



CITY OF SOUTH FULTON

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CITY OF SOUTH FULTON AWARDED QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS

City's Adoption of State of Georgia-Approved Comprehensive Plan

[CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA, May 8th --] The City of South Fulton is proud to be recognized as a Qualified Local Government (QLG) by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Announced in April 2018, the new-found status permits the City access to a package of financial resources from DCA and local, state and federal entities. Other state agencies linked to the QLG status include the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), and the OneGeorgia Authority.

This achievement comes after the City adopted the 2035 Comprehensive Plan in 2017. The plan provides a framework for making sound decisions for the City's long-term growth and development and is a guiding document that the City utilizes when reviewing rezoning requests between now and 2035.

"Continued growth and development is on the horizon for our City," stated Mayor Bill Edwards. "The QLG status allows us to use tools and resources that will further the vision for our community. We look forward to adopting the amended Comprehensive Plan and are excited about the opportunity to obtain the resources to assist us in plan implementation. This is just the beginning of what is in store for the City of South Fulton."

The City is currently in the process of making minor updates to the plan in order to fully guide the City's development. "The key component to a strong and sustainable City is economic development," stated City Manager Odie Donald II. "This recognition is the first of many steps that lead us down the path towards self-realization."

This QLG status also denotes that the City is in compliance with DCA minimum standards under the Georgia Planning Act, legal requirements related to immigration, and the Service Delivery Strategy law.

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If you would like more information about the award or the City of South Fulton, please contact Ashley Minter-Osanyinbi at 470-809-7700, or email Ashley.Osanyinbi@CityofSouthFultonGa.gov.

About the City of South Fulton—The City of South Fulton is a new city government dedicated to providing exceptional customer service and a sustainable, safe, inclusive and economically vibrant city. The City's priorities include improving parks and precreation, providing public safety services, increasing economic development and implementing community branding. To learn more about the rising City, please visit www.CityofSouthFultonGa.gov.