



**LaVista Hills YES
Informational Presentation
January 11, 2015**

What is LaVista Hills YES?

This group is the merger of two previous cityhood efforts who have been exploring cityhood since 2012 –
Lakeside YES & City of Briarcliff Initiative.




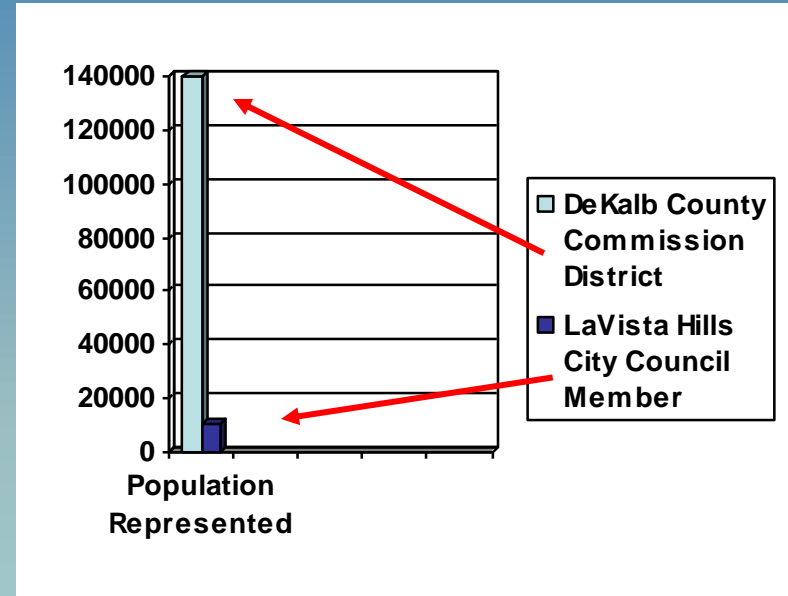
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Our board consists of representatives from both of these former efforts and includes residents from throughout the proposed boundaries.



Why Form a New City?

- “Walking distance”  representation – larger voice and influence by people who live in the community
- Local control of your tax dollars, zoning, land use and other services.
- Fiscal accountability
- Local economic development

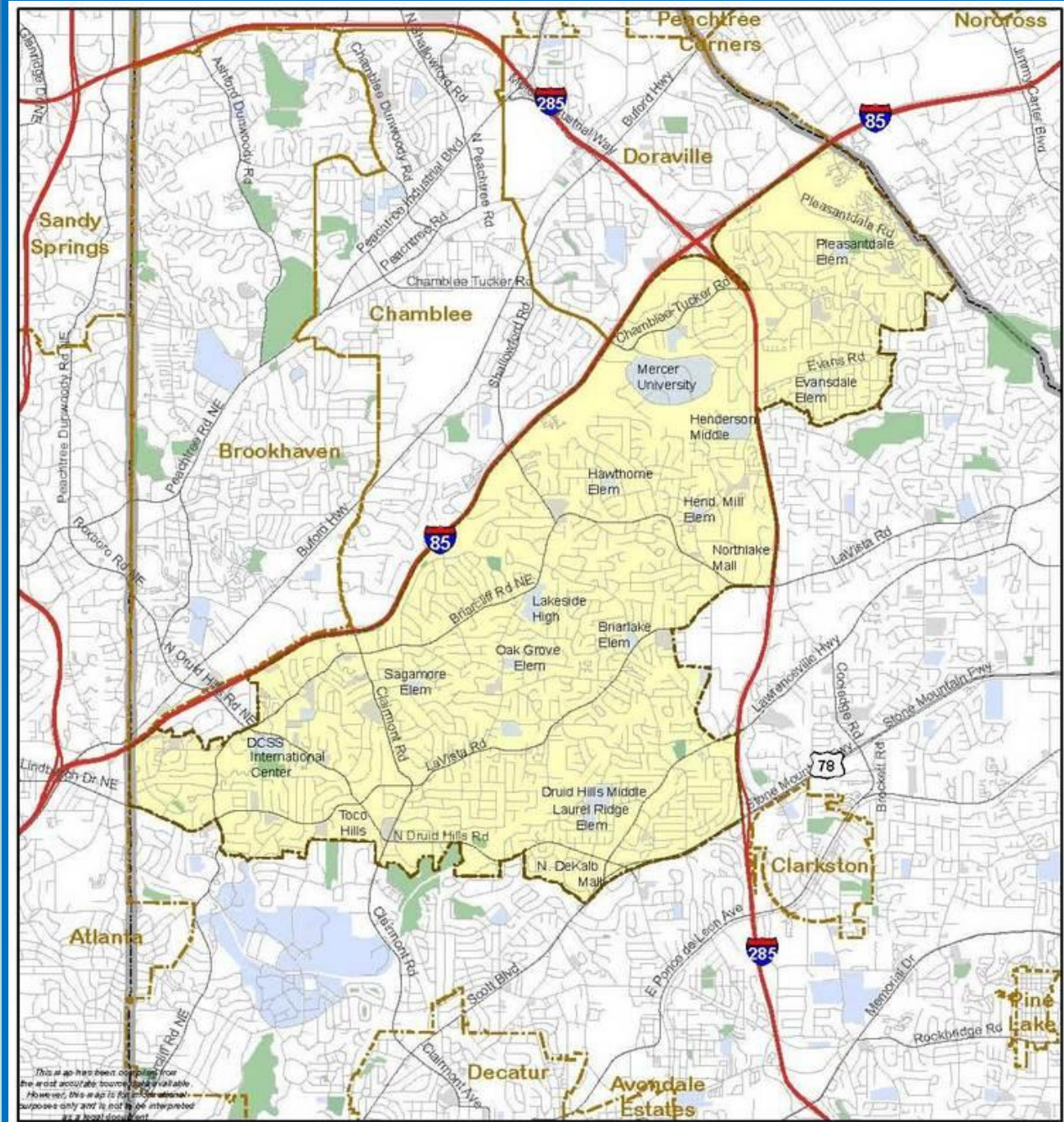


- More police officers on the streets in the city boundaries
- Greater code enforcement compliance
- More attention paid to and more input on local community issues
- Mechanism to revitalize local shopping, parks, common areas
- Local advocates – elected officials and city staff – to improve new city’s quality of life

LaVista Hills, Georgia

Map submitted to
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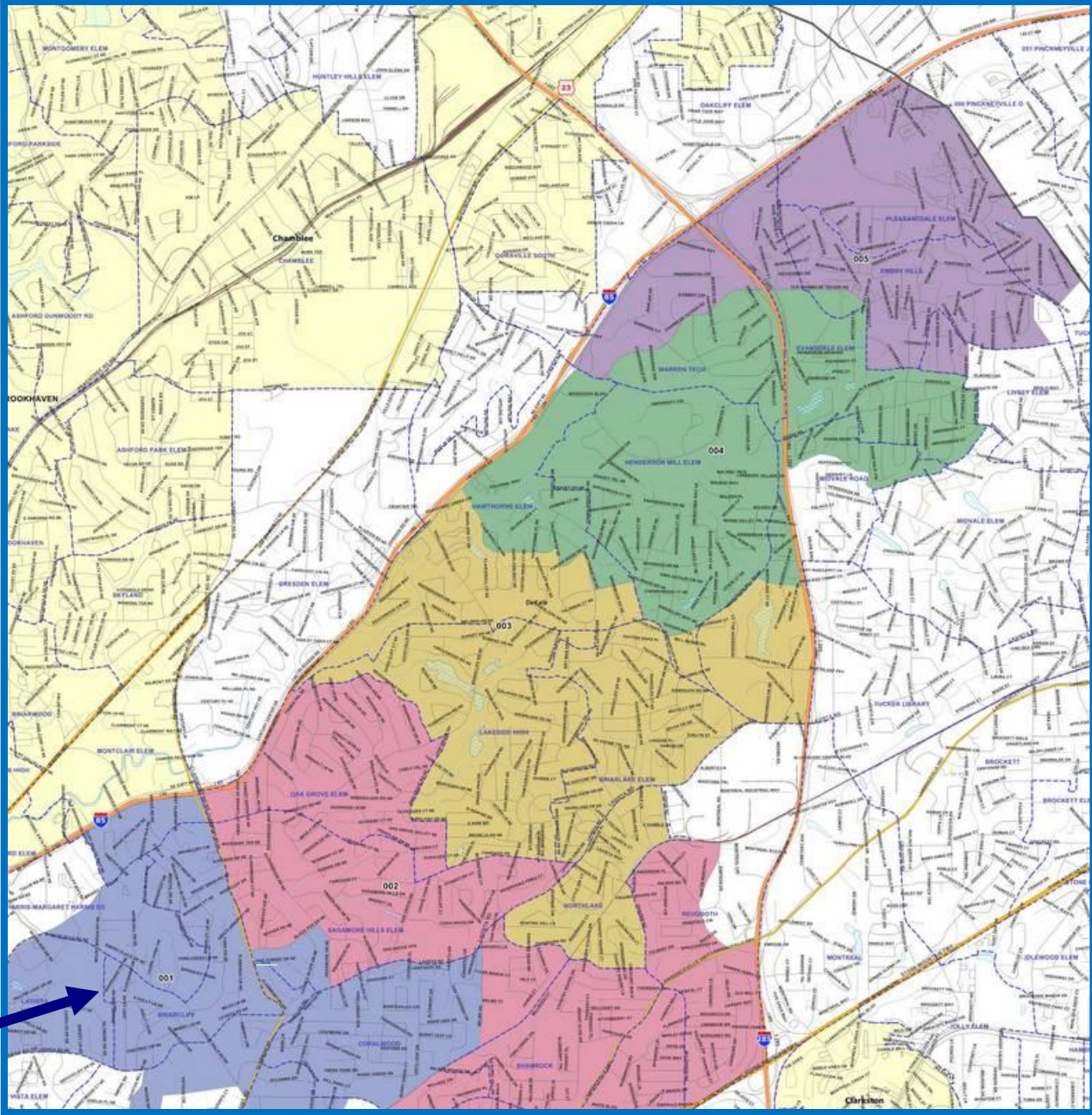


Representation of City Council Districts

Note – this map is used only as an example and for demonstration purposes.

LaVista Hills, Georgia

Merry Hills, LaVista Park, North Druid Hills neighborhoods



- Estimated Population of LVH: **67,321**
- Estimated Population of Each District: **13,464**
- Estimated Population of Three Neighborhoods:
LaVista Park (2,116), Merry Hills N of LaVista (3,860), Merry Hills S of LaVista (1,142), NDH (5,145) **TOTAL: 12,263**
- If this map remains unchanged, it is virtually certain that this area will be unified under a single district and will have its own city councilperson to serve as a strong voice for the community.

Proposed Services Provided by city of LaVista Hills

- Public Safety and Code Enforcement
- Public Works (Roads and Drainage)
- Planning, Land Use and Zoning
- Permitting and Licenses
- Parks and Recreation

Additional services could be added later if desired by citizens.

DeKalb County would continue to provide these services:

- Garbage/Sanitation
- Fire and 911
- Water and Sewer
- Schools (Board of Education)
- Health Department
- Sheriff's Department
- County Jail
- Libraries

Some of the services are provided through Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs)

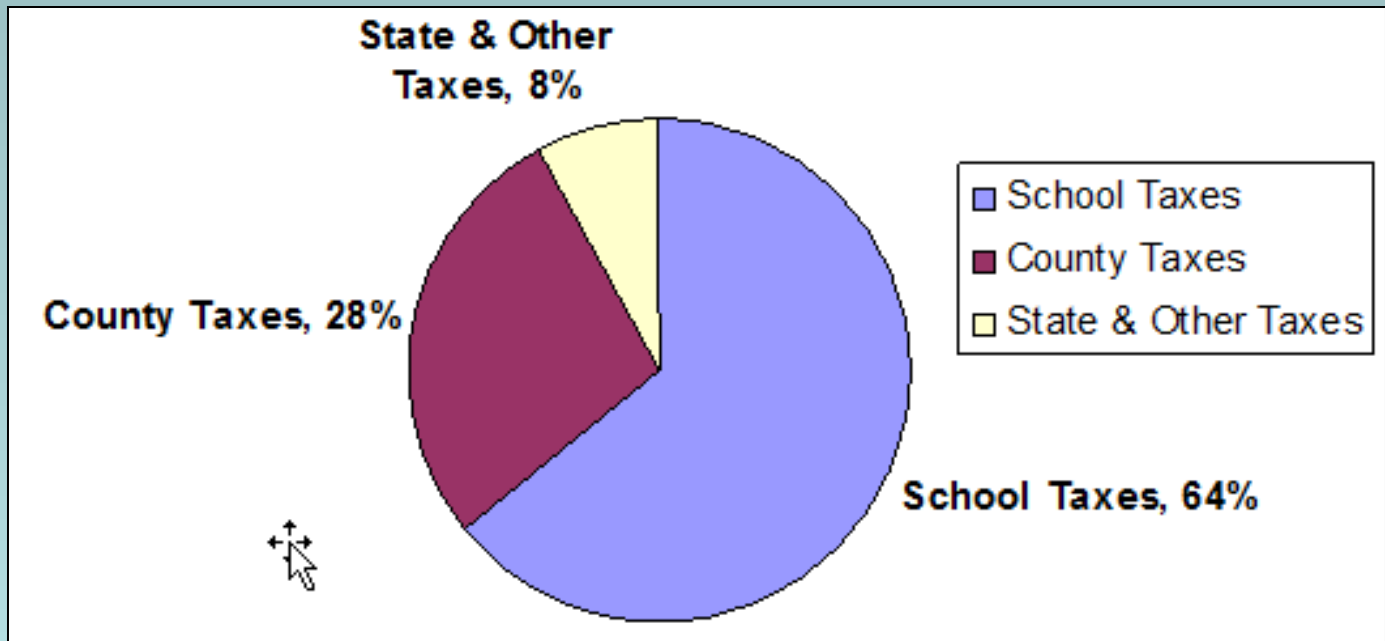
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Where Are We in the Process

- 2015: Bill will be filed in General Assembly.
- 2015: Bill must be approved and signed by Governor during legislative session.
- If signed, referendum for cityhood will be voted on by residents within boundaries.
- If approved by referendum, Governor will appoint Transition Commission.
- Municipal elections will be held in 2015.
- City opens doors 2016.

Current Property Tax Allocation

1. School Board Taxes:	64%
2. County Taxes:	28%
3. State & Other:	8%



How Could Cityhood Impact Taxes?

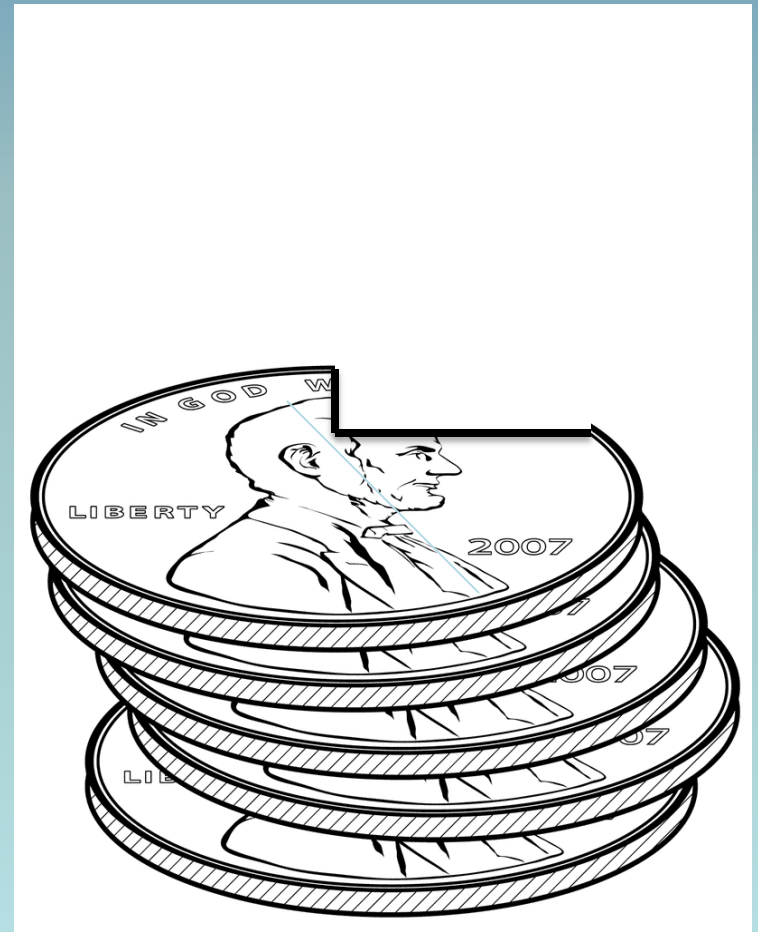
- DeKalb County will continue to assess and collect your property taxes.
- **There will be a shift of existing property (not sales) tax revenue to fund the new city and its services.**
- The revenue collected by DeKalb County for services they no longer provide will be shifted to the city.
- **No new property tax will be assessed by the new city to provide services.**
- Additional revenue streams currently paid to county will be collected by city.

Less than 5¢ out of each dollar of property taxes will shift to new city

County Share



City Share



Other Sources of New City Revenue

In addition to shifting the police and portions of the unincorporated tax districts revenue to the city, there are several other revenue streams to fund the city including:

- Business Licenses (Beverage, General, Police)
- Franchise fees (cable, electricity, gas, phone)
- HOST
- Hotel/Motel tax
- Insurance premiums

City Feasibility

- Projected Revenue of \$35.9M, Expenditures of \$29.1M, Surplus of \$6.8M
- That is a projected **23% annual budget surplus**
- Net Total of **\$46M in commercial property value has been ADDED** since Lakeside CVI study

City Feasibility

- Properties lost to Brookhaven (CHOA - \$46M, mostly non-taxable) and Tucker (Northlake Area S of LaVista Rd - \$160M, Emory Ortho - \$43M, Pittsburg - \$4M) **are more than offset by portions of Briar Vista (\$157M), south side of NDH Rd (\$105M) and N DeKalb Mall (\$37M) that have been gained.**
- ***Despite annexations and competing proposals, the city remains on a rock-solid financial foundation.***

Current Millage Rates

- **City of Atlanta in DeKalb - 46.313** (limited senior exemption)
- **Unincorporated DeKalb - 45.34***
- **Brookhaven - 43.23***
- **Dunwoody - 43.12***

**These DeKalb cities and proposed city of LaVista Hills continue to offer generous senior exemption*

New cities have kept tax rates lower.

What can you do to learn more and stay informed?

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- Contact us to speak to your neighborhood!
- **Contribute money to advocate for cityhood and volunteer to raise awareness in your communities.**