



Duluth Georgia

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Why Annexation?

It is important for us to respond to pressures of growth by ensuring development is planned, balanced, serviceable and appropriately located. The City has identified logical areas for future growth, development and services.

Annexing into the City of Duluth gives you a voice. You can help shape the City's future growth and development, maintain quality of life, and help ensure you are receiving world class local service.

Our sense of community is one of our greatest assets. Annexation simply allows those that are already connected to the community the ability to help continue the City's vision and to receive the additional benefit of the City's services, most notably stellar protection by the Duluth Police Department.

Capture the Spirit Video



ANNEXATION

BECOMING PART OF A SAFE, SECURE,
VISIONARY COMMUNITY

Capture the Spirit of Good Living



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A culturally diverse and vibrant community, Duluth is a place where families and businesses thrive. The City offers everything to truly capture the spirit of good living. Celebrations

such as the Barefoot in the Park Fine Arts Festival, Duluth Fall Festival, concerts, dining delights, entertainment and shopping venues, make Duluth an active, prosperous community.



Designated a **Tree City USA**, Duluth's leaders work constantly to develop and preserve the area's green spaces, expand its many parks and add sidewalks and bikeways connecting the City. Duluth offers the best of big-city amenities and small-town ambiance. We are a city with vision. NewsMax Magazine named Duluth a **Top Ten City for Best American Values**.

"It is a stellar example of how creating a beautiful public space can build community spirit."

-NewsMax Magazine
by Peter Greenberg, May 2009

BusinessWeek magazine ranked Duluth the **Best Affordable Suburb in Georgia**.

"Duluth is a community where families can live well for less and enjoy good schools, low crime, and reasonable commutes."

-BusinessWeek Magazine
by Vanessa Wong, March 2010



Benefits of Annexation

- ✓ Aggressive Police Protection
- ✓ Incomparable Parks & Recreation
- ✓ Superior Street Maintenance Services
- ✓ Reliable Residential Trash Service
- ✓ Smart Community Development
- ✓ Frugal Stormwater Fees
- ✓ World Class Levels of Service
- ✓ Your Voice is Heard

Public Safety

Quality law enforcement services are essential to a growing community. A State Certified Police Agency, the Duluth Police Department is dedicated to keeping our citizens safe.



With the only full-time Crime Suppression Unit in Gwinnett, laws are not only being enforced, but **crime is being prevented**. This unit is responsible for a 38% decrease in residential burglary, 26% decrease in entering autos, while vehicle theft is down 50%. Response time is quick and officers are highly trained and friendly. Having our own crime lab helps close cases faster and ensures evidence is handled correctly.

Known for aggressive traffic law enforcement, this strategy has resulted in a **substantial reduction in crime**.

"Traffic law enforcement is an effective tool to reduce criminal activity; it provides a visible deterrent."

-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Looking Beyond the Ticket: Traffic Law Enforcement and Beyond

Community Oriented Policing Services

The C.O.P.S. unit builds partnerships with police and citizens to ensure a better community in which we live, work and play. Many educational programs are offered to our students and citizens by this unit.



Taxes and Frugal Stormwater Fees

The cost of living in the City just got less expensive. Based on a home with a tax valuation of \$300,000, the total cost of receiving all the benefits of living in the City is about an additional 90¢ a day. Starting with the next tax cycle the County tax for City residents will be reduced by 1.6 mills. This tax reduction is **ONLY** available when you become a City resident. The City's **stormwater fees are 45-82% lower** than what you are paying now, depending on the size of your home.



Process for Annexation

The City staff stand ready to assist property owners with the annexation process. While annexation laws can in some circumstances be complex, the starting point is deciding to become a part of the City of Duluth. We are happy to answer any questions and will help guide you through the process.

