



City of Forest Park Code Enforcement
Beautification Plan

2023 – 2028

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Purpose and Goals

Purpose:

To create a sustainable and viable urban environment that is a desirable place to live, work, and play.

Goal:

The overall goal of the Code Enforcement Beautification Plan is to **identify and implement projects that will beautify our community**, increase desirability of commercial and residential real estate by encouraging residential homeowners to rehabilitate or demolish aging structures, and to assist business owners to invest in landscaping and cleanup of their properties.

Background:

Located roughly 10 miles south of Atlanta, the City of Forest Park was incorporated in 1908, and is home to a population of nearly 20,000 residents in Clayton County, Georgia, as well as many flourishing small, medium, and large businesses. The city is roughly five miles from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, with ease of access to I-75, I-285 and I-675.

In 2020, Forest Park, GA had a population of 19.9k people with a median age of 32 and a median household income of \$35,585. Between 2019 and 2020 the population of Forest Park, GA grew from 19,723 to 19,884, a 0.816% increase and its median household income declined from \$36,792 to \$35,585, a -3.28% decrease.

The City of Forest Park is the largest city in Clayton County and the home of the newly developed Fort Gillem.



Initiatives

INITIATIVE #1: CREATION OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Forest Park Beautification Committee (FPBC) is comprised of six (6) citizens within the city limits of Forest Park, GA. The committee will be tasked with initiating projects to beautify the City of Forest Park. The committee will identify different areas and parks that need beautification efforts throughout the city. There will be projects such as litter management campaigns, rights-of-way clean-up projects, and neighborhood block parties. FPBC is designed to recognize the areas that need attention and assist homeowners and business owners with enhancing the curb appeal in neighborhoods and commercial areas. Guidelines will include education, attending home owner's association (HOA) meetings, and other civic events.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Create the Beautification Committee
- 2) Appoint members
- 3) Host meetings on the 4th Monday of each month

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:

- A. Code Enforcement

PROJECT COST:

\$ 800.00 Shirts and Hats
\$ 400.00 Signage
\$ 400.00 (30 trash pickers)
\$ 200.00 gloves

INITIATIVE #2: NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT

The City of Forest Park Code Enforcement Department enforces all non-criminal/environmental city ordinances, codes, and regulations. Code Enforcement, along with assistance from Public Works, will improve the quality of life for our residents through maintenance efforts of medians and vacant lots. We will identify parks with picnic shelters & play structures that need improvements. The Code Enforcement Department continues efforts to reduce litter, graffiti, and illegal dumping. We strive to be more efficient with response times pertaining to issues addressing property maintenance standards along with ensuring compliance with maintenance for the city's main thoroughfares and neighborhoods. The department will identify the shopping plazas with junk vehicles, dilapidated signage, unclean/damaged parking lots, and trash on the rights-of-ways. We look forward to engaging with city leaders for suggestions on new projects within the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Identify Parks in need of repairs
- 2) Identify play structures in need of repairs/ replaced
- 3) Identify picnic shelters in need of repairs/ replaced
- 4) Meetings with property owners

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS:

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- A. Code Enforcement
- B. Public Works

PROJECT COST: \$0

INITIATIVE #3: LITTER CONTROL PROGRAMS

The citizens and businesses of Forest Park can make a big difference in our communities with increased neighborhood awareness and how we all contribute to the growing litter problem throughout the city. Citizen-driven clean-ups and the Beautification Committee will be the core of the city’s efforts to maintain a litter-free community, thus increasing the quality of life for all citizens and visitors. The city will create an Adopt-A-Road program, where the groups who participate receive a sign posted on the road they sponsor, after four (4) documented clean-up events.

- Litter control is essential to maintaining safe, clean, and sustainable neighborhoods.
- Citizens and businesses play a critical role in stopping litter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Create an Adopt-A-Road Program
- 2) Create application for sponsorship
- 3) Signage on the road of the group that sponsors
- 4) Conduct Litter Management Campaigns

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS:

- A. Code Enforcement
- B. Public Works Department

PROJECT COST:

\$ 100.00 Bags
\$ 150.00 each for signs

INITIATIVE #4: DEMOLITION OF DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES

Dilapidated structures can/and will bring down property values in the surrounding areas. In an effort to make room for new housing, you must deal with the old housing stock. The code enforcement department will identify the structures that will cost more to rehabilitate than it will cost to demolish. By working with the owners, the department will have these structures removed at no cost to the city.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Meet with all property owners that have dilapidated structures
- 2) Set a timeline for the structures to be removed
- 3) Create a list of contractors they may contact
- 4) All owners meet the requirement as listed on the Demolition Permit
- 5) Inspect the property after removal of the structure



RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS:

- A. Code Enforcement
- B. Building Inspections

PROJECT COST:

\$0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This program will identify areas that need attention pertaining to rehabilitation and curb appeal in residential as well as commercial.

Projects:

- Litter Management Campaigns
- Rights-of-ways Clean-up
- Ward Block Partys
- Beautification Committee Projects
- Adopt-A-Road Project

Goals:

To minimize trash/debris in the City of Forest Park. To educate the community; planned events (block parties – HOA meetings, etc.)

To assist with removal of trash from the rights-of-ways and beautify areas identified by the committees, groups & other organizations.

Through newly implemented committees and planned events the city will educate and remove trash from the rights-of-ways. The city will use the Block Partys as a tool to engage the community with literature and person to person communication.

As noted, the city will use every resource available to encourage citizens, business owners, and stakeholders to share in this Code Enforcement Department Beautification Plan. The following committees/programs will be used to accomplish this.

- Beautification Committee
- Neighborhood Enhancement
- Litter Control Programs
- Demolish of Dilapidated Structures

In closing, this plan will be a great tool to get this city moving in the right direction and heading into a great future with the beautification of this great city.....

*The **Code Enforcement Department** will work effortlessly to ensure that the City of Forest Park is the cleanest city in the world!!!!*