

# ARC's Livable Centers Initiative Awards \$985,000 for Community Planning Studies

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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has awarded \$985,000 in Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) study grants to 11 metro Atlanta communities.

The grants will help recipients develop plans and policies that support the creation of more vibrant, connected places. Once the studies are complete, these communities will become eligible to receive funding for transportation projects, such as sidewalks and intersection improvements, to help implement their visions.

“The LCI program has helped transform communities across the Atlanta region,” said Kerry Armstrong, ARC chair. “These grants have enabled many of our local government partners to improve livability, encourage healthier lifestyles and provide greater access to jobs and services.”

The 11 LCI planning grants awarded this year include two new studies, four major updates to plans already underway, and five supplemental grants to help continue existing studies.

Among the 11 grants awarded is a grant coordinated by the Aerotropolis Atlanta Community Districts that included nine (9) entities, including the City of Forest Park:

**Aerotropolis Atlanta Community Improvement Districts**

Grant amount: \$160,000

This supplemental study will develop a plan for a trail network that connects the communities around Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport as well as the Atlanta Beltline, the Phoenix Trail, and Southtown Trail.

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