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CITY OF CHAMBLEE AWARDED ARC GRANT FOR LCI STUDY

February 21, 2018—The City of Chamblee is one of 11 communities to win a Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study grant from The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC).

The City of Chamblee's \$80,000 award helps design phase 3 of the Chamblee Rail Trail, which extends the trail to Ingersoll Rand Drive. It also will provide an analysis of the trail's interaction with the planned Peachtree Road Streetscape project, and the ongoing Town Center Master Plan process.

"This grant is incredibly meaningful for the City of Chamblee," says Mayor Eric Clarkson. "Our residents and visitors to Chamblee love the Rail Trail. These funds enable us to extend the trail and provide connectivity where there has been none. This is a great project that will one day connect to our neighbors to the north and south."

"The LCI program has improved livability and access to jobs and services across metro Atlanta, while also encouraging more healthy lifestyles" said Kerry Armstrong, ARC chair. "In short, it has helped transform communities across the region."

The 11 LCI planning grants awarded this year include two major updates to plans already underway, and nine supplemental grants to help continue and/or expand existing studies.

ARC awarded \$742,400 in total, and the grants will help recipients develop plans and policies that create more vibrant, walkable and connected places. Once the studies are complete, these communities will become eligible to receive funding for transportation projects such as sidewalks and intersection improvements, to help implement their visions.

"For 18 years, the LCI program has seen success after success, helping communities across metro Atlanta re-imagine what they would like to be, and then helping to achieve their goals," said Doug Hooker, ARC executive director. "From Atlanta's West Side, to smaller town centers like Chamblee and Jonesboro, we are seeing increased mobility, revitalized neighborhoods, and greater livability."

For more information on the City of Chamblee please visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov) or call 770-986-5010. More information about ARC can be found at <https://atlantaregional.org/>.

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Located just 14 miles from downtown Atlanta, Chamblee is a vibrant urban city with a diverse community and international flair. The City of Chamblee began as a small rail town and was incorporated in 1908. It has grown to more than seven square miles and nearly 30,000 residents. Chamblee is home to a heavy rail MARTA station, a historic downtown and Antique Row, the vibrant Buford Highway Corridor, DeKalb-Peachtree Airport (PDK), the Centers for Disease Control and a thriving business community with a unique sense of entrepreneurship and optimism. Visit [www.chambleega.gov](http://www.chambleega.gov) for more information.