





To: John McDonough, City Manager

From: Blake J. Dettwiler, AICP, Director of Community Development BD

Date: February 24, 2011 for submission onto the March 1, 2011 City Council Regular Meeting

Agenda Item: **Atlanta Regional Commission Community Choices Program**

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***CMO (City Manager's Office) Recommendation:***

**APPROVAL** of a resolution in support of the City of Dunwoody's Community Choices application to the Atlanta Regional Commission.

***Background:***

The Community Choices Program is an Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) quality growth initiative. Through Community Choices, the ARC provides local governments in the 10-county region with the tools, technical assistance and resources to create a unique vision and plan for the implementation of a quality community.

The City of Dunwoody will be making application for the 2011-12 Community Choices Implementation Assistance through the program. The application deadline is March 11th and assistance begins in May. If the City of Dunwoody is selected for the Community Choices Program the ARC will provide pro bono technical assistance and team staff time to implement innovative quality growth policies and/or plans.

***Discussion:***

The City of Sandy Springs, along with the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCIDs) and DeKalb County have been contacted to be collaborators on the proposed Community Choices application. The application seeks assistance in the creation of an Overlay District for the Perimeter Center area. Adding the professional talents of ARC staff to this process will help reinforce our efforts to partner with community stakeholders to promote development patterns complimentary to the vision for our important regional activity center.

In order to apply, the City of Dunwoody must submit a letter of support from its Mayor. In addition, the Sandy Springs City Council is being asked adopt the attached resolution as a show of support for the effort.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
CITY OF SANDY SPRINGS

**A RESOLUTION TO COLLABORATE AND SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR THE  
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION'S COMMUNITY CHOICES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sandy Springs seeks to collaborate with the City of Dunwoody, DeKalb County and the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (PCID) to advance the goals of the Community Choices program: To provide cities and counties the necessary resources to achieve their visions; To support implementation of regional plans and policies at the local level; and, To create examples of quality growth that can serve as best practices for communities across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed collaborators seek technical assistance with plans, policies and practices reflective of the principles of quality growth characterized by a common set of principles: a mix of land uses; a range of housing and transportation opportunities and choices; walkability; distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place; open space, natural beauty and critical environmental areas; emphasis on community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed collaborators seek 2011-2012 Implementation Assistance from the Atlanta Regional Commission and the Community Choices program for pro bono technical assistance to implement the innovative Perimeter Community Improvement Districts Overlay District Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed collaborators seek to create an environment which reinforces efforts to partner with the business community in the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts to stimulate economic growth; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Sandy Springs Mayor and City Council supports the application by the City of Dunwoody to the Atlanta Regional Commission's Community Choices Program and will work in collaboration with the partners on this project.**

**RESOLVED** this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011.

Approved:

Attest:

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Eva Galambos, Mayor

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Michael Casey, City Clerk

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