Community AGEnda: Atlanta

Grantee: The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

Project Title: Atlanta Lifelong Community Initiative

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Geographic scope: Project will focus on four Georgia communities in the Atlanta region: Rountree and Tara Oaks neighborhoods (Clayton County); City of Morrow (Clayton County); City of Avondale Estates (DeKalb County); Community of Tucker (DeKalb County).

Goal: To create sustainable Lifelong Communities (LLC) in four designated communities where individuals of all ages can live healthy, independent lives and where older adults can age in place. LLCs are achieved by: promoting housing and transportation options, encouraging healthy lifestyles and expanding access to services.

Deliverables/Activities:

1. Host community visioning and/or planning and design workshops.
2. Administer the LLC Citizen Assessment Survey to establish priorities, build consensus, and create a community work plan.
3. Conduct assessments of existing housing, zoning and transportation plans, and create tailored community recommendations consistent with the LLC guidelines.
4. Conduct neighborhood walkability assessments and/or infrastructure audits, develop short- and long-term infrastructure recommendations, and support low-cost safety and way-finding enhancements.
5. Establish and mobilize a community health and wellness plan that incorporates activities related to physical and social wellbeing, and access to health care and preventive health services.
6. Train and activate volunteer networks to host LLC workshops, providing information and resources that increase awareness on various topics related to aging and LLC.
7. Build momentum for continued implementation of LLC principles by engaging new community partners and fostering relationships.

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