The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing offers communities a three-year program of collaboration and technical assistance. The objective of the Initiative is to help communities create and launch a locally based plan to meet their housing needs. Participating communities will:

- Create a community housing team
- Develop new ideas about meeting local housing needs
- Learn about approaches and available resources to meet housing needs
- Produce a community housing plan
- Begin implementation of their plan

**WHAT IS IT?**

- a series of facilitated retreats held over a three year period designed to allow communities to fashion solutions to their housing needs
- the opportunity to attend related workshops and receive technical assistance
- opportunities for the community housing teams to engage in cross-community sharing and collaboration

Readily available technical assistance and housing expertise will be provided by the partners to (1) help communities identify housing needs, (2) develop a plan for meeting their housing objectives, and (3) enhance local understanding of housing programs.

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**2005 COMMUNITIES**
- Cartersville
- Fort Valley
- Sylvester
- Thomasville
- Valdosta
- Waycross

**2006 COMMUNITIES**
- Camden County
- Dalton/Whitfield
- Hall County
- Moultrie
- Waynesboro

**2007 COMMUNITIES**
- Colquitt
- Metter
- Milledgeville
- Newnan
- Tifton

**PARTNERS**
- Georgia Municipal Association
- Georgia Department of Community Affairs
- University of Georgia
- Housing and Demographics Research Center

**IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER**
- Georgia Electric Membership Corporation

**SPONSORS**
- Georgia Power Company
- U.S.D.A Rural Development
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