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“A city is not gauged by its length and width, but by the broadness of its vision and the height of its dreams.”

Herb Caen



Mayor Mike Mason

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

This is an exciting time to be in Peachtree Corners. It's quickly becoming one of the best places to live – not just in Gwinnett County but in the entire metro area. I'm happy to report that it is thriving since becoming a city just three short years ago.

The past 12 months have been vibrant for our city, especially in terms of economic growth. Our unemployment and retail vacancy rates continue to drop as the city enjoys strong, sustained growth. Corporations continue to move their headquarters here, and construction is beginning to boom. And that is only the beginning.

Our young city has taken on some key projects to enhance the quality of life in Peachtree Corners:

- Developing a Town Center, which will include retail stores, restaurants, entertainment, townhomes and a town green. This will help our community create a “sense of place” and will be a great location for community gatherings. Ground breaking should take place in Spring 2016.
- Forming a business incubator to revitalize Tech Park and the region. Incubators are proving to be economic engines for job creation by encouraging entrepreneurship.
- Creating a roadmap to improve the Winters Chapel Road area, providing more pedestrian-friendly and safe places for our residents. We are partnering with the City of Dunwoody on this important project.
- Studying ways to improve the Holcomb Bridge Road corridor. This is an important and vital part of our community and it is essential to see this corridor redeveloped.
- With help from urban planners, identifying what will become the city's central business district. This area includes 1,450 acres that stretches from the new town center along Peachtree Parkway south to Holcomb Bridge Road. Bicycle and walking trails will crisscross through town connecting residential areas with Technology Park and the Town Center.
- Supporting the County's leadership to save the Simpsonwood retreat by contributing to their offer to purchase the site. This area will finally be preserved as a passive park for future generations of Peachtree Corners residents.
- And finally, establishing a Veterans Memorial to recognize the men and women of Peachtree Corners who are serving or have served in our country's armed forces.

We are at the very beginning of real progress in Peachtree Corners.

My thanks to all the citizens of Peachtree Corners who made the past year so remarkable and to everyone who is dedicated to building a bright future for our great city.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mayor Mike Mason



Phillip Sadd
Post 1



Jay Lowe
Post 2

PEACHTREE CORNERS CITY COUNCIL

Gwinnett County's newest and largest city, Peachtree Corners was founded July 1 2012. The city is home to some 38,500 residents and more than 2,300 businesses. The city is governed by the Mayor and six City Council members.



Alex Wright
Post 3



Jeanne Aulbach
Post 4



Lorri Christopher
Post 5



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Post 6

COLLABORATING FOR WINTERS CHAPEL CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Landscaping, lighting and sidewalks are among the improvements residents can look forward to, thanks to a collaborative effort with the City of Dunwoody.

Beginning with a joint study, Peachtree Corners is working closely with its neighbor, Dunwoody, to improve safety and enhance the appearance of the Winters Chapel Road, which winds through both cities. The 2.5-mile stretch of road runs from Peachtree Industrial Boulevard to Spalding Drive.

The shared vision for the corridor encompasses adding sidewalks, crossings and lighting for pedestrians – a pedestrian island and crosswalk at Spring Drive – and incorporating landscaping and pocket parks. The project also calls for adding curbs and gutters to improve drainage in some areas.

Peachtree Corners-based urban planning and engineering firm Pond & Company conducted the study. The first phase includes sidewalks along the north side of Winters Chapel Road between Spring Drive and Winterbrook Court, funded through a Local Maintenance Improvement Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation. Construction is scheduled for Fall 2015.



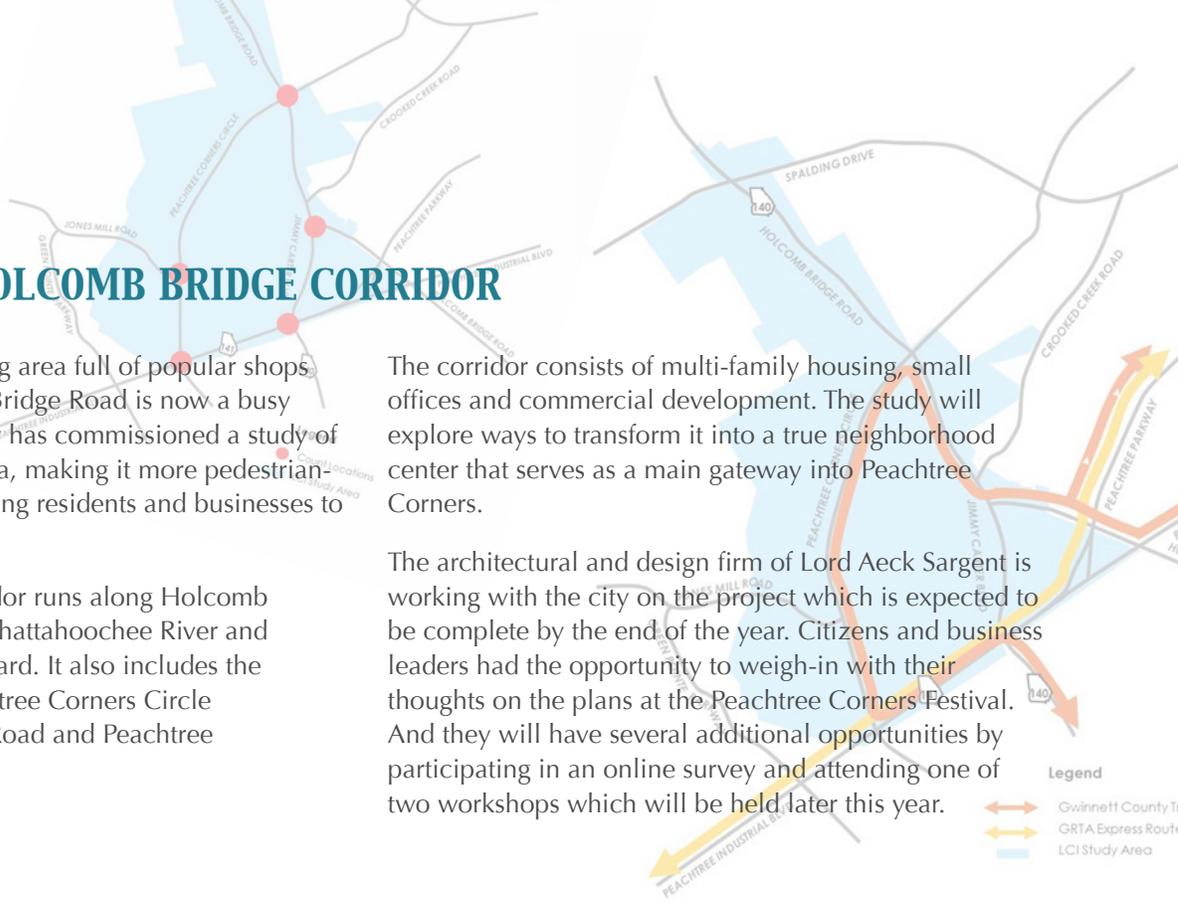
REVITALIZING HOLCOMB BRIDGE CORRIDOR

Once a thriving and bustling area full of popular shops and restaurants, Holcomb Bridge Road is now a busy commuter corridor. The city has commissioned a study of ways to re-energize this area, making it more pedestrian-friendly and better connecting residents and businesses to the rest of the community.

The Holcomb Bridge Corridor runs along Holcomb Bridge Road between the Chattahoochee River and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. It also includes the area on both sides of Peachtree Corners Circle between Holcomb Bridge Road and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.

The corridor consists of multi-family housing, small offices and commercial development. The study will explore ways to transform it into a true neighborhood center that serves as a main gateway into Peachtree Corners.

The architectural and design firm of Lord Aeck Sargent is working with the city on the project which is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Citizens and business leaders had the opportunity to weigh-in with their thoughts on the plans at the Peachtree Corners Festival. And they will have several additional opportunities by participating in an online survey and attending one of two workshops which will be held later this year.



CREATING A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

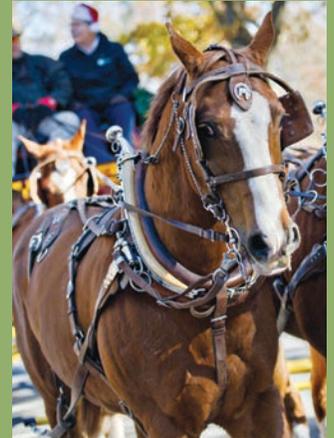
In April 2014, Peachtree Corners embarked on one of the most exciting phases in its young life: the creation of a central business district.

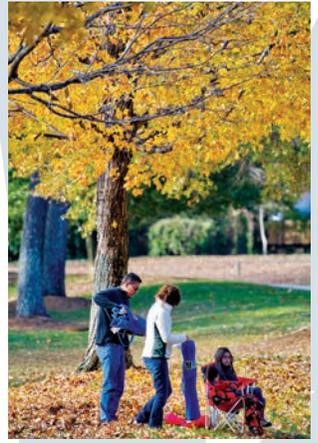
Through a Livable Centers Initiative grant awarded in January, the city and its consultants launched a comprehensive study aimed at developing a walkable, connected downtown core to help build a stronger community identity.

Residents and business owners and operators provided input into the study that began in 2014 through a series of community meetings.

Recommended by the Downtown Development Authority, which reviewed proposals from five firms, the city's partner on the project is the architectural and design firm of Lord Aeck Sargent.









ESTABLISHING A NEW TOWN CENTER

Imagine a town center with restaurants, entertainment venues and a sprawling 2-acre town green for community gatherings, all to be located within the city's new downtown area.

City leaders revealed plans for the Town Center located on the 20-plus acres across from The Forum in October. The mixed-use development will also include townhomes and plenty of parking for special events.

Atlanta-based Fuqua Development began working on the concept plan in 2013. The project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2017.



IMPROVING TRAFFIC NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST

Residents who travel through the city during rush hour know where traffic tie-ups can slow them down. Thanks to a partnership with the county and state, relief is on its way.

Through an intergovernmental agreement approved in November 2014, Peachtree Corners has partnered with Gwinnett County on four projects as part of the 2014 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax or SPLOST.

- Peachtree Parkway (State Road 141) at Peachtree Industrial Boulevard – Adding a southbound lane on Peachtree Parkway from Holcomb Bridge Road onto the controlled access portion of SR 141 and a lane on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard southbound to Winters Chapel Road will improve traffic flow. The project will be completed in partnership with Gwinnett County and the Georgia Department of Transportation, with the city investing \$380,000.
- Buford Highway at Jimmy Carter Boulevard (State Road 140) – Funding a collective \$3 million toward a \$10 million right-of-way project designed to reduce congestion at this intersection.
- Spalding Drive from Winters Chapel Road to Holcomb Bridge Road – Widening of Spalding drive will both improve safety and alleviate a bottleneck entering and leaving the city. The project is estimated at \$3 million with \$730,000 coming from the city and county.
- Jimmy Carter Boulevard (State Road 140) and Holcomb Bridge Road – Implementing improvements at this intersection will improve operations as well as vehicle and pedestrian safety. The city has allocated \$600,000 for this project.

Work on all four projects is expected to begin within the next two years.





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