

# Research and Technical Assistance Project

## How Communities Can Use the OEA Research and Technical Assistance Project

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*RTA Project*



# Introducing the RTA Project

- The Nathalie P. Voorhees Center - UIC
- Project Background
- What you'll receive
- Project Website



# About Us

- The Nathalie P. Voorhees Center works collaboratively with communities to provide research and technical assistance on a range of development issues
- Housed in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago
  - One of the nation's largest and most diverse urban planning colleges
- Proven track record in research and technical assistance



# Our Work with OEA

- Voorhees and OEA formed a cooperative agreement in Spring 2009
- The Research and Technical Assistance (RTA) project provides data indicators and technical assistance to help base communities confront change
- 56 base communities impacted by BRAC 2005 and other mission change are participating



# Progress to Date

- Developed 22 baseline indicators covering:
  - Housing
  - Economic development
  - Human capital
- Produced preliminary economic profiles of 56 base communities
- Developed project website



# What You'll Get

- **Constantly Updated Data** on local economies
  - Housing
  - Workforce
  - Human Capital
  - Infrastructure
  - Transportation
- **Baseline Data** tracking basic changes
  - Indicator trends
  - Comparisons between your community, states and the U.S.
  - Quarterly updates
  - Up-to-date information on the bottom-line condition of housing market, economy, key industries



# Real-Time Data You Can Use

- Indicators combine standard and cutting-edge measures of economic change
  - Example: Housing list prices **plus** new housing starts **plus** vacancy rates
- Website will provide instant mapping, graphing, and data downloads
- Voorhees will constantly update and analyze the indicators
- Voorhees will add **new** indicators based on your feedback



# What We Learned: Housing

- Recap and Next steps from Wednesday's Community Forums



# What We Learned: Economic Development

- Recap and Next steps from Wednesday's Community Forums



# What We Learned: Emerging Issues

- Recap and Next steps from Wednesday's Community Forums



# Questions and Comments

- Recap and next steps from Wednesday's Community Forums



# First Step

- Review initial data indicators
  - Which indicators are useful?
  - What questions do you have?
  - How easy is the data to access?
  - Is the data easy to use?
- Let us know: What else would you like to see?
  - What types of indicators would you like to see?
  - Which base community issues should Voorhees bear in mind as we develop additional indicators?



# Second Step

- Tell us: What is the Right Geographic Footprint?
- Each base community can choose three indicator geographies
  - Let us know what you need!



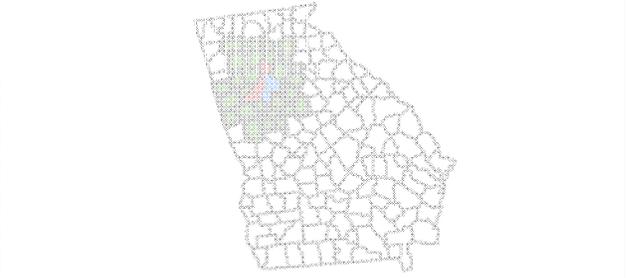
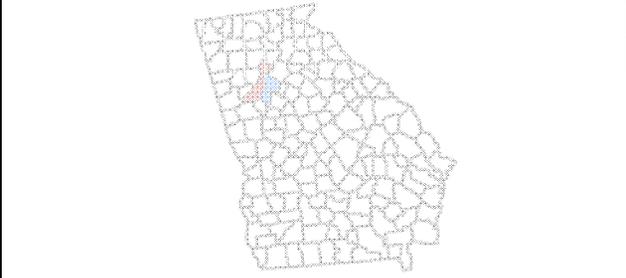
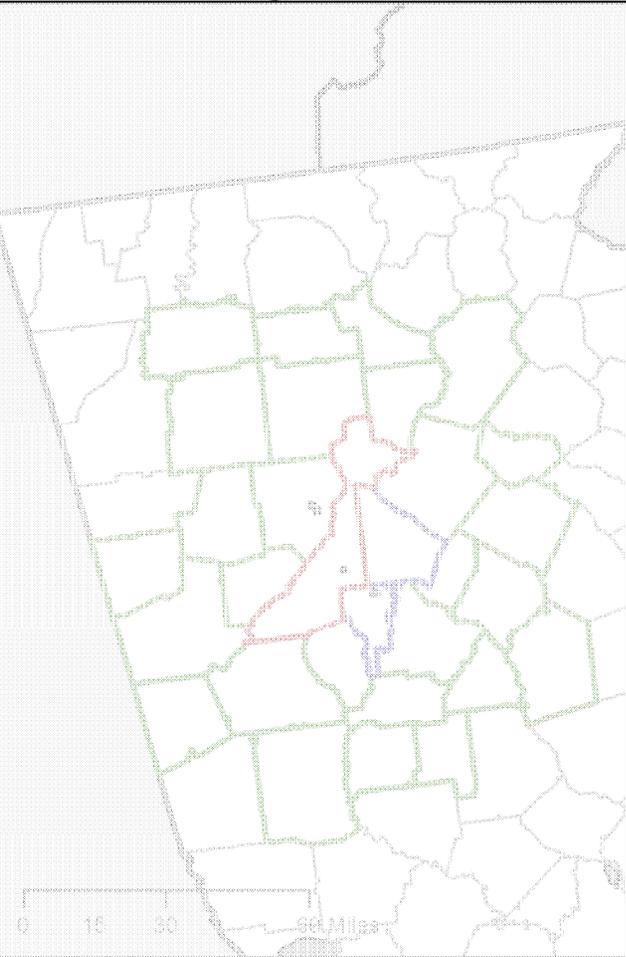
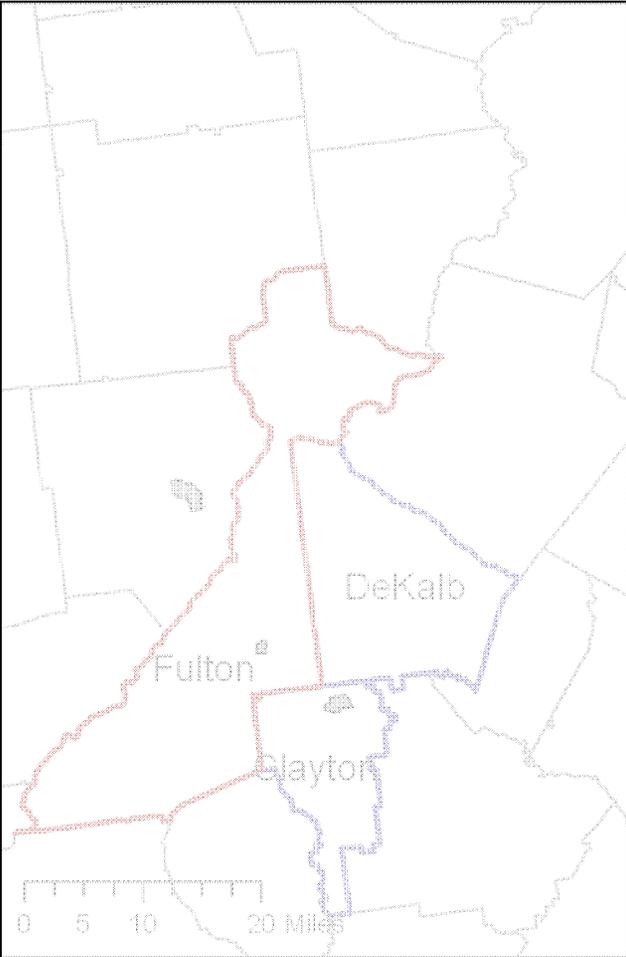
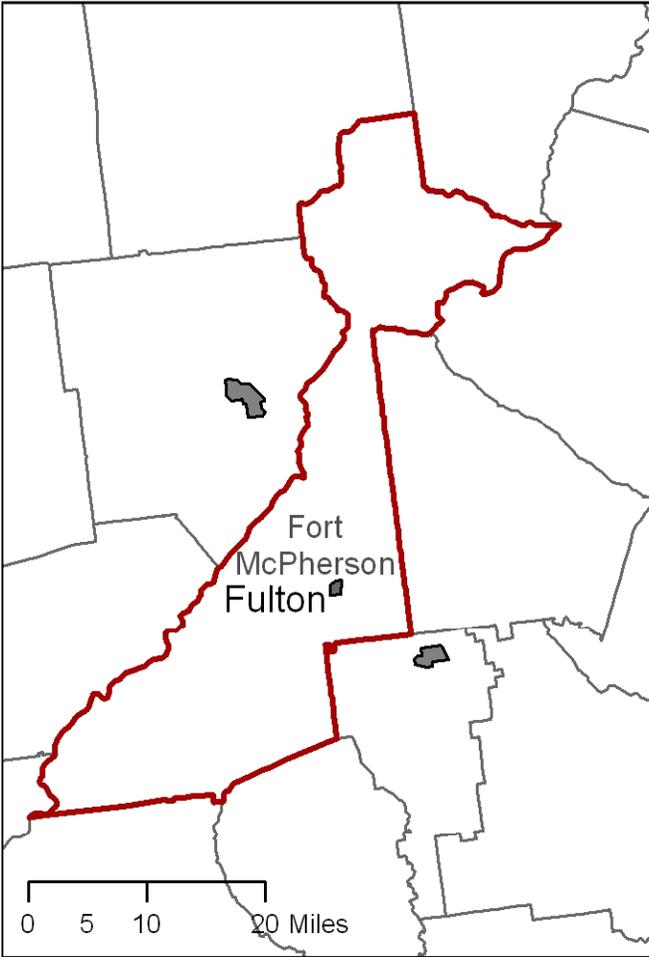
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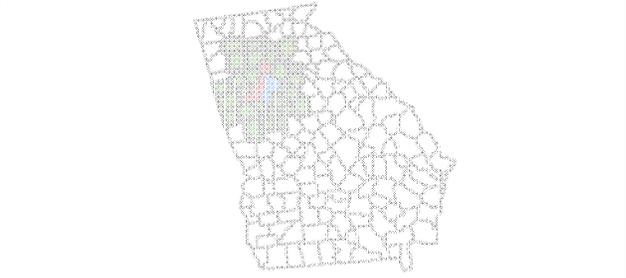
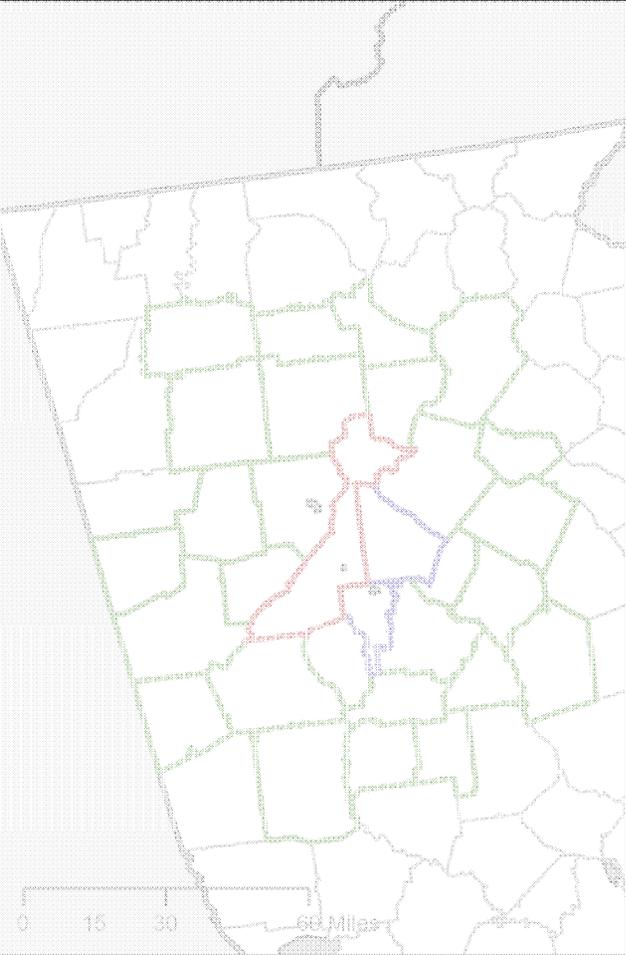
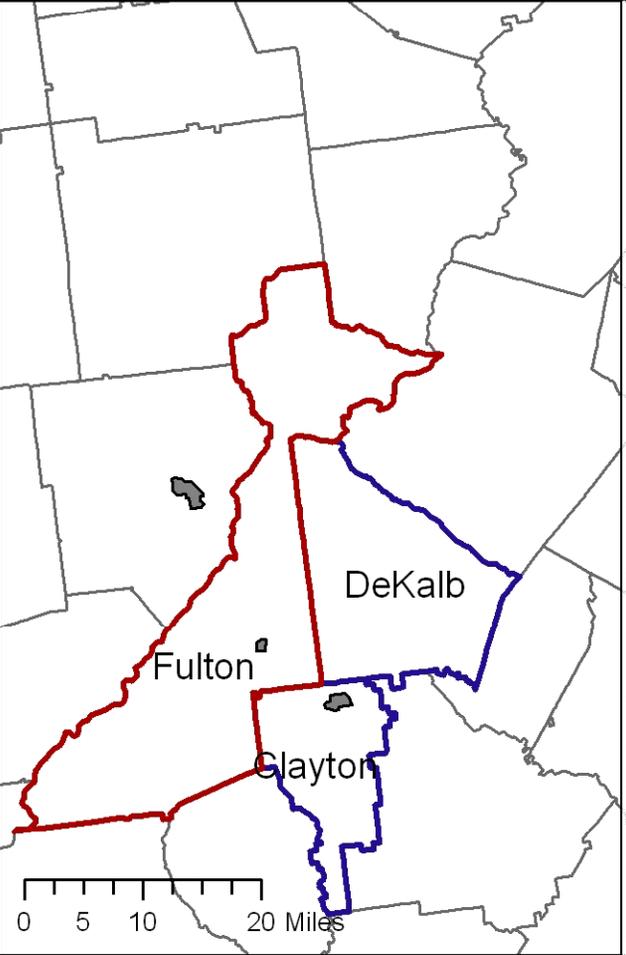
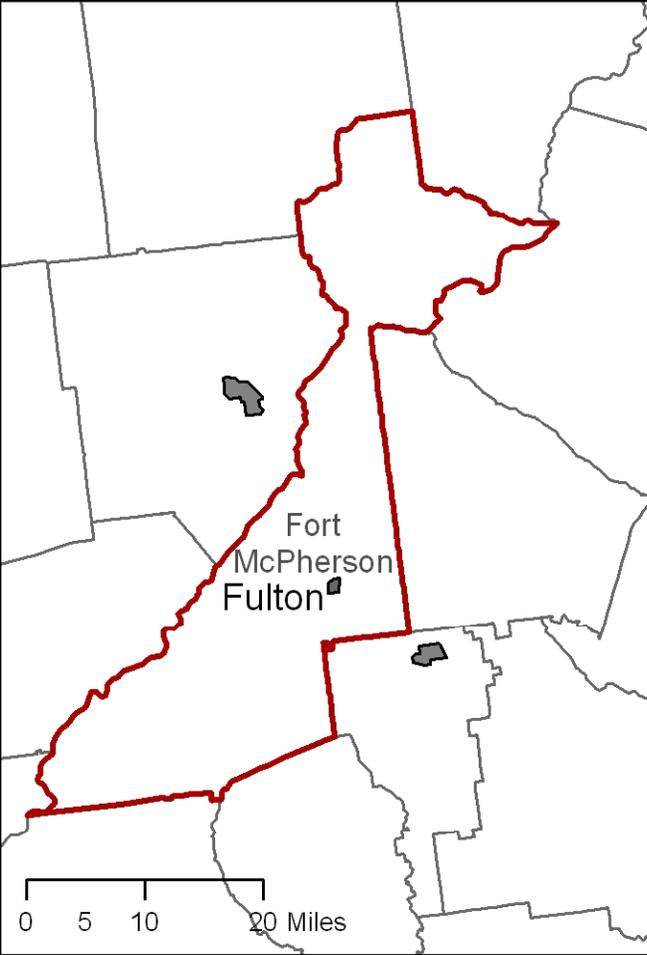
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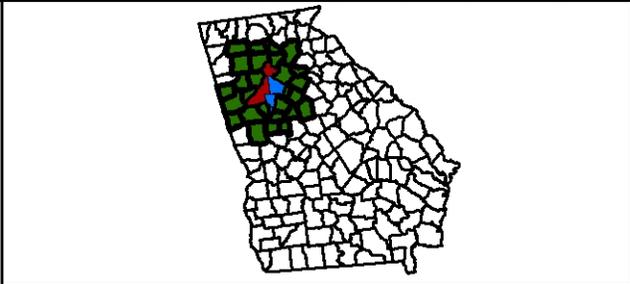
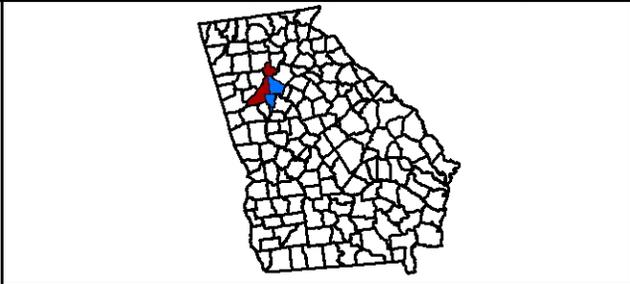
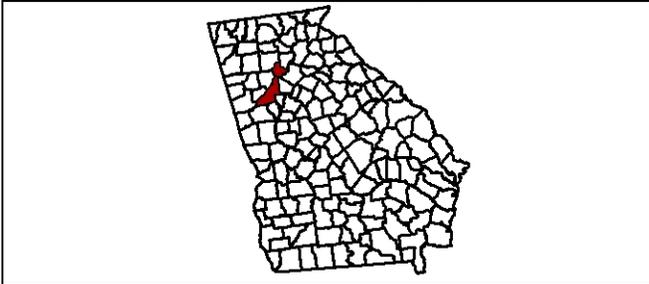
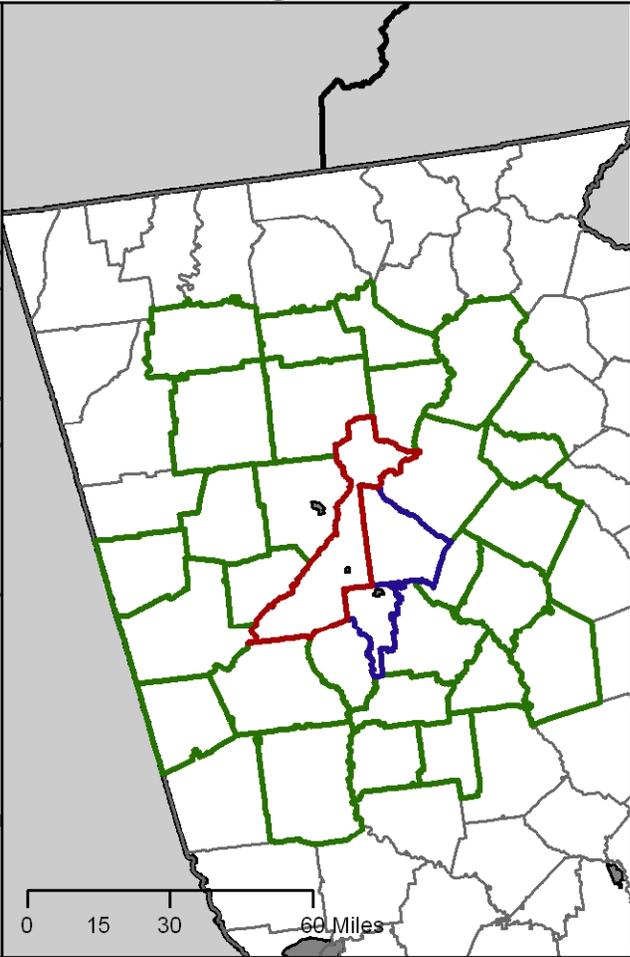
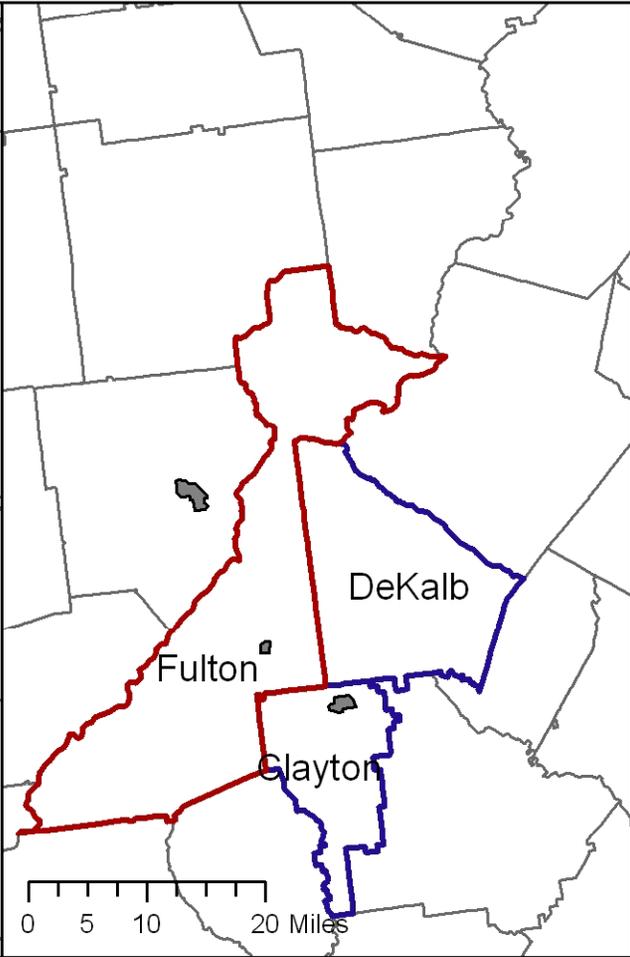
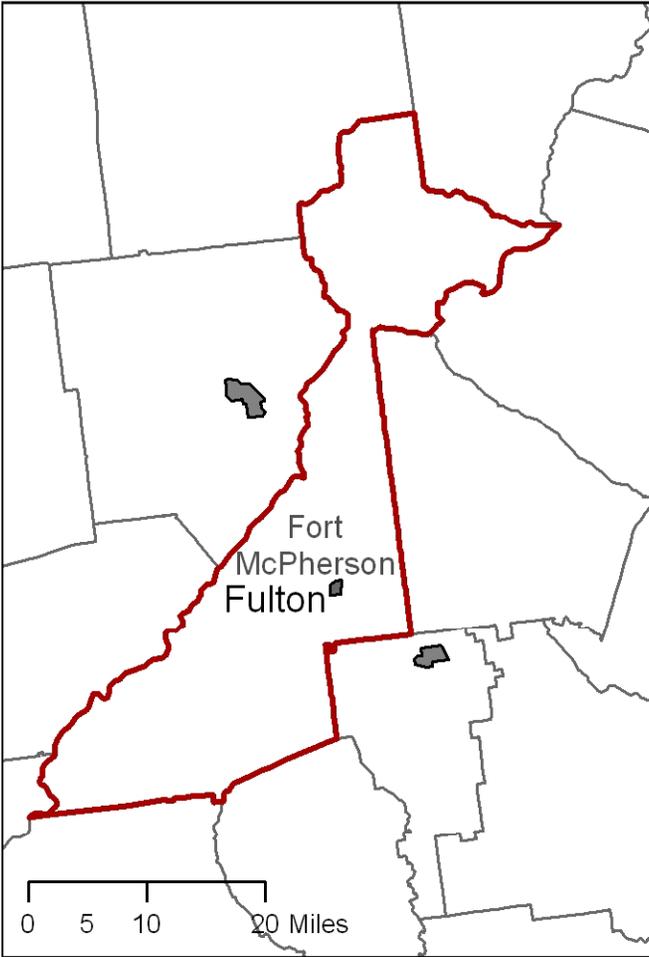
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# Third Step

Let's start talking!

1. Voorhees will make comments and propose data sources based on an inventory of your development plans and data
2. Put your technical experts in touch with Voorhees to discuss challenges and possible data solutions
3. It's up to you! The Voorhees Center is here to listen and provide technical expertise



# Questions and Comments?

- The Voorhees Center
- RTA Project results so far
- The RTA Project website
- Questions on development/data issues
- Next Steps

