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BALL GROUND SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY CHOICES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ARC-sponsored program will assist in the revision of Ball Ground's sign and tree ordinances

The city of Ball Ground, Georgia has been selected to participate in the 2008-2009 Community Choices Implementation Assistance program. The program is sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC). The ARC will be assisting the city in revising its municipal sign and tree ordinances. The selection committee chooses counties and cities that can demonstrate a commitment to quality growth concepts, elected official support, local staff time and community support of the project and/or plan. By revising and improving the city's sign and tree ordinances, Ball Ground will be better equipped to provide a safe and livable community. Improved sign and tree ordinances will enhance the character of the city's built and natural environment. As the city continues to grow, this project will ensure that the city has the appropriate tools to preserve and improve the aesthetic and scenic qualities of Ball Ground. Improving the city's sign and tree ordinance will not only enrich the quality of life for current residents and visitors, it will likely encourage others to reside and visit Ball Ground.

The next step in the program will be for the ARC Community Choices team to meet with Ball Ground's elected officials and city staff. The meeting will provide an opportunity for ARC staff to hear the concerns, expectations, and needs of the city's elected officials and staff so that the Community Choices team can develop a detailed project proposal, scope of work, and work schedule. The ARC Community Choices assistance program will begin the week of May 5, 2008.

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