

DCA's Office of Planning and Environmental Management Programs and Assistance Resources

For more information about any of the programs or resources listed below:

- Website: www.dca.ga.gov (select *Planning and Environmental Management* link)
- E-mail: pemd.opqga@dca.ga.gov
- Phone: 404-679-5279

Community of Opportunity Program (Local Planning Assistance)

We provide guidance and a variety of resources for developing [Local Comprehensive Plans](#), working out county-wide strategies for delivery of public services ([Service Delivery Strategies](#)), and establishing a local [Impact Fees](#) system.

Application Required	On-Site TA Available	Remote TA Available	Training Available	Online Information
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Signature Community Program

We offer recognition and benefits to communities that maintain a culture of continuous improvement through consistent success with implementing their comprehensive plan.

Application Required	On-Site TA Available	Remote TA Available	Training Available	Online Information
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

WaterFirst and Water Resource Management Assistance

We provide assistance for managing water resources at the local level, including the [WaterFirst](#) program, which recognizes and rewards communities that excel in stewardship of water resources.

Application Required	On-Site TA Available	Remote TA Available	Training Available	Online Information
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

For more information, contact Deatre Denion: deatre.denion@dca.ga.gov or 912.704.4136.

Community Planning Institute

We offer practical training on key issues faced by local governments, including:

- Preparing your local comprehensive plan
- Implementing your local comprehensive plan
- Managing water resources
- Finding the right ordinances to fit local needs

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No	No	No	Yes	Yes

For more information, contact Adriane Wood: adriane.wood@dca.ga.gov, or 478.319.0433.

Regional Planning Assistance

We provide funding and guidance for quality planning-related services to local governments by the [Regional Commissions](#).

Application Required	On-Site TA Available	Remote TA Available	Training Available	Online Information
No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

For more information, contact Elizabeth Smith: elizabeth.smith@dca.ga.gov or 404.679.0666.

Resource Teams

We offer direct technical assistance from a team of experts to help communities implement particular projects in their Local Comprehensive Plan or address one or more of the [Quality Community Objectives](#) (QCOs).

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Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Best Practices & Model Code

We identify practical [Best Practices](#) for sustainable community and economic development in each city or county in Georgia. Our [Model Code](#) provides a variety of easy to use ordinances for addressing particular local needs.

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No	No	Yes	No	Yes

Solid Waste Management, Recycling and Radon Assistance

We provide guidance and resources for [managing solid waste](#) at the local level, including support to communities and organizations in setting up, expanding, or adjusting their local or regional recycling programs. We support a statewide education program to help homeowners and builders reduce indoor airborne [radon](#) levels, through our partners at the [University of Georgia Extension Service](#)

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