

**RESOLUTION BY THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION
TO APPROVE THE ARC ALTERNATIVE DRI THRESHOLDS AND PROCEDURES AND
FORWARD TO DCA FOR FINAL APPROVAL**

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (the Department) Rules establish specific thresholds, rules, and procedures for the identification and review of Developments of Regional Impact (DRI); and

WHEREAS, the Department established a taskforce in 2011 to revise the rules guiding DRI review; and

WHEREAS, the revised DRI rules provide guidance and encouragement for Regional Commissions to establish alternative DRI thresholds, reviewable development types, and amendments to the DRI Communication Procedures ; and

WHEREAS, these rules are applicable to all local governments and Regional Commissions in the State; and

WHEREAS, DRI reviews evaluate a development project for its local impacts, potential effects on neighboring jurisdictions, consistency with the Regional Commission's Regional Plan and recommended development patterns in the State Planning Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, staff of the Atlanta Regional Commission convened the Environment and Land Use Committee (ELUC) Land Use Team and the Land Use Coordinating Committee (LUCC) DRI Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, these committees were charged with assisting with in development alternative DRI thresholds and procedures; and

WHEREAS, these committees provided guidance and input in the development of the ARC Alternative DRI Thresholds and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, these recommended changes to ARC DRI Thresholds and Procedures have been shared with several stakeholder groups including the Association of County Commissions of Georgia (ACCG);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission approves the ARC Alternative Thresholds and Procedures and directs staff to forward these to DCA for final approval by the DCA Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby adopt the ARC Alternative Thresholds and Procedures upon approval by the DCA Board, and further directs to revisit DRI procedures and thresholds annually.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Atlanta Regional Commission on August 22, 2012.

