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Sustainability Briefing

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Overview

- Green Communities
- New Sustainability Initiatives
 - Green Communities Expansion
 - Sustainable Connections Internships
 - Sustainability Leadership Forums



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- 2015 Certification Recognition & Reception

- ARC Board Meeting – January 27th
- Growing from 18 to 20 communities
- 2 communities recertifying
- 1 community upgrading



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- Sharing best practices & trends

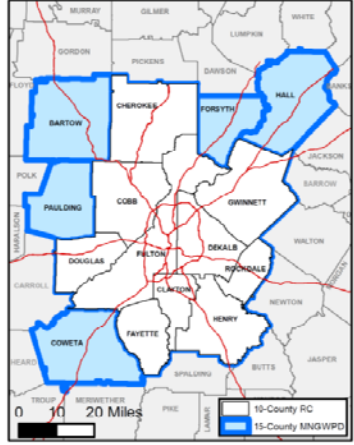
- Green Matters e-Newsletter
- Lunch & Learns and Site Visits
- Trainings
- Green Communities interactive map



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Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District



- Expanding Geographic Scope
 - 10 Counties to 15 Counties
 - Natural tie-in to District activities

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Sustainable Connections Internships

- Connect area university students with local governments who need sustainability programming assistance
- For-credit internships with the possibility for co-ops if funding can be secured



Sustainability Leadership Forums – Format

- Activate dialogue among regional leadership around specific sustainability topics
- Small gatherings
- Mix of sectors



Sustainability Leadership Forums – Outcomes

- Define what it means to be a sustainable region
- Improve understanding of current and potential regional partnerships, efforts, practices and results
- Benchmark progress and identify where our collective resources would be best used
- Share the region's positive sustainability achievements

Questions & Discussion



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