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# ARC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT – **FAYETTE COUNTY**

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ARC works closely with local governments and community partners in Fayette County to improve quality of life and secure future success. This report measures progress in Fayette in the three long-range goals of the Atlanta Region's Plan: providing **World-Class Infrastructure**, fostering **Healthy, Livable Communities**, and developing a **Competitive Economy**.



## WORLD-CLASS INFRASTRUCTURE

ARC works with its regional partners to develop and maintain world-class infrastructure, including a transportation network that improves mobility, and a sustainable supply of clean water.



### Improving mobility in Fayette

**A \$15 million** in federal and state transportation funds allocated by ARC to the county. Projects include: **multi-use path at Redwine Road and Starrs Mill School Complex**; and resurfacing Beauregard/Redwine Road, Peachtree Parkway South, and Tyrone Road.

**895,063** fewer miles traveled by the **322 Fayette residents** who participated in the **Georgia Commute Options** program, saving them **\$519,136** in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.



### Securing a sustainable future

**103** toilet rebates were received by Fayette residents, facilitating the replacement of older, inefficient toilets.

The **Metro Water District** held its eighth annual and first virtual **Water Drop Dash 5K**, which had nearly 300 runners of all ages.



## ARC's COVID-19 RESPONSE

### Helping organizations transition to teleworking

Georgia Commute Options (GCO), a program managed by ARC, quickly mobilized to help organizations launch teleworking programs as the pandemic led to shelter-in-place orders.

The agency also developed online tools to provide additional guidance, including webinars and a "Telework Quick Start Guide" geared for businesses and local governments.

A GCO survey of business executives found that **69% said more employees will work from home periodically going forward, while 23% said more employees will work from home on a full-time basis.**



# HEALTHY, LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

ARC works to foster vibrant, pedestrian-friendly communities and supports healthy living and aging by offering a range of services for older people and individuals with disabilities.



## Improving quality of life for Fayette residents of all ages and abilities

**\$649,299**

in state and federal funds to **Fayette Senior Services** for direct services provided to Fayette residents, including **congregate and home-delivered meals, in-home support services, transportation, and case management.**

ARC's **RSVP Volunteer Program** clocked **3,129 volunteer hours** and reached **11,352 individuals.**

## Making Fayette an even better place to live, work, and play

**\$160,000**

**Livable Centers Initiative grant** to the **town of Tyrone** to focus on projects that promote people-oriented improvements, including a streetscape plan, Town Center property/facilities assessment, a Town Center park study, and a traffic/parking plan.

**\$100,000**

**Livable Centers Initiative grant** to the **city of Fayetteville** to provide the city with a framework for new development and improvements to the roadway and streetscape networks.

# BY THE NUMBERS: FAYETTE POPULATION

## ARC Population Estimates (2015-2020)



# ARC'S COVID-19 RESPONSE

## Serving older adults and people with disabilities

ARC helped partner organizations adapt their funding to respond to older adults' critical needs, providing weeks of home-delivered meals to those on a high-priority waitlist for this service.



ARC allocated **\$5.4 million nationwide in federal Families First and CARES Act dollars**, as well as philanthropic funding, providing a range of critical services including caregiving, wellness support, and nutrition services. By July 2020, ARC had allocated **\$173,288** in Fayette County to help respond to COVID-19 related needs.

# COMPETITIVE ECONOMY

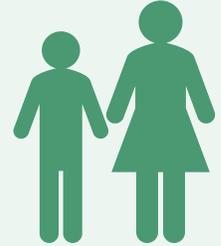
ARC works with its regional partners to ensure our economy remains thriving and competitive.



## Workforce Solutions: Connecting talent with opportunity

**34** Fayette youth received training through **WorkSource Atlanta Regional's NextGen** workforce and education program.

**51** Fayette County residents received training through **WorkSource Atlanta Regional's Career Resource Center**.



## Cultivating leaders to meet the region's challenges



**6** Fayette County residents took part in **ARC leadership programs**, including: Regional Leadership Institute (RLI), Arts Leaders of Metro Atlanta (ALMA), and Model Atlanta Regional Commission (MARC).

# ARC's COVID-19 RESPONSE

## Supporting Dislocated Workers

WorkSource Atlanta Regional, managed by ARC's Workforce Solutions group, developed new digital tools on [atlworks.org](http://atlworks.org) to assist people who lost jobs due to the pandemic. These tools included online job listings and virtual training education while Career Resource Centers were closed. Topics included:

- How to Get the Career You Want Now
- How to Answer the Most Often Asked Interview Questions
- How to Manage Your Finances During the Corona Virus Crisis



## Providing Resources to Local Governments

ARC developed data tools and held a series of weekly webinars to help local governments navigate the health and economic crises. Webinar topics included:

- COVID-19 Economic Impacts on Metro Atlanta
- Adapting Municipal Budgets to COVID-19
- Supporting Local Businesses During COVID-19

All data is fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 except the population data, which is year ending April 30, 2020.



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