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PRESS RELEASE

City of Clarkston Selected for Atlanta Regional Commission Community Development Assistance Program Support Housing Assessment to Focus on Affordability, Stability, and Community Voices

CLARKSTON, GA – May 26, 2026 — The City of Clarkston is pleased to announce its selection by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) as a recipient of planning and technical support through the agency's 2026 Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP).

As one of five metro Atlanta projects selected through a competitive regional process, the City of Clarkston will receive staff support to conduct a comprehensive Housing Assessment focused on understanding housing affordability, displacement risks, and housing conditions throughout the city.

The study will take a community-centered approach by engaging renters, homeowners, refugees, immigrant households, and other residents to ensure that future housing strategies reflect both technical data and lived experiences.

This partnership with ARC provides an important opportunity to better understand the housing challenges facing our community and create informed strategies that preserve the character and inclusiveness that make Clarkston unique.

The assessment will help city leaders identify current and future housing needs, better understand factors contributing to housing instability, and support long-term planning efforts aimed at strengthening neighborhoods and improving quality of life for all residents. "This assessment will provide us with the clear, data-driven roadmap we will need to collaborate with developers, stakeholders, and community members to tackle our City's housing challenges head-on", said Clarkston City Manager ChaQuias Miller-Thornton.

ARC's Community Development Assistance Program provides planning assistance and technical expertise to local communities across the metro Atlanta region. Projects selected for assistance address major regional priorities, including housing affordability, historic preservation, climate impacts, access to healthy food, creative placemaking, and smart technology.

By involving residents directly in this process, we can build practical solutions that support housing stability and create a stronger future for our community.

The City of Clarkston will share additional information regarding community engagement opportunities and ways residents can participate in the Housing Assessment process as the project moves forward.

About the City of Clarkston

The City of Clarkston is a vibrant and diverse community committed to fostering inclusion, innovation, and quality of life for all residents. Through strategic partnerships and community-centered initiatives, the City continues to invest in programs and planning efforts that strengthen neighborhoods and support sustainable growth.



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