## Dunwoody Sustainability Plan Public Meeting 2

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# Comp. Plan Goals



- Undertake a Sustainability Plan that builds upon the Green Community certification to integrate economical, environmental and social sustainability goals, milestones and performance measures specific to the City of Dunwoody's opportunities and challenges.
- Among other objectives, the Sustainability Plan will explore:
  - green economic development
  - innovative low impact development practices
  - improving residential quality of life
  - reducing costs and increasing efficiency within public facilities
  - increasing energy independence
  - increasing local food security
  - increasing quality and innovative use of the waste stream and
  - reviewing and improving existing sustainable programs to increase efficiency
  - marketing implications of achieving sustainable development objectives

# Transportation Plan Goals



- Increased connectivity, enhanced transportation options, including bicycle and pedestrian, expanded functional green space and park ownership designed to improve the health, vitality and recreational enjoyment of our City's businesses and residents and long-term sustainability of our City. (from Comp. Plan)
- Candidate Projects
  - Bicycle projects: connectivity to major destinations, existing or planned facilities in neighboring jurisdictions, and connectivity to each other
  - Pedestrian projects: sidewalk network gaps and opportunities for connectivity enhancement
- Recommended Projects
  - Criteria: Mobility, public input, connectivity, constructability
- Streets
- Pedestrian
- Bike
- Multi-Use Trails
- Transit

## Parks and Rec. Plan Goals



- The City of Dunwoody 2011 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan seeks to respond to community needs and determine the desired forms and levels of park and recreation services to be rendered over the next ten years, as well as their necessary administration and funding.
- Among other objectives, the Parks and Recreation Plan explores:
  - Facility Assessments and Recommendations
    - Parks
    - Recreation facilities
    - Greenways
    - Conservation
  - Land Acquisition and Opinions of Probable Cost

#### Zoning/Land Development Code Rewrite



- Released by Module
  - Public Involvement
- Sustainability Provisions
  - Solar and Geothermal Energy
  - Rainwater Harvesting
  - Parking Regulations
    - Ratios
  - Materials
  - Bicycle
- Infill
- Streetscapes
- Access Management



**Zoning and Land Development Regulations Rewrite** 

Module I: Zoning District Framework

July 16, 2012

## Definitions of Sustainability



- "sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"
- "Sustain to cause to continue (as in existence or a certain state, or in force or intensity); to keep up, especially without interruption diminution, flagging, etc.; to prolong."
- "improving the quality of human life while living within the carrying capacity of supporting eco-systems."
- "long-term, cultural, economic and environmental health and vitality" with emphasis on long-term, "together with the importance of linking our social, financial, and environmental well-being"

## **Dunwoody Definition of Sustainability**





# Sustainability Plan Objectives



- Reflect on established community values
- Synthesize values into a vision statement
- Develop strategy areas to focus efforts
- Identify initiatives and prioritize actions
- Program our implementation to facilitate tracking progress and to inform future plan updates

# Sustainability Plan Process



- Strategic Planning Retreat
  - Defining Role of Commission
    - Mission Statement and Visioning
    - Structure of Sustainability Commission
- Interviews/Surveys with Public Officials
- Public Meetings
  - Community Involvement and Input
    - Topic Meetings
      - Where are we/where we want to be
- Draft Modules
- Adoption
  - Action Plan

## Meeting Objectives



- Recap Kickoff Meeting
- Introduce draft vision statements
- Discuss the topic areas to:
  - Develop a description of success
  - Identify assets and current reality
  - Identify challenges
- Topics for this meeting:
  - Resource Conservation & Waste Reduction
  - Synergies with other plans

## **Topic Areas**



- Resource Conservation & Waste Reduction
  - Recycling
  - Energy
  - Green Building
- Ecology, Biodiversity, & Public Health
  - Urban Agriculture
  - Water
  - Air
- Education & Outreach
- Economic Prosperity
  - Green Businesses
  - Local Sourcing
- Synergies

## **Tasks**



- Description of Success
- Identify Assets/description of current reality
- Challenges

### **Ground Rules**



- Be respectful—give everyone who wishes to speak an opportunity
- 20 minutes to discuss each task in groups
- 3 minutes per group to share
- Too much to talk about? Table it.

# **Upcoming Meetings**



- October 25
  - Ecology, Biodiversity, & Public Health
  - Education & Outreach
- November 5
  - Economic Prosperity