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## CITY OF CHAMBLEE OBTAINS ARC'S GREEN COMMUNITIES BRONZE CERTIFICATION

January 25, 2018—The City of Chamblee was recognized by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) as a Green Community Bronze level. The Green Communities Program is a voluntary certification program that helps local governments implement measures that will reduce their environmental impact.

All winners earned certification points for sustainable measures implemented in their communities. Some measures that earned the City of Chamblee certification points include:

- installing end-of-trip bicycle facilities at all its complexes and requiring at least three bike parking spaces at many types of new developments;
- developing City Hall as an infill building so that it could be located at the heart of downtown;
- adopting a policy to purchase environmentally-preferable goods. It also promotes using reusable, recyclable or compostable products;
- achieving recognition as the fifth certified National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat in the country;
- adopting smart growth policies to encourage the development of streetscapes that are both more aesthetically desirable and friendlier for a wider range of users; and
- promoting parking maximums and requiring permeable paving for every parking space over the minimum requirement.

In metro Atlanta, 20 local governments — 13 cities and seven counties – are currently certified under the ARC Green Communities program. This is the first program in the country to promote sustainability through a green certification program for local governments.

“This was our first year to apply for and be certified as a Green Community,” said Chamblee Mayor Eric Clarkson. “We are thrilled with this honor, and we hope to go further in the program next year as we work to be great stewards of our environment.”

“We applaud these local governments for reducing their environmental impact,” said ARC chairman Kerry Armstrong. “As they do so, they lead the way in creating a greener and more livable region.”

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.