

Georgia Quality Growth Assistance Menu

Alliance for Quality Growth (<http://aqg.ecology.uga.edu>)

- Technical Assistance on Quality Growth Planning; Incentives for Smart Growth; and Smart Growth Regulation
- Technical Assistance on greenspace/farmland protection; planning strategies, economies of growth management, zoning and regulatory issues.
- Library of technical reports and policy papers.
- Speakers' bureau and public presentations.

Atlanta Regional Commission (www.atlantaregional.com)

- Livable Centers Initiative provides seed money to communities in ARC region working to enhance livability and mobility for their residents.
- Review of local plans and planning assistance to local governments in ARC region.

The Georgia Conservancy (www.georgiaconservancy.org)

- Works in partnerships such as the Alliance for Quality Growth, and the Georgia Quality Growth Partnership to provide incentives and technical assistance for quality growth efforts.

Blueprints for Successful Communities

- Technical assistance and education to help communities chart their future in ways that can protect and enhance social, cultural and environmental assets.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) (www.dca.state.ga.us)

Better Hometown and Georgia Main Street Programs (www.betterhometown.org)

- Self-help community development programs for small and large cities designed to improve a community's quality of life through sound planning and implementation.

Comprehensive PlanBuilder (www.georgiaplanning.com)

- A web-enabled computer program for development of comprehensive plans online, with decision support tools, hot links, and an array of data and maps.

Model Code: Alternatives to Conventional Zoning (www.dca.state.ga.us/planning/modelcode.html)

- Provides viable legal alternatives to conventional zoning for smaller local governments with limited technical and administrative capacity, such as sign ordinances, manufactured housing, and subdivision regulations, as well as more innovative tools such as performance standards, design review, and clustering rural development.

Quality Growth Grant Program (www.dca.state.ga.us/grants/qualitygrowthgrant.html)

- State financial assistance for the implementation of quality growth initiatives — any activities that promote better management of growth and development so that growth enhances, rather than detracts from, the quality of life in a community.

Regional Offices (www.dca.state.ga.us/regions/index.html)

- Arrange technical assistance for local governments interested in implementing quality growth initiatives.

Georgia Forestry Commission Urban & Community Forestry (www.gfc.state.ga.us/Services/UCF/index.cfm)

- Financial Assistance Program to help conserve, manage, and enhance community forests.
- Technical Assistance: Tree ordinance development assistance; Community Tree Benefits & Care; Urban/rural interface assistance; and training.

Georgia Greenspace Program (www.state.ga.us/dnr/greenspace)

- A funding source and framework within which developed and rapidly developing counties and their municipalities can preserve community greenspace to provide for the protection of environmental, historic, and natural resources.

Georgia Quality Growth Partnership (www.georgiaqualitygrowth.com)

- ***Toolkits***: Practical advice to local governments on quality growth tools with step-by-step guides for implementation, considerations about costs, administrative requirements, and example ordinances.
- ***Resource Teams***: Local technical assistance visits, staffed by volunteers from the partnership, the state university system, and public or private sector participants from the design or development fields to spread innovative planning practices.
- ***Georgia Initiatives***: Up-to-date information, including contacts, about qualitygrowth initiatives being implemented by local governments in Georgia

Regional Development Centers

(www.dca.state.ga.us/publications/rdcnumbers.html)

- Planning Divisions provide assistance with the development of local and regional comprehensive plans, preparation of land management ordinances, codification of ordinances, mapping, and review of Developments of Regional Impact.

University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government

(www.cviog.uga.edu)

Balanced Growth Initiative

- Development of tools to determine efficiency, social productivity, and environmental sustainability of growth and growth management options.
- Comprehensive database of growth management case studies.
- Publication: “Drivers of Growth — Literature Review.”
- Decision support model and pilot program for local government use.
- “Quality Growth University” for local elected officials.

University of Georgia College of Environment and Design

Public Service and Outreach Programs

Institute of Ecology (<http://outreach.ecology.uga.edu/index.html>)

- Research, policy assistance focused on land-use, biodiversity, water and air quality.

School of Environmental Design (www.sed.uga.edu)

Landscape Architecture, Historic Preservation and Community Design Services

- Community Design Charrettes
- Corridor Studies
- Downtown Revitalization
- Landscape Planning
- Historic Resource Surveys and Preservation Plans
- Historic District Design Guidelines

Urban Land Institute Atlanta District Council (www.atlnta.uli.org)

- Atlanta’s Advisory Services Committee provides professional and technical services to Atlanta region projects and processes through the involvement of local ULI members, including creating local advisory panels and review of local public development and planning initiatives.

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