



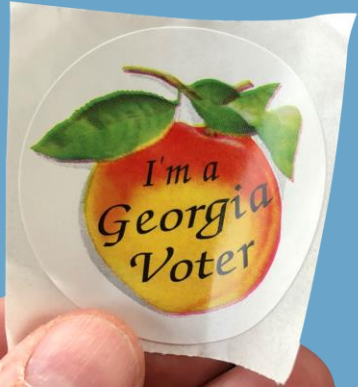
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Early/Advance Voting



Problem Statement

Proposed Solutions

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We currently have 4 Early/Advance Voting Locations And None Of Those Locations Service The Eastside

Proposed Goal/Solution : Two additional locations on the Eastside of Athens should be implemented by 2020



Current Early/Advance Voting Locations

- Board Of Elections Office
- ACC City Hall
- Athens Regional Library
- UGA Tate Center



The Board of Elections is an early voting site allowing voters to start voting on October 15, 2018. 22 days ahead of election day.



The closer the election gets additional early voting sites are opened: Athens City Hall, the library, and the Tate Center on UGA campus.

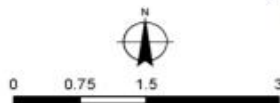




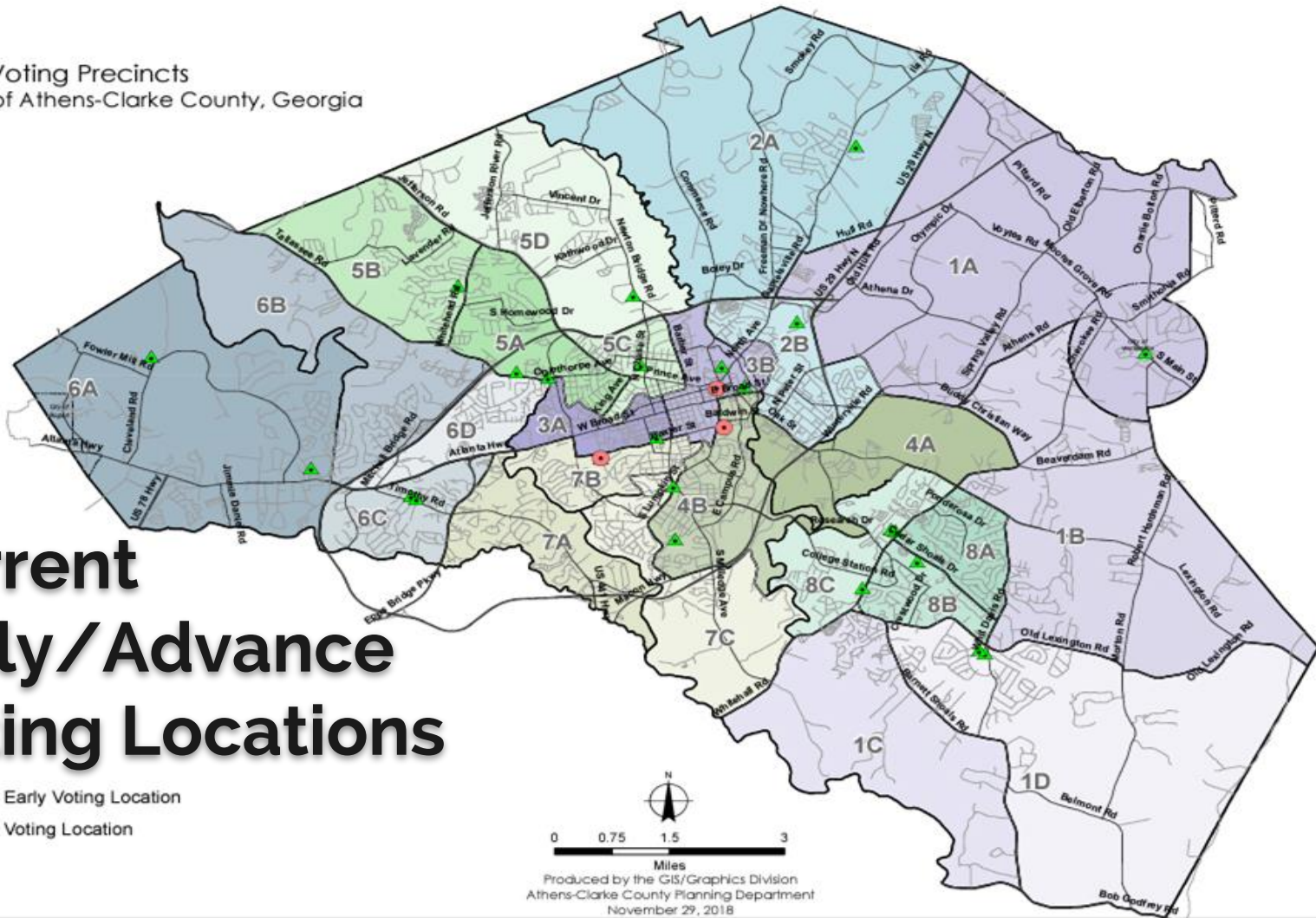
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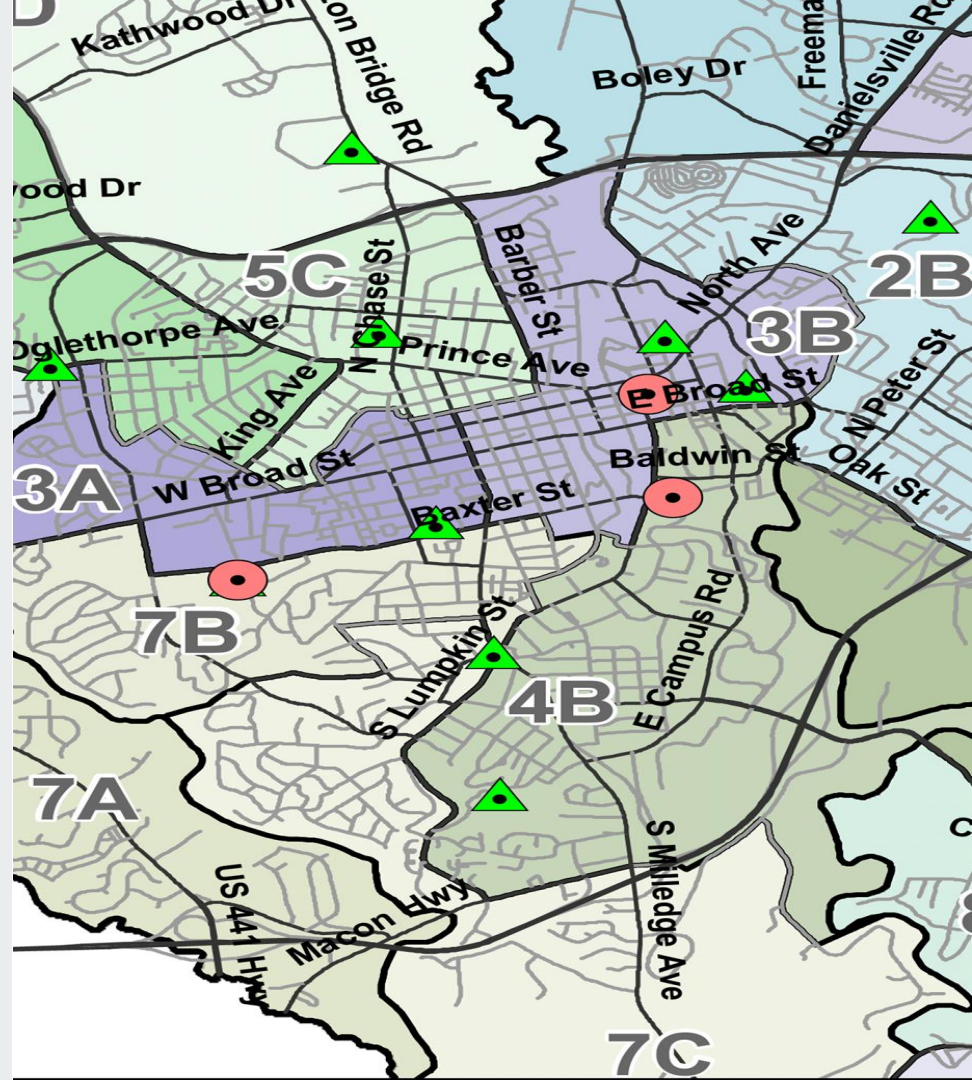
- Early Voting Location
- ▲ Voting Location




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Current Early/Advance Voting Locations






**After looking at a
map, we decided to
look for other
options to vote early.**

Why Vote Early?

- You already know who has your vote.
- You will not be here on election day.
- Do not want to vote absentee.




**Voting early lead to
shorter lines on
election day which
makes for a better
voting experience.**

Expanding the number of locations for
early voting locations:

The Mall is one option.

For the east side, the Publix or Kroger
store are good locations.



There is much more to voting than just showing up.....voting is regulated by federal and state laws.

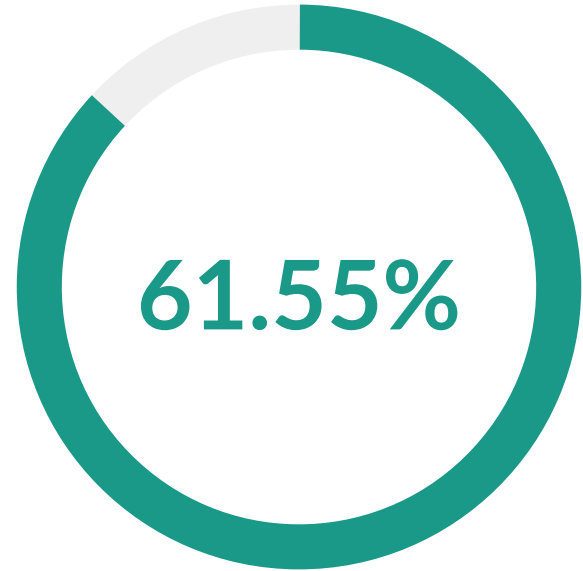
So what may sound great here in Clarke County, may not be allowed by the state and/or federal law.



General Turnout

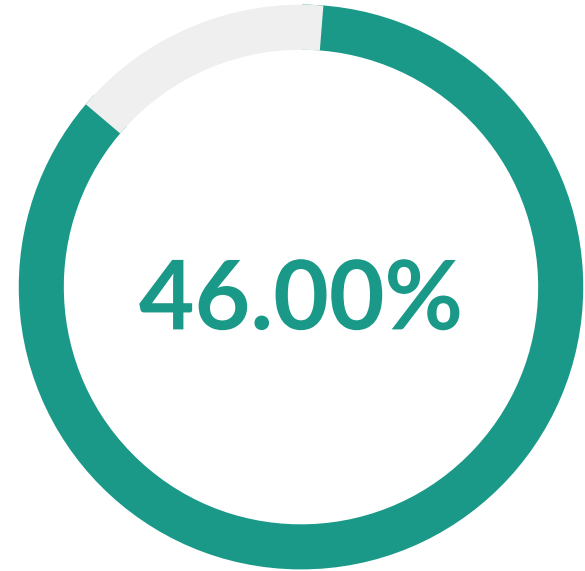
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General Election





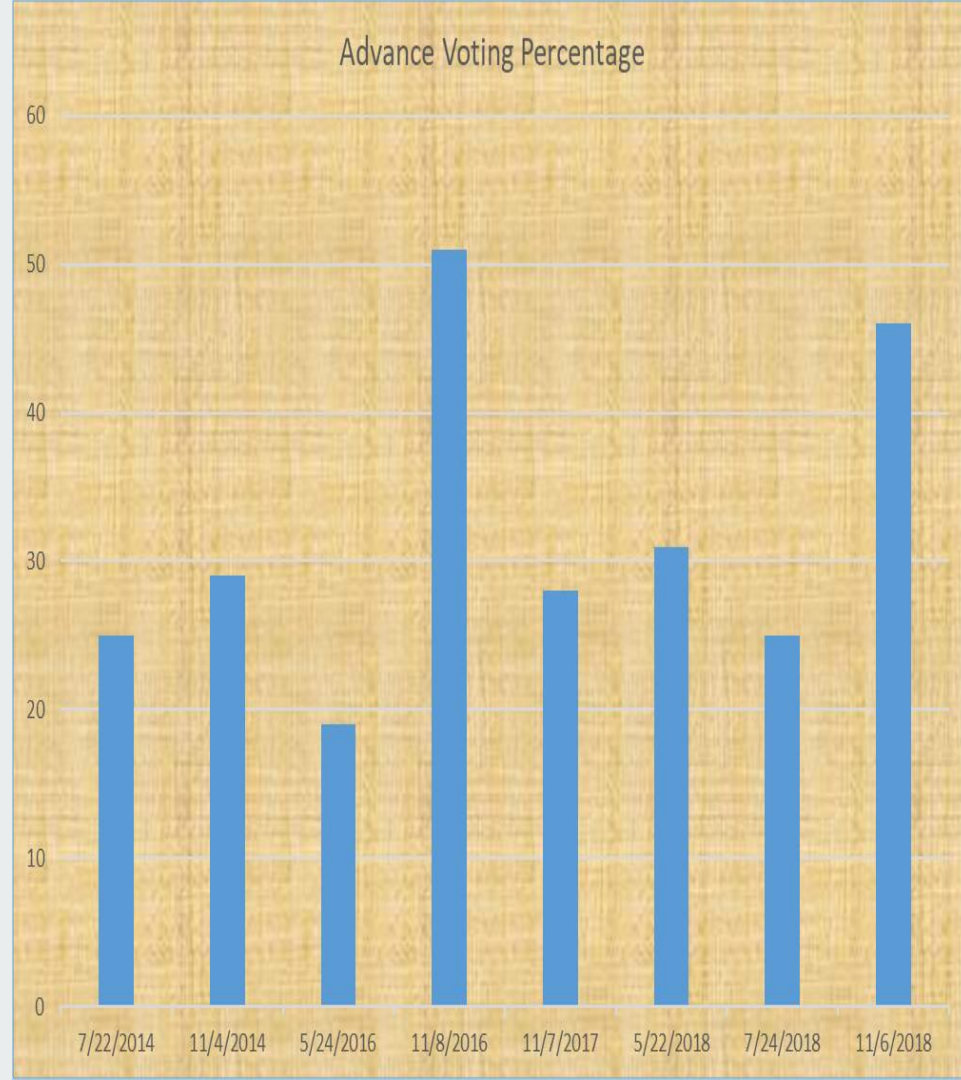
Early Voting Turnout **2018** General Election





Early/Advance Voting Percentages

2014 - 2016- 2017-2018





How are things at the Early/Advance Voting Locations?

- Long lines and waiting periods
- No accommodations for elderly or handicapped people
- No free parking for BOE Office
- Not enough voting machines
- No early/advance voting locations on the Eastside
- Not enough early/advance voting locations

Results/Effects



- Long lines suppress voter turnout
- Paying for parking suppresses voter turnout
- No seating or accommodations for elderly and handicapped people suppresses voter turnout



Proposed Solutions for the Eastside of Athens

- Utilizing high traffic shopping areas as polling locations
- Mobile polling stations "Advance Vote Bus" & "Advance Vote Truck"
- Drive-thru voting

Utilizing High Traffic Shopping Areas As Polling Locations



Publix 1860 S Barnett Shoals Rd
Lexington Rd

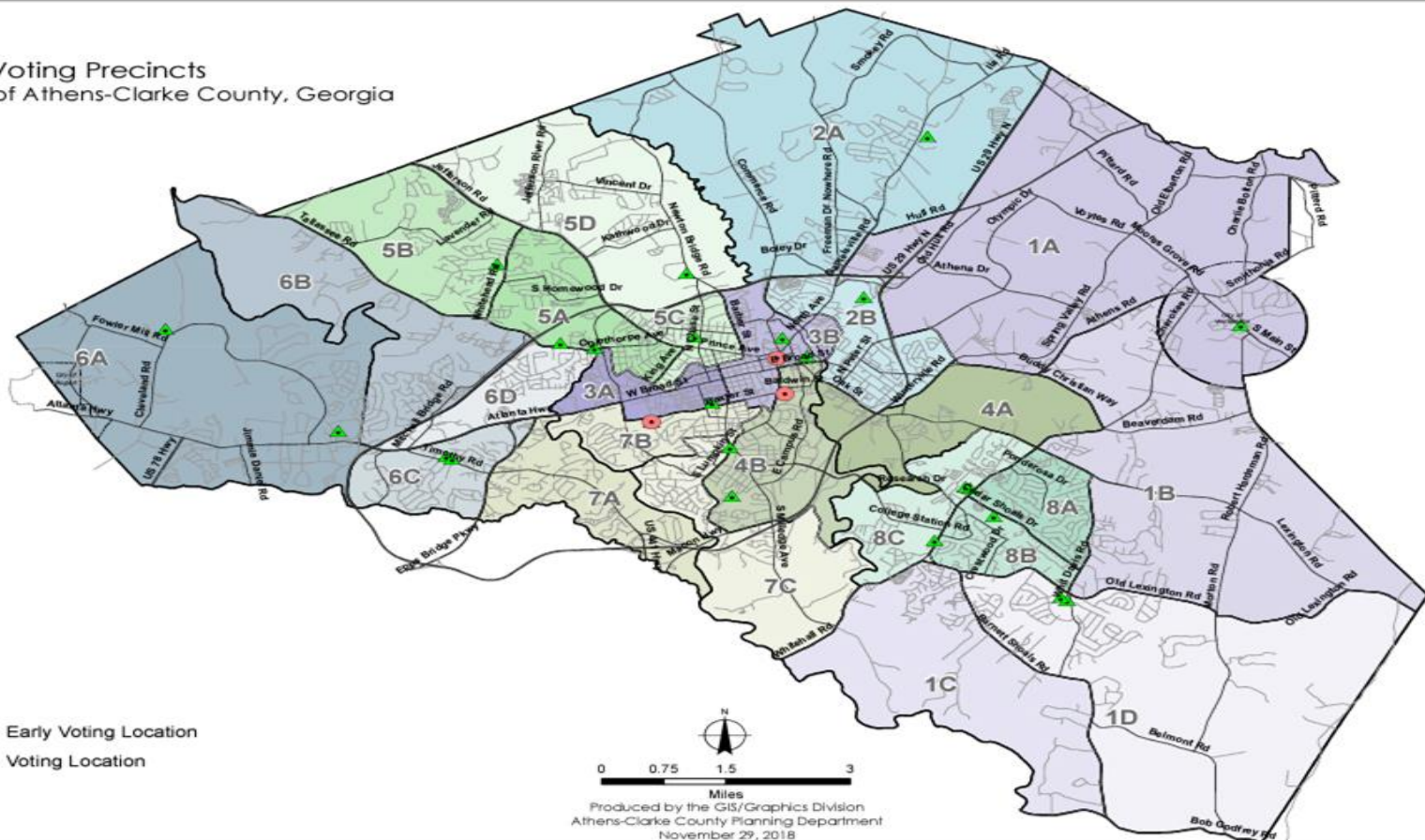


Kroger 2301 College Station Rd



Walmart 4375

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Utilizing High Traffic Shopping Areas As Polling Locations

- Provide a voting area inside of the store
- Provide a voting area in the parking lot
- Free parking is available
- Convenient and accessible

Mobile Polling Stations



Advance Vote Bus - Calgary, Canada

Mobile Polling Stations



What if Early Voting was Mobile? An example is Ada County, Idaho.

Advance Vote Truck - Ada County, IDAHO

Mobile Polling Stations



You vote in the tents, while the poll workers work in the trailer. All is secure, and safe.

Advance Vote Truck - Ada County, IDAHO



Mobile Polling Stations

- The bus will be equipped to accommodate all people
- One side of the bus will have voting machines and the other side will have seats
- The mobile polling bus schedule of stops will be readily available for voters to access
- The bus will travel inside of neighborhoods and areas that are not serviced by the city bus



Mobile Polling Stations

- The mobile polling bus can park in various locations in order to accommodate people while doing errands, on a lunch break at work, as well as parking at hospitals to allow easy voting access to hospital staff and patients.
- The number of locations and ease of voting access is drastically increased when ACC is able to take the polls to the voters

Drive-Thru Voting



Calgary, Canada

Drive-Thru Voting



Drive-Thru Voting In The Netherlands



Drive-Thru Voting

- Drive-Thru Voting Stations can be set up anywhere with a large parking lot that can accommodate traffic like the bus drop off zone at schools.
- Drive-Thru Voting is a potential alternative for elderly and handicapped people to be able to remain seated in a climate controlled environment in the comfort of their vehicle while waiting in line to cast their ballot.

Questions?



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