

# Analysis of Data and Information: Community Facilities and Cultural Resources

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4 schools within Peachtree Corners

1 historic site on the national register

6.8 acres of park per 1000 people

People want *more* access to the Chattahoochee River

No *public gathering spaces*

## PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Peachtree Corners is served by Gwinnett County’s fire department. There is one fire station within Peachtree Corners and two just outside the City (See Figure 31).

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Peachtree Corners is also served by Gwinnett County police. The city is in the Gwinnet County Police Department’s West Precinct.

### HEALTH SERVICES

While there are no emergency medical centers within Peachtree Corners, there are several nearby, including the Gwinnett Medical Center in Duluth, St. Joseph’s Hospital, Emory John’s Creek Hospital, and Northside Hospital in Sandy Springs, and a number of smaller urgent care and specialized facilities.

## EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

### SCHOOLS

There are several schools within Peachtree Corners, which is served by the Gwinnett County Board of Education. The western side and center of Peachtree Corners are in the Norcross Schools cluster, which includes Norcross Elementary, Norcross High, Peachtree Elementary, Pinckneyville Middle, Simpson Elementary, Stripling Elementary, and Summerour Middle. The eastern side of Peachtree Corners is in the Duluth Schools cluster, which includes Berkeley Lake Elementary, Duluth High, and Duluth Middle. The Wesleyan School and Cornerstone Christian Academy are private schools that are located in Peachtree Corners. Additionally, there is a charter school for girls, Ivy League Prep.

Table 38. Schools that serve Peachtree Corners

Name	Cluster	Type	Grades	Address	Website
Berkeley Lake Elementary School	Duluth	Public	K-5	4300 S. Berkeley Lake Road	<a href="http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/BerkeleyLakeES/home.html">http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/BerkeleyLakeES/home.html</a>
Cornerstone Christian Academy	N/A	Private	K-8	5295 Triangle Parkway	<a href="http://www.cornerstonecougars.org/">http://www.cornerstonecougars.org/</a>
Duluth High School	Duluth	Public	9-12	3737 Brock Road	<a href="http://www.duluthhigh.org/index.php">http://www.duluthhigh.org/index.php</a>
Duluth Middle School	Duluth	Public	6-8	3200 Pleasant Hill Road	<a href="http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/DuluthMS/home.html">http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/DuluthMS/home.html</a>
Ivy League Prep	N/A	Charter	6-10	3705 Engineering Drive	<a href="http://int.ivyprepacademy.org/gwinnett">http://int.ivyprepacademy.org/gwinnett</a>
Norcross Elementary School	Norcross	Public	K-5	150 Hunt Street	<a href="http://www.norcrosselementaryschool.org/home.htm">http://www.norcrosselementaryschool.org/home.htm</a>
Norcross High School	Norcross	Public	9-12	5300 Spalding Drive	<a href="http://www.norcrosshigh.org/home.aspx">http://www.norcrosshigh.org/home.aspx</a>
Peachtree Elementary School	Norcross	Public	K-5	5995 Crooked Creek Road	<a href="http://www.peachtreecorner.org/">http://www.peachtreecorner.org/</a>
Pinckneyville Middle School	Norcross	Public	K-5	5440 W. Jones Bridge Road	<a href="http://pinckneyvillemiddle.org/home.html">http://pinckneyvillemiddle.org/home.html</a>
Simpson Elementary School	Norcross	Public	K-5	4525 E. Jones Bridge Road	<a href="http://www.simpsonsuperstars.org/home.html">http://www.simpsonsuperstars.org/home.html</a>
Stripling Elementary School	Norcross	Public	K-5	6155 Atlantic Boulevard	<a href="http://striplinges.weebly.com/">http://striplinges.weebly.com/</a>
Summerour Middle School	Norcross	Public	6-8	585 Mitchell Road	<a href="http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/SummerourMS/home.html">http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/SummerourMS/home.html</a>
Wesleyan School	N/A	Private	K-12	5405 Spalding Drive	<a href="http://www.wesleyanschool.org/">http://www.wesleyanschool.org/</a>

\*schools within Peachtree Corners in gray



## LIBRARY

The Gwinnett County Public Library system has one branch in Peachtree Corners, the Peachtree Corners Public Library.

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

### THE ARTS

Big Cinemas Peachtree Theater is an eight screen movie theater on Peachtree Parkway, inside Market Place shopping center. Other than the cinema, there are a couple of small, private studios for children to learn music and dance but no larger or public arts venues in the city.

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

There are several archaeological sites within Peachtree Corners. They are all on the northern edge of the City, along the Chattahoochee River. The Mechanicsville School is the only site within Peachtree Corners that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to the Mechanicsville School, there are several sites that are not on the register but have been documented by the FindIt! Historic Resources Survey Partnership (Gwinnett Unified Development Plan). One of these is the steel bridge at Jones Bridge Park. The bridge was opened in 1904, but during World War II a group of people posing as government worker dismantled and removed half of the bridge to sell for scrap. The remaining half still stands in the river to this day.



The Mechanicsville School, a one-room schoolhouse built in 1911.

## RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

The main recreational facility in Peachtree Corners is the Pinckneyville Park, which is in the southeast portion of the City, and the Pinckneyville soccer complex, which is just outside the City's borders. Pinckneyville Park straddles the city limits, but the complex includes a roller hockey rink, a free skate area, a seven-field baseball/softball complex, a dog park, and a 2.4 mile multipurpose trail.

Other than Pinckneyville Park, there are three accessible park areas along the Chattahoochee: Holcomb Bridge Park, Jones Bridge Park, and Medlock Bridge. These parks offer trails and river access. Still, the southern part of the City has no open space parks, and the City as a whole lacks small neighborhood parks or recreational facilities.



Historic Jones Bridge



One of Peachtree Corners' few public recreational facilities for children, the playground at Jones Bridge Park.

According to the Gwinnett Unified Plan, the County as a whole is underserved by parks. In Peachtree Corners, too, park access is limited. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommends between 6.25 and 10.5 acres of park per 1,000 people. At approximately 229 acres of park land and an estimated population of 39,027, Peachtree Corners has about 6.8 acres of park per 1,000 people. This figure meets NRPA recommendations, but many of these acres are not public, and the entire community does not have equal access to them. Much of the city is still lacking in parks and park access.

The Chattahoochee is a huge potential resource that is currently only moderately accessible. However, the entire length of the river through Peachtree Corners is part of Gwinnett County's planned greenway, as shown in the County's Parks and Recreation Areas map, Figure 32.

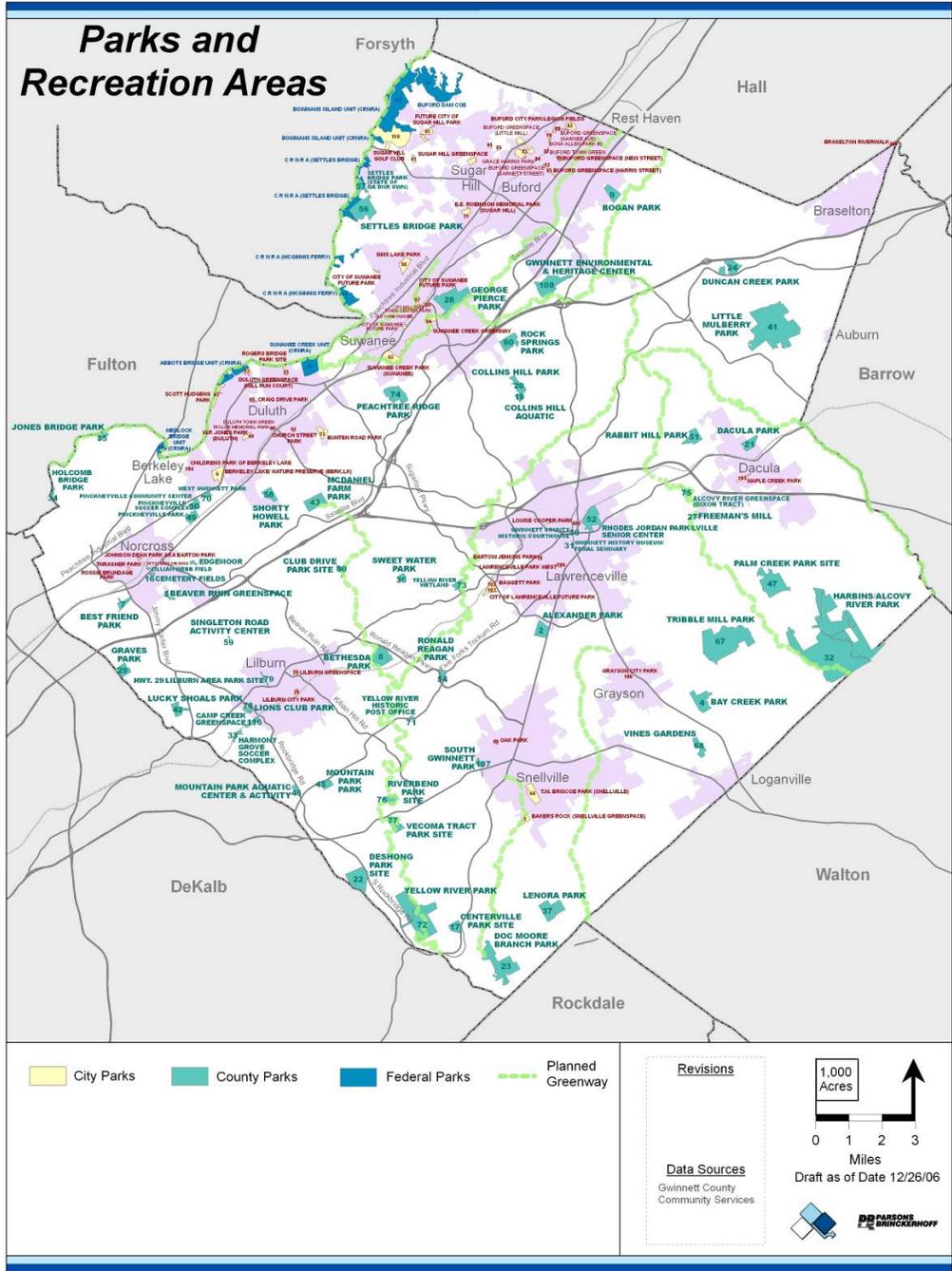


The Chattahoochee River



River access at Medlock Bridge Park

Figure 32. Gwinnett County Park and Recreation Areas



## **WATER SUPPLY**

Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources manages the county's drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater. The county's water source is Lake Lanier.

## **SEWERAGE AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT**

### **SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

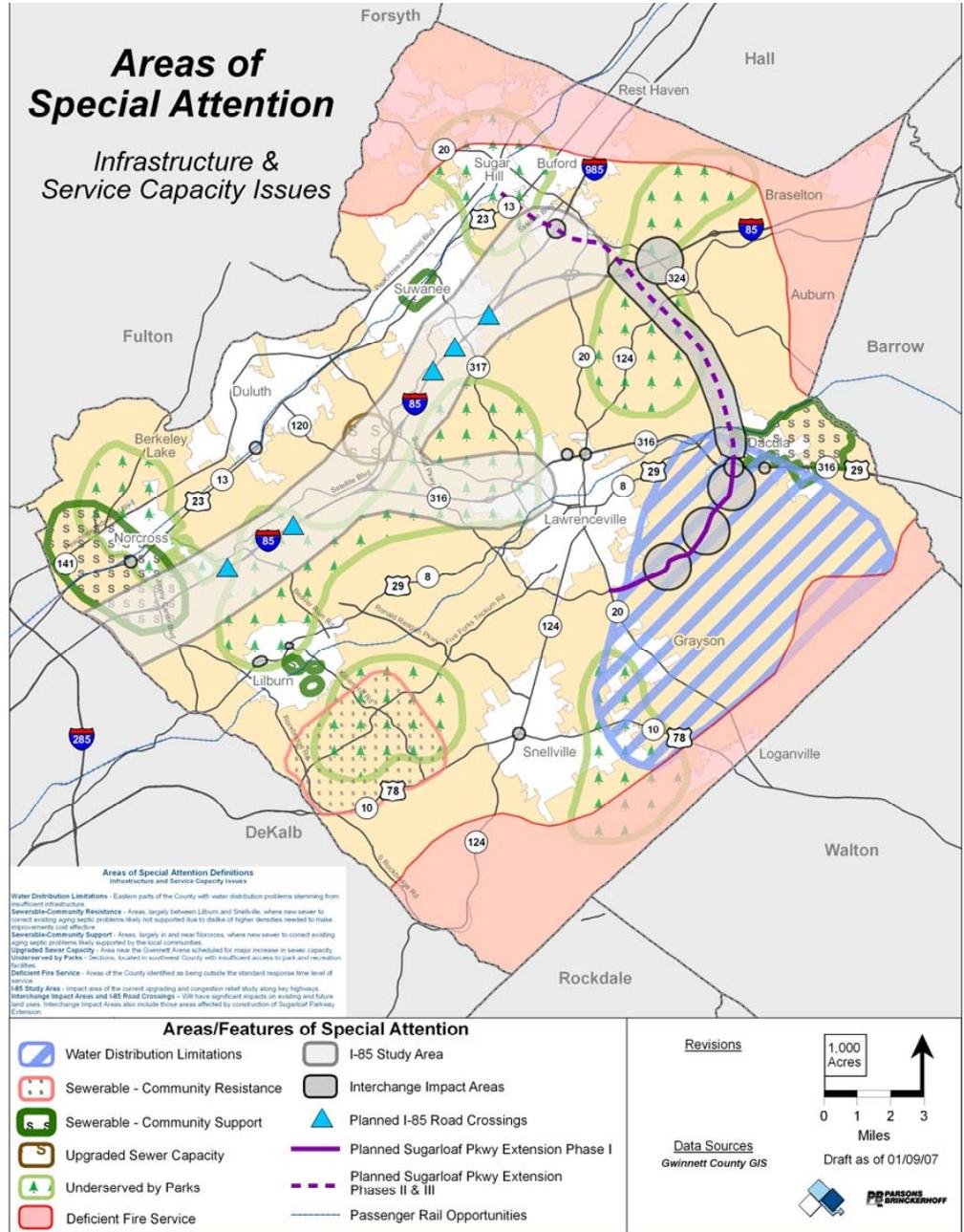
There is a large part of Peachtree Corners that is currently unsewered and served by aging septic systems. In Figure 33, see the sewer lines—both gravity sewers and forced mains—that serve Peachtree Corners. There are several neighborhoods that are not sewerred, including parcels at the southwest, the northeast, and the northwest of the City. The Gwinnett Unified Development Plan identified a section of the Peachtree Corners community that was supportive of installing sewers and transitioning from septic systems (see Figure 34). Installing sewers will require the City to work with Gwinnett County's Department of Water Resources.

### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

Gwinnett provides wastewater treatment for Peachtree Corners at its Water Reclamation Facilities. One of these facilities is in Peachtree Corners, on the city's western side.



Figure 34. Gwinnett County Areas of Special Attention



## CURRENT AND PROJECT FACILITY NEEDS

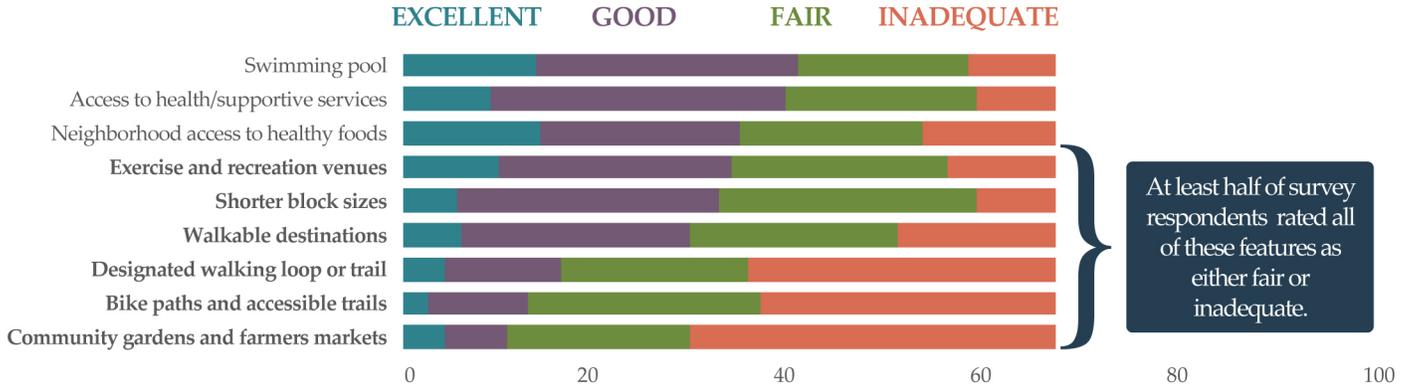
Most of the facilities of Peachtree Corners are provided by Gwinnett County. The City's vision for its future development can help it advocate for its needs with the County, and it can help direct the County in providing and improving facilities where the Peachtree Corners community feels they are most needed. The septic-to-sewer conversions and the Chattahoochee River greenway are two County plans for which the City should advocate. In addition, the City should continue to work with the County to maintain the quality of police, fire, health, and education systems.

Within the City, residents lack arts facilities and programs, public recreational opportunities, and public gathering spaces. These facilities are already deficient, and as the City's population grows, they will become even more so.

Figure 35. Lifelong Community Survey Results: Community Facilities



Figure 36. Lifelong Community Survey Results: Community Assets



## COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND LIFELONG COMMUNITIES

Lifelong Communities are places where individuals can live throughout their lifetimes; they provide a full range of options to residents, ensuring a high quality of life for all. As the Atlanta region's population is aging, needs for older adults will influence land use and development patterns over the next several decades. Getting healthy and staying healthy is essential to maintaining a high quality of life. The design of a community should provide basic and preventative healthcare and encourage physical activity. Lifelong Communities allow people to access a full range of services, from shopping and banking to internet service and places of worship.

Peachtree Corners residents were asked to rate their community's facilities that contribute to lifelong livability, and the results are shown in Figure 35. None of the elements related to community facilities were ranked as "excellent" by most survey respondents. Most survey respondents felt that Peachtree Corners has good access to health and supportive services, swimming pools, exercise and recreation venues, and walkable destinations. The availability of a designated walking loop or trail, bike paths, and community gardens or farmers market is perceived as inadequate.

They were also asked to rate their community's assets that contribute to lifelong livability, and the results are shown in Figure 36. The survey respondents did not rate the availability of any of these services as "excellent." They consider most others to be "good." Several ranked as just "fair": entertainment, lifelong learning and educational opportunities, and senior wellness facilities. None of the services were considered to be inadequate.

## SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FACILITY AND CULTURAL RESOURCE EXISTING CONDITIONS

### NEEDS

- There is not enough public access to the **Chattahoochee River**.
- There are not enough **public arts venues or programs**.
- The City needs more greenways and other public facilities for **recreation**.
- There are no small, neighborhood pocket parks.
- The City lacks a **signature open space, plaza, or town green** that could help shape a "downtown" Peachtree Corners identity.
- Local protection of historic and archaeological resources is inadequate.
- Old septic systems need to be replaced with **sewers**.

## OPPORTUNITIES

- The City can work with Gwinnett County to implement the planned greenway.
- Working with Gwinnett County to maintain **high quality of education** will ensure that the needs of Peachtree Corners' students and families are met.
- Creating a system to preserve **historical and archaeological sites** and make them more publically accessible is a way to strengthen the city's identity, draw attention to its assets, and increase recreational opportunities.
- A **city center** could provide locations for restaurants and dining, open space, an entertainment venue, civic institutions, retail, and cultural destinations. A community gathering space would help unify the community, celebrate diversity, and build an identity.
- The **property across from the Forum** presents an opportunity for a public greenspace.
- The City can explore ways to use **alternate energy sources** over the next twenty years.
- Many members of the Peachtree Corners community enjoy an **active lifestyle**, and there should be adequate community facilities for these activities.