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County Website Receives National A+ Rating

Clayton County's website receives outstanding rating for government transparency

Jonesboro- Clayton County's government website recently received an A+ rating for its openness and accountability in displaying information to the public. Locally, Clayton is just one of two counties in the state of Georgia to receive such a high ranking by the national website disclosure program, Sunshine Review.

Launched in 2008, Sunshine Review is a project of the Sam Adams Alliance which rates government websites based on a transparency checklist. The organization believes that county residents and taxpayers need to adequately gauge whether county government is transparent in terms of:

- Effectiveness
- Competency
- Frugality with tax revenues
- Compliance with all expectations and relevant laws about public records and open meetings.

Information Technology Director, Brett W. Lavender, is proud of the county's rating, "Clayton County's website is ever evolving in order to address the needs of our citizens. Therefore, we are constantly working to ensure that the most accurate information regarding the county is just a click away. Our A+ rating proves that all of our hard work and efforts are paying off."

Websites that are examined by Sunshine Review undergo a checklist procedure to determine if the government site is making available certain basic information ranging from budgets and meetings to contracts and local taxes. Currently nearly 3,000 of the 3140 counties in the United States have been evaluated to determine their level of transparency and Clayton County received one of the highest ratings possible.

Any concerned citizen, who is interested in monitoring their local and state government, as well as their local school districts, can take an active role in the review process by joining the Sunshine Review community. To review Clayton County's A+ rating log on to the county's

website at www.co.clayton.ga.us or to obtain additional information about the Sunshine Review visit their website at www.sunshinereview.org.