

Atlanta, Georgia Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low-Income Households
80	Atlanta, GA	GA0004	194,556	57	39%	14%	77%

Atlanta has a Round I Empowerment Zone that has, in part, been designated as a Renewal Community (RC), thus Atlanta lost its EZ designation when it received RC designation on January 1st, 2002.

Atlanta's Course of Action uses specific required goals and actions, several of which are as follows:

Reducing Tax Burdens

Atlanta targets private industry and small businesses with development impact fee exemptions, Urban Enterprise Zones, state authorized tax increment financing, retail incentives tax zones, and community improvement districts.

Improving Local Services

In order to address poverty, the City will continue to develop a citizen driven process to train neighborhood volunteers to assist in family needs assessment, provide a forum for human service agencies to speak with residents one on one and develop and implement a follow-up system. Key services include transportation, day care and other services targeting ethnic groups, youth and elderly.

Reducing Crime

The Department of Police, Fire, Corrections and Emergency Management will expand Community Policing, develop supportive technological tools and target all crimes for reduction. Programs include Operation Take Back, the new Domestic Violence Program, Weed and Seed and participation in downtown's Interagency Law Enforcement Group and the Community Court.

Reducing Government Requirements

The city plans to streamline the construction and development permitting process, improve zoning and land use restrictions and implement incentive zoning. These strategies will address high land costs. A brownfield assessment project is also underway.

Involving Community Partners

- Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Inc.
- The Women's Economic Development Agency
- Southside Comprehensive Health Center
- The Atlanta Urban League
- Peach Program
- Concerned Black Clergy
- Catholic Social Services
- The United Way
- SisterLove
- Summech Land Trust
- Habitat for Humanity