



2025 Annual Report of the President

February 2026

By staying engaged with county leaders, county staff, and our members, ECCA helps ensure that East Cobb's voice is heard on issues that affect the community now and well into the future.

Below is an overview of the activities your association engaged in during 2025.

ECCA reviewed Zonings, Variances and Other Business Items (OBIs):

ECCA's Zoning Committee and Board review monthly zoning, variance and other business applications received by County staff, then select the cases to make recommendations based on the needs of our member neighborhoods, or if the case sets a precedent that might affect our area. We have seen some cases continue for over a year. The ECCA assigned case manager stays with the case until it is finished.

In 2025, ECCA caseworkers researched, conducted site visits, met with neighbors and applicants, as well as making recommendations to the Cobb County Planning Commission and the Cobb County Board of Commissioners on a total of one (1) application for a Zoning change, four (4) Other Business Items (OBIs), five (5) Land Use Permits (LUPs) and one (1) Special Land Use Permit (SLUP). Caseworkers also made recommendations to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Variances on seventeen (17) Variance applications. This total of 28 cases represents a 40% increase over 2024.

ECCA reviewed and made recommendations to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Plan:

Every year the future land use map (FLUM) is updated based on zoning decisions, Commissioner's requests, and staff recommendations. After review, ECCA agreed with County Staff on their recommendations for updates in 2025.

ECCA reviewed and made recommendations on Code Amendments:

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners updated the code twice in 2025. ECCA took an active role in reviewing the proposed Code changes and making recommendations. In addition to other code amendment recommendations, ECCA voiced many concerns and made substantial recommendations to the proposed code additions of "Stormwater as a Utility". ECCA felt that this proposal was not ready to be enacted into Code. However, the Cobb County Board of Commissioners disagreed and established Stormwater as a Utility under the Water Department.

ECCA reviewed and made recommendations to the Unified Development Code (UDC):

ECCA has two (2) of its Board Members, each appointed by a different Commissioner, in the UDC Focus Group Committee. There was a single meeting of the Committee in 2025. After reviewing 275 pages of proposed Code, we gave seven pages of comments and input as to what we felt was necessary in the context and new format for the UDC.

ECCA provided Member/Community Education and Awareness:

One of ECCA's primary missions is to help educate and inform the East Cobb community about topics concerning their county government and services, as well as other areas of interest. Last year at the monthly General Membership Meetings, ECCA had a speaker presentation on topics that affected or were of interest to the East Cobb community in some way.

In 2025, meeting attendees heard from:

- Stephen White, Director/Chief Appraiser, Tax Assessor Office
- Michael Brantley, Director, Cobb County Parks
- Stuart VanHoozer, Chief of Police, Cobb County
- Lt. Col. Michael McConnell, Deputy Commander, 94th Airlift Wing's Maintenance Group
- Karyn Matthews, Project Manager, Cobb County DOT
- Melissa Alterio, Executive Director, Emergency Communications for Cobb County 911
- Al Curtis, Cobb County's Fleet Director

ECCA continues to improve communications with its Membership and the local community:

To increase ECCA's recognition within the local community and better serve its Membership, ECCA:

- Maintains an updated, easy to use website helping our members find useful information.
- Publishes a monthly Summary of Zonings and Variances that ECCA is looking at near our Membership and the results of past zonings and variances that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission or the Board of Zoning Appeals has decided upon.
- Publishes a monthly newsletter for its Membership.

ECCA encourages members of the community to get involved in making East Cobb a better place to live.

- Board Members of ECCA:
 - Serve on the Unified Development Code (UDC) Committee, Pedestrian Safety Committee, Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, Cobb County Recreation Board, Cemetery Preservation Committee, and the Board of the Development Authority of Cobb County; and
 - Serve on Architectural/landscape control committees as part of zoning stipulations.
- ECCA provides lunch for selected Fire Stations and Police Precincts during the year on a rotating basis.
- ECCA partners with "Keep Cobb Beautiful" through the Adopt-A-Mile program. The Adopt-A-Mile schedule can be found on the ECCA website.

ECCA provides a valuable opportunity to serve our community and help preserve and improve the quality of life in East Cobb.

We look forward to you continuing to be an active member of ECCA and seeing you at the Membership Meetings in 2026.

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2025 ECCA President