

**TOWN OF** 

# BETWEEN

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
As Adopted on DATE, 2022

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PREPARED BY THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION



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• How do we get there?

By considering current needs and existing opportunities, the plan provides a foundation for decision-making in support of achieving short- and long-term goals.

### **Process Overview**

The Comprehensive Plan process follows the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"), O.C.G.A. Chapter 110-12-1, Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, effective October 1, 2018. The DCA rules require that the Comprehensive Plan of Between consist of the following elements:

### **Needs and Opportunities**

An analysis of the community's needs and opportunities helps to determine local conditions. Public engagement was used to identify existing issues, and opportunities on which the Town can capitalize to address those issues.

### **Community Vision and Goals**

Through public and steering committee engagement, the Town's vision, goals, and policies are developed to determine the community's future direction. As a part of this component, policies are identified to assist in making decisions that are consistent with community goals.

### **Future Land Use**

This section is required for any community that has a local zoning ordinance and assigns future land use categories by parcel. The map and narrative in this section will guide local elected officials on zoning and land use policy decisions. The intention is to influence growth and development throughout the community in consideration of existing development patterns, access to utilities and services, and community needs and goals.

### Transportation

Since Between is within the Atlanta Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary, a transportation element is required to ensure alignment with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This element includes regional and local objectives and identifies needs based on current conditions and transportation infrastructure.

#### **Broadband Services**

All communities require a broadband element to analyze available services and identify potential improvements. This element is an action plan with steps for promoting reasonable and cost-effective access to broadband.

### Community Work Program

The final element of the comprehensive plan, the Community Work Program, outlines steps and strategies for achieving the community's goals and implementing its plans. The Work Program will include a Report of Accomplishments from a previous list of projects and a Short Term Work Program that identifies priority projects, timelines for implementation, responsible parties, and funding strategies for the next five years.

### **Public Involvement**

### **Public Input and Steering Committee**

The Comprehensive Plan update incorporated public involvement throughout. The planning process began with a public hearing and community input session on July 6, 2021, where the public was invited to discuss the assets and challenges found in the town and their hopes for its future. Following the initial public meeting, several publicly available work sessions were held with a Steering Committee, a group of citizens representing various communities and interests throughout the town. This Committee provided valuable feedback, guidance, and recommendations and served an integral role in developing a plan representative of the community's vision. In addition, an online public survey was available from September 14 through October 13, 2021. The online survey allowed the local government to receive a wider range of input than otherwise would have been possible. Responses were received from three residents of Between, and these responses are provided in the appendix.

A final public hearing was held on May 12, 2022, before submittal of the plan to the DCA for review.

### NEGRC's Role

The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) Planning & Government Services Division oversaw the development of this plan, including facilitating public involvement and input meetings.



### **Review Process**

According to the DCA's rules for comprehensive planning, effective October 1, 2018, the Town must transmit the plan to the NEGRC when all required components are complete. The transmittal must also include the community's certification that it has considered both the Regional Water Plan and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria. Once it completes its review, the NEGRC will forward the plan to the DCA for review.

Once the plan has been found by the DCA to be in compliance with Minimum Standards and Procedures, the approved Plan must be adopted in order to maintain Qualified Local Government status.

### **Data & Statistics**

The facts, figures, and statistics used to develop the Plan were generated from data compiled throughout the planning process. The data and analyses were used to identify general trends, and provide a reliable quantitative context to describe existing conditions and assist in informing the recommendations and policies.



# VISION STATEMENT

Between is a "hometown" community of tree-lined streets and a thriving, pleasant community center where daily goods and services are available. A calm, neighborly atmosphere welcomes residents and visitors alike.

### **Goals and Policies**

The goals and policies below are designed to help Between elected officials and staff in decision-making processes. They target identified needs and opportunities from the previous section.

- Preserve the community's small-town feel by concentrating employment within the central corridor of the city
- Meet resident needs and attract newcomers by providing quality housing, recreation, education, shopping, and employment
- Increase sense of community and encourage healthy living by developing parks, playgrounds, passive and organized recreation opportunities, safe spaces for walking, greenspace, and accessibility for all abilities and ages
- Anticipate and control impacts and opportunities associated with nearby growth, including traffic, development patterns and aesthetics, natural resources, and increased interest and attention
- Become a live-work community and generate employment opportunities consistent with the desire to locate businesses centrally by supporting small, local businesses and discouraging "big-box" development
- Work with other local governments throughout Walton County to achieve the vision of this plan
- Partner with Walton County to target public infrastructure to guide private development to the locations and in the manner favored by the community
- Incorporate a Vision Zero policy and implementation measures for the US-78 corridor in cooperation with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)

# NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The following list of needs and opportunities are the result of a professional analysis of relevant data combined with input derived from an online public questionnaire and meetings held jointly with the local governments of Walton County. Unless otherwise noted, all data are sourced from Esri's Business Analyst Software, which is based on the most recent U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Items are categorized into the following topics::

Population, Community, and Governance
 Economic Development
 Planning, Land Use, and Housing
 Natural and Cultural Resources
 Community Facilities and Services
 Intergovernmental Coordination

Additional community statistics used in the local analysis to determine needs and opportunities and guide discussions during public input meetings can be found in the Appendix.

\*High priorities within the community are italicized.

# **Population, Community, and Governance**

Between, with a population of 402, is a small community on the fringe of metropolitan Atlanta in Walton County. Walton County has grown by approximately 13,000 people every ten years since 2000, and a similar growth rate is expected over the next five years (Figure 1). Between will likely see more growth, given its location in the suburbanizing western part of the county. In spite of this growth, the median age of the area continues to increase. The median age of Walton County is expected to grow from 37.3 in 2010 to 40 by 2026 (Figure 2). An aging population can present challenges for a community including inadequate housing, transportation, and social opportunities for seniors. It can also be a sign that the community struggles to retain young people. General strategies for addressing these challenges include permitting a wider variety of housing types, building walkable neighborhoods where people can travel without a personal car, and providing attractive places for people to gather.

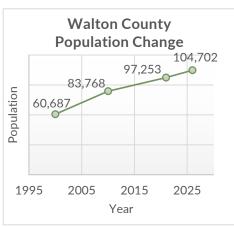


Figure 1. Walton County population over time, Census (2000 and 2010) and projected (2021 and 2016).

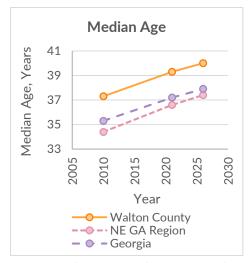


Figure 2. Median age of Walton County residents over time, compared with the Northeast Georgia Region and the state, Census (2010) and projected (2021 and 2026).

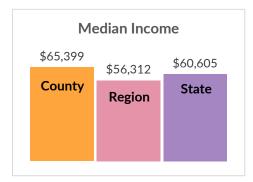


Figure 3. 2021 median income of Walton County, compared with the Northeast Georgia Region and the state.

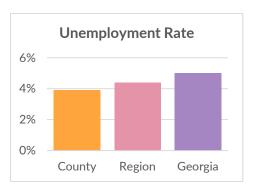


Figure 4. Unemployment rates for 2021 civilian population ages 16+ in Walton County, the Northeast Georgia Region, and the state.

The area's 2021 median income is \$65,399, which is higher than the region and state median incomes (Figure 3). However, the organization United for ALICE calculates the area's poverty rate at 12% and the ALICE rate at 37% in 2018 (United for ALICE). This is in line with the state average. ALICE stands for households that are Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed. These households, according to United for ALICE, "earn enough to be above the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford a bare-bones household budget." People in these households often work in the service industry and many were classified as "essential workers" during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although employed, these households are still in financially precarious conditions. Stabilizing these households can have a significant impact on lowering poverty in the community.

Between's government is led by a Mayor and four-member Town Council that holds regular monthly meetings available to the public. The Council's meeting minutes, agendas, and announcements are available on the Town's website, and the public may comment during the meetings. Public property records are also available via the Town's website. The Town partners with Walton County for the provision of all services through the various County departments.

Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to population, community, and governance are as follows:

### Needs

• Between needs to create strategies for leveraging government revenue since there are no local property taxes.

### **Opportunities**

- Develop commercial and manufacturing development on Heritage Parkway and U.S. Route 78 for sales tax revenue.
- Implement a local Special Purpose Local-Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to generate additional revenue for community projects and government operations.
- Partner with Athens Technical College's Monroe campus to host local career and academic fairs for residents to access educational and employment opportunities.
- Determine a clear list of resources or an assistance network that the local government can provide for households in poverty

### **Economic Development**

According to Esri's Business Analyst, Walton County area unemployment stands at 3.9%, which is lower than the regional and state average (Figure 4). The top

industries in the area are Services (39%), Retail (14%), and Manufacturing (12%, Figure 5). The workforce is primarily employed in jobs categorized as Professional (17%), Management/Business/Financial (16%), Administrative Support (14%), and Services (13%, Figure 6). About 56% of the workforce, over the age of 25, has a high school diploma, diploma equivalent, or some college credit, while 12% did not finish high school; 32% of the workforce population has a college degree (Figure 7). Generally, building a diverse local employment base helps people with a variety of credentials find work. Given that over half of the workforce does not have a college degree, the Town should focus workforce training and economic development efforts on creating jobs that do not require a college degree. Also, the Town should focus on improving skilled workforce training through resources such as the Athens Technical College campus in Monroe.

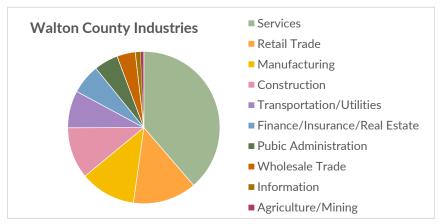


Figure 5. Walton County's 2021 employed population, ages 16+, by industry.

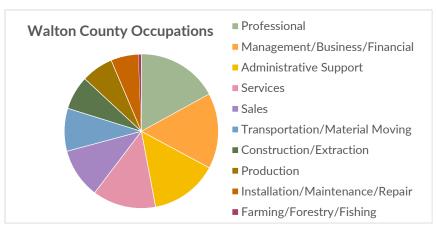


Figure 6. Walton County's 2021 employed population, ages 16+, by occupation.

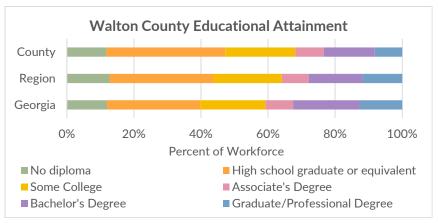


Figure 7. Workforce, ages 25+, by highest level of education attained, for Walton County, the Northeast Georgia Region, and the state, 2021.

Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to economic development are as follows:

#### Needs

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### **Opportunities**

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- Implement a local Special Purpose Local-Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to generate additional revenue for community projects and government operations.
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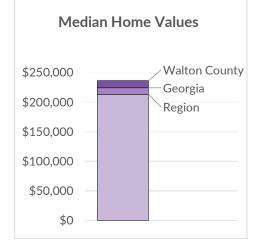


Figure 8. Median home values in Walton County, the Northeast Georgia Region, and the state, 2021.

## Planning, Land Use, and Housing

According to 's Business Analyst, 85% of Walton County's housing stock is single-family houses, 7% is "Missing Middle" housing (2-19 unit structures), and 8% is mobile homes. Between's housing stock is less diverse, and is 100% comprised of single-family detached homes. The average household size is 2.82 people, and the median home value is \$236,000. The area's average home values are higher than regional and state averages (Figure 8). From 2015–2019, median rent averaged

\$744, which is higher than the median rent in the region, but lower than the state's median rent of \$804 (Figure 9). According to the Center for Neighborhood Technology's Housing + Transportation Index, the average Between household spends 34% of their income on housing. A household that spends more than 30% of its income on housing is considered cost burdened, so there appears to be a need for more affordable housing. The county's vacancy rate stands at 7.5%, lower than the region's rate of 9.5% as well as the state's rate of 11.6%. This indicates that there is stronger demand for housing in Walton County than in other parts of the state, as would be expected, given the growth in the area. Nationally, household sizes are shrinking, and both seniors and young people may find that single-family housing does not meet their needs at a reasonable price point. Infrastructure permitting, Between encourages commercial growth along the U.S. Route 78 corridor while focusing neighborhood residential growth on the surrounding local roads that strive to ensure current and future residents meet their housing needs at an acceptable price.

Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to planning, housing, and land use are as follows:

### Needs

 Between's rate of owner-occupied housing is higher than both Walton County's and the state average; while this can serve as a positive, it may also indicate a need for increased rental options.

### Opportunities

 Capitalize on the significant suburban residential growth that is expected in western Walton County and proactively increase the variety and quality of aesthetics in new developments.

### **Natural and Cultural Resources**

Between has a large percentage of undeveloped land as either open pasture or woodland. Also, a large granite outcrop is present within town limits. Granite outcrops are considered a unique landscape that harbors the potential for rare or endangered species. Development around these types of micro-environments should be approached with care. Between could proactively identify areas that would be beneficial for conservation and the integration of outdoor recreation for residents.

Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to natural and cultural resources are as follows:

### Needs

- A strategy to identify sensitive environmental resources, such as granite outcrops, within town limits should be developed.
- The town should develop a strategy to maintain a "small, hometown" feel,

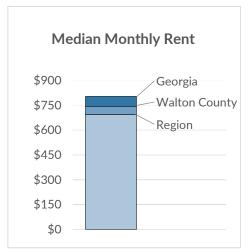


Figure 9. Median monthly rent in Walton County, the Northeast Georgia Region, and the state, 2015–2019.

- respectful of rural nature.
- An inventory of existing cultural and historic resources within town limits would benefit the community.

### Opportunities

- Create a conservation and protection plan.
- Require conservation easements with new developments that affect sensitive resources.
- Conduct a historic resource survey.

# **Community Facilities and Services**

Town residents rely on Walton County Parks and Recreation for recreational facilities. Ayers Park offers a new public splash pad and outdoor community space on Heritage Parkway. Walking trails are planned for this park as well. Additionally, a new Town Hall will be constructed on Heritage Parkway, which will offer indoor community space and improved capacity for local government operations. This facility will be located adjacent to the #2 Walton County Fire Rescue Headquarters and the Georgia Department of Driver Services facility.

Between also relies on Walton County for water services. The Walton County Water Department is responsible for all water infrastructure maintenance and development. Between intends to maintain this agreement with the County and expand services when and where necessary. There are no sewer services available or planned within the town limits for the near future. Stormwater facilities are managed on a site-specific level and the local government has no plans to install community-wide stormwater infrastructure. All new commercial development will need to be compatible with septic systems and should require low water usage.

Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to community facilities and services are as follows:

#### Needs

- A strategy to educate the public about community facilities should be developed to increase knowledge of public resources.
- Due to the lack of local property tax revenue, it is necessary to maintain a shared responsibility with services provided by Walton County.

### Opportunities

- Include community facility information on the local government website.
- Continue collaboration with the Walton County Water Department for local infrastructure maintenance.
- Incorporate community meeting space, increased service offerings, and visitor information in the planned Town Hall.

# **Intergovernmental Coordination**

Town elected officials maintain an active relationship with the other local governments throughout Walton County. Mayoral gatherings and collaboration with the various Walton County departments occur on a regular basis and are planned to continue. As with the development of this plan, Between intends to provide a platform for informed decision making and effective government investment.

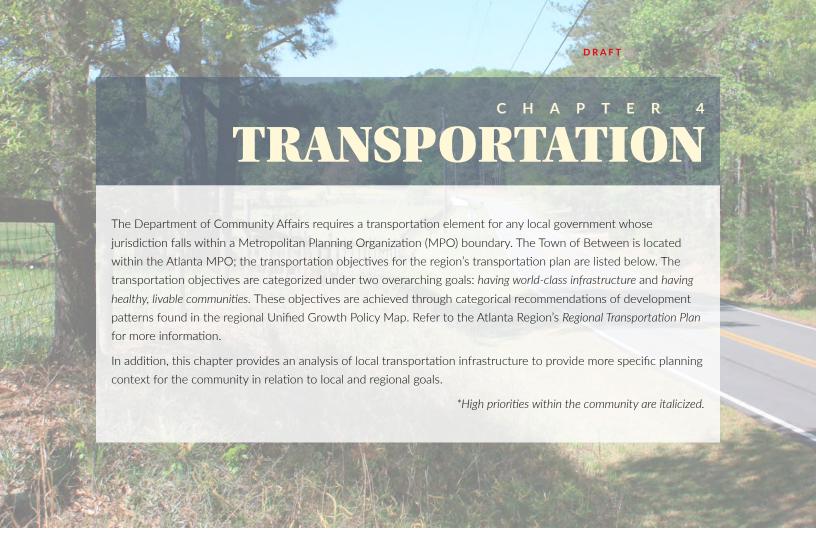
Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to intergovernmental coordination are as follows:

### Needs

• Increased participation and collaboration among town council members and residents is desirable, where possible.

### Opportunities

 Host annual public information sessions regarding Town and County services, available either virtually through the Town's website or in-person.



# Transportation Objectives and Policies for Atlanta MPO

### **World Class Infrastructure**

- Maintain and operate the existing transportation system to provide for reliable travel.
- Improve transit and non-single-occupancy vehicle options to boost economic competitiveness and reduce environmental impacts.
- Strategically expand the transportation system while supporting local land use plans.
- Provide for a safe and secure transportation system.
- Promote an accessible and equitable transportation system.
- Support the reliable movement of freight and goods.
- Foster the application of advanced technologies to the transportation system.

### Healthy, Liveable Communities

- Improve quality of life at the neighborhood, city, county, and regional levels
- In partnership with local communities, equitably and strategically focus resources in areas of need and importance.
- Improve public health through the built environment.
- Integrate sound environmental principles that ensure the region's sustainability.

# **Unified Growth Policy Map**

The Atlanta Region's *Regional Transportation Plan* provides a Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM) that provides for direction of future growth in the region (Figure 10). The UGPM is comprised of Areas and Places. Areas describe predominant land use patterns throughout the region. Areas also directly influence the future forecasted growth of the region by describing future land use patterns in each part of the region. Places reflect concentrated uses that have generally defined boundaries and provide greater detail within Areas.

The map indicates that four distinct growth areas are found in Walton County: Established Suburbs, Developing Suburbs, Developing Rural, and Rural Areas. Additionally, seven town centers are located in the county. Between is located in the Developing Suburbs Area found in the western portion of Walton County. The Transportation Plan describes this area as:

Developing Suburbs are areas in the region where suburban development has occurred and the conventional development pattern is present but not set. These areas are characterized by residential development with pockets of commercial and industrial development. These areas represent the extent of the urban service area, and the region's first attempts at suburban smart growth can be found in these areas. There is a need in these areas for additional preservation of critical environmental, agricultural, and forest resources. Limiting existing infrastructure in these areas will constrain the amount of additional growth that is possible. Transportation improvements are needed within these Developing Suburbs, but care should be taken not to spur unwanted growth.

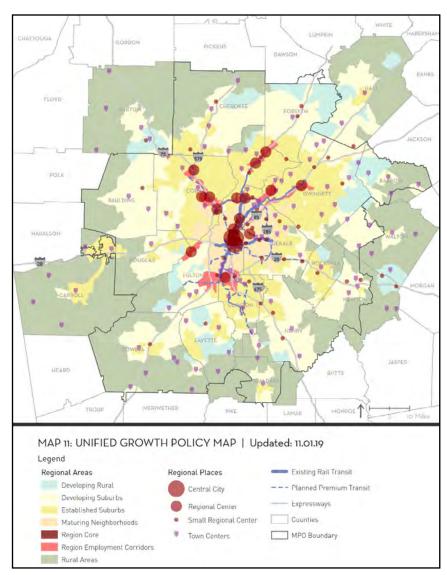


Figure 10. Unified Growth Policy Map from the Atlanta Region's Regional Transportation Plan.

# **Local Transportation Network**

Between's development pattern generally requires a vehicle for easy access to destinations. It is a town where residents mostly commute outside of city limits for work and services, similar to Walton County as a whole. About 60% of workers leave the county for work, 52% commute at least 30 minutes to work, and 18% commute over 60 minutes to work. Only 8% of workers commute less than ten minutes to work (Figure 11). Approximately, 82% of workers drove alone to their place of employment. This commuting pattern increases the cost of transportation on average. The Housing and Transportation Index estimates that the average

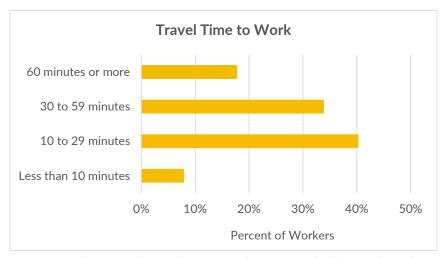


Figure 11. Travel time to work for Walton County workers age 16+ who did not work from home, 2015–2019.

Between household spends 27% of their income on transportation. This exceeds the recommended affordability threshold of 15%. Generally, communities can address the conditions of long commutes by substituting local destinations for regional ones and by redesigning their streets for multi-modal use. Attracting more jobs to the area along U.S. Route 78 (US-78) and on Heritage Parkway could help reduce the need to commute long distances for some residents.

Between experiences heavy pass-through traffic along Youth Monroe Road as a connector for Monroe and Winder. This creates traffic safety concerns at intersections with US-78. The Georgia Department of Transportation reports 108 crashes and one fatality in Between from 2013–2020. Crashes are heavily concentrated on US-78, the main transportation artery through town. The main intersection of US-78 and New Hope Church Road experienced 54 crashes over this period. US-78 carries over 20,000 vehicles per day (GDOT Traffic Counts). The Town of Between should work with the Georgia Department of Transportation to redesign US-78 for safer travel, especially at the intersection with New Hope Church Road and Youth Monroe Road. Between would like to explore the potential for a roundabout or two new traffic signals at problem intersections.

Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to transportation are as follows:

### Needs:

- Safety improvements are needed at major intersections.
- Traffic control interventions targeted at high speeds on US-78 are advised, due to the high concentration of crashes there.

 There are currently no bicycle lanes or sidewalks within Between, limiting non-vehicular travel.

### Opportunities:

- Collaborate with the Georgia Department of Transportation and other regional entities to determine the most appropriate safety enhancements along state routes.
- Plan for bicycle and pedestrian connections from neighborhoods to Town Hall and Ayers Park.



# BROADBAND SERVICES

Expansion of broadband is a top priority region-wide. The *Northeast Georgia Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* (CEDS) 2017–2021 update, crafted through key stakeholder input from the entire Northeast Georgia Region (including economic development professionals, educators, business leaders, and elected officials), prioritizes broadband expansion through specific tasks in its Action Plan (Strategy 2.a). Additionally, in 2018 the Georgia Department of Community Affairs launched the Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative (GDBI) to coordinate and establish broadband programs to increase economic, educational, and social opportunities for Georgia citizens and businesses. The initiative provides for the expansion of broadband infrastructure and services through new state and local broadband planning policies.

\*High priorities within the community are italicized.

# **Existing Services**

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs considers Between to be "served" by broadband with the exception of a few locations (Figure 12). The DCA defines "served" as a download speed of 25 Mbps and an upload speed of 3 Mbps. This speed may be sufficient for certain kinds of digital needs, it may not meet the speeds necessary for higher demand needs like streaming content or virtual learning. Walton County has received \$3,159,215 in grant funds from the Georgia Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, originating from the American Rescue Plan Act. This grant was submitted on behalf of Windstream, a broadband provider, and will enable an expansion of gigabit-speed broadband access to 2,078 unserved locations in the Walton County areas most lacking in connectivity. The total number of impacted locations will be 4,084 within the targeted project areas in Walton County. This expansion would be expected to serve Between entirely, once implemented. This expansion is expected to be completed by 2026.

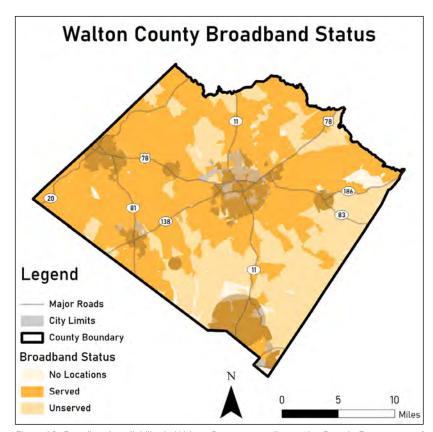


Figure 12. Broadband availability in Walton County, according to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Currently, there are no options for free, publicly accessible Wi-Fi. Residents must travel to Loganville or Monroe libraries to access public broadband service. The Town should explore options for upgrading service, as necessary, and determine if publicly accessible Wi-Fi can be offered at the new Town Hall facility.

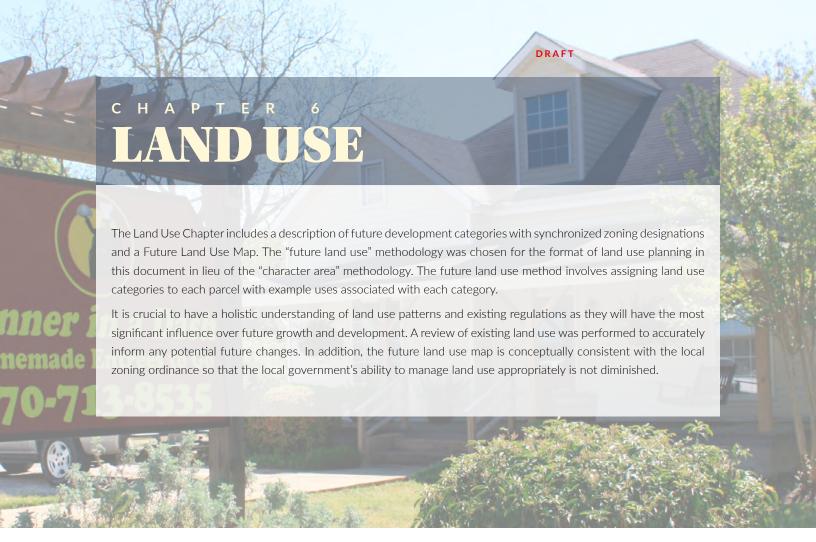
Needs and opportunities identified through stakeholder input sessions and public surveys that relate to broadband are as follows:

### Needs:

• Town officials should determine the necessary coordination with Walton County in regard to the broadband expansion initiative at the appropriate time.

### Opportunities:

• Become a Broadband Ready Community.



# **Future Land Use Categories**

These future land use (FLU) categories correspond to the map that follows. While zoning and development regulations vary, FLU represents a standardized approach to envisioning and planning for desired scenarios. As such, it is natural that certain areas may appear to be inconsistent between the FLU and zoning maps because FLU presents a blueprint for what is to come.

### Residential

Predominantly single-family homes. Certain civic and recreational uses are typically allowed.

#### Commercial

Retail, office space, and highway-commercial land uses, though small-scale neighborhood shops or offices may be desirable in certain places. Often restricted to nodes and arterial/major collector roads.

### Public/Institutional

Federal, state, local, and institutional land uses. Uses such as government offices, public safety posts, libraries, schools, religious institutions, cemeteries, and hospitals are representative.

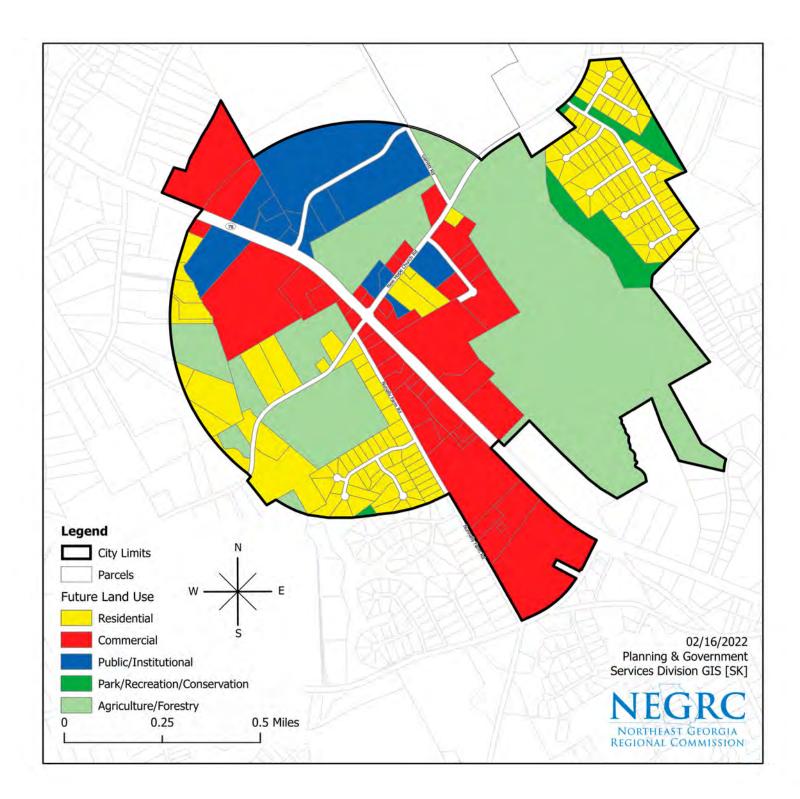
### Park/Recreation/Conservation

Dedicated to preserving the natural environment, protecting historic and cultural resources, and providing space for passive recreational opportunities.

### Agriculture/Forestry

Farms and timberland. Residential development should maintain a rural character with single-family detached homes on large lots.

# **Future Land Use Map**





# Report of Accomplishments (2017–2021)

(\*Entries with an asterisk represent items carried over to the next Short-Term Work Program)

#	ACTIVITY	STATUS (COMPLETE, ONGOING, POSTPONED, CANCELLED)	NOTES
РО	PULATION		
1	*Conduct a pilot of Honorary Councilmember	Cancelled	Lack of monthly activities makes the program
	program similar to City of Oxford (citizen shadows		unrealistic – item not carried over to new STWP
	councilmember for a month).		
ECO	DNOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
2	*Identify suitable locations for commercial	Ongoing	A program of annexation has begun to expand the
	development that is consistent with the community's		town boundaries – carried over to STWP#1
	vision and seek out developers and business owners.		
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#	ACTIVITY	STATUS (COMPLETE, ONGOING, POSTPONED, CANCELLED)	NOTES
3	*Study and implement mechanisms to discourage	Ongoing	City Council will use the updated future land use plan
	big-box development.		to identify local zoning amendments to incorporate
			to encourage the type of commercial development
			that fits the city's desire – revised and carried over to
_			STWP#3
4	Enroll in Walton Wellness's "Project Road Share" to	Cancelled	Determined high volume traffic on major state
	create economic development opportunities and		highways and narrow secondary roads not conducive
	make bicycling safer in Between.		to program – removed from STWP
LAN	ND USE, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT		
5	*Review and, if appropriate, update zoning and	Ongoing	City leadership is working on updating the local
	development code to ensure that new development		zoning ordinance and associated codes – item carried
	is compatible with the community's vision, especially		over to STWP#3
	regarding commercial and industrial development.		
6	*Work with Walton County staff and leadership	Ongoing	Partially addressed through the future land use
	to guide and control industrial growth in nearby		update, effort will be further addressed via STWP#2
	unincorporated areas per zoning code.		
NA.	TURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES		
7	*Create an inventory of historic sites within the	Ongoing	City leadership is working with Web Master to
	community.		compile and publish a list of historic properties -
			carried over to STWP#4
8	Seek funding for and, if successful, establish a tree-	Postponed	Lack of staff capacity and funding to coordinate –
	planting program.		removed from STWP
co	MMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
9	*Evaluate and implement alternative revenue sources	Ongoing	The Town does not collect property tax; City
	to municipal tax.		leadership is currently reviewing the potential for
			various types of fees – carried over to STWP#6
10	*Construct new Town Hall.	Ongoing	Working on RFP for bid – carried over to STWP#7
11	*Construct new walking trail (dependent on	Ongoing	Walking trails will be included in phase two of Ayers
	construction of county park).		Park – carried over to STWP#8
TRA	ANSPORTATION		
12	Develop a local complete streets and greenways plan.	Postponed	A further needs analysis will be required before
			developing a plan – item not carried over to new STWP
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#	ACTIVITY	STATUS (COMPLETE, ONGOING, POSTPONED, CANCELLED)	NOTES
13	Develop a plan (formal or informal) to improve local	Completed	Addressed in this Comprehensive Plan update – not
	impact on decisions regarding US-78.		for carryover to new STWP
14	Prioritize transportation needs for inclusion in future	Postponed	2021 T-SPLOST Program was defeated; potential to
	SPLOST and T-SPLOST.		pursue in the future – not for carryover to new STWP
15	*Apply for GDOT's Roadside Enhancement and	Ongoing	Waiting on application period to be announced –
	Beautification Council grant.		carried over to STWP#10

# Short-Term Work Program (2022–2026)

(\*entries with an asterisk represent carryover items from the previous Short-Term Work Program)

#	ACTIVITY	TARGET OF COMPLETION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COST ESTI- MATE	FUNDING SOURCE	
EC	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
1	*Identify suitable locations for commercial	2024	City Council	N/A	N/A	
	development that is consistent with the community's					
	vision and seek out developers and business owners.					
2	*Create an economic development strategy in	2023	City Council	N/A	N/A	
	coordination with the Walton County and the					
	Development Authority of Walton County.					
PLA	ANNING, LAND USE, AND HOUSING					
3	*Identify local zoning amendments to incorporate	2025	City Council	\$10,000	General Fund	
	to encourage the type and quality of commercial					
	development that fits the city's desire.					
NA	TURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES					
4	*Conduct a historic resource survey.	2026	City Council	\$15,000	General Fund,	
					Grants	
5	Create a conservation and natural resource protection	2026	City Council	\$10,000 -	General Fund,	
	plan.			\$20,000	Grants	
СО	COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES					
6	*Evaluate and implement alternative revenue sources	2026	City Council	N/A	N/A	
	to municipal tax.					
7	*Construct a new Town Hall.	2025	City Council	\$500,000	General Fund, Loans	
8	*Construct new walking trail at Ayers Park.	2023	Walton County	\$100,000	Walton County	
			Parks and			
			Recreation, City			
			Council			
9	Incorporate community facility information on the	2023	City Council	N/A	N/A	
	local government website.					
TRA	ANSPORTATION					
10	*Apply for GDOT's Roadside Enhancement and	2024	City Council	\$2,000	General Fund	
	Beautification Council grant.					
11	Schedule work session with the Georgia Department	2023	City Council	N/A	N/A	
	of Transportation to discuss traffic safety					
	interventions for US-78 intersections.					
12	Create a strategy for bicycle and pedestrian	2024	City Council	N/A	N/A	
	connections from neighborhoods to Town Hall and					
	Ayers Park.					
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#	ACTIVITY	TARGET OF COMPLETION	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COST ESTI- MATE	FUNDING SOURCE
BR	BROADBAND SERVICES				
13	Adopt the DCA model broadband ordinance.	2023	City Council	N/A	N/A
14	Apply for Broadband Ready Community designation.	2024	City Council	N/A	N/A
INT	INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION				
15	Maintain communication with Walton County Water	Annual	City Council	N/A	N/A
	Department and Public Works for infrastructure				
	maintenance needs.				

# **APPENDIX**

The following section provides documentation of public meetings, public involvement, and data collection associated with the development of the Comprehensive Plan.



# **Public Hearing 1 Documentation**

July 6, 2021, Monroe, GA, during the Walton County Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting

Walton Board of Co Monthly July 6, 6:00 l	mmissioners Meeting , 2021
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PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  Update to Comprehensive Plan for Wa	alton County and Cit	ies
Planning Director Charna Parker held	a required public hear Walton County, Bet ove. The purpose of t	aring for the development of the tween, Good Hope, Jersey, Loganville, the hearing was to brief the

# Add documentation following hearing

# **Public Involvement**

# Public Input Meeting #1

Walton County Com	prehensive Plan Mee	eting At	tendees	S
Summary				
Meeting Date	Meeting Duration	Number of	Attendees	Meeting ID
August 11, 2021 2:20 PM EDT	70 minutes		14	652-041-493
Details				
Name	Email Address	Join Time		Leave Time
Barbara Schlageter	bschlageter@socialcirclega.com	ı	2:21 PM	3:30 PM
Bob Post			2:23 PM	3:30 PM
Charna Parker			2:20 PM	3:30 PM
City of Loganville			2:23 PM	3:30 PM
Eric Taylor			2:28 PM	3:30 PM
JOHN HOWARD	jhoward@MONROE.local		2:20 PM	3:30 PM
John Devine			2:26 PM	3:30 PM
Logan Propes			2:24 PM	3:30 PM
Mark Beatty	pgsassist@negrc.org		2:29 PM	3:30 PM
Mayor Mark Moore	mayor@cityofwalnutgrove.com		2:22 PM	3:30 PM
NEGRC Presentation	pgsassist@negrc.org		2:20 PM	3:30 PM
Noah Roenitz	pgsassist@negrc.org		2:22 PM	3:30 PM
Randy Garrett			2:25 PM	3:30 PM
Randy Garrett			2:20 PM	2:24 PM
Sadie krawczyk			2:49 PM	3:30 PM

# Public Input Meeting #2

Walton County Co	omprehensive Plan Me	eting #2 Attende	es		GoToMeeting
Summary					
Meeting Date	Meeting Duration	Number of Attendees	Meeting ID		
September 27, 2021 9:52 Al	M EC87 minutes	9	610-948-333		
Details					
Name	Email Address	Join Time	Leave Time	Time in Session (minutes)	
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Barbara SCHLAGETER	bschlageter@socialcirclega.gov	9:57 AN	1 11:20 AM	82	
Bob Post		9:52 AM	1 11:20 AM	I 87	
Eric Taylor		9:59 AM	1 11:19 AM	I 80	
Mark Beatty	pgsassist@negrc.org	9:52 AM	1 11:20 AM	I 87	
Mark Moore	mark@moorebus.com	9:56 AM	1 11:20 AM	I 83	
Randy Garrett		9:52 AM	11:20 AM	l 87	
Sadie Krawczyk		9:57 AM	1 11:20 AM	82	
Stephen Jaques	pgsassist@negrc.org	9:55 AN	1 11:20 AM	I 84	

# Public Involvement (cont.)

# Public Input Meeting #3

Walton County Comprehensive Plan Update Input Meeting #3 – Mayoral Luncheon: December 17, 2021 – 11:00 a.m. 185 M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Monroe, GA 30655				
NAME	TITLE	EMAIL		
Mark Beatty	NEGRC Senior Community Planner	Mbeatty@negrc.org		
Robert Post	Mayor, Town of Between	betweengamayor@gmail.com		
Randy Garrett	Mayor, Town of Good Hope	townofgoodhope@windstream.net		
Randy Carithers	Mayor, City of Jersey	randycarithers@bellsouth.net		
Rey Martinez	Mayor, City of Loganville	rmartinez@loganville-ga.gov		
John Howard	Mayor, City of Monroe	jhoward@monroega.gov		
David Keener	Mayor, City of Social Circle	dkeener@socialcirclega.gov		
Mark Moore	Mayor, City of Walnut Grove	mayor@cityofwalnutgrove.com		

# **Public Input Meeting #4**

Walton County Comprehensive Plan Update Input Meeting #4 – Water and Sewer Infrastructure: January 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. Virtual Meeting			
NAME	TITLE	EMAIL	
Mark Beatty	NEGRC Senior Community Planner	Mbeatty@negrc.org	
Robert Post	Mayor, Town of Between	betweengamayor@gmail.com	
Randy Garrett	Mayor, Town of Good Hope	townofgoodhope@windstream.net	
Tim Prater	Planning Director, City of Loganville	tprater@loganville-ga.gov	
Robbie Schwartz	Media Relations / Project Development	rschwarz@loganville-ga.gov	
	Administration, City of Loganville		
Sadie Krawczyk	Economic Development Director, City of	SKrawczyk@monroega.gov	
	Monroe		
Barbara Schlageter	Assistant City Clerk/Planning & Zoning	bSchlageter@socialcirclega.gov	
	Administrator, Social Circle		
Eric Taylor	City Manager, Social Circle	ETaylor@socialcirclega.gov	
Jay Link	Social Circle Public Works	JLink@socialcirclega.gov	
Mark Moore	Mayor, City of Walnut Grove	mayor@cityofwalnutgrove.com	
Morris Jordan	Director, Walton County Water Department	Morris.jordan@co.walton.ga.us	
Shane Short	Walton County Development Authority	shane@choosewalton.com	
Charna Parker	Planning Director, Walton County	cparker@co.walton.ga.us	

# **Public Involvement (cont.)**

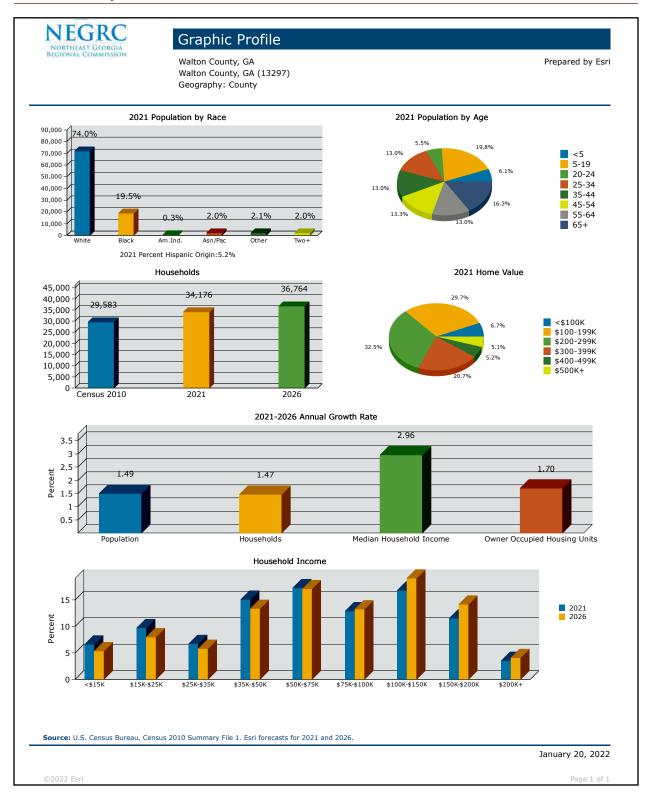
# Public Input Meeting #5

Walton County Comprehensive Plan Update Input Meeting #5 – Parks and Recreation: February 4, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.			
NAME	Virtual Meeting TITLE	EMAIL	
Mark Beatty	NEGRC Senior Community Planner	Mbeatty@negrc.org	
Robert Post	Mayor, Town of Between	betweengamayor@gmail.com	
Randy Garrett	Mayor, Town of Good Hope	townofgoodhope@windstream.net	
Tim Prater	Planning Director, City of Loganville	tprater@loganville-ga.gov	
Robbie Schwartz	Media Relations / Project Development Administration, City of Loganville	rschwarz@loganville-ga.gov	
Sadie Krawczyk	Economic Development Director, City of Monroe	SKrawczyk@monroega.gov	
Barbara Schlageter	Assistant City Clerk/Planning & Zoning Administrator, Social Circle	bSchlageter@socialcirclega.gov	
Eric Taylor	City Manager, Social Circle	ETaylor@socialcirclega.gov	
Mark Moore	Mayor, City of Walnut Grove	mayor@cityofwalnutgrove.com	
Kristi Parr	Assistant Director Walton County Planning & Development	kparr@co.walton.ga.us	
Charna Parker	Director Walton County Planning & Development	cparker@co.walton.ga.us	
Stephen Jacques	NEGRC Project Specialist	SJacques@negrc.org	
Carol Flaute	NEGRC Community Planner	CFlaute@negrc.org	

# Online Public Survey and Story Map: Available from 9/14/21 to 10/13/21



# **Community Data**



REGIONAL COMMISSION	Walton County, GA Walton County, GA (13297) Geography: County	Prepared by Esr
		Walton County
Population Summary		C0 C0=
2000 Total Population		60,687
2010 Total Population 2021 Total Population		83,768 97,253
2021 Group Quarters		791
2026 Total Population		104,702
2021-2026 Annual Rate		1.49%
2021 Total Daytime Population	n	85,344
Workers		32,424
Residents		52,920
Household Summary		
2000 Households		21,307
2000 Average Household S	ze	2.82
2010 Households		29,583
2010 Average Household S	ze	2.81
2021 Households 2021 Average Household S	70	34,176 2.82
2021 Average Household S	ze	36,764
2026 Average Household S	76	2.83
2021-2026 Annual Rate		1.47%
2010 Families		22,921
2010 Average Family Size		3.19
2021 Families		26,105
2021 Average Family Size		3.23
2026 Families		27,957
2026 Average Family Size		3.24
2021-2026 Annual Rate		1.38%
Housing Unit Summary		22,500
2000 Housing Units Owner Occupied Housing L	nito	72.5%
Renter Occupied Housing L		22.2%
Vacant Housing Units	THE STATE OF THE S	5.3%
2010 Housing Units		32,435
Owner Occupied Housing U	nits	68.8%
Renter Occupied Housing U		22.4%
Vacant Housing Units		8.8%
2021 Housing Units		36,948
Owner Occupied Housing U	nits	69.4%
Renter Occupied Housing L	nits	23.1%
Vacant Housing Units		7.5%
2026 Housing Units		39,668
Owner Occupied Housing L		70.3%
Renter Occupied Housing L Vacant Housing Units	IIICS	22.3% 7.3%
Median Household Income		7.570
2021		\$65,399
2026		\$75,656
Median Home Value		
2021		\$236,432
2026		\$268,030
Per Capita Income		
2021		\$29,350
2026 Madian Aga		\$33,143
Median Age		27.1
2010 2021		37.3 39.3
2021		40.0
Data Note: Household population i	ncludes persons not residing in group quarters. Average Household Size is the ho sholder and persons related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. I divided by the total population.	ousehold population divided by total households.
	is 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2021 and 2026 Esri converted Census	2000 data into 2010 geography.

	Walton County, GA	
	Walton County, GA (13297) Geography: County	Prepared by Es
2010 Population by Age		Walton County
Total		83,768
0 - 4		6.9%
5 - 9		7.6%
10 - 14		7.8%
15 - 24		12.6%
25 - 34		11.8%
35 - 44		14.9%
45 - 54		14.7%
55 - 64		11.6%
65 - 74		7.1%
75 - 84		3.5%
85 +		1.4%
18 +		73.0%
2021 Population by Age		
Total		97,253
0 - 4		6.1%
5 - 9		6.6%
10 - 14		6.9%
15 - 24		11.89
25 - 34		13.0%
35 - 44		13.0%
45 - 54		13.3%
55 - 64		13.0%
65 - 74		10.0%
75 - 84		4.7%
85 +		1.5%
18 +		76.4%
2026 Population by Age		70.47
Total		104,702
0 - 4		6.0%
5 - 9		6.5%
10 - 14		6.9%
15 - 24		11.3%
25 - 34		12.3%
35 - 44		13.5%
45 - 54		12.4%
55 - 64		12.9%
65 - 74		10.49
75 - 84		6.1%
85 +		1.79
18 +		76.6%
2010 Population by Sex		
Males		40,763
Females		43,00
2021 Population by Sex		15,000
Males		47,58
Females		49,67
2026 Population by Sex		.5,0
Males		51,36
Females		53,34
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Cen	sus 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2021 and 2026 Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography	
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#### **NEGRC** NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

#### Community Profile

Walton County, GA Walton County, GA (13297) Prepared by Esri

	Walton County
2010 Population by Race/Ethnicity	
Total	83,76
White Alone	80.1%
Black Alone	15.6%
American Indian Alone	0.3%
Asian Alone	1.1%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.1%
Some Other Race Alone	1.4%
Two or More Races	1.5%
Hispanic Origin	3.2%
Diversity Index	37.6
2021 Population by Race/Ethnicity	
Total	97,253
White Alone	74.0%
Black Alone	19.5%
American Indian Alone	0.3%
Asian Alone	1.9%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.1%
Some Other Race Alone	2.1%
Two or More Races	2.0%
Hispanic Origin	5.2%
Diversity Index	47.2
026 Population by Race/Ethnicity	
Total	104,702
White Alone	71.2%
Black Alone	21.5%
American Indian Alone	0.3%
Asian Alone	2.2%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.1%
Some Other Race Alone	2.3%
Two or More Races	2.3%
Hispanic Origin	6.2%
Diversity Index	51.0
2010 Population by Relationship and Household Type	
Total	83,768
In Households	99.2%
In Family Households	89.4%
Householder	27.4%
Spouse	20.6%
Child	34.7%
Other relative	4.4%
Nonrelative	2.2%
In Nonfamily Households	9.8%
In Group Quarters	0.8%
Institutionalized Population	0.8%
Noninstitutionalized Population	0.0%

Data Note: Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. The Diversity Index measures the probability that two people from the same area will be from different race/ ethnic groups.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2021 and 2026 Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

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REGIONAL COMMISSION	Community Profile  Walton County, GA	Prepared by Es
	Walton County, GA (13297) Geography: County	.,,
2024 Bandatian 25 the 5th		Walton County.
<b>2021 Population 25+ by Ed</b> Total	ucational Attainment	66,69
Less than 9th Grade		2.99
9th - 12th Grade, No Diplor	na	8.99
High School Graduate		30.19
GED/Alternative Credential		5.3%
Some College, No Degree		20.9%
Associate Degree		8.49
Bachelor's Degree		15.2%
Graduate/Professional Degr	ee	8.29
2021 Population 15+ by Ma	arital Status	
Total		78,16
Never Married		28.5%
Married		55.3%
Widowed		6.0%
Divorced		10.29
2021 Civilian Population 10	5+ in Labor Force	
Civilian Population 16+		46,27
Population 16+ Employed		96.1%
Population 16+ Unemploym		3.9%
Population 16-24 Employ		11.49
Population 16-24 Unemp	·	4.89
Population 25-54 Employ		65.6%
Population 25-54 Unemp	·	4.29
Population 55-64 Employ		17.49
Population 55-64 Unempl		2.69
Population 65+ Employed		5.69
Population 65+ Unemplo		3.29
2021 Employed Population	16+ by Industry	44.44
Total		44,44
Agriculture/Mining		0.79 10.99
Construction		11.89
Manufacturing Wholesale Trade		3.99
Retail Trade		13.59
Transportation/Utilities		7.99
Information		1.19
Finance/Insurance/Real Esta	ata	6.39
Services		38.69
Public Administration		5.19
2021 Employed Population	16+ by Occupation	5.17
Total	20. By Goodpation	44,44
White Collar		57.6%
Management/Business/Fir	nancial	15.9%
Professional	· · ·	17.0%
Sales		10.5%
Administrative Support		14.29
Services		13.39
Blue Collar		29.19
Farming/Forestry/Fishing		0.6%
Construction/Extraction		7.19
Installation/Maintenance/	Repair	5.8%
Production		6.7%
Transportation/Material M	oving	9.09
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Cer	isus 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2021 and 2026 Esri converted Censu	s 2000 data into 2010 geography.
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REGIONAL COMMISSION	Walton County, GA Walton County, GA (13297) Geography: County			Pre	pared by Es
	, , , , , , , ,	2015 - 2019 ACS Estimate	Percent	MOE(±)	Reliabili
TOTALS					
Total Population		91,442		0	
Total Households		31,670		420	
Total Housing Units	ARS BY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	33,794		90	
Total	ARS BY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	88,191	100.0%	245	
Enrolled in school		23,641	26.8%	569	
Enrolled in nursery sc	hool preschool	1,617	1.8%	295	_
Public school	nion, prescrion	1,009	1.1%	235	
Private school		608	0.7%	196	
Enrolled in kindergart	en	1,225	1.4%	260	_
Public school		1,096	1.2%	256	
Private school		129	0.1%	69	_
Enrolled in grade 1 to	grade 4	5,070	5.7%	434	
Public school	-	4,491	5.1%	445	
Private school		579	0.7%	138	
Enrolled in grade 5 to	grade 8	5,491	6.2%	457	
Public school	3	4,747	5.4%	464	
Private school		744	0.8%	201	
Enrolled in grade 9 to	grade 12	5,660	6.4%	336	
Public school	-	5,041	5.7%	339	
Private school		619	0.7%	188	
Enrolled in college und	dergraduate years	3,988	4.5%	450	
Public school		3,348	3.8%	416	
Private school		640	0.7%	198	
Enrolled in graduate of	r professional school	590	0.7%	230	
Public school		442	0.5%	210	
Private school		148	0.2%	76	
Not enrolled in school		64,550	73.2%	543	
POPULATION AGE 65+ F	Y RELATIONSHIP AND HOUSEHOLD TY	DF			
Total		13,860	100.0%	90	
Living in Households		13,516	97.5%	143	
Living in Family Househo	olds	10,252	74.0%	389	
Householder		5,070	36.6%	307	
Spouse		3,836	27.7%	276	
Parent		680	4.9%	187	
Parent-in-law		311	2.2%	145	
Other Relative		339	2.4%	154	
Nonrelative		16	0.1%	28	
Living in Nonfamily Hous	seholds	3,264	23.5%	374	
Householder		3,055	22.0%	341	
Nonrelative		209	1.5%	115	
Living in Group Quarters		344	2.5%	124	
<b>Source:</b> U.S. Census Bureau, 2015	i-2019 American Community Survey	Reli	ability: III high	III medium	low

REGIONAL COMMISSION	Walton County, GA Prepared by Esri Walton County, GA (13297) Geography: County				
		2015 - 2019 ACS Estimate	Percent	MOE(±)	Reliabilit
WORKERS AGE 16+ YEAR	RS BY PLACE OF WORK				
Total  Worked in state and in co	ounts of recidence	41,094 16,668	100.0% 40.6%	891 912	<u> </u>
Worked in state and outs	-	23,950	58.3%	1,001	
Worked outside state of r		476	1.2%	1,001	
Worked odtside state of i	esidence	470	1.2 /0	177	Ш
SEX BY CLASS OF WORKI	ER FOR THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYED PO	PULATION 16 YEARS			
Total:		41,903	100.0%	903	<u> </u>
Male:		22,321	53.3%	577	1
Employee of private co	ompany	15,652	37.4%	771	1
Self-employed in own		1,874	4.5%	328	
	wage and salary workers	484	1.2%	144	I
Local government wor		1,658	4.0%	289	<u> </u>
State government wor		424	1.0%	137	
Federal government w	orkers	487	1.2%	171	T I
Self-employed in own	not incorporated business workers	1,692	4.0%	285	11
Unpaid family workers		50	0.1%	56	
Female:		19,582	46.7%	694	1
Employee of private co	ompany	13,009	31.0%	667	•
Self-employed in own	incorporated business	689	1.6%	204	•
Private not-for-profit w	vage and salary workers	1,187	2.8%	215	•
Local government wor	kers	2,426	5.8%	352	•
State government wor	kers	924	2.2%	197	•
Federal government w	orkers	272	0.6%	109	-
Self-employed in own	not incorporated business workers	1,047	2.5%	256	· ·
Unpaid family workers		28	0.1%	30	
POPULATION IN HOUSE Total	HOLDS AND PRESENCE OF A COMPUT	<b>ER</b> 90,587	100.0%	194	
Population <18 in Housel	holds	22,869	25.2%	132	1
Have a Computer		22,361	24.7%	357	1
Have NO Computer		508	0.6%	336	
Population 18-64 in Hous	seholds	54,202	59.8%	220	
Have a Computer		52,425	57.9%	502	1
Have NO Computer		1,777	2.0%	440	1
Population 65+ in Housel	holds	13,516	14.9%	143	•
Have a Computer		11,098	12.3%	411	1
Have NO Computer		2,418	2.7%	405	I
HOUSEHOLDS AND INTE	DNET CURCOTISTIONS				
Total	KILL SUBSCRIF LIUNS	31,670	100.0%	420	The state of the s
With an Internet Subscrip	ntion	26,115	82.5%	672	-
Dial-Up Alone	p	20,113	0.3%	51	<u> </u>
Broadband		21,987	69.4%	624	<u> </u>
Satellite Service		3,069	9.7%	399	
Other Service		254	0.8%	122	<u> </u>
Internet Access with no S	Subscription	756	2.4%	182	
With No Internet Access	Subscription	4,799	15.2%	561	<u>.</u>
With NO Internet Access		4,755	13.270	301	_
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015	-2019 American Community Survey	Reli	ability: III high	medium	low

NEGRC	<b>ACS Population Sum</b>	mary			
REGIONAL COMMISSION	Walton County, GA Walton County, GA (13297) Geography: County			Pre	pared by Es
		2015 - 2019 ACS Estimate	Percent	MOE(+)	Deliabilit
	RS BY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION	ACS Estimate	Percent	MOE(±)	Reliabilit
TO WORK		44.004	100.00/	201	
Total		41,094	100.0%	891	I
Drove alone		33,606	81.8% 10.8%	1,099	
Carpooled Public transportation (ex	veluding taxicah)	4,455 54	0.1%	646 53	
Bus or trolley bus	codding taxicab)	24	0.1%	25	
Light rail, streetcar or	trolley	0	0.0%	31	
Subway or elevated	trolley	0	0.0%	31	
·	utor Train	0	0.0%	31	
Long-distance/Comm	uter Iraiii	30	0.1%	46	
Ferryboat					
Taxicab		31	0.1% 0.1%	38 72	
Motorcycle		55			
Bicycle Walked		33	0.1%	51	
		543	1.3%	217	<u> </u>
Other means		433	1.1%	192	<u> </u>
Worked at home		1,884	4.6%	304	
	RS (WHO DID NOT WORK FROM HOME)				
BY TRAVEL TIME TO WO	RK				_
Total		39,210	100.0%	899	
Less than 5 minutes		887	2.3%	229	<u> </u>
5 to 9 minutes		2,213	5.6%	370	
10 to 14 minutes		4,330	11.0%	537	
15 to 19 minutes		4,822	12.3%	509	-
20 to 24 minutes		4,402	11.2%	472	<u> </u>
25 to 29 minutes		2,269	5.8%	415	
30 to 34 minutes		5,433	13.9%	502	
35 to 39 minutes		1,370	3.5%	266	
40 to 44 minutes		2,055	5.2%	375	
45 to 59 minutes		4,435	11.3%	537	
60 to 89 minutes		5,096	13.0%	640	<u> </u>
90 or more minutes		1,898	4.8%	280	
Average Travel Time to	Nork (in minutes)	33.3		1.3	
FEMALES AGE 20-64 YEA	ARS BY AGE OF OWN CHILDREN AND EMPL	LOYMENT STATUS			
Total		26,917	100.0%	123	<u> </u>
Own children under 6 ye	ears only	2,578	9.6%	390	
In labor force		1,870	6.9%	339	
Not in labor force		708	2.6%	222	<u> </u>
Own children under 6 ye	ears and 6 to 1/ years	2,076	7.7%	263	
In labor force Not in labor force		1,409	5.2%	275	
Own children 6 to 17 ye	ars only	667 6,064	2.5% 22.5%	179 502	
In labor force		4,475	16.6%	473	
Not in labor force		1,589	5.9%	363	I
No own children under 1	.8 years	16,199	60.2%	638	
In labor force		11,134	41.4%	689	<u> </u>
Not in labor force		5,065	18.8%	457	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015	5-2019 American Community Survey	Re	iliability: III high	II medium	low
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	Walton County, GA (13297)				
	Geography: County	2015 2010	2015 - 2019		
		ACS Estimate	Percent	MOE(±)	Reliabili
HOUSEHOLDS BY OTHI	R INCOME				
Social Security Income		10,817	34.2%	414	
No Social Security Inco	ome	20,853	65.8%	563	
Retirement Income		6,859	21.7%	438	
No Retirement Income		24,811	78.3%	582	
GROSS RENT AS A PER	CENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN				
THE PAST 12 MONTHS					
<10% of Income		102	1.3%	71	
10-14.9% of Income		557	6.8%	177	
15-19.9% of Income		1,181	14.5%	253	
20-24.9% of Income		840	10.3%	245	
25-29.9% of Income		789	9.7%	243	
30-34.9% of Income		536	6.6%	142	
35-39.9% of Income		687	8.4%	206	
40-49.9% of Income		802	9.8%	244	
50+% of Income		2,164	26.5%	384	
Gross Rent % Inc Not	Computed	495	6.1%	146	
HOUSEHOLDS BY PUBI	IC ASSISTANCE INCOME IN THE PAST				
12 MONTHS					
Total		31,670	100.0%	420	
With public assistance		566	1.8%	166	
No public assistance in	come	31,104	98.2%	443	
HOUSEHOLDS BY FOOL	STAMPS/SNAP STATUS				
Total		31,670	100.0%	420	
With Food Stamps/SN/	AP	3,609	11.4%	401	
With No Food Stamps/		28,061	88.6%	549	i
HOUSEHOLDS BY DISA	RTI TTY STATUS				
Total		31,670	100.0%	420	
With 1+ Persons w/Dis	ability	8,890	28.1%	630	
With No Person w/Disa	•	22,780	71.9%	789	

**Data Note:** N/A means not available. Population by Ratio of Income to Poverty Level represents persons for whom poverty status is determined. Household income represents income in 2017, adjusted for inflation.

**2015-2019 ACS Estimate:** The American Community Survey (ACS) replaces census sample data. Esri is releasing the 2015-2019 ACS estimates, five-year period data collected monthly from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019. Although the ACS includes many of the subjects previously covered by the decennial census sample, there are significant differences between the two surveys including fundamental differences in survey design and residency rules.

Margin of error (MOE): The MOE is a measure of the variability of the estimate due to sampling error. MOEs enable the data user to measure the range of uncertainty for each estimate with 90 percent confidence. The range of uncertainty is called the confidence interval, and it is calculated by taking the estimate +/- the MOE. For example, if the ACS reports an estimate of 100 with an MOE of +/- 20, then you can be 90 percent certain the value for the whole population falls between 80 and 120.

**Reliability:** These symbols represent threshold values that Esri has established from the Coefficients of Variation (CV) to designate the usability of the estimates. The CV measures the amount of sampling error relative to the size of the estimate, expressed as a percentage.

- High Reliability: Small CVs (less than or equal to 12 percent) are flagged green to indicate that the sampling error is small relative to the estimate and the estimate is reasonably reliable.
- Medium Reliability: Estimates with CVs between 12 and 40 are flagged yellow-use with caution.
- Low Reliability: Large CVs (over 40 percent) are flagged red to indicate that the sampling error is large relative to the estimate. The estimate is considered very unreliable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Reliability: III high II medium II low

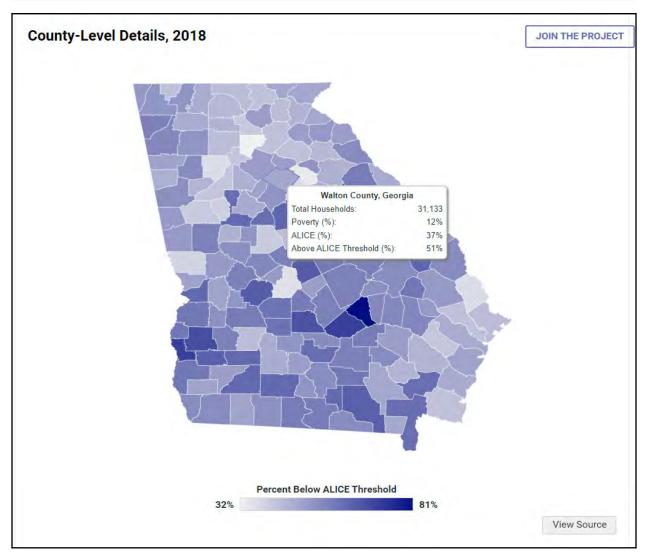
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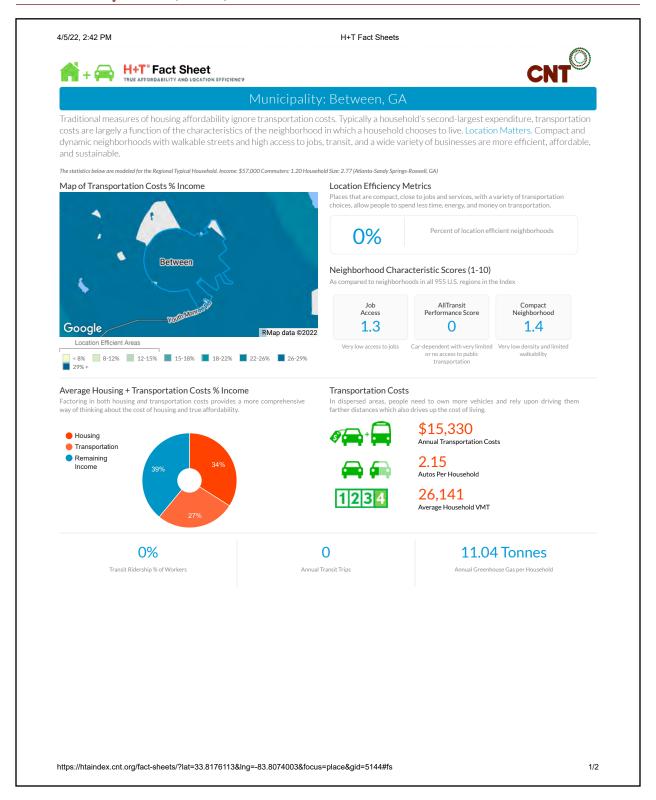
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RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY Total With cash rent Less than \$100		2015-2019	Walton County, GA Prepar Walton County, GA (13297) Geography: County		ared by Esr	
Total With cash rent		ACS Estimate	Percent	MOE(±)	Reliability	
With cash rent	Y CONTRACT RENT					
		8,153	100.0%	527	I	
Less than \$100		7,721	94.7%	536	II	
		358	4.4%	187	Ш	
\$100 to \$149		74	0.9%	44		
\$150 to \$199 \$200 to \$249		70 36	0.9% 0.4%	65 57		
\$200 to \$249 \$250 to \$299		184	2.3%	147		
\$300 to \$349		128	1.6%	83		
\$350 to \$399		272	3.3%	156	<u>"</u>	
\$400 to \$449		305	3.7%	143	ı.	
\$450 to \$499		357	4.4%	153		
\$500 to \$549		317	3.9%	124		
\$550 to \$599		150	1.8%	85		
\$600 to \$649		768	9.4%	226	I	
\$650 to \$699		321	3.9%	147	II.	
\$700 to \$749		589	7.2%	208		
\$750 to \$799		724	8.9%	236	I	
\$800 to \$899		951	11.7%	251	<u> </u>	
\$900 to \$999		693 902	8.5%	194		
\$1,000 to \$1,249		293	11.1% 3.6%	264 118	<u> </u>	
\$1,250 to \$1,499 \$1,500 to \$1,999		180	2.2%	81	<u> </u>	
\$2,000 to \$2,499		40	0.5%	38		
\$2,500 to \$2,999		0	0.0%	31	•	
\$3,000 to \$3,499		0	0.0%	31		
\$3,500 or more		9	0.1%	13		
No cash rent		432	5.3%	128	Ī	
Median Contract Rent		\$744		\$29	II.	
Average Contract Rent		\$738		\$78	III	
RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS BY	Y INCLUSION OF					
UTILITIES IN RENT						
Total		8,153	100.0%	527		
Pay extra for one or more utilities  No extra payment for any utilities		7,780 373	95.4% 4.6%	523 143	<u> </u>	
<b>Source:</b> U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American C	Community Survey		Reliability:      high	<u> </u>	low	

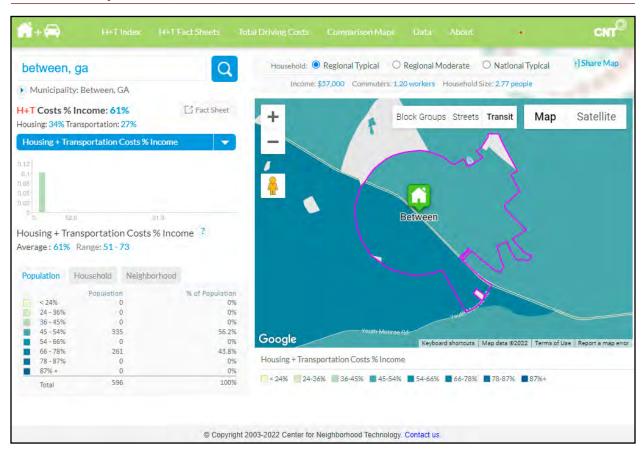
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		2015-2019 ACS Estimate	Percent	MOE(±)	Reliability
HOUSING UNITS BY UNI	TS IN STRUCTURE				
Total		33,794	100.0%	90	11
1, detached		28,047	83.0%	491	
1, attached 2		625 1,040	1.8% 3.1%	186 250	
3 or 4		542	1.6%	150	<u> </u>
5 to 9		630	1.9%	203	ı.
10 to 19		148	0.4%	122	ï
20 to 49		35	0.1%	35	Ī
50 or more		82	0.2%	76	
Mobile home		2,596	7.7%	347	11
Boat, RV, van, etc.		49	0.1%	57	
HOUSING UNITS BY YEA	R STRUCTURE BUILT				
Total		33,794	100.0%	90	1
Built 2014 or later		943	2.8%	196	II.
Built 2010 to 2013		598	1.8%	189	
Built 2000 to 2009 Built 1990 to 1999		9,219	27.3%	610	
Built 1990 to 1999 Built 1980 to 1989		9,810	29.0%	458 499	<u> </u>
Built 1970 to 1979		5,696 3,006	16.9% 8.9%	420	<u> </u>
Built 1960 to 1969		1,942	5.7%	326	-
Built 1950 to 1959		942	2.8%	228	1
Built 1940 to 1949		559	1.7%	191	Ī
Built 1939 or earlier		1,079	3.2%	247	Ī
					_
INTO UNIT	ITS BY YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED	21.670	100.00/	420	
Total Owner occupied		31,670	100.0%	420	
Moved in 2017 or late	r	1,499	4.7%	269	
Moved in 2015 to 201		2,173	6.9%	321	
Moved in 2010 to 201		3,485	11.0%	308	
Moved in 2000 to 200		9,037	28.5%	559	
Moved in 1990 to 199	9	4,443	14.0%	421	11
Moved in 1989 or earl	ier	2,880	9.1%	350	11
Renter occupied					
Moved in 2017 or late		1,029	3.2%	207	11
Moved in 2015 to 201		2,007	6.3%	307	
Moved in 2010 to 201		3,406	10.8%	422	<u> </u>
Moved in 2000 to 200		1,397	4.4%	327	
Moved in 1990 to 199 Moved in 1989 or earl		99 215	0.3% 0.7%	78 97	
Moved III 1909 OF earl	iei	213	0.7 70	37	<u> </u>
Median Year Householder N	foved Into Unit	2008		1	Ш
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015	i-2019 American Community Survey		Reliability: III high	medium	low
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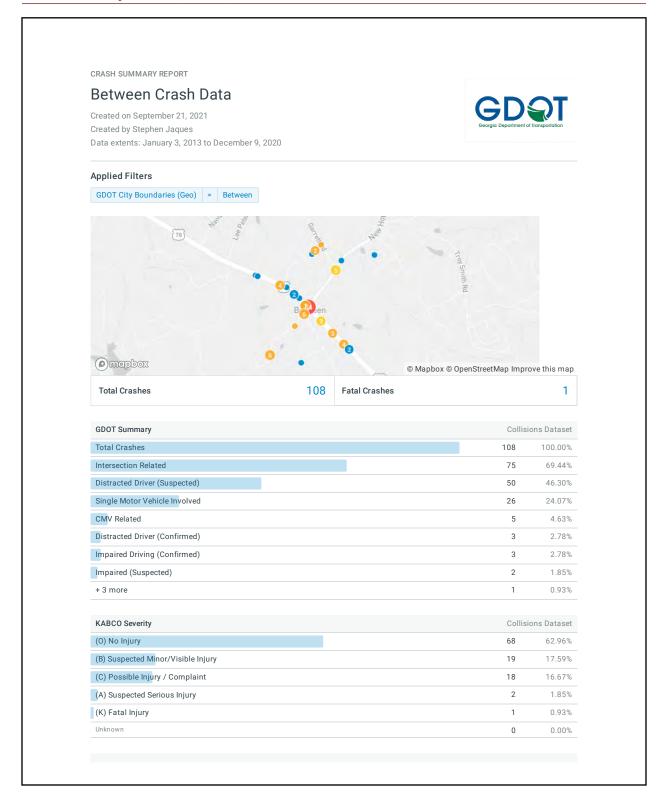


+ H+T* Fact Sheet TRUE AFFORDABILITY AND LOCATION EFFICIENCE	*		CNI
	H+T1	Metrics	
Affordability		Demographics	
Housing + Transportation Costs % Income:	61%	Block Groups:	0
Housing Costs % Income:	34%	Households: Population:	196 596
Transportation Costs % Income:	27%	т ориганоп.	376
Household Transportation Model Outputs		Environmental Characteristics	
Autos per Household:	2.15	Residential Density 2010:	0.44 HHs/Res.
Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled per Household :	26,141		Acre
Transit Ridership % of Workers:	0%	Gross Household Density:	0.26 HH/Acre
Annual Transportation Cost:	\$15,330	Regional Household Intensity:	5,723 HH/mile <sup>2</sup>
Annual Auto Ownership Cost:	\$11,708	Percent Single Family Detached Households:	90%
Annual VMT Cost:	\$3,622	Employment Access Index:	4,864 Jobs/mi <sup>2</sup>
Annual Transit Cost:	\$0	Employment Mix Index (0-100):	86
Annual Transit Trips:	0	Transit Connectivity Index (0-100):	0
		Transit Access Shed:	$0\mathrm{km}^2$
Housing Costs		Jobs Accessible in 30 Minute Transit Ride:	0
Average Monthly Housing Cost:	\$1,599	Available Transit Trips per Week:	0
Median Selected Monthly Owner Costs:	\$1,720	Average Block Perimeter:	2,375 Meters
Median Gross Monthly Rent:	\$878	Average Block Size :	85 Acres
Percent Owner Occupied Housing Units:	84%	Intersection Density:	20 /mi <sup>2</sup>
Percent Renter Occupied Housing Unit:	16%		
Greenhouse Gas from Household Auto Use			
Annual GHG per Household:	11.04 Tonnes		
Annual GHG per Acre:	2.91 Tonnes		
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Recorded crashes in Between, 2013–2020, from <a href="https://gdot.numetric.com/crash-query#/metrics">https://gdot.numetric.com/crash-query#/metrics</a>.



Date and Time (Year)	Collisions Datase
2020	16 14.81
2019	13 12.04
2018	<b>19</b> 17.59
2017	13 12.04
2016	14 12.96
2015	11 10.19
2014	9 8.33
2013	13 12.04
Date and Time (Hour of Day)	Collisions Datase
12 am - 2 am	1 0.93
2 am - 4 am	1 0.93
4 am - 6 am	1 0.93
6 am - 8 am	8 7.41
8 am - 10 am	12 11.11
10 am - 12 pm	13 12.04
12 pm - 2 pm	10 9.26
2 pm - 4 pm	12 11.11
+ 4 more	50 46.29
Manner of Collision	Collisions Datase
Rear End	37 34.26
Not a Collision with Motor Vehicle	28 25.93'
Left Angle Crash	15 13.89
	12 11.11
Angle (Other) Sideswipe-Same Direction	10 9.26
Head On	3 2.78'
Right Angle Crash	2 1.85
Sideswipe-Opposite Direction	1 0.93'
(None)	0 0.00
Location at Impact	Collisions Datase
On Roadway - Roadway Intersection	<b>57</b> 52.78
On Roadway - Non-Intersection	27 25.00
Off Roadway	19 17.59
On Shoulder	5 4.63
+ 13 more	0 0'

Most Harmful Event	Collisi	Collisions Dataset	
Motor Vehicle in Motion	80	74.07%	
Tree	6	5.56%	
Ditch	4	3.70%	
Over Turn	4	3.70%	
Other Non-Collision	3	2.78%	
Utility Pole	3	2.78%	
Embankment	2	1.85%	
Fence	2	1.85%	
+ 30 more	9	8.35%	
Operator / Driver Contributing Factor		ons Dataset	
No Contributing Factors	75	69.44%	
Following Too Close	27	25.00%	
Failure to Yield	14	12.96%	
(None)	13	12.04%	
Too Fast for Conditions	8	7.41%	
Driver Lost Control	7	6.48%	
Changed Lanes Improperly	6	5.56%	
Disregard Stop Sign/Signal	6	5.56%	
+ 35 more	21	19.45%	

#### **Survey Responses**

- 1. Do you feel that the local government manages land use and zoning appropriately in your community? If not, explain what changes you would make:
  - a. Yes (2)
  - b. Truthfully I have no idea
- 2. Are there any activities you would like to do in your community but cannot? Explain:
  - a. No additional activates, Town of Between is good
  - b. More parks
  - c. No. we do not need to develop the town into a business area. it needs to remain primarily residential. We can get to Monroe or Loganville for big business.
- 3. Are the streets and sidewalks adequately maintained?
  - a. Yes (2)
  - b. No (1)
- 4. If no, where are the streets or sidewalks in most need of repair?
  - a. St.Martin estates
  - b. Lexington Drive and the streets that come off it in the neighborhood. St Martin Estates have had their roads paved but the "other" neighborhood Lexington Ridge hasn't. There is no HOA, there is no gate, and it is a public road and should be paved just like the other neighborhood.
  - c. No response
- 5. Is the community safe, comfortable, and inviting for people to walk or bike to activities, jobs, shopping, dining, services, etc.?
  - a. Yes (2)
  - b. No (1)
- 6. Does your community have any traffic issues?
  - a. No (3)
- 7. If yes, what are the specific traffic issues (check all that apply)
  - a. No response (3)
- 8. In your opinion, is park space within your community easily accessible to all residents? If not, explain:
  - a. Yes (1)
  - b. There is only the splash park in our area
  - c. Yes. The town of between is close enough to other areas for public parks. Once the walking trails are complete we will have a nice area to walk for exercise.

#### **Survey Responses (cont.)**

9.	Are there any persistent public safety issues in you	r community	(dangerous	intersections,	sanitation,	crime,
	run-down properties, etc.)? If yes, please explain					

- a. No
- b. Not familiar
- c. No response

#### 10. How would you rate the water & sewer services in your community:

- a. Excellent (1)
- b. Average (2)

#### 11. How would you rate the emergency response services in your community:

- a. Excellent (1)
- b. Very good (1)
- c. Good (1)

#### 12. How would you rate the internet services in your community:

- a. Very good (1)
- b. Good (1)
- c. Average (1)

#### 13. How would you rate the leisure/recreation services in your community:

- a. Very Good (1)
- b. Average (2)

#### 14. Are there adequate housing options to meet the future needs of the community?

a. Yes (3)

#### 15. What is the most immediate housing need within your community? Explain.

- a. None
- b. None that I am aware of. Don't believe we need more development
- c. Keep the town primarily residential as it is a small town and that's the charm. No need for large business.
- d. What is a defining characteristic of your community that you would like to see preserved?
- e. Small town look and feel.
- f. Small town feel. Family oriented and safe for kids to be outside and playing.
- g. No response

#### **Survey Responses (cont.)**

- 16. List three small actions your local government could take to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood/community:
  - a. 1) recruit, pay and train the Police, fire and ems people Mayor Post 2) keep good clean community 3) keep Mayor
  - b. 1) More parks 2) Family destinations 3) preserve small community. NOT overbuild
  - c. 1) pave the streets in Lexington Ridge 2) Finish the walking trails at between park 3)
- 17. What are the most important projects that the community should complete over the next five years?
  - a. Parks
  - b. Preserve small community
  - c. Walking trails

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