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Braselton Designated As Georgia's Eighth WaterFirst® Community

Atlanta, GA - Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Commissioner Mike Beatty announced today the designation of Braselton as the state's eighth WaterFirst® Community. This designation officially recognizes Braselton's commitment to excellence in water resource management and stewardship. The community was formally recognized in a ceremony today at Braselton City Hall.

"Careful management of our water resources requires a strong commitment to stewardship and solid leadership. In keeping with the town motto, Braselton leaders eagerly embraced their collective responsibility to preserve the past and mold the future. In planning for the future of one of the state's fastest growing communities, Braselton leaders deserve special recognition for their strong public involvement and youth education programs, ability to work with other local government partners and strong management practices. Today, DCA is very pleased to recognize the leaders and citizens of Braselton for their shared commitment to stewardship of our water resources by designating the town as Georgia's eighth WaterFirst® Community," said Commissioner Beatty.

The WaterFirst® Community Program, led by the Department of Community Affairs, is a voluntary partnership between local governments, state and federal agencies and other organizations working to improve the management and protection of our shared water resources.

Braselton is the first entity to receive a WaterFirst® Community designation in 2006. Previously designated WaterFirst® communities include the Clayton County/ Clayton County Water Authority, Cobb County, Columbus Waterworks/ Columbus Consolidated Government, Gwinnett County, City of Hartwell, City of Savannah and Tybee of Island.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) was created in 1977 to serve as an advocate for local governments. DCA operates a host of state and federal grant programs; serves as the state's lead agency in housing finance and development; promulgates building codes to be adopted by local governments; provides comprehensive planning, technical and research assistance to local governments; and serves as the lead agency for the state's solid waste reduction efforts. For more information about DCA, please visit www.dca.state.ga.us.

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