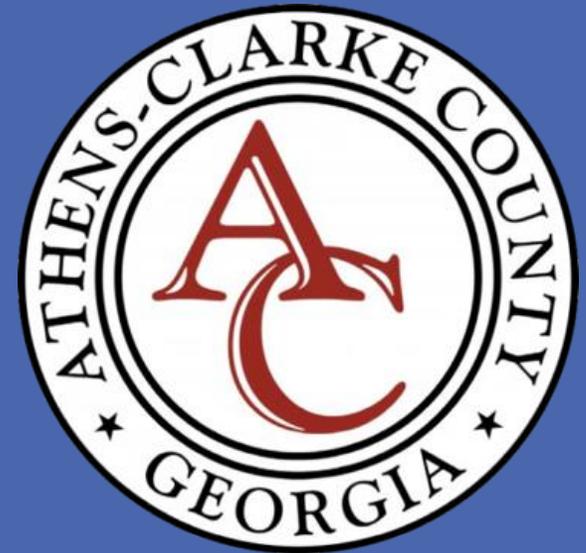


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# 2019 LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019





# WELCOME

## **Mission**

The Housing and Community Development (HCD) department provides funding for the creation and rehabilitation of affordable housing, fosters and coordinates services for disadvantaged populations, and promotes economic mobility among residents of Athens-Clarke County.

# WHAT WE DO

HCD administers three grants from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- Community Development Block Grant
- HOME Investment Partnership
- Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant

# WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT?

## Who is served by this funding?

- Low to Moderate Income Households
- “Presumed Benefit” Categories

## What activities does it fund?

- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development
- Public Facilities and Improvements
- Public Services (15% of allocation)

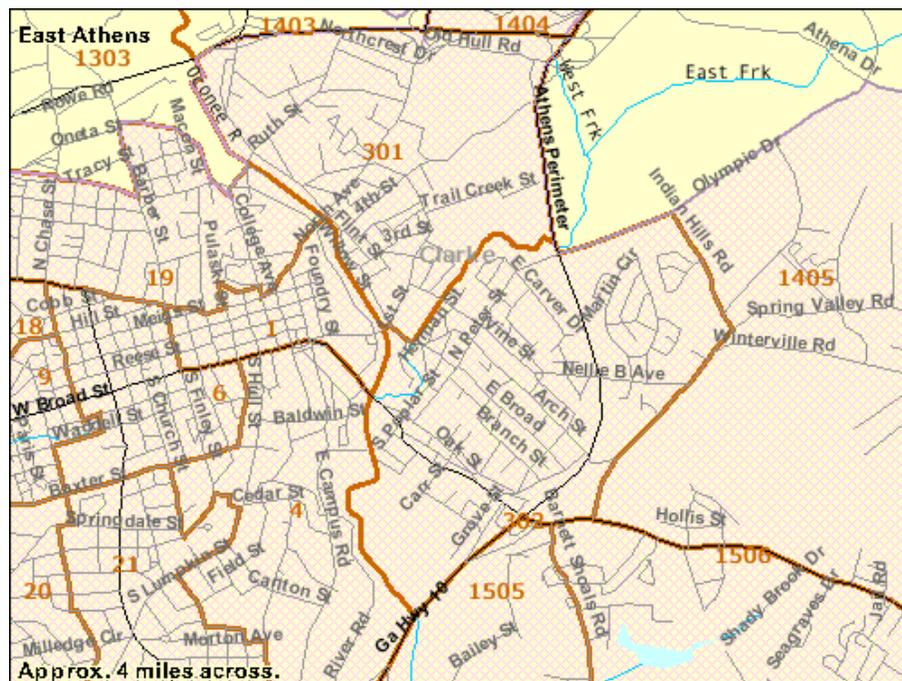
### FY 2018 Income Limits Summary

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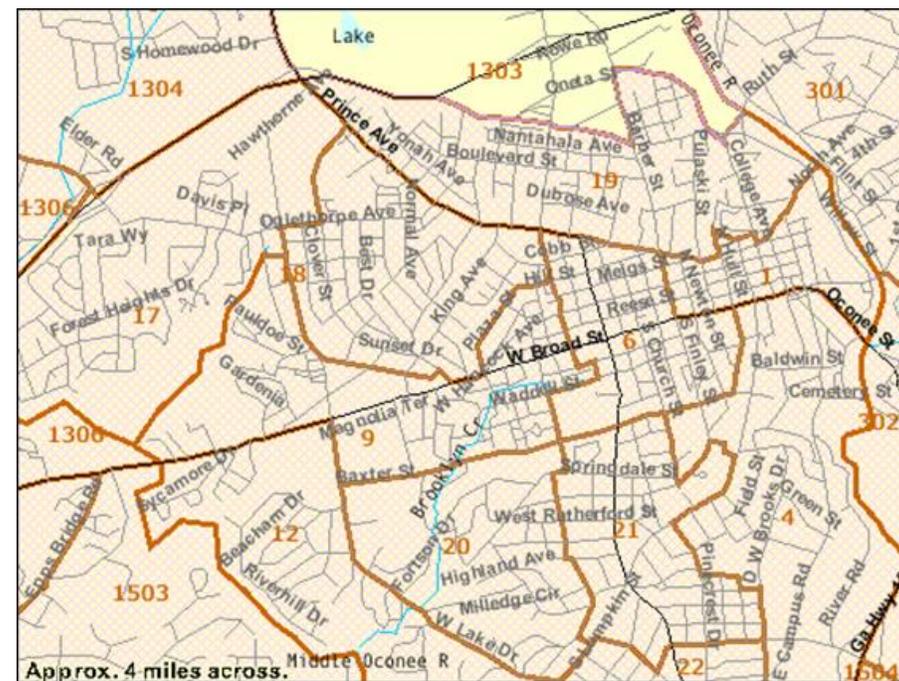
FY 2018 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income <a href="#">Explanation</a>	FY 2018 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Athens-Clarke County, GA MSA	\$58,900	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) <a href="#">Explanation</a>	20,650	23,600	26,550	<b>29,450</b>	31,850	34,200	36,550	38,900
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* <a href="#">Explanation</a>	12,400	16,460	20,780	<b>25,100</b>	29,420	33,740	36,550*	38,900*
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) <a href="#">Explanation</a>	33,000	37,700	42,400	<b>47,100</b>	50,900	54,650	58,450	62,200

# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLANS

## East Athens Target Area



## Hancock Corridor



# CONSOLIDATED PLAN

- Strategic Plan for use of CDBG and HOME funding
- Covers 5 years
- Describes community needs, resources, priorities, and proposed activities

# CURRENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS

1. Business and Job Development
2. Affordable Housing Development and Redevelopment
3. Housing Services
4. Community Improvement

# GOAL I: BUSINESS AND JOB DEVELOPMENT

## Objectives:

- Provide job skills training such as literacy, ESL, GED, and youth apprenticeship programs
- Assist job placement programs
- Provide business planning assistance
- Provide capital loans for small businesses



Athens Land Trust Young Urban Farmers Program

## GOAL 2: AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

### Objectives:

- Construct affordable residential housing
- Rehabilitate dilapidated vacant residential properties
- Repair homes owned by low income elderly or disabled homeowners



Athens Area Habitat for Humanity Home Rehab

## GOAL 3: HOUSING SERVICES

### Objectives:

- Provide shelter and re-housing financial assistance for the homeless
- Provide housing counseling, financial literacy, and fair housing services
- Demolish dilapidated vacant structures



Athens Area Homeless Shelter ARCH Village

## GOAL 4: COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

### Objectives:

- Eliminate or reduce factors that encourage crime and blight in neighborhoods
- Assist neighborhood preservation and enhancement areas in transition or in need of repair, rehabilitation, and redevelopment
- Construct accessibility enhancements, including the removal of materials and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility and accessibility of elderly or severely disabled persons.
- Revitalize aging ACCGOV park facilities in target areas.



East Athens Community Center Path Project

# USING WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW

- Envision Athens
- Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH)
- Network for Southern Economic Mobility (NSEM)
- Athens Wellbeing Project
- Clarke County School District Strategic Plan
- Annual Homeless Point in Time Count and Local Homeless Data

# ENVISION ATHENS

## Five Categories:

1. Place
  - Land Use, Neighborhoods, Housing
2. Prosperity
  - Economic Development, Education
3. People
  - Health, Safety, Social Services
4. Vitality
  - Arts and Culture
5. Foundations
  - Transportation and Infrastructure



# GICH RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Identify Opportunities for Redevelopment**
  - Redevelopment is critical to expand the pool of affordable housing units.
- **Solidify Code Enforcement Practices**
  - This will ensure that older units remain safe and attractive.
- **Combat Displacement of Existing Neighborhood Groups**
  - This is critical to maintaining the pool of affordable housing units.
- **Invest in the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund**
  - This provides resources necessary for development and redevelopment.
- **Incentivize Inclusionary Development**
  - This approach rewards, rather than punished, private developers for including affordable units in their developments.

# NSEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ensure children are prepared for Kindergarten.
- Confirm students meet reading level goals.
- Provide opportunities for students to interact with local career options as a requirement.
- Increase direct parent support to develop parenting skills.
- Improve access to transportation by expanding and enhancing existing transit services to major area employers.
- Improve access to quality, affordable housing for the most fragile Athenians by developing a coordinated entry system for housing availability.

# ATHENS WELLBEING PROJECT, CCSD, AND HOMELESS DATA

- Athens Wellbeing Project—second round of data collection results available in May
- Clarke County School District Strategic Plan—academic performance as well as social and emotional learning
- Homeless Data—Point in Time Count, HMIS data and reports

# DRAFT GOALS

1. Affordable Housing Development and Redevelopment
2. Economic Development and Workforce Development
3. Public Services-Education and Enrichment
4. Public Services-Homeless Services
5. Public Services-Special Populations
6. Infrastructure and Public Facilities

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

**Goal: to increase the amount of affordable housing for low and moderate income Athens-Clarke County residents and to provide access to services that help households access and maintain affordable housing.**

## Strategies

- Create nodal development tied to transportation, healthcare, schools, jobs, workforce, and housing.
- Target challenged multi-family developments for major redevelopment and identify other opportunities for redevelopment.
- Create mixed-income affordable housing developments.
- Expand housing rehabilitation through: rehabilitation of dilapidated vacant residential properties, repair or rehabilitation of existing housing occupied by low and moderate income households, and support of conversion and acquisition of existing structures.
- Promote homeownership through new construction of affordable housing, homebuyer assistance and housing counseling services.
- Acknowledge and develop strategies to address issues related to gentrification and combat displacement of existing neighborhood groups.
- Provide more affordable housing options for the homeless.
- Create quality housing for seniors using innovative techniques like accessory dwelling units.
- Preserve existing housing through Code Enforcement practices and housing repairs to ensure older units remain safe and attractive.
- Educate tenants about their rights and responsibilities.
- Develop zoning standards and incentives to develop and/or redevelop quality multi-family options for a diverse group.
- Establish incentives for new development to incorporate environmentally sustainable standards including, but not limited to, material re-use, responsible management of construction waste, etc.
- Invest in the Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Goal: to promote the upward economic mobility of low and moderate income Athens-Clarke County residents through small business, entrepreneurship, and workforce development support.**

## Strategies

- Educate, train and develop young people in Athens-Clarke County so that they will graduate from high school prepared to successfully enter the local workforce.
- Incentivize neighborhood grocery stores, farmer's markets, co-ops, etc.
- Create incentives to encourage revitalization in neighborhoods and commercial developments.
- Provide the facilities and services necessary to attract, incubate, and grow businesses across a variety of sectors.
- Continue building a comprehensive entrepreneur development program.
- Address unemployment and underemployment by training and preparing individuals for vocational success.
- Provide business planning assistance, technical assistance, and business support services to start-ups and owners of microenterprises.
- Provide financing assistance or capital loans for small businesses to expand economic opportunities.
- Promote workforce development through ESL programs, GED programs, youth apprenticeship programs, vocational training, and job placement.
- Provide financial literacy training and promote financial stability of low and moderate income households.

# PUBLIC SERVICES-EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

**Goal: to support the educational development and growth of children in Athens-Clarke County through educational and supportive services.**

## Strategies

- Support the development of children's literacy, math, and social and emotional learning (SEL) skills.
- Provide a variety of learning opportunities for both adult and nontraditional students' education and development, which support a variety of learning styles and emotional/health needs.
- Provide opportunities for families to actively participate in their child's education and help their child achieve their individual educational goals.
- Develop and expand youth development programming that is accessible.
- Expand youth development programs for public safety.
- Identify barriers to inclusion and engagement in the arts.
- Ensure children are prepared for kindergarten.
- Ensure students meet reading level goals.
- Provide opportunities for students to interact with local career options.
- Increase direct parent support to develop parenting skills.
- Provide support for traditional college.
- Provide a robust Early Childhood Education for birth to Pre-K children to help prepare them for academic success in the future.

# PUBLIC SERVICES-HOMELESS SERVICES

**Goal: to prevent and end homelessness through emergency shelter, permanent housing programs, prevention programs, street outreach, and other homeless services.**

## Strategies

- Provide rapid rehousing for homeless individuals and families.
- Provide emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families.
- Provide supportive services homeless individuals and families.
- Monitor performance of the homeless continuum of care.

# PUBLIC SERVICES-SPECIAL POPULATIONS

**Goal: to enhance quality of life for: individuals with mental illness, individuals with a substance use disorder, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are formerly incarcerated, and seniors.**

## Strategies

- Provide supportive services for: individuals with mental illness, individuals with a substance use disorder, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are formerly incarcerated, seniors, and other vulnerable populations.
- Promote physical and mental health of: individuals with mental illness, individuals with a substance use disorder, individuals with disabilities, individuals who are formerly incarcerated, seniors, and other vulnerable populations.

# INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

**Goal: to foster public infrastructure improvements that improve the lives of low and moderate income residents in Athens-Clarke County.**

## Strategies

- Improve parks, community centers, sidewalks or other public infrastructure to increase livability, safety, and accessibility.
- Improve sustainability of ACC park facilities and community centers through energy conservation
- Construct accessibility enhancements for the disabled
- Support bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Continue to build out fiber network and continually invest in new technology.

# COMMUNITY INPUT

## **How Can I Participate?**

- Public meetings, focus groups, HCD website public comment form

## **When Can I Participate?**

- We will have an opportunity for community input for 60 days—from Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

# KEEP IN TOUCH

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Community Goals Lunch and Learn  
April 4, 2019, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM @ Athens-Clarke County Library  
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Affordable Housing Lunch and Learn  
April 11, 2019, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM @ Lyndon House Community Room  
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CLARKE COUNTY  
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DEPARTMENT

For ACC Solid Waste Customers Only 2019 Memorial Day Holiday Schedule  
March 5, 2019 - June 3, 2019  
Event Details

44th JUNE EXHIBITION  
AT LYNDON HOUSE ARTS CENTER  
MARCH 7, 2019 - MAY 4, 2019