



Quality Housing  
for Everyone

# What does good design mean for Affordable Housing?

Affordable Housing Week  
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# Discussion topics for today

- Purpose / focus of the discussion:
  - physical aspects, specific property or location, and short/medium term actions
- Overall questions to consider:
  - What does “good design” for affordable housing mean to you?
  - Is “good design” a priority in your neighborhood or area of the City?
  - If “good design” is important to you, can / should the City play a role in helping make it happen, and how?



# What does “good design” mean Affordable Housing to you?

- Ecologically friendly / sustainable?
- Takes into account the existing look and feel?
- Based on the history and historic character?
- Presents a new or updated image / identity?
- Is considered authentic or unique?
- Makes people take notice?
- Promotes community values?
- Flexible / adaptable or long-term use?
- Something else . . . ?



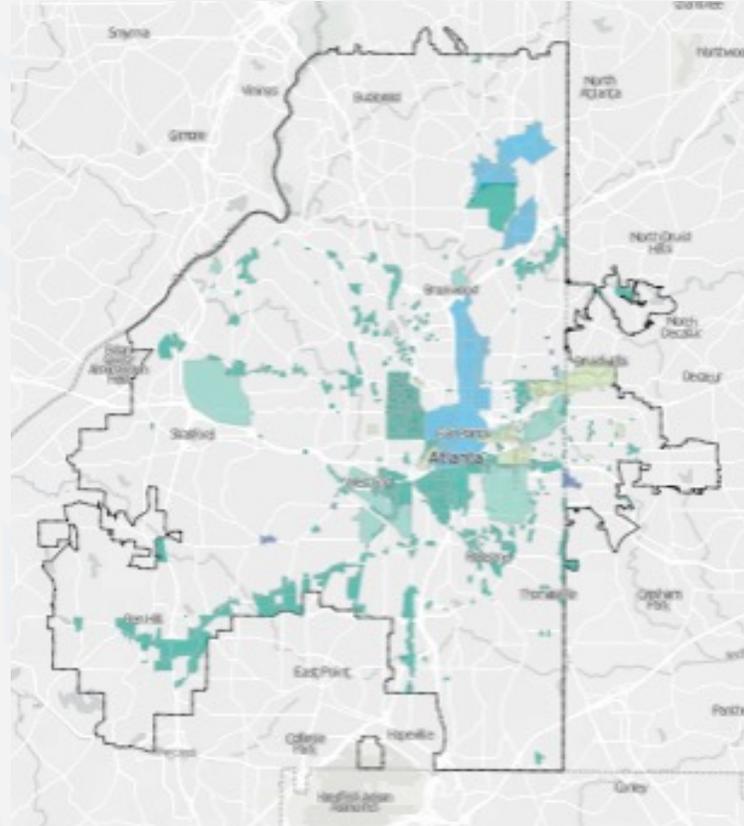
# Is “good design” a priority in your neighborhood or area of the city?

- Yes, No, Maybe, . . . . It depends?
- Do you spend time thinking about it or working on it? Is this captured in a community document (plan, study, etc.)?
- Has there been success in getting “good design” in your community?
- If your community has not been successful, why do you think that was the case?
- Do you find different types of projects in your community are easier to work on or make better? Housing vs. commercial, for example?



# If “good design” is important to you, can / should the City play a role in helping make it happen, and how?

- Have you felt supported by the City in trying to get “good design”?
- Are you familiar with any of the City processes that deal with “design review”?
- Do you have ideas about how the City could change its programs and tools to help better?
- Is this best left to each community to manage on its own?



End of presentation.

