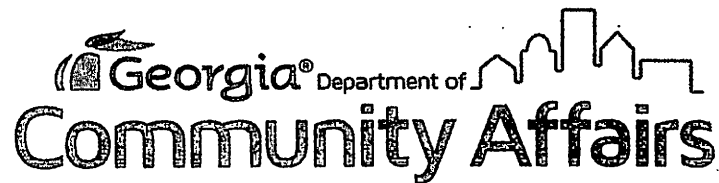


Nathan Deal
Governor



Camila Knowles
Commissioner

October 28, 2016

Honorable Denis Shortal
Mayor, City of Dunwoody
41 Perimeter Center East, Suite 250
Dunwoody, Georgia 30346

Dear Mayor Shortal:

Congratulations! I am pleased to announce that the City of Dunwoody has been selected as a PlanFirst community by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This prestigious designation enables you to take advantage of the various incentives offered through the program. This PlanFirst designation will last for 3 years: January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2019. It is quite the honor to be recognized for all your hard work and successful comprehensive plan implementation efforts over many years.

We have scheduled a visit to your community on December 12, 2016 to make the formal presentation of your designation to the City Council. Following that visit, we will finalize the *Memorandum of Agreement* that will memorialize the rewards and responsibilities which accompany the PlanFirst designation. In addition, we are working to schedule a "PlanFirst Day" at the Capitol in January where we will celebrate the PlanFirst designees. At this Capitol event, we will officially present you with your PlanFirst award which we hope you will prominently display in city hall. We will send you the date when it has been confirmed.

One benefit of your PlanFirst designation is the incentives available to designees from DCA and GEFA during your designation period. Incentives available to the PlanFirst designees include:

- *Statewide recognition for community achievement*
- *PlanFirst Community plaque indicating date of designation*
- *Annual CDBG application eligibility*
- *Bonus points on applications for select DCA programs such as EIP, DDRLF and the Redevelopment Fund*
- *Access to a reduced interest rate on certain Georgia Environmental Financing Authority (GEFA) state loans*
- *Free attendance at the DCA Community Planning Institute events*



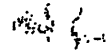
I commend you on your efforts that have led to this prominent designation. The City of Dunwoody will be recognized across the State of Georgia as a community that possesses a vision of its future and maintains an active strategy for implementing that vision. We are looking forward to working with pertinent staff in the coming years as we identify other communities that have demonstrated success in great community planning. Adriane Wood from the DCA Office of Planning and Environmental Management will be contacting you to secure a date for us to meet with you.

Once again, congratulations! This is a well-deserved acknowledgement of successful planning. We look forward to honoring your achievement.

Sincerely,



Brian Johnson, Director
Office of Planning and Environmental Management



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