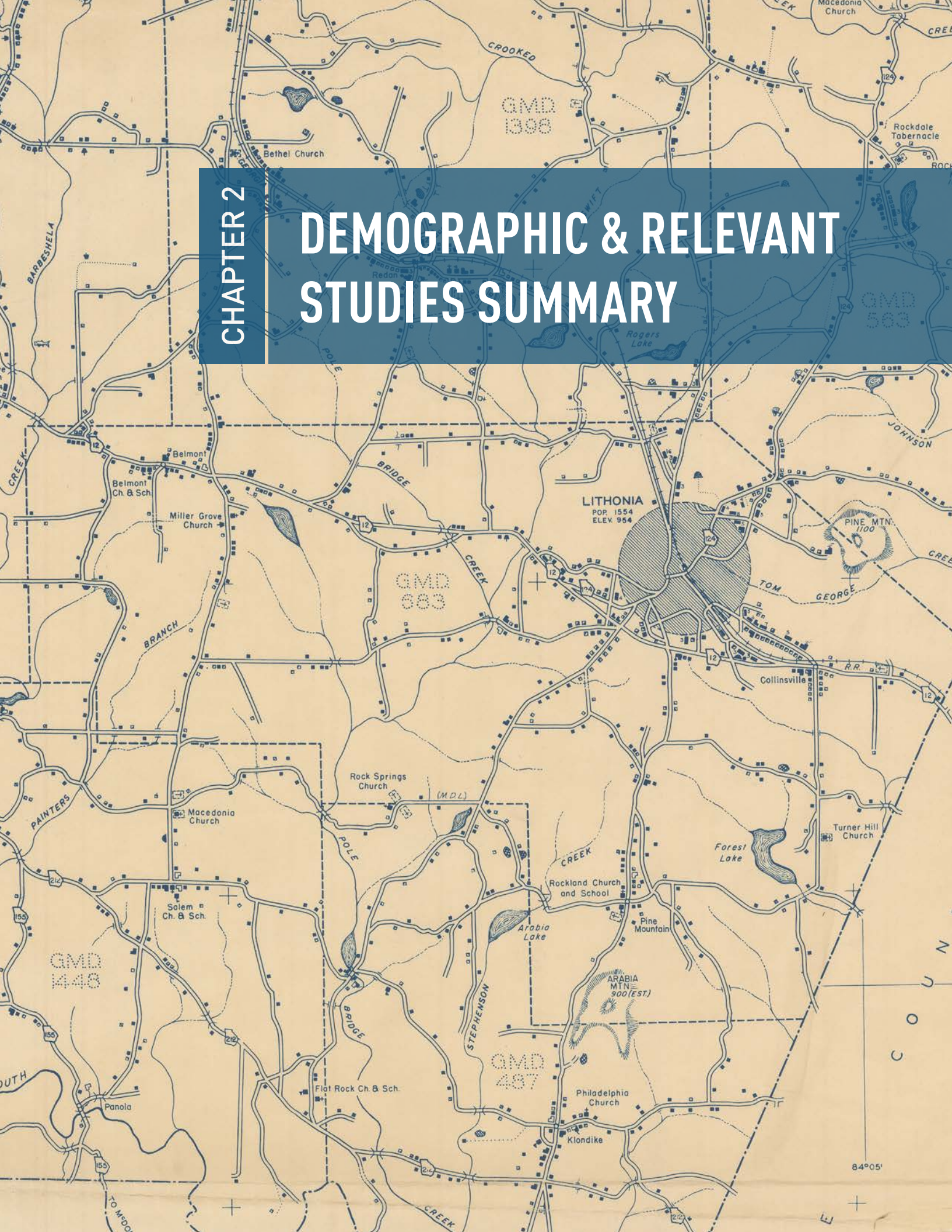
- 1905 - Electricity by Hydro-Plant on South River
- 1907 - First DeKalb, Whites-Only Library
- 1916 - Water/Sewer System Established
- 1928 - Lithonia Women's Club Built (Whites-Only)
- 1929 - Stone Mountain Grit Company Formed
- 1938 - First African American School (Bruce St.)
- 1950 - Lithonia City Park Built
- 1950 - Stone Mountain Grit Plant Opened
- 1956 - I-20 Construction Begun
- 1963 - Voters Approve Lithonia Plaza (Urban Renewal Project)
- 2001 - Stonecrest Mall Opened South of City

TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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CHAPTER 2

DEMOGRAPHIC & RELEVANT STUDIES SUMMARY

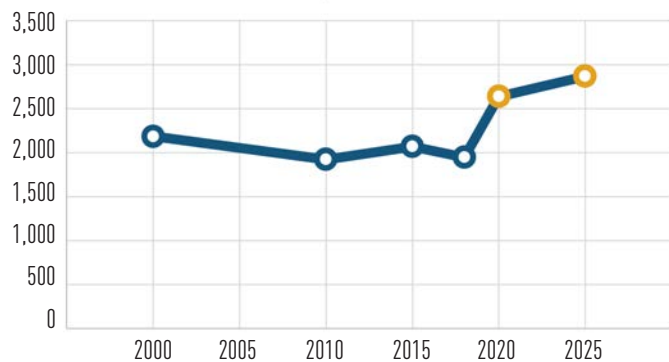


DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

Population

The City of Lithonia identifies itself as a “quintessential urban village.” With a population around 2,000 individuals, the city retains the benefits and faces the challenges of a small town. Lithonia is predominantly African American and prides itself on a culture that promotes African American empowerment and entrepreneurship. In recent years, the City has welcomed a small share of new residents who identify as Asian and Latino, but overall, Lithonia remains majority African American.

Lithonia Population Change¹



Employment & Commute Characteristics

The City is located along I-20 and is near major commercial centers in southern DeKalb County. Less than 1% of Lithonia’s residents work within the city’s limits. The vast majority of workers commute outside the city for employment. Given Lithonia’s small geography this is not altogether surprising, particularly because of the city’s close proximity to downtown Atlanta and other major employment centers.

Nonetheless, the city continues to emphasize the importance of local business development and job creation. Its proximity to a major interstate and other amenities presents the opportunity for the City to shape its growth as the City’s population is projected to increase by around 1,000 residents within 5 years.

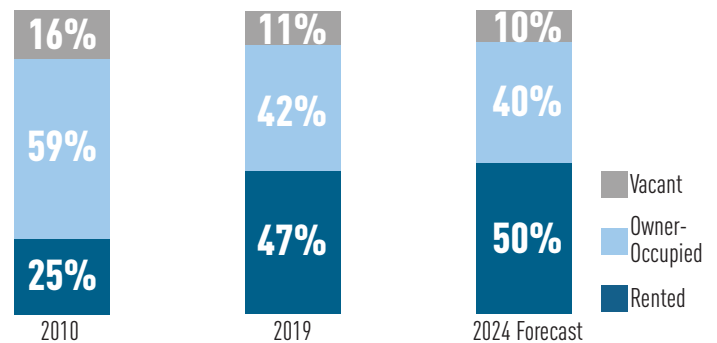
Commuter Inflow-Outflow²



Housing

Throughout the Comprehensive Planning process, concerns were consistently voiced about distribution of owner occupied, renter occupied, and vacant houses. Recent figures show that the share of vacant units has decreased since 2010 from roughly 16% to 11% in 2019. This is in part because the owner occupancy has increased, but also the overall number of housing units has increased.

Housing Occupancy Status³



Regardless of these promising numbers, code enforcement and vacancy remain challenges. Median home values have remained stagnant since the last comprehensive plan update² and have slightly decreased from \$80,800 to \$77,300.

In 2013, the City in partnership with ARC undertook a housing inventory. More information about this assessment and its results are on the following page.

1. Data before 2020 sourced from American Community Survey Estimates & Census Data. Projections for 2020 & 2025 sourced from Esri Business Analyst.

2. Inflow/Outflow data sourced from Census on the Map.

3. Housing occupancy status data from Esri Business Analyst

RELEVANT STUDIES SUMMARY

Lithonia Housing Inventory

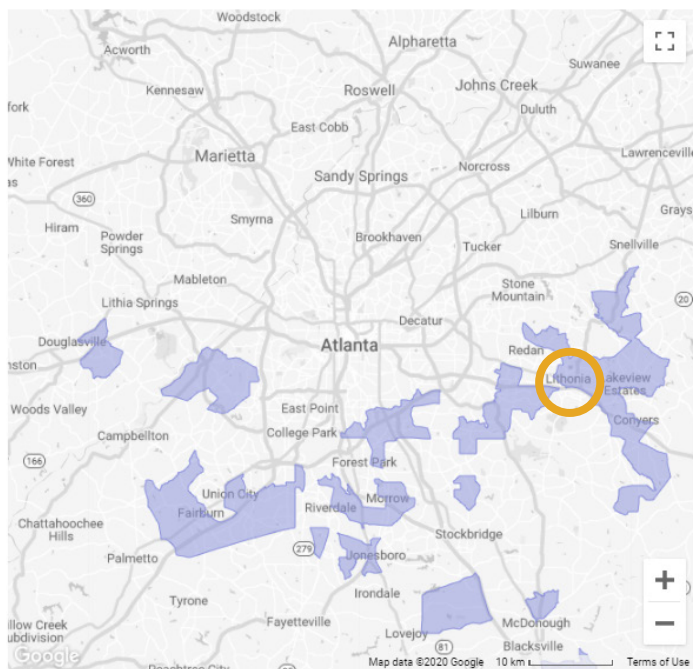
An inventory of all residential properties was completed in 2013 as a part of the Lithonia’s participation in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing. A web-based tool utilizing Geographic Information Systems technology was developed, resulting in an interactive map of the Lithonia’s existing housing conditions. The inventory is broadly divided into three main sections – general information, housing characteristics, and frontage characteristics – and each property is assigned a housing condition of either good, fair, deteriorated, or dilapidated. A map showing the distribution of housing conditions appears on the next page. A companion report identifies strategies Lithonia may pursue to remedy current housing inventory deficiencies.

Metro Atlanta Housing Strategy

ARC launched the Metro Atlanta Housing Strategy (MAHS) in 2019 as a toolbox designed to help local governments and communities better understand and address their housing challenges.

The MAHS places Lithonia in Submarket 8 and provides strategies to address Lithonia’s specific housing challenges, including increasing the housing supply by reducing development costs and barriers; preserving the supply of affordable housing by coordinating across agencies and among governments; and promoting housing stability by stabilizing existing residents. Additional information can be found at metroatlhousing.org.

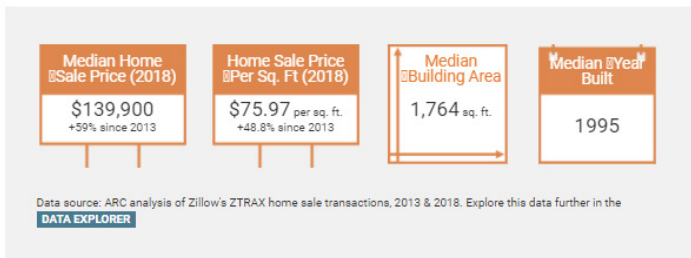
Metro Atlanta Housing Strategy - Submarket 8 Summary



Submarket 8

Lower-priced moderately-sized suburban homes in neighborhoods mostly consisting of homeowners, albeit with an increasing proportion of renters.

- > The home sales prices per square foot are the lowest and have increased the slowest among all the Submarkets
- > Nearly a quarter of units are multifamily, albeit with practically no net gain in multifamily units since 2010
- > Greatest increase in the proportion of non-white residents



TOP STRATEGIES FOR SUBMARKET 8

- Increase Supply
- Preserve Affordable Supply
- Reduce Housing & Transportation Costs
- Expand Capital Resources
- Promote Housing Stability
- Develop Leadership & Collaboration on Affordability

LITHONIA HOUSING INVENTORY



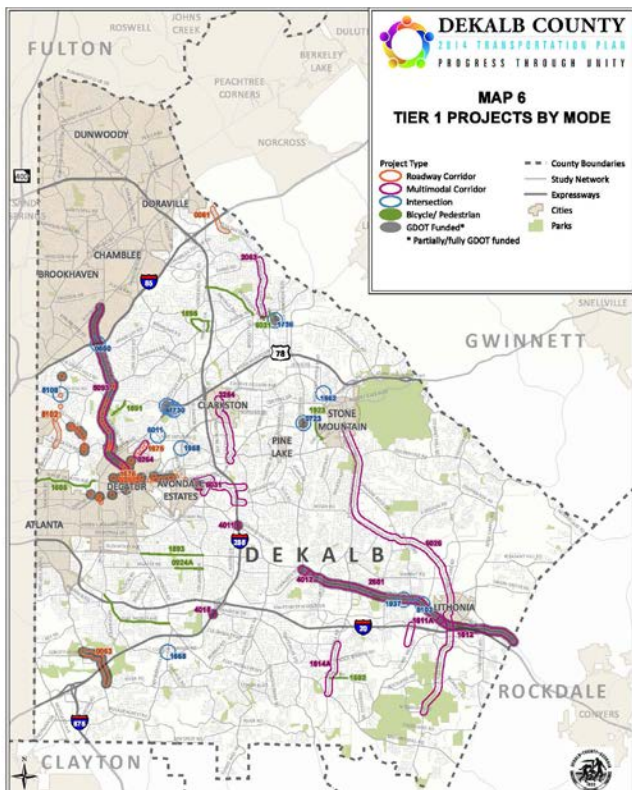
HOUSING CONDITION

- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- DILAPIDATED
- VACANT
- PARCELS

RELEVANT STUDIES SUMMARY

Dekalb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Adopted in 2014, the DeKalb County Comprehensive Transportation Plan identifies priority transportation projects for the County and its cities. The two most frequently cited transportation concerns for Lithonia are the need for greater sidewalk connectivity and the desire to repair poor road conditions.



Corridor Study

The plan identifies highest priority projects as Tier 1 (see map above). The Heritage Corridor Study is a Tier 1 project that calls for a multi-modal feasibility assessment of connecting downtown Lithonia to downtown Stone Mountain.

Project ID	Project Name	Project Description	Probable Capital Cost
6026	Heritage Corridor Study	Perform a multimodal corridor study that will consider roadway, bike, and pedestrian improvements throughout and connecting Stone Mountain and Lithonia downtowns, where needed, short-term pedestrian improvements will be considered to improve pedestrian crossings.	\$200,000

Greenway Projects

Three projects identified in the plan underscore the need for greater pedestrian opportunities, particularly the opportunity to connect to the greater Arabia Mountain PATH.

Project ID	Project Name	Project Description	Probable Capital Cost
1301	Lithonia Downtown Greenway System – Loop A	Construct a downtown greenway system to include multi-purpose trails and pedestrian lighting (Loop A: Wiggins To Main St. to Conyers to Bruce St.)	\$1,000,000
1302	Lithonia Downtown Greenway System – Loop B	Construct a downtown greenway system to include multi-purpose trails and pedestrian lighting (Loop B: Wiggins to Main St. to Parkway Rd to Park Dr. to College Ave. to Stone Mountain to Max Cleland).	\$1,000,000
1303	Lithonia Downtown Greenway System – Loop C	Construct a downtown greenway system to include multi-purpose trails and pedestrian lighting (Loop C: Main St to extended Stone Mountain St to Max Cleland to Center St.)	\$500,000

Grid Connectivity Project

Another project calls for reestablishment of the former grid pattern that was disrupted with the construction of the Lithonia Plaza in the 1970s.

Project ID	Project Name	Project Description	Probable Capital Cost
1384	Stone Mountain St Multi-modal Corridor Extension	Extend Stone Mountain St. from Max Cleland to Main St. including sidewalks.	\$1,000,000

MARTA Service

The establishment of a MARTA bus stop at the intersection of Conyers and Bruce streets is a matter of ongoing discussion.



Image courtesy of Google Street View

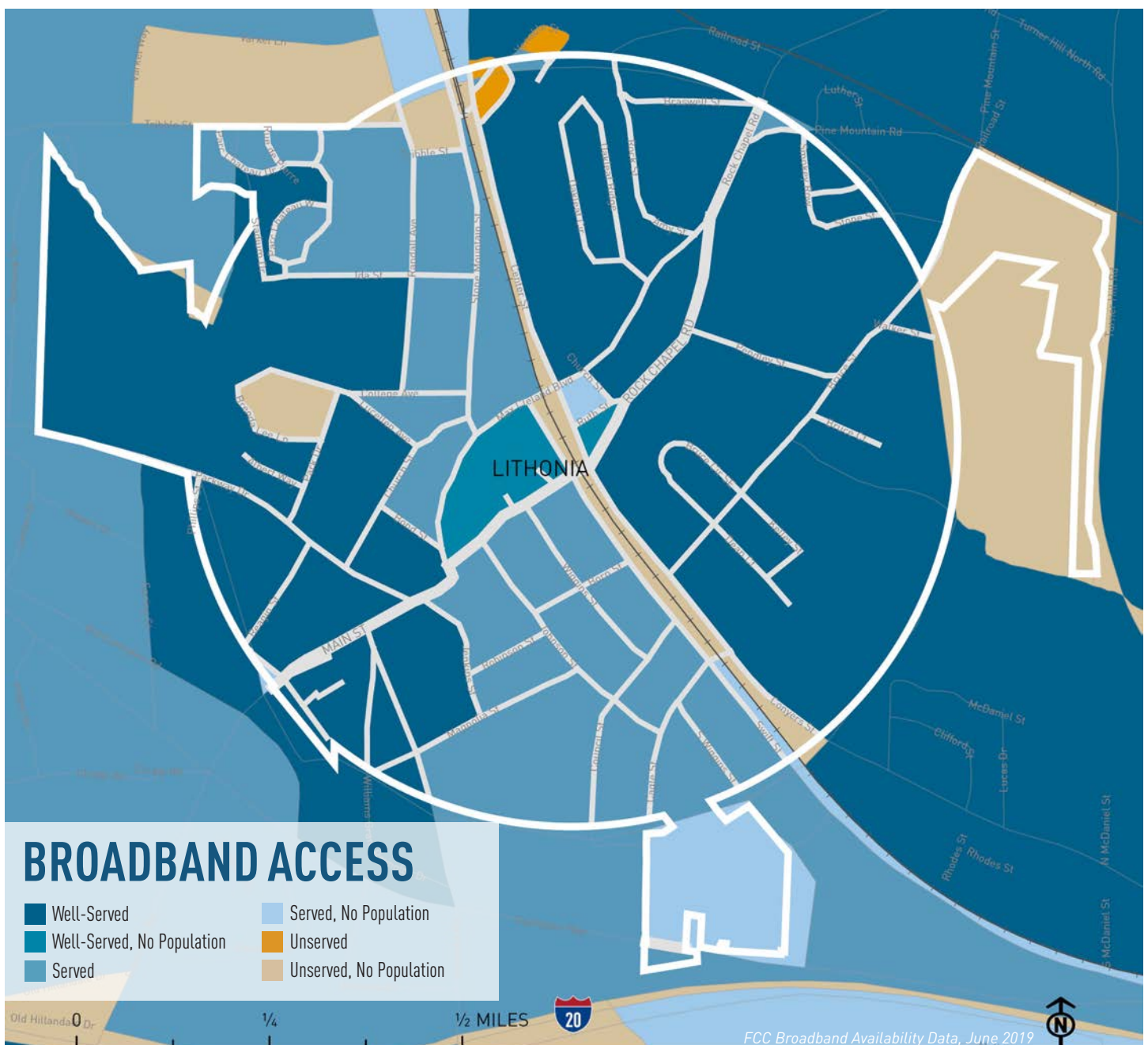
RELEVANT STUDIES SUMMARY

Broadband Services

According to the most recent available data from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Georgia Broadband Center, only 1% of households and businesses in DeKalb County were unserved by broadband as of 2017. This is against the background of the FCC reporting that as of 2017, 8% of locations statewide were unserved by broadband. This information is illustrated in the visual below, which shows that the vast majority of Lithonia is served by broadband.

Unserved pockets may be representative of extensive surface parking, undeveloped lots, or simply older developments, such as the area east of the city limits.

Broadly, Lithonia should actively promote the deployment of broadband services throughout the City, including to currently unserved areas. City officials should take necessary steps to achieve state certification as a Broadband Ready Community or designation of facilities and developments as Georgia Broadband Ready Community Sites.



CHAPTER 3

COMMUNITY INPUT



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COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT

Lithonia is a nurturing small town, safe for families, in harmony with the environment, preserving its history and culture, while creating opportunity for entrepreneurship, growth and economic development.

Engagement Summary

The 2020 comprehensive plan update was largely conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing precautions limited in-person community engagement options throughout the course of the update. Despite this hurdle, the Steering Committee virtually convened three times using the Microsoft Teams platform to provide direction and feedback at key points in the process. Recordings of Committee meetings are available on the City's website. A survey for residents to express their opinions about Lithonia's future was provided on the City's website, its newsletter, as well as its Facebook page. Paper copies were provided at City Hall. Fifteen responses were received.

What is One Thing You Would Tell Someone About Lithonia?



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

JULY

- Public Hearing at City Council Meeting #1
- Steering Committee Meeting #1
- Community Survey Released

AUGUST

- Steering Committee Meeting #2

SEPTEMBER

- Steering Committee Meeting #3

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

- Official Project Close at City Council Meeting

NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

Cultural Assets

Lithonia’s residents are proud of their small town’s friendly, close-knit community and abundant cultural assets. Lithonia is both home to and near several cultural and historic resources, including Dekalb County’s first public school for African Americans on Bruce Street and the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area. Residents feel the City actively promotes a culture of African American empowerment.

Environment & Greenspace

In addition to rich, cultural resources, Lithonia is home to several environmental resources, including unquarried granite outcrops. Residents enjoy both Lithonia City Park and its Stewart Amphitheater constructed using local granite. Most recently, the City added a pocket park downtown that not only provides additional greenspace but also celebrates Lithonia’s unique history. Residents also enjoy the PATH trail, as well as the creek and pond near Bruce Street Park.



Skippy Chef Cafe on Main St.

Main Street

Lithonia’s historic, walkable Main Street offers a place for entrepreneurship to thrive – many of its small businesses are supported by residents on a regular basis. Residents enjoy exciting events downtown like the weekly Farmers’ Market. Not far from Main Street, the Lithonia-Davidson library offers an opportunity for residents to read and connect. The City as a whole, and its downtown in particular, present opportunities for commercial and residential growth. Several past planning studies have highlighted the need to redevelop Lithonia Plaza, a mid-twentieth century urban renewal era shopping center, to better align with the downtown’s historic grid network. However, the Plaza’s current ownership continues to resist redevelopment.



*Ruth Carroll Dally Johnson Interpretive Garden -
New Pocket Park on Wiggins St*



Lithonia Plaza

NEEDS & OPPORTUNITIES

Commercial & Residential Vacancy

The active CSX line bisects the city, posing a challenge to uniting and developing the Main Street area. Several vacant storefronts just across the tracks could be redeveloped and reincorporated into downtown. In addition to these unused storefronts, Lithonia still struggles with both commercial and residential vacancies and thus, code enforcement. Residential vacancy has decreased since from 16% to 11% since 2010, despite the addition of housing units. However, the City has not experienced housing market recovery from the recession compared to the rest of the region and code enforcement of vacant property remains a challenge. Residents have expressed concerns about crime resulting from these vacancies, as well as homeless camps within and adjacent to the city.



CSX Line that bisects the City.



Bruce Street

In addition to Main Street, Bruce Street has emerged as a community focus. It is home to a number of community assets including the historic Bruce Street School, Dekalb County's first public school for African Americans, as well as two historic African American cemeteries. Residents expressed the need to highlight these important cultural resources with landmark signage. In addition to these historic sites, several community facilities are located on Bruce Street, including the future Lithonia Senior Center, the Lucious Sanders Recreation Center, the police station, KIP Academy and Learning Center, and the Bruce Street Park. Residents identified the Bruce Street Park as an asset, but also stressed that it requires improvements. Despite the concentration of these community facilities, MARTA's bus service area does not extend to Bruce Street. A visioning and redevelopment plan could better leverage the potential of this emerging city center.



Commercial building on Center St, just across the rail line from Main Street.

COMMUNITY ASSETS



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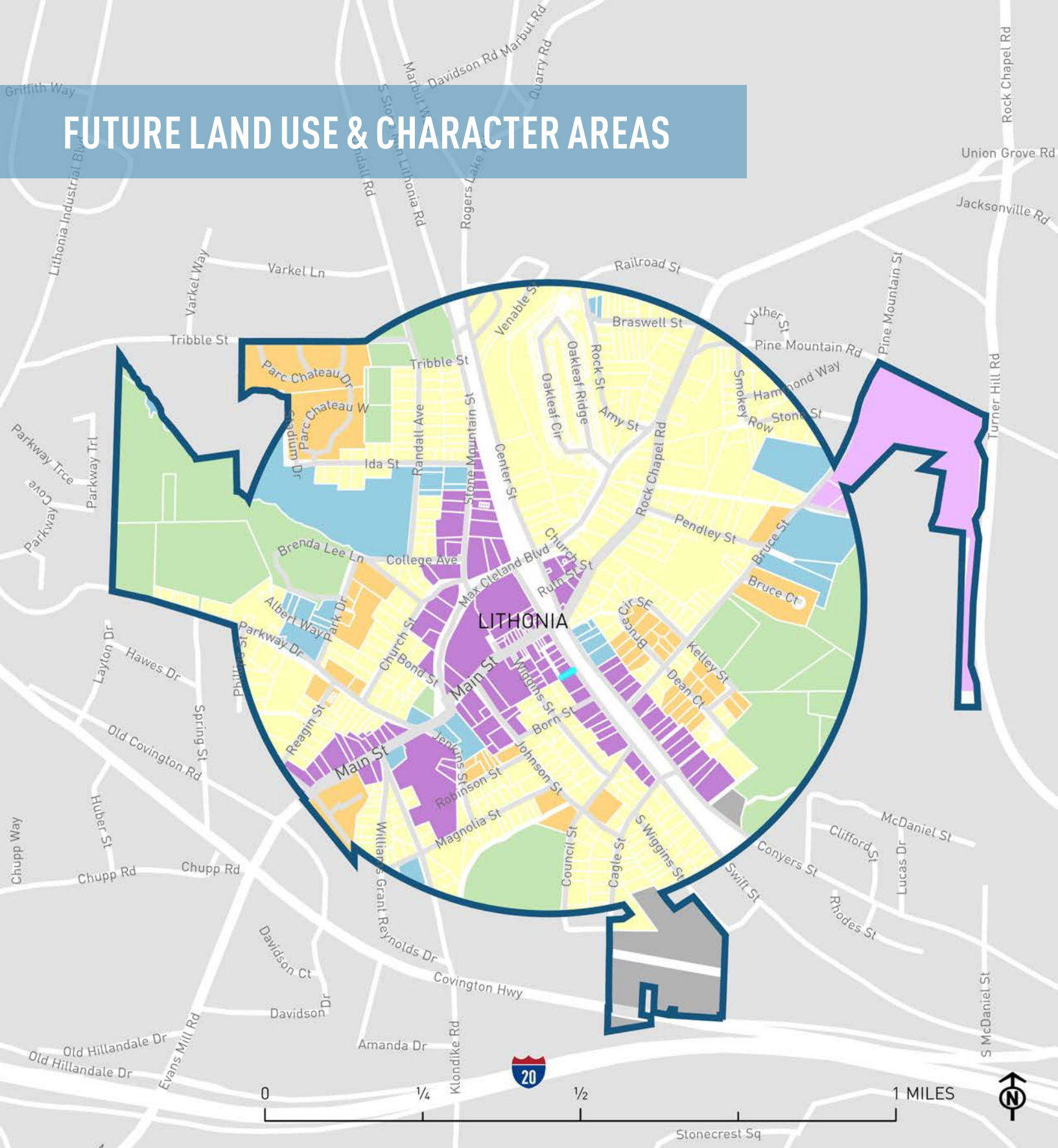


CHAPTER 4

FUTURE LAND USE



FUTURE LAND USE & CHARACTER AREAS



- LITHONIA CITY LIMITS
- TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL
- MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE
- INSTITUTIONAL
- INTOWN MIXED USE
- PERIMETER MIXED USE
- LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL



The **Traditional Residential** character area includes single-family residential neighborhoods with historic building elements and styles that are the foundation of Lithonia's character. While existing historic residential structures should be preserved and restored in a manner that is sensitive to the city's existing historic character, infill of smaller, detached and attached single-family residences with a similar architectural character on vacant and derelict property would provide additional opportunities for homeownership within the city. Lithonia's first pocket park was completed in 2019 along Wiggins Street, providing a model for the development of additional micro greenspace for the enjoyment of nearby residents. Code enforcement efforts, such as Lithonia Beautiful, and the resolution of heir property should continue to combat repercussions of neglect and abandonment.

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL



The **Multi-Family Residential** character area includes several multi-family developments that serve the community. One-story brick duplexes owned by the Lithonia Housing Authority are scattered throughout the city. Three market-rate, multi-family developments exist within the city - Chelsea Place (previously Parc Chateau), Villas on Main, and Granite Crossing. Though there is a strong desire to encourage home ownership within the City, housing diversity and affordability should remain a priority.

Traditional Residential and Multi-Family Residential

Development Patterns

- Preserve existing single family homes and encourage restoration of historic residential structures while discouraging gated communities.
- Promote construction of new smaller, detached and attached single-family residences with compatible architectural character.
- Promote construction of new multi-family developments exhibiting high quality design elements compatible with existing single-family homes.
- Require rear-oriented off-street parking.
- Ensure installation of sidewalks to facilitate pedestrian activity and connectivity of sidewalk network to community amenities.
- Develop additional pocket parks.

Land Uses

- Detached and Attached Single-Family Residential Uses
- Multi-Family Residential Uses
- Recreational Uses

Implementation Strategies

- Develop plan for the removal and replacement of dilapidated residential structures along Center Street, Parkway Drive, and Bruce Street with smaller, single-family residences including an inventory of dilapidated structures and development parameters and partners.
- Reinforce neighborhood stability by encouraging homeownership and maintenance or upgrade of existing properties.
- Work with Lithonia Housing Authority and other partners to develop a plan for improvements to and/or redevelopment of existing public housing units.
- Work with PATH Foundation to provide strong pedestrian and bicycle connections in neighborhoods to encourage walking to community facilities and amenities.

TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL



MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL



INTOWN MIXED USE

The **Intown Mixed Use** character area includes general retail, service commercial, office professional, and higher-density residential, as well as some public and open space facilities. Some structures, particularly along Stone Mountain, Swift, and Center streets, are appropriate for adaptive reuse. To that end, Live, Love, Lithonia, a 2019 ARC Community Development Assistance Program project, provided recommendations for the establishment of a façade grant program which the DDA has begun to implement, including the development of an application and establishment of funds. Additional recommendations include the restoration of historic “ghost” signs, as well as the development of new public murals like the one along Conyers Street.

PERIMETER MIXED USE

The **Perimeter Mixed Use** character area has the potential for a new master-planned development on an existing 24-acre vacant site. This development may meet a specific need for Lithonia, such as accommodating a senior housing development near the new Lithonia Senior Center and Bruce Street Park. Though such a project has been in the planning phase for several years, the area is appropriate for a number of other mixed-use developments, such as a continuum-of-care facility mixing units for independent and assisted senior living, as well as a market-driven development that includes mixed-income residential units as well as space for commercial and professional uses.

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL

A **Light Industrial** character area includes low manufacturing, wholesale trade, and distribution facilities that do not generate the excessive nuisances associated with higher manufacturing. A 17-acre, undeveloped parcel north of Covington Highway, as well as several properties along Conyers Street, have the potential for light industrial development that is sensitive to the surrounding area. Development of these properties would place them once again on the tax rolls, as well as provide employment opportunities within the city.

Intown Mixed Use, Perimeter Mixed Use, and Light Industrial

Development Patterns

- Include a mix of commercial, professional, civic, residential, and recreational opportunities (Intown Mixed Use)
- Include higher-density, mixed-income housing options (Intown Mixed Use)
- Incorporate pedestrian-oriented walkable connections within and to the Traditional Residential character area (Intown Mixed Use and Perimeter Mixed Use)
- Incorporate landscaping and site design to soften views of buildings, parking lots, and loading docks (Light Industrial)
- Incorporate signage and lighting features
- Promote infill and adaptive reuse in targeted areas

Land Uses

- Residential Uses
- Commercial, Professional, and Civic Uses
- Light Industrial Uses
- Recreational Uses

Implementation Strategies

- Continue redevelopment of, and reduce vacancies within, Lithonia Plaza.
- Preserve structures with historic significance and explore potential funding sources to encourage historic façade restorations and improvements of existing buildings by property owners.
- Promote infill development on vacant lots where appropriate while discouraging the construction of large retail facilities.
- Promote the creation of pocket parks and improve the curb appeal of the downtown gateways.

INTOWN MIXED USE



Granite Crossing, a new 75-unit apartment complex, now anchors the north side of Lithonia Plaza with a modern multi-family residential development. Though recent updates implemented by Wayfield are appreciated, further redevelopment of Lithonia Plaza is desired. Specialty food stores and restaurants are favored uses to backfill vacant storefronts. The City has discussed the development of a public outdoor plaza for dining and entertainment.

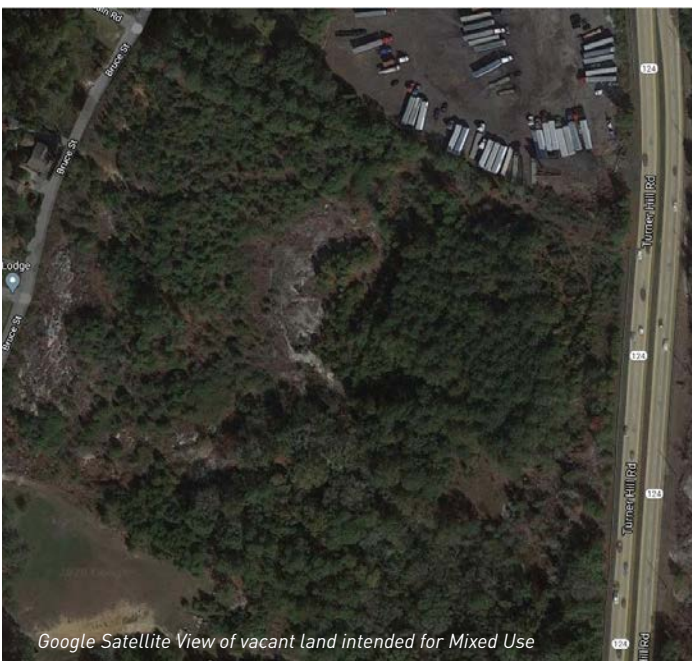


Wiggins St



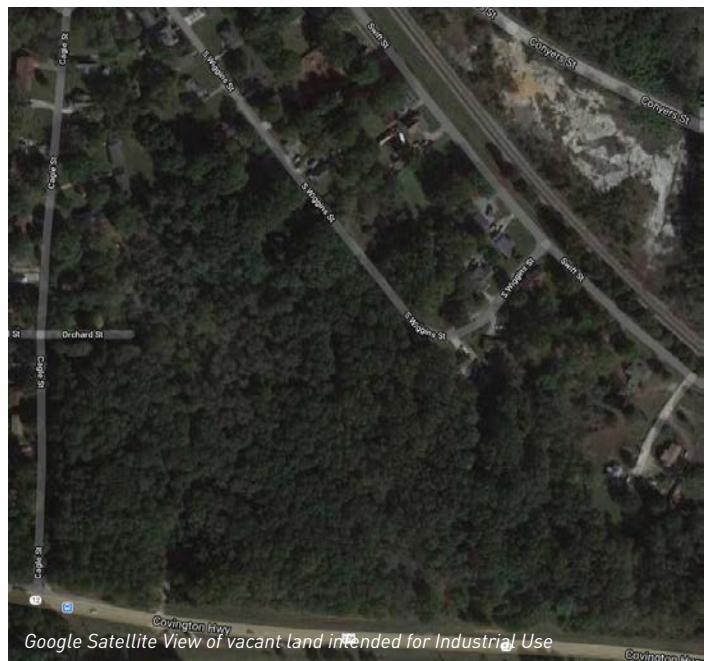
Commercial building on the corner of Center St & Rock Chapel Rd

PERIMETER MIXED USE



Google Satellite View of vacant land intended for Mixed Use

LIGHT INDUSTRIAL



Google Satellite View of vacant land intended for Industrial Use

INSTITUTIONAL



The **Institutional** character area includes public use facilities such as schools and churches. With the construction of the new Lithonia Senior Center nearby – a groundbreaking for which was held August 2020 – the Bruce Street School ruins are primed for redevelopment. Though the building’s outer walls of granite remain intact, the interior and roof have deteriorated. Planning for the stabilization and interpretation of the ruins is underway with a strong desire to preserve it as a cultural landmark.

RECREATION & OPEN SPACE



The **Recreation and Open Space** character area includes existing parks, as well as undeveloped areas ideal for the expansion of existing recreational facilities or to be preserved as natural open space. The Lithonia Park visioning project - Park Pride - and capital improvement plan were completed in 2019 calling for construction of the new Lucious Sanders Recreation Center in Lithonia Park. This relocation of the recreation center will allow for the Bruce Street Park and adjacent land to the southeast to develop as a more senior-centric area with passive recreation and open space to accompany the new senior center and future senior housing. The preservation and commemoration of the City’s two historic African American cemeteries along Bruce Street is included in a larger wish to see the Bruce Street-area celebrated as a unique cultural asset.

Institutional and Recreation and Open Space

Development Patterns

- Maintain historic properties to prevent further deterioration and protect from demolition
- Preserve available open space, including existing parks and cemeteries, through private owner dedication, an open space reservation requirement for new developments, or a transfer of development rights program
- Utilize facade and conservation easements to protect community character
- Link to other community facilities and amenities

Land Uses

- Civic Uses
- Recreational Uses

Implementation Strategies

- Develop a plan to preserve existing undeveloped areas – such as the area southeast of Bruce Street Park – for natural open space.
- Work with DeKalb County and other partners to upgrade park facilities, such as benches, bike racks, and active recreational components.
- Work with Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance, PATH Foundation, DeKalb County and other entities to develop connections to the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area.

INSTITUTIONAL



RECREATION & OPEN SPACE



CHAPTER 5

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM

The Village Meeting Place
A Community Center for the People of the Village



Monday thru Friday
8am - 7pm
Saturday
8am - 8pm
1111 Lillie Ave., Lithonia, GA 30088



REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2015-2020

Key Terminology

Items that are **COMPLETED** have been finished within the 5-year reporting period prior to this comprehensive plan update.

Items that are **UNDERWAY** have been initiated or had partial progress as of the end of the 5-year reporting period prior to this comprehensive plan update. They have been carried over into the new 5-year reporting period for this comprehensive plan update.

Items that are **POSTPONED** are still priorities for the community and have been carried over into the new 5-year reporting period for this comprehensive plan update.

Items that are **CANCELLED** will not be carried over into the new 5-year reporting period for this comprehensive plan update. Generally, these are items that are broad policy statements or routine city operations, and they have been identified appropriately as such.

Project	Status	Notes
Economic Development		
1. Partner with agencies to promote job training opportunities.	COMPLETE	Partnerships with WorkSource DeKalb and Board of Education Work-Based Learning programs ongoing.
2. Prepare a market and feasibility study of development opportunities.	POSTPONED	See CWP Project #ED.1.
3. Develop a business retention, recruitment, and marketing plan.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #ED.2.
Community Development		
1. Identify funding sources to implementation of the sidewalk/crosswalks plan.	COMPLETE	LMIG and SPLOST funds identified.
2. Undertake a review of the Lithonia Zoning Ordinance, and subsequently update, to align with the Comprehensive Plan Update.	CANCELED	Incorporated as a routine operation.
3. Adopt and implement Proposed Design Guidelines for Lithonia, Georgia developed by Georgia State University.	UNDERWAY	Proposed Design Guidelines for Lithonia, Georgia and historic preservation ordinance adopted by Council. CWP Project #CD.1.
4. Develop design standards for gateway signage.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #CD.2.
5. Research funding opportunities to restore and redevelop the Bruce Street School and Lithonia Plaza.	UNDERWAY	Redevelopment of City-owned portion of Lithonia Plaza complete & partnerships with DeKalb County & AMHAAA established for redevelopment of Bruce Street School ruins. See CWP Project #CD.3 & #CD.4.
6. Support Downtown Development Authority in promoting diversity of businesses, e.g. bookstore, internet café, art gallery, antique shops, etc.	UNDERWAY	Survey of existing businesses complete. See CWP Project #CD.5.
7. Develop and implement a plan of action to address code violations.	UNDERWAY	Code enforcement efforts expanded. See CWP #CD.6.
8. Develop a plan to increase the connectivity of sidewalk network in areas near the middle school, recreation centers, city parks, and shopping district.	UNDERWAY	LMIG and SPLOST funds identified. See CWP Project #CD.7.



- CWP = Community Work Plan
- ED = Economic Development

- CD = Community Development
- AMHAA = Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance

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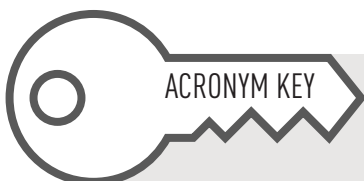
Project	Status	Notes
Community Development (Continued from Previous Page)		
9. Develop an inventory of the city's natural (and historic) resources along with an educational plan.	POSTPONED	See CWP Project #CD.8.
10. Develop strategies for new housing development.	COMPLETED	GICH program completed and Granite Crossing constructed.
11. Develop a plan to promote heritage tourism.	POSTPONED	See CWP Project #CD.9.
12. Expand the greenway trail system within the city to provide greater connectivity to the Arabia Mountain National Heritage Preserve Area.	UNDERWAY	Partnerships with AMHAA and PATH established to connect PATH to Main and Johnson street. See CWP Project #CD.10.
13. Adopt ordinances to promote and protect natural and historic resources.	UNDERWAY	Historic preservation ordinance adopted by Council. See CWP Project #CD.11
Partnerships		
1. Establish partnership with CSX railroad to improve circulation options on Main Street.	COMPLETE	
2. Coordinate with DeKalb County the provision of services through a new Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) agreement and intergovernmental agreements.	COMPLETE	
3. Work with partners to establish community gardens and farmers market.	COMPLETE	Lithonia Farmers Market established. Partnerships with community gardens at Stoneview Elementary School and Lucious Sanders Recreation Center ongoing.
4. Work with management of supermarket to improve quality of food choices, pricing, and appearance of facility.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #P.1.
5. Work with Georgia Department of Transportation and other agencies to improve signage on Interstate 20, Highway 124, and other major roadways.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #P.2.
6. Partner with Lithonia Housing Authority to explore new housing opportunities and redevelopment of existing housing stock.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #P.3.
Civic Participation		
1. Develop inventory of services for seniors and youth.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #CP.1.
2. Develop a plan to improve communication with citizens, particularly through the use of social media or other digital/online resources.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #CP.2.
3. Support expansion of neighborhood watches safety initiatives.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #CP.3.
4. Establish a Citizen Academy and Youth Leadership Program.	UNDERWAY	See CWP Project #CP.4.



- CWP = Community Work Plan
- CD = Community Development
- P = Partnerships
- CP = Civic Participation
- AMHAA = Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM 2021-2025

#	Project	Asset/ Concern	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Responsibility	Funding & Cost
Economic Development									
ED.1	Develop a downtown redevelopment plan.	Main Street (A)		X	X			City; Consultant	Costs to be determined based upon project needs
ED.2	Implement a façade grant program as detailed in Live Love Lithonia.	Main Street (A)	X					DDA; City	Staff/Volunteer Time; Other costs to be determined based upon project needs
Community Development									
CD.1	Establish Historic Preservation Commission.	Main Street (A)	X					City	Staff Time
CD.2	Develop gateway signage design standards based on signs erected by AMHAA.	Main Street (A)	X					City; AMHAA	Staff Time
CD.3	Advocate for redevelopment of the Lithonia Plaza through a partnership with the owner.	Lithonia Plaza (C)			X	X		DDA; City	Staff Time
CD.4	Preserve and interpret the Bruce Street School ruins with DeKalb County and AMHAA.	Bruce Street (A/C)	X	X	X			County; AMHAA; City	Staff Time
CD.5	Target economic development policies and programs to locate a diversity of businesses, e.g. bookstore, art gallery, antique shops, etc.	Main Street (A)	X	X	X			DDA; City	Staff and Volunteer Time
CD.6	Increase code enforcement requirements in zoning ordinance.	Code Enforcement (C)	X					City	Staff Time
CD.7	Develop sidewalk network connectivity plan near middle school, rec. centers, parks, & shopping district.	LMS/Historic Granite Stadium (A)		X	X			City; County	Costs to be determined based upon project needs
CD.8	Develop an inventory of the city's natural and historic resources along with an educational plan.	Bruce Street (A/C)				X	X	City	Staff Time; Other costs to be determined if outside source utilized
CD.9	Develop a plan to promote heritage tourism.	Landmark Signage (C)	X	X				City; County	Staff Time
CD.10	Expand the greenway trail system to Main & Johnson streets to provide greater connectivity to the AMHAA	Main Street (A)	X	X	X			PATH; City; County	Staff Time
CD.11	Adopt ordinance to promote and protect natural resources.	Lithonia Park (A)				X		City	Staff Time



- AMHAA = Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance
- DDA = Downtown Development Authority
- LMS = Lithonia Middle School
- A = Asset
- C = Concern

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM 2021-2025

#	Project	Asset/ Concern	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Responsibility	Funding & Cost
Partnerships									
P.1	Work with supermarket management to improve quality of food choices, pricing, & appearance of facility.	Lithonia Plaza (C)		X				City	Staff Time
P.2	Work with GDOT to install historic district signs.	Landmark Signage (C)	X					City; GDOT	Staff Time
P.3	Identify new housing opportunities and potential redevelopment opportunities with LHA.	Mixed Use Redevelopment (A)						City; LHA	Staff Time
P.4	Explore expansion of service & construction of transit shelters with MARTA for Senior Center & Bruce St.	MARTA (C)	X	X				City; MARTA	Staff Time
Civic Participation									
CP.1	Develop inventory of services for seniors and youth.	Bruce Street Park (C)				X	X	City; County	Staff and Volunteer Time
CP.2	Develop plan to improve communication w/ citizens, particularly through social media/online platforms.	Lithonia-Davidson Library (A)	X					City; DDA	Staff and Volunteer Time
CP.3	Expand neighborhood watch initiatives.	Bruce Street (A/C)	X					City	Staff Time
CP.4	Establish a Citizen Academy and Youth Leadership Program.	Lucious Sanders Rec. Center (A)				X		City	Staff Time



- GDOT = Georgia Department of Transportation
- LHA = Lithonia Housing Authority
- DDA = Downtown Development Authority
- A = Asset
- C = Concern

CHAPTER 6

APPENDIX



FIRST REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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THE CHAMPION LEGAL SECTION, THURSDAY, JULY 16 - 22, 2020

220-437863 7/16,7/23,7/30,8/6

NOTICE
++2020-0929++

TO: All Interested Parties: **EDDIE DONERLSON, III, and STEPHANIE ROCHELL HAYES-JOHNSON** have petitioned to be appointed Co-Administrators of the estate of **CHERYL JEANEAN DONERLSON** deceased, of said County. The Petitioners have also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **08/10/2020**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

Bedelia C Hargrove
Judge of the Probate Court
Kim Guyton, Clerk of the Probate Court
556 N. McDonough St., Rm. 1100
Decatur, Georgia 30030
404-371-2601

Dismiss Administrator

240-437864 7/16

NOTICE
++2019-2347++

PROBATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
RE: PETITION OF PALMER JOHN PENNY FOR DISCHARGE AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH ANNE PENNY, DECEASED
TO: All Interested Parties
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before **07/27/2020**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Judge of the Probate Court
Kim Guyton, Clerk of the Probate Court
556 N. McDonough St., Rm. 1100
Decatur, Georgia 30030
404-371-2601

Dismiss Executor

250-437796 7/9, 1/6,7/23 7/30

NOTICE
++2019-0706++

PROBATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
RE: PETITION OF SUNTRUST BANK for DISCHARGE as EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY JEFFREYS WOODALL, DECEASED
TO: All Interested Parties
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the above referenced petition, in this Court on or before **08/03/2020**.
BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth grounds of any such objections. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Dismiss Guardian

260-437865 7/16

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ESTATE OF Barbara Jean Darmon, DECEASED
ESTATE NO. ++2017-1900++
NOTICE

[For Discharge from Office and All Liability]
IN RE: Petition for Discharge of Personal Representative
TO: Demerests Jefferson Jones & All Interested Parties
This is to notify you who are required to be served personally, to file objection, if there is any, to the above-referenced Petition, in this Court on or before the tenth (10th) day after the date you are personally served or sign the return receipt.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

Bedelia C Hargrove
Judge of the Probate Court
Kimberly Curry, Clerk of the Probate Court
556 North McDonough Street, Room 1100
Decatur Georgia 30030
404-371-2601

Miscellaneous

290-437802 7/9,7/16,7/23,7/30

IN RE: Estate of ROSA BANK Estate No. ++2020-0863++
Petition by Personal Representative for
Waiver of Bond and Grant of Certain Powers

NOTICE
GEORGIA, DEKALB COUNTY PROBATE COURT
ESTELLE RAE BANK has petitioned for waiver of bond and for the grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. § 53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the Court on or before **8/3/2020**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All pleadings/objections must be signed under oath before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact probate court personnel at the following address/telephone number for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Decatur, Georgia 30030
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Will

300-436954 6/25,7/2,7/9,7/16

NOTICE
++2020-0810++

RE: PETITION OF SHERRY E WALLIS TO PROBEATE IN SOLEMN FORM THE WILL OF GRACE HILL PUGH, DECEASED, UPON WHICH AN ORDER OR SERVICE WAS GRANTED BY THIS COURT.
TO: Tim Hill, Ronald Lee Roseberry, Betty Roseberry, Ricky Roseberry, Cindy Ann Hill, Gall Hill, Tammy Hill, Connie Hill, Eddie Hill, Ronny Hill
This is to notify you to file objection, if there is any, to the Petition to Probate Will in Solemn Form, in this Court on or before **July 20, 2020**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

Bedelia C Hargrove
Judge of the Probate Court
Doris F. Scott, Clerk of the Probate Court
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Decatur, Georgia 30030
404-371-2601

Year's Support

310-436955 6/25,7/2,7/9,7/16

NOTICE
++2020-0792++

TO: All Interested Parties
The Petition of **AMELIA PETTWAY SPRINGER**, for a year's support from the estate of **HERSCHEL SPRINGER**, Deceased, for Decedent's Surviving Spouse and minor child, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **JULY 20, 2020**, why said Petition should not be granted.

All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleadings/objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Judge of the Probate Court
By: Morgan Johnson, Clerk of the Probate Court
556 N. McDonough St., Rm. 1100
Decatur, Georgia 30030
404-371-2601

NOTICE
++2020-0869++

TO: All Interested Parties
The Petition of **ROBERT E HARGROVE**, for a year's support from the estate of **DORIS J HARGROVE**, Deceased, for Decedent's Surviving Spouse and minor child, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **AUGUST 3, 2020**, why said Petition should not be granted.

All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleadings/objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

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310-437866 7/16,7/23,7/30,8/6

NOTICE
++2020-0340++

TO: All Interested Parties
The Petition of **DOROTHY LOUISE WRIGHT SMITH**, for a year's support from the estate of **WILLIAM PATRICK SMITH, III**, Deceased, for Decedent's Surviving Spouse and minor child, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **AUGUST 10, 2020**, why said Petition should not be granted.

All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleadings/objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

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310-437867 7/16,7/23,7/30,8/6

NOTICE
++2020-0913++

TO: All Interested Parties
The Petition of **WILLIAM GREGORY HAYES**, for a year's support from the estate of **CYNTHIA EHRHARDT HAYES**, Deceased, for Decedent's Surviving Spouse and minor child, having been duly filed, all interested persons are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before **AUGUST 10, 2020**, why said Petition should not be granted. All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed on or before the time stated in the preceding sentence. All pleadings/objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

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Judge of the Probate Court
By: Morgan Johnson, Clerk of the Probate Court
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Public Hearing

320-437804 7/9,7/16

Notice of Public Hearing
The Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Avondale Estates will conduct a meeting on ++Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.++ to make a Zoning District recommendation to the City of Avondale Estates Board of Mayor and Commissioners for the area known as Berkeley Village which is under review for annexation. This hearing will be held via Zoom webinar. Please use one of the following to join the webinar.

Online:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84364083392>
For audio only: 312.626.6799
Webinar ID: 843 6408 3392
Ken Morris
Planner & Permit Services Coordinator

320-437805 7/9,7/16

Notice of Public Hearing
The Board of Appeals of the City of Avondale Estates will conduct a hearing on ++Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.++ to consider an application from Jesse Brock Nix for a variance from the City's zoning ordinance pertaining to front yard setback requirements for the property located at 3409 Covington Highway. This hearing will be held via Zoom webinar. Please use one of the following to join the webinar.

Online:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83150485236>
By phone (audio only): 301.715.8592
Webinar ID: 831 5048 5236
Ken Morris
Planner & Permit Services Coordinator

320-437868 7/16

City of Lithonia
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
The City of Lithonia Mayor & Council will hold the initial public hearing regarding the 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update virtually at City Hall, 6920 Main Street, Lithonia 30058 on ++August 3, 2020 at 5:30 pm.++
Dial-in number (701) 802-5163
Access Code: 8453252
The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the plan, opportunities for public participation in development of the plan, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process.

All interested should attend. Questions should be directed to the City Clerk by calling (770) 482-8136 OR
cityclerk@lithoniacity.org.

Public Notice

330-437078 7/2,7/9,7/16,7/23

Public Notice
Assumed Name CURTIS WASHINGTON
Registered at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State
Work Item# 1164444300021
Original File# 1164444300021
Filed: 06/23/2020
Nameholder: Washington, Curtis Larmont Active/ in Good Standing
++Assumed Name CURTIS WASHINGTON++

330-437079 7/2,7/9,7/16,7/23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that on March 31, 2020, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved its willingness to enter into a ++Real property exchange for property located on the north side of Pleasant Hill Way++ approximately 600 yards to the west of the intersection of Pleasant Hill Road and Morris Lake Drive in exchange for a large tract along Lyons Road to the southwest of the intersection of Lyons Road and Lyons Drive. Pursuant to the proposed exchange (1) DeKalb County will convey approximately 8,548 acres of vacant real property (being tax parcel 16-252-2-2) to D.R. Horton, Inc., a Delaware corporation; and (2) D.R. Horton, Inc. will convey approximately 52,967 acres of real property (including tax parcels 16-048-01-002, and 16-048-01-001, and a portion of tax parcel 16-047-03-014) to DeKalb County for use as a greenspace buffer. Because of the disparate value of the two tracts, as determined by independent appraisal, DeKalb County will also pay D.R. Horton additional consideration in cash. Please contact Zachary L. Williams, Executive Assistant and Chief Operating Officer for DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

330-437080 7/2,7/9,7/16,7/23

PUBLIC NOTICE

The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable customers to be able to identify the true owner of a business. Tims, Ryshawn Rymeer, living at 3129 Clifton Springs Court, Decatur, Georgia, is the General Executor/Ultimate Beneficial Owner Name PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **3129 CLIFTON SPRINGS COURT, DECATUR, GA 30034**, in the following Certificate of Assumed Name, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 333 to wit; **RYSHAWN RYMEER TIMS filed on 5/22/2020 Original File Number/Active and in Good Standing 1160540200023; RYSHAWN TIMS filed on 5/22/2020 Original File Number/Active and in Good Standing 1160541400028; RYSHAWN R.TIMS filed on 5/22/2020 Original File Number/Active and in Good Standing 1160542700025; RYSHAWN R TIMS filed on 5/22/2020 Original File Number/Active and in Good Standing 1160543100024; RYSHAWN RYMEER TIMS; filed on 5/22/2020 Original File Number/Active and in Good Standing 1160542400029; NAME-HOLDER(S): c/o 3129 Clifton Springs Court, Decatur, Georgia, Republic without the United States [30034] United States of America, and the nature of the said business is commerce.**

++Assumed Name/ RYSHAWN RYMEER TIMS++

FIRST REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA



CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

AMELIA INMAN, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE
WILLIAM "RIC" DODD
DIANE W. HOWARD
VANNERIAH WYNN
DAROLD P. HONORE, JR.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

LATHAYDRA SANDS, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
DARREN NEWTON, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE
QUINTON MONSON, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
ROBINETTE BLOUNT, CITY CLERK

SHAMEKA S. REYNOLDS, MAYOR
CITY OF LITHONIA

Monday, August 3, 2020 @ 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING

Dial-in number (US): (701) 802-5163
Access code: 8453252

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- II. **Moment of Silence**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes**
 - a. July 20, 2020 – City Council Work Session Virtual Meeting @ 5:30 PM
 - b. July 27, 2020 – Special Called Chief of Police Selection Process Virtual Meeting @ 11:30 AM
- V. **Public Comments (Limit 2-minutes per person)**
- VI. **Public Hearing for 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update**
 - a. Discussion on the process to be used to develop the plan
 - b. Public Discussion
- VII. **Presentation (Limit 8 minutes per person)**
 - a. Ms. Chinara Aklilu; LifeliNK of Georgia, National Minority Donor Awareness Month
 - b. Mayor Shameka S. Reynolds; Reading of LifeliNK Proclamation
 - c. Park Pride Report: President Allen
- VIII. **Action Items**
 - a. Black Lives Matter Initiative
 - b. Fees for landscape maintenance of abandoned residential lots
- IX. **Other Business**
 - a. Ms. Dawn Massey; Requesting amendment of the event ordinance to exempt historical landmarks and cultural assets, The Women's Club and The Camellia House
 - b. Alcohol Ordinance (47 pages)
 - c. "Lithonia Beautiful" / Code Enforcement
 - d. Masonic Lodge
 - e. Mayors Report: COVID-19 Update, Council Member District Update
- X. **Executive Session (if needed)**
- XI. **Adjournment**

POST CARD SURVEY - FRONT SIDE

CITY OF LITHONIA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY



Communities shape and guide growth and development through planning. Please take a moment to answer the questions below - your input will guide Lithonia's 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update!

What do you think are Lithonia's 3 strongest assets?

What do you think are 3 challenges facing Lithonia?

What are some of Lithonia's significant cultural/historic/architectural resources? Are any in danger of being lost?

What are some of Lithonia's significant natural/environmental resources? Are any in danger of being lost?

POST CARD SURVEY - BACK SIDE

How would you rank the following transportation concerns in Lithonia?

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Traffic Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Traffic Congestion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road Conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike/Ped Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How would you rank the following housing needs?

	<i>Need more</i>	<i>Have the right amount</i>	<i>Need less</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Affordable Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Senior Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mixed-Income Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What kind of improvements would you like to see downtown? _____

What is your age?	<i>≤ 17</i>	<i>18-20</i>	<i>21-29</i>	<i>30-39</i>	<i>40-49</i>	<i>50-59</i>	<i>60+</i>
	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

With which race do you identify?

- White/Caucasian*
- Hispanic/Latinx*
- American Indian/Alaska Native*
- Another race*
- Black/African American*
- Asian/Asian American*
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander*

What best describes your housing status?

- Renter*
- Homeowner*
- Dependent*
- Other*

ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

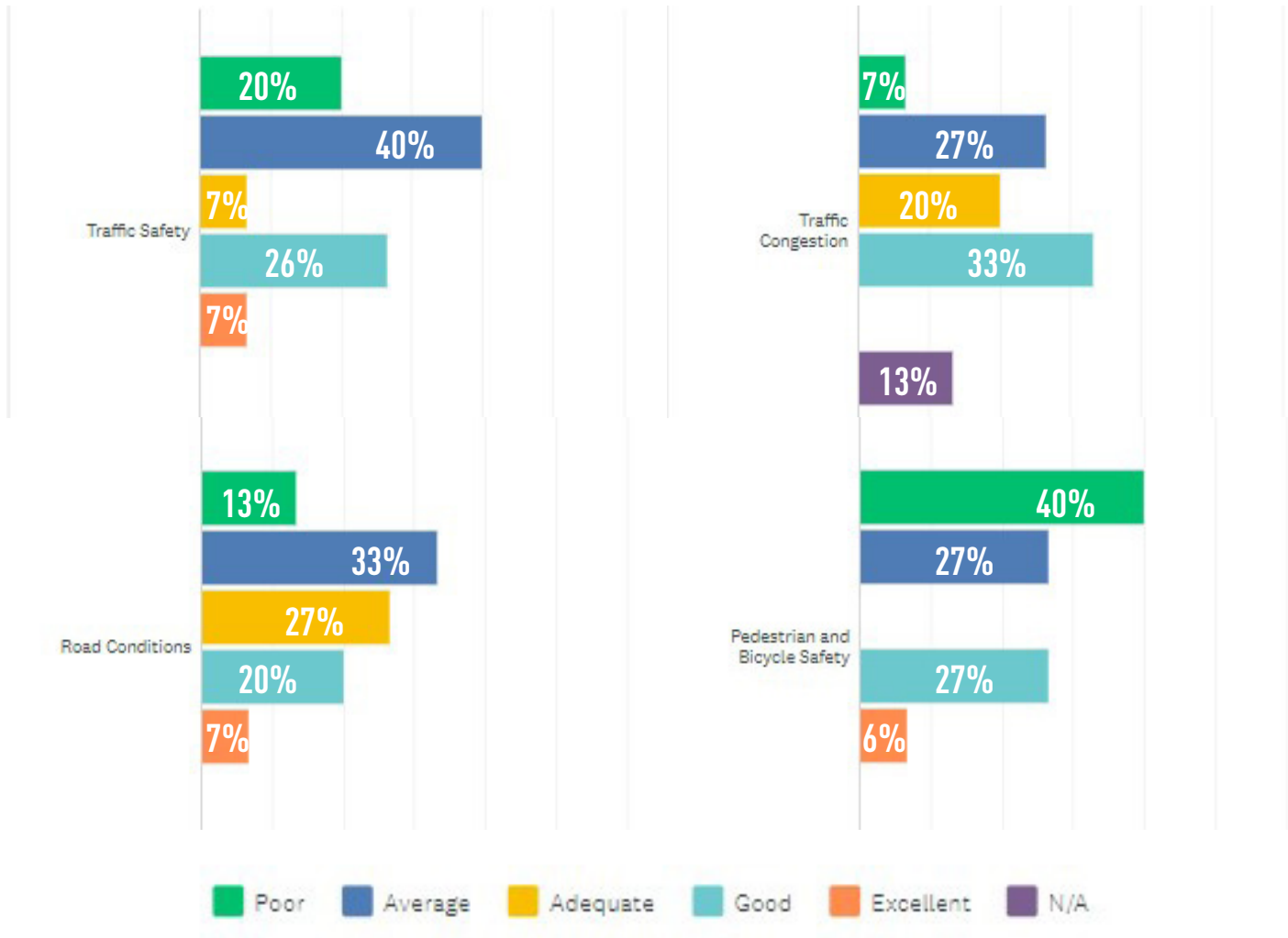
Q1. 3 STRONGEST ASSETS	MENTIONS	Q3. 3 SIGNIFICANT CULTURAL RESOURCES	MENTIONS
friendly people	2	Bruce St School	4
cultural resources	1	Historic Downtown	4
cool location proximity to Atlanta	4	City Park/Ampitheater	3
strong downtown	5	Granite	2
quaint, small-town feel	6	Historic Architecture	2
close-knit community	3	Masonic Hall	1
Walkability	2	Football Stadium	1
Business	4	Center St Buildings	2
Park	2	Arabia Mountain	1
African american culture, culture of empowerment	3	African American Cemetary	3
Potential for growth	3	Women's Club	2
History	4		
Exciting events	1		
Farmers Market	1		
Police department	1		
Public works	1		
Q2. 3 PRIMARY CHALLENGES	MENTIONS	Q4. SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCES	MENTIONS
Walkability	1	City Park	5
Commercial vacancies	5	Pocket Parks	1
Residential blight	2	PATH	1
Aging population	1	Granite outcrops	2
Chain businesses	1	Bruce St Park	3
Disconnected residents	1	Creeks	1
Limited annexation opportunities	2		
Lack of grocery store options	1		
Placemaking	1	Q7. DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS	MENTIONS
Crime	1	PATH to mainstreet	1
Lack of redevelopment	5	historic preservation standards	2
Lack of energy/drive/vision	4	Outdoor events	3
Lack of Engagement	3	Small business development	5
No design standards	1	Mixed use	2
City Council	1	Outdoor seating	1
Finances	3	Update plaza	1
Coronavirus	1	Façade updates	4
Government collaboration	1	Placemaking	1
Planning	1	Lighting	1
Lack of small business development	2		
Schools	1		

ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Q5



How would you rank the following transportation concerns in Lithonia?



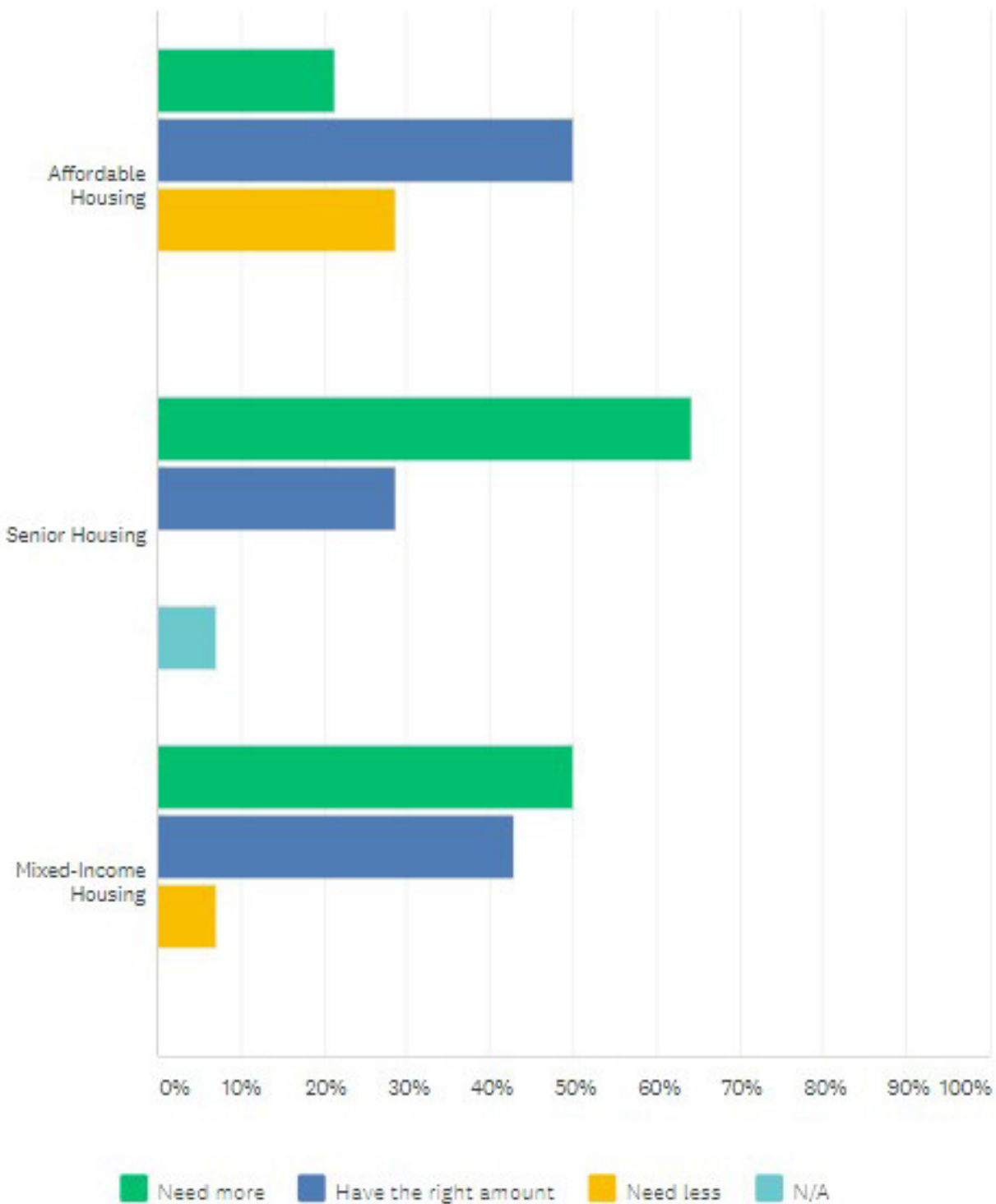
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Q6



How would you rank the following housing needs in Lithonia?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 1



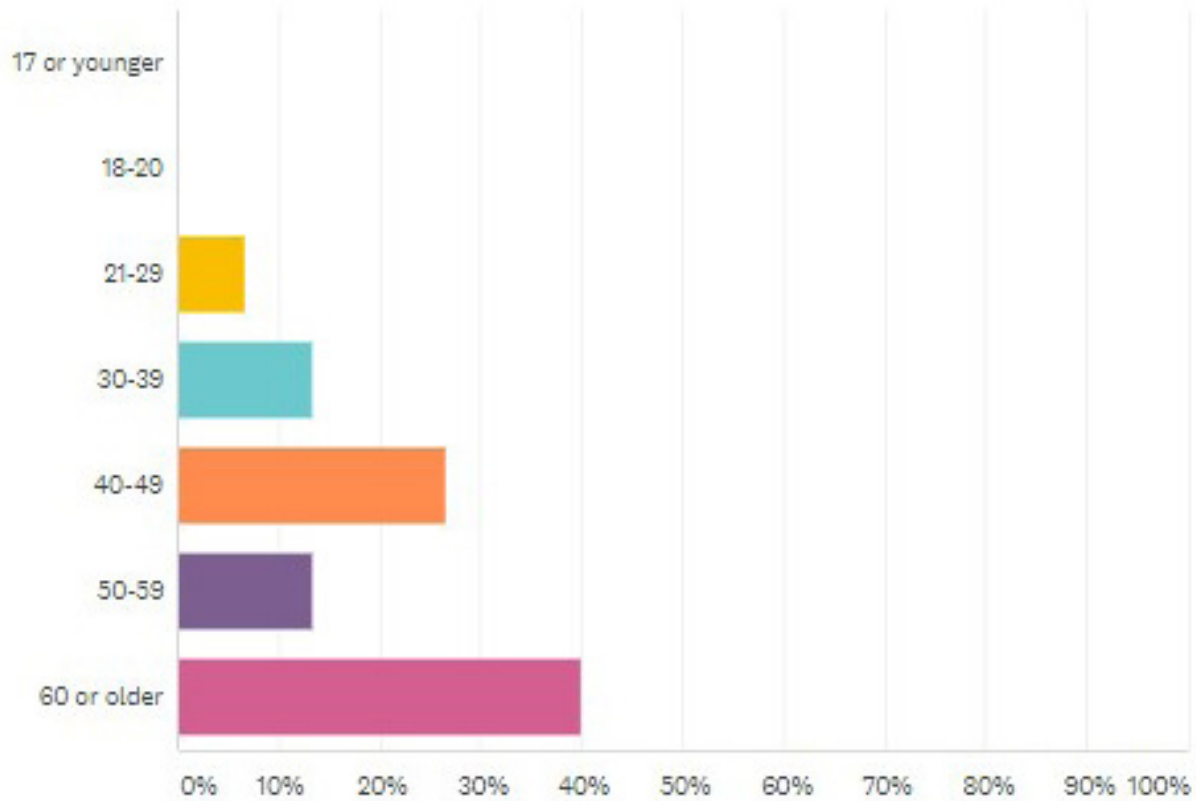
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Q8



What is your age?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	0.00%	0
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	6.67%	1
30-39	13.33%	2
40-49	26.67%	4
50-59	13.33%	2
60 or older	40.00%	6
TOTAL		15

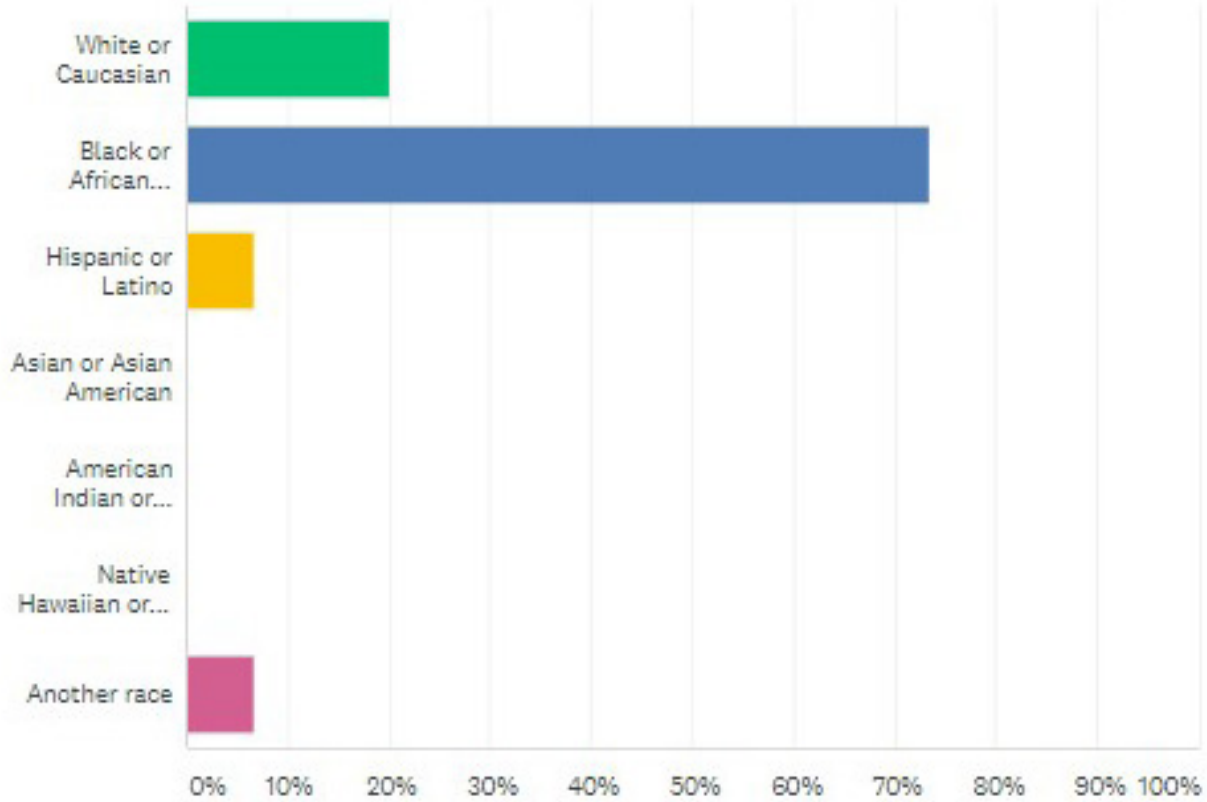
ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Q9



With which race to you identify?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
White or Caucasian	20.00% 3
Black or African American	73.33% 11
Hispanic or Latino	6.67% 1
Asian or Asian American	0.00% 0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00% 0
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.00% 0
Another race	6.67% 1
Total Respondents: 15	

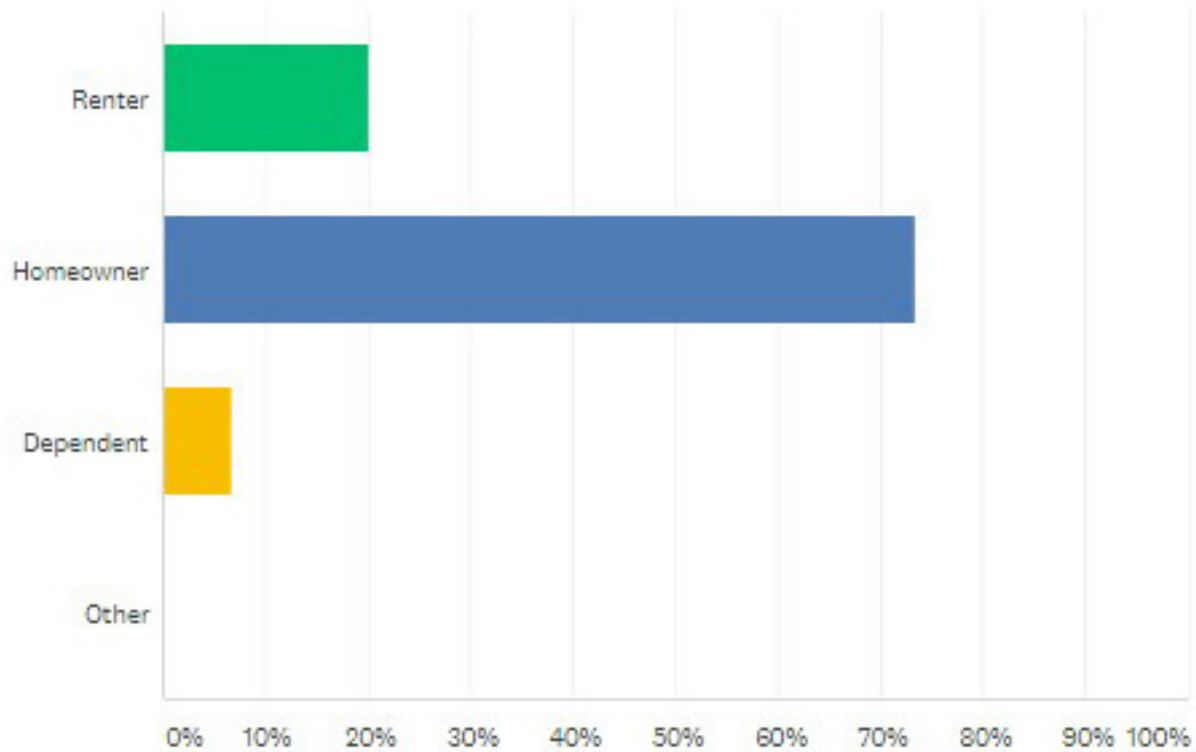
ONLINE SURVEY SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Q10



What best describes your housing status?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Renter	20.00%	3
Homeowner	73.33%	11
Dependent	6.67%	1
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		15

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9:00 AM - NOON

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DECATUR, GA 30035


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August 2 - 8, 2020

JOIN US AT THE
LITHONIA MARKET ON MAIN
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH


12:00 - 4:00 PM
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- + Call this **hotline** to check on and schedule testing
- + Be careful of private sectors and sites doing test. There are a lot of **scams** already
- + Please do not go to the **emergency room** call your health provider first or your health department
- + Please limit **travel**
- + Practice **social distancing**
- + Support your local businesses!!! It's important
- + If you're sick, **Stay Home**

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Volunteers Paint Our Main Street Asserting That Black Lives Matter!

Dignitaries Break Ground for New Bruce Street Senior Center!

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KEY ELECTION DATES

October 5 – Registration Deadline
 October 12 – Early Voting Begins
 November 3 – Election Day

WELCOME TO LITHONIA CHIEF POLLARD!



Lithonia's new Chief of Police, Nathan Pollard, graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications, received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Columbus State University, and is currently a Criminal Justice PhD Candidate with Walden University. He has completed a wide range of specialty training and has received numerous awards during his years of service.

Chief Pollard comes to Lithonia with 30 years of experiences at the Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Clark Atlanta's Department of Public Safety, and the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. He brings a history in Leadership, Budgeting, Criminal Investigations, Fraud Investigation, Defensive Tactics, Protective Services Training, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Supervision, Management, and Union Labor Management Training. He maintains membership with an array of civic and professional entities. Chief Pollard has been married to his wife (Katrelle) for 23 years and has one daughter, Tearre.

Please welcome the Chief when you see him!



In partnership with T-Mobile, the City of Lithonia will expand its Lithonia Farmers and Artist Market on Main on October 10, moving it into the street to celebrate Georgia Cities Week. Join us between 12 and 4 pm to shop, eat, dance, and visit with your neighbors!

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Virtual Village 2.0 After-School Programs October 5 - December 12

When the learning day is over, kids and youth still need to engage in activities to keep them entertained and help them thrive. After-school programs improve academic performance, encourage physical activity and good dietary habits, and improve student behavior.

Virtual Village 2.0 offers classes Monday - Saturday, including: Girl Scouts - More to Explore; Be Someone Chess Program; University Bridges; Helping All Students Master Mathematics; and much more! To view all program offerings and to register, please visit [DeKalBOYS](#).

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We encourage you to patronize local businesses as much as you can during this difficult period! Support them so that they can support you!

We thank the essential workers who keep Lithonia going strong during the pandemic. Show your appreciation whenever you see them at work!

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(404) 523-6571
EXT. 4928

This is a FREE call. You will leave a message and get a callback from 8am-4pm, M-Th and 8noon Friday and Saturday, offering help with prevention, testing, telemedicine and more.

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HAPPY HOUR
4P-5PM \$5 DRINKS

6926 MAIN ST. • (404) 754-5444 • NOW OPEN

TAKE STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF and OTHERS

STAY HOME!

If you are sick, contact us or your provider. Use the ER if you have severe difficulty breathing.

- > **Wash your hands often**
With soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- > **Avoid close contact**
- > **Cover coughs and sneezes**
Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough
- > **Wear a facemask if you are sick**
If you are NOT sick; Most healthy people without chronic health problems do not need to wear a mask as supply is needed for health care providers.
- > **Clean and disinfect**

CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF

COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 5th and 19th

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD BY CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

Call 770-482-8136 for dial-in information.

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November 3rd

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Saturday - November 21
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Perfect for Purchasing
Holiday Foods and Gifts!!!

**CHIEF POLLARD
WELCOMES KEY
NEW LEADER**



Lithonia's new Chief of Police, Nathan Pollard, has hired his second-in-command, Major Donald Ferguson. Ferguson comes to Lithonia with 35 years of experience with the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and the US Department of Justice. He brings extensive expertise in Accreditation Management, Leadership, Community Oriented Policing, Administrative and Management Training, Emergency Management, Strategic Planning, Civil Liability, Criminal Procedure, Futuristic Policing in the 21st Century, and Policy and Procedure Development.

Major Ferguson graduated from the University of West Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree in both Psychology and Criminal Justice; received a Master of Science Degree in Leadership from Grand Canyon University, and a Master's in Public Administration from Columbus State University and is currently a candidate for an Education Doctorate in Organizational Leadership at Grand Canyon University.

Ferguson is a Master Training Instructor, who has received multiple awards, has completed a wide range of specialized instruction, and is a member of an array of professional affiliates. He has three adult children and a granddaughter. Ferguson attributes his success to GOD, faith, self-empowerment, hard work, and commitment.


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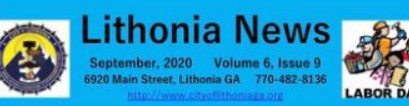



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Please complete no later than Friday October 23, 2020!
Thank you




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VIRTUAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meeting #1

- MB Mollie Bogle
Organizer
- A amelia.inman@lithoniacity.org
Accepted
- D diane.howard@lithoniacity.org
Accepted
- B businesspixiefarm@gmail.com
Accepted
- AB Anna Baggett
Accepted
- Andrew Smith
Declined
- A alharper3@bellsouth.net
Unknown
- D dmccoy@rcmre.com
Unknown
- R rahgue2@yahoo.com
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- D dougsflava@yahoo.com
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- L lathaydra.sands@lithoniacity.org
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2015 COMMUNITY GOALS

Vision Statement

Lithonia is a nurturing small town, safe for families, in harmony with the environment, preserving its history and culture, while creating opportunity for entrepreneurship, growth, and economic development.

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Steering Committee Meeting #2

- MB Mollie Bogle
Organizer
- A amelia.inman@lithoniacity.org
Accepted
- L lathaydra.sands@lithoniacity.org
Accepted
- AB Anna Baggett
Accepted
- Andrew Smith
Tentative
- A alharper3@bellsouth.net
Unknown
- D dmccoy@rcmre.com
Unknown
- R rahgue2@yahoo.com
Unknown
- D diane.howard@lithoniacity.org
Unknown
- B businesspixiefarm@gmail.com
Unknown
- D dougsflava@yahoo.com
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MB

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VIRTUAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meeting #3

The screenshot displays a virtual meeting interface. On the left is a list of participants, each with a colored circular icon, a name, and an email address. On the right is a video feed showing two participants: a man in a white shirt and a woman with glasses and a purple top. Below the video feed are two large circular icons with a person and a phone handset, indicating audio options. At the bottom right, there are three small circular icons labeled 'A', 'D', and 'AB' corresponding to participants in the list.

Initials	Name	Email Address	Status
MB	Mollie Bogle		Organizer
D	diane.howard@lithoniacity.org		Accepted
AB	Anna Baggett		Accepted
	Andrew Smith		Tentative
A	alharper3@bellsouth.net		Unknown
A	amelia.inman@lithoniacity.org		Unknown
D	dmccoy@rcmre.com		Unknown
R	rahgue2@yahoo.com		Unknown
B	businesspixiefarm@gmail.com		Unknown
D	dougsflava@yahoo.com		Unknown
D	dennisallen05@comcast.net		Unknown
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