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**Atlanta City Councilmember Smith and City of Atlanta invites the public to the first visioning workshop for the Turner Field Stadium Neighborhoods Livable Centers Initiative**

*Planning Team Seeks Public Input to Help Guide Vision for Stadium Area*

**ATLANTA** – The City of Atlanta’s Department of Planning and Community Development in partnership with Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Authority and Invest Atlanta will host a visioning workshop for the Turner Field Stadium Neighborhoods Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) to help develop a shared vision for the eight blocks with vacant parcels immediately surrounding the stadium (referred to as the Core Area).

On Saturday, January 30, 2016 at FANPLEX located at 768 Hank Aaron Drive SE, the planning team will conduct two identical work sessions to ensure that everyone in the stadium neighborhoods has a chance to participate:

**Morning session: From 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Afternoon session: From 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Each session will consist of a brief presentation which will include initial findings on the transportation, housing and market conditions, as well as opportunities of the study area. A brief summary of the kickoff meeting will be presented along with the results of the survey conducted by the Turner Field Community Benefits Coalition.

Following each presentation, participants will have an opportunity to engage in interactive exercises intended to identify the community’s vision for the Core Area. The Planning Team will provide examples of neighborhoods with variant characteristics, densities, mixes of use, and the services these neighborhoods support. Using these as guidelines, participants will be encouraged to build their own community in the core area using 3D blocks.

To learn more about the project and RSVP to participate in the morning or afternoon session, visit [www.StadiumNeighborhoodsLCI.org](http://www.StadiumNeighborhoodsLCI.org) and [facebook.com/StadiumNeighborhoodsLCI](https://www.facebook.com/StadiumNeighborhoodsLCI)

**About the Turner Field Stadium Neighborhoods Livable Centers Initiative:**

The LCI study area is approximately one thousand three hundred forty (1,340) acres encompassing all or portions of the Summerhill, Peoplestown, Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, and Grant Park neighborhoods. In addition, the study area includes all of the Stadium Neighborhoods Tax Allocation District (TAD). Through an extensive public engagement process, the City of Atlanta's goal for the LCI is to develop a shared vision and plan for the Turner Field Stadium Neighborhoods that will promote sustainable growth and development and an enhanced quality of life. The planning and public engagement process runs from December, 2015 to April, 2016 with a community event scheduled every month.

The Turner Field LCI is a joint planning effort of the City of Atlanta and Invest Atlanta. The study is funded with Federal Highway funding through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) as well as the City of Atlanta, Invest Atlanta and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The study must be complete by July 31, 2016.

**About the Department of Planning and Community Development:**

The mission of the Department of Planning and Community Development is to plan and implement the future by guiding the physical and economic development of the City while enhancing the quality of life through a comprehensive range of planning, design review, construction plan approval, and housing preservation and assistance services and programs.

**About the ARC Livable Centers Initiative Program:**

The Livable Centers Initiative is a planning program sponsored by the Atlanta Regional Commission that provides funding for planning studies and transportation projects in downtowns, activity centers, and corridors throughout the metro region. The program's goal is to balance transportation and land use, promote a mix of land uses, and encourage sustainable growth. The ARC Board has approved \$1 million annually for studies in years 2000 to 2017. The ARC Board also approved an initial allocation of \$350 million for priority funding of transportation projects resulting from Livable Centers Initiative studies. For more information on the program visit: <http://www.atlantaregional.com/land-use/livable-centers-initiative>

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