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Our History:



<https://youtu.be/tiWtKzwkEvl>

Our Mission:

“Chamblee envisions a city developing to meet the needs of its citizens without compromising the ability of natural, social, and economic systems to provide for future residents.”

Our Values:

The City of Chamblee recognizes that protecting our natural resources, promoting conservation, and supporting walkable and energy efficient development is important to quality of life and economic resilience. Chamblee will become a regional leader in tackling the challenges of climate change by:

- Promoting developments that are environmentally sensitive and protect valuable community resources (natural and cultural).
- Ensuring adequate high-quality water through protection of ground and surface water resources.
- Continuing to support and develop enhanced solid waste reduction and recycling initiatives.
- Encouraging sustainable policies, practices, and programs to better protect the natural environment and for the health and well-being of future generations.

Source: One Chamblee Comprehensive Plan



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On May 16, 2017, a framework of sustainability policies was adopted by City Council. The policies set governance and environmental stewardship goals for the City of Chamblee. Dedicated policy implementation earned the city “Bronze” status under the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Green Communities program in 2018 and “Gold” status in 2019. This program recognizes exceptional work being done in the areas of development, community engagement, and parks and recreation.










The sustainability framework remains in effect, enhanced by concurrent implementation of the sustainability recommendations outlined in adopted plans, including the 2020 Comprehensive Plan, 2019 Multimodal Transportation Plan, 2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Resource Management Plan.

Council has tasked staff with familiarizing themselves this holistic framework. The adjacent table provides policy summaries and the next slide summarizes six comprehensive plan initiatives that need to be implemented to achieve the city’s next goal: attaining ARC Green Communities Platinum Status.

Click link to access all Sustainability Policies Adopting Ordinance(s):

[Full Document](#)



Adopted Policy		Summary
	Complete Streets	Where possible, roadways should accommodate all users, resurfacing projects to retrofit bike lanes, min. 3 bike spaces in front of each city building.
	No Net Loss of Trees	Removed trees on city property must be replaced, unless diseased, hazardous, or conflict with utilities.
	No Idling	Turn off City vehicles when not in use, with exceptions for safety, emergency or temperature sensitive operations.
	Commute Incentives	Full time city employees, contractors, who don’t drive to work alone 7 days per month, eligible for \$30 per month (gift card).
	Energy Conservation	Turn off lights and office equipment when not in use.
	Sustainable Purchasing	Buy goods or services with less negative environmental impact.
	Sustainable Building Review	Expedited review for projects submitting for LEED certification or similar, or integrating approved green features.
	Sustainable Landscaping	Reduce pesticide use by planting native species. Use mulch from on-site plant debris. Irrigate responsibly.
	Sustainable Building	LEED certification or similar, high efficiency plumbing fixtures, and EnergyStar equipment/fixtures required for facilities/buildings 5000 gross SF + (new or under renovation).



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The One Chamblee Comprehensive Plan offers six initiatives towards applying for ARC “Platinum” Status. Key aspects are listed below.

For All Natural Resources and Sustainability Recommendations: https://onechamblee.files.wordpress.com/2019/10/chambleecomplan_report_letter_10.22.2019_chapter-5-1.pdf



Initiative 1

Municipal Energy Audits

Municipal buildings are inefficient. No or low cost measures can help improve energy usage.

Target Goal: 10% reduction in weather adjusted energy usage.

- Schedule municipal building audits
- Reinvest savings into efficiency upgrades



Initiative 2

Government Cool Roof

Standard roofs can reach up to 150 degrees, due to sunlight absorption. Using ENERGY STAR cool roof standards can reduce peak cooling demand up to 15%.

Target Goal: Reduce peak cooling demand by 10%; cover 75%+ of municipal roof surfaces.

- Develop criteria for implementation of cool roof and distribute requests for proposals



Initiative 3

Government Water Audits

Since 2010, water and sewer rates have risen by 41% in 30 major US cities. Improving efficiency of indoor and outdoor plumbing fixtures can yield notable savings, allowing reinvestment in other municipal services.

Target Goal: 15% reduction in water use intensity.

- Schedule municipal building audits.
- Reinvest savings into efficiency upgrades.



Initiative 4

Government Green Infrastructure

Using Green infrastructure (GI) such as bio-retention areas, green roofs, and cisterns can provide benefits like wildlife habitat creation and reduce volume of run-off entering our waterways and pipe systems.

Target Goal: Capture/Treat first 1” rainfall / run-off on site through GI practice installed.

- Hire design/implementation firm for GI project
- Identify GI practice most appropriate for site.



Initiative 5

Walk Friendly Community

Reducing single occupant vehicle trips decreases air pollution, reliance on fossil fuels, encourages multi-modal infrastructure development.

Target Goal: Improve safety index at 50% of intersections, reduce per capita vehicle miles travelled, reduce pedestrian crashes by 25% in next 5 years.

- Choose Walk Friendly Communities components to pursue and compile requested information.
- After receiving score assess areas for improvement.



Initiative 6

Recycling Education Program

Inform residents about the existence and extent of their city’s recycling system, as well as what materials can and cannot be recycled through curb side pick up.

Target Goal: Decrease percentage of contaminated recycling materials diverted to landfill and increase percentage of residential recycling system users.

- Develop and implement Local Recycling and Public Awareness Program (2 outreach / education events; 2 public involvement/participation events)



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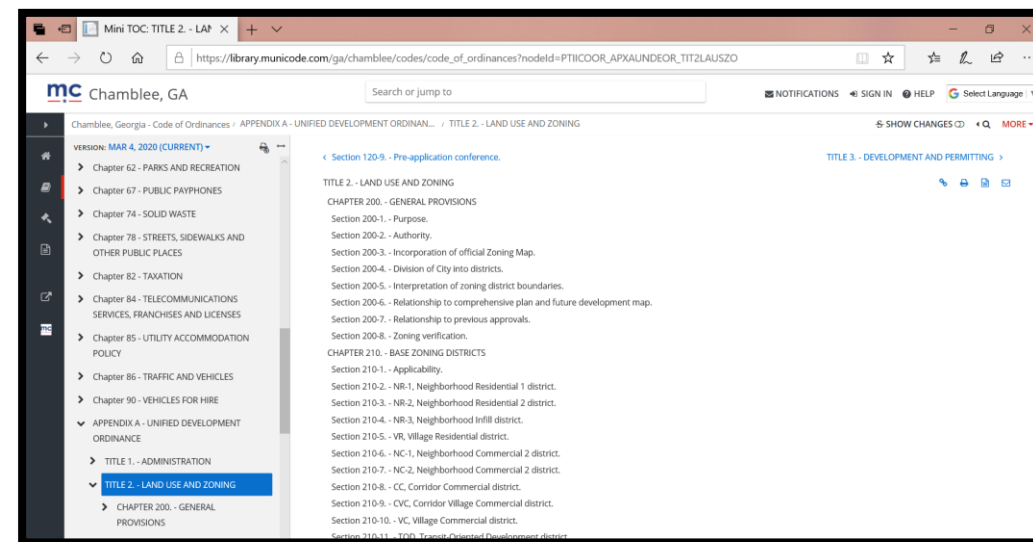
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Chamblee also enforces sustainable practices through daily implementation of the Unified Development Code. The UDO provides thresholds for bringing existing structures into zoning compliance, incrementally guiding development towards the vision outlined in our adopted plans. Some examples of sustainability related regulations included in our current code are below.

For Chamblee Municode Access: https://library.municode.com/ga/chamblee/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PTIICOOR_APXAUNDEOR_TIT2LAUSZO

- All construction projects are required by Chief Building Official to conduct duct leakage, blower door tests, and complete house wrap inspections to ensure the structures that are being erected are meeting efficiency requirements. See the Permits and Inspections page for more details.
- One over-story tree is required for every eight parking spaces and each space must within 40 feet of a tree to support adequate shade coverage in surface parking lots.
- Electric vehicle charging stations are required for commercial projects over a specified size. In addition, buildings over 20,000 square feet are required to be LEED certified.
- Shared parking for complimentary uses is permitted and reduced parking requirements are available for transit oriented developments .Parking over the minimum requirement must be constructed of permeable paving.
- Outdoor lighting fixtures must be dark skies compliant/fixed cut off to prevent light spill over onto adjacent properties or up into the sky.





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Stewardship

Georgia Adopt-a-Stream encourages individuals and communities to monitor and/or improve sections of streams, wetlands, lakes or estuaries. There are many ways to get involved including:

- Intro and Visual Monitoring
- Amphibian Monitoring
- Wetland Monitoring
- Rain Garden/Stream Restoration

Contact: AAS@dnr.ga.gov for info.

<https://adoptastream.georgia.gov/>

Stay Informed

1. [Bird Friendly Habitats](#)
2. [Native Plants](#)
3. [Georgia Wildlife Action Plan](#)
4. [Upper Chattahoochee River Basin Profile](#)
5. [GA Power Audit](#)
6. [Monarch Butterflies](#)

Chamblee promotes a culture of eco-friendly living by hosting a bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event at Plaza Fiesta, Rain Barrel Making Workshops, and electronics recycling at the new Public Works Facility on the third Saturday of each month. But did you know we were also among the earliest established Certified Wildlife Habitat Communities in the nation?

Together with Keep Chamblee Beautiful, the City encourages and provides information for residents to participate in conservation, habitat restoration, and environmental education projects across the City.

<https://www.nwf.org/CommunityWildlifeHabitat/Communities/Community/197>

NFW Video Series: Places to Raise Young



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nNf3gVgEiBE>

NFW Video Series: Sustainable Gardening



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKVmkaw4e34>



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Chamblee also is a strong supporter of the Metropolitan North Georgia's Clean Water Campaign and other national efforts to preserve the health of streams, lakes, drinking water and the longevity of municipal water infrastructure.

As part of our Local Water Awareness Program, we help connect the public with general information, rebate program applications, and educational activities developed by experts in the field of water health and stewardship.

WIPES CLOG PIPES!!

Put wipes in the trash.
Only flush toilet paper
and human waste down
the toilet.



www.cleanwatercampaign.com

THINK PICKING UP DOG POOP IS UNPLEASANT? TRY DRINKING IT.

Pet waste washes into
our storm drains and pollutes
our streams.



www.KeepItCleanPartnership.org

ATTENTION!

Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) are Threatening YOUR Plumbing



What is F.O.G.?

F.O.G. stands for **Fats, Oils and Grease**. It is the number one cause of sewer system blockages in the Metro Atlanta area. F.O.G. sticks to the walls of your plumbing and the sewer system and can build up over time. Eventually, it can completely block your plumbing or the sewer system.


What can YOU do to help?

POUR



Allow F.O.G. to cool. Pour any liquids into a sealable, disposable container and place in trash.

SCRAPE



Use a spatula or a similar utensil to scrape any solid F.O.G. and food particles into the trash.

DRY WIPE



Use a paper towel to dry wipe any remaining F.O.G. residue into the trash. Place used paper towels in trash.

Use a Sink Strainer



Use a sink strainer to catch any food particles that may be left on dishware and place in trash.

How does F.O.G. affect YOU?

Blockages in your plumbing or the sewer system can result in sewer overflows. F.O.G. related overflows can result in property damage, environmental damage and civil penalties and fines. Residents may be held liable for all damages and clean-up costs for a resident caused sewer back-up.

Where does F.O.G. come from?

Meats | Cooking Oils | Dairy Products
Sauces, Dressings and Marinades

How does F.O.G. get in?

F.O.G. enters the sewer system through **YOUR** plumbing. Common methods of entry include pouring F.O.G. down the kitchen sink or toilet and using a garbage disposal to dispose of food scraps. The garbage disposal does not eliminate F.O.G.; it merely chops it up into smaller pieces. All F.O.G. and food scraps should be thrown in the trash, not down the drain.



Clean Water Campaign
40 Courtland Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30303


www.cleanwatercampaign.com



Thanks to the efforts of city staff and dedicated community volunteers, Chamblee is emerging as a regional leader in sustainability. Chamblee will continue to tackle the emerging challenges of climate changes, through innovative and collaborative thinking.

2020 Summer Community Events

- ~~Sat. 5/2: Charm Recycle Event~~
- ~~Sat. 5/9: Hazardous Waste Recycling~~
- Sat. 5/16: Electronics Recycling
- Sat. 6/06: Charm Recycle Event
- Sat. 6/20: Electronics Recycling
- Sat. 7/18: Electronics Recycling

 **COVID-19** Subject to change.



In 2018, Chamblee was recognized by the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA community by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management. Those standards include maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.



Residents identified bike and pedestrian connections to transit-oriented development opportunities and other public amenities for the City Rail Trail Plan.

