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Renowned Community Walkability Study Expert Holds Workshop In Clayton County

Jonesboro- Clayton County Senior Services Department recently partnered with the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the city of Morrow and the Georgia Chapter of AARP and hosted a workshop to review the city of Morrow's live and walk environment for older residents. The presenters of the workshop were from the Walkable and Liveable Communities (WALC) Institute.

Dan Burden serves as the executive director and co-founder of the Walkable and Liveable Communities Institute and has been named by TIME magazine as "one of the six most important civic innovators in the world". As part of the walkable and liveable workshop that was presented by the WALC Institute, Burden and WALC director of outreach and communications, Kelly Morphy, walked along area thoroughfares with those that attended the day long workshop. In order to properly assess the various areas participants, including some of Senior Services' Kinship Care families, walked around the National Archives, Clayton State University and the surrounding Morrow community. The workshop's findings will have a vital role in the Clayton County Lifelong Communities Initiative as both the county and municipalities move forward with development projects.

The new Lifelong Communities Initiative is designed to better serve older adults by allowing them to age in place. Lifelong communities will provide quality healthcare, an efficient transportation system, community based services, activities and businesses that are located in close proximity to where older adults live. Burden and his team has been instrumental in assisting communities across the country create communities that incorporate these core principles.

The WALC Institute is an educational, non-profit organization working to create healthy, connected communities that support active living and that advance opportunities for all people through walkable streets, livable cities and better built environments. The Institute inspires, teaches, connects and supports communities in their efforts to improve health and well-being through better built environments. Future walkable and liveable workshops are being planned for other local municipalities.

For additional information on the Walkable and Liveable Communities Institute visit their website at www.walklive.org.

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