

LIVABLE CENTERS INITIATIVE STUDIES

Atlanta, Georgia region



The Livable Centers Initiative (LCI), a \$513 million program of the Atlanta Regional Commission, was a recipient of the American Planning Association's 2009 National Planning Excellence Award for Implementation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2008 National Award for Smart Growth. The program distributes grants to Atlanta-region communities for integrated land use and transportation studies that form the basis for community-based, responsible public investments.

- TSW has led dozens of communities through the LCI process since its inception and is known as the leader in the region.
- Three TSW LCI studies have received Georgia Planning Association awards.

TSW's experience runs from urban centers to small downtowns and rural areas, allowing us to perfect a public involvement and visioning process that is effective at all levels of the regional urban-rural transect. The result of this process is a comprehensive plan that combines policy recommendations in land use, transportation improvements, economic development, historic preservation, environmental protection, aging in place, and more. Our experience means we are familiar with the breadth of issues important to communities across the region and the tools available to make them more livable places.

- More than \$21 million has been allocated in transportation implementation funding in LCI areas in which TSW has participated. Of this, \$7.7M is a direct result of grant applications written by TSW. TSW has also designed six transportation implementation projects in LCI study areas.
- A majority of communities in which TSW has prepared LCI studies have updated their zoning to implement the plan. TSW has assisted a number of communities with zoning updates.
- More than 130 developments are now complete in communities in which TSW has prepared LCI studies, including more than 1,800 new residential units and more than 800,000 sq. ft. of commercial space.

above right: TSW-designed infill housing in downtown Hapeville
right: Community members participate in a workshop to plan for the future
below: Plans integrate a mix of uses in walkable, transit-oriented context

