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**City of Dunwoody Honored with Atlanta Regional
Commission's Green Communities Certification**

Dunwoody – December 1, 2010 – The City of Dunwoody is honored to receive the Green Communities Bronze Level Certification from the Atlanta Regional Commission in recognition of its efforts to reduce Dunwoody's environmental footprint. The sustainable policies and ordinances adopted by City Council have propelled Dunwoody to the Bronze Level certification and have impacted all departments of the City. The City officially received the award in a ceremony held this afternoon at the Atlanta Regional Commission offices in Atlanta.

"This award acknowledges that Dunwoody is leading the way to sustainability by reducing our environmental footprint" stated Jeff Timler, Director of Sustainability. "The Green Communities certification helps reinforce Dunwoody's positive image of a place to live and conduct business while setting an example for businesses and organizations seeking to reduce their environmental impact."

Dunwoody's efforts in sustainability date back to the first days of Cityhood. In December 2008 the Mayor and Council established the Dunwoody Sustainability Commission as a permanent advisory board. The Sustainability Commission convenes monthly to share research, ideas, and draft eco-friendly policies and ordinances in which to minimize environmental impacts of both the City and the community at large.

Because of the Sustainability Commission, the City's Purchasing Policy sets a standard of environmentally preferable procurement and demonstrates the City's commitment to environmental stewardship. All departments purchase copy, computer, and fax paper with at least 30 percent post consumer recycled content and several purchase 100 percent post consumer recycled paper. Additionally, the City Council adopted an LED Traffic Signal Policy which eliminated the use of incandescent halogen bulbs in traffic signals. To date, 75% of the bulbs, from the 56 signalized intersections, have been converted to LED light bulbs.

The Sustainability Commission continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:45 a.m. at City Hall. They are currently working with staff towards earning the ARC's Green Communities Silver Level Certification. Future policies under consideration include a Government Landscaping Policy, a Complete Streets Policy, and a Bicycle Facilities Policy for government facilities.

For additional information regarding Dunwoody's Green Communities Certification please contact Jeff Timler, Director of Sustainability, at jeff.timler@dunwoodyga.gov or 678-382-6700. For more information on the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Communities Program please visit their website at <http://www.atlantaregional.com/environment/green-communities>.

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About the City of Dunwoody, Georgia - Dunwoody is a city located in metro Atlanta, in northern DeKalb County, Georgia. Dunwoody officially incorporated as a city on December 1, 2008. The City of Dunwoody will provide quality service to its citizens and support the largest economic engine in the Southeast by planning in a careful and thoughtful manner. The City of Dunwoody will be inventive, transparent and embrace responsible progress, tempered by the city's rich history and strong desire to maintain a close and vibrant community atmosphere that values family life and the entrepreneurial spirit. The City of Dunwoody will continue to support and nurture a community dedicated to the preservation of family, education, religious institutions, and the environment.

Ken Wright Mayor

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Adrian Bonser City Council Post 2

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Robert Wittenstein City Council Post 4

Danny Ross City Council Post 5

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