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The patients of Cheek Dental will tell you that they know they have found a good dentist in Dr. Cristi Cheek, and her associate, Dr. Kristina Chandler, in East Cobb. Having known she wanted to be a dentist since second grade, Dr. Cheek has strived to learn all she could about the profession before, during, and after dental school. Upon graduating first in her class from the Medical College of Georgia in 2000, she began post-graduate studies in TMJ and Occlusion (bite) disorders, as well as in sleep disordered breathing (sleep apnea) and cosmetic and implant dentistry. "I didn't want to be just a good 'tooth fixer.' I wanted to promote the overall health of my patients whether they are dealing with sleep apnea, facial and joint pain, head and neck aches, or are just unhappy with their smile because of missing or broken and worn teeth," says Dr. Cheek. Dr. Cheek and Dr. Chandler continue to expand their professional knowledge, taking advanced courses in dental and health-related topics several times a year to ensure they are aware of the latest techniques, tools, and treatments.

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COBB COUNTY, your new home.

WELCOME HOME!

Cobb County, the fourth largest county in Georgia at nearly 350 square miles, is more than just part of the metro Atlanta area. It is a place rich in history, culture and entertainment, a leader in business and education and a great place for people of all ages to call home.

The history of Cobb spans nearly 185 years. The state legislature founded the county in 1832 after confiscating the land from Cherokee Nation—nearly five years before the city of Atlanta was established. It was named for former U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator and Georgia Superior Court Judge Thomas W. Cobb. Marietta, the county's seat, was founded just two years later. When the construction of the railroad line began, shanty towns for workers evolved into permanent settlements, which eventually became some of the county's first towns. In the pre-Civil War years, parts of the county like Marietta and Powder Springs enjoyed popularity as resort towns due to the area's unique geographical features.

Like many parts of Georgia, Cobb County played an important role during the Civil War, as part of Gen. Sherman's route from Chattanooga to Atlanta. The most well known local battle, the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, occurred on June 27, 1864. Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston and his troops were attempting to protect their position near the railroads leading to Atlanta. The two-week battle resulted in 3,000 Union casualties and only 1,000 Confederate casualties. Despite his losses, Sherman continued south into Atlanta, burning many towns and crops along the way. After the war ended, the entire area began to rebuild, and industry replaced farming as the primary economic engine. In the early 1940s, the federal government opened a plant to manufacture B-29 bombers. Although the plant closed after World War II, it reopened during the Korean War and was subsequently renamed Dobbins Air Force Base. Nearby Lockheed Martin Aeronautics led the nation in the manufacture of military transport planes. Even today, it is still one of the top employers in the county due to its Department of Defense contracts.

Cobb County boasts a temperate climate, with hot summers and cool—but not too cold—winters. In the spring, dogwoods, Bradford pears and azaleas burst into bloom and stay lush and green throughout the summer months. Fall in the area is marked with bright oranges and reds on the trees.

Only in Cobb County

In the 1960s and 1970s, the population of Cobb County exploded, as more and more people left the city for the suburbs, and it has been steadily growing ever since. Now with a population of nearly 750,000, the county holds vast influence in the metro area. As the site of The Home Depot's global headquarters, as well as numerous other industries both large and small, the county is widely known as a business-friendly area. In January 2014, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, which has more than 2,500 members, was awarded 5-Star Accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce, putting it in the top 1 percent of chambers in the country.

In addition to traditional businesses, Cobb also has some unique economic attributes. While sometimes overshadowed by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which has held the title of world's busiest airport for more than 10 years, Cobb is home to Cobb County International Airport. This public airport averages 475 takeoffs and landings each day, making it the third busiest airport in the state.

Education is another priority in Cobb. As the 24th largest district in the country, the Cobb County School District operates 112 schools, while the Marietta City Schools system operates 11. Students who want to stay local have plenty of options when it comes to institutes of higher learning, with Kennesaw State University and Chattahoochee Technical College earning high marks in various fields.

While it is only 20 miles from downtown Atlanta, Cobb County has a vibe all its own. Its six incorporated cities—Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, Powder Springs and Smyrna—along with the unincorporated areas of Vinings and Mableton, strike a solid balance between honoring and preserving their history and welcoming innovation and change. Many of its municipalities, including Marietta and Smyrna, have old-fashioned town squares that host a variety of concerts, parades, festivals, farmers' markets and other events throughout the year.

In addition to their small-town sensibilities, many of Cobb's cities have been recognized for their efforts in everything from keeping residents healthy to operating strong family businesses. For example, the city of Kennesaw was named one of the 50 safest cities in Georgia and is also home to the Fit City Kennesaw initiative. This citywide initiative kicked off in 2011 in order to address the rising rates of obesity and other health concerns. With free outdoor workouts at area parks and a wide range of annual road races and other events, Fit City Kennesaw has earned local and national attention.

For many people who are relocating to the area, health care is a big concern. Fortunately, Cobb is home to WellStar Health Systems, which operates a number of hospitals, clinics and other facilities. WellStar Kennestone Hospital was the first in the state of use the CyberKnife and da Vinci robotic surgical systems to reduce scarring and recovery time for a variety of surgical procedures.

Health care is of particular concern to baby boomers, as they begin to retire. According to reator.org, the number of Americans 65 or older will nearly double between now and 2030, and the share of the population that is 85 and older will increase by 52 percent. With that in mind, Cobb County has many resources for its older population as well. Many facilities are embracing the "aging in place" concept, which allows residents to stay at the same facility even as their health needs change. The unincorporated community of Mableton was

recently awarded the Lifelong Communities designation from the Atlanta Regional Commission. That means Mableton provides a wide range of housing options and parks, transportation alternatives for those who can no longer drive and services for older residents.

No matter their age, Cobb residents know how to have fun, and the county's many entertainment venues draw visitors from all over the metro area. World-class performing arts venues like the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre and the Six Flags and Six Flags White Water amusement parks provide access to some of the region's best performances and roller coasters.

The city of Atlanta hosts several professional teams, including the NBA's Atlanta Hawks and the NFL's Atlanta Falcons. In 2017, Cobb County—specifically the Cumberland/Galleria business district—is the new home for MLB's Atlanta Braves. Cobb County is the home to the MLS Champions, Atlanta United FC. Headquarters of the soccer team is in Marietta in the Gateway Marietta CID.

In addition to these venues, Cobb County has some unique geographical features that make it stand out from other parts of the metro area. Residents can water ski on Lake Acworth, sun



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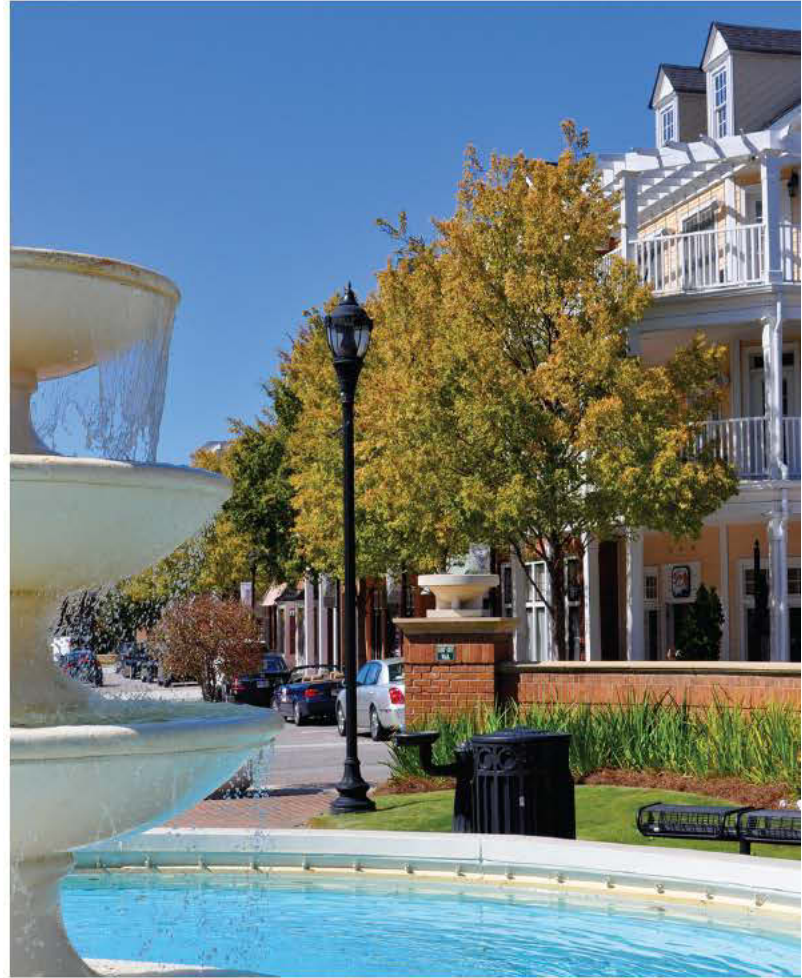
themselves on the beach, then hike a mountain or ride a bike all the way to Alabama. Locals also know how much fun it can be to “shoot the ‘Hooch,” or tube down the Chattahoochee River. As the only federally run national park in the area, the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is a great place to hike, bike, picnic or just take in stunning views and it has been the country’s top attended NBP. The Cobb County government oversees more than 30 parks, so recreation is never far away.

Like many other parts of the Atlanta area, Cobb County has myriad restaurants to satisfy every type of craving, with outposts of nearly every major chain restaurant as well as unique local fare.

In addition to some Cobb-only restaurants like Seed Kitchen & Bar, diners can also enjoy some of metro Atlanta’s best restaurants, like South City Kitchen, all without going inside the Perimeter. The burgeoning immigrant population in Cobb means that cuisine from every corner of the world is easy to find.

While the Atlanta housing market took a hit during the economic downturn, the suburban real estate market has bounced back to healthy levels. Housing options in Cobb run the gamut from new construction, single family homes, condos in historic areas, and apartments near the local colleges and universities. Prices are historically lower than within the Atlanta city limits, so buyers can get more for their money.

Business, culture, education, green space, town squares, easy access to the city of Atlanta—Cobb County truly has it all. Residents enjoy a high quality of life and make the most of the area’s geography, history and recreational opportunities. As a place that is both in touch with its history and looking forward to the future, Cobb has much to offer families, young professionals and retirees alike.



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Cobb County Commissioner

Mike Boyce

Cobb County has a new chairman. The retired Marine Colonel has wasted no time making good on campaign promises and coalescing his fellow commissioners to move his priorities forward.

He met his wife Judy at a Marine Corps Ball at the American Embassy in Muscat, Oman. He kept his promise made that evening that if “he was ever in Atlanta, he would give her a call.” They were married in 2000 and he retired shortly thereafter in 2001.

“I grew up in the military and spent my entire career in military. I had to recreate my universe,” said Boyce. “I joined a church community and that was the prism in which I first saw Cobb—through the wonderful people in my church.”

Noting that the last four Commission Chairmen in Cobb were born outside Georgia, Boyce reflects how that is indicative of Cobb’s tapestry. “Just goes to show you in Cobb, it’s not about who you are but what you are.”

“If you look at the current commissioners, none of five were born in Georgia. Cobb is truly a universal community and the board reflects that acceptance and the transient nature of the county,” he said. “It is very well one of the reasons Cobb has done so well. It has taken outside points of view and managed to assimilate them—which is the story of America.”

Success Through Education

Boyce also believes that Cobb County’s success can be attributed to its value and prioritization of education as evidenced by the fact that 44 percent of Cobb’s population is college-educated. The national average is 25 percent. The focus on education and college readiness starts early in Cobb, which is currently the second largest school district in the state. According to a recently published study by Niche, Cobb is ranked as the second most diverse in the state and number eight in the overall best district ranking.

Success Through Economic Development SunTrust Park—A Game Changer

Boyce is also certain that SunTrust Park is a historic game-changer for the county. The public-private partnership has produced a \$2.1 billion halo effect of development in the Cumberland area, supporting more than 25,000 jobs. The jobs will support earnings of nearly \$860 million, while the associated tax revenues at a 30-year present value will generate \$610 million for the county. “The Braves spurred an economic growth that will increase our tax revenue which will allow us to continue to provide services at the same low tax rate we have always had,” said Boyce. “The revenue generated from jobs and tourism spending will also have a huge impact on our SPLOST revenues.”

Of the 3,000 employees needed to staff the Braves organization, more than 1,600 of those jobs will be in Cobb County. Projections for visitor spending will result in 873 jobs. These jobs will provide \$25 million in earnings, of which \$8.9 million will be earned in the county.

Boyce also believes the ballpark will add to community spirit. “It’s a major league franchise sports venue and sports more so than anything in America bring people together,” he said. “It’s an opportunity to show that we can host a major league venue and do it right.”

Success Through Quality & Customer Service

Pointing out the fact that the Braves have built a stadium in three years and on schedule through the assistance of county staff providing all of the inspections and necessary permits, Boyce stated: “This is what is impressive about this government. We have carried the additional burdens of assisting the Braves build this stadium without increasing staff by one person. It speaks to the quality of our staff.”

“My whole focus is customer service. We work for the people. Leadership starts at the top.”

Boyce also notes that the close cooperation between Cobb’s government and the six cities is unique among counties and essential to the county’s overall effectiveness. “This is a county known by its good kind-hearted people who all want to work together. I want Cobb to be a place where people can safely work, live, recreate and pursue their dreams.”



President, Cobb County Chamber of Commerce

Sharon Mason

Cobb County: An Entrepreneurial Community

There’s a new energy in Cobb County. It’s a way of life and doing business that’s attracting the nation’s best known brands, passionate entrepreneurs and professionals eager to live out their version of the American dream. Discover the county’s unparalleled assets—charming neighborhoods, high-performing schools, breathtaking recreational offerings and cultural attractions, a thriving dining scene and the lowest tax rates in the metro area. The Home Depot, GE Energy, Genuine Parts Company, The Weather Channel, the Atlanta Braves, and Atlanta United Football Club all call Cobb home because it’s a place to grow your business.

The county’s mix of economic development assets is impressive. Cobb County offers quick and easy access to downtown Atlanta and the world’s busiest airport—the gateway to the world—a low cost of living, and a fiscally sound, pro-business government. Plus, you’ll find the nation’s top K-12 and higher education institutions, and quality of life accolades from some of the nation’s top publications.

“Cobb’s low cost of doing business gives the county a climate for entrepreneurial success and growth,” says Brooks Mathis, vice

president of Economic Development at the Cobb Chamber. “Cobb County is focused on helping local businesses expand, meeting the needs of the small business owner and recruiting new businesses.”

In addition to the advantages mentioned above, Cobb County has resources customized to the small business owner. Whether you're launching a new business or needing assistance as your company grows, Cobb has an entrepreneurial ecosystem available for you, including the Kennesaw State University Small Business Development Center, IgniteHQ, SCORE, and The Edge Connection. Business owners can also look to the Development Authority of Cobb County for funding assistance and CobbWorks for training programs and recruitment assistance. The Cobb Chamber is a champion for small businesses offering cost-saving programs, professional development and networking opportunities to help your business achieve more.

Cobb County is home to the third-largest university in Georgia, Kennesaw State University, and the largest technical college in the state, Chattahoochee Technical College. In addition, the county is home to several other higher education offerings including Life University, Georgia Highlands College and several continuing education institutions, such as DeVry University and the University of Phoenix.

The Cobb Chamber is one of the most influential business advocacy organizations in Georgia, and is dedicated to bringing the community and its leaders together to create jobs and strengthen the economy and quality of life so businesses and the community can achieve more. This year the Chamber has seen growth. The economic development team launched its new strategy, SelectCobb. The new economic development strategy is adding a plan to recruit global companies to the county, add more tangible benefits to its workforce development program, and engage the existing industries. Recently the Chamber's



Courtesy of the Cobb County Chamber

advocacy and economic development teams have collaborated with Cobb County government to implement new local incentives for small businesses, existing businesses and entrepreneurs to expand within the county. The SelectCobb strategy is already experiencing success—the team has seen a 20 percent project pipeline increase since last year. The 2018 legislative session included strong pro-business legislation. The Cobb Chamber advocates at the local, state and federal level for key issues, such as expanded transportation, mobility and infrastructure.

The Cobb Chamber has teamed up with many influential economic development partners to enhance supportive infrastructure for small businesses and entrepreneurs. To learn how you can achieve more in Cobb County, call 770-859-2358 or visit selectcobb.com.

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Big on Business

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Cobb County is known for many things: top-notch schools, well-preserved historical sites and great parks. It is also a hub for many businesses, both large and small. The county's low tax rate and educated population base make it the perfect place to start a business or to seek a job with one that is already well-established. As the headquarters for such globally recognized brands as The Home Depot and the Weather Channel, Cobb County is known throughout the Atlanta metro area for being pro-business. In addition to being the hub for some of the world's most innovative companies, Cobb also boasts more than a few business that employ a large number of county residents, making it the perfect place to live, work and play. Here is a list of the 10 largest employers in Cobb, as compiled by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce.

The Home Depot

Industry: Retail, home improvement

Number of employees: 20,000

Founders Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank opened their first one-stop do-it-yourself home improvement store in Atlanta in 1979. Despite its humble beginnings, The Home Depot now has 2,274 stores in the U.S., Canada, China and Mexico and is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer. Its 2013 retail sales totaled some \$78.8 billion. With more than 300,000 employees worldwide, it ranks No. 33 on the Fortune 500 list and is one of the many Fortune 500 companies to call the metro area home. Having its headquarters in the Vinings area of Cobb has undoubtedly been a boom to the entire metro area.

Cobb County Public Schools

Industry: Public education

Number of employees: 13,500

It takes more than 13,000 employees to keep the 114 schools in one of the state's top school systems running at full speed. The system boasts a 85 percent graduation rate and has received numerous regional and national awards, including Georgia Schools

of Excellence and National Blue Ribbon Schools designations.

WellStar Health Systems

Industry: Health care

Number of employees: 20,000

Cobb County residents have many choices when it comes to health care, but many of them choose WellStar doctors and hospitals. With its five hospitals, seven urgent care centers and a host of other facilities and specialists across the county, WellStar's employees take good care of residents' health.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Industry: Aeronautics, manufacturing

Number of employees: 5,400

Though it is based in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin's sprawling Marietta complex serves an important role in providing IT services and training to the Department of Defense and other vendors. Among other jobs, the more than 7,000 employees at the Marietta facility help to manufacture important parts for the military's F-35 fighter jets.



Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, Courtesy of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce

Cobb County Government

Industry: Local government

Number of employees: 5,223

From running the county's senior centers to helping residents figure out how to pay their property taxes, the more than 5,000 employees who make up the county government are focused on making Cobb a great place to live.

Kennesaw State University

Industry: Education

Number of employees: 2,904

The state's third largest university is also one of Cobb's largest employers. Including all full and part-time workers, KSU employs more than 3,400 people to support its 30,480 undergraduate and graduate students.

Publix

Industry: Retail, grocery

Number of employees: 2,973

One of the more ubiquitous grocery stores in the metro area with 182 stores statewide, this Florida-based chain employs nearly 3,000 people in Cobb County alone. Publix also has manufacturing facilities in the cities of Atlanta (bakery) and Lawrenceville (dairy).

Six Flags Over Georgia

Industry: Amusement park

Number of employees: 3,000

While most of Six Flags' employees are seasonal, they help operate the largest theme park in the Southeast. Six Flags has 12 roller coasters, three interactive kids' areas and water rides, as well as entertainment venues and seasonal events like the annual Halloween Fright Fest.

Wal-Mart

Industry: Retail

Number of employees: 2,750

The Bentonville, Ark., discount retailer employs 1.4 million people in the U.S., and has a large presence all across Georgia. Of its 58,821 employees statewide, more than 3,000 of them are in Cobb County alone.

The Kroger Company

Industry: Retail, grocery

Number of employees: 2,150

Since the mid-1800s, this Cincinnati-based grocery chain has been providing customers with fresh foods. It now has more than 2,700 stores in 35 states and its annual sales top \$96 billion. Kroger has more than 170 stores in Georgia, and many of its 2,100 employees are based on Cobb County.



Getting Around The City

Cobb County is trisected by three major interstates: I-75, I-20 and I-285. That means commuters can easily travel to and from downtown Atlanta, as well as to some of the other outlying counties. The Galleria district between interstates 75 and 285 has quickly become one of the area's busiest business hubs, making it easy for commuters all over the area to get to work. In addition to its road systems, the county also has two other unique transportation options for residents.

Cobb Community Transit (CCT)

As the second largest transit system in the state, CCT's 73 buses and 21 paratransit vehicles run 4 million trips per year. The system has been operating since 1989, and ferries riders

from one corner of the county to another. Additionally, several of the routes run from the Galleria area to the Arts Center Marta station in Midtown Atlanta, for easy access to that system's downtown stops.

Cobb County Airport - McCollum Field

Owned and operated by the county, McCollum Airport serves as a general aviation reliever airport for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport by hosting both business and personal aircraft on its runways. In addition to various aviation and fueling services, the airfield also makes a substantial contribution to the local economy, providing 842 jobs and an economic output of \$112 million per year for the county.



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Choosing the Best School

Resources to help the decision making process

Cobb County Schools
(770) 426-3300

cobb.k12.ga.us

Number of Schools:

67 Elementary

25 Middle

16 High

12 Special Programs

2 Charter School System

Total # of Students: 112,831

When moving to a new city, or even just changing neighborhoods, parents want to know what the schools are like. Metro Atlanta boasts a wide range of options, from public schools to charters and a wide range of independent institutions that are committed to preparing students for college, careers and beyond. Determining the best choice for your family can be overwhelming, so do your homework and research additional information and resources, the systems' websites (www.cobb.k12.ga.us; www.marietta-city.k12.ga.us).

Cobb is served by two separate school districts: the Cobb County School District (CCSD) and Marietta City Schools (MCS). CCSD is the second largest school system in the state and educates more than 108,000 students each year. With two special education centers, one adult education center and one performance learning center—CCSD employs more than 13,000 teachers, counselors and administrators. Since 1984, CCSD has had 56 schools named Georgia Schools of Excellence and 22 named National Blue Ribbon Schools. Marietta City Schools teaches nearly 9,000 students in the district's eight elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Though it is a small system, it has garnered more than its share of accolades over the years. U.S. News & World Report has named Marietta High School one of the best high schools in the country for four years running. STEM Certified Schools in Cobb include Cooper Middle School, Ford Elementary School, Kennesaw Mountain High School Academy of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, Tritt Elementary School and Wheeler High School Center for Advanced Studies in Science, Mathematics, and Technology.

Cobb County

Shallowford Falls Elementary

Shallowford Falls Elementary has become the latest elementary school to achieve Cobb STEM certification. Cobb STEM certification recognizes schools that provide students with STEM-enriched learning opportunities above and beyond the exemplary practices found in all Cobb County schools. The milestone represents a three-year collaborative effort by the administration, teachers, staff, PTA, Foundation and community working together to advance this STEM initiative. The teachers committed to STEM by enhancing instruction and stretching the learning process. This endeavor also required STEM professional development for all teachers and advanced teacher certification.

(770) 642-5610, 3529 Lassiter Rd, Marietta

Timber Ridge Elementary

East Cobb's Timber Ridge Elementary enrolls approximately 600 students in grades K through 5. High expectations exist for achievement and conduct. The school's climate well represents its motto of Learning, Caring and Sharing.

(770) 642-5621, 5000 Timber Ridge Rd, Marietta

Hightower Trail Middle

Hightower Trail has been named a Georgia School of Excellence and participates in the Partners for Education Program, which pairs local



business leaders with students for one-on-one reading and tutoring.
(770) 578-7225, 3905 Post Oak Tritt Rd, Marietta

Mabry Middle

Mabry Middle recently received the designation of No Place for Hate from the Anti-Defamation League's Southeast Region for its efforts to promote acceptance among students and staff. It is the first middle school in the county to receive this designation.

(770) 928-5546, 2700 Jims Rd NE, Marietta

Lassiter High

Lassiter High School has been named a 2010 Georgia School of Excellence by the Georgia Department of Education. Out of approximately 1800 public schools, Lassiter is one of only two high schools in the state of Georgia to receive this recognition. A Georgia School of Excellence four times over, Lassiter enrolls over 2,000 students. The school has been awarded AP Merit School status because more than 20 percent of its student body takes advanced placement exams each year, with 50 percent scoring a 3 or higher.

(678) 494-7863, 2601 Shallowford Rd, Marietta

Walton High (charter)

Walton is the only school in the county to offer a nationally certified pre-engineering program as well as offering arts with the largest high school choral program in Cobb County. Walton also has a long tradition of above average SAT scores. The Class of 2016 led the county and tied for third highest average in the state with a total score of 1730.

(770) 578-3225, 1590 Bill Murdock Rd, Marietta

Marietta City Schools
(770) 422-3500

Marietta-city.org

Number of Schools:

1 Alternative

7 Elementary

1 Sixth Grade

1 Middle

1 High

1 Magnet

Charter School System

Total # of Students: 8,900

Marietta City

Marietta Center for Advanced Academics

As the state's first certified science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) school, the Center gives students an accelerated, technology-based education. All students must meet strict academic requirements in order to be admitted to and remain in the program. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution ranks Marietta Center for Advanced Academics among the Top 10 Elementary Schools in Metro Atlanta and Georgia.

(770) 420-0822, 311 Aviation Rd SE, Marietta

Marietta Middle

The school moved into a new, renovated facility in 2002 that includes two gymnasiums, five computer labs and three science labs for its 1,200 students.

(770) 422-0311, 121 Winn St NW, Marietta

Marietta High

Marietta High was established in 1892 and now has a student population of over 2,000. Nearly 80 percent of its teachers have master's degrees or higher, and the school recently earned recognition from the Georgia Department of Education for its AP classes and exams for the fifth year in a row.

(770) 428-2631, 1171 Whitlock Ave NW, Marietta

PRIVATE SCHOOL PROFILES

Cornerstone Preparatory Academy

cornerstoneprep.org

Founded in 2004, Cornerstone Preparatory Academy is a certified University-Cornerstone Prep is an innovative K-12 University-Model school where parents and teachers partner together to provide students with an academically challenging, college-preparatory, biblically based education. Our unique model combines the best of traditional private and public, all in a nurturing, family friendly environment. Cornerstone is fully accredited by AdvancED, certified by NAUMS, and offers a full range of sports, clubs, and activities for students. This Christian private school is home to 490 students in Acworth, GA. Learn more about its innovative approach to education at a monthly Information Meeting.

Cumberland Christian Academy

cumberlandchristian.org

Cumberland Christian Academy has been providing students an education steeped in biblical philosophy since 1989. Class sizes average about 20 students, with a low student/teacher ratio. CCA is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. High school students have access to college and career counseling to help with applications. Between 2011 and 2015, 100 percent of the school's graduating seniors had received acceptance to an institute of higher learning. Fine Arts electives help students become a part of worship-centered music programs and private lessons are also available in the visual and performing arts.

East Cobb Christian School

eccs.org

In addition to its emphasis on biblical teachings and prayer, East Cobb Christian School also involves students' families in the educational process. Parents of first- and second-grade students teach a class four to six times a year. Parents of students in other grade levels assist with classroom projects and chaperoning field trips throughout the year. Class sizes throughout the school top out at 16 students, with most classes in the lower school having between eight and 12 students. The program for grades four through eight is accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission.

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy

mtbethelchristian.org

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School, provides a rigorous college-preparatory program in a Christ-centered environment that builds confidence and character in its students. Founded in 1998, MBCA stands out amongst independent schools with its expert and seasoned faculty who excel at nurturing each child to his or her full potential.

MBCA's uncompromising academic standards and small class sizes provide an ideal learning environment for students who enjoy being challenged. In addition to core subjects, Mt. Bethel offers lower school courses in Latin, Spanish, technology, art, music, PE, Bible, and STEAM. Middle and upper school offers honors and AP classes as well as a STEM honors program, robotics, visual and performing arts, world languages, logic, technology, yearbook, and Bible/apologetics. Classes are designed with servant leadership development beginning in junior kindergarten, and a one-to-one MacBook laptop program beginning in fifth grade.

The championship athletic program includes volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, swimming, cheerleading, archery, bass fishing, and clay target. Next year the school will break ground on a beautiful multi-purpose track and field facility on the North Campus. The MBCA Eagles Upper School Athletics program competes in Region 6A, Sub-Region B in the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) conference.

Last May, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy graduated its first ever senior class! With a 100% rate of college acceptance and more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, MBCA alumni are prepared to succeed in college and beyond, ready to stand for Christ, and lead meaningful lives.

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy holds dual accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SACS/SAIS). For more information, please contact the MBCA Admission Office at (770) 971-0245 or admission@mtbethelchristian.org.

Mount Paran Christian School

mtparanschool.com

Since 1976, Mount Paran has been leading the way in Christian education in Cobb County. Its impressive 65-acre campus near Kennesaw Mountain boasts

Kennesaw (K-12)

(770) 529-7077

Austell (PreK-3-12)

(770) 819-5040

Marietta (K-8)

(770) 565-0881

Marietta (JK-12)

(770) 971-0245

Kennesaw (preK-12)

(770) 578-0182

two libraries, two gymnasiums, multiple playgrounds and a state-of-the-art performing arts center that includes a recording studio. Total enrollment across all grades is almost 1,200, with class sizes ranging from 14 to 20; the student-teacher ratio stands at 10:1 for the high school. Students can begin learning Spanish in preschool. K through 5 students attend a weekly critical thinking skills class to build skills that will enhance their academic careers. Mount Paran has earned dual accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

North Cobb Christian School

ncchristian.org

North Cobb Christian (NCCS) was founded in 1983 by four local families who were seeking an alternative to public education, and is now one of the largest independent schools in the metro area, with a K through 12 enrollment of approximately 890 students. In addition to overall rigorous academics, students can also apply for one of several distinctive academy programs. The non-denominational Christian school promotes the core values of love, integrity, respect, responsibility and service, and high school students are required to complete 46 hours of community service prior to graduation. NCCS is accredited by AdvancEd, the Association of Christian Schools International and Accredited with Quality by the Georgia

The Walker School

thewalkerschool.org

For almost 60 years, Walker has balanced challenging academics within our nurturing environment. Our dedicated faculty are able to create meaningful relationships with their students, giving them the confidence to explore the boundless opportunities in arts, athletics, and leadership that Walker provides. When students are ready to take the next step into college, our nationally renowned college counseling program provides expert guidance, leading 100% of our graduating seniors to the college of their choice.

Whitefield Academy

whitefieldacademy.com

Whitefield Academy is a Christ-centered, PreK4 through 12th college preparatory school located on a beautiful 100-acre campus in the Smyrna/Vinings area. Whitefield provides students with a rigorous academic curriculum, including 31 AP and Honors courses. The school offers a well-rounded extracurricular program with 14 after-school programs in the Lower School, 39 clubs and organizations, and 53 athletic teams. Whitefield has earned five athletic state championships and multiple athletic region championships. It has an award-winning arts program with multiple Scholastic Arts winners, regional One-Act play awards and musical ensembles which entertain across the state. Each year, Whitefield graduates are offered millions in scholarships and grants, and are admitted to acclaimed colleges and universities across the United States such as Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Princeton University, and Washington and Lee University.

The Wood Acres School

woodacresschool.org

Originally known as the Wood Acres Country Day School, Wood Acres was founded in 1969 and moved to its present location in 1983. It is accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission and also the Foreign Language Association of Georgia. The Embassy of Spain, Office of Education, has designated the school as an International Spanish Academy—one of the few schools in Georgia to be so honored—and students can begin their foreign language studies at the age of 3. Wood Acres' low student/teacher ratio and rigorous academics make it one of the metro area's best values for independent education.

Kennesaw (K3-12)

(770) 975-0252

Marietta (preK-12)

(770) 427-2689

Smyrna/Vinings (preK4-12)

(678) 305-3000

Marietta (PreK-2-8)

(770) 971-1880



PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN COBB COUNTY

NAME & ENROLLMENT	CONTACT INFORMATION		
Carman Adventist School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 80 Year: 1958	(770) 424-0606	1330 North Cobb Parkway, Marietta, GA 30062	caschool.org
Casa Montessori School Grades: PK-6 Enrollments: 165 Year: 1974	(770) 973-2731	150 Powers Ferry Rd, Marietta, GA 30067	casamontessori.com
Center Academy Grades: 4-12 Enrollment: 50 Year: 1968	(770) 333-1616	3499 South Cobb Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080	centeracademy.com
Cornerstone Preparatory Academy Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 480 Year: 2004	(770) 529.7077	4310 Moon Station Lane, Acworth, GA 30101	cornerstoneprep.org
Covenant Christian School Grades: K4-8 Enrollment: 240 Year: 1975	(770) 435-1596	3130 Atlanta Rd, Smyrna, GA 30080	ccssmyrna.org
Cumberland Christian Academy Grades: K3-12 Enrollment: 400 Year: 1989	(770) 819-6437	Lower school: 2356 Clay Rd SW, Austell, GA 30106 Middle school: 4900 Floyd Rd SW, Mableton, GA 30126 High school: 2115 Pair Rd SW, Marietta, GA 30008	cumberlandchristian.org
Dominion Christian School Grades: 6-12 Enrollment: 250 Year: 1997	(770) 420-2153	4607 Burnt Hickory Rd NW, Marietta, GA 30064	dominionchristian.org
East Cobb Christian School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 140 Year: 1987	(770) 565-0881	4616 Roswell Rd. NE, Marietta, GA 30062	eccs.org
Eastside Christian School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 315 Year: 1983	(770) 971-2332	2450 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta, GA 30068	eastsidechristianschool.com
Faith Lutheran School Grades: PK-8 Enrollment: 225 Year: 1958	(770) 973-8921	Kennesaw, GA 30144	fbcskennesaw.com
First Baptist Christian School Grades: PK2-5 Enrollment: 109 Year: 1969	(770) 422-3254	4635 Dallas Hwy, Powder Springs, GA 30127	midwayschool.org
Foundations School Grades: PK-6 Enrollment: 200 Year: 2004	(770) 429-4799	1500 Stanley Rd, Kennesaw, GA 30152	foundationsschool.com
Johnson Ferry Christian Academy Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 420 Year: 2004	(678) 784-5231	955 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta, GA 30127	JFCA.org
Midway Covenant Christian School Grades: PK-8 Enrollment: 325 Year: 1996	(770) 590-1866	4635 Dallas Hwy, Powder Springs, GA 30127	midwayschool.org
Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Grades: JK-12 Enrollment: 620 Year: 1998	(770) 971-0245	Main campus: 4385 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta, GA 30068 North Campus: 2509 Post Oak Tritt Rd, Marietta, GA	mtbethelchristian.org
Mount Paran Christian School Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 1,215 Year: 1976	(770) 578-0182	1275 Stanley Rd NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152	mtparanschool.com
North Cobb Christian School Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 900 Year: 1926	(770) 975-0252	4500 Lakeview Dr NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144	ncchristian.org
Praise Academy Grades: K3-12 Enrollment: 500 Year: 1983	(770) 943-2484	4052 Hiram Lithia Springs Rd, Powder Springs, GA 30127	praiseacademy.com
Shiloh Hills Christian School Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 260 Year: 1980	(770) 926-7729	260 Hawkins Store Rd NE, Kennesaw, GA 30144	shilohhills.com/school
The SAE School Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 293 Year: 1980	(770) 926-7729	6688 Mableton Pkwy, Mableton, GA 30126	saeschool.org
St. Joseph Catholic School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 500 Year: 1953	(770) 428-3328	81 Lacy Street, Marietta, GA. 30060	stjosephschool.org
The Walker School Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 1,347 Year: 1957	(770) 427-2689	Main Campus: 700 Cobb Parkway N, Marietta, GA 30062 Primary School: 830 Damar Rd., Marietta, GA 30062	thewalkerschool.org
The Wood Acres School Grades: PK-8 Enrollment: 400 Year: 1969	(770) 971-1880	1772 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta, GA 30062	woodacresschool.org
Whitefield Academy Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 800 Year: 1997	(678) 305-3000	1 Whitefield Dr SE, Mableton, GA 30126	whitefieldacademy.com

Higher Education in Cobb County

Cobb County houses a highly educated workforce, strong public education systems and many opportunities to receive higher education in a multitude of industries. Cobb County is home to the third-largest public state university – Kennesaw State University, as well as Life University, and Chattahoochee Technical College. Together, these colleges and universities account for more than 45,000 students with 7,800 graduates in Cobb County annually. Aside from the many major public state universities, Cobb County is also home to many non-traditional colleges such as Georgia Highlands College, University of Phoenix and Central Michigan University.

Kennesaw State University **kennesaw.edu**

(770) 423-6000

Kennesaw State University, known for its entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community, has been a four-year institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1976. Located just northwest of Atlanta in Cobb County near historic Kennesaw Mountain, KSU offers campuses in Marietta and Kennesaw. It is the third-largest university in Georgia, with more than 33,000 undergraduate and graduate students, representing 132 countries. In January of 2015, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the consolidation of Kennesaw and Southern Polytechnic Universities, one of the state's leading educators in the fields of technology and engineering.

The new Kennesaw State University combines the best from two of Georgia's most well-respected institutions in higher education, offering students a broad range of quality academics, as well as a growing campus life and athletic programs. With more than 150 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs in business, engineering, architecture, nursing, teaching, math and science programs, graduates of KSU enter the job market prepared for careers as wide-ranging as international conflict management to podiatry. KSU's nursing program is the largest in the state and has the medical community seeking its graduates. Their College of Continuing Education offers more than 2,500 courses and hosts nearly 50,000 people attending meetings or conferences annually in the KSU Center.

Being recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top universities in the region, the new Kennesaw State University is positioned to become one of Georgia's world-class comprehensive higher education institutions

Chattahoochee Technical College **chattahoocheetech.edu**

(770) 528-4545

Chattahoochee Technical College is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and is geared for individuals, business, industry and communities. On July 1, 2009, Chattahoochee Technical College came into being from the merger of three previously independent units of the Technical College System of Georgia – Appalachian Technical College, Chattahoochee Technical College, and North Metro Technical College. Chattahoochee Technical College, established in 1961 as Marietta/Cobb Area Vocational Technical School, served Cobb and Paulding counties with its main campus



Kennesaw State University, Courtesy of KSU

in Marietta, GA. In 1988, with the formation of the Department of Technical and Adult Education, the school adopted the name of Chattahoochee Technical Institute, and in 2000, all technical institutes were re-named to technical colleges. The proximity of the three colleges in northern central Georgia led to the decision to merge. Representatives from the Boards of Directors of the three colleges decided to adopt Chattahoochee Technical College as the name for the new entity. Now, with a combined service area of six counties (Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Gilmer, Paulding, and Pickens) and with eight campuses and online offerings, Chattahoochee Technical College serves approximately 20,000 students annually. Through traditional campuses and online means, the college offers 70+ degrees, diplomas and certificates in 45 programs of study including Business Sciences, Computer Sciences and Engineering Technology, Technical Studies, Personal and Public Services and Health Sciences. The wide-range of educational courses, many of which are accepted for transfer by the University System of Georgia, include Community and Economic Development courses, Adult Education classes and special programs for high school students.

Life University **life.edu**

(770) 426-2600

Nestled away in Marietta, Georgia on more than 100 acres of wooded terrain, Life University provides its students with small classrooms, industry thought leaders as professors, and a health and wellness lifestyle amidst a green, nature-centric campus. The University provides five miles of walking trails, a 19th century historic village, and a lake and stream. Founded in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution, with 20 accredited degree programs, including the world's largest single-campus Doctor of Chiropractic program. Also home to unique and top-ranked graduate degrees in Positive Psychology and Athletic Training, the university has more than 2,700 students from around the world. With an undergraduate population of almost 900 students, LIFE has a student-faculty ration of 16:1. Recently, it has expanded its curriculum to offer a variety of degrees in nutrition, exercise science, psychology, business administration and other general studies programs. Its various degree programs share the philosophy that all living organisms are self-maintaining, self-developing and self-healing. Its innovative programs like PEAK (Practice, Excellence, Art and Knowledge) help interning chiropractic students be immediately prepared to begin their professional career upon graduation.

Cobb County Health Care



Cobb County Health Care

The medical expertise in metropolitan Atlanta is a reflection of the city's growth and leadership in innovation. Atlanta hospital systems bring with them the top medical specialists, giving residents access to virtually any treatment they need. Whether treatment is an annual physical or neurosurgery, Atlanta's hospitals have the latest technology.

Cobb County has three WellStar hospitals, the largest health system in Georgia, with locations in Marietta and Austell. The area is still within driving distance of top Atlanta hospitals including Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite, part of one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country, and Emory Saint Joseph's is recognized as one of the top specialty-referral hospitals in the Southeast and is ranked the number two hospital in both Georgia and metro Atlanta in U.S. News & World Report's 2016-17 Best Hospitals Guide.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta choa.org
1 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta 404-785-KIDS (5437)

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta offers several locations in North Fulton including radiology, sports medicine and urgent care. Visit choa.org locations for the location nearest you.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has been 100 percent dedicated to kids for more than 100 years. A not-for-profit organization, Children's is dedicated to making kids better today and healthier tomorrow. Its specialized care helps children get better faster and live healthier lives. Managing more than a million patient visits annually at three hospitals and 28 neighborhood locations, Children's is the largest healthcare provider for children in Georgia and one of the largest pediatric clinical care providers in the country. Children's offers access to more than 60 pediatric specialties and programs and is ranked among the top children's hospitals in the country by U.S. News & World Report. With generous philanthropic and volunteer support since 1915, Children's has impacted the lives of children in Georgia, the United States and throughout the world.

Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta
emoryhealthcare.org/saint-josephs-hospital-atlanta
5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta 678-843-7001

Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1880, and is Atlanta's longest serving hospital. The 410-bed acute-care hospital is recognized as one of the leading specialty-referral hospitals in the Southeast.

Noted especially for cardiac care, Emory Saint Joseph's provides training to physicians from around the world in robotic surgery for valve repair and is a primary location for cardiac rehabilitation. The hospital is also noted for neurologic,

vascular, gastrointestinal, respiratory, and orthopedic care, among other specialties, and has been recognized as one of the premiere knee and hip replacement programs in the country. Emory Saint Joseph's is a designated location of the Winship Cancer Institute, Georgia's first comprehensive National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.

Emory Saint Joseph's has continuously earned the prestigious Magnet designation for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center since 1995. The hospital is a member of Emory Healthcare, the largest, most comprehensive health system in Georgia.

Emory Saint Joseph's medical staff is comprised of more than 900 physicians and 1,800 staff employees, and the hospital accommodates more than 120,000 patient visits annually.

Northside Hospital northside.com
1000 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta (404) 851-8000

Northside Hospital is one of the most respected and fastest growing health care organizations in the Southeast and is committed to balancing clinical excellence with compassionate care. Northside leads the U.S. in newborn deliveries, is among the state's top providers of surgical services and is recognized as having among the best survival rates in the nation for bone marrow transplants. Northside Hospital Cancer Institute (NHCI) is the largest and most comprehensive cancer hospital network in Georgia and a leader in cancer care. Northside Hospital's 2,500+ physicians and 15,000 employees serve 2.5 million patient visits each year.

WellStar Cobb Hospital wellstar.org
3950 Austell Road SW Austell (470) 732-4000

This "Top 100" rated, 382-bed WellStar Cobb Hospital serves South Cobb County's health needs, including cancer and cardiac programs, a private maternity center and accredited total joint program.

WellStar Kennestone Hospital wellstar.org
677 Church Street, Marietta (770) 793-5000

WellStar Kennestone Hospital is a Level II Trauma Center with an accredited chest pain center, stroke center and pediatric emergency. The 633-bed community hospital continually earns its distinction as a "Top 100" hospital with ongoing investment in new technologies like Georgia's first CyberKnife, TomoTherapy and da Vinci robotic surgical systems.

WellStar Windy Hill Hospital wellstar.org
2540 Windy Hill Road Marietta (770) 644-1000

WellStar Windy Hill Hospital is a 115-bed hospital is home to the Southeast's largest Sleep Disorders Center and features nationally recognized specialties in long-term acute care, interventional radiology and outpatient rehabilitation.



ATLANTA REAL ESTATE MARKET

Top Builders by Region

Metro Atlanta

- 1 D R Horton
- 2 Century Communities
- 3 Pulte Homes
- 4 Smith Douglas Homes
- 5 Lennar
- 6 Taylor Morrison
- 7 Rocklyn Homes
- 8 CalAtlantic Homes
- 9 Wade Journey Homes
- 10 Kerley Family Homes

Cobb County

- 1 Pulte Homes
- 2 D R Horton
- 3 Kerley Family Homes
- 4 Ashton Woods
- 5 Beazer Homes

North Fulton (North of Chattahoochee River)

- 1 The Providence Group
- 2 Pulte Homes
- 3 Edward Andrews Homes
- 4 Ashton Woods
- 5 Sharp Residential

Gwinnett County

- 1 Taylor Morrison
- 2 D R Horton
- 3 CalAtlantic Homes
- 4 Century Communities
- 5 Clayton Properties Group

ITP

- 1 Pulte Homes
- 2 Taylor Morrison
- 3 Edward Andrews Homes
- 4 Beazer Homes
- 5 Brock Built

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CHEROKEE COUNTY			
Acworth	446	34	\$239,152
Alpharetta	63	51	\$484,205
Ball Ground	212	436	\$276,079
Canton	2,028	46	\$318,549
Holly Springs	107	108	\$330,157
Roswell	12	54	\$420,650
Waleska	120	48	\$267,319
White	32	39	\$357,217
Woodstock	2,093	36	\$301,589
COBB COUNTY			
Acworth	1,084	29	\$274,403
Austell	586	41	\$178,369
Kennesaw	1,640	33	\$286,610
Mableton	802	36	\$261,722
Marietta	5,024	37	\$338,612
Powder Springs	1,060	45	\$268,074
Roswell	182	42	\$443,811
Smyrna	1,788	33	\$335,206
Vinings (Area 71)	602	37	\$364,353
FORSYTH COUNTY			
Alpharetta	354	37	\$357,158
Ball Ground	23	81	\$322,492
Cumming	3,656	54	\$360,677
Dawsonville	23	46	\$348,329
Duluth	63	45	\$794,335
Gainesville	262	55	\$322,886
Suwanee	480	63	\$477,681
FULTON COUNTY			
Alpharetta	2,035	44	\$449,253
Buckhead (Area 21)	2,178	50	\$649,427
Duluth	60	44	\$405,721
Dunwoody (Fulton Co.)	3	29	\$207,636
*Dunwoody (DeKalb Co.)	531	34	\$470,822
Johns Creek	701	54	\$501,348
Milton	394	68	\$761,832
NW Atlanta (Area 22)	1,549	36	\$284,946
Roswell	1,518	41	\$419,079
Sandy Springs	1,056	52	\$494,943
Virginia Highlands (Area 23)	1,816	31	\$462,781
GWINNETT COUNTY			
Auburn	160	58	\$307,463
Berkeley	39	46	\$569,680
Bethlehem	79	47	\$271,581
Braselton	97	103	\$530,985
Buford	1,322	46	\$297,613
Dacula	944	42	\$290,577
Duluth	1,047	36	\$303,763
Grayson	440	40	\$287,018
Hoschton	132	63	\$371,359
Lawrenceville	3,687	35	\$235,974
Lilburn	835	37	\$254,801
Loganville	710	45	\$242,974
Norcross	559	26	\$212,345
Peachtree Corners	462	41	\$363,373
Snellville	1337	40	\$234,748
Stone Mountain	183	36	\$221,231
Sugar Hill	524	41	\$277,595
Suwanee	999	43	\$377,163
Tucker	143	25	\$203,403



Economic development is truly a team sport in Georgia

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Interim Deputy Commissioner, Global Commerce
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When it comes to supporting the state's small businesses, existing Georgia companies, and national and international companies seeking a competitive advantage, there's no better economic development community than Georgia's. From the Office of the Governor and the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) to local city and county governments to utility and higher education partners to the Georgia General Assembly and state agencies like DCA and DOT, economic development is truly a team sport.

Here at the Georgia Department of Economic Development we are proud to be at the center of these efforts with a single focus: to help create quality jobs and investment opportunities for the citizens of Georgia. We do this through a very collaborative, integrated and innovative approach that draws on both our internal teams and external partners.

The companies we support are all unique with varying business requirements. It may be a Georgia-based business that wants to expand and grow, or a company located outside of Georgia or the U.S. looking for a place to build their business and better compete on the global stage. It could be a small business simply looking for crucial business resources to go to next level. A "typical" company may range in size from a three-person shop to a facility of 2,000 employees – and represent one of dozens of distinct industries from around the globe, from automotive to cybersecurity.

The teams within Global Commerce understand the business challenges of today's companies. They work with domestic and foreign companies big and small by providing access to statewide economic resources and business intelligence. Industry-based project management teams and international Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) offices recruit new business operations to Georgia, bringing new jobs and investment from domestic locations and from around the globe. The Existing Industry and Regional Recruitment team is available in 12 regions across the state to support the growth and expansion of Georgia companies. The Entrepreneur & Small Business (ESB) team is available to provide resources to companies and help communities engage with small businesses.

If companies require additional support beyond these teams in areas like export assistance, innovation and process improvement or connections to international resources, they need to look no farther than GDEcD's International Trade, International Relations and Centers of Innovation divisions.

Companies who choose Georgia know they can lower their cost of doing business, obtain access to top-talent and a strong workforce, and access the best resources to meet the demands of their growing customer bases. Atlanta boasts world-class connectivity through Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, and is also a great place to live, play and work. Many companies site our ease of access to the world as a key component in choosing Georgia. Did you know that you can reach 80 percent of the U.S. market within a two-hour flight from Georgia? The Port of Savannah is experiencing the fastest growth of any port in America, with over 40 ocean carrier service calls per week – more than any other East Coast port.

If you need to move product...or people, Georgia is the best place to do it.

Our state boasts a robust talent pool from local institutions including Emory University, Georgia Southern University, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University, Atlanta University Center, University of Georgia and Kennesaw State University. Businesses in Georgia find a solid educational system that develops a well-prepared workforce for tomorrow.

The Technical College System of Georgia ensures that companies have the skilled workers needed to build and maintain a competitive edge. The 22 colleges that compose TCSG offer affordable education and excellent training in more than 600 certificate, diploma and two-year associate degree programs, helping Georgia students meet specialized knowledge and skills that today's companies need.

Colleges and universities in Georgia provide growing businesses with a steady stream of talent for growing businesses. In fact, in metro Atlanta, one-third of

adults hold a four-year college degree, well above the national average of 28 percent, providing a concentration of intellectual capital for organizations of all sizes. The University System of Georgia is composed of 26 higher education institutions including four research universities, four comprehensive universities, nine state universities and nine state colleges.

The technology industry has also found a place to thrive in the state. Forbes named Atlanta one of 5 U.S. Cities Poised to Become Tomorrow's Tech Meccas in 2017 and Realtor.com ranked Atlanta the No. 2 'Next Top Tech Town.' There are currently more than 17,000 technology companies – representing an economic impact of \$113.1 billion in Georgia. Additionally, with more than 115 cybersecurity companies generating over \$4.7 billion annually, Georgia serves as one of America's elite cybersecurity hubs, ranking No. 3 in the nation for information security.

Proof of these successes can be found in some of our most recent project announcements – and the fact that for the sixth straight year Site Selection magazine has named Georgia the No. 1 state in the nation in which to do business.

One of the world's leading elevator companies, thyssenkrupp Elevator Americas Business Unit, will create more than 650 new jobs and invest more than \$200 million in its new headquarters and innovation complex in Cobb County. Norfolk Southern announced Georgia as the home for their new headquarters in December 2018, with a plan to invest \$575 million and create 850 jobs. BioIQ a health IT company, announced in January the creation of 500 jobs and \$5 million investment through the location of its new headquarters in metro Atlanta. SK innovation, a developer and manufacturer of lithium-ion batteries for hybrid electric vehicles, is estimated to create more than 2,000 jobs and invest \$1.67 billion in a new manufacturing plant in Jackson county. Just to name a few.

In FY18, as a result of these announcements and many others, the Global Commerce division along with leadership from the state's top advocates for economic development helped create a total of 27,373 new jobs, generating \$5.56 billion in investment through a record-breaking 419 expansion or relocation projects throughout the state.

Georgia's small businesses are also thriving. In a recent report by American Express, Georgia was named the 2nd Best State of Women-Owned Business. Wallethub named Georgia the 3rd Best State to Start a Business based on data related to business environment, access to resources and business costs. In FY18, GDEcD's Entrepreneur and Small Business team served 586 small businesses, 60 percent of which are startup companies. Governor Brian Kemp is leading the charge to make Georgia the top state for small business through the creation of the Georgians First Commission and other statewide effort.

Last but certainly not least, quality of life plays an incredible role in fostering new business activity. People want to love where they live, and enjoy what their region has to offer. Georgia is a great place for business, but also provides incredible opportunities for family, relaxation and fun. Atlanta is home to incredible restaurants, museums and cultural attractions.

Beyond metro Atlanta, the state's diverse population, the blend of city and country atmosphere, and the widely varying topography all contribute to a unique lifestyle and array of experiences unmatched by other states. Lifestyle, diversity and standard of living are reasons Georgia continues to attract Fortune 500 companies, as well as the skilled, educated workforce those businesses and others need to succeed.

Providing the best resources to support thriving companies who choose to locate or grow their business in Georgia will remain a top priority for us. At the same time, we appreciate your partnership in helping us to ensure that Georgia continues to be the number one state for business. For more information on GDEcD, how we can assist companies or our economic development partners, please visit www.Georgia.org.



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Making the Choice:

Atlanta's Thriving Retirement Communities

By Helen K. Kelley

Planning for your retirement can be an exciting time. You want to live well and enjoy the benefits of all for which you've worked so hard, but making choices about how and where you'll spend your retirement years can be a bit daunting.

If you go online and do a Google search for "retirement living," you'll be hit with a barrage of information and options — including 55+ apartment homes, independent living residences, facilities that specialize in assisted living or memory care, communities that offer independent living along with a continuum of healthcare and more. How do you navigate your way through all of the data and websites to find the solution that's right for you or your family member?

Do your homework first

You may want to consider making a checklist that includes criteria that are important to you before evaluating different retirement living communities. The list might include questions like:

- What types of activities and amenities are available onsite?
- Is the location convenient to people and things that are important to me, such as family and friends, church, doctors, banks, shopping and transportation?
- Are residences available in different sizes and floor plans? Can I customize my living space?
- Are my pets welcome?
- Will I have access to healthcare if I need it later?
- Can I afford it?

Once you define the life aspects that matter most to you and prioritize them, you'll have a better idea of the retirement lifestyle and type of community that suit you.

Trending in Georgia's retirement communities

Ginny Helms, President and CEO of LeadingAge Georgia, a statewide association serving more than 170 not-for-profit and other mission-driven organizations that provide housing and services to seniors, says she has noticed changing trends in how people go about selecting a retirement community.

"In the past, people were judging by appearances, like how nicely the lobby was furnished, as an indicator of what the community was like," she said. "Today, they're looking at whether their lives will have purpose and meaning in a community that feels homelike and has the amenities they desire."

Helms says that the people who are the actual decision-makers fall into two basic groups.

"We're seeing that people who choose our life plan communities — communities that offer active independent living with a continuum of care — are planners who are accustomed to having a good quality of life. In retirement, they want the same thing," she explained. "But when it comes to assisted living, the choice of community is more likely to be made by a spouse or adult child on behalf of their family member who needs oversight due to health issues or memory loss."

Helms adds a word of caution to those who are considering an assisted living community for themselves or a loved one.

"Many times, these decisions are made in a time of crisis," she said.

"So go out and do some looking and questioning ahead of time if you can. Make sure that your or your family member's needs are going to be met."

Atlanta's "active aging" population drives the market

Today's boomers are retiring in record numbers and many are challenging a number of popular stereotypes about retirement and aging. For instance, according to the Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics, the percentage of active seniors has continuously increased since 1998, and many are seeing the benefits of their activity. A recent report published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine found that adults who lead an active lifestyle live up to 5.5 years longer than those who don't.

The desire to be more active as they age is also driving many changes in what boomers demand from retirement communities and the menu of amenities that those communities offer. In response, metro Atlanta is home to a virtual explosion of retirement communities that cater to the desires of this active aging population.



Choice, collaboration and partnerships

St. George Village, a life plan community located in Roswell, offers a wide range of choices that allow residents to customize their retirement lifestyle in ways that are the most meaningful and enjoyable to them. In response to the demand for an energetic, active lifestyle, the community offers a choice of intellectually stimulating and social opportunities, from technology classes and bridge groups to discussions of world affairs and book clubs, along with a fitness center, indoor pool, scheduled exercise classes like tai chi and yoga, walking trails, raised bed gardens and other activities.

There is also an open invitation to residents to provide input and participate in decision-making that promotes changes from which the entire community benefits.

For example, when Kanwal Raheja moved to St. George Village, he knew the community did not offer his native Indian cuisine. However, he also knew that, as a life plan retirement community, St. George Village



embraces a person-centered approach that encourages residents to actively participate and contribute ideas that are part of the community's continuing evolution. With that in mind, Kanwal approached the culinary staff with suggestions about incorporating some vegetarian dishes into the daily menus. Immediately, the team went to work on creating some recipes based on Kanwal's suggestions.

Additionally, St. George Village has formed partnerships with other organizations that make life easier for residents. One such partner is a senior move

management company that helps new residents downsize and sell their previous homes and then coordinate their entire move to St. George Village.

"We totally understand how overwhelming the very thought of moving from a home that you've lived in for many years can be. Our goal in creating this particular partnership was to ensure that our new residents could experience a stress-free process that would deliver them to a fully set-up home on moving day," said Stacy Anthony, Marketing Director. "When they walk in for the grand tour of their new residence, everything is already in place, complete with their treasured belongings. They feel right at home from the minute they arrive!"

As a life plan community and nonprofit entity, St. George Village offers a choice of entrance plans for independent living residents that provide a strategy for a secure future. These plans with their refundable entrance fees ensure predictable monthly service costs for independent living residents, along with excellent estate protection. Residents also are assured of priority access to a continuum of healthcare, including assisted living, memory care and nursing care, if and when needed.

"We believe in living well in retirement — with peace of mind for the future," said Anthony.



Family atmosphere, plus "outside the box thinking"

Somerby Sandy Springs features full-service fine dining, a bistro and social café for casual dining, library, media lounge, full-service salon/spa, concierge healthcare, state-of-the-art health and wellness center and more. The community is well located, with close proximity to world-class Northside and Emory-Saint Joseph's hospitals, shopping and entertainment, and access to major interstates and MARTA.

In addition to its large range of amenities and services, the community encourages residents to nurture their relationships with their families and friends and to form new friendships.

"We have a friendly, welcoming atmosphere here, very family-like," said Stephanie Long, Director of Sales and Marketing. "We have a couples group, a ladies group and a men's group that go out and have fun together. Our resident council is very active, plus we have resident ambassadors, who are on hand to welcome new people, ease their transition and make them feel at home."

Long says it's important not only to have first-rate amenities, but also to create a schedule of activities and events that appeal to a wide range of interests among residents and prospective residents.

"We've had great success in hosting events that bring together our residents and people who are interested in our community," she said. "Our residents are actually our best representatives. They can speak to what true independent living is all about, as well as the security of knowing they have the ability to age in place."



Long and her team practice creative thinking when it comes to planning special fun occasions — like trivia and comedy nights and a concert series, which residents' families are welcome to attend. Often, neighbors who live near Somerby are invited to attend. A recent "speed dating," which brought together 10 men and 10 women ranging in age between 75 and 96, resulted in at least one match.

"It's that kind of outside the box thinking that sets our community apart. We like to make life fun," said Long. "Some of our residents liken Somerby to a 'cruise ship'...but without the motion sickness!"

Building for a full continuum of care

Sterling Estates Senior Living Communities take pride in offering gracious, spacious retirement living. Currently, Sterling Estates has two locations — one in East Cobb and one in West Cobb — with a third breaking ground soon in Cumming in Forsyth County. All are built on substantial acreage with plenty of greenspace and room for extensive amenities packages that include numerous dining venues, wellness centers with indoor heated pools and more.



Pete Green, partner and Director of Development and Marketing/Sales for Sterling Estates, says that the communities have special appeal for active older adults who want to make the most of their retirement years, but also want to secure their future.

“Many of the people who come for a tour to see what our communities are like are couples and individuals who want to take full advantage of their independent years. But they’re also planning for the future, when they might need care,” he said. “Our Sterling Estates Senior Living Communities provide the opportunity they’re seeking to fully enjoy retirement living without the hassles of home ownership. Plus, there is a plan for healthcare if needed later, through our assisted living and memory care components of living.”

Green says that many Sterling Estates residents come from outside Atlanta and Georgia.

“In general, about 40 percent of our residents have come from outside the greater Atlanta area,” he said. “Many of those who live in our independent living cottages and garden and apartment homes have moved from other cities and states to be close to their children and grandchildren.”

The two Cobb County communities currently offer independent and assisted living, with day care programs for people who need memory care and access to third party home health and physical therapy providers. The West Cobb location will break ground this month on a dedicated memory care community adjacent to its other residences.

“We can plan for this kind of expansion because our communities are located on large acreages,” said Green. “We build to provide a full continuum of care because our residents find true value in it. They want that peace of mind, knowing they will not have to move again.”



About the organizations featured in this article

LeadingAge Georgia represents not-for-profit and other mission-driven organizations that are dedicated to providing quality housing, health care and community-based services to older Georgians. LeadingAge Georgia members offer the full array of aging services in Georgia: adult day services, home and community-based services, senior retirement housing, assisted living communities, life plan communities, nursing homes and hospice care. **For more information, visit leadingagegeorgia.org**

Located on 20 landscaped acres in historic Roswell, Ga., **St. George Village** offers an energetic, carefree and independent retirement lifestyle, enhanced by an unrivaled slate of first-class amenities, activities and cultural offerings. The community is owned by Catholic Continuing Care Retirement Communities, Inc. and managed by Wesley Woods Senior Living, Inc., which is affiliated with world-renowned Emory Healthcare. **For more information, visit stgeorgevillage.org**

Somerby Sandy Springs is one of Somerby’s eight senior living communities located in Georgia and Alabama. The 200-unit community features 128 independent living apartments, 48 assisted living apartments and 24 memory care units on more than six acres of land in Sandy Springs. Somerby’s approach to retirement living is embodied by its core values: purpose-filled, joyful, resourceful, inspired, honest and people-centered. **For more information, visit somerbyseniorliving.com**

Offering independent and assisted living along with memory care, **Sterling Estates Communities** are located in East Cobb and West Cobb, with a third location breaking ground soon in Forsyth County. Residences come in the forms of distinctive cottages, garden homes and apartments, with amenities like luxurious common areas, club-style wellness centers and exceptional dining venues. Sterling Communities uphold the values of service, faith and dependability. **For more information, visit sterlingestates.com**

Glossary of Retirement Community Terms

Independent Living: These communities commonly provide apartments, but some also offer cottages, condominiums and single-family homes. Residents include seniors who do not require assistance with daily activities or 24/7 skilled nursing, but may benefit from convenient services, senior-friendly surroundings and the increased social opportunities that independent senior living communities offer.

Assisted Living: This type of community provides housing for those who may need help with daily life activities, but do not need skilled nursing care. The level of assistance varies among communities and may include help with bathing, dressing, meals, medication management and housekeeping.

Memory Care: This is a form of long-term skilled nursing that specifically caters to patients with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia and other types of memory problems. Memory care units provide 24-hour supervised care within a separate, secure wing or floor of a residential facility.

Life Plan Community: Often referred to as Continuing Care Retirement Community, Life Plan offers independent living with a continuum of healthcare on a single campus. There is a focus on providing an active, engaging lifestyle for all residents, from those who live independently to those who require assistance with daily life tasks, memory care or skilled nursing care.



Welcome to Atlanta!

On behalf of the Georgia Restaurant Association (GRA), I would like to welcome you to Atlanta. Whether it is for a rehearsal dinner, a 90th birthday celebration or a college graduation party, restaurants know how to set the table for any occasion. Restaurants provide a gathering place and create a sense of community, while fostering social relationships, memories and just fulfilling the need for connection. Restaurateurs strive to create memorable dining experiences with relentless planning, attention to detail and commitment to service.

The restaurant industry is a very special and unique industry. In this digital world that we are living in today, we cannot go out to eat online. Restaurants still require a need for face-to-face interaction, both internally as an employer and externally as a patron.

Now more than ever, Americans are dining outside of their homes. Restaurants constitute a particularly large and growing share of our economy and it is important to promote dining out locally so that our economy continues to thrive. When supporting local businesses, there is an opportunity to preserve local character and prosperity. It creates a sense of community well-being. Dining locally will keep the dollars at home and continue to support the businesses in the area. Restaurants tend to combine our neighbors in a web of economic and social relationships.

The GRA's mission is to serve as the voice for Georgia's restaurants in advocacy, education and awareness. The GRA is sanctioned by the National Restaurant Association to operate Georgia's only not-for-profit representing the state's foodservice industry. The GRA serves as the unified voice for over 17,000 foodservice and drinking places in the state of Georgia with total sales in excess of \$17.1 billion which provides more than 438,900 jobs. From large chains to state-ups, the GRA helps make Georgia a better place for restaurants to do business and helps make restaurants better for Georgia.

So as we work to set the table for our restaurant members, let your local restaurants set the table. Enjoy the dining destinations in your community and remember to dine out and dine often.

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Dining Out in Cobb



Copeland's Restaurant

Over the past few years, the Atlanta metro area has become a foodie paradise. Chef-driven concepts are taking center stage and using locally grown, seasonal ingredients, which means diners can find any type of cuisine they may desire, from comfort food at the local diner to a wide range of ethnic cuisine and established chain restaurants. To celebrate the best and brightest, many of Cobb's cities have their own restaurant weeks throughout the year, where diners can sample some of the area's best food from a fixed-price menu. Here are just a few of Cobb's best culinary options:

Drift Fish House & Oyster Bar

4475 Roswell Rd, The Avenue East Cobb, Marietta

driftosterbar.com (770) 635-7641

Drift Fish House & Oyster Bar offers food, drinks and service in a sleek and comfortable setting. They have a seasonal menu of simply prepared coastal American fresh seafood, employing both modern and age old live wood fire cooking techniques. Inspired by travels and experience on all three US coasts and abroad, the cuisine is bound by no border, but is always fresh, bold and driven by our obsession for quality.

Canoe

4199 Paces Ferry Road SE, Atlanta
canoeatl.com (770) 432-2663

Consistently rated one of Atlanta's best restaurants, this oasis on the banks of the Chattahoochee River serves up classic American fare with a touch of Southern flair. The restaurant was forced to close in September 2009 due to severe flooding, but reopened with great fanfare just two months later.

Caper's on Main

1635 Old 41 Highway NW, Kennesaw
caperonmain.com (678) 594-7735

For more than 10 years, Caper's has been serving classic steak, seafood and pasta in a Mediterranean-tinged atmosphere. Though it moved from Main Street to a strip mall in 2010, its loyal customer base had no trouble following.

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2243 Akers Mill Road, Atlanta
heirloommarketbbq.com (770) 612-2502
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Henry's Louisiana Grill

4835 N Main St., Acworth
chefhenrys.com

(770) 966-1515

Often credited with launching the revitalization of Acworth's downtown square, Henry's recreates the Big Easy with ease, from Mardi Gras beads to authentic gumbo.

Marietta Diner

306 Cobb Parkway S, Marietta
mariettadiner.net

(770) 423-9390

It is probably no accident that the wait staff walks diners past the brightly lit dessert cases featuring foot-tall cakes on the way to their table. This 24-hour Marietta staple serves everything from breakfast to burgers.

Marlow's Tavern

marlowstavern.com
1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 208, Marietta
(770) 977-7747

745 Chastain Road NW, Suite 1160, Kennesaw

(770) 425-8777

2355 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 10, Atlanta
(770) 432-2526

With several locations around town, this local chain recreates the friendly neighborhood tavern, perfect for an after-work drink, dinner with friends or leisurely Sunday brunch.

Mountain Biscuits

1718 Old 41 Highway NW, Marietta
(770) 419-3311

Located at the edge of Kennesaw Mountain National Park, this converted gas station does

a booming business. Don't miss classics like biscuits and gravy or fried chicken biscuit.

Muss & Turner's

1675 Cumberland Parkway SE, #309, Smyrna
mussandturners.com (770) 434-1114

Not many sandwich shops can claim the kind of success bestowed upon Muss & Turner's. The Smyrna deli, wine and beer shop opened in 2005, and by early 2006 it had added a full-service bistro with a wine and beer bar.

Seed Kitchen and Bar

1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 504, Marietta
eatatseed.com (678) 214-6888

Located in East Cobb's Merchant's Walk shopping center, this chef-driven restaurant serves modern American fare and innovative cocktails.

Shillings on the Square, Marietta Square's Original Restaurant and Pub

9 N Park Square, Marietta, GA 30060

Menu: places.singleplatform.com

Order: doordash.com

(770) 428-9520

Celebrating 40 years on the Square. Quaint New England Charm with seafood, steaks, chops, soups, and generally a varied eclectic menu. Friday and Saturday nights there is a piano bar upstairs.

South City Kitchen Vinings

1675 Cumberland Pkwy SE, #401, Smyrna
vinings.southcitykitchen.com

(770) 435-0700

This outpost of the Midtown classic has been voted the best fried chicken in Cobb County, and of course, diners should also save room for its traditional banana pudding. Enjoy eating al fresco on beautiful spring and summer days.

Thaicoon & Sushi Bar

34 Mill St. NE, Marietta
thaicoonmarietta.com (678)766-0641

Located on the Marietta Square, Thaicoon has been serving traditional Thai and Japanese dishes since 2002.

Don't Forget to have Fun!

Cobb County has a wealth of entertainment options for families. Explore everything from opera performances and arts festivals to museums exhibitions and hiking trails. Below are just some of the family attractions Cobb County has to offer, along with websites for more information.

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
cobbenergycentre.com
(770) 916-2800

The 2,750-seat venue hosts Broadway shows, ballet, concerts, educational shows, family performances and the Atlanta Opera.

Earl Smith Strand Theatre
earlsmithstrand.org (770) 293-0080
This renovated 1935 Art Deco theater located on Marietta Square has a full calendar of movie screenings, concerts and other performances.

The Georgia Ballet
georgiaballet.org (770) 528-0881
In addition to their performances at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, this troupe operates a dance school for children and provides field trip performances for area students.

Georgia Symphony Orchestra
georgiasymphony.org (770) 429-7016
Founded in 1951 and now under the direction of Michael Alexander, the GSO attracts talented musicians from all over the metro area for its annual performances.

Gone With the Wind Museum
gwtwmarietta.com (770) 794-5576
This museum opened on the Marietta Square in 2003 and boasts an extensive collection of memorabilia from the famed book and movie, including scripts and costumes.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park
nps.gov/kemo (770) 427-4686
Relive one of the key battles of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign at this 2,923-acre battlefield. It has been the country's top attended NBP.

Mable House Arts Center
mablehouse.org (770) 819-7765
From children's music classes to tours of the historic house and a free summer concert series, this Mableton arts complex has something for everyone.

Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art
mariettacobbartmuseum.org
(770) 528-1444
As the only art museum in the metro area to focus on American art, the MCMA has cultivated an impressive collection of pieces from the 18th century to the present.

Marietta Museum of History
mariettahistory.org (770) 794-5710
This museum makes its home in a 19th century cotton warehouse that also served as a hospital during the Civil War. Its recently opened Aviation Wing brings the area's aviation history to life.

Mountasia Family Fun Center
mountasia.com/site/marietta
(770) 422-3440
Engage in some friendly competition at this recreational complex that includes go karts, mini golf and an arcade.

The Root House Museum
cobblandmarks.com/root-house
(770) 426-4982
The Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society operates this Greek Revival house that originally belonged to one of Marietta's first druggists.

Six Flags Over Georgia, The scorcher, courtesy of Cobb Travel & Tourism



Silver Comet Trail
silvercometga.com (404) 875-7284
From the trailhead in Smyrna, this 61.5-mile paved trail created from abandoned railway lines extends all the way to the Georgia/Alabama state line.

Six Flags Over Georgia
sixflags.com/overgeorgia (770) 739-3400
A state-of-the-art theme park with more than 100 rides, shows and attractions.

Six Flags White Water
sixflags.com/whitewater (770) 948-9290
Take the edge off the summer heat at this waterslide amusement park. Enjoy body slides, tube slides and a lazy river that winds its way around the park.

Smith-Gilbert Gardens
smithgilbertgardens.com (770) 919-0248
Boasting more than 3,000 species of plants, this garden is an impressive blend of art and horticulture.

Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History
southernmuseum.org (770) 427-2117
Learn all about Cobb County's role in some of the region's most important transportation and commerce railway lines.

SunTrust Park
atlantabraves.com
Home to the Atlanta Braves and 10 miles northwest of downtown Atlanta in the unincorporated community of Cumberland, in Cobb County, Georgia. It is the Located in The Battery Atlanta.

Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University
zuckerman.kennesaw.edu (770) 499-3223
Housed within KSU's Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books, this museum displays works from the university's permanent collection as well as contemporary work from local and national artists.

Active Adults Living Their Best Encore

Grace Huseth



People don't "retire" anymore. They reinvent themselves, reshape their lives and return to what they were first passionate about. Here are a few communities in Atlanta where 55+ residents actively enjoy their encore stage of life with the comradery of others.

Unlike retirement communities, these neighborhoods offer complete subdivisions of homes. The homes are the perfect mix of downsizing while attaining a dream home. For instance, many homes have master suites on the main level, yet have the luxury feel of granite countertops in the kitchen. Here you can focus more energy on the things you love.

Lake Arrowhead

Amidst the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and just 40 minutes north of Atlanta's I-285, **Lake Arrowhead** offers amenities for active adults with natural beauty.

The centerpiece of this waterfront community is, of course, a beautiful 540-acre lake. The lake is one of the largest privately owned man-made lakes in Georgia and also ranked one of the cleanest in the state. Pontoon boating, canoeing, kayaking, row boating, and small craft sailing are all popular ways to enjoy lake-life to the fullest and boat rental concession is offered on site.

New home designs in Sanctuary Cove, located at the north end of the lake, are now available. Lake Arrowhead's homes are defined by thoughtful architectural details and offer open floor plans, stunning features and expansive outdoor living areas, meticulously designed to complement the natural surroundings. The 28-lot neighborhood is extraordinary, offering breathtaking views and individual deep water docks.

2419 Lake Arrowhead Drive, Waleska, GA, 30183



Windsong Properties

Windsong Properties offer West Cobb an exclusive 55+ community with the feel of country living. The homes have master suites on the main level, a flexible, open great room, accessibility features, and a private courtyard retreat. Professionally maintained landscaping gives you time to get to know your new neighbors or simply relax.

The nature of North Georgia is best seen at nearby Kennesaw Mountain Historic Battlefield, known for hiking and birdwatching along 18 miles of trails and self-guided tours. If shopping and dining is more your thing, historic Marietta Square in Glover Park offers shops, restaurants and entertainment and hosts concerts, festivals, and celebrations throughout the year.

Windsong's **Bel-Aire** community is nestled in a quiet alcove in West Cobb. The traditional, craftsman style homes have brick accents and a classic rocking chair front porch. Bel-Aire is close to the Silver Comet Trail, a 61-mile walking and biking trail system yet the community also has its own private clubhouse with fitness area for gathering with friends.

1851 Bullard Road, Powder Springs, GA 30127

Conveniently located on Stilesboro Road in desirable Kennesaw is Windsong's second property, **Serenade**. This community offers distinctive two- and three-bedroom plans with accessibility features and a flexible living space to use as your life demands.

3510 Stilesboro Road, Kennesaw, GA 30152

Linton & Main is an intimate enclave of only 10 homes.

A little different from our traditional communities as there are 7 detached two story homes and 3 townhomes

They offer a master on the main plan and a two story that is elevator capable. Featuring private courtyard retreats, open floorplans, second floor balconies. Professionally maintained lawns providing the low maintenance lifestyle. 2 Blocks from the Woodstock City Center so homeowners can stroll down for shopping, dining and entertainment.

101 Linton Street, Woodstock, Georgia 30188

Jim Chapman Communities

Jim Chapman was personally named one of the TOP 100 most influential people in Atlanta's competitive housing industry by the Atlanta Business Chronicle. He has created a number of active adult communities strategically crafted with wider doorways, zero-step entries, and masters with elevator access. His current top five communities are...

The Cottages at Horseshoe Bend in Roswell offers 19 new homes, all with master suites on the main level. The proximity of the community to the Chattahoochee River makes The Cottages perfect for nature lovers.

2415 Steeplechase Lane, Roswell, GA 30076

Casually elegant, spacious and well-appointed, two story homes in **Boxwood at Vinings** have brick and cedar exteriors with beautifully landscaped and hardscaped grounds. Two of the floor plans feature a master on main and the third has an option for an elevator. Screened-in, covered rear patios

have a vented fireplace, hearth and mantle for cozy nights.

2075 Cooper Lake Dr. SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

Nestledown Farm in Cumming is a private, gated active adult community located just minutes from Downtown Cumming. This community is convenient to shopping and restaurants, Northside Forsyth Hospital and Sawnee Mountain Preserve, 963 acres of scenic passive space and hiking trails that visibly links to the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountain Range.

1510 Sawnee Dr, Cumming, GA 30040

Just east of the Outlet Shoppes in Woodstock is **Sweet Briar Farms**. The three and four bedroom detached single-family homes have two-car attached garage with covered entry, porch and rear patios.

301 Sweetbriar Circle, Woodstock, GA 30188

The Overlook at Old Atlanta located in South Forsyth County, is conveniently close to Atlanta as well as Lake Lanier and the north Georgia mountains. The gated community features 130 homes, including 56 detached single-family homes with three or four bedrooms each, plus 74 attached villas with three bedrooms each.

5801 Old Atlanta Rd, Suwanee, GA 30024

"After living here for more than a year, I am happy and pleased that I am here. Jim Chapman and his staff have been exceptionally nice and have taken excellent care of me. As a widow, it is a blessing for me to live in senior adult gated community that takes care of maintenance and yard work," said resident Mary Reynolds.

Sterling on the Lake

Sterling on the Lake is a vibrant community in Flowery Branch. The Springs, a single-level living, low-maintenance neighborhood within Sterling on the Lake, is ideal for active adults who want to connect with their neighbors. Residents have endless options to stroll the trails near protected open space and private lakes or meet up in one of the many empty nester clubs, such as the lively ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) or yoga groups. A full-time activities director

keeps the community active with year-round activities and events including chili cook-offs, fishing tournaments and live jazz nights.

Each October, the community hosts the Sterling on the Lake Harvest Balloon Festival. The festival is filled with fun fall activities such as pumpkin painting, balloon rides, music and food. You can experience floating with a tethered hot air balloon ride or book a full flight over Flowery Branch.

Two popular communities at Sterling on the Lake include The Cove and The Preserve. The Cove is a neighborhood of homes with views of the lake, craftsman style kitchens and large living areas. The Preserve is a larger estate, which features one-acre home sites and allow for each resident to apply their own personal touches with the help of Cook Residential and Millcreek Builders.

All of the amenities in Sterling on the Lake serve to bring neighbors together and foster lasting bonds within the community. Residents like Neil Catapono share warm feelings about living here: "Love the community as a whole: The people, comradery, caring and friendships. Sterling attracts a very genuine group of people. The staff makes us feel like they want us to be happy and make it a great place to live. There is a great sense of community and it is a magical place to call home. The only place we have ever found that is as harmonious with us as empty nesters and families. It gave us a sense of belonging."

7004 Lake Sterling Blvd., Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Cresswind at Lake Lanier

Cresswind at Lake Lanier was recently named "Best Active Senior Community" in Atlanta Best Self Magazine's "Best of 2016" contest. The gated, active-adult community located in Gainesville hugs the shore of beautiful Lake Lanier. The community offers a variety of two and three bedroom ranch-style floor plans (some with basements) to fit any lifestyle. These models were available in four series that ranged from 1,275 to 2,640 square feet.

For 2017, dozens clubs have been approved by Cresswind ranging from photography and watercolor painting to fishing

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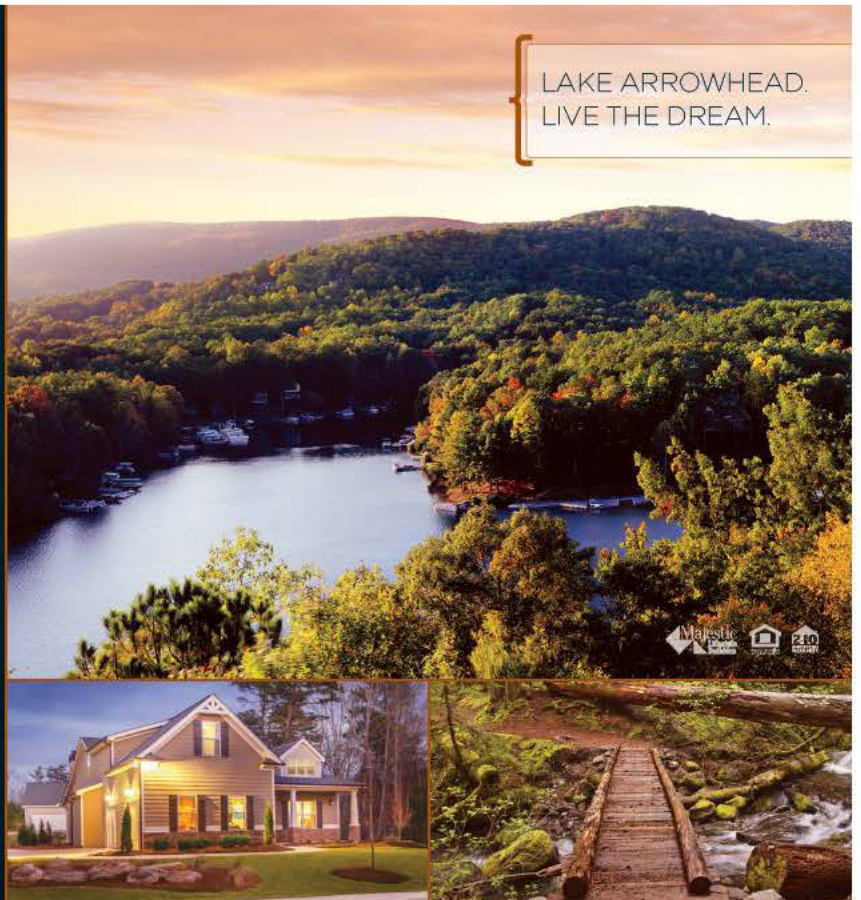
Luxury Lakeside Living - Homes \$300s - \$800s

New 28-lot neighborhood featuring breathtaking views and offering individual deep water docks.

This beautiful master planned mountain, lake, golfing community is just 40 minutes from Atlanta, convenient to nearby Canton and minutes from the new, state-of-the-art Northside Cherokee Hospital. The vast list of amenities is much too long to list here and includes eight miles of walking/hiking trails, pickleball, championship golf and a crystal clear 540-acre lake surrounded by picturesque mountain views. For the full list of amenities and much more information, visit www.lakearrowheadga.com.



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Woodstock has 86 homes in Cherokee County Is 50% sold, clubhouse and pool were just finished and we look forward to many Meet & Greets in the new clubhouse. Our 3rd community located in Kennesaw is Battle Park with 71 homes. We are breaking ground on the clubhouse and pool and looking forward to a busy spring.

As the first residents of Longleaf, we have had the pleasure of watching the vision for this community continue to blossom. Our search for an active adult community with lower taxes and attractive amenities was our original reason for downsizing and relocating to Longleaf. After one year, we are thrilled with our decision! We love the quality of workmanship, the open floor plan concept and the fact that it is practically maintenance free. With its affordable taxes, proximity to major interstates, club house, pool and wonderful neighbors and numerous community gatherings, who could ask for anything more?

John and Sue Kranyecz, Longleaf, Woodstock, Georgia.

14295 Highway 92, Suite 109, Woodstock, Georgia 30188

and model railroads. The diversity includes bowling, bridge, cooking classes, theater, garden Samba, kayaking, pickleball, and yes, a wine tasting club. Resident Gary Hulton said, "All I can say is "WOW" If this is retirement, then sign me up! For those of you have not yet experienced the thrill of dancing or singing the night away, come on out, have fun, be with your friends and neighbors. You will not regret it; even better things are yet to come."

Cresswind Landing, the on-property boathouse including slip ownership and day dock opportunities, is an incredible amenity for the residents of Cresswind at Lake Lanier to enjoy the sparkling lake.

Only 45 minutes from Atlanta and a short drive from north Fulton county, Cresswind is also minutes from Chateau Elan Winery and Golf Resort, the Blue Ridge Mountains, Mall of Georgia, Road Atlanta and more.

3007 Scarlet Oak Lane, Gainesville, GA 30504



Longleaf Communities

Look through the branches, way up high, and you may spot a Longleaf Pine, a magnificent tree that towers as high as 120 feet and can live for over 500 years. The tree serves as one of the most ecologically important tree species in the Atlanta region and famously nurtures a diverse ecosystem.

Longleaf communities doesn't fall far from their namesake tree. The active adult communities in Marietta, West Cobb and Woodstock plan to thrive in the Atlanta metro area with the same strength by nurturing a neighborly network of homes. Longleaf homes are designed with flexible floor plans, first floor bedrooms and bathrooms, contemporary kitchens and two car garages- plus all exterior maintenance and landscaping provided!

Longleaf communities started in Marietta with 69 English cottage style homes in Village Green at East Cobb. In 2017, we have 7 opportunities remaining in our 2nd phase.. Longleaf

Sterling Estates

Sterling Estates Senior Living Communities are active senior living communities with a variety of housing options with services and amenities that are designed to promote healthy aging.

Residents may choose from independent living residences that include cottages, garden homes and apartments or the large main residences that provide both independent living and assisted living help when needed. Sterling Estates of West Cobb is slated to open a separate memory care residence on their campus in the first half of 2019. All Sterling residents have personal emergency transponders to notify staff in case of an emergency, 24/7 nursing care and nearby access to two major hospitals in Cobb County. Additionally, third party therapy companies, health care professionals and doctors are available to treat residents on-site at both Sterling Estates communities.

The "Living a Sterling Life" motto is all about promoting a whole-person wellness lifestyle of active engagement concentrating on physical, mental, social and spiritual wellness. They have a large Wellness center with an indoor heated saline pool and exercise programs tailored to individual needs; a variety of dining venues that promote nutritious and healthy eating; a wide range of social and intellectually stimulating activities, including multiple resident centered activity clubs, a large resident communal garden, bocce ball, off campus trips and much more.

Cities in Cobb

County Population: 741,334 **County Seat:** Marietta
Median Household Income: \$70,246 **Median Home Price:** \$224,300
Square Miles: 340 **Millage Rate:** 28.75
Municipalities: Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, Powder Springs, and Smyrna

Acworth

acworth.org

(770) 974-3112

Acworth, also known as the “Lake City,” is experiencing rapid residential growth as newcomers discover its natural beauty, recreational opportunities and stable economic base. Once a busy trade center on the Western and Atlantic Railroad, Acworth was incorporated in 1860. Located just 35 miles northwest of Atlanta, Acworth boasts a small-town atmosphere with easy access to the city via Interstate 75 or Highway 41. Acworth makes great use of its location on the banks of Lake Acworth and Lake Allatoona with a full calendar of events, such as a national wakeboard competition, Easter Egg hunt and road races, plus year-round recreational opportunities, like swimming, boating and camping. In addition to its 12 parks, Acworth is also home to Cobblestone Golf Course, which was recently ranked the No. 1 public course in the state by Golf Digest. Its historic downtown district offers an eclectic collection of antique shops and modern boutiques. As a Georgia Main Street city, Acworth is committed to preserving its historic buildings for generations to come.

Austell

austellga.gov

(770) 944-4300

Once known as Salt Springs, Austell was a popular location for hunters, who came to hunt the deer attracted to the area’s salt licks. The hunters claimed the area’s water also had medicinal properties and so they began to settle there. Around the same time, the Georgia Pacific division of the Southern Railway made Austell the main station between its lines headed to Birmingham and Chattanooga. The town is named for Gen. Alfred Austell, who founded the Atlanta National Bank (which later became Wachovia) because of his efforts to lure major railways South. Austell is buried in Atlanta’s Oakland Cemetery. Today, Austell is a thriving historical center located just 18 miles from Atlanta, with a population of around 6,000 people. Six Flags Over Georgia, a 290-acre theme park, lies just outside the city limits and draws many visitors throughout the year.

Kennesaw

kennesaw-ga.gov

(770) 424-8274

One of the metro area’s most historical cities, Kennesaw was originally one of the shanty towns that sprang up around the Western and Atlantic Railroad in the 1830s. Many of these towns were destroyed by Sherman’s army during the Civil War, but were subsequently rebuilt. Kennesaw was incorporated in 1887 and has been growing ever since. It is now home to one of the state’s best school systems, as well as institutes of higher learning, like Kennesaw State University, the state’s third largest university. Parks and other recreational opportunities abound in Kennesaw, the home of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Earlier this year, Kennesaw landed the No. 10 spot on SafeWise’s list of the 50 Safest Cities in Georgia. This family-oriented town hosts a wealth of events and festivals throughout the year, from outdoor movies, a farmers market and road races to the annual Pigs & Peaches BBQ and Taste of Kennesaw festivals.

Marietta

marietta.org

(770) 794-5530

Marietta, the county seat of Cobb, is known for its historic town square and small town charm. Chock full of shops and restaurants, as well as a full calendar of festivals, concerts and other events in the square’s Glover Park, the square is also home to the famed Earl Strand Theatre. The 1935 Art Deco theater was restored and reopened in 2009 and hosts movies, concerts and shows year-round. Education is a top priority in Marietta. As an International Baccalaureate World School District, Marietta City Schools was the first district in Georgia to offer the IB Middle Years

Program for grades 6–10. The district is also home to five Georgia Schools of Excellence and one National School of Excellence. With more than 56,000 residents calling Marietta home, the city truly has something for everyone. In 2011, CNNMoney.com named Marietta one of the top 25 places in the country to retire.

Powder Springs

cityofpowdersprings.org

(770) 943-1666

Originally chartered as Springville in 1839, Powder Springs was well known for its seven medicinal and therapeutic springs. One historic spring is preserved in a local park not far from the Seven Springs Museum and the Silver Comet Trail. It has a population of over 15,000, up from 7,000 in 1990, and embodies the spirit of community that is prevalent throughout Cobb County with a nod to both its small town character and planned quality growth. Significant redevelopment projects are underway in the city’s historic downtown. Their premier downtown access to the Silver Comet Trail across Cobb County is convenient to businesses and neighborhoods along Marietta Street and to expanding amenities at the city’s linear park on Richard D. Sailors Parkway. The Silver Comet Trail and the city’s 5K-certified Wild Horse and Lucille Creek trails form a unique pedestrian and bike-friendly loop around the city’s historic core, and a new \$4 million downtown park will feature a trailhead entrance and inviting public space where trail travelers can take a break to enjoy casual dining at the Marietta Street Grill and Café and Hawg’s Best Friend or shop at the Bookwork or Hand Me Ups. Timed to open with park completion, Railcat Brewing Company will be located in a renovated c.1900 building. The preserved Country Store on Marietta Street boasts the oldest wooden framed Coca Cola sign in Georgia. In 2018, the city issued 192 building permits for single family homes, an increase of 8% over 2017, reflecting approximately \$36 million in new investment in Powder Springs. In particular, groundbreaking events held at the end of January 2019 highlight the residential dimension of downtown growth with new development underway by Hollywood Construction and Fischer Homes. With land available for light industrial, commercial and residential development, plus access to major transit routes and nearby air, rail and intermodal centers, Powder Springs checks off many important boxes for investors and developers. Innovative changes in land inspection, plan review, and permitting processes set in 2017 have continued to save significant project time for developers and reflect the City’s vision - Inspired, Invigorated, Innovative..

Smyrna

ci.smyrna.ga.us

Population: 55,000

(770) 434-6600

Just 15 minutes from downtown Atlanta, Smyrna is known as the Jonquil City for the many blooms seen each spring. Once considered a sleepy bedroom suburb of Atlanta, Smyrna has fully come into its own with recognition for a successful rejuvenated downtown area. The Village Green provides a community atmosphere featuring shopping, dining, a community center, and city hall all intertwined with residential spaces. This area is structured in a Williamsburg style, with a central fountain surrounded by a long brick road. The Smyrna Community Center offers residents multiple spaces for meetings, activities, and athletics. The City attracts the millennials with its proximity to downtown Atlanta, many parks and restaurants. It is 15 square miles and has 304 acres of park and green space. The City of Smyrna was awarded the Urban Land Institute’s Award for Excellence and is recognized as one of the most desirable places to live in the entire Metropolitan Atlanta area, “the place to be...the place to call home”.

Courtesy of the Cobb County Chamber



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Unincorporated Areas

East Cobb

Typically defined as the area east of I-75 and south of Town Center at Cobb, East Cobb is a vibrant and prosperous residential and commercial community. The Cumberland-Galleria business district is a major hub for conventions and retail, and in 2017 will be the new home of the Atlanta Braves major league baseball team. Though not a municipality, it is a strong residential draw because of its excellent public schools and well planned subdivisions. Shopping opportunities abound at centers like Merchant's Walk and the Avenues East Cobb. Numerous parks offering recreational activities and a close proximity to the cultural events of Atlanta continue to lure newcomers across the Chattahoochee River to this popular locale.

Vinings

Just over the Chattahoochee River from the city of Atlanta, the small historic community of Vinings continues to attract those searching for unique shopping and dining experiences. With the affluent West Paces Ferry portion of Buckhead and the suburban community of Smyrna close by, the Vinings area offers a wide variety of residential opportunities and recreational activities. Vinings Jubilee is considered by residents to be the town center, maintaining an historic look and feel. The business climate is thriving, led by the headquarters of Home Depot that is located just outside of Vinings. The main east/west road that goes through the town is Paces Ferry Road. The area has always been and still is a very desirable area for Cobb County residents.

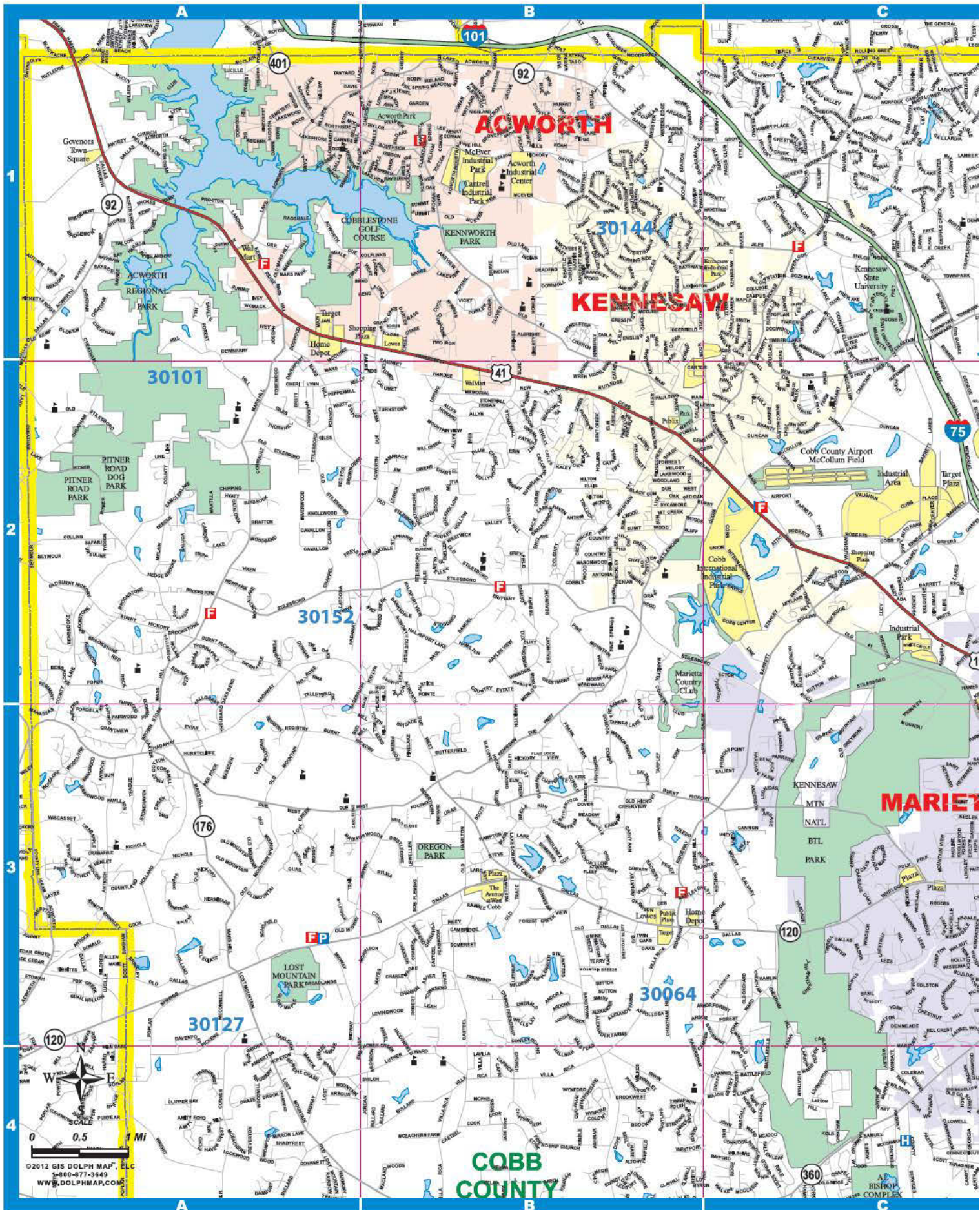
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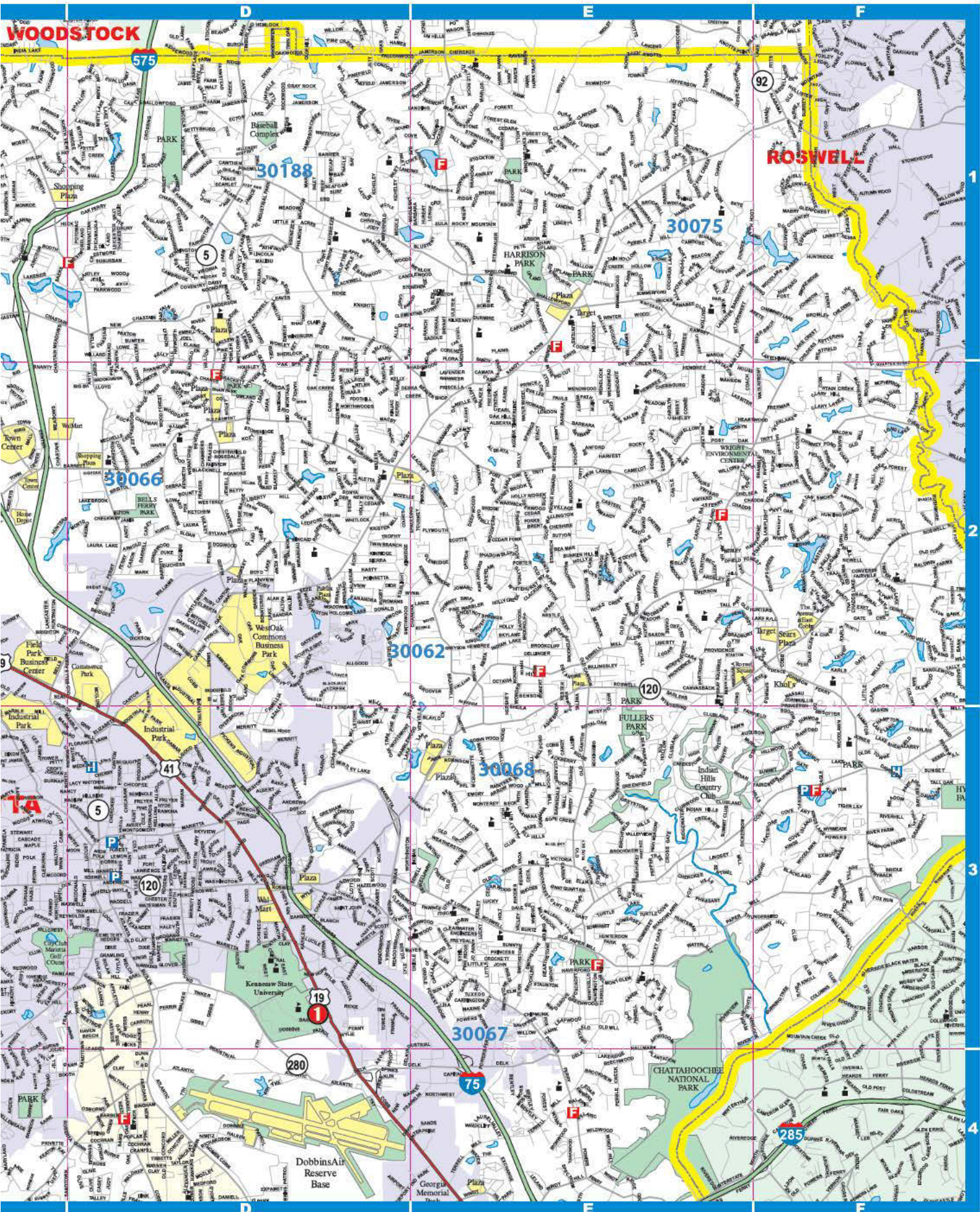
Mableton, which occupies more than 20 square miles between interstates 285 and 20, is the Atlanta area's largest unincorporated area. It is also one of Cobb County's most historic areas, as the Mable House Plantation was used as a camp by Federal troops during the Civil War. The Mable House is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is being leased to the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department for concerts and other events. The complex also has an amphitheater and arts center. Its proximity to the major business districts of both Cobb County and the city of Atlanta, as well as the Silver Comet Trail, make it an ideal location for families and businesses alike.

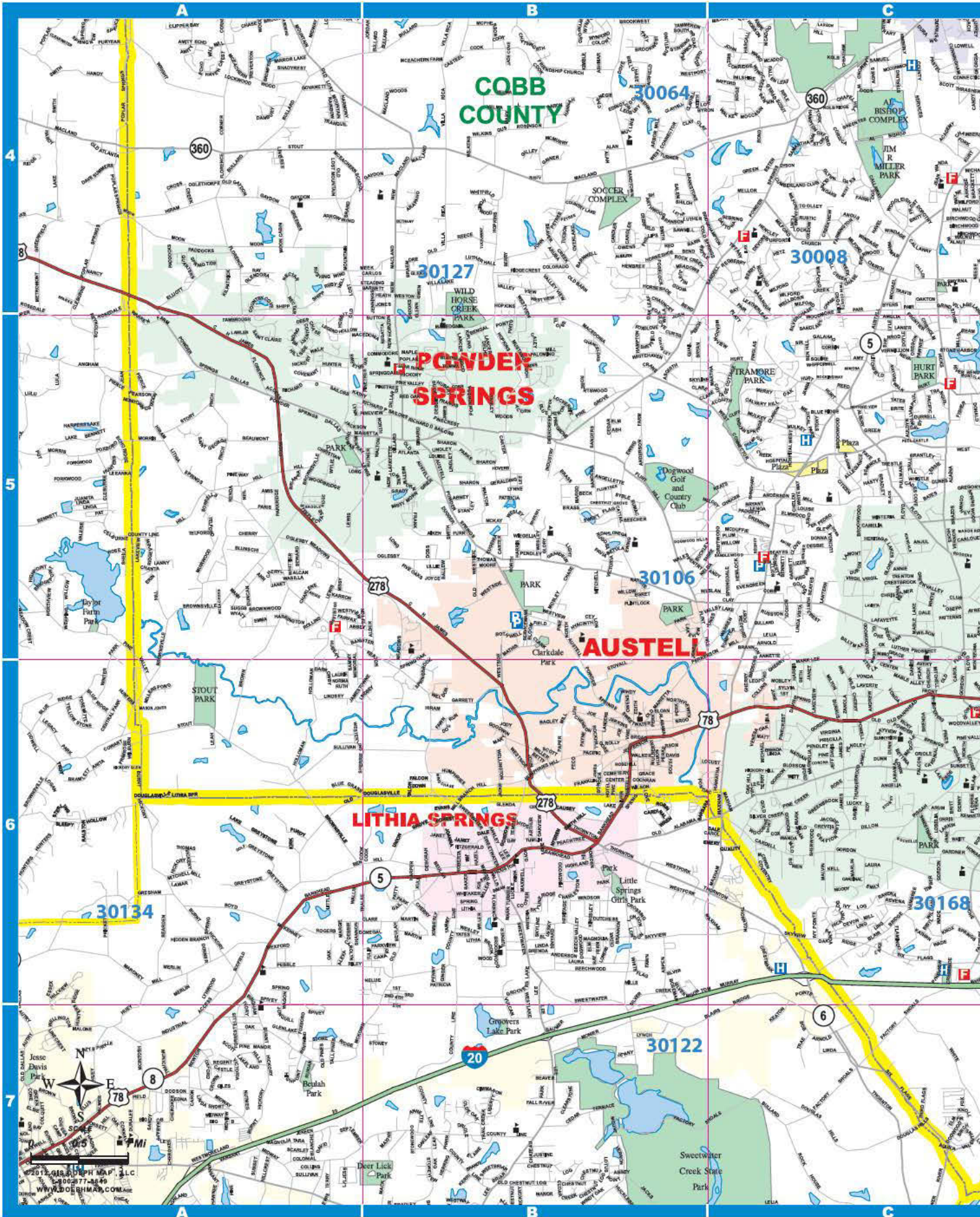
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