

# Georgia Initiative for Community Housing

A cooperative program from  
Department of Community Affairs,  
Georgia Municipal Association, and  
the University of Georgia's Housing  
and Demographics Research  
Center



# Program Description

Three-year program of collaboration and technical assistance.

Participating Communities:

- Create a community housing team
- Develop new ideas about meeting local housing needs and enhancing community development
- Learn about approaches and resources to improve housing stock
- Produce a community housing plan
- Begin implementation of their plan



# What is the Initiative?

- A series of facilitated retreats held over a three-year period
- The opportunity to attend related workshops
- Readily available technical assistance
- Opportunity to engage in cross-community collaboration
- Partnerships

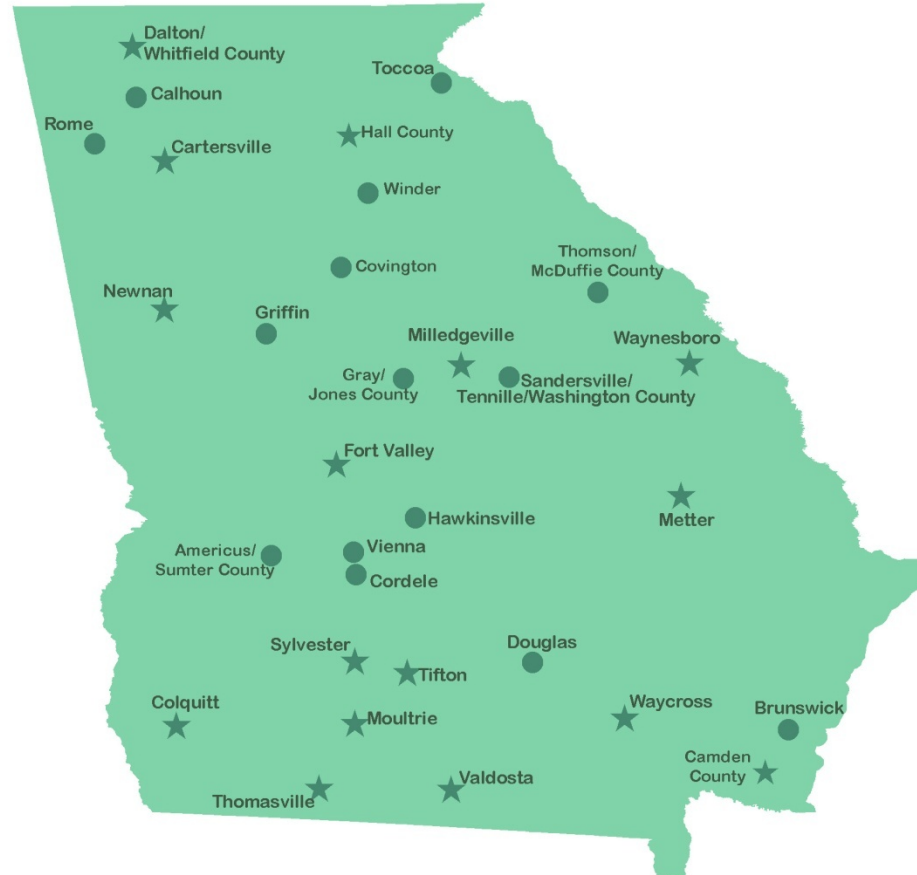


# GICH Retreats

- All 15 communities currently participating meet at each retreat
- Each retreat is held in a different location within the state
- Communities attend for 2 days during their first year and 1 ½ to 2 days the second and third years
- No cost such as registration fees to the community only travel costs



# Participating Communities



★ Program Alumni



# Successes



Before



After

**Rehab in Waynesboro**

# Successes



**Infill development in Douglas**

# Team Activities



Housing fairs



Clean up day



# Team Activities



Monthly meeting



Visiting other communities

Neighborhood Involvement Program



# How Can My Community Participate?



- Assemble a community housing team
- Identify housing needs within your community
- Identify funding source(s) for team's travel expenses
- Submit Letter of Intent by July 29th and application by September 2nd

# Who May Apply

- Incorporated municipality
- County government
- Public Housing Authority



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## 11. Community Housing Team Members: (page 2-3)

<b>Housing Industry Groups</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Signature Indicating Agreement to Participate</b>
Government official				
Lender, Real Estate, Developer				
Nonprofit, housing authority, faith based				
Others				



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Consider also as Team Members:

Housing Authority

Habitat for Humanity

Churches

Colleges

Non-profits

Regional Commissions

USDA

Foundations

Private Sector, etc.



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13. Describe the primary **housing issues** facing the community such as:
- Where does my community's workforce live now?
  - What does the rental market look like? What is the status of existing housing?
  - What barriers to new home construction?
  - What about people with special housing needs?



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14. Describe **housing activities** in the community currently underway or successfully completed such as:

Code enforcement, Housing assessment, Development Authority, Home Buyer education, etc.

20. Briefly describe why the **community wishes** to participate in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing and what you expect as an outcome from your community's participation.



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## Section A — Applicant and Financial Information

- Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Primary Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_
- Secondary Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address of Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone of Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- Indicate who is the Team Leader: Primary or Secondary Contact listed above



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12. Evidence of **local government support**; evidence of other local support (attach letters, local government resolutions, and other actions):

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10. Funding Source(s) and Amount Allocated for Travel and Lodging Expenses:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Status</b> (Requested or allocated)



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## ● Section C — Certification

- To the best of my knowledge the information in this application is true and correct. If selected, the Community Housing Team will participate fully in the Initiative sessions.
- By checking the “Yes” box, the official representative of the applicant certifies these statements.

● Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

● Name of official representative (please print):  
\_\_\_\_\_

● Title: \_\_\_\_\_



# Schedule of Events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Application Announcement	June 6, 2011
Letter of Intent	<b>July 29, 2011</b>
Application Deadline	<b>September 2, 2011</b>
Site Visits to Finalist Communities	October 24 – 28, 2011
Selection Announcement	November 14, 2011
Pre-retreat Orientation Meeting	Set local meetings for January 2012
First Retreat	February 2012
Second Retreat	August or September 2012

# For More Information

**Contact Karen Tinsley  
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**Application forms are available on-line at:  
<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/hace/hdrc/gich/index.html>**

