



IMPROVING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN ATLANTA

The Center for Civic Innovation is leading an independent, multi-year initiative to:

EDUCATE

our fellow Atlanta residents about the Neighborhood Planning Unit system and

EVALUATE

possible improvements that can make it better for everyone.



WHY?

We make **BETTER DECISIONS** when the public is truly engaged.

Community engagement is **MORE THAN A CHECKBOX.**

Policies and processes should be **REVIEWED REGULARLY.**

HOW?

INFORM ATLANTA RESIDENTS about the purpose and function of NPUs

GATHER INPUT from residents of Atlanta on how they'd like to engage with our city

RECOMMEND AND TEST IMPROVEMENTS for the NPUs with community and city decision-makers



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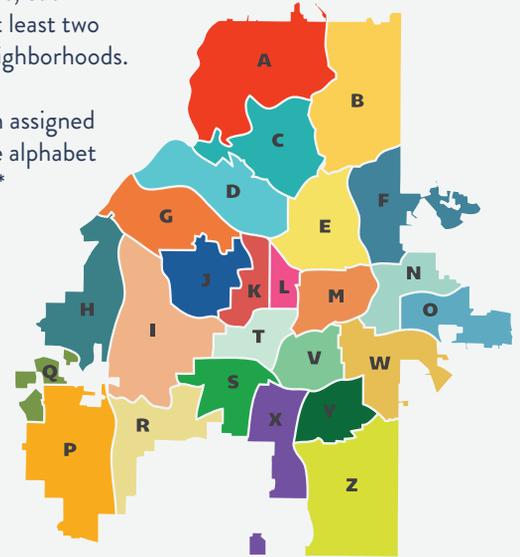
The Center for Civic Innovation (CCI) is an Atlanta non-profit that empowers people to shape the future of our city. We aim to eliminate inequality in our city through solutions designed from the ground up.

Since 1974 the NPU system has been the City of Atlanta's official way to engage with its residents.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING UNIT

The City of Atlanta is divided into 25 NPUs, each containing at least two individual neighborhoods.

They've been assigned letters of the alphabet from A to Z.*



* except for U because that would be confusing

WHO'S INVOLVED?

Everyone over the age of 18 who lives in Atlanta's city limits is a member of an NPU.

Property owners, business owners, and organizations can have a representative member, too.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

NPUs typically meet once a month to conduct business.

Each NPU has its own bylaws so there's no one-size-fits-all description.

They help prepare the **COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

dealing with the physical, social, and economic aspects of our city.

City officials provide information to and get feedback from the NPUs on public safety, public works, permits, parks, and other neighborhood planning matters.

WHO CAME UP WITH THEM?



In the early 1970s, **community activists** demanded a greater voice at city hall to save their neighborhoods.

State legislators included requirements for citizen participation in the City of Atlanta's **new charter.**

Representative Grace Towns Hamilton



In 1974, **Mayor Maynard Jackson** and the City Council created the NPUs to ensure residents would have their voices heard.



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While we forever love Atlanta, the NPU Initiative is independent from the City of Atlanta government. It is led by a growing coalition of partner organizations seeking to improve community engagement in our city.