

## Chattanooga, Tennessee Renewal Community

ID	Renewal Community Name	OLAS#	Population	Sq Miles	Poverty	Unemployment	Low-Income Housing
8	Chattanooga, TN	TN0009	8,960	5	62%	21%	88%

The Chattanooga RC is composed of five census tracts in a section of downtown and then it extends south to the Georgia border. The area is in the heart of Chattanooga and the lower Tennessee valley. It consists of the neighborhoods of Martin Luther King, Southside, and Alton Park.

Through its Course of Action, the Chattanooga RC will focus on several strategies, the highlights of a few of which are as follows:

Reducing crime. Actions that this RC has in place and/or will undertake to prevent crime include:

- Safewalk: The City's Safewalk program is a pedestrian-friendly, lighted interconnected sidewalk system in neighborhoods that link residents with community services, schools, and community-based commercial and retail centers.
- Community-Oriented Policing: Chattanooga's police department has adopted Community-Oriented Policing to help form a partnership between citizens, businesses and the local law enforcement authority.
- Environmental Design: A Chattanooga police officer will be assigned to the RC to assist owners of property in designing and retrofitting property to reduce the opportunities for crime.
- Storefront Precincts. The RC Central Business district and the southside neighborhoods have storefront precincts that are manned 24 hours daily. Another precinct is under construction in Alton Park.

Reducing government requirements. Chattanooga conducted a review of its development requirements and has enacted the following methods to decrease and consolidate governmental rules and regulatory requirements:

- Construct a Development Resource Center to consolidate all development-related entities into one location as a one-stop shop.
- Establish an RC coordinator position and office to coordinate all development activities, projects, and policies regarding the RC.

Improving local services.

The following developments will help the RC achieve these goals:

- Constructing two new elementary schools in the RC.
- Enrolling eligible RC residents, when necessary, in the TANF program.
- Customizing job-training needs for RC residents through Chattanooga's Workforce Investment Act program.