



2010 Developments of Excellence Awards

The Developments of Excellence awards recognize developments in the 10-county Atlanta region that exemplify cutting-edge, livable designs. ARC is proud to partner with the Livable Communities Coalition to present these awards.

Formed in 2005, the Livable Communities Coalition is the Atlanta region's smart growth advocate and catalyst. It unites more than 50 organizations working to change the way metro Atlanta grows by focusing on land use, transportation, housing and conservation of open green space and natural resources. Member organizations include leaders in the areas of aging, building and development, business, urban and landscape design, government, housing, planning, sustainable development, the environment, and transit and transportation alternatives. For more information, visit www.livablecommunitiescoalition.org.

Developments of Excellence Award

White Provision
White Provision Development Co.

Nestled between Georgia Tech and Atlantic Station in the trendy west side of downtown, this former meat-packing plant built in 1910 has been transformed into a self-contained community with connectivity to all the amenities around it.

The White Provision development is home to 94 condominiums, 50,000 square feet of office space, 110,000 square feet of retail space and a parking deck with more than 600 spaces. While its urban village feel attracts residents and customers to the White Provision development, it was transportation possibilities that first attracted the developer.

By extending 14th Street into its property, **White Provision Development Company** enhanced connectivity to its new community, providing easy access to Interstate 75 via Northside Drive and Howell Mill Road, and to the Downtown Connector via 10th, 14th and 17th streets.



A pedestrian bridge was constructed over active rail lines to provide a connection to a nearby retail center and the finishing touch to this innovative reuse of a historic property.

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Livable Centers Initiative Achievement Award

Hapeville LCI
City of Hapeville

In 2000, Virginia Park was a declining, single-family neighborhood characterized by post-WW II houses and overgrown vacant lots. Beyond **Delta Air Lines Inc.**'s corporate campus, the Virginia Avenue corridor was depressed and lacked any notable signs of investment.

Ten years later, the success of the Virginia Park Livable Centers Initiative is evident in new Craftsman-style homes that have brought young professionals into the neighborhood and spurred rehabilitation of existing homes. Together, the Virginia Park Neighborhood Association, the city of Hapeville, Delta Air Lines and local developers gave the neighborhood new life. In all, 34 new infill homes were constructed. The Virginia Avenue/Doug Davis Streetscape Project begins construction in 2010.



Exceptional Merit for Neighborhood Sensitive Infill

Kirkwood Station
The Plinth Group

At one time, Kirkwood was a bustling community that provided streetcar service to downtown Atlanta three times daily. Over time, it lost some of its sense of community and fell on hard times.

The **Plinth Group**, the architectural firm of **Niles Bolton Associates Inc.**, acquired 1.5 acres, consisting of four dilapidated commercial structures and two run-down residences. Today, the bustling Kirkwood Station development includes seven shops, a restaurant, 23 residential units and 63 parking spaces. Within walking distance are a library, a police station, two schools, a YMCA, a golf course and retail.

The progress has been a catalyst to restore the neighborhood into a vibrant community once again.



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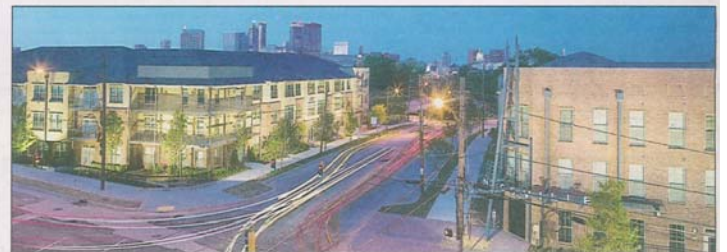
Exceptional Merit Award for Leadership in Sustainability

Southface Eco Office
Southface

Southface is a nonprofit organization that promotes energy, water and resource efficiency in workplaces, homes and communities throughout the Southeast. To further walk the walk of its mission, it designed and constructed a three-story Eco Office that serves as additional office space and for a training and demonstration facility.

Located adjacent to the Southface Resource Center and the Atlanta Civic Center, the 10,100-square-foot building is comparable in size to many other commercial buildings. However, it uses 84 percent less water and more than 50 percent less energy than a comparable, code-built facility.

The Eco Office is open for tours to the general public and to professionals interested in duplicating its design and performance results.



Exceptional Merit for Comprehensive Community Revitalization & Design

Mechanicsville
Columbia Residential

Named for the railroad "mechanics" living there in the late 1800s, Mechanicsville is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Atlanta. The former public housing project now features 813 residential units on 22 acres between McDaniel and Fulton streets. With the addition of cross-streets, sidewalks and lighting, it is a safe, more walkable community, with pedestrian access to a local park and an elementary school.

The development features rustic, industrial design with modern architectural details. It meets ENERGY STAR requirements and also contracts with a social service provider to offer ongoing services for residents in the areas of finance, family, employment and life skills.

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