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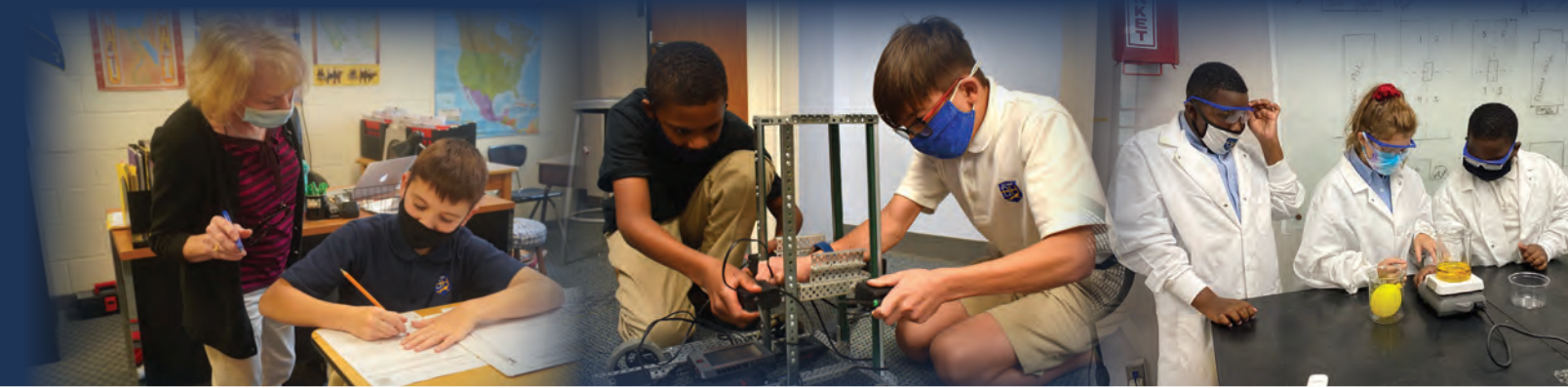
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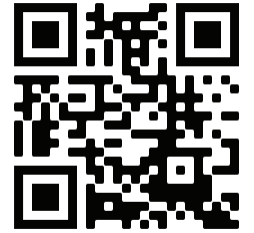


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COBB COUNTY, your new home.

WELCOME HOME!

Cobb County, the fourth largest county in Georgia at nearly 350 square miles, is more than just part of the metro Atlanta area. It is a place rich in history, culture and entertainment, a leader in business and education and a great place for people of all ages to call home.

The history of Cobb spans nearly 185 years. The state legislature founded the county in 1832 after confiscating the land from Cherokee Nation—nearly five years before the city of Atlanta was established. It was named for former U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator and Georgia Superior Court Judge Thomas W. Cobb. Marietta, the county's seat, was founded just two years later. When the construction of the railroad line began, shanty towns for workers evolved into permanent settlements, which eventually became some of the county's first towns. In the pre-Civil War years, parts of the county like Marietta and Powder Springs enjoyed popularity as resort towns due to the area's unique geographical features.

Like many parts of Georgia, Cobb County played an important role during the Civil War, as part of Gen. Sherman's route from Chattanooga to Atlanta. The most well known local battle, the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, occurred on June 27, 1864. Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston and his troops were attempting to protect their position near the railroads leading to Atlanta. The two-week battle resulted in 3,000 Union casualties and only 1,000 Confederate casualties. Despite his losses, Sherman continued south into Atlanta, burning many towns and crops along the way. After the war ended, the entire area began to rebuild, and industry replaced farming as the primary economic engine. In the early 1940s, the federal government opened a plant to manufacture B-29 bombers. Although the plant closed after World War II, it reopened during the Korean War and was subsequently renamed Dobbins Air Force Base. Nearby Lockheed Martin Aeronautics led the nation in the manufacture of military transport planes. Even today, it is still one of the top employers in the county due to its Department of Defense contracts.

Cobb County boasts a temperate climate, with hot summers and cool—but not too cold—winters. In the spring, dogwoods, Bradford pears and azaleas burst into bloom and stay lush and green throughout the summer months. Fall in the area is marked with bright oranges and reds on the trees.

Only in Cobb County

In the 1960s and 1970s, the population of Cobb County exploded, as more and more people left the city for the suburbs, and it has been steadily growing ever since. Now with a population of nearly 750,000, the county holds vast influence in the metro area. As the site of The Home Depot's global headquarters, as well as numerous other industries both large and small, the county is widely known as a business-friendly area. In January 2014, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, which has more than 2,500 members, was awarded 5-Star Accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce, putting it in the top 1 percent of chambers in the country.

In addition to traditional businesses, Cobb also has some unique economic attributes. While sometimes overshadowed by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which has held the title of world's busiest airport for more than 10 years, Cobb is home to Cobb County International Airport. This public airport averages 475 takeoffs and landings each day, making it the third busiest airport in the state.

Education is another priority in Cobb. As the 24th largest district in the country, the Cobb County School District operates 112 schools, while the Marietta City Schools system operates 11. Students who want to stay local have plenty of options when it comes to institutes of higher learning, with Kennesaw State University and Chattahoochee Technical College earning high marks in various fields.

While it is only 20 miles from downtown Atlanta, Cobb County has a vibe all its own. Its six incorporated cities—Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, Powder Springs and Smyrna—along with the unincorporated areas of Vinings and Mableton, strike a solid balance between honoring and preserving their history and welcoming innovation and change. Many of its municipalities, including Marietta and Smyrna, have old-fashioned town squares that host a variety of concerts, parades, festivals, farmers' markets and other events throughout the year.

In addition to their small-town sensibilities, many of Cobb's cities have been recognized for their efforts in everything from keeping residents healthy to operating strong family businesses. For example, the city of Kennesaw was named one of the 50 safest cities in Georgia and is also home to the Fit City Kennesaw initiative. This citywide initiative kicked off in 2011 in order to address the rising rates of obesity and other health concerns. With free outdoor workouts at area parks and a wide range of annual road races and other events, Fit City Kennesaw has earned local and national attention.

For many people who are relocating to the area, health care is a big concern. Fortunately, Cobb is home to WellStar Health Systems, which operates a number of hospitals, clinics and other facilities. WellStar Kennestone Hospital was the first in the state of use the CyberKnife and da Vinci robotic surgical systems to reduce scarring and recovery time for a variety of surgical procedures.

Health care is of particular concern to baby boomers, as they begin to retire. According to realtor.org, the number of Americans 65 or older will nearly double between now and 2030, and the share of the population that is 85 and older will increase by 52 percent. With that in mind, Cobb County has many resources for its older population as well. Many facilities are embracing the "aging in place" concept, which allows residents to stay at the same facility even as their health needs change. The unincorporated community of Mableton was

recently awarded the Lifelong Communities designation from the Atlanta Regional Commission. That means Mableton provides a wide range of housing options and parks, transportation alternatives for those who can no longer drive and services for older residents.

No matter their age, Cobb residents know how to have fun, and the county's many entertainment venues draw visitors from all over the metro area. World-class performing arts venues like the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre and the Six Flags and Six Flags White Water amusement parks provide access to some of the region's best performances and roller coasters.

The city of Atlanta hosts several professional teams, including the NBA's Atlanta Hawks and the NFL's Atlanta Falcons. In 2017, Cobb County—specifically the Cumberland/Galleria business district—is the new home for MLB's Atlanta Braves. Cobb County is the home to the MLS Champions, Atlanta United FC. Headquarters of the soccer team is in Marietta in the Gateway Marietta CID.

In addition to these venues, Cobb County has some unique geographical features that make it stand out from other parts of the metro area. Residents can water ski on Lake Acworth, sun



Courtesy of Cobb County Government

themselves on the beach, then hike a mountain or ride a bike all the way to Alabama. Locals also know how much fun it can be to “shoot the ‘Hooch,” or tube down the Chattahoochee River. As the only federally run national park in the area, the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park is a great place to hike, bike, picnic or just take in stunning views and it has been the country’s top attended NBP. The Cobb County government oversees more than 30 parks, so recreation is never far away.

Like many other parts of the Atlanta area, Cobb County has myriad restaurants to satisfy every type of craving, with outposts of nearly every major chain restaurant as well as unique local fare.

In addition to some Cobb-only restaurants like Seed Kitchen & Bar, diners can also enjoy some of metro Atlanta’s best restaurants, like South City Kitchen, all without going inside the Perimeter. The burgeoning immigrant population in Cobb means that cuisine from every corner of the world is easy to find.

While the Atlanta housing market took a hit during the economic downturn, the suburban real estate market has bounced back to healthy levels. Housing options in Cobb run the gamut from new construction, single family homes, condos in historic areas, and apartments near the local colleges and universities. Prices are historically lower than within the Atlanta city limits, so buyers can get more for their money.

Business, culture, education, green space, town squares, easy access to the city of Atlanta—Cobb County truly has it all. Residents enjoy a high quality of life and make the most of the area’s geography, history and recreational opportunities. As a place that is both in touch with its history and looking forward to the future, Cobb has much to offer families, young professionals and retirees alike.



Courtesy of Cobb County Government



Welcome to the Peach State

By Brian Kemp,
Governor, Georgia

Georgia truly is one of the best places to live, work and do business. As we look to the future of this great state, we see thriving businesses, growing families, and a diverse population.

Georgia’s economy is dynamic, with many growing industry sectors from agriculture, aerospace, automotive, film, technology, tourism and beyond. Our low cost of living and quality of life are just two of the reasons that Georgia stands out to businesses and families across the country and around the world.

We pride ourselves on being able to offer Georgia businesses access to a highly skilled workforce. Our educational opportunities are endless with robust programs and degrees available through the University System of Georgia and Technical College System of Georgia, and top-notch workforce training programs that are second to none.

Our economic development successes lead to a stronger economy through job creation and investment opportunities. Our pro-business environment not only attracts new business, but also allows our existing industries to continue investing through job growth and expansion. Recent job announcements in Savannah, Augusta, Buford, Cartersville, Valdosta, and Douglasville proves that every corner of our state is ready to welcome job creators to their communities.

Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, comprising over 99% of all businesses in Georgia. In fact, small business owners recently awarded Georgia an A+ for our business-friendly licensing requirements, tax regulations, and labor and hiring regulations.

Through initiatives like the Georgians First Commission, Georgia will continue to make sure small businesses not only thrive in our state, but their products and services impact people around the world.

From world-renowned cities to welcoming rural communities, we are delighted to share our state with the millions of visitors who explore Georgia every year.

I am honored to be at the helm of this great state. I am committed to job creation, access to healthcare and educational opportunities for all Georgians. Working together, I know Georgia’s best days are ahead.



Cobb Association of Realtors

Michael Faulkner
CEO

The Cobb Association of REALTORS® (CAR) was founded in 1954 to promote the greatest good for customers, clients, and the community through the ethical practice of Real Estate. Today, CAR is comprised of nearly 2,300 Residential and Commercial Agents, Brokers, and Affiliate Members in and around Cobb County. CAR is one of 51 local associations that make up the Georgia Association of REALTORS® and its 51,000 members and the 1.5 million member National Association of REALTORS®.

Our Mission is to advance the Rights of Property Owners, The Prosperity of our Community, the Integrity of our Profession, and the Success of our Members.

Through our Mission, we are the Voice of Real Estate and the Defender of Private Property Rights for Cobb County. Our Members subscribe to a strict Code Of Ethics set forth by the National Association of

REALTORS®. We support many local charitable organizations, schools, events, and other business organizations.

CAR is overseen by a 14 Member volunteer Board of Directors, led by our 2022 President, Wendy Gravlin-Chambers, President-elect, Sierra Westrick, our Immediate Past President and four Vice Presidents directing the functional areas of Member Services, Professional Development, Governmental Affairs, and Finance & Operations.

Supporting the Board of Directors are 21 Committees, also led and populated by volunteer members, which develop and implement the programs and services in support of our Mission.

The administrative functions of the Association are handled by a small and dedicated full-time staff led by our new Association Executive, Michael Faulkner. Michael has had a distinguished thirty seven year career in the real estate industry as a commercial REALTOR® Broker, developer, and banker/mortgage banker. He has served in leadership roles at local, state, and national REALTOR® associations as well as at numerous charitable, governmental, and business boards and organizations.

Our Members are dedicated to serving our Cobb County clients and communities and we invite you to support us and our Mission. Do business with a REALTOR®.



FMLS expands real estate marketplace across the Southeast to help list and sell real estate faster

By Jeremy Crawford,
President and Chief Executive Officer, First Multiple Listing Service

2021 was a very interesting and intense year for real estate, not just because of the pandemic. In the 11-county area comprising the greater Atlanta market, the average sale price of a resale home hit an all-time high to reach \$469,000, up more than 18% from 2020's record sale price of \$396,000.

At the same time, the availability of inventory of homes for sale has been, and remains, at all-time lows. Yet, despite the pandemic and market-based challenges, the real estate professionals in Georgia persevered. FMLS broker and agent members transacted a staggering \$45 billion in residential home sales in 2021, a mind-blowing number. If metro Atlanta were a country, that volume of residential real estate sales would put us in the top 100 of gross domestic product worldwide. And, we didn't count commercial sales or leases, new construction, or rentals, and we still hit \$45 billion in sales. Real estate in Georgia is a big business, and it's a healthy business, too.

Our goal at FMLS is to continue to help the real estate marketplace evolve and grow for the good of our members and the overall economy.

Recently, we launched partnerships with the Middle Georgia MLS in Macon, GA, and the Gulf Coast MLS in Mobile, Alabama. These partnerships allow brokers and agents in the greater Atlanta area to expose their seller's listings to a much larger homebuyer's market. And it gives FMLS members access to more listing inventory from other areas in the Southeast. This means more exposure for sellers, more inventory for buyers, and a vast referral network for brokers and agents across the Southeast. No one else is forging partnerships like FMLS to make the real estate market work better. And, we're willing to partner with any MLS or Association anywhere in the country if it helps FMLS members and partners here at home.

FMLS also has a team of highly experienced employees and software

that uses Artificial Intelligence to help our members succeed. Through predictive modeling and other tools, AI works behind the scenes to better match a homebuyer with their ideal home. It can also help real estate professionals determine which homeowners are most likely to list their homes. This allows brokers and agents to find listings and work more efficiently while increasing inventory for the pent-up demand from buyers. Being an FMLS member is a great differentiator and an incredible way for homeowners to find stellar brokers and agents to work with.

"The Internet has changed everything, and practically everyone starts their process online. We want our members to have the latest technology in hand to work smarter and more efficiently. Our real estate professionals also have access to the most accurate data available, including tax records, school information, transaction history, and much more. In addition, our technology works seamlessly behind the scenes, giving agents and brokers a real advantage in the market," according to Jeremy Crawford, President and CEO of FMLS.

Working with an FMLS member creates a significant market advantage for home sellers since their home is syndicated to thousands of sites locally and internationally for unparalleled exposure in over a hundred languages. Additionally, with Georgia now attracting home buyers from all over the world (think Atlanta and college towns), having your home on an international MLS helps attract international buyers.

FMLS is the premier MLS and data services provider for real estate professionals in Georgia. It was founded in 1957 by brokers who wanted to share real estate listings and connect buyers and sellers. FMLS is the fourth largest MLS in North America, serving over 56,000 real estate professionals and REALTORS® and more than 2,700 broker member offices.



Courtesy of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce

Big on Business

Cobb County is known for many things: top-notch schools, well-preserved historical sites and great parks. It is also a hub for many businesses, both large and small. The county's low tax rate and educated population base make it the perfect place to start a business or to seek a job with one that is already well-established. As the headquarters for such globally recognized brands as The Home Depot and the Weather Channel, Cobb County is known throughout the Atlanta metro area for being pro-business. In addition to being the hub for some of the world's most innovative companies, Cobb also boasts more than a few business that employ a large number of county residents, making it the perfect place to live, work and play. Here is a list of the 10 largest employers in Cobb, as compiled by the Cobb Chamber of Commerce.

The Home Depot

Industry: Retail, home improvement

Number of employees: 20,000

Founders Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank opened their first one-stop do-it-yourself home improvement store in Atlanta in 1979. Despite its humble beginnings, The Home Depot now has 2,274 stores in the U.S., Canada, China and Mexico and is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer. Its 2013 retail sales totaled some \$78.8 billion. With more than 300,000 employees worldwide, it ranks No. 33 on the Fortune 500 list and is one of the many Fortune 500 companies to call the metro area home. Having its headquarters in the Vinings area of Cobb has undoubtedly been a boom to the entire metro area.

Cobb County Public Schools

Industry: Public education

Number of employees: 13,500

It takes more than 13,000 employees to keep the 114 schools in one of the state's top school systems running at full speed. The system boasts a 85 percent graduation rate and has received numerous regional and national awards, including Georgia Schools

of Excellence and National Blue Ribbon Schools designations.

WellStar Health Systems

Industry: Health care

Number of employees: 20,000

Cobb County residents have many choices when it comes to health care, but many of them choose WellStar doctors and hospitals. With its five hospitals, seven urgent care centers and a host of other facilities and specialists across the county, WellStar's employees take good care of residents' health.

Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Industry: Aeronautics, manufacturing

Number of employees: 5,400

Though it is based in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin's sprawling Marietta complex serves an important role in providing IT services and training to the Department of Defense and other vendors. Among other jobs, the more than 7,000 employees at the Marietta facility help to manufacture important parts for the military's F-35 fighter jets.



Lockheed Martin Aeronautics,
Courtesy of the Cobb Chamber of Commerce

Cobb County Government

Industry: Local government

Number of employees: 5,223

From running the county's senior centers to helping residents figure out how to pay their property taxes, the more than 5,000 employees who make up the county government are focused on making Cobb a great place to live.

Kennesaw State University

Industry: Education

Number of employees: 2,904

The state's third largest university is also one of Cobb's largest employers. Including all full and part-time workers, KSU employs more than 3,400 people to support is 30,480 undergraduate and graduate students.

Publix

Industry: Retail, grocery

Number of employees: 2,973

One of the more ubiquitous grocery stores in the metro area with 182 stores statewide, this Florida-based chain employs nearly 3,000 people in Cobb County alone. Publix also has manufacturing facilities in the cities of Atlanta (bakery) and Lawrenceville (dairy).

Six Flags Over Georgia

Industry: Amusement park

Number of employees: 3,000

While most of Six Flags' employees are seasonal, they help operate the largest theme park in the Southeast. Six Flags has 12 roller coasters, three interactive kids' areas and water rides, as well as entertainment venues and seasonal events like the annual Halloween Fright Fest.

Wal-Mart

Industry: Retail

Number of employees: 2,750

The Bentonville, Ark., discount retailer employs 1.4 million people in the U.S., and has a large presence all across Georgia. Of its 58,821 employees statewide, more than 3,000 of them are in Cobb County alone.

The Kroger Company

Industry: Retail, grocery

Number of employees: 2,150

Since the mid-1800s, this Cincinnati-based grocery chain has been providing customers with fresh foods. It now has more than 2,700 stores in 35 states and its annual sales top \$96 billion. Kroger has more than 170 stores in Georgia, and many of its 2,100 employees are based on Cobb County.

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Don't Forget to have Fun!

Cobb County has a wealth of entertainment options for families. Explore everything from opera performances and arts festivals to museums exhibitions and hiking trails. Below are just some of the family attractions Cobb County has to offer, along with websites for more information.

Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
cobbenergycentre.com
(770) 916-2800

The 2,750-seat venue hosts Broadway shows, ballet, concerts, educational shows, family performances and the Atlanta Opera.

Earl Smith Strand Theatre
earlsmithstrand.org (770) 293-0080
This renovated 1935 Art Deco theater located on Marietta Square has a full calendar of movie screenings, concerts and other performances.

The Georgia Ballet
georgiaballet.org (770) 528-0881
In addition to their performances at the Marietta Performing Arts Center, this troupe operates a dance school for children and provides field trip performances for area students.

Georgia Symphony Orchestra
georgiasymphony.org (770) 429-7016
Founded in 1951 and now under the direction of Michael Alexander, the GSO attracts talented musicians from all over the metro area for its annual performances.

Gone With the Wind Museum
gwtwmarietta.com (770) 794-5576
This museum opened on the Marietta Square in 2003 and boasts an extensive collection of memorabilia from the famed book and movie, including scripts and costumes.

Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

nps.gov/kemo (770) 427-4686
Relive one of the key battles of the Civil War's Atlanta Campaign at this 2,923-acre battlefield. It has been the country's top attended NBP.

Mable House Arts Center

mablehouse.org (770) 819-7765
From children's music classes to tours of the historic house and a free summer concert series, this Mableton arts complex has something for everyone.

Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art

mariettacobbartmuseum.org
(770) 528-1444
As the only art museum in the metro area to focus on American art, the MCMA has cultivated an impressive collection of pieces from the 18th century to the present.

Marietta Museum of History

mariettahistory.org (770) 794-5710
This museum makes its home in a 19th century cotton warehouse that also served as a hospital during the Civil War. Its recently opened Aviation Wing brings the area's aviation history to life.

Mountasia Family Fun Center

mountasia.com/site/marietta
(770) 422-3440
Engage in some friendly competition at this recreational complex that includes go karts, mini golf and an arcade.

The Root House Museum

cobblandmarks.com/root-house
(770) 426-4982
The Cobb Landmarks and Historical Society operates this Greek Revival house that originally belonged to one of Marietta's first druggists.

Silver Comet Trail

silvercometga.com (404) 875-7284
From the trailhead in Smyrna, this 61.5-mile paved trail created from abandoned railway lines extends all the way to the Georgia/Alabama state line.

Six Flags Over Georgia

sixflags.com/overgeorgia (770) 739-3400
A state-of-the-art theme park with more than 100 rides, shows and attractions.

Six Flags White Water

sixflags.com/whitewater (770) 948-9290
Take the edge off the summer heat at this waterslide amusement park. Enjoy body slides, tube slides and a lazy river that winds its way around the park.

Smith-Gilbert Gardens

smithgilbertgardens.com (770) 919-0248
Boasting more than 3,000 species of plants, this garden is an impressive blend of art and horticulture.

Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History

southernmuseum.org (770) 427-2117
Learn all about Cobb County's role in some of the region's most important transportation and commerce railway lines.

SunTrust Park

atlantabraves.com
Home to the Atlanta Braves and 10 miles northwest of downtown Atlanta in the unincorporated community of Cumberland, in Cobb County, Georgia. It is the Located in The Battery Atlanta.

Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw State University

zuckerman.kennesaw.edu (770) 499-3223
Housed within KSU's Department of Museums, Archives and Rare Books, this museum displays works from the university's permanent collection as well as contemporary work from local and national artists.

Six Flags Over Georgia, The scorcher, courtesy of Cobb Travel & Tourism





ATLANTA REAL ESTATE MARKET

Top Builders by Region

Metro Atlanta

- 1 D R Horton
- 2 Lennar Homes
- 3 Century Communities
- 4 Pulte Homes
- 5 Rocklyn Homes
- 6 Chafin Communities
- 7 Liberty Communities
- 8 Smith Douglas Homes
- 9 Meritage Homes
- 10 Starlight Homes

Cobb County

- 1 Traton Homes
- 2 Pulte Homes
- 3 Lennar Homes
- 4 Kerley Family Homes
- 5 Meritage Homes

North Fulton (North of Chattahoochee River)

- 1 The Providence Group
- 2 Lennar Homes
- 3 Edward Andrews Homes
- 4 Taylor Morrison
- 5 Ashton Woods

Gwinnett County

- 1 Chafin Communities
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- 3 D R Horton
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CHEROKEE COUNTY			
Acworth	467	19	\$328,461
Alpharetta	71	45	\$924,410
Ball Ground	252	22	\$432,780
Canton	2344	22	\$441,915
Holly Springs	90	29	\$433,561
Roswell	8	8	\$525,000
Waleska	185	35	\$392,811
White	44	20	\$429,491
Woodstock	2258	20	\$397,329
COBB COUNTY			
Acworth	1108	15	\$385,287
Austell	525	13	\$255,720
Kennesaw	1575	14	\$383,708
Mableton	815	17	\$339,593
Marietta	5717	19	\$438,848
Powder Springs	1096	16	\$381,914
Roswell	212	14	\$589,939
Smyrna	2027	19	\$420,945
Vinings/Atlanta	603	35	\$506,296
FORSYTH COUNTY			
Alpharetta	438	17	\$519,759
Ball Ground	60	20	\$466,870
Cumming	3634	18	\$488,145
Dawsonville	31	48	\$528,764
Duluth	69	25	\$1,092,452
Gainesville	284	22	\$436,736
Suwanee	404	17	\$625,296
FULTON COUNTY			
Atlanta	12182	32	\$504,204
Alpharetta	2204	18	\$591,382
Duluth	104	17	\$584,317
Dunwoody (Fulton Co.)	2	113	\$352,450
*Dunwoody (DeKalb Co.)	549	22	\$553,017
Johns Creek	712	22	\$691,202
Milton	515	31	\$998,991
Roswell	1863	22	\$548,262
Sandy Springs	1326	30	\$597,330
GWINNETT COUNTY			
Auburn	139	16	\$415,630
Berkeley	41	19	\$702,828
Bethlehem	78	17	\$380,892
Braselton	89	40	\$713,131
Buford	1608	17	\$414,675
Dacula	1185	13	\$402,147
Duluth	1115	19	\$438,298
Grayson	527	16	\$390,900
Hoschton	181	32	\$504,461
Lawrenceville	3894	16	\$334,238
Lilburn	1093	19	\$345,150
Loganville	772	17	\$340,646
Norcross	567	20	\$293,864
Peachtree Corners	555	17	\$435,161
Snellville	1424	19	\$331,629
Stone Mountain	189	16	\$298,168
Sugar Hill	547	17	\$380,704
Suwanee	1081	20	\$523,567
Tucker	166	18	\$293,267

Plan Your Atlanta Event At The Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre

While Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre is known for hosting some of Atlanta's most prestigious concerts, comedy shows, ballet, opera and more, the Centre's dazzling ballroom is unsurpassed as a classic backdrop for special occasions. For black-tie balls, galas, corporate meetings, banquets, bar and bat mitzvahs, wedding receptions, parties and more, welcome to one of Atlanta's most dramatic events destinations.



Ballroom

From its elegant décor and the promise of impeccable service, the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre's Kessel D. Stelling Ballroom is one of metropolitan Atlanta's most prestigious venues. The 10,000-square-foot ballroom, divisible into three sections, can host up to 630 people for a seated meal, 800 in a theater setting and up to 650 for a reception. Exclusive catering is provided by the outstanding culinary team at Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre.

Nine shimmering, custom chandeliers with adjustable LED lighting are programmable to emit any color imaginable. Amenities include floor-length linens and fine china, assistance with upgrading décor or themed events, and gracious and attentive service. Other functional conveniences include a ground level loading dock with large freight access doors, 21-foot ceiling height, fiber optic infrastructure, an in-house audiovisual team, high-speed Internet access and networking, and wi-fi capabilities.

Theatre



The Centre's versatility also offers corporations, associations, and religious groups the option to hold lectures, major presentations, business meetings and religious services in the 2,750-seat John A. Williams Theatre. For a truly theatrical event, the theater stage is made to impress the most elite V.I.P.'s with intimate, custom-tailored dinners and receptions for up to 180 people overlooking the 2,750-seat theater.

Lobby

Nothing bespeaks "special occasion" like the majestic Cobb Energy Centre Lobby, with two grand staircases, specially designed Murano-glass chandeliers, and walls of Venetian plaster. The lobby's three levels can accommodate cocktail receptions up to 750, seated meals for 350 and corporate meetings with a view of the downtown skyline.

Terrace

The Centre's 3,100-square-foot outdoor terrace is a classic location for cocktail parties and receptions up to 175 people. Located directly outside of the theater lobby, an event on the terrace signifies a cosmopolitan, intimate experience.

Food & Beverage

Excellent food and attentive, personal service create a memorable event. The Cobb Energy Centre's custom catering services are based on a seasonally changing menu, with many dishes sourced from local farms and small businesses.

Nicholas Walker has been the Culinary Director/Executive Chef at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre and Cobb Galleria Centre since August 2016. Previously he was Executive Chef at Cobb Galleria Centre for six years. Chef Walker brings a fresh, innovative approach to corporate and social events at the Centre. His cuisine is inspired by his Georgia roots, with many of his dishes sourced from local and regional farms and small businesses.

A Milledgeville native, Walker came to the Centre from the Intercontinental Hotel Buckhead, where he served as Sous Chef for Au Pied du Cochon and later Banquet Chef for the hotel. Walker is a graduate from the Art Institute of Atlanta's Culinary Arts Management Program (magna cum laude / Bachelor of Science). He worked at various restaurants in the Athens and Atlanta areas, and he has worked in almost every kitchen setting including country clubs, resorts, hotels and off-premise catering. Chef Walker also has worked with the Food Network and the continuing education department of AIA as an instructor. He also has been an instructor with Kennesaw State University's Institute for Culinary Sustainability and Hospitality Management.

Meetings & Conventions

At the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, we are Atlanta's meeting planning specialists and a premier destination. Our meeting planning team can plan every detail of a variety of corporate events and conventions, including shareholder's meetings, seminars, client conferences, training sessions, product launches, sales rallies, gaming conventions, high-tech and user group conferences, company parties and celebrations, and much more.

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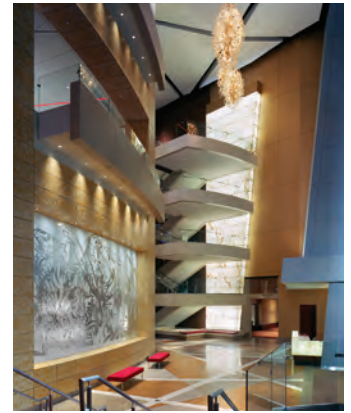
Including top-notch technology experts, public safety professionals and engineers, the Cobb Energy Centre's staff is personally dedicated to delivering support services that translate into gratifying, flawlessly executed events.

Cobb Energy Centre has the latest technology infrastructure and the technical expertise to infuse events with energy and collaboration. The Centre has hosted high tech conferences and conventions for the most high-profile software firms, user groups, Fortune 500 companies, and gaming events – live-streamed to millions around the world. We have the bandwidth and access points to support thousands of users at once.

Our staff of expert engineers exclusively manages all utilities and telecommunications services, providing fast, reliable service tailored to the specific needs of your event.

ONsite is the recommended in-house audiovisual company

for the Cobb Energy Centre. A full-service audiovisual rental and staging company, ONsite since 1985 has supported meeting and event planners, associations, conventions and tradeshows, production companies, the hospitality market and the corporate community in Atlanta and across the country.



ONsite's services provide the convenience, expertise, and cost-effective audiovisual management to ensure that your meeting or event is a glowing success.

Cobb Energy Centre is convenient to more than 30 hotels. The Centre is located directly across the street from the Embassy Suites Atlanta Galleria and 2 blocks from the Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel.

Plan on a breathtaking occasion, and count on Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre to provide world-class facilities and a friendly, professional staff offering relentless attention to detail and a make-it-happen mindset.

Contact the Event Planning Department at 770-916-2807 or email events@cobb Galleria.com. The Cobb Energy Centre is Atlanta's destination for conventions, meetings, special events and celebrations.



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Building for a full continuum of living and care in a neighborhood community environment

Sterling Estates Senior Living Communities takes pride in offering gracious, spacious retirement living. Currently, Sterling Estates has two locations — one in East Cobb and one in West Cobb — with a third breaking ground soon in Forsyth County. All are built on substantial acreage in a neighborhood setting with plenty of greenspace and room for expansion. The communities' extensive amenities packages include numerous dining venues, wellness centers with indoor heated pools and much more.

Pete Green, partner and Director of Development and Marketing/Sales for Sterling Estates, says that the communities have special appeal for active older adults who want to make the most of their retirement years, but also want to secure their future.

"Many of the people who come for a tour are couples and individuals who want to take full advantage of their independent years. But they're also considering the future, when they might need more care," said Pete.



"Sterling Estates Communities provide the opportunity they're seeking to fully enjoy retirement living without the hassles of home ownership. Plus, there is a plan for healthcare if needed later."

Green says that many Sterling Estates residents come from outside Atlanta and Georgia.

"In general, about 50 percent of our residents have come from outside the greater Atlanta area," he said. "Many of our residents who live in our independent living cottages and apartment homes have moved from other cities and states to be close to their children and grandchildren."



The two Cobb County communities offer independent, assisted living and memory care along with access to third party home health and physical therapy providers.

“Many of our independent residents may already see a need down the road for care. Quite a few just want to plan for it,” Green said. “Our communities are attractive to them because they can take advantage of our plentiful amenities now to help keep them mentally and physically fit. But they also know that, if needed, the care will be provided in the future.”

There are many qualities that set Sterling Estates communities apart from their competition, but probably the most significant is the care and attention to detail that have gone into planning every aspect — from residences and amenities to staff and environment.

“When we started our company, we saw a need and believed we could fill that need. And when we began to fill the need, it was as if we were providing a service to our own family, to our own parents, to what we would personally want,” said Mike Brown, Sterling Estates partner. “That became the foundation for everything we did as we built our communities. We designed them to feel like real neighborhoods, with sidewalks, greenspaces, patios and courtyards, gardens and bocce courts. We created spaces and amenities that give

people the opportunity to be active and socialize, places where they can meet new friends and gather with their families.”

That kind of personal investment in planning is now evident in the thriving Sterling Estates communities.

“Our goal was not to build a lot of properties, but to be engaged in the ones we have,” said Brown. “We want to make the day for our residents. And the way to make our resident’s day is to have everything — including the very best staff — to help them live each day better than they would have yesterday.”

Sterling Estates communities in East and West Cobb were voted 2019 “Best of Cobb” for the Assisted Living and Retirement Community categories in a reader poll conducted by Cobb Life and the Marietta Daily Journal. Additionally, Sterling Estates of West Cobb was recognized in December 2019 by Senior Housing News in its 6th Annual Architecture & Design Awards, a competition judged by a national panel of respected senior living architects who evaluate communities based on design and aesthetics, community integration, amenities, and lifestyle and wellness. Sterling Estates of West Cobb received awards in both the Independent Living and Stand Alone Memory Care categories.





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- Cottage Floor Plans: All on One Level
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EAST COBB

4200 Lower Roswell Rd
Marietta, GA 30068
678-946-4454

WEST COBB

3165 Dallas Hwy
Marietta, GA 30064
770-255-7000







Choosing the Best School

Resources to help the decision making process

Cobb County Schools
(770) 426-3300

cobb.k12.ga.us

Number of Schools:

67 Elementary

25 Middle

17 High

12 Special Programs

2 Charter School System

Total # of Students: 113,000

When moving to a new city, or even just changing neighborhoods, parents want to know what the schools are like. Metro Atlanta boasts a wide range of options, from public schools to charter schools and a wide range of independent institutions that are committed to preparing students for college, careers and beyond. Determining the best choice for your family can be overwhelming, so do your homework and research additional information and resources on the systems' websites (www.cobb.k12.ga.us; www.marietta-city.k12.ga.us).

Cobb is served by two separate school districts: the Cobb County School District (CCSD) and Marietta City Schools (MCS). CCSD is the second largest school system in the state and educates more than 108,000 students each year. With two special education centers, one adult education center and one performance learning center—CCSD employs more than 13,000 teachers, counselors and administrators. Since 1984, CCSD has had 56 schools named Georgia Schools of Excellence and 22 named National Blue Ribbon Schools. Marietta City Schools teaches nearly 9,000 students in the district's eight elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. Though it is a small system, it has garnered more than its share of accolades over the years. U.S. News & World Report has named Marietta High School one of the best high schools in the country for four years running. STEM Certified Schools in Cobb include Cooper Middle School, Ford Elementary School, Kennesaw Mountain High School Academy of Mathematics, Science, and Technology, Tritt Elementary School and Wheeler High School Center for Advanced Studies in Science, Mathematics, and Technology.

Cobb County

Shallowford Falls Elementary

Shallowford Falls Elementary has achieved Cobb STEM certification Cobb STEM certification, which recognizes schools that provide students with STEM-enriched learning opportunities above and beyond the exemplary practices found in all Cobb County schools. The milestone represents a collaborative effort by the administration, teachers, staff, PTA, Foundation and community working together to advance this STEM initiative. The teachers show a commitment to STEM by enhancing instruction and stretching the learning process. This endeavor also requires STEM professional development for all teachers and advanced teacher certification. (770) 642-5610, 3529 Lassiter Rd, Marietta

Timber Ridge Elementary

East Cobb's Timber Ridge Elementary enrolls approximately 600 students in grades K through 5. High expectations exist for achievement and conduct. The school's climate well represents its motto of Learning, Caring and Sharing Today...for Tomorrow's Dreams. (770) 642-5621, 5000 Timber Ridge Rd, Marietta

Hightower Trail Middle

Hightower Trail has been named a Georgia School of Excellence and



participates in the Partners for Education Program, which pairs local business leaders with students for one-on-one reading and tutoring. (770) 578-7225, 3905 Post Oak Tritt Rd, Marietta

Mabry Middle

Mabry Middle recently received the designation of No Place for Hate from the Anti-Defamation League's Southeast Region for its efforts to promote acceptance among students and staff. It is the first middle school in the county to receive this designation.

(770) 928-5546, 2700 Jims Rd NE, Marietta

Lassiter High

Lassiter High School, which enrolls more than 2,000 students, has been named a Georgia School of Excellence by the Georgia Department of Education. The school has been awarded AP Merit School status due to the fact that more than 20 percent of its student body takes advanced placement exams each year, with 50 percent scoring a 3 or higher.

(678) 494-7863, 2601 Shallowford Rd, Marietta

Walton High (charter)

Walton is the only school in the county to offer a nationally certified pre-engineering program as well as offering arts with the largest high school choral program in Cobb County. Walton also has a long tradition of above average SAT scores. More than 70% of its senior class has passed one or more AP courses.

(770) 578-3225, 1590 Bill Murdock Rd, Marietta

Marietta City Schools
(770) 422-3500

Marietta-city.org

Number of Schools:

1 Alternative

7 Elementary

1 Sixth Grade

1 Middle

1 High

1 Magnet

Charter School System

Total # of Students: 8,900

Marietta City

Marietta Center for Advanced Academics

As the state's first certified science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) school, the Center gives students an accelerated, technology-based education. All students must meet strict academic requirements in order to be admitted to and remain in the program. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution ranks Marietta Center for Advanced Academics among the Top 10 Elementary Schools in Metro Atlanta and Georgia.

(770) 420-0822, 311 Aviation Rd SE, Marietta

Marietta Middle

The school moved into a new, renovated facility in 2002 that includes two gymnasiums, five computer labs and three science labs for its 1,200 students in the 7th and 8th grades.

(770) 422-0311, 121 Winn St NW, Marietta

Marietta High

Marietta High was established in 1892 and now has a student population of over 2,500. Nearly 80 percent of its teachers have master's degrees or higher, and the school has repeatedly earned recognition from the Georgia Department of Education for its AP classes and exams.

(770) 428-2631, 1171 Whitlock Ave NW, Marietta

PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN COBB COUNTY

NAME & ENROLLMENT	CONTACT INFORMATION		
Carman Adventist School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 80 Year: 1958	(770) 424-0606	1330 North Cobb Parkway, Marietta, GA 30062	caschool.org
Casa Montessori School Grades: PK-6 Enrollments: 165 Year: 1974	(770) 973-2731	150 Powers Ferry Rd, Marietta, GA 30067	casamontessori.com
Center Academy Grades: 4-12 Enrollment: 50 Year: 1968	(770) 333-1616	3499 South Cobb Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080	centeracademy.com
Cornerstone Preparatory Academy Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 480 Year: 2004	(770) 529.7077	4310 Moon Station Lane, Acworth, GA 30101	cornerstoneprep.org
Covenant Christian School Grades: K4-8 Enrollment: 240 Year: 1975	(770) 435-1596	3130 Atlanta Rd, Smyrna, GA 30080	ccssmyrna.org
Cumberland Christian Academy Grades: K3-12 Enrollment: 400 Year: 1989	(770) 819-6437	Lower school: 2356 Clay Rd SW, Austell, GA 30106 Middle school: 4900 Floyd Rd SW, Mableton, GA 30126 High school: 2115 Pair Rd SW, Marietta, GA 30008	cumberlandchristian.org
Dominion Christian School Grades: 6-12 Enrollment: 250 Year: 1997	(770) 420-2153	4607 Burnt Hickory Rd NW, Marietta, GA 30064	dominionchristian.org
East Cobb Christian School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 140 Year: 1987	(770) 565-0881	4616 Roswell Rd. NE, Marietta, GA 30062	eccs.org
Eastside Christian School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 315 Year: 1983	(770) 971-2332	2450 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta, GA 30068	eastsidechristianschool.com
Faith Lutheran School Grades: PK-8 Enrollment: 225 Year: 1958	(770) 973-8921	Kennesaw, GA 30144	fbcskennesaw.com
First Baptist Christian School Grades: PK2-5 Enrollment: 109 Year: 1969	(770) 422-3254	4635 Dallas Hwy, Powder Springs, GA 30127	midwayschool.org
Brandon Hall School Grades: 6-12 Enrollment: 120 Year: 1959	(770) 394-8177		brandonhall.org
Johnson Ferry Christian Academy Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 420 Year: 2004	(678) 784-5231	955 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta, GA 30127	JFCA.org
Midway Covenant Christian School Grades: PK-8 Enrollment: 325 Year: 1996	(770) 590-1866	4635 Dallas Hwy, Powder Springs, GA 30127	midwayschool.org
Mt. Bethel Christian Academy Grades: JK-12 Enrollment: 620 Year: 1998	(770) 971-0245	Main campus: 4385 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta, GA 30068 North Campus: 2509 Post Oak Tritt Rd, Marietta, GA	mtbethelchristian.org
Mount Paran Christian School Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 1,215 Year: 1976	(770) 578-0182	1275 Stanley Rd NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152	mtparanschool.com
North Cobb Christian School Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 900 Year: 1926	(770) 975-0252	4500 Lakeview Dr NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144	ncchristian.org
Praise Academy Grades: K3-12 Enrollment: 500 Year: 1983	(770) 943-2484	4052 Hiram Lithia Springs Rd, Powder Springs, GA 30127	praiseacademy.com
Shiloh Hills Christian School Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 260 Year: 1980	(770) 926-7729	260 Hawkins Store Rd NE, Kennesaw, GA 30144	shilohhills.com/school
The SAE School Grades: K-12 Enrollment: 293 Year: 1980	(770) 926-7729	6688 Mableton Pkwy, Mableton, GA 30126	saeschool.org
St. Joseph Catholic School Grades: K-8 Enrollment: 500 Year: 1953	(770) 428-3328	81 Lacy Street, Marietta, GA. 30060	stjosephschool.org
The Walker School Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 1,347 Year: 1957	(770) 427-2689	Main Campus: 700 Cobb Parkway N, Marietta, GA 30062 Primary School: 830 Damar Rd., Marietta, GA 30062	thewalkerschool.org
The Wood Acres School Grades: PK-8 Enrollment: 400 Year: 1969	(770) 971-1880	1772 Johnson Ferry Rd, Marietta, GA 30062	woodacresschool.org
Whitefield Academy Grades: PK-12 Enrollment: 800 Year: 1997	(678) 305-3000	1 Whitefield Dr SE, Mableton, GA 30126	whitefieldacademy.com

PRIVATE SCHOOL PROFILES

Cornerstone Preparatory Academy

cornerstoneprep.org

Founded in 2004, Cornerstone Preparatory Academy is a certified University-Cornerstone Prep is an innovative K-12 University-Model school where parents and teachers partner together to provide students with an academically challenging, college-preparatory, biblically based education. Our unique model combines the best of traditional private and public, all in a nurturing, family friendly environment. Cornerstone is fully accredited by AdvancED, certified by NAUMS, and offers a full range of sports, clubs, and activities for students. This Christian private school is home to 490 students in Acworth, GA. Learn more about its innovative approach to education at a monthly Information Meeting.

Kennesaw (K-12)

(770) 529-7077

Cumberland Christian Academy

cumberlandchristian.org

Cumberland Christian Academy has been providing students an education steeped in biblical philosophy since 1989. Class sizes average about 20 students, with a low student/teacher ratio. CCA is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. High school students have access to college and career counseling to help with applications. Between 2011 and 2015, 100 percent of the school's graduating seniors had received acceptance to an institute of higher learning. Fine Arts electives help students become a part of worship-centered music programs and private lessons are also available in the visual and performing arts.

Austell (PreK-3-12)

(770) 819-5040

East Cobb Christian School

eccs.org

In addition to its emphasis on biblical teachings and prayer, East Cobb Christian School also involves students' families in the educational process. Parents of first- and second-grade students teach a class four to six times a year. Parents of students in other grade levels assist with classroom projects and chaperoning field trips throughout the year. Class sizes throughout the school top out at 16 students, with most classes in the lower school having between eight and 12 students. The program for grades four through eight is accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission.

Marietta (K-8)

(770) 565-0881

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy

mtbethelchristian.org

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy, a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School, provides a rigorous college-preparatory program in a Christ-centered environment that builds confidence and character in its students. Founded in 1998, MBCA stands out amongst independent schools with its expert and seasoned faculty who excel at nurturing each child to his or her full potential.

Marietta (JK-12)

(770) 971-0245

MBCA's uncompromising academic standards and small class sizes provide an ideal learning environment for students who enjoy being challenged. In addition to core subjects, Mt. Bethel offers lower school courses in Latin, Spanish, technology, art, music, PE, Bible, and STEAM. Middle and upper school offers honors and AP classes as well as a STEM honors program, robotics, visual and performing arts, world languages, logic, technology, yearbook, and Bible/apologetics. Classes are designed with servant leadership development beginning in junior kindergarten, and a one-to-one MacBook laptop program beginning in fifth grade.

The championship athletic program includes volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, golf, tennis, swimming, cheerleading, archery, bass fishing, and clay target. Next year the school will break ground on a beautiful multi-purpose track and field facility on the North Campus. The MBCA Eagles Upper School Athletics program competes in Region 6A, Sub-Region B in the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) conference.

Last May, Mt. Bethel Christian Academy graduated its first ever senior class! With a 100% rate of college acceptance and more than \$1.5 million in scholarships, MBCA alumni are prepared to succeed in college and beyond, ready to stand for Christ, and lead meaningful lives.

Mt. Bethel Christian Academy holds dual accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SACS/SAIS). For more information, please contact the MBCA Admission Office at (770) 971-0245 or admission@mtbethelchristian.org.

Mount Paran Christian School

mtparanschool.com

Since 1976, Mount Paran has been leading the way in Christian education in Cobb County. Its impressive 65-acre campus near Kennesaw Mountain boasts

Kennesaw (preK-12)

(770) 578-0182

two libraries, two gymnasiums, multiple playgrounds and a state-of-the-art performing arts center that includes a recording studio. Total enrollment across all grades is almost 1,200, with class sizes ranging from 14 to 20; the student-teacher ratio stands at 10:1 for the high school. Students can begin learning Spanish in preschool. K through 5 students attend a weekly critical thinking skills class to build skills that will enhance their academic careers. Mount Paran has earned dual accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools.

North Cobb Christian School

ncchristian.org

North Cobb Christian (NCCS) was founded in 1983 by four local families who were seeking an alternative to public education, and is now one of the largest independent schools in the metro area, with a K through 12 enrollment of approximately 890 students. In addition to overall rigorous academics, students can also apply for one of several distinctive academy programs. The non-denominational Christian school promotes the core values of love, integrity, respect, responsibility and service, and high school students are required to complete 46 hours of community service prior to graduation. NCCS is accredited by AdvancEd, the Association of Christian Schools International and Accredited with Quality by the Georgia

Kennesaw (K3-12)

(770) 975-0252

The Walker School

thewalkerschool.org

For almost 60 years, Walker has balanced challenging academics within our nurturing environment. Our dedicated faculty are able to create meaningful relationships with their students, giving them the confidence to explore the boundless opportunities in arts, athletics, and leadership that Walker provides. When students are ready to take the next step into college, our nationally renowned college counseling program provides expert guidance, leading 100% of our graduating seniors to the college of their choice.

Marietta (preK-12)

(770) 427-2689

Whitefield Academy

whitefieldacademy.com

Whitefield Academy is a Christ-centered, PreK4 through 12th college preparatory school located on a beautiful 100-acre campus in the Smyrna/Vinings area. Whitefield provides students with a rigorous academic curriculum, including 31 AP and Honors courses. The school offers a well-rounded extracurricular program with 14 after-school programs in the Lower School, 39 clubs and organizations, and 53 athletic teams. Whitefield has earned five athletic state championships and multiple athletic region championships. It has an award-winning arts program with multiple Scholastic Arts winners, regional One-Act play awards and musical ensembles which entertain across the state. Each year, Whitefield graduates are offered millions in scholarships and grants, and are admitted to acclaimed colleges and universities across the United States such as Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Georgia Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Princeton University, and Washington and Lee University.

Smyrna/Vinings (preK4-12)

(678) 305-3000

Brandon Hall School

brandonhall.org

The Brandon Hall School was founded in 1959 and is located on a historic, pristine 24 acres with the Chattahoochee River as the backdrop. We are home to world-renowned partners such as the Atlanta Workshop Players, The Skill Factory, and the Center for Global Youth Leadership and Social Entrepreneurial Studies. Brandon Hall is a small school by design with a 10:1 student to teacher ratio. Our students come from all over Atlanta, the USA, and the world. In addition to AP and Honors courses, we have the proud distinction to be an IB (International Baccalaureate) World School. Our students are expected to live lives of leadership, scholarship, and service. Our academic program includes clubs and co-curriculars such as Robotics, Math Team, Arts Studio, Music Engineering, and a robust community service program. Our rich diversity is our strength and helping our students positively impact the world is our purpose. Tours Available In-Person Anytime and Virtual Open Houses Every Wednesday at Noon.

(6-12 Day and Boarding)

(770) 394-8177



Higher Education in Cobb County

Cobb County houses a highly educated workforce, strong public education systems and many opportunities to receive higher education in a multitude of industries. Cobb County is home to the third-largest public state university – Kennesaw State University, as well as Life University, and Chattahoochee Technical College. Together, these colleges and universities account for more than 45,000 students with 7,800 graduates in Cobb County annually. Aside from the many major public state universities, Cobb County is also home to many non-traditional colleges such as Georgia Highlands College, University of Phoenix and Central Michigan University.

Kennesaw State University kennesaw.edu

(770) 423-6000

Kennesaw State University, known for its entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community, has been a four-year institution accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1976. Located just northwest of Atlanta in Cobb County near historic Kennesaw Mountain, KSU offers campuses in Marietta and Kennesaw. It is the third-largest university in Georgia, with more than 33,000 undergraduate and graduate students, representing 132 countries. In January of 2015, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the consolidation of Kennesaw and Southern Polytechnic Universities, one of the state's leading educators in the fields of technology and engineering.

The new Kennesaw State University combines the best from two of Georgia's most well-respected institutions in higher education, offering students a broad range of quality academics, as well as a growing campus life and athletic programs. With more than 150 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs in business, engineering, architecture, nursing, teaching, math and science programs, graduates of KSU enter the job market prepared for careers as wide-ranging as international conflict management to podiatry. KSU's nursing program is the largest in the state and has the medical community seeking its graduates. Their College of Continuing Education offers more than 2,500 courses and hosts nearly 50,000 people attending meetings or conferences annually in the KSU Center.

Being recognized by U.S. News and World Report as one of the top universities in the region, the new Kennesaw State University is positioned to become one of Georgia's world-class comprehensive higher education institutions

Chattahoochee Technical College chattahoocheetech.edu

(770) 528-4545

Chattahoochee Technical College is a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia and is geared for individuals, business, industry and communities. On July 1, 2009, Chattahoochee Technical College came into being from the merger of three previously independent units of the Technical College System of Georgia – Appalachian Technical College, Chattahoochee Technical College, and North Metro Technical College. Chattahoochee Technical College, established in 1961 as Marietta/Cobb Area Vocational Technical School, served Cobb and Paulding counties with its main campus



Kennesaw State University, Courtesy of KSU

in Marietta, GA. In 1988, with the formation of the Department of Technical and Adult Education, the school adopted the name of Chattahoochee Technical Institute, and in 2000, all technical institutes were re-named to technical colleges. The proximity of the three colleges in northern central Georgia led to the decision to merge. Representatives from the Boards of Directors of the three colleges decided to adopt Chattahoochee Technical College as the name for the new entity. Now, with a combined service area of six counties (Bartow, Cherokee, Cobb, Gilmer, Paulding, and Pickens) and with eight campuses and online offerings, Chattahoochee Technical College serves approximately 20,000 students annually. Through traditional campuses and online means, the college offers 70+ degrees, diplomas and certificates in 45 programs of study including Business Sciences, Computer Sciences and Engineering Technology, Technical Studies, Personal and Public Services and Health Sciences. The wide-range of educational courses, many of which are accepted for transfer by the University System of Georgia, include Community and Economic Development courses, Adult Education classes and special programs for high school students.

Life University life.edu

(770) 426-2600

Nestled away in Marietta, Georgia on more than 100 acres of wooded terrain, Life University provides its students with small classrooms, industry thought leaders as professors, and a health and wellness lifestyle amidst a green, nature-centric campus. The University provides five miles of walking trails, a 19th century historic village, and a lake and stream. Founded in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution, with 20 accredited degree programs, including the world's largest single-campus Doctor of Chiropractic program. Also home to unique and top-ranked graduate degrees in Positive Psychology and Athletic Training, the university has more than 2,700 students from around the world. With an undergraduate population of almost 900 students, LIFE has a student-faculty ration of 16:1. Recently, it has expanded its curriculum to offer a variety of degrees in nutrition, exercise science, psychology, business administration and other general studies programs. Its various degree programs share the philosophy that all living organisms are self-maintaining, self-developing and self-healing. Its innovative programs like PEAK (Practice, Excellence, Art and Knowledge) help interning chiropractic students be immediately prepared to begin their professional career upon graduation.

Small but MIGHTY

LIFE University Boasts a Modest Footprint with Global Reach

Founded in 1974 by chiropractor Dr. Sid E. Williams, Life University is a smaller institution of learning with BIG goals of changing the world. Its curriculum and faculty seek to produce graduates who will impact their fellow man and the health care industry at all levels of society – local, national AND global. Initially established as a College of Chiropractic, a growing number of undergraduate and graduate degrees were brought into the fold in the late 1980s to early 1990s, spurring the need for a name change to Life College in 1989 followed by a full rebrand to Life University – aka LIFE – in 1996. Based in Marietta, LIFE now boasts an enrollment of more than 2,700 students

Raising the Bar Higher on Higher Education

In 2017, LIFE renovated its former administration building into a one-of-a-kind educational center named the William M. Harris Center for Clinical Education. Commonly known as The Harris Center, this state-of-the-art facility is a teaching and skill-development chiropractic facility that physically incorporates the existing Campus Center for Health and Optimum Performance (CC-HOP), funded by Foot Levelers. The William M. Harris Center also provides expanded facilities for improved learning, which include:

- The Assessment Center (AC) with 23 assessment rooms designed to create simulated patient encounters for LIFE's students. The largest of its kind in the Southeast, it comes complete with LearningSpace Technology that allows for live or recorded audio and video capture. In 2015, LIFE made the switch from traditional cadaver labs to virtual anatomy labs, which now contain the largest collection of Anatomage tables in the world among higher educational institutions.
- Diagnostic Imaging and Alignment (DIA), used to teach students diagnostic imaging by using digital and plain film images as part of their educational curriculum with state-of-the-art Epson projectors.
- The Mastery (Computer-Based) Testing Center (MTC) comprised of more than 70 computer stations used for testing purposes for all academic departments within the University.

As progressions in the chiropractic profession and in pedagogical theory and technology advance from one year to the next, the foundational structure of the curriculum for

LIFE's Doctor of Chiropractic degree program has followed suit. LIFE offers the largest number of technique courses in chiropractic higher education, which allows students to gain a wide breadth of knowledge and skills as they progress toward their degrees and future careers.

Not Just for Future Chiropractors

Since it got its start as a College of Chiropractic, it's proven challenging for the private university to reshape that image. Many still believe LIFE is primarily a school for future chiropractors with a few other degrees thrown in for good measure. That could not be further from the truth. With an organizational shift towards health and wellness as a whole, LIFE has witnessed tremendous growth in its undergraduate programs in recent years. A major goal of the university is to continue to expand enrollment in its health science, social science and business degree programs. Its nutrition program – which encompasses B.S. Nutrition, B.S. Dietetics, B.S. Culinary Nutrition and M.S. Clinical Nutrition – is one of the top 40 nutrition programs in the country, according to Public Health Online. LIFE also offers a post-baccalaureate Dietetic Internship program that accepts 16 students annually who are aiming to become registered dietitians. That program has a 100% completion rate.

LIFE's psychology programs – which encompass B.A. Positive Human Development and Social Change, B.S. Psychology, B.S. Biopsychology and M.S. Positive Psychology – offer a unique approach to psychological concepts by viewing them through a lens of what makes a happy life rather than an unhappy one. Positive Psychology focuses on the study of flourishing and positive human functioning and includes key areas such as happiness, life satisfaction, meaning in life, gratitude, compassion and forgiveness.

LIFE takes great pride in assembling what it boasts as the most educationally and clinically-sound faculty to serve at the helm of every one of its degree programs. The university believes its faculty members hold the key to transforming incoming students into confident agents of change in the world of healthcare following graduation.

A Different Concept of "Off Campus"

While many universities now offer satellite campuses, LIFE has a slightly unconventional take on this same concept. The university takes great pride in its Chillon Project, offering a full-fledged Associate of Arts degree program for students

who are incarcerated at the Lee Arrendale State Prison in Alto, Georgia. The Chillon Project is an undertaking of the Center for Compassion, Integrity, and Secular Ethics at Life University to address the crisis of mass incarceration and widespread trauma by expanding access to higher education for incarcerated people, correctional staff and returning citizens. The name is derived from the poem “The Prisoner of Chillon” by Lord Byron. LIFE founder Dr. Sid E. Williams was often known to recite passages from the poem, particularly Byron’s key message: “So much a long communion tends to make us what we are.”

In January 2019, LIFE’s first cohort of students graduated with their Associate of Arts degree in Positive Human Development and Social Change in a commencement ceremony at Arrendale. With an average cumulative GPA of 3.9, these graduates will go on to complete the Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology starting in 2020. They represent the first class of students in a Georgia state women’s prison to graduate from an accredited college program since 1994 and the second class of students to graduate at any Georgia prison in that same span of time. A wonderful expression of LIFE’s mission and values, the Chillon Project places LIFE University squarely at the forefront of an ongoing shift in the landscape of higher education in prison in Georgia. The second wave of graduates will accept their degrees in February 2020.

Big Picture View of Life After Graduation

One element that sets LIFE apart from other college programs is the value it places on the philosophical side of healthcare. Vitalism is the understanding and principle that all organic systems in the universe are conscious, self-developing, self-maintaining and self-healing. This means that the body is more than the sum of its parts. It is imbued with a specific intelligence that guides its development, interactions with its environment on all levels and responses to challenges that environment creates. This philosophy is prevalent in all Life University degree programs.

“Our main goal at LIFE is to empower our graduates with the education, skills and values they will need to be successful in the career field they choose,” said Life University President Dr. Rob Scott. “We have alumni who are not only advocates for vitalistic health care in the United States, but all around the world through Chiropractic, nutrition, kinesiology and more. And although we are a relatively small institution, we are dedicated to shaping the landscape of health care worldwide to maximize the expression of the perfection within every individual possible on the planet.”

Campus Life at LIFE

The desirable intimacy of its campus helps LIFE foster a tight-knit community where out-of-the-classroom values, such as kindness, inclusiveness, leadership, integrity and

service are at the forefront of campus-wide initiatives. Its guiding principle “Lasting Purpose” represents a move toward giving, serving, loving and doing based in gratitude and abundance from an inner-directed life. While this distinguishes LIFE from many universities, there have been moves at the Cobb County institution towards providing a more all-encompassing college experience.

Over the course of the past decade and a half, LIFE has established more of a “campus living” culture with the introduction of two state-of-the art housing facilities. Making its debut in 2009 with capacity for 300 students, LIFE Village Retreat (LVR) was the first LEED Gold-Level certified stick-built student housing facility in the country. The Commons, which opened more recently in 2018 with the capacity for 360 students, houses the Lyceum Dining Hall full-service eatery. With food so often being central to the college experience, LIFE boasts another dining facility called Socrates Café. Another LEED Gold-Level certified facility, Socrates Café can be found on the east side of campus which makes it convenient to many of the academic classrooms.

“The campus culture at LIFE is unlike any other I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand in the more than three decades I’ve been in higher education either as a student or administrator,” added Scott. “There is a genuine happiness and vitality that I feel is not by happenstance due to the professions that our students are endeavoring to enter. It takes a special individual to take on the challenge of caring for peoples’ well-beings, and that’s what our University aims to cultivate in our students.”

Heart of a Champion

Not to be outdone, LIFE’s Athletic Department has expanded and prospered in recent years. Longstanding sports like Men’s Rugby, Men’s Basketball and Women’s Cross Country at the university have been complemented by the more recent additions of Men’s and Women’s Wrestling. Men’s and Women’s Soccer, Women’s Rugby, Women’s Basketball, Women’s Lacrosse, Men’s and Women’s Volleyball, Men’s and Women’s Bowling, Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Women’s Track and Field. The university’s Men’s Rugby squad has won four of the last seven USA Rugby D1A National Championships (2013, 2016, 2018, 2019), while the Men’s and Women’s Wrestling programs have both been ranked No. 1 in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) poll for 2020.

To learn more about LIFE University – including its ever-expanding courses of study – please visit www.life.edu.

Cobb County Health Care



Cobb County Health Care

The medical expertise in metropolitan Atlanta is a reflection of the city's growth and leadership in innovation. Atlanta hospital systems bring with them the top medical specialists, giving residents access to virtually any treatment they need. Whether treatment is an annual physical or neurosurgery, Atlanta's hospitals have the latest technology.

Cobb County has three WellStar hospitals, the largest health system in Georgia, with locations in Marietta and Austell. The area is still within driving distance of top Atlanta hospitals including Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite, part of one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country, and Emory Saint Joseph's is recognized as one of the top specialty-referral hospitals in the Southeast and is ranked the number two hospital in both Georgia and metro Atlanta in U.S. News & World Report's 2016-17 Best Hospitals Guide.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta choa.org
1 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta 404-785-KIDS (5437)

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta offers several locations in North Fulton including radiology, sports medicine and urgent care. Visit choa.org locations for the location nearest you.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta has been 100 percent dedicated to kids for more than 100 years. A not-for-profit organization, Children's is dedicated to making kids better today and healthier tomorrow. Its specialized care helps children get better faster and live healthier lives. Managing more than a million patient visits annually at three hospitals and 28 neighborhood locations, Children's is the largest healthcare provider for children in Georgia and one of the largest pediatric clinical care providers in the country. Children's offers access to more than 60 pediatric specialties and programs and is ranked among the top children's hospitals in the country by U.S. News & World Report. With generous philanthropic and volunteer support since 1915, Children's has impacted the lives of children in Georgia, the United States and throughout the world.

Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta
emoryhealthcare.org/saint-josephs-hospital-atlanta
5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd, Atlanta 678-843-7001

Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1880, and is Atlanta's longest serving hospital. The 410-bed acute-care hospital is recognized as one of the leading specialty-referral hospitals in the Southeast.

Noted especially for cardiac care, Emory Saint Joseph's provides training to physicians from around the world in robotic surgery for valve repair and is a primary location for cardiac rehabilitation. The hospital is also noted for neurologic,

vascular, gastrointestinal, respiratory, and orthopedic care, among other specialties, and has been recognized as one of the premiere knee and hip replacement programs in the country. Emory Saint Joseph's is a designated location of the Winship Cancer Institute, Georgia's first comprehensive National Cancer Institute-designated cancer center.

Emory Saint Joseph's has continuously earned the prestigious Magnet designation for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center since 1995. The hospital is a member of Emory Healthcare, the largest, most comprehensive health system in Georgia.

Emory Saint Joseph's medical staff is comprised of more than 900 physicians and 1,800 staff employees, and the hospital accommodates more than 120,000 patient visits annually.

Northside Hospital northside.com
1000 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Atlanta (404) 851-8000

Northside Hospital is one of the most respected and fastest growing health care organizations in the Southeast and is committed to balancing clinical excellence with compassionate care. Northside leads the U.S. in newborn deliveries, is among the state's top providers of surgical services and is recognized as having among the best survival rates in the nation for bone marrow transplants. Northside Hospital Cancer Institute (NHCI) is the largest and most comprehensive cancer hospital network in Georgia and a leader in cancer care. Northside Hospital's 2,500+ physicians and 15,000 employees serve 2.5 million patient visits each year.

WellStar Cobb Hospital wellstar.org
3950 Austell Road SW Austell (470) 732-4000

This "Top 100" rated, 382-bed WellStar Cobb Hospital serves South Cobb County's health needs, including cancer and cardiac programs, a private maternity center and accredited total joint program.

WellStar Kennestone Hospital wellstar.org
677 Church Street, Marietta (770) 793-5000

WellStar Kennestone Hospital is a Level II Trauma Center with an accredited chest pain center, stroke center and pediatric emergency. The 633-bed community hospital continually earns its distinction as a "Top 100" hospital with ongoing investment in new technologies like Georgia's first CyberKnife, TomoTherapy and da Vinci robotic surgical systems.

WellStar Windy Hill Hospital wellstar.org
2540 Windy Hill Road Marietta (770) 644-1000

WellStar Windy Hill Hospital is a 115-bed hospital is home to the Southeast's largest Sleep Disorders Center and features nationally recognized specialties in long-term acute care, interventional radiology and outpatient rehabilitation.



▲ The vibrating pad Dr. Kelly uses allows him to do a chiropractic adjustment without over-adjusting, a much gentler approach to the practice.

◀ Dr. Kelly uses a cold laser to repair tissue and reduce inflammation in a focused way.

No ordinary chiropractor

Chiropractic and kinesiology help bring balance

STORY: Jennifer Bradley Franklin | PHOTOS: Sara Hanna

“Health is simple,” Dr. Tim Kelly is fond of saying. “We’re not that complicated.” As someone who writes regularly about wellness, I’m tempted to disagree: It seems like there are so many conflicting theories and ideas about how to keep our bodies in good health, it can feel *incredibly* complicated.

However, Kelly, who has practiced in Buckhead since 1989, has such a warm confidence about him, I’m willing to give him the benefit of the doubt. He’s a chiropractor specializing in applied kinesiology, a science he describes as “a way to ask the body a series of questions, looking for what makes the body stronger and weaker.”

In my one-and-a-half-hour initial session with the doc, we discussed four health factors he focuses on: digestion (“chewing your food a minimum of 25 times is key to giving your body access to the nutrition from your food”); identifying nutrient/chemical surpluses or deficiencies; adjustment and alignment; and how the feet affect balance.

Before my appointment, Kelly asked me to complete a test online called the Braverman Personality Assessment. “Wait a minute,” I

thought. “What does personality have to do with health?” It turns out, quite a lot. According to Kelly, our brain chemistry greatly affects our personality and our cravings, sleep habits, energy and much more. If the four main brain chemicals—acetylcholine, GABA, serotonin and dopamine—are out of balance, you’ll experience maladies that can range from headaches to intense fatigue. (I’m acetylcholine dominant, meaning that I’m highly creative, but unfortunately, I’m dopamine deficient, which partially accounts for low energy at times.)

To help me balance, he recommended changing my diet to include more anti-inflammatory omega-3 foods (such as plants, grass-fed meat, nuts and seeds) and fewer inflammatory omega-6 foods (goodbye dairy and grains), and he gave me supplements of omega-3 oils, iodine and tyrosine to help support

healthy thyroid function.

Next, it was time for my initial adjustment. He tested for weakness in my limbs, which could signal improper blood flow to internal organs, since they’re connected to corresponding vertebrae. Instead of the aggressive popping and cracking you might expect from a chiropractor, Kelly adjusts gently using a vibrating mallet-like tool that coaxes the spine back into alignment. Unlike typical chiropractic care, which many patients complain is a never-ending series of visits, Kelly’s addition of applied kinesiology helps the adjustment “stick.” “The core pieces don’t come undone,” he says. “It’s sort of like rebooting your computer once and having it work properly.”

After just one visit, I felt overwhelmed with information: a bit like trying to drink water from a fire hose. However, I connected with my friend Amy Crouse who initially told me about Kelly after she saw him for headaches. “He’s truly a miracle worker. Within three months, in addition to my migraines, he had cured an inner ear imbalance that multiple other specialists said was incurable,” she says. “He was



Dr. Kelly recommends targeted supplements to get your body working optimally.

able to get me off all medicines and improved my sleep, energy level and overall health.”

Even though the volume of information can feel overwhelming (and still does, even though I’ve seen Kelly several times), his gentle, friendly demeanor makes it seem less intimidating. I’m on my way to becoming a believer. ■

Dining Out in Cobb



Copeland's Restaurant

Over the past few years, the Atlanta metro area has become a foodie paradise. Chef-driven concepts are taking center stage and using locally grown, seasonal ingredients, which means diners can find any type of cuisine they may desire, from comfort food at the local diner to a wide range of ethnic cuisine and established chain restaurants. To celebrate the best and brightest, many of Cobb's cities have their own restaurant weeks throughout the year, where diners can sample some of the area's best food from a fixed-price menu. Here are just a few of Cobb's best culinary options:

Drift Fish House & Oyster Bar

4475 Roswell Rd, The Avenue East Cobb, Marietta
driftosterbar.com (770) 635-7641
Drift Fish House & Oyster Bar offers food, drinks and service in a sleek and comfortable setting. They have a seasonal menu of simply prepared coastal American fresh seafood, employing both modern and age old live wood fire cooking techniques. Inspired by travels and experience on all three US coasts and abroad, the cuisine is bound by no border, but is always fresh, bold and driven by our obsession for quality.

Canoe

4199 Paces Ferry Road SE, Atlanta
canoeatl.com (770) 432-2663
Consistently rated one of Atlanta's best restaurants, this oasis on the banks of the Chattahoochee River serves up classic American fare with a touch of Southern flair. The restaurant was forced to close in September 2009 due to severe flooding, but reopened with great fanfare just two months later.

Caper's on Main

1635 Old 41 Highway NW, Kennesaw
capersonmain.com (678) 594-7735
For more than 10 years, Caper's has been serving classic steak, seafood and pasta in a Mediterranean-tinged atmosphere. Though it moved from Main Street to a strip mall in 2010, its loyal customer base had no trouble following.

Copeland's

copelandsatlanta.com
3101 Cobb Pkwy, Suite 220, Atlanta
(770) 612-3311
1142 Ernest W. Barrett Pkwy NW, Kennesaw
(770) 919-9612
Do you dream in Cajun? Then Copeland's is the place for you! Offering the very best in Cajun, Creole, & American cuisine, Copeland's is the finest you'll find east of the Bayou! With something special every day of the week, you're sure to find a favorite. Voted Best Brunch in Atlanta, our New Orleans Live

Jazz Sunday Brunch Buffet is our crowning glory, so don't miss it! Join us today and discover your new favorite restaurant!

Heirloom Market BBQ

2243 Akers Mill Road, Atlanta
heirloommarketbbq.com (770) 612-2502
Heirloom brings together two seemingly disparate flavors and styles: Texas and Korean barbecue. The results are some of the tastiest ribs and pulled pork sandwiches this side of the Chattahoochee.

Henry's Louisiana Grill

4835 N Main St., Acworth
chefhenrys.com
(770) 966-1515
Often credited with launching the revitalization of Acworth's downtown square, Henry's recreates the Big Easy with ease, from Mardi Gras beads to authentic gumbo.

Marietta Diner

306 Cobb Parkway S, Marietta
marietadiner.net
(770) 423-9390
It is probably no accident that the wait staff walks diners past the brightly lit dessert cases featuring foot-tall cakes on the way to their table. This 24-hour Marietta staple serves everything from breakfast to burgers.

Marlow's Tavern

marlowstavern.com
1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 208, Marietta
(770) 977-7747
745 Chastain Road NW, Suite 1160, Kennesaw
(770) 425-8777
2355 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 10, Atlanta
(770) 432-2526
With several locations around town, this local chain recreates the friendly neighborhood tavern, perfect for an after-work drink, dinner with friends or leisurely Sunday brunch.

Mountain Biscuits

1718 Old 41 Highway NW, Marietta
(770) 419-3311
Located at the edge of Kennesaw Mountain National Park, this converted gas station does

a booming business. Don't miss classics like biscuits and gravy or fried chicken biscuit.

Muss & Turner's

1675 Cumberland Parkway SE, #309, Smyrna
mussandturners.com (770) 434-1114
Not many sandwich shops can claim the kind of success bestowed upon Muss & Turner's. The Smyrna deli, wine and beer shop opened in 2005, and by early 2006 it had added a full-service bistro with a wine and beer bar.

Seed Kitchen and Bar

1311 Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 504, Marietta
eatatseed.com (678) 214-6888
Located in East Cobb's Merchant's Walk shopping center, this chef-driven restaurant serves modern American fare and innovative cocktails.

Shillings on the Square, Marietta Square's Original Restaurant and Pub

9 N Park Square, Marietta, GA 30060
Menu: places.singleplatform.com
Order: doordash.com
(770) 428-9520
Celebrating 40 years on the Square. Quaint New England Charm with seafood, steaks, chops, soups, and generally a varied eclectic menu. Friday and Saturday nights there is a piano bar upstairs.

South City Kitchen Vinings

1675 Cumberland Pkwy SE, #401, Smyrna
vinings.southcitykitchen.com
(770) 435-0700
This outpost of the Midtown classic has been voted the best fried chicken in Cobb County, and of course, diners should also save room for its traditional banana pudding. Enjoy eating al fresco on beautiful spring and summer days.

Thaicoon & Sushi Bar

34 Mill St. NE, Marietta
thaicoonmarietta.com (678)766-0641
Located on the Marietta Square, Thaicoon has been serving traditional Thai and Japanese dishes since 2002.

Les Bon Temps Rouler Every Day at Copeland's of New Orleans

Launched by New Orleans native, Al Copeland, in 1983, the first Copeland's of New Orleans and its menu of Cajun and Creole fare quickly grew to include multiple restaurants throughout Louisiana. Its expansion beyond the borders of the Bayou State comprised a move to the Atlanta market - where it's had a palate-pleasing presence for more than 20 years.

There are currently two locations in Metro Atlanta: 3101 Cobb Parkway near Cumberland Mall and 1142 Barrett Parkway in Kennesaw. Their menus boast New Orleans classics like Cajun Gumbo Ya Ya, Crawfish Etouffee, Red Beans & Rice, Crab Stuffed Catfish Bordelaise, Shrimp Po'boys, Jambalaya, White Chocolate Bread Pudding, Pralines and more. In order to appeal to a wide variety of tastes, Copeland's also offers its fair share of traditional American-inspired dishes like a range of beautifully Broiled Steaks, a crowd-pleasing Cobb Salad, Grilled Salmon, St. Louis Ribs, Copeland Burger, Spicy Fried Chicken Sandwich and Seafood Platter - just to name a few. The Kids Menu also aims to please even the pickiest pint-sized patrons. Evoking the "spirits" of Bourbon Street, Copeland's rounds out its offerings with an extensive cocktail menu that includes New Orleans favorites like the Hurricane and Sazerac, alongside signature craft cocktails like the Black Cherry Cider Sangria, Hibiscus Margarita, Bayou Sour, Cucumber Martini and more.

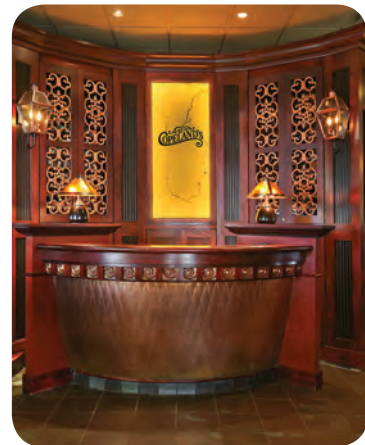
Consistently winning accolades for Best Brunch in Atlanta, both locations offer a Saturday and Sunday Brunch Buffet. INSIDER TIP: Sunday offers the MACK DADDY of brunches with a carving station, made-to-order omelet station, pancakes and Belgian waffle station, and an expanded "Grand Finale" menu that includes a chocolate tower with a variety of dippers. Both locations showcase live music during their Sunday Brunch Buffet to end the weekend, as well as on Fridays to kick off the weekend. While the tasteful interior at Copeland's doesn't include any of the kitschy décor that some New Orleans-themed chains boast, the scene is always set for a

celebration - in true NOLA fashion. On Fat Tuesday, both Copeland Atlanta locations host a Mardi Gras Celebration, complete with beads, live music, seafood boils and specials on Hurricanes and other favorite New Orleans bar drinks. The Cumberland location has been designated Atlanta's "Home of the Saints" and shows every game on multiple big screens whenever the New Orleans Saints face off against other NFL teams.

You can even bring the party to them. Both locations offer two private banquet rooms that seat up to 100 guests when combined - the larger room holds 70, while the smaller room holds 30. When you want to take the party on the road, both locations offer carryout for more intimate gatherings or full-service catering for up to 1000 guests - the ideal answer for corporate events, weddings and more. Drop-off and pickup catering orders are also available. During the holiday season, Copeland's of New Orleans is well-known for its Cajun Fried Turkeys. Throughout the 2019 holidays, the two Atlanta locations sold nearly 2000 birds combined.

With the tagline - "Copeland's: Where There's Always Something Good," the good isn't limited to their incredible food alone. Copeland's of New Orleans is proud to partner locally with Cure Childhood Cancer - supporting the nonprofit with good works consistently throughout the year.

To learn more about Copeland's of New Orleans, view the menu, join the Lagniappe Club™ loyalty app or send an eGift Card to the Cajun connoisseur in your life, visit www.CopelandsAtlanta.com.



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Cities in Cobb

County Population: 741,334 **County Seat:** Marietta
Median Household Income: \$70,246 **Median Home Price:** \$224,300
Square Miles: 340 **Millage Rate:** 28.75
Municipalities: Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, Powder Springs, and Smyrna

cobbcounty.org

(770) 528-1000

Conveniently located about 30 minutes outside of Atlanta, Cobb County is a constantly growing suburb with much to offer. It is the second largest school district in the state with two state universities and one technical college. Tourism is the largest industry at \$2.2 billion and responsible for 25,000 jobs. They have the lowest property tax in metro Atlanta. The Braves move here has sparked economic growth and their County Airport is expanding. The historical Marietta Square attracts history buffs and antique shoppers. Key points of interest include Kennesaw Mountain, Six Flags Over Georgia, Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center and Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. The Home Depot is headquartered here. They have over 36 public Parks and are adding more and have 7 golf courses. Major transit and transportation improvements are underway. Cobb County was one of the 24 counties created in 1832 from Cherokee Indian territory. It is named for Judge Thomas W. Cobb, a former U.S. Senator. Marietta, the county seat, is said to be named for his wife. The Chattahoochee River, which forms Cobb's southeast boundary, served as a dividing line between Creek and Cherokee Indian territories.

Acworth

acworth.org • (770) 974-7626

Acworth, located about 35 miles northwest of Atlanta, is 132 square miles. While it is close enough to Atlanta to experience professional sports and cultural events like a larger city, the small-town atmosphere of Acworth provides opportunities for families that offer fun and tranquility. Convenient to both Interstate 75 and Highway 41, area hotels are comfortable and are run by community members. Visitors, whether in the mood for down-home southern cooking, a quick sandwich, spicy Cajun cuisine, or parlor style ice cream, will find a wide range of choices. Acworth is surrounded by two beautiful lakes, Lake Acworth and Lake Allatoona, and 12 parks surround Acworth that are perfect for picnicking. Nestled along the banks of Lake Acworth is Cobblestone Golf Course, which was recently rated the #1 public course in Georgia by Golf Digest. Shoppers will revel in the eclectic nature and friendly, welcoming staff of the shops in Acworth's historical downtown district. If you are a history buff, you will certainly want to visit the many homes on the historical tour. The Dixie Highway, "the granddaddy of Interstate 75," was the first interstate to reach into the South and is Acworth's Main Street. By the time of its incorporation in 1840, Acworth prospered as a typical railroad town. Today, Acworth is designated as a Georgia Main Street City and is committed to preserving the historical significance of its downtown district buildings.

Austell

austellga.gov • (770) 944-4300

Austell is experiencing rapid residential growth as newcomers discover its wealth of natural beauty, recreational opportunities, and a stable economic base. Austell covers 5.7 square miles. This welcoming small town provides a friendly atmosphere with commercial, industrial, and residential growth. The area has a great school system, unique shopping, easily accessible medical care, and convenient travel opportunities. The city of Austell has many family activities such as an annual Easter egg hunt, Halloween celebrations, and the festive lighting of the town Christmas tree. Strategically located in southwest Cobb County, Austell is 18 miles away from Atlanta, 10 miles from Marietta, and only minutes away from the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, making travel very convenient. Regional commercial and industrial complexes as well as cultural, recreational, and leisure activities are within easy driving distance for Austell residents. Vacations in North Georgia's mountains or along Georgia's coast and the Golden Isles are only a few hours away.

Kennesaw

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In the 1830s, the railroad building craze hit Cobb County, and as more and more rail workers came to the county, Kennesaw grew up around that industry. Residents later founded the city in 1887. During the Civil War, Kennesaw served as the staging ground for the Great Locomotive Chase, an event now recounted at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History. A city rich in history, Kennesaw has become a destination for businesses and families looking to relocate in the Atlanta metropolitan area. Extensive

preserved Civil War battle sites allow one to step back in time to the turbulent days of battle juxtaposed to the vibrant, stable economy that is Kennesaw today. Many attractions, shops, restaurants, parks, and businesses contribute to the vitality of the city. Kennesaw State University has become one of the premier public universities in Georgia and is now the state's third largest university. The main strip in Kennesaw is Barrett Parkway, which offers Town Center Mall, a variety of restaurants, as well as multiple shopping centers and movie theaters.

Marietta

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Marietta, the county seat, is known for its historic districts and its famous town square complete with gazebo and fountain. Offering the charm of a small town with the amenities of big-city living keeps Marietta at the top of the list for sought out areas. The downtown square bustles throughout the day as visitors and residents take advantage of the many charming shops and restaurants. The adjacent Cobb government buildings ensure an ongoing steady stream of people in and out of the area on a daily basis. U.S. 41 is one of the main roads that run through Marietta. "The Big Chicken," as residents refer to it, has become a landmark that is used to provide directions in the area. Incorporated on December 19, 1834, Marietta is the Cobb County seat of government. While the origin of the city's name is somewhat a mystery, prevailing wisdom has it that the name remembers Mary Moore, the wife of U.S. Senator and Supreme Court Judge Thomas Willis Cobb. If this origin is correct, it seems apt, as Judge Cobb is the namesake of the county itself. When, in 1864, Union General William Tecumseh Sherman marched through Marietta, he spared the city before going to burn Atlanta.

Powder Springs

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Originally chartered as Springville in 1839, Powder Springs was well known for its seven medicinal and therapeutic springs. One historic spring is preserved in a local park not far from the Seven Springs Museum and the Silver Comet Trail. It has a population of over 15,000, up from 7,000 in 1990, and embodies the spirit of community that is prevalent throughout Cobb County with a nod to both its small town character and planned quality growth. Significant redevelopment projects are underway in the city's historic downtown. Their premier downtown access to the Silver Comet Trail across Cobb County is convenient to businesses and neighborhoods along Marietta Street and to expanding amenities at the city's linear park on Richard D. Sailors Parkway. The Silver Comet Trail and the city's 5K-certified Wild Horse and Lucille Creek trails form a unique pedestrian and bike-friendly loop around the city's historic core, and a new \$4 million downtown park will feature a trailhead entrance and inviting public space where trail travelers can take a break to enjoy casual dining at the Marietta Street Grill and Café and Hawg's Best Friend or shop at the Bookwork or Hand Me Ups. Timed to open with park completion, Railcat Brewing Company will located in a renovated c.1900 building. The preserved Country Store on Marietta Street boasts the oldest wooden framed Coca Cola sign in Georgia. In 2018, the city issued 192 building permits for single family homes, an increase of 8% over 2017, reflecting approximately \$36 million in new investment in Powder Springs. In particular, groundbreaking events held at the end of January 2019 highlight the residential dimension of downtown growth with new development underway by Hollywood Construction and Fischer Homes. With land available for light industrial, commercial and residential development, plus access to major transit routes and nearby air, rail and intermodal centers, Powder Springs checks off many important boxes for investors and developers. Innovative changes in land inspection, plan review, and permitting processes set in 2017 have continued to save significant project time for developers and reflect the City's vision - Inspired, Invigorated, Innovative.

Smyrna

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Just 15 minutes from downtown Atlanta, Smyrna is known as the Jonquil City for the many blooms seen each spring. Once considered a sleepy bedroom suburb of Atlanta, Smyrna has fully come into its own with recognition for a successful rejuvenated downtown area. The Village Green provides a community atmosphere featuring shopping, dining, a community center, and city hall all intertwined with residential spaces. This area is structured in a Williamsburg style, with a central fountain surrounded by a long brick road. The Smyrna Community Center offers residents multiple spaces for meetings, activities, and athletics. The City attracts the millennials with its proximity to downtown Atlanta, many parks and restaurants. It is 15 square miles and has 304 acres of park and green space. The City of Smyrna was awarded the Urban Land Institute's Award for Excellence and is recognized as one of the most desirable places to live in the entire Metropolitan Atlanta area, "the place to be...the place to call home"

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Unincorporated Areas

East Cobb

Typically defined as the area east of I-75 and south of Town Center at Cobb, East Cobb is a vibrant and prosperous residential and commercial community. The Cumberland-Galleria business district is a major hub for conventions and retail, and the area is home to the Atlanta Braves major league baseball team. Though not a municipality, it is a strong residential draw because of its excellent public schools and well-planned subdivisions. Shopping opportunities abound at centers like Merchant's Walk and the Avenues East Cobb. Numerous parks offering recreational activities and a close proximity to the cultural events of Atlanta continue to lure newcomers across the Chattahoochee River to this popular locale.

Vinings

Just over the Chattahoochee River from the city of Atlanta, the small historic community of Vinings continues to attract those searching for unique shopping and dining experiences. With the affluent West Paces Ferry portion of Buckhead and the suburban community of Smyrna close by, the Vinings area offers a wide variety of residential opportunities and recreational activities. Vinings Jubilee is considered by residents to be the town center, maintaining an historic look and feel. The business climate is thriving, led by the headquarters of Home Depot that is located just outside of Vinings. The main east/west road that goes through the town is Paces Ferry Road. The area has always been and still is a very desirable area for Cobb County residents.

Mableton

Mableton, which occupies more than 20 square miles between interstates 285 and 20, is the Atlanta area's largest unincorporated area. It is also one of Cobb County's most historic areas, as the Mable House Plantation was used as a camp by Federal troops during the Civil War. The Mable House is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is being leased to the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department for concerts and other events. The complex also has an amphitheater and arts center. Its proximity to the major business districts of both Cobb County and the city of Atlanta, as well as the Silver Comet Trail, make it an ideal location for families and businesses alike.



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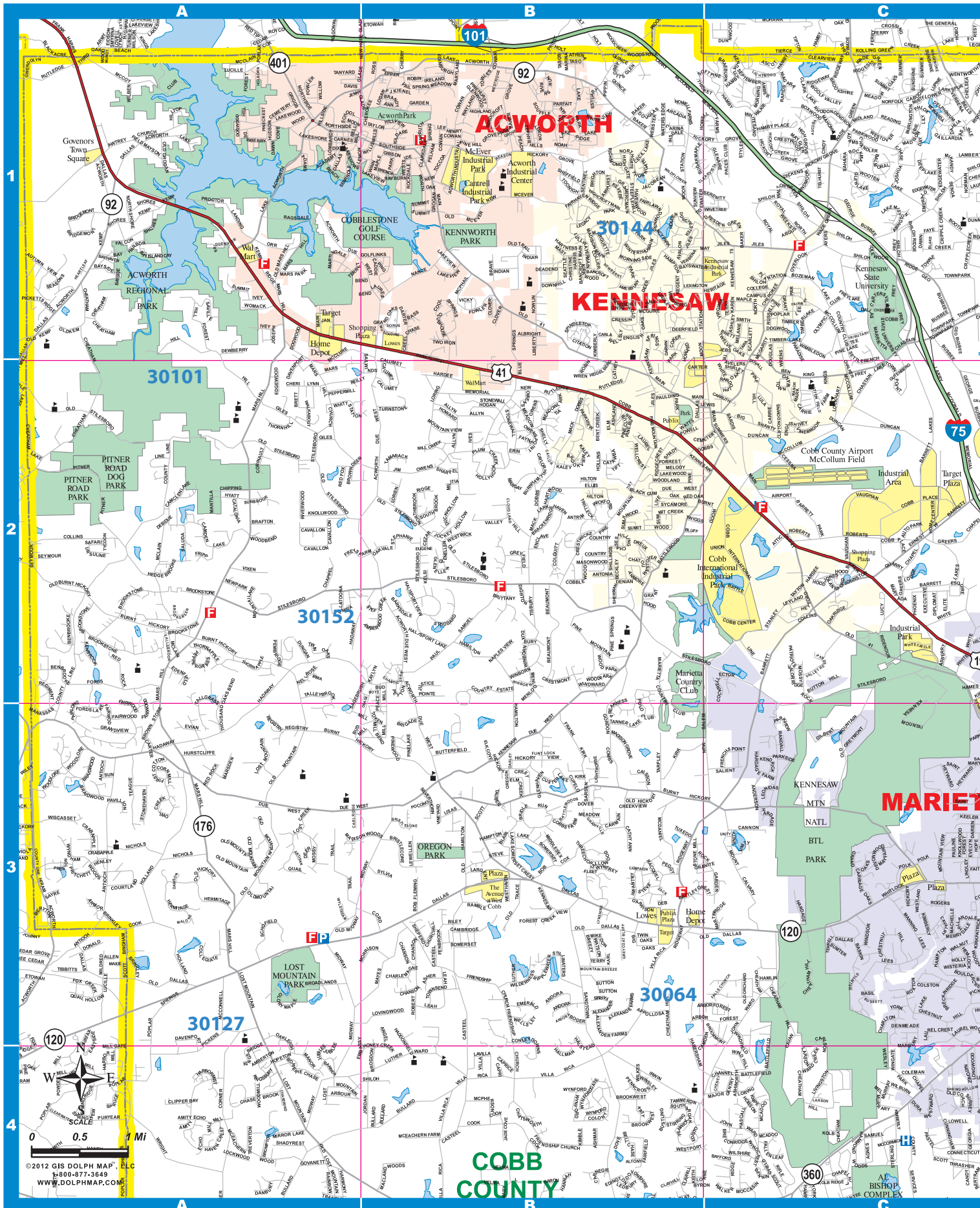


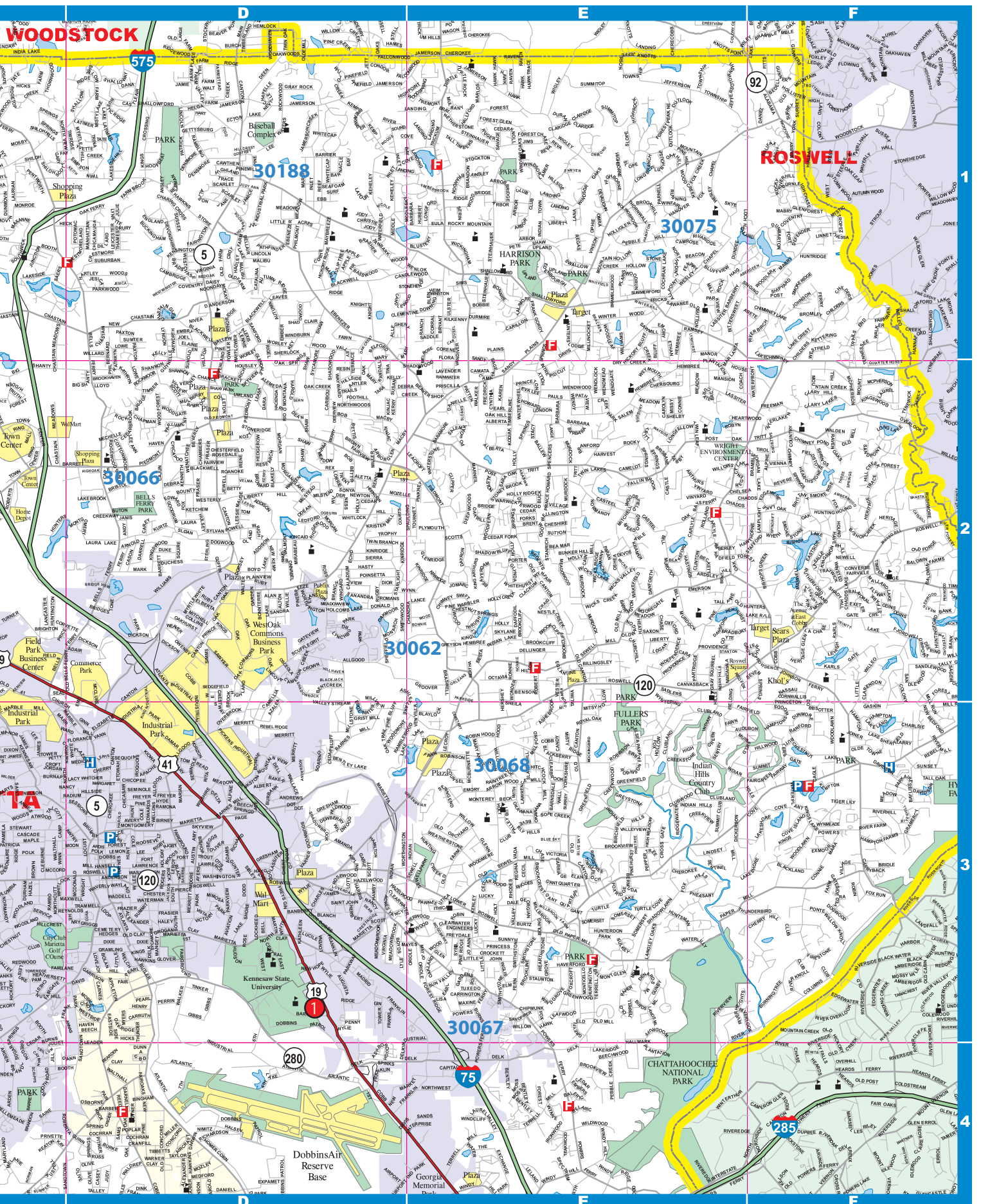
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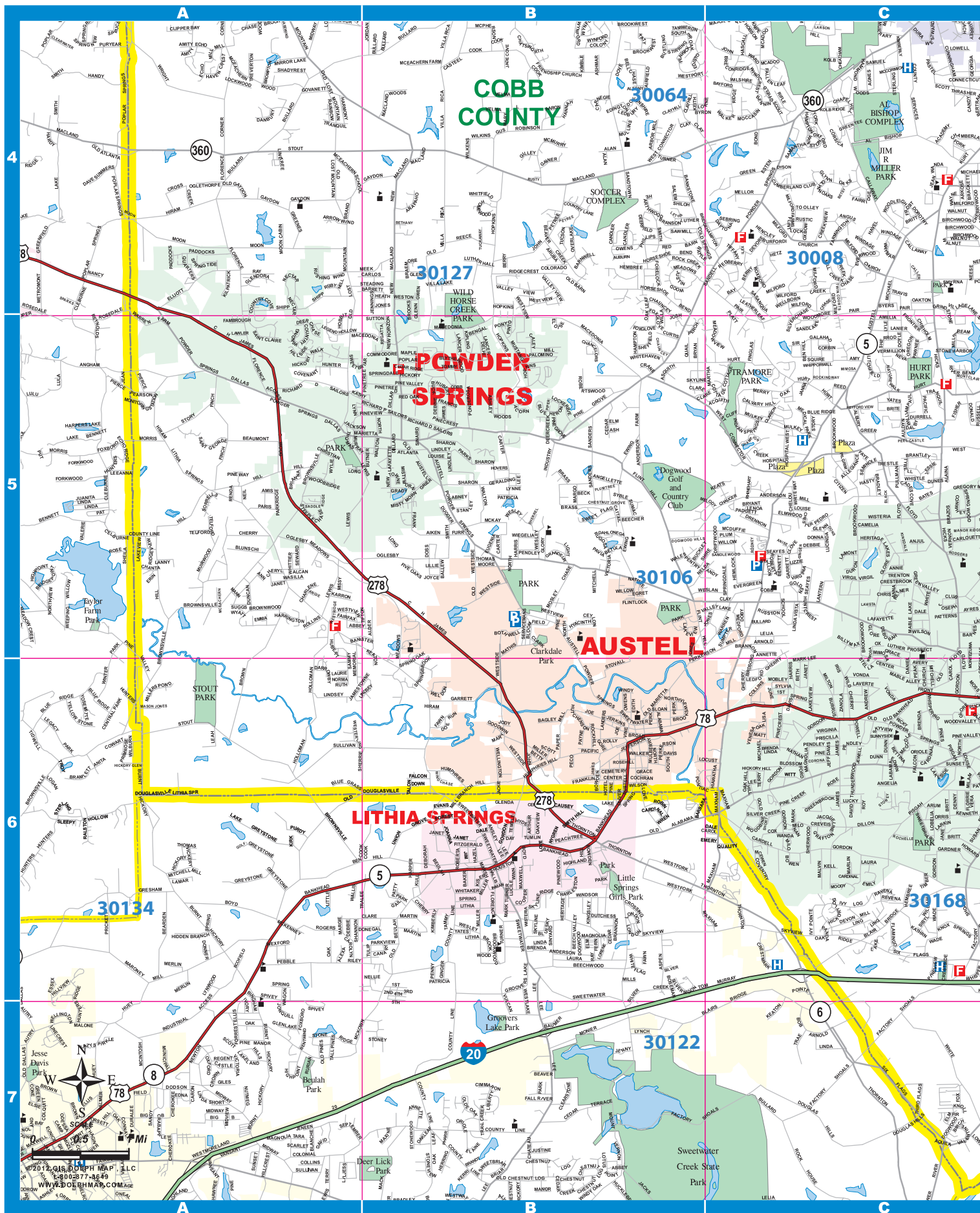
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