



Appendix I

Glossary





A

ADT & AADT Average (Annual) Daily Trip. Measures traffic volume at a certain location.

AFCWRC Atlanta Fulton County Water Resources Commission. Intergovernmental Partnership that provides water and water treatment facilities to the City Of Atlanta and North Fulton County including the cities of Alpharetta and Roswell.

AFCEMA – Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management

ARC Atlanta Regional Commission. Metropolitan planning organization for the ten County Atlanta Region. Counties include: Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry and Rockdale.

B

C

CWA Federal Clean Water Act

CDBG Community Development Block Grants

CIP Capital Improvement Program

CID Community Improvement District

Community Facilities & Services Element The group of goals, policies and strategies designed to promote the highest quality services, facilities and infrastructure to meet the needs of the citizens. This includes water supply & treatment, Solid waste management, public safety, public health, recreation, education, and libraries and cultural arts services.

Comprehensive Plan A document that analyzes existing conditions, assesses current and future needs and establishes implementation strategies to manage growth. Comprehensive plans typically cover a time period of 20 years.

Comprehensive Plan Update will be done in five(5) years and in ten(10) years a new 20 year plan will be developed.

D

DRI Development of Regional Impact

E

Economic The group of goals policies and strategies designed to promote and





Development retain existing businesses, attract and promote the creation of new businesses, maintain a competitive business environment and provide a diverse job base and trained labor force to meet the needs of a diversified economy.

EMA Emergency Management Agency. A joint cooperative effort between the City of Atlanta and Fulton County to plan, organize, and prepare for saving of lives, protection of property and the recovery from the effects of a disaster or catastrophe.

EMS Emergency Medical Services

EPA U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

F

FCA Facility Condition Analysis. The assessment of the present condition of an existing county facility, to verify that the physical plant functionally meets the needs of the building and to determine what future funding and maintenance programs are required to maintain the functional operation of the existing plant.

FCPS Fulton County Public Schools

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FIRE Financial, Insurance, and Real Estate (Source: www.census.gov)

Finance and Insurance: This new sector recognizes the important and dynamic changes occurring in the U.S. financial sector. Real estate--part of this grouping in the SIC--was moved to a new sector called Real Estate and Rental and Leasing.

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing: This sector includes industries from Services; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate; and Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities

Flood Plains Areas that are subject to flooding based on the 100-year, or base flood.

G

Green Space Permanently protected land and water, including agricultural and forestry Land in its undeveloped, natural state or that has been developed or restored to be consistent with the goals determined by Georgia's Community Green Space Program.





GRTA Georgia Regional Transportation Agency

H

HAMFI HUD adjusted median family income.

Housing Element The set of policies and programs designed to provide a variety of housing types and sizes, encourage home ownership, provide affordable housing, and promotes the development of housing that protects the environment.

HUD U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

I

Intergovernmental Coordination Element The set of goals, policies and strategies designed to foster coordination with cities within Fulton County, adjacent counties, Fulton County Public Schools, special districts and authorities, State and federal agencies to serve the best interests of Fulton County residents and insure consistency with the Comprehensive Plan.

J

K

L

Land Use Element The set of goals, policies and strategies designed to provide a balance between land uses and to provide choices for land owners, residents, Businesses and workers, to protect environmental and cultural resources, to promote mixed use, walkable and livable communities.

LEEDS Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

LCI Livable Communities Initiative. A competitive grant program provided by the Atlanta Regional Commission to eligible governments and organizations for the creation of plans for the efficient development and use of transportation facilities and land use to improve air quality and reduce traffic congestion.

LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee. Board appointed by the State of Georgia Emergency Response Commission to develop an emergency plan for Fulton County and to inventory hazardous chemicals in the County.

M

MARTA Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Transportation Authority. The regional transit Authority that provides public transportation to Atlanta, Fulton County,





and DeKalb County in the form of bus services, rail service, and paratransit service for passengers with disabilities.

MGD Million Gallons per Day. Unit of measure used for water usage.

MRPA Metropolitan River Protection Act. Georgia General Assembly legislation Enacted to address development pressure near and pollution of the Chattahooche River. Established a 2,000 foot corridor on both sides of the river and its impoundments, including stream beds and islands.

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area. An area containing a recognized population nucleus and adjacent communities that have a high degree of integration with that nucleus.

N

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Standards of measurement set by the EPA for pollutants considered harmful to public health and the environment.

Natural and Cultural Resources Element The set of policies and strategies designed to protect and enhance existing natural resources and encourage healthy ecosystems for current and future generations. These include water resources, land form and tree protection, greenspace, air quality and historical preservation.

Non-Attainment Area Geographical areas that have failed to meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards(NAAQS) for ozone or particulate matter(PM2.5). This includes a 20+ county area surrounding metro Atlanta.

O

Open Space As defined in Focus Fulton: Undeveloped land either partially developed for recreational use (such as a golf course) or other private recreational use, public parks, water bodies such as lakes and streams and the 100 year flood plain.

Ozone Colorless gas created by a chemical reaction of Nitrous Oxides(NOx), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and sunlight and is one of several Primary criteria pollutants the EPA has designated as public health hazards.

P

PM2.5 Fine Particulate Matter. Chemical pollutants that are less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter. Fine particles formed as a result of fuel combustion from motor vehicles, power generation, residential fireplaces and wood stoves.





Q

R

RTP Regional Transportation Plan

S

SAT Scholastic Assessment Test

Steep Slopes 25% or greater in grade (rise in elevation over run of land)

T

TAD Tax Allocation District

TCU Transportation, Communications and Utilities

TDM Transportation Demand Management – Strategies for increasing transportation system efficiency, reduce traffic congestions and improve air quality at a regional level.

Tenure Ownership Status (renter or owner of property)

TIP Transportation Improvement Program

TMA Transportation Management Association. Associations throughout the county that create transportation options in areas with large employment concentrations.

(TDR) Transfer of Development Rights

TOD Transit Oriented Development

Transitional Change in land use and intensity from one use to another

U

USACE United States Army Corps of Engineers

USEPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

V

W

Wetlands Defined as transitional zones between dry land and open waters which are wet for at least part of the year.





WPCP Water Pollution Control Plants

WRF Water Reclamation Facility (same as WPCP)

X

Y

Z

Zoning Resolution Of Fulton County 1955 Resolution in which unincorporated Fulton County was divided into zoning districts that regulate the type and location of land uses within each district.

