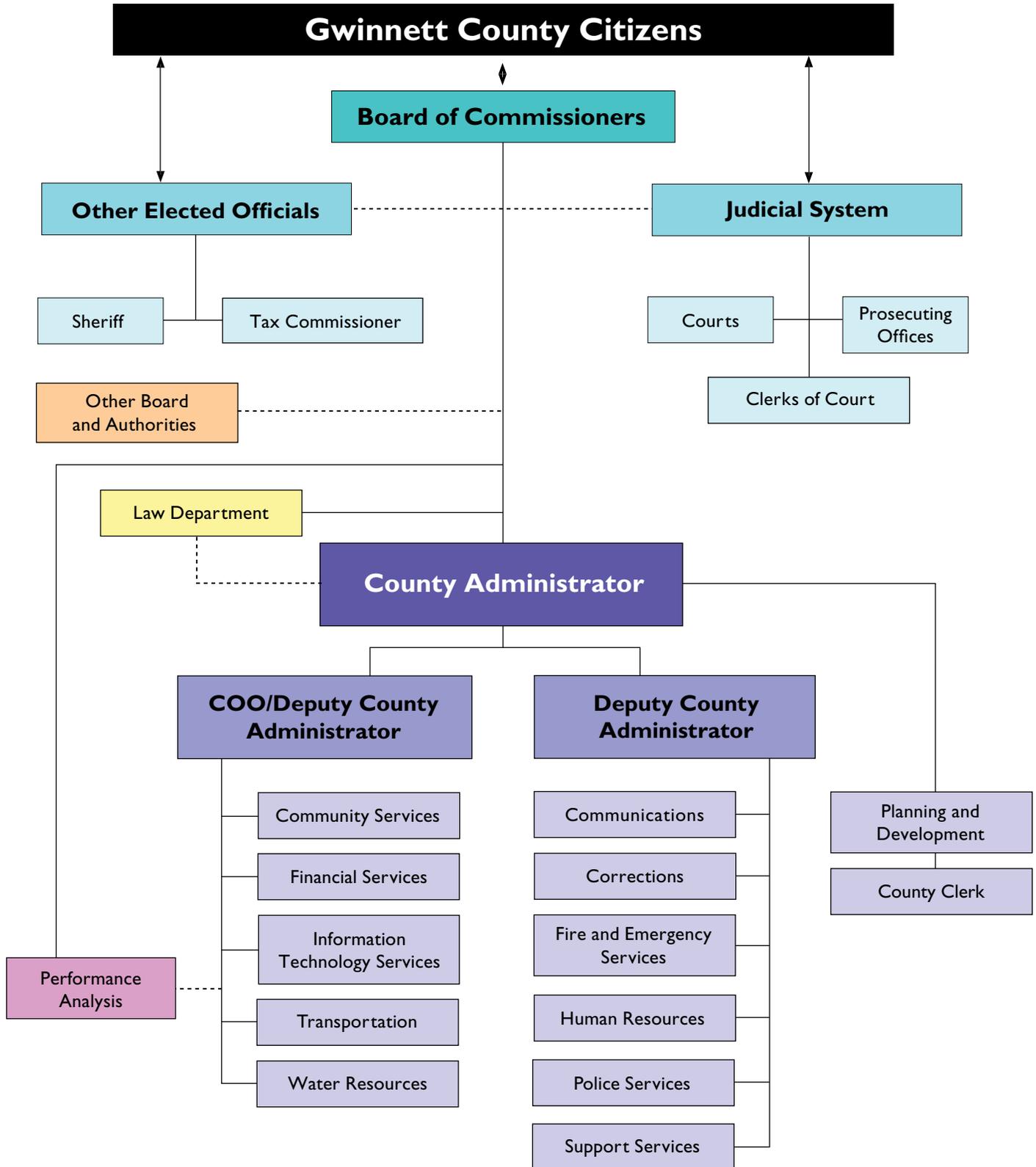


GWINNETT COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Information Technology Services
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Planning and Development
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Police Services
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Support Services
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Transportation
Brian **Allen**, Director

Water Resources
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Elected Officials

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District Attorney
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Chief Magistrate Court Judge
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Probate Court Judge
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Sheriff
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Solicitor
Rosanna **Szabo**

Tax Commissioner
Katherine **L. Meyer**

State Court Judges
Robert W. **Mock Sr.**, Chief Judge
Pamela D. **South**
Joseph C. **Iannazzone**
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Randolph G. **Rich**
John F. **Doran Jr.**

Superior Court Judges
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Michael C. **Clark**
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Homer M. **Stark**, Senior Judge

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Juvenile Court Judges
Robert V. **Rodatus**, Presiding Judge
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Robert **Walker**

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Michael **Greene**
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Department of Financial Services

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to Gwinnett County, Georgia for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009.

In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as communications device.

The award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

history



Covering 437 square miles of frontier land the Creek and Cherokee Indians ceded to the state, Gwinnett County was named after Button Gwinnett, one of Georgia's three signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Georgia Legislature created Gwinnett County on December 15, 1818.

In 1819, the home of Elisha Winn, one of Gwinnett's early leaders instrumental in the creation of the county and in whose parlor the early planning took place, became the first county courthouse. The first elections were held in the parlor, and superior court proceedings were conducted in his barn, while the first jail stood nearby. Winn selected Lawrenceville as the site for the county seat and donated the land for the first permanent courthouse, which was completed in 1824 for \$4,000. When it was destroyed by fire in 1871, a second courthouse was constructed in 1872, but was torn down in 1884 when it was deemed inadequate. It was finally replaced in 1885 with the building now known as the Historic Courthouse and was used as the county's courthouse until 1988, when the construction on the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center was completed.

In 1914, a portion of Gwinnett was joined with parts of Walton and Jackson Counties to form Barrow County. More of Gwinnett's land area was lost in the mid-1950s with the construction of Buford Dam. As the Chattahoochee River was backed up behind the new dam, the water of Lake Lanier covered hundreds of acres.

population

For 2009, Gwinnett's population was an estimated 808,167. Based on projections, Gwinnett is expected to reach over one million by the year 2026.

public safety

The Department of Corrections is housed in the Comprehensive Correctional Complex, an 800-bed complex that contains 512 beds for medium- and minimum-security state and county inmates. This complex also contains 288 work release program beds for non-violent criminal offenders and parents who fail to pay court-ordered child support.

Gwinnett County's Department of Police Services is a nationally accredited agency with an authorized strength of 803 sworn officers, supported by 316 non-sworn officers providing law enforcement services to the county. The Police Annex/E-911 center opened in December 2009.



Gwinnett County's Department of Fire and Emergency Services covers one of the largest demographic areas in the state of Georgia. Serving this area with fire protection and emergency medical services is the mission of the department. The department meets its challenge with an authorized force of 850 well-trained men and women who are proactive in their approach to the challenges and citizen-oriented in their focus. Fire Station 7 in Duluth opened in March 2009. Fire Station 18 in Hamilton Mill, Fire Station 29 near Braselton and Fire Station 30 in Loganville plan to open in late 2010.

transportation

Gwinnett County's infrastructure includes more than 2,750 miles of roads, which include more than 655 signalized intersections. The 2010 Capital Budget and 2011 – 2015 plan for the Transportation Capital Improvement Program (CIP) totals over \$400 million.

Construction continues on the Sugarloaf Parkway Extension from SR 20/Grayson Highway to SR 316/University Parkway, east of Lawrenceville. Construction of Section One



education

(Grayson Highway to New Hope Road) was completed and opened to traffic on February 2, 2010. Construction on Section Two (New Hope Road to Martins Chapel Road/Bramlett Shoals Road) began in 2009 and is anticipated to be open to traffic in 2011. The Board of Commissioners awarded construction of Section Three A in December, 2009.

Briscoe Field is the sixth busiest airport in the state, located on approximately 500 acres. It is capable of handling all light, general aviation and most corporate jet aircraft. Two fixed base operators provide excellent service and three flight schools provide instruction.

Gwinnett County Transit operates local bus service Monday through Saturday. Fifty Express Buses operate weekdays during peak travel times. The six express routes allow individuals to park their cars at central locations and take transit to destinations in downtown and midtown Atlanta. In 2009, the Transit system transported more than 2.3 million people on express and local buses.

Gwinnett County Public Schools is the largest school system in Georgia and the 16th largest school system in the country with a growth rate of 1,600 new students each year. Total enrollment for 2009-2010 was approximately 158,900 including students in 72 elementary schools, 24 middle schools, 18 high schools, and 9 other educational facilities. The average cost to educate a student is \$8,244 per year. Gwinnett's school system serves over 180,000 meals daily and operates over 1,800 school buses that travel more than 24 million miles annually. An average of 120,880 students are transported twice daily. In fiscal year 2010, the total operating budget is \$2 billion dollars.

There are more than 35 private schools in Gwinnett, and the City of Buford operates its own public school system.

Gwinnett is also home to several universities, such as DeVry Institute of Technology, Shorter College, Gwinnett Technical College, Georgia Perimeter College, and Georgia Gwinnett College (partnered with The University of Georgia).

Georgia Gwinnett College opened its doors as a four-year college in fall 2007. Prior to that, the College only offered a two-year associate degree. The first Georgia Gwinnett College graduation was held in June 2008. Currently, enrollment stands at 3,400 but is expected to increase to 5,000 by Fall 2010.

In May 2008, The University of Georgia moved its Gwinnett programs from the campus it currently shares with Georgia Gwinnett College to its new location near Sugarloaf Parkway and I-85. Although the last class of UGA undergraduates students in Gwinnett graduated in the Spring of 2008, enrollment in the graduate programs continues to expand, as well as the number of programs offered. Last summer UGA launched its first PhD program in Counseling Psychology.

Established in 1935, the Gwinnett County Library System has grown to 14 full-service branches. Construction on the Hamilton Mill Branch Library began in 2008. It will be the 15th branch library and the County's third "green" building. The library is scheduled to open in the Spring of 2010.



business environment

Gwinnett County Top 10 Major Employers

Company	Employees
Gwinnett County Public School System	20,662
Gwinnett County Government	4,871
Gwinnett Health Care System	4,365
Wal-Mart	3,368
Publix*	2,928
State of Georgia	2,037
United States Postal Service	1,969
Kroger*	1,880
Cisco (previously Scientific Atlanta)	1,750
Primerica	1,543

**Based on full-time equivalent (FTE)*

Source: Calls to individual companies – March 2010

recreation and arts



Gwinnett County has maintained its AAA rating from all three major credit rating agencies since 1997. The County's favorable rating indicates solid financial management and results in significant interest savings for our citizens.

Gwinnett County issued 22,951 occupation tax certificates (business licenses) in 2009. Gwinnett's hospitality and international sophistication, along with affordable real estate and a well-educated labor pool, continues to attract a comprehensive array of diverse companies.

The retail market in Gwinnett offers citizens the choice of Gwinnett Place Mall, the Mall of Georgia, or Discover Mills, each bringing a different type of shopping experience to Gwinnett.

In 1984, Gwinnett Place Mall became the first mall in Gwinnett and is located at I-85 and Pleasant Hill Road. With anchor stores of Macy's, JCPenney, Sears, and Belk, Gwinnett Place has over 130 stores.

The Mall of Georgia opened in 1999 and is located on Highway 20 near Buford. The mall is anchored by several major retailers such as Macy's, Dillard's, Nordstrom, JCPenney, Belk, and Dick's Sporting Goods. It encompasses more than two million square feet, has more than 200 shops, a 20-screen movie theatre with IMAX 3-D, and a village area with an interactive fountain and outdoor pavilion, which is used for free concerts and other events for patrons to enjoy throughout the year.

Discover Mills opened in November 2001 and is located at the junction of I-85/Highway 120 and Sugarloaf Parkway. It is a 1.1 million-square-foot, market-dominant retail and entertainment destination featuring 14 anchors, including Bass Pro Shop's Outdoor World and Neiman Marcus Last Call. There are also more than 170 specialty retailers, as well as a variety of theme restaurants, casual dining, and cutting-edge entertainment venues such as Dave & Busters, Spaha Skatepark, an 18-screen movie theater, and the Medieval Times dinner theater.

The Operations Division of Gwinnett Parks and Recreation offers something for everyone from taking a yoga class, learning how to make pottery, or joining in a pick-up basketball game. They also manage facility rentals and work with Gwinnett's 24 youth athletic associations to offer sports like baseball/softball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, roller hockey, flag football, lacrosse, and other youth sports. In 2009, the division offered over 6,660 classes, summer camps, and special events.

Gwinnett Parks and Recreation operates 44 parks and facilities that include 151 athletic fields, 51 tennis courts, 18 multi-purpose sports courts, 17 swimming pools, five dog park areas, trails, outdoor skate complexes, playgrounds, picnic areas, pavilions, fishing lakes, and more. In 2009, Alexander, Freeman's Mill, Harbins, Rocks Springs and Settles Bridge parks opened.

Gwinnett County continues to place a high priority on greenspace acquisition and its park construction program. As of 2009, the total parkland acreage grew to 8849 acres for both passive and active parks.

The Gwinnett Center consists of a convention center, 702-seat performing arts center, 13,000-seat arena, and a grand ballroom. Beautiful landscaping and on-site parking make a visit to any of these facilities enjoyable.



healthcare



A 50,000-square-foot exhibit hall anchors the Convention Center. This facility also has 23 meeting rooms that can accommodate up to 1,000 attendees. The Grand Ballroom is also located in the Convention Center and is a spacious 21,600 square feet.

The Arena continues to be home to the Gwinnett Gladiators of the East Coast Hockey League. Included in the facility design are 36 corporate suites, wider seats, high-end sound, and versatile lighting. This facility can be a venue for Broadway shows, sporting events, music concerts, and many other types of entertainment.

A \$19 million parking deck was completed May 21, 2009, providing six tiers of parking and 950 spaces for Arena patrons.

The AAA Braves Baseball affiliate moved from Richmond, Virginia, and now calls Gwinnett County its home. Construction began in 2008 on a \$64 million state-of-the-art stadium. The stadium seats over 10,000 fans and opened in April, 2009.

Gwinnett Medical Center (GMC) is a 553-bed, not-for-profit healthcare network comprised of two hospitals, a nursing facility and a full spectrum of outpatient services.

The Hospital System employs more than 4,300 associates and approximately 800 affiliated physicians. GMC is comprised of the following licensed facilities: Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville with 353 acute care beds, Gwinnett Medical Center in Duluth with 81 acute medical /surgical beds and 30 acute physical rehabilitation beds and the Gwinnett Extended Care Center on the Lawrenceville campus with 89 nursing home beds. These facilities provide a continuum of inpatient and outpatient healthcare services, including general acute care, emergency services, physical rehabilitation services, skilled nursing services, along with diagnostic and ambulatory surgical services. Specialized services include a Level II Trauma Center, a Level III NICU supporting newborn care, a Chest Pain Center, the Center for Neuroscience, minimally invasive robotic surgery and comprehensive Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Care services. In 2009, Gwinnett Hospital System served approximately 400,000 inpatient, outpatients, emergency patients and newborns.

In September 2009 the new patient tower (North Tower) located on the Lawrenceville campus opened and added 129 acute beds to the system. The Duluth campus expanded its services by offering bariatric surgery starting in March 2010. The construction project for Open Heart Surgical Services is scheduled for completion during the winter of 2011.

Serving the area since 1980, the Emory Eastside Medical Center in Snellville is a 231-bed full-service hospital, which includes a pediatric urgent care unit, day surgery, obstetrics, breast health center, and an in-patient physical rehabilitation center. The hospital has over 400 physicians and employs 1500 clinical and support staff. The Eastside Heritage Center, located at the original hospital campus on Fountain Drive, specializes in the caring and treatment of many adult conditions. The center includes programs for senior mental health, wound care, sleep disorders, and pain management.

Gwinnett County Health and Human Services supports the needs of residents through coordination with private and public organizations. It participates in the planning of the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, provides services to Gwinnett's senior citizens, develops and manages one-stop service centers, and manages County funding for nonprofit and other governmental organizations. Numerous health centers throughout Gwinnett County offer medical care to residents who meet income and eligibility requirements.

government

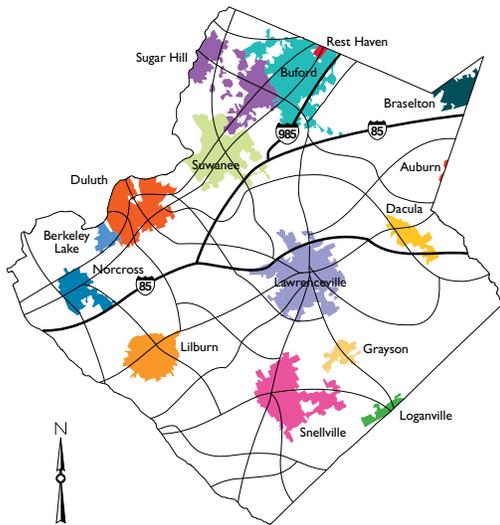


Built in 1885 and renovated in 1992, the Historic Courthouse is located on the square in downtown Lawrenceville and is open for tours Monday through Friday. County offices were housed in this facility until 1988. This building serves as a public museum and meeting facility for citizens and civic organizations. The annual lighting of the tree at Christmas, the Moonlight and Music Summer Concert Series, and many other festivals are held here during the year.

Governed by a five-member Board, Gwinnett's local government is composed of a chairperson elected at-large and four commissioners elected by district for four-year terms. The chairperson appoints the County Administrator, who oversees 12 executive departments.

While most county government operations are located in the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center (GJAC), some departments are now located in the Annex Building, One Justice Square, and the Recorder's/Juvenile Court facility. As relocations and additions occur, the existing facilities undergo reconfigurations to better meet residents' needs.

municipalities



Spanning 437 square miles, Gwinnett County has 15 municipalities within its boundaries. For 2009, there were an estimated 808,167 people calling Gwinnett home.

POPULATION – July 1, 2008 Estimate *(Source – U.S. Census Bureau)*

Auburn	307*
Berkeley Lake	2,096
Braselton	1,538*
Buford	11,378*
Dacula	4,662
Duluth	26,125
Grayson	1,507
Lawrenceville	29,258
Lilburn	11,599
Loganville	2,591*
Norcross	10,737
Rest Haven	106*
Snellville	20,112
Sugar Hill	17,204
Suwanee	16,277

* Population within Gwinnett County

Auburn – Located on US Highway 29 between Lawrenceville and Athens, Auburn became a part of Gwinnett County in 1988 annexing 2,500 acres.

Berkeley Lake – Established in 1956, Berkeley Lake is located near the Chattahoochee River and is mostly residential with wooded lots and rolling hills.

Braselton – Settled in 1876, part of this municipality is located within Gwinnett where property was annexed in 1989. It also extends into Barrow, Hall, and Jackson counties.

Buford – Buford is Gwinnett's northernmost city with a small portion of the city in Hall County. It was founded in 1872 and originally developed as a railroad town.

Dacula – Founded in 1891, a branch of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad was constructed from Dacula through Lawrenceville to Duluth. Elisha Winn was one of Gwinnett's early leaders and his home served as a temporary first courthouse.

Duluth – In the early 1800s, a part of Cherokee Indian territory. In 1821, developed as the town of Howell Crossing and in 1873 the town was changed to Duluth following completion of the railroad.

Grayson – An area of rolling pastures and small farms, Grayson was founded in 1880. Previously known as Berkely, it is another city given birth by the railroad.

Lawrenceville – Lawrenceville is the largest city in Gwinnett. Incorporated in 1821, it is the second oldest city in metro Atlanta and is the county seat.

Lilburn – In 1892 a railroad stop known as the town of McDaniel changing to Lilburn in the early 1900s and named after Lilburn Trigg Myers, who was the general superintendent for the Seaboard Airline Railway.

Loganville – This town also started as a branch of the railroad in 1898 and is another city that Gwinnett shares with an adjoining county.

Norcross – The second oldest city in Gwinnett, Norcross was founded as a resort town for wealthy Atlantans. Chartered in 1870, Norcross has an area of 112 acres and is listed in the United States Register of Historic Places.

Rest Haven – Incorporated in 1940, one of the newest cities in Gwinnett at only a mile and a half wide.

Snellville – In 1885, Snellville was founded by Thomas Snell and James Sawyer and is located on US Highway 78 in the southeastern corner of the county.

Sugar Hill – This town's name came from a freight wagon traveling down a steep hill in the 1800s, and spilling its load of sugar all over that hill becoming "Sugar Hill." The city was chartered in 1939.

Suwanee – Beginning as an Indian village and later a railroad stop, Suwanee was officially founded in 1837 with the establishment of the post office.

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