

# Code Enforcement Beautification Plan

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**Purpose:**

To create an environment that is a desirable place to live, work, & 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 encourage 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 easy 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..



**INITIATIVE 1 – CREATION OF THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

The Forest Park Beautification Committee (FPBC) comprised of nine (9) citizens from the city limits. The committee will be charged with initiating projects to beautify the City of Forest Park. The committee will identify different areas and parks that need beautification efforts. There will be projects such as litter management campaigns, rights-of-ways clean-up projects, & neighborhood Block Partys. 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 an education piece, appearances at HOA meetings and other civic events.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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

**RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS:**

- 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. We 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 the effort to reduce litter, graffiti and illegal dumping. We plan to become more efficient with overall response time to issues addressing property maintenance standards along with ensuring compliance with maintenance for the city's gateways, parkways and neighborhoods. The department will identify the shopping plazas with junk vehicles, dilapidated signage, unclean/damaged parking lots & trash on the rights-of-ways. We look forward to engaging with the community leaders for suggestions on new projects in 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:**

- 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 by neighborhood awareness, how each of us contribute to litter. Citizen-driven cleanups and the Beautification Committee will be the core of the city's efforts to keep a litter-free community. 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 in 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) Post sign on road/street of the group that sponsor
- 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 effort to make room for new housing, you must deal with the old housing stock. The department will identify the structures that will cost more to rehabilitate than it would 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, 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, & 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!!!!*