



# **Regional Transit Development Plan**

## **Public Meeting #1 Overview Presentation**

October 11, 2023  
4:30 PM & 5:30 PM

# Presentation Topics

**Regional TDP Background Information**

**NEGRC Regional TDP Process and Outcomes**

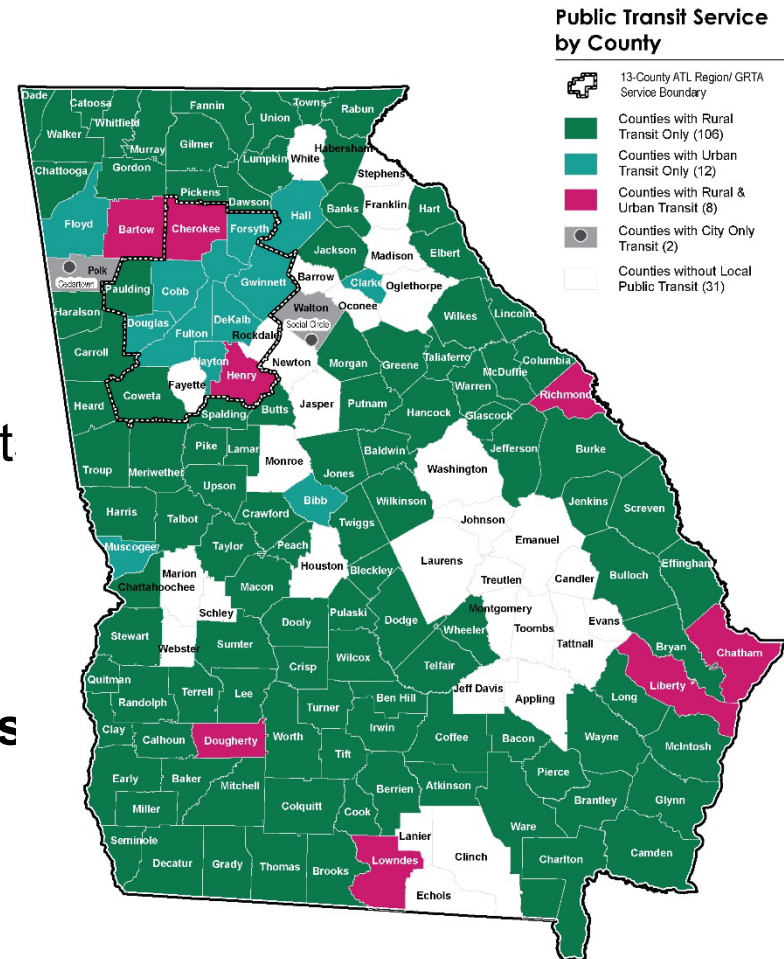
**Existing Conditions Context**

**Next Steps**

# Background Information

# 2020 Georgia Statewide Transit Plan

- **Guides future direction of transit programs through 2050**
- Provides coordination between local governments, planning agencies, and transit providers
- **Documents transit needs across the state** and prioritize future investment
- Supports GDOT's multimodal planning efforts
- **Identifies strategies to ensure all Georgians have access to public transit**
- **Recommends development of transit development plan guidance and regional TDPs**



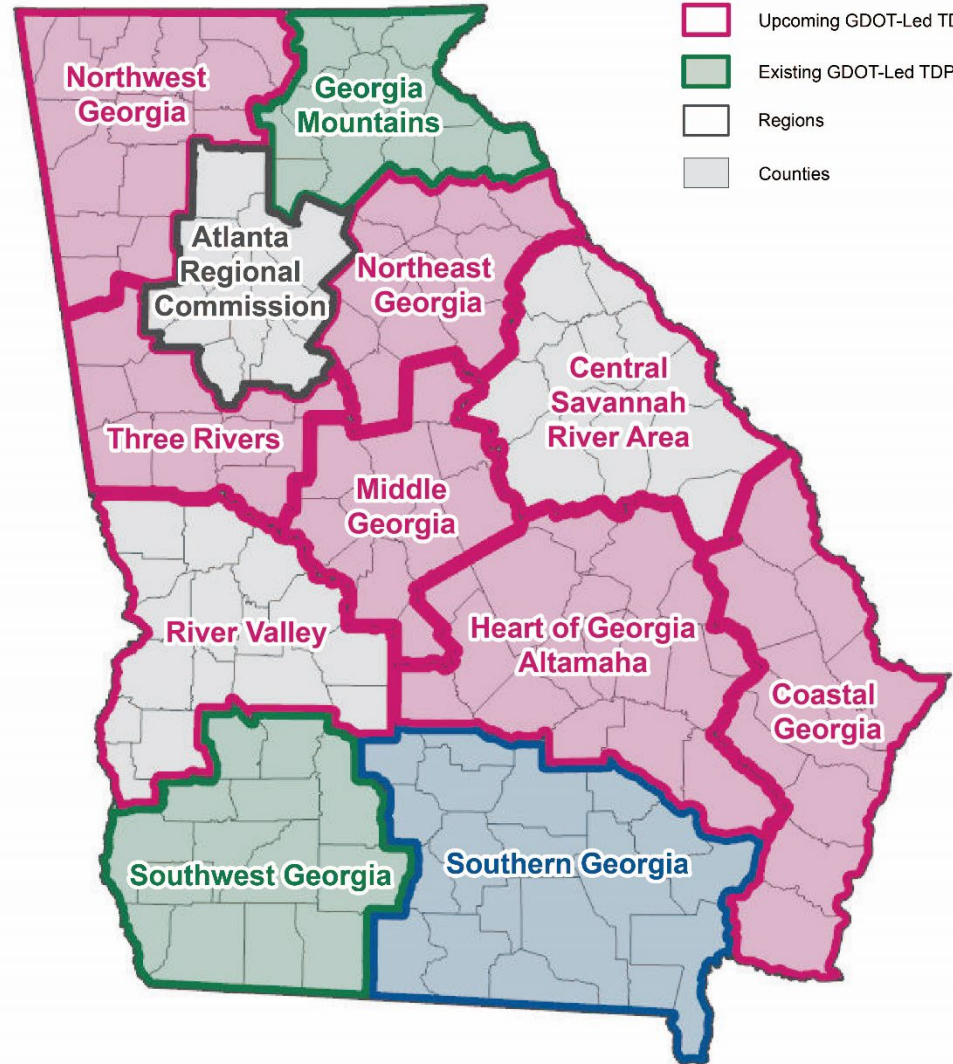
# Regional Transit Plans

## Completed and Underway

- ✓ Georgia Mountains
- ✓ Southwest Georgia
- Coastal Georgia
- Heart of Georgia Altamaha
- Middle Georgia
- **Northeast Georgia**
- Northwest Georgia
- River Valley
- Three Rivers

### Regional Transit Development Plans (TDPs), 2023

- Under Development  
GDOT-Led TDPs
- Under Development  
Region-Led TDPs
- Upcoming GDOT-Led TDPs
- Existing GDOT-Led TDPs
- Regions
- Counties



# Northeast Georgia Regional TDP

# Regional TDP Overview

The **Regional TDP** will identify transit needs and inform future transit system investments.



Assists residents in developing a **transit vision**



Has a **20-year horizon schedule** but is updated every 5 years



Is **supported by GDOT** through policy and planning grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

## Elements of a TDP



Public Participation Plan



Visioning and Goals



Existing Conditions and System Performance



Needs Assessment, Identification, and Analysis



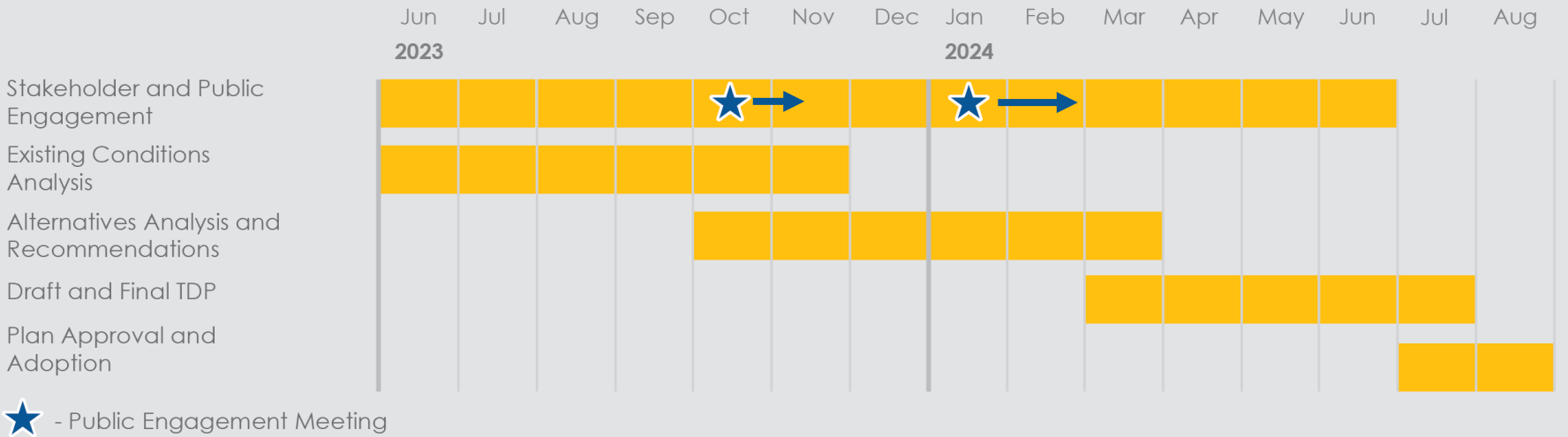
Alternatives Development and Evaluation



Recommendation and Implementation Plan

# Process & Schedule

## PROJECT SCHEDULE





# TDP Elements

- Existing Conditions and System Performance
- Regional Transit Vision and Goals
- Needs Assessment, Identification, and Analysis
- Alternatives Development and Evaluation
- Recommendations and Implementation Plan

# Public Input Opportunities

## Key Stakeholder Interviews

- 12 individual interviews with county representatives
- Up to 3 group interviews

## Public Information and Outreach Meetings (Two total)

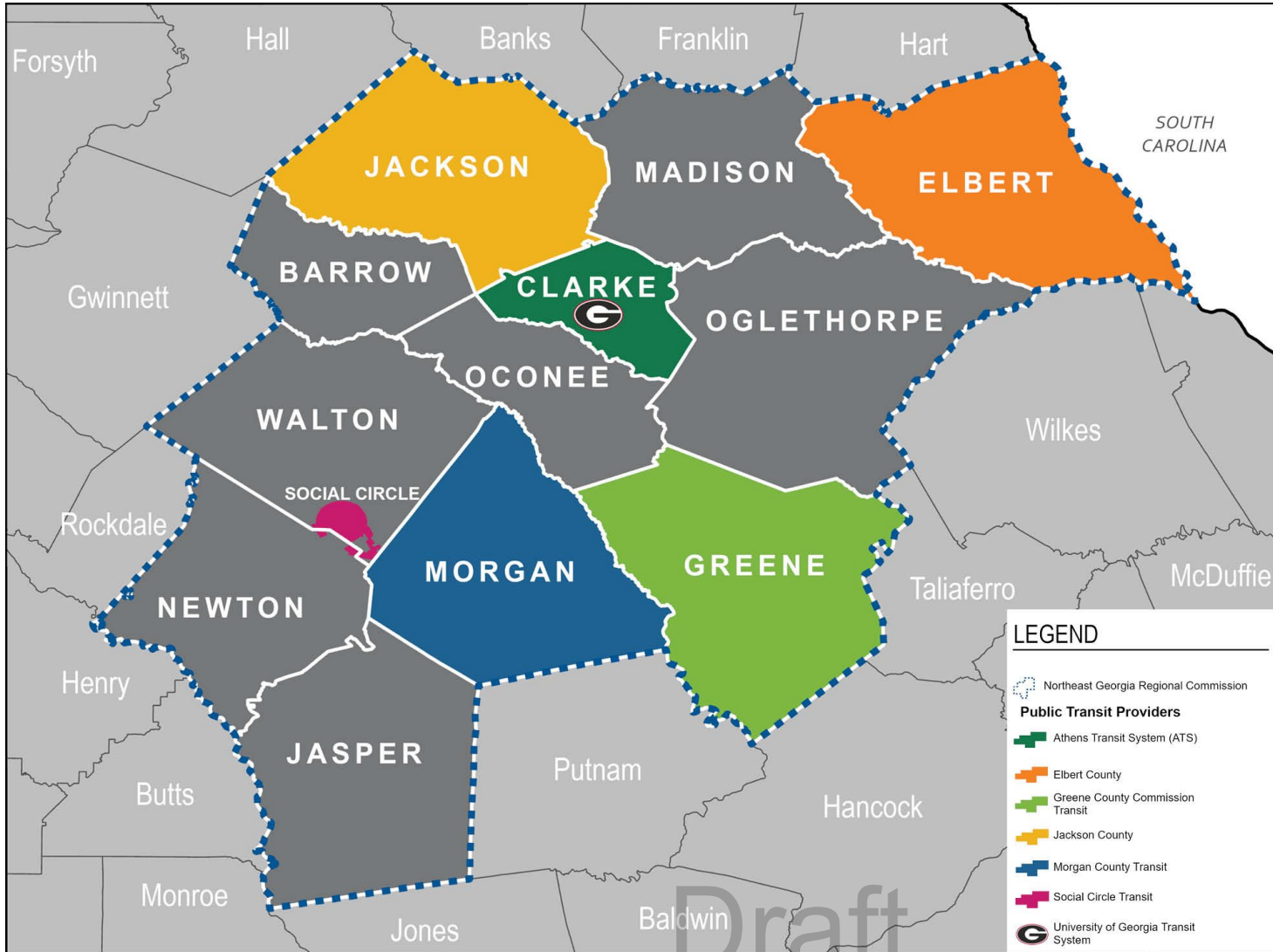
- October 2023 - Overview of study and solicit input on the process, needs, and potential improvements
  - In-person Open House
  - Survey tool (through November 10)
- Early 2024 (Date TBD) - Present draft TDP and obtain public input on recommendations before finalization/adoption by NEGRC

## Project Website

- Web-based feedback and input tools

# Existing Conditions Context

# Existing Public Transit Services



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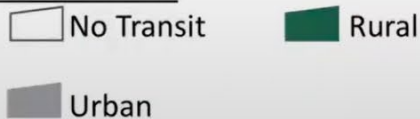
# Existing Transit in the Region

Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Community Health (DCH) also provide trips as show below

## Public Transit



### Public Transit



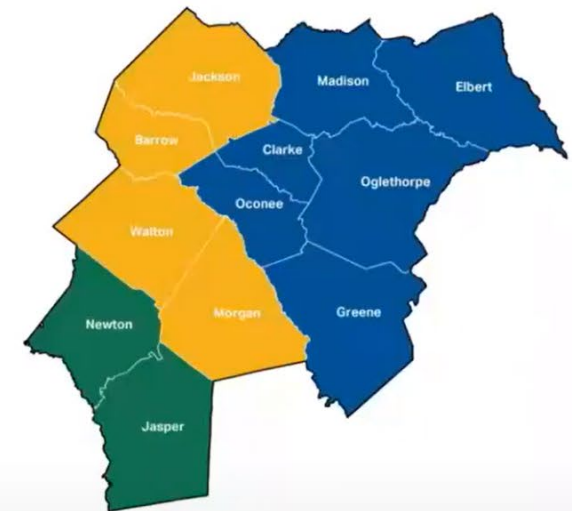
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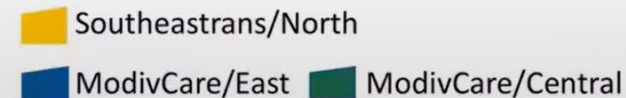
### DHS Services



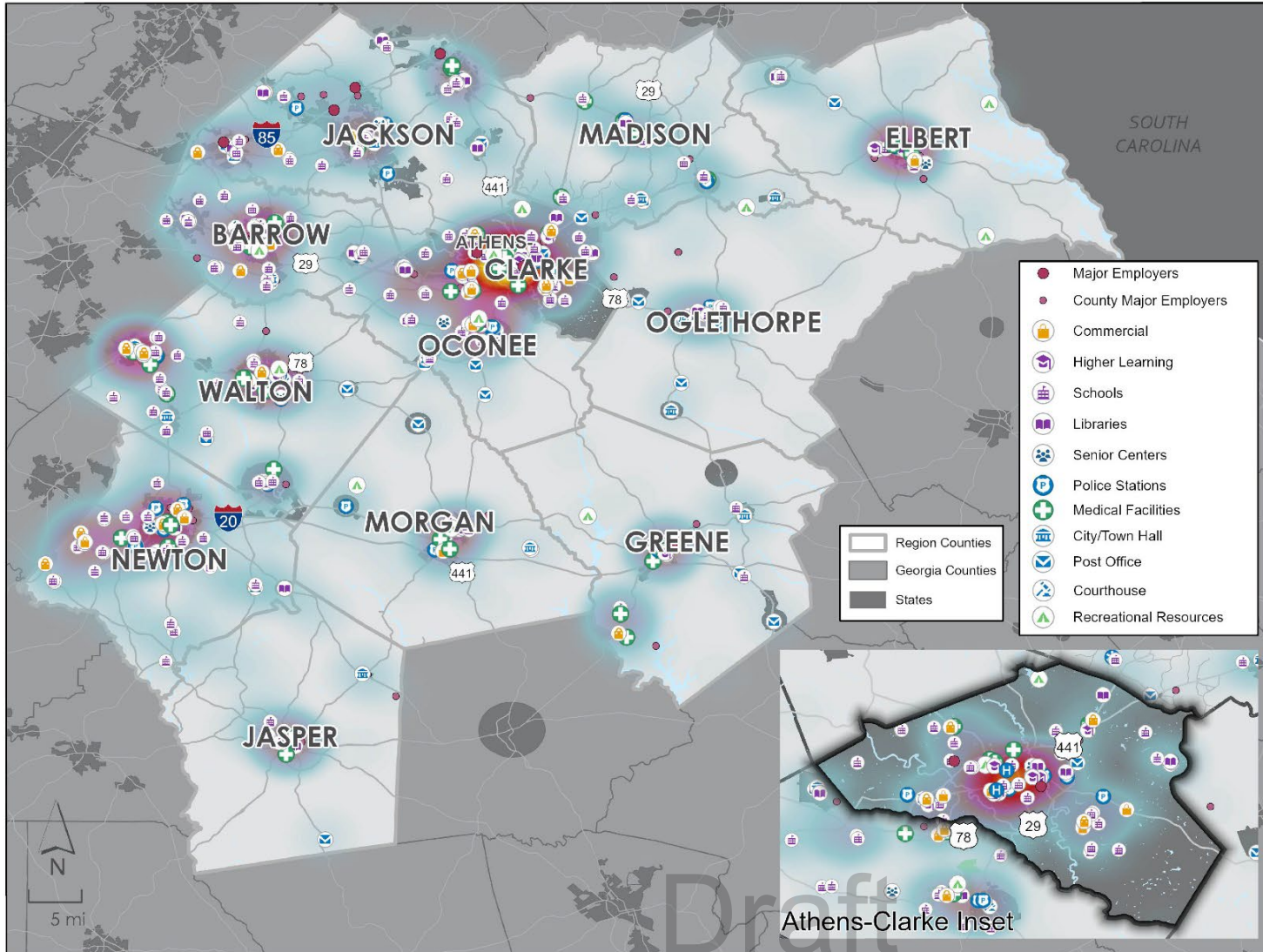
## Non-Emergency Medical



### Non-Emergency Brokers



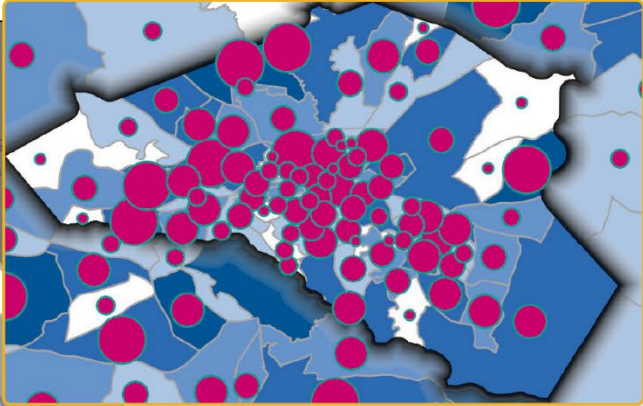
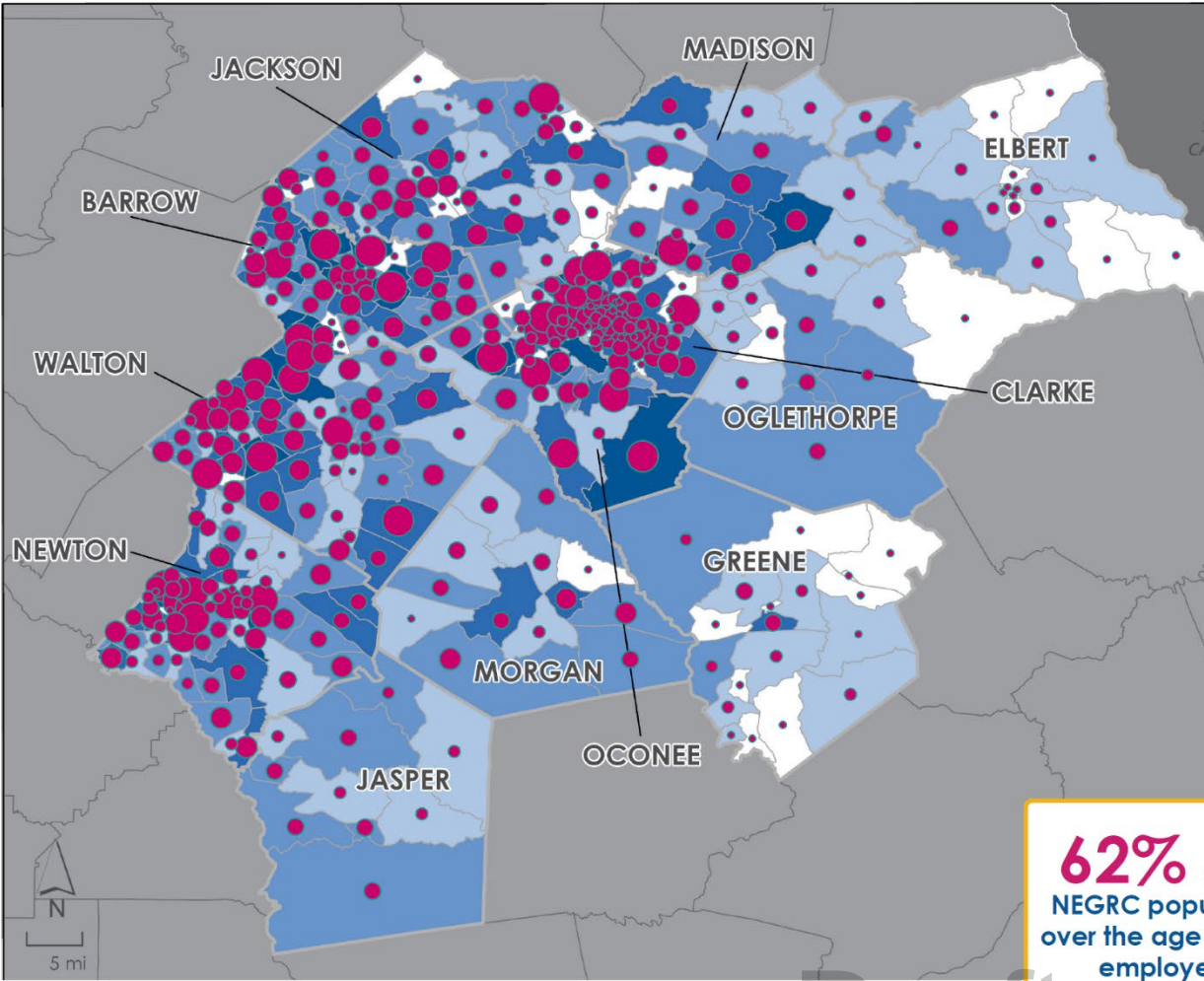
# Key Destinations and Services



Sources:  
 1. GA Department of Labor, Workforce Statistics & Economic Research, Northeast Georgia Regional Commission - Area Labor Profile, updated June 2023.  
 2. Homeland Infrastructure Foundation Level Data (HIFLD)  
 3. Georgia Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan



# Population & Employment



### Top Employment in NEGRC

1. Athens-Clarke County (20.4%)
2. Newton County (17.0%)
3. Walton County (14.7%)
4. Barrow County (13.2%)
5. Jackson County (11.5%)

### LEGEND

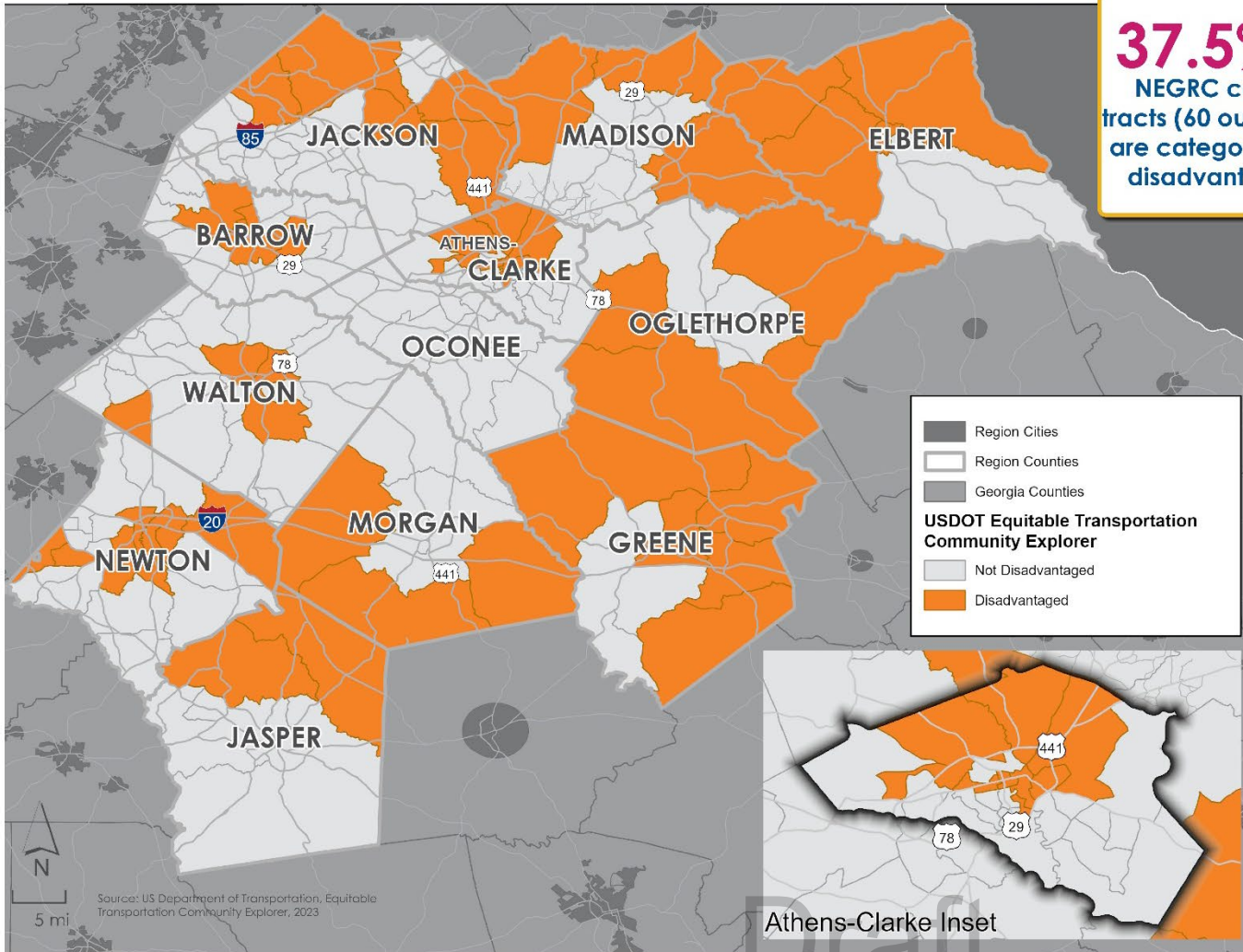
Population by Census Block Group	Employment by Census Block Group
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**62%** of the  
NEGRC population  
over the age of 16 is  
employed.

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Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey  
5-Year Estimates (2016-2020)

# Disadvantaged Communities



**37.5%** of  
NEGRC census  
tracts (60 out of 160)  
are categorized as  
disadvantaged.

The map to the left shows census tracts in the region with one or more of the following types of disadvantages, as defined by the USDOT Equitable Transportation Community Explorer.

- **Transportation Insecurity**
- **Environmental Burden**
- **Health Vulnerability**
- **Social Vulnerability**
- **Climate and Disaster Risk Burden**

Source: US Department of Transportation, Equitable Transportation Community Explorer, 2023



# Next Steps

- Online input period through **November 10**
- Finalize Existing Conditions Report (**this fall**)
- Draft Project Vision and Goals Statement
- Initiate Alternatives Analysis & Recommendations
- Round 2 Stakeholder/Public Input **February 2024** (Dates TBD)



**Northeast Georgia Regional Commission**  
*Regional Transit Development Plan*



**TAKE OUR SURVEY**  
Help us gain insights into how you get around!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NortheastGATDP>  
Survey closes November 10!



Learn more about the Transit Development Plan on the project website!  
<https://regionaltdp-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/negrc>



For Transit Development Plan questions, contact GDOT at [RegionalTDP@dot.ga.gov](mailto:RegionalTDP@dot.ga.gov) with Northeast Georgia TDP in the subject line.

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**Regional TDP Website**

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