



**GWINNETT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Kirkland Dion Carden, District 1
Ben Ku, District 2
Jasper Watkins III, District 3
Matthew Holtkamp, District 4

Unofficial

Legislative Delegation Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 – 9:00 am

Gas South Convention Center, Tommy Hughes Ballroom
6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, Georgia

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Ben Ku, Matthew Holtkamp

Absent: Kirkland D. Carden, Jasper Watkins III

1. Board of Commissioners

Chairwoman Nicole Hendrickson presented information to the Gwinnett Legislative Delegation on Gwinnett County's proposed 2026 budget, affordable housing, and redevelopment; Gwinnett Elections Supervisor Zach Manifold provided an overview of 2025 elections and preparations for 2026 elections; Gwinnett Police Chief J.D. McClure shared public safety highlights; and ACCG's Todd Edwards and Denton's Sam Olens provided an overview of ACCG and the County's legislative priorities. No official action taken.




Gwinnett Legislative Breakfast


Gwinnett County Update

Chairwoman
Nicole Love Hendrickson


Gwinnett Board of Commissioners Districts



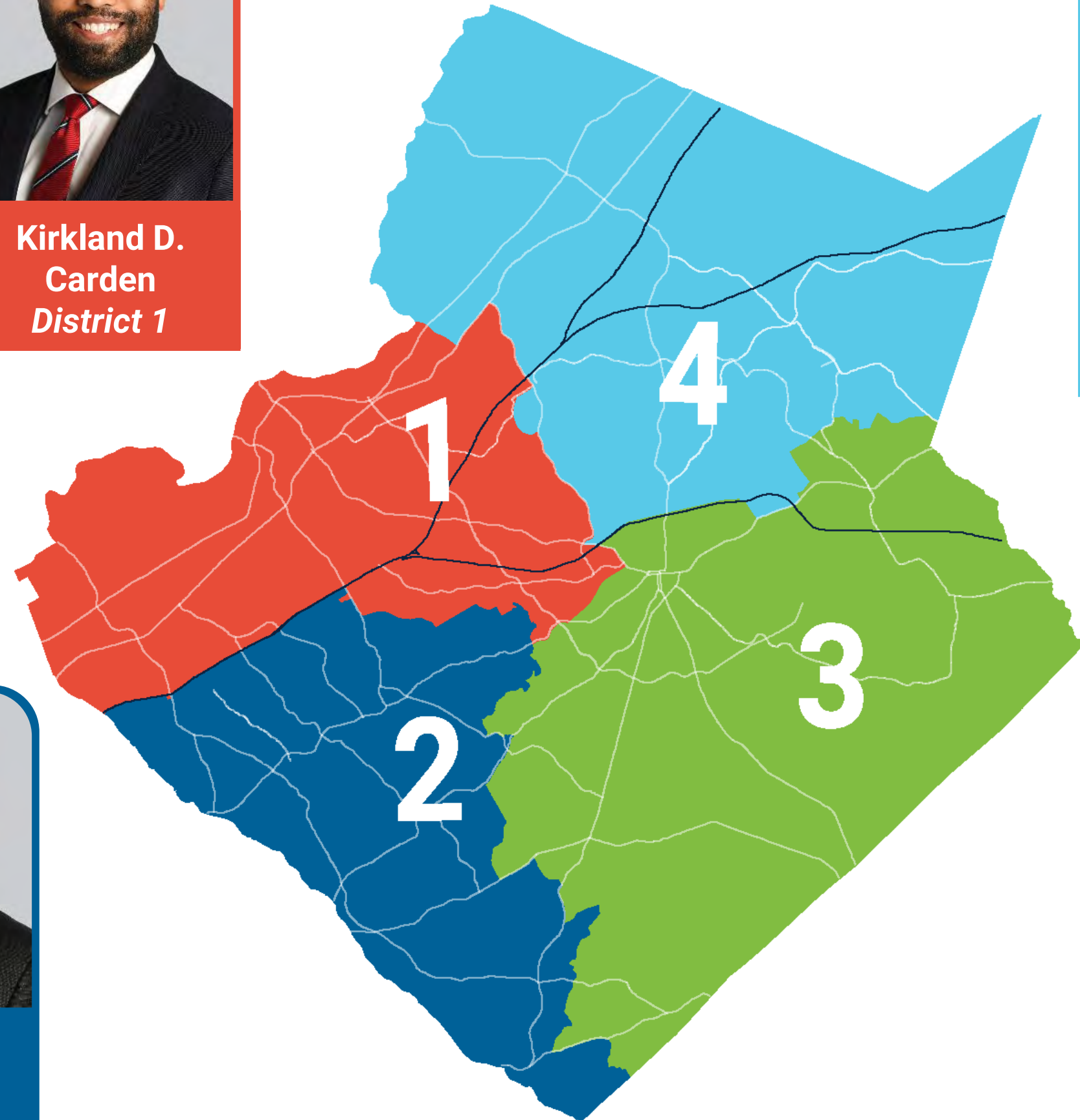
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Carden**
District 1



**Matthew
Holtkamp**
District 4

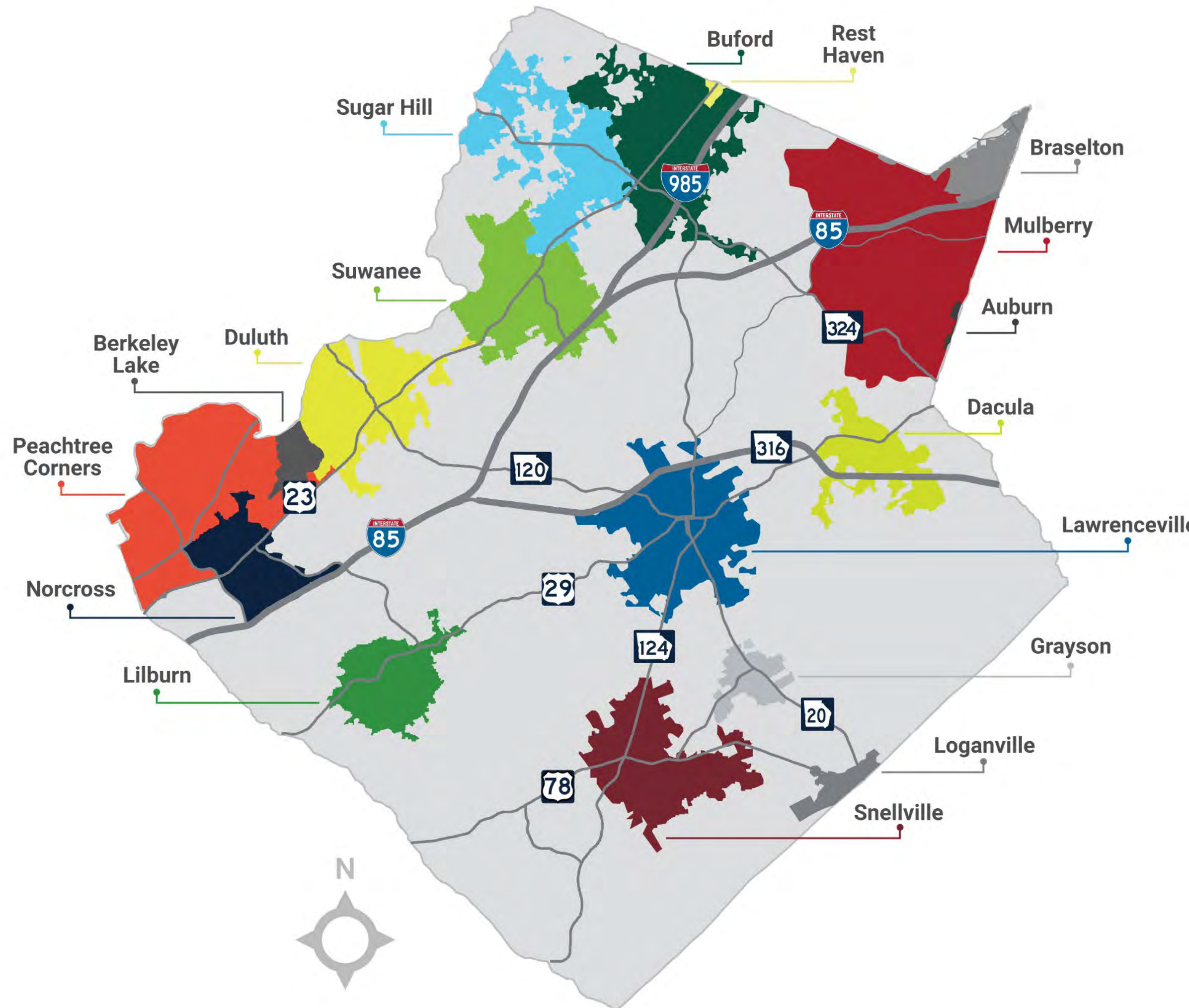


Ben Ku
District 2

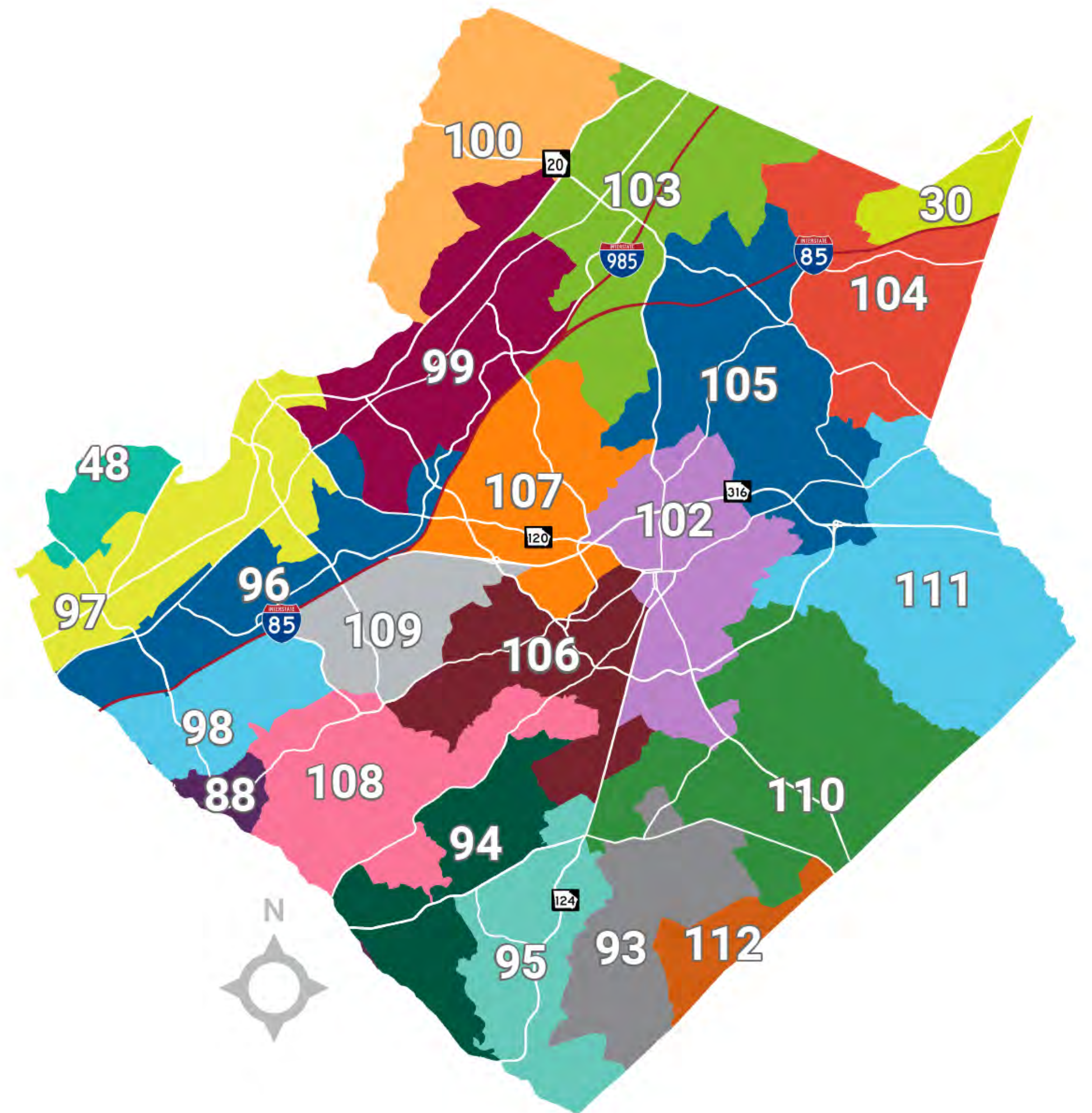


**Jasper
Watkins III**
District 3

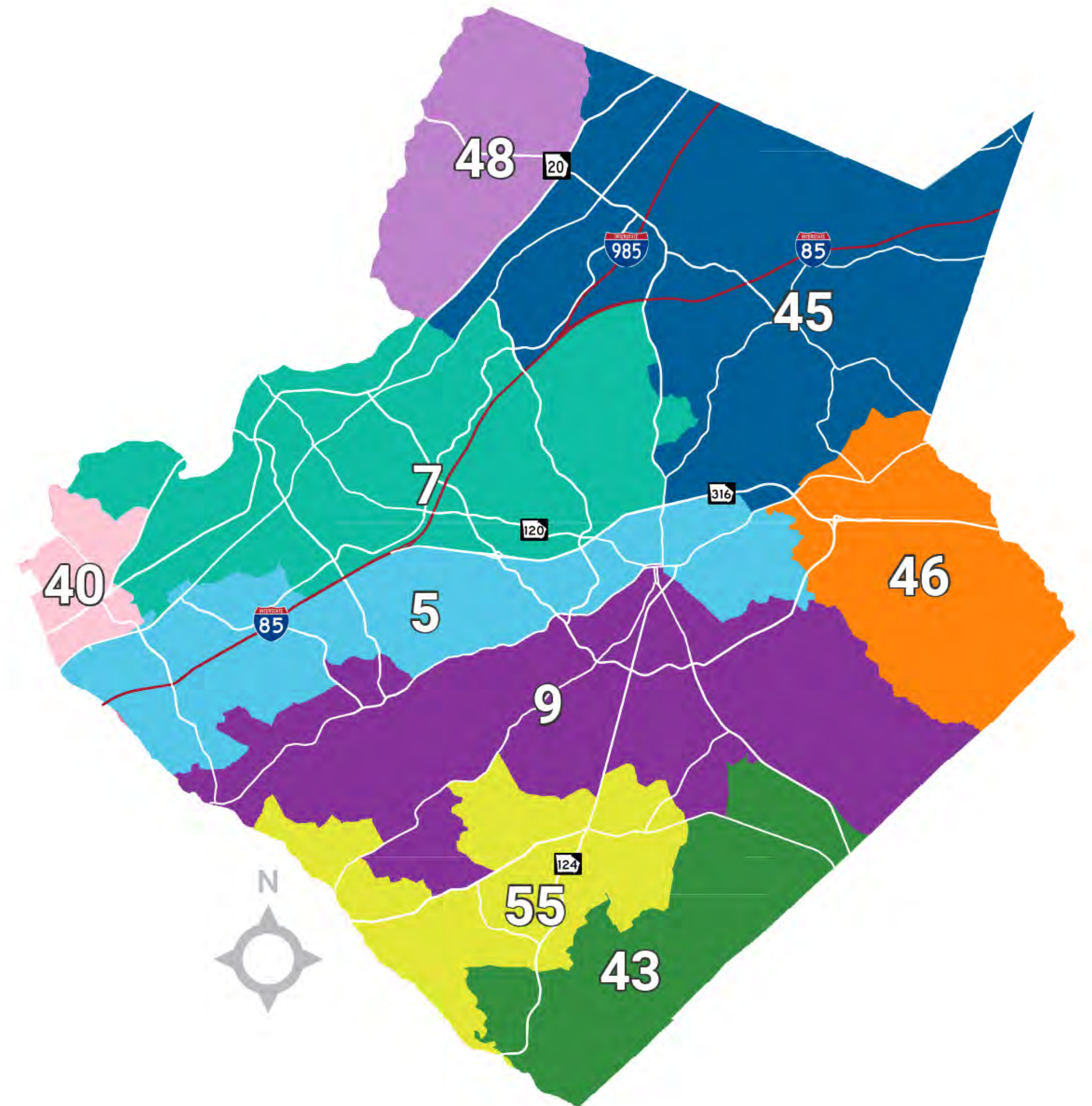
Gwinnett Cities



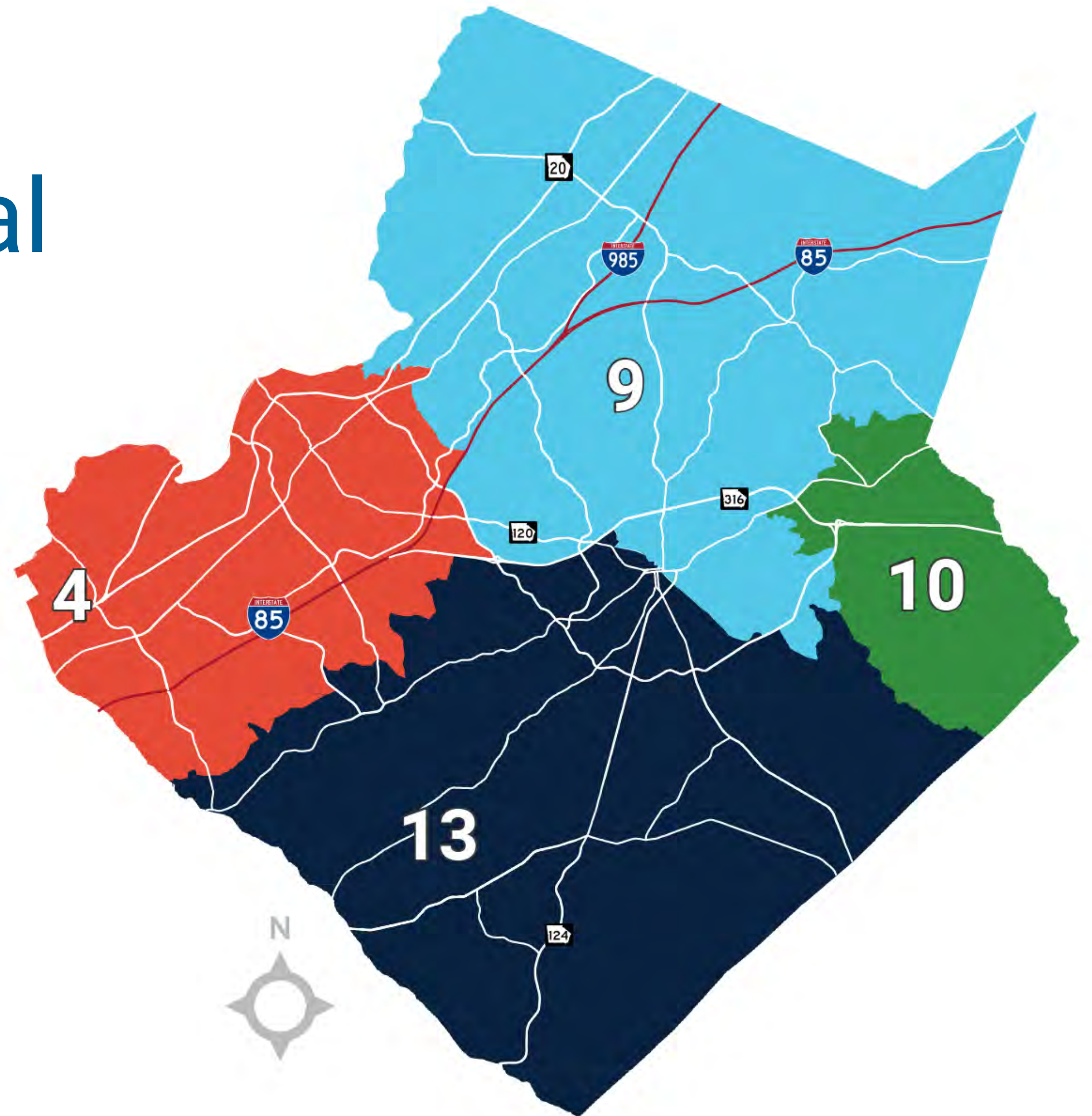
Gwinnett State House Districts



Gwinnett State Senate Districts



Gwinnett U.S. Congressional Districts





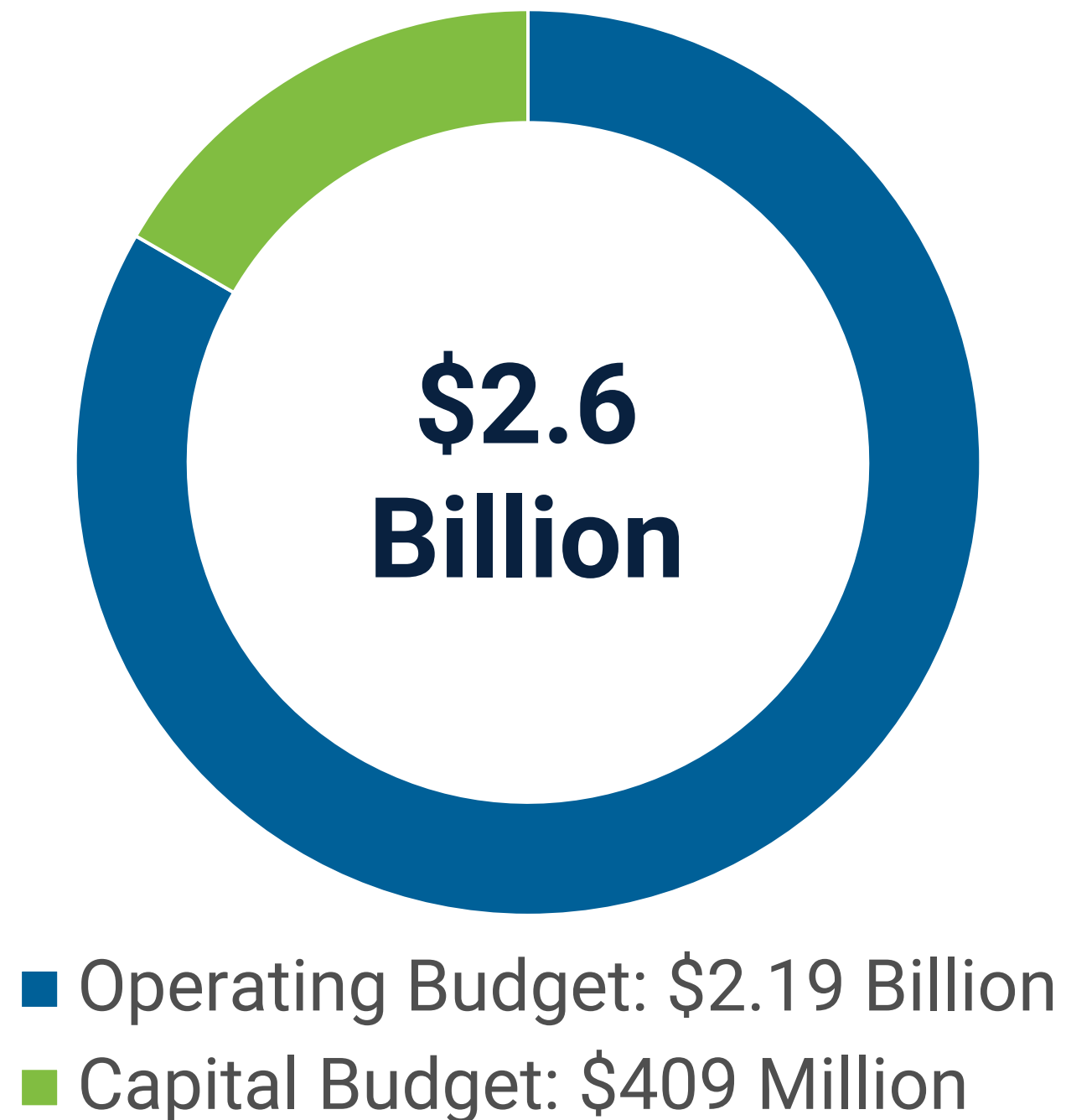
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Proposed 2026 Budget



- Additional staffing for Situational Awareness and Crime Response Center: **\$420,384**
- Updating E911 phone system: **\$2,495,882**
- Road maintenance crew for central Gwinnett: **\$464,566**
- Bethesda Park Aquatic Center lighting improvements: **\$980,000**





Choose Your Placemaking Elements

Which of these placemaking elements would be a good fit for Jimmy Carter Boulevard? Take the stickers on the table in front of you and place them on your worksheet to complete your palette!

1. Pick 3 Colors
-

2. Pick 5 Placemaking Elements

What is
Gwinnett
placemaking
community
communities
that enhance
and highlight
of specific areas

- Categories
- Landscapes/Landscaping
 - Wayfinding + Signage
 - Streetscapes
 - Transportation
 - Play Spaces
 - Public Art

3. Tell us what programming you would like to see!









Elections Update

Zach Manifold
Elections Supervisor

2025 Voter Registrations and Elections Report

- Beauty Baldwin Building Renovations
- **December 2:** Special Election to fill vacancy HD 106
 - 12 Precincts
- **November 4:** Special Election for PSC and E-SPLOST
 - 20.82% Turnout
- **July 15:** Special Election Primary Runoff for PSC
 - 1.34% Turnout
- **June 17:** Special Election Primary for PSC
 - 2.2% Turnout



2026 Voter Registrations and Elections Priorities

- GAVREO Region 3 – ATL Metro
- Polling Location Updates
- July 1, 2026: Voting Equipment Deadline
- New SEB Rules prohibition within 90 days of statewide elections
- Title 21 Elections Code Cleanup

Gwinnett County Police Department Update

JD McClure
Police Chief



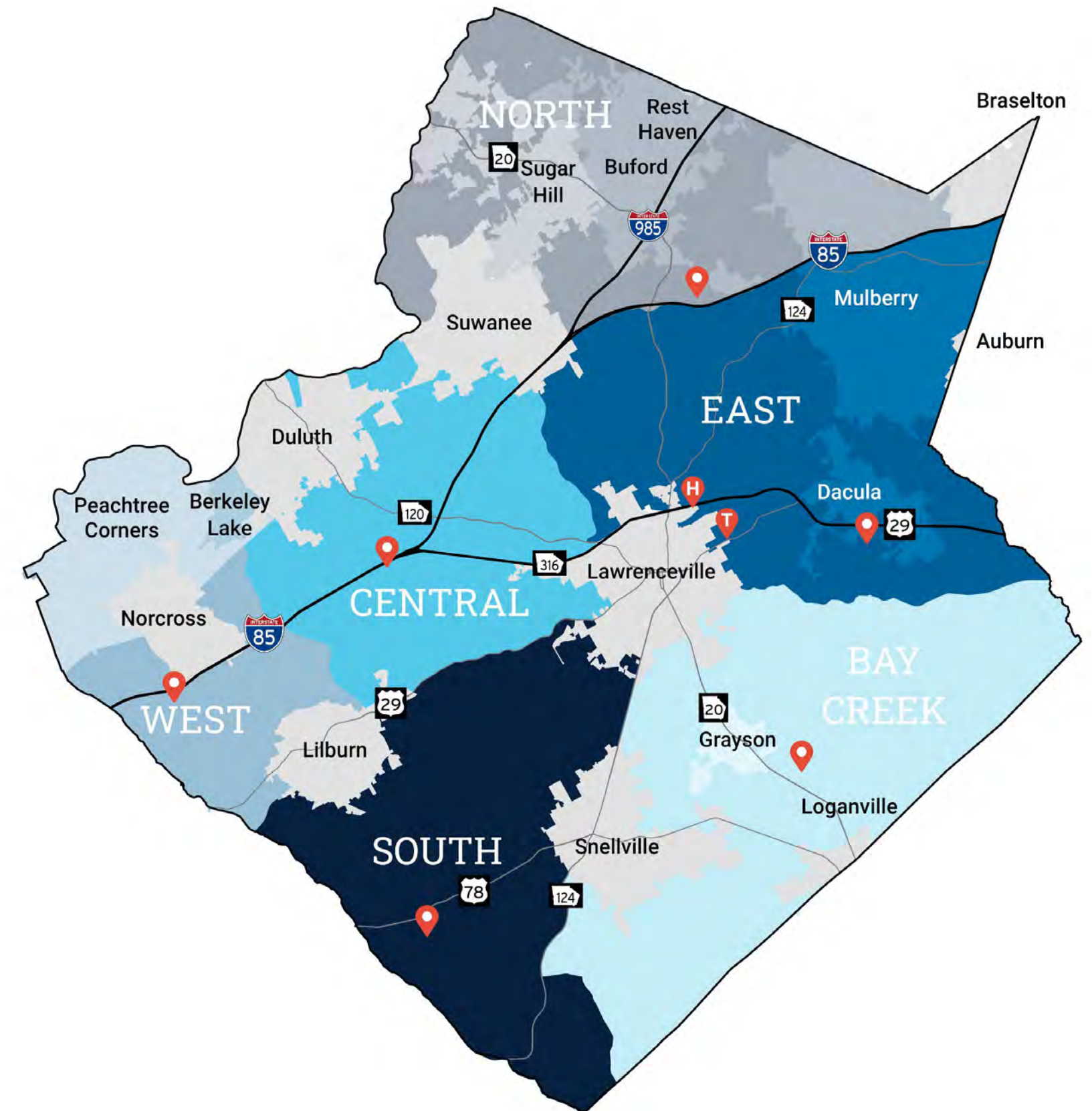
Serving Gwinnett County

Full-service law enforcement to approximately **853,307** residents residing in:

- Unincorporated Gwinnett County
- Eight “non-police” cities
- Funding source – Police Service District

Services for approximately **1,020,157** residents residing in Gwinnett County, including all cities:

- E-911
- Emergency Management
- SWAT
- Hazardous Devices Unit



Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies

- The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), was created in 1979 as a credentialing authority through the joint efforts of law enforcement's major executive associations:
 - International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
 - National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)
 - National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)
 - Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)
- Only **793** agencies out of approximately **18,000** Law Enforcement agencies in the United States are accredited.



CALEA Accreditation

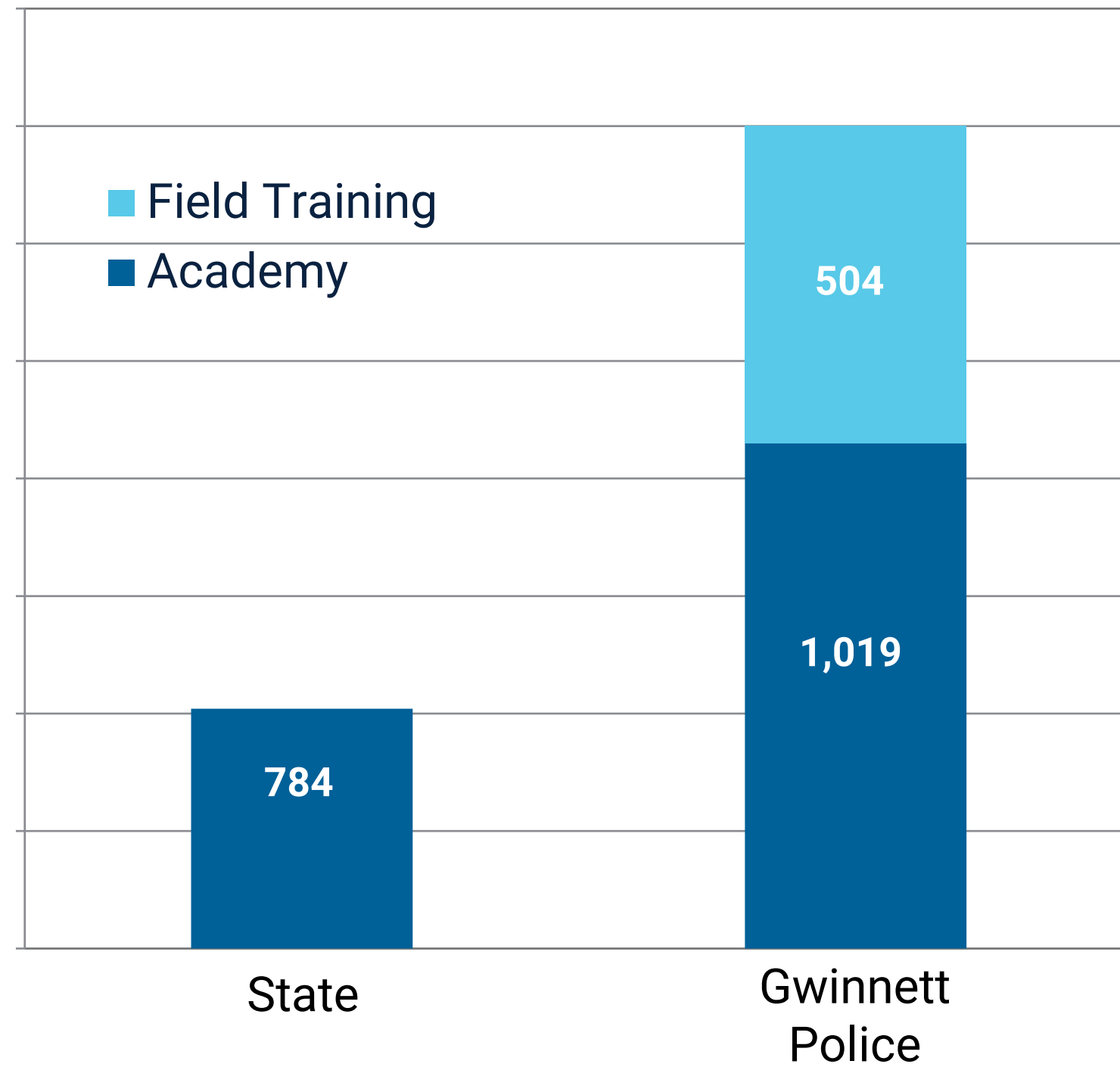
The Gwinnett Police Department received Law Enforcement accreditation in 1993 and has maintained that accreditation ever since.

In 2021, the Gwinnett Police Department also received CALEA Public Safety Training Academy and Public Safety Communications accreditations.

We are the first Tri-Arc accredited agency in Georgia. Of note, there are only **40** agencies internationally that have received Tri-Arc accreditation through CALEA. We are proud to be one of only **25** agencies in the United States to earn this distinction.



Recruit Training Hours





Training is an investment!

Results matter!

- Better trained officers/better service
- Reduces use of force
- Reduces the number of complaints
- Improves community relations
- Maintains the trust of the community

E-911

- Calls in 2023: 597,500
- Calls in 2024: 627,300
- Average Hold Time: 2 seconds
- Meets National Standards for 911





Department Results – YTD (2024 vs. 2025)

- Violent Crime - **12%**
- Property Crime - **18%**
- Overdose Deaths - **11%**
- Traffic Fatalities - **7%**
- Citations + **26%**
- DUI Arrests + **17%**



SACRC

Situational Awareness & Crime Response Center

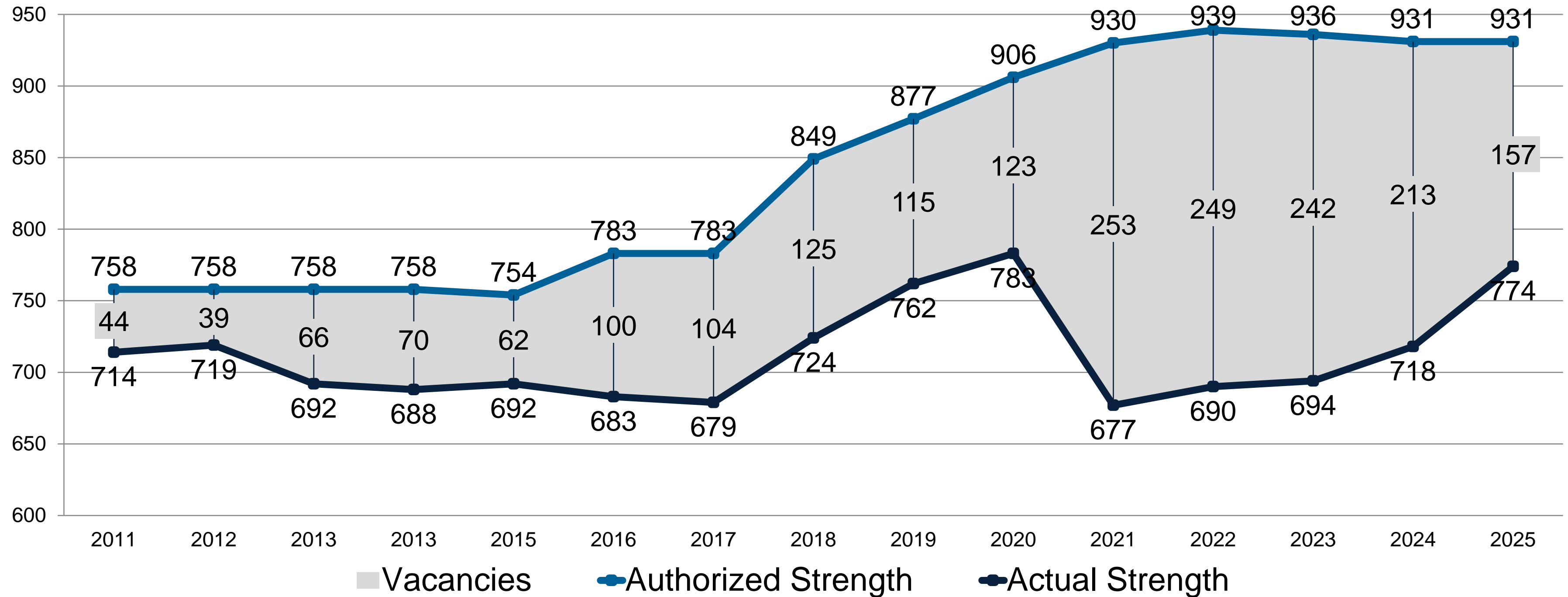
- Activated in June 2023
- Access to 13,000 cameras
- Flock, DOT, Private, Public
- Informs Public Safety Response
- Precision Policing

Drone as First Responder

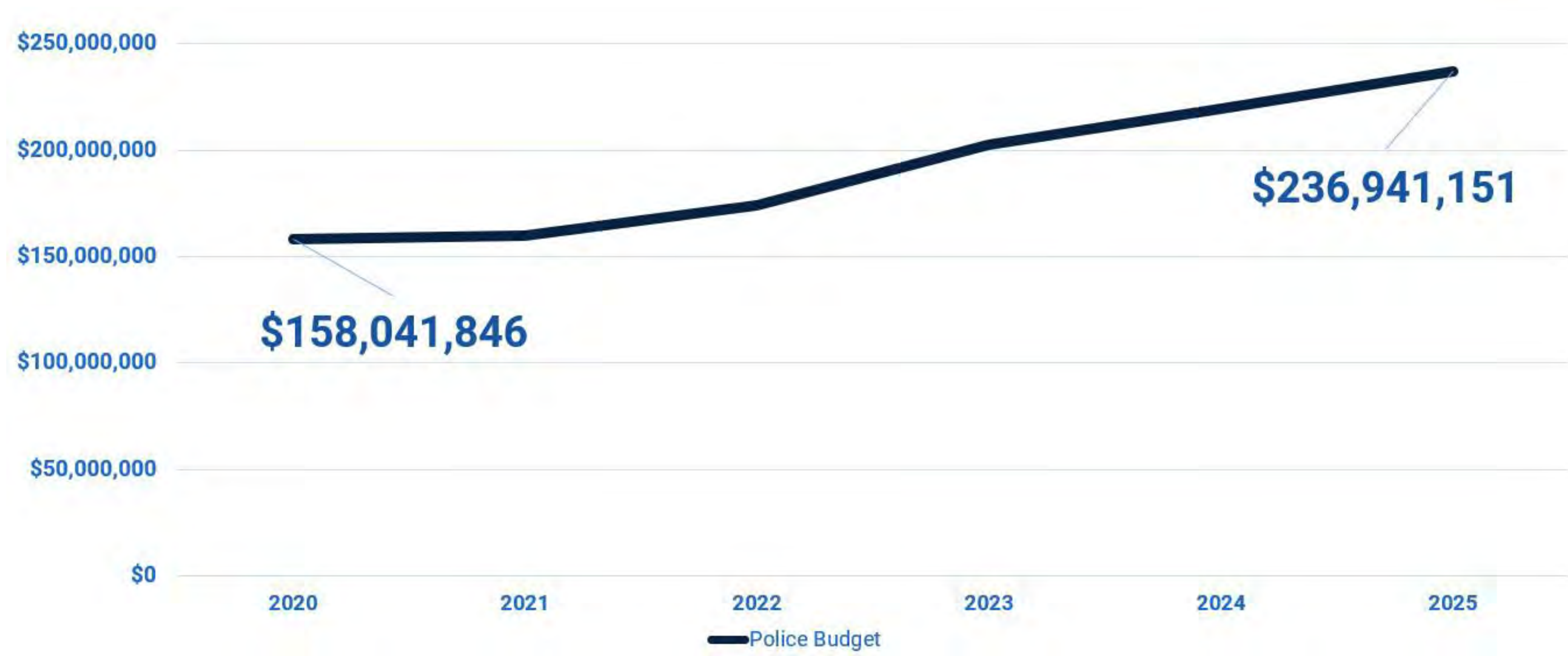
- Approved 2026 Capital Project
- Refers to the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)
- Rapidly deployed to emergency scenes
- Provides swift, actionable intelligence
- Fills crucial gaps when seconds matter



Manpower Challenges



County Supported Mission



Community Service Aides

- Program launched in September 2025
- 5-week training academy
- Respond to non-priority calls
- Allows officers to be proactive
- Great feedback







ACCG Legislative Preview

Todd Edwards
ACCG

County Legislative Priorities

Sam Olens
Dentons

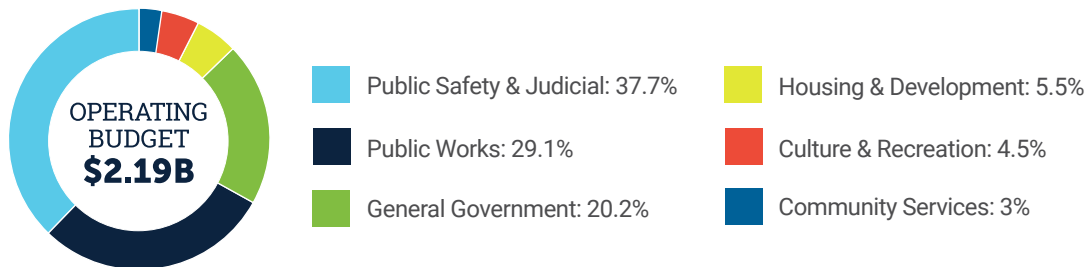


Questions?

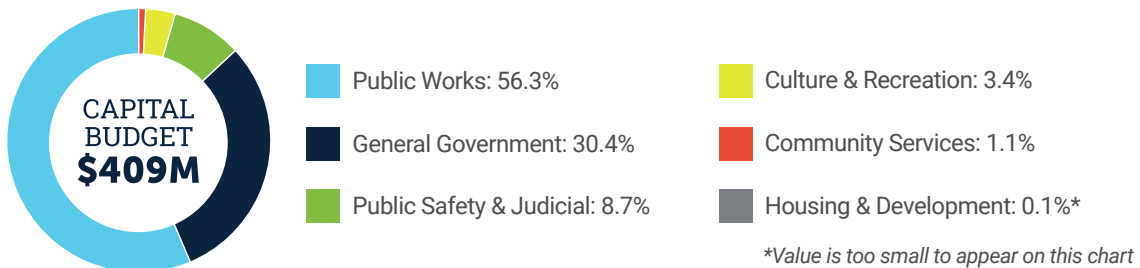
2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairwoman
Nicole Love Hendrickson's proposed budget for 2026 totals \$2.6 billion.

It consists of a **\$2.19 billion** operating budget, which funds everyday expenses such as employee salaries, benefits, equipment, and repairs...



...and a **\$409 million** capital budget, which includes funds from the County's voter-approved SPLOST program and funds things like public safety facilities, roads, and parks.



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

\$420,384

for additional staff for the
**SITUATIONAL AWARENESS
AND
CRIME RESPONSE CENTER**

\$2.49 MILLION

**TO UPDATE E-911
PHONE SYSTEM**

\$464,566

for the addition of a
**ROAD MAINTENANCE CREW
FOR CENTRAL GWINNETT**

\$2.44 MILLION

to begin relocation of
FIRE STATION 3

\$980,000

for
**LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS
TO ENHANCE SAFETY
at Bethesda Park Aquatic Center**