

# City of Fairburn GICH Team

## Freshman Report

September 19-21, 2017 ♥ Athens, GA



# Logo and Mission Statement



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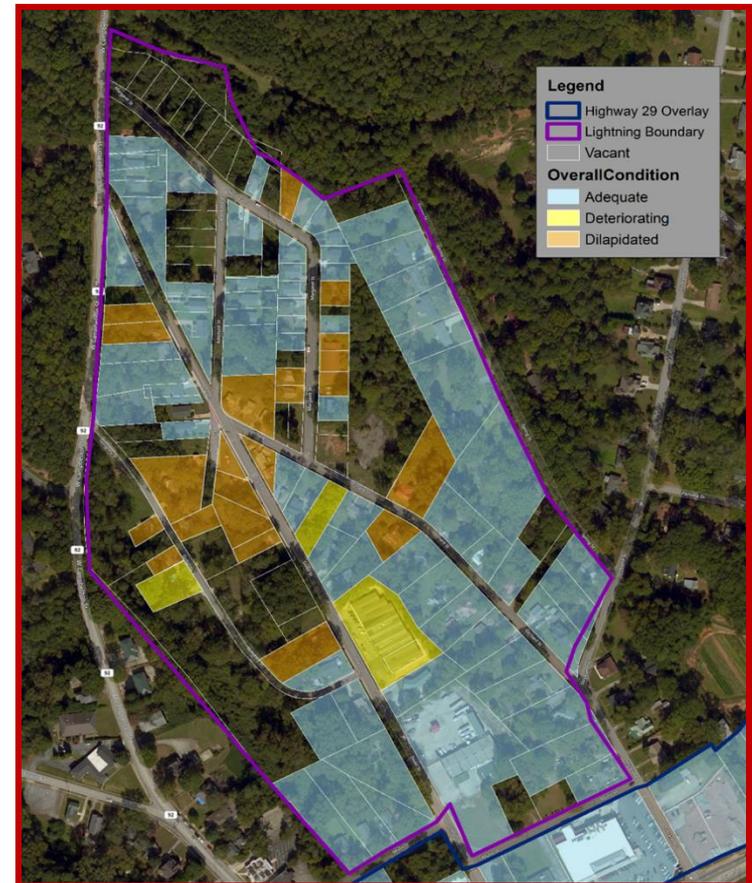
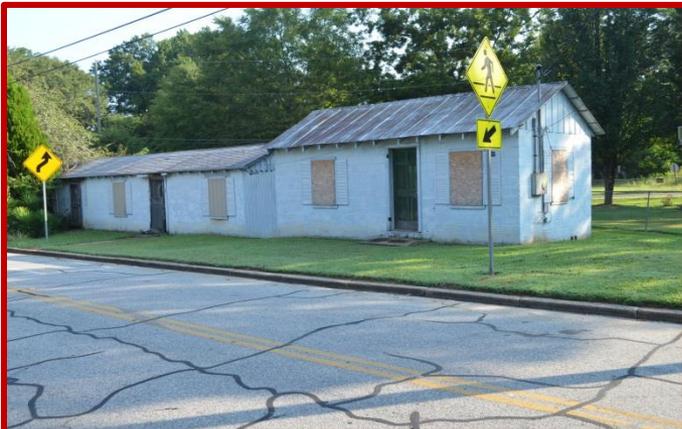
As the City of Fairburn moves towards becoming a 21st century progressive city that is situated to succeed, we will evaluate, educate, engage and elevate (E4) our standard of living through our innovative community housing program. Our citizens will be situated to live, work and play in our great city.

We believe that every citizen deserves to live a life of quality and it is our aim to provide such by evaluating our housing and wellness needs, educating our citizens about our program, engaging stakeholders from various sectors of our city and elevate our quality of living. As a member of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program, we are situated to change the narrative and write a new and great story for our city, expand our resources, secure our infrastructure and housing development leading to economic stability for generations to come.

# GICH Initiative Target Areas

## Lightning Community

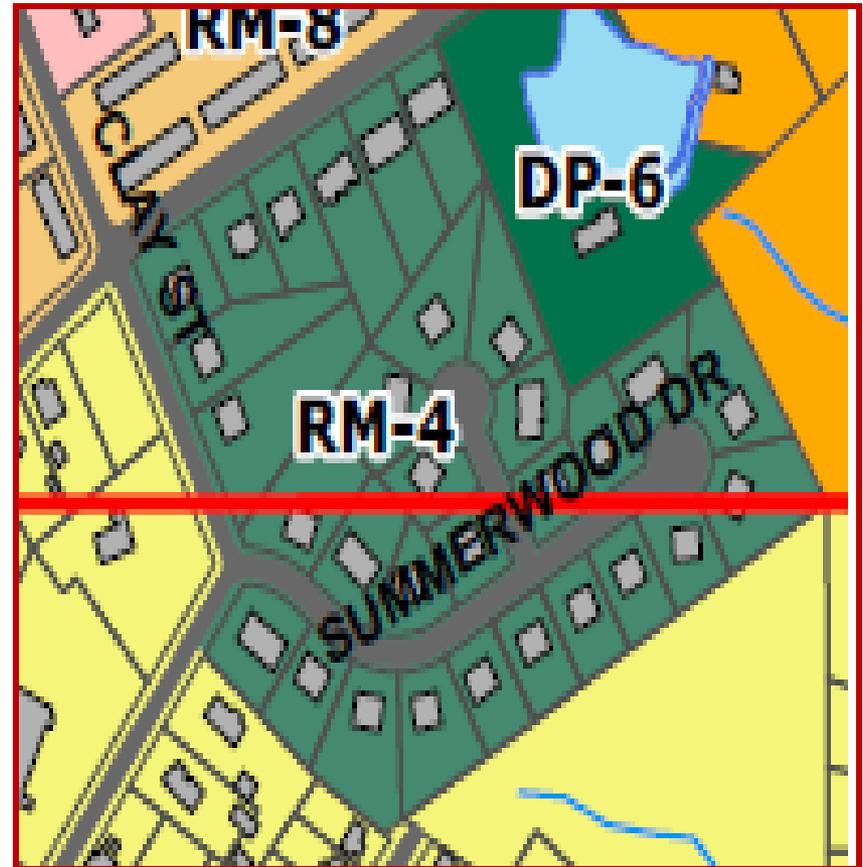
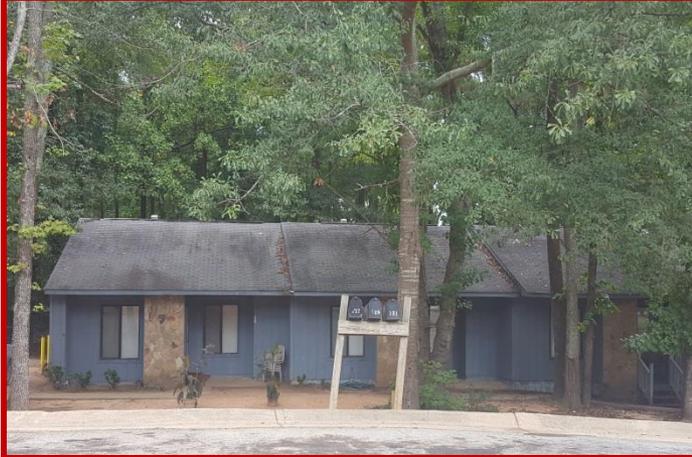
- Blight and dilapidated residential structures



# GICH Initiative Target Areas

## Summerwood Community

- Neighborhood Improvements and Clean-up



# Housing Inventory Assessment

- Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Community Choices Technical Assistance Program Awarded in **April 2016**
- Housing Inventory Assessment completed in **Fall of 2016**

Property Type – Lightning District	Number	Percentage
Single Family	83	60%
Duplex	6	4%
Multi-Family	1	1%
Institutional	6	4%
Commercial	4	3%
Vacant	39	28%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	

Housing Conditions – Lightning District	Number	Percentage
Adequate	73	74%
Deteriorating	3	3%
Dilapidated	23	23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	



# Lightning Community Cora Robinson Park Renovations

- New playground equipment, benches, and landscaping
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and City funds
- Cora Robinson Park Grand Re-Opening - **April 6, 2017**



# Lightning Community Clean-Up

## Lightning Community Clean-Up Day - April 7, 2017

- GICH Team Members, Partners and City Staff



The graphic features a heart-shaped icon on the left containing various environmental symbols like a recycling symbol, a leaf, a water drop, and a trash can. To the right, the word "LIGHTNING" is in a small, blue, sans-serif font, and "Cleanup" is in a large, blue, cursive font. Below the text is a green silhouette of a city skyline with trees and buildings. A large, yellow lightning bolt graphic is positioned diagonally across the center.

**Sponsored By:** Fairburn GICH Team

**Date:** Friday, April 7, 2017

**Time:** 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Partners:**

- Fairburn Parks & Recreation
- In His Great Name Ministry
- South Fulton Youth Arrow Council
- Nehemiah Project
- Open Word Christian Ministries
- Green Oil Company

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- Two truck loads and 15 large bags of trash and debris removed



# Lightning Community Zoning Audit

- Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Community Choices Technical Assistance Program Awarded in April 2017
- Zoning Audit Objective - To review the zoning districts within the Lightning Community for consistency with the City's development policies and long term revitalization goals.
- Zoning Audit Anticipated Completion Date: Late Summer/Fall 2017



# Abatement Proceedings

- **Dangerous, Unsafe or Unfit Buildings or Structures Ordinance**  
*Adopted in August 2014*
- ✓ **Lightning Community**
  - ☐ 19 Structures uninhabitable
    - ❖ 5 Blighted structures currently in abatement proceedings
    - ❖ 7 Notice of Violations
    - ❖ 1 Structure demolished
    - ❖ 1 Structure under restoration process



# Code Enforcement

- **Nuisance: Care of Premises Ordinance**  
*Adopted in 1989, Last Amended August 2015*
- **International Property Maintenance Code**

## Lightning and Summerwood Communities

- Warnings & Notice of Violations
  - ❖ Overgrown grass, trash/debris in yard and junk cars

**77** Notice of Violations

**31** Warnings

(July 14<sup>th</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>)



# Summerwood

## Community Investment Partnership Program (CIPP)

- An initiative to address the aesthetics and beautification needs of the Summerwood Community
  - ❖ Paint Up, Spruce Up
  - ❖ Partner with local paint company to assist with providing paint
  - ❖ City Tree Bank funds for re-planting, grass, trees and shrubbery



# Future GICH Initiatives

- **Next 1-6 months**

- ✓ Use CDBG funds to continue renovation of Cora Robinson Park in the **Lightning Community**
- ✓ ARC Community Choices Technical Assistance - Zoning Audit for the **Lightning Community**
- ✓ Nehemiah Project, Inc. - Rehab senior homes in the **Lightning Community**
- ✓ Continue abatement proceeding and code enforcement efforts in **Lightning and Summerwood Community**
- ✓ Community Engagement in “**The Light Community**” - **Tentative Date: November 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - Fish Fry for your information on GICH strategies for “**The Light Community**”
- ✓ **Apply for CHIP - \$600K (Repair and Revitalization)/\$300K (New Construction)**
- ✓ Establish our Redevelopment Board Members (Recruit candidates from the community to serve on the Board.)

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## Next 7-12 months

- ✓ Continue abatement proceedings and code enforcement efforts in the **Lightning and Summerwood Communities**
- ✓ Installation of sidewalks and street resurfacing in the **Summerwood Community (TSPLOST \$)**
- ✓ **Summerwood Community** Investment Partnership Program (SCIPP)
- ✓ Collaborate with Habitat for Humanity - Utilize HFH home repair programs (Repair with Kindness & Brush with Kindness)  
*A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was established between the City of Fairburn and Habitat for Humanities in July 2017.*



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# Questions