Positioning Georgia in the forefront of the smart, equitable, + resilient movement.

The Georgia Smart Communities Challenge is a first-of-its-kind opportunity for communities of any size in Georgia to receive funding and support that enables them to envision, explore, and plan for their smart and connected future.

Communities are given $50,000 in grant funding, a partnership with a Georgia Tech research team, networking opportunities, and access to additional, unique resources to execute their projects. The pilot resulted in communities across the state pulling letters of support, passing government resolutions, and providing matching funds of over $1.8M+. The winning projects are shared with other GA communities and are becoming smart models nationally.

Impact

- City of Milton
  Technology-Enabled Safer Routes to School

- City of Woodstock
  Smart Woodstock Master Plan and Smart Corridor Study

- Gwinnett County
  Connected Vehicle Technology Master Plan

- City of Chamblee
  Shared Autonomous Vehicle Study

- Chatham County
  Smart Sea Level Tools for Emergency Planning and Response

- Macon-Bibb Consolidated Government
  Smart Neighborhoods

- Columbus Consolidated Government
  Smart Uptown

- City of Albany
  Housing Data Analytics and Visualization Initiative

Outreach

- 2/3 of GA population engaged
- 18 events with 1118 attendees, including mayors, city managers and county leaders; and 110+ national and local speakers
- 900+ views for GA Smart webinars
- Monthly newsletters to 2600+ subscribers
- 55+ print and tv media mentions

Smart Community Corps

The Smart Community Corps is a paid fellowship of civic-minded undergraduate or graduate students dedicated to creating livable, and equitable communities through smart technology and data

Communities Reached
- Green: 2018 Winning Communities
- Blue: 2019 Winning Communities

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