

SNELLVILLE

The City of Snellville has three initiatives they plan to address as participants in the Signature Community Program. The benefits of the Program that the City is interested in taking advantage of include the technical assistance from all sections in DCA as well as the partner state agencies and the access to grant and loan programs appropriate to the implementation of their proposals. The City's initiatives address environmental, housing and economic development issues of their community.

Their first initiative is the development of park master plans for passive parks on two pieces of city-owned property: Baker's Rock, a 30-acre granite outcrop which is home to endangered plant species; and, a small parcel on Oak Road, on the city's north side which the city would like to develop into a park for the residents of that area. Currently, the city has no passive parks available to its citizens. The Baker's Rock and Oak Road parks will answer this need as well as provide a resource for environmental learning at Baker's Rock.

The second initiative is the development of an ordinance to guide the development and placement of senior housing facilities throughout the City. Due to the increasing numbers of senior citizens living in or moving to Snellville, there is a need to revisit and update existing ordinances and create new ordinances as needed to guide the development of these facilities, whether as single or multi-family units.

The third, and last, initiative the City would like to pursue is the creation of an ordinance to guide and encourage redevelopment of grayfields and brownfields throughout the city as mixed use commercial-residential developments. Currently, these types of developments are only allowed in their Town Center, an LCI project area. The City would like to explore ways to target these parcels and devise incentives or other encouragements for sustainable redevelopment of these areas into viable mixed use communities, including limited multi-family facilities.