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South Fulton's L.E.A.F. Council Forging Path to Green Community Certification

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – November 4, 2020) The City of South Fulton is going green with a new LEAF initiative and a special council to manage the process.

South Fulton's LEAF (Leaders of the Environmentally Conscious, Accountable and Focused) Council will track and analyze the city's sustainability efforts to improve quality of life for residents and obtain certification through the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Program. The program seeks to create a greener, healthier, more livable region by helping local governments implement measures to reduce their environmental impacts.

"Our goal is to oversee the certification process from start to finish," said Joy Marshall, the city's programs and performance administrator. "The six-member team – which includes administrators from the City Manager's Office, members of the Public Works Department and other city staffers – will analyze data and conduct research to aid the city's decision-making process around sustainability projects directly impacting the maintenance of the city's green certifications."

Local governments can achieve certification with a minimum of 175 points across 10 categories, including green building, energy efficiency, green power, water use reduction and efficiency, trees and greenspace, transportation, recycling and waste reduction, land use, education and innovation. The City of South Fulton is on track to apply for the Green Communities certification in May 2021 and hopes to acquire the designation by May 2022.

In metro Atlanta, 20 local governments – 13 cities and seven counties – are currently certified under Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities program. The program is designed to help local governments reduce the environmental impact of the government through its buildings, fleets, and practices; encourage their community to reduce its environmental impact and provide public education and outreach on sustainability issues.

"The long-term strategy we want to implement is to conserve energy, improve air quality by reducing gas emissions and eliminating waste, said District 1 Councilwoman Catherine F. Rowell, who sponsored the legislation to create the LEAF Council. "We can do this through the guidance of ARC and our LEAF Council working together to make South Fulton a better place to live for our residents."

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