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3CID Participating in ARC Lifelong Communities Study

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DULUTH — The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has included greater Gwinnett Place in its unique Lifelong Communities study aimed at extending and enhancing the life cycle of metro area communities.

Planners, designers and other professionals evaluated Gwinnett Place and five other areas throughout metro Atlanta with a focus on producing combined transportation, housing and healthy living features benefiting aging residents and future generations. The Lifelong Communities program ultimately produced recommendations regarding housing, pedestrian accessibility and other quality of life standards.

"We are pleased that our area was considered for this one-of-a-kind focus," said Joe Allen, executive director of the Gwinnett Place Community Improvement District. "The ARC is applying resources to produce viable options for those master planning communities to meet the changing needs of residents as they age. There have been some dynamic alternatives produced through the Lifelong Communities effort."

The ARC's leadership recently received a presentation on Lifelong Communities from renowned planner Andres Duany, founder of Duany, Plater-Zyberk & Company (DPZ). Duany discussed the results of an intensive nine-day study effort focused on Gwinnett Place, Boulevard Crossing (Atlanta Beltline), downtown Conyers, Fayetteville, Mableton and Toco Hills.

Learn about Lifelong Communities online at www.atlantaregional.com/html/4921.aspx.