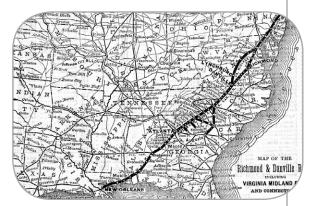


### Our Story.

**1871** The Danville and Piedmont Air Line railroad (now Norfolk Southern) is built, inducing the founding of Norcross, Duluth, Suwanee, and Buford



**1818** Gwinnett County formed by an act of the Georgia General Assembly

**1820** First U.S. Census including Gwinnett County; Population: 4,589

**1850** Population: 11,257

**1861-1865** American Civil War **1885** Historic Gwinnett County courthouse constructed



**1891** The Georgia, Carolina, and Northern Railway (now CSX) is built

**1900** Population: 25,585

**2040** Population estimates range from 1.29 to 1.56 million **2018** Gwinnett County celebrates its bicentennial

**2009** Gwinnett Stadium

(now Coolray Field) opens

**2003** Gwinnett Arena (now Infinite Energy Arena) opens

**2001** Discovery Mills (now Sugarloaf Mills) opens

**2001** Gwinnett County Transit begins operations



**2017** Population: 920,260

**2010** Population: 808,719

2007 First iPhone Released

1999 Mall of Georgia opens



**2000** Population: 588,448

1996 Atlanta and Georgia host the Centennial Summer Olympics

1984 Gwinnett Place Mall opens

**1965** Section of I-85 between South Carolina and Suwanee completed

**1956** The gates of Buford Dam are closed. creating Lake Lanier **1941** Pearl Harbor

attacked. USA enters WWII



**1990** Population: 352.910

1988 Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center opens

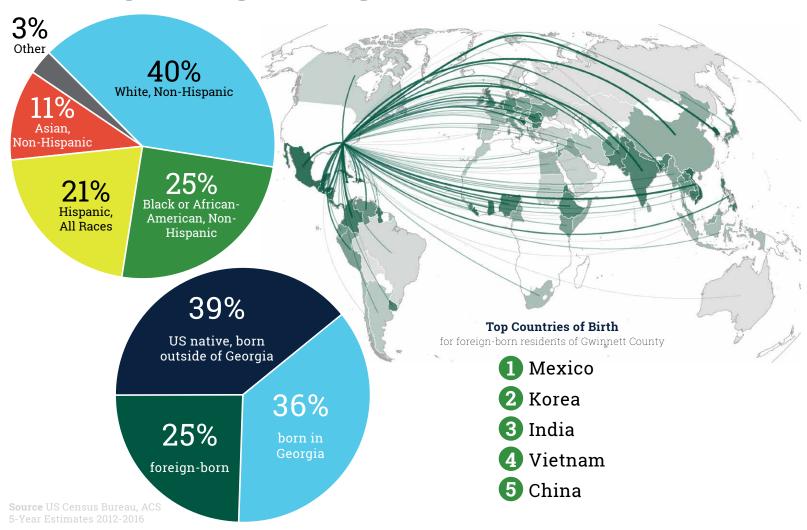
1986-1988 Gwinnett County is the fastest growing county in the United States with a population over 100,000

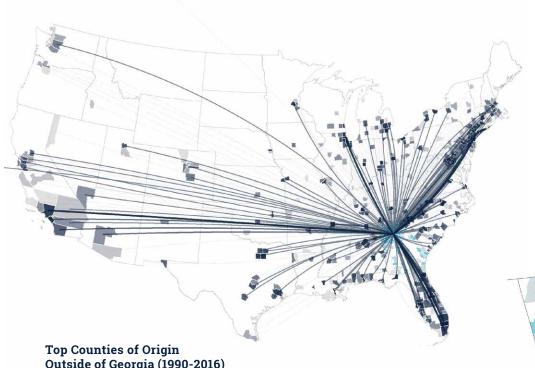
**1980** Population: 166,903

**1970** Population: 72,349

**1960** Population: 43,541

### Who We Are.



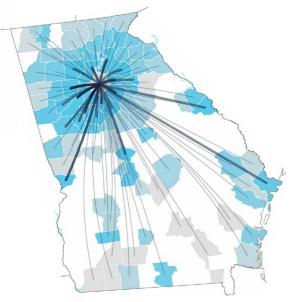


**Top Counties of Origin** Within Georgia (1990-2016)

- DeKalb
- 2 Fulton
- Cobb
- Hall
- Barrow

Outside of Georgia (1990-2016)

- 1 Broward County, FL
- 2 Los Angeles County, CA
- **3** Queens County, NY
- 4 Cook County, IL
- **5** Miami-Dade County, FL



# **Engaging the Community.**

Our extensive community engagement program was designed to engage with all members of Gwinnett's very diverse community and included a combination of traditional and other outreach methods to target specific communities and groups for their participation.

**Traditional Engagement Activities** Hearings,
Community Open Houses,
Planning Advisory Committee

Non-Traditional Engagement
Activities Speaking
Engagements, Intercept
Interviews, Pop-Up Events,
Radio Engagements

Public Hearing 1	12/19/2017
Partnership Gwinnett	1/3/2018
Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting 1	1/11/2018
MLK Jr. Day Parade	1/15/2018
Community Open House (COH) - Five Forks Library	1/25/2018
COH - Dacula Library	1/29/2018
Lilburn Middle School	2/1/2018

COH - Lilburn Activity Building	2/1/2018
COH - OneStop Centerville	2/12/2018
Dinner and Dialogue	2/12/2018
Chairman's State of the County	2/14/2018
Gwinnett Place CID	2/14/2018
UVAC TET Festival	2/18/2018
La Raza 102.3/100.1 FM	2/20/2018
Bethesda Park Senior Center	2/21/2018
COH - Bogan Park	2/22/2018
VidaAtlanta 1010 AM	2/23/2018
Intercept Interviews - Santa Fe Mall	3/4/2018
PAC Meeting 2	3/8/2018
Sugarloaf CID	3/8/2018
Lilburn CID	3/13/2018
Plaza Las Americas	3/25/2018
Intercept Interviews - Rhodes Jordan Park	4/3/2018
Centerville Senior Center	4/4/2018
Bogan Park	4/5/2018

4/10/2018
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5/7/2018
5/8/2018

COH - Rhodes Jordan Park	5/10/2018
COH - George Pierce Park	5/14/2018
COH - Lucky Shoals Park	5/17/2018
PAC Meeting 4	6/14/2018
Gwinnett Place CID	7/11/2018
Super H Mart (Pleasant Hill Road)	7/14/2018
La Que Buena 101.9 FM	7/26/2018
Partnership Gwinnett	8/1/2018
PAC Meeting 5	8/7/2018
Sugarloaf CID	8/8/2018
COH - George Pierce Park	8/13/2018
COH - OneStop Centerville	8/16/2018
COH - Five Forks Library	8/20/2018
Evermore CID	8/22/2018
COH - Best Friend Park	8/23/2018
COH - Dacula Park	8/30/2018
Lilburn CID	9/14/2018
Planning Commission Hearing	10/2/2018
Public Hearing 2	10/23/2018

...and other engagement activities including surveys, living room chats, multiple committees and, one-on-one engagements with stakeholders and decision makers.





16,228 online survey comments

1,165
online survey respondents

59 intercept interviews around Gwinnett County

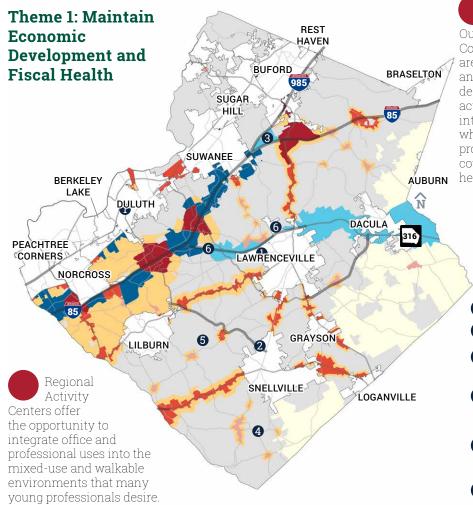
20% of intercept interviews conducted in Spanish

80+
community open houses, meeting;
speaking events, intercept events
and other outreach opportunities





### The Five Themes.



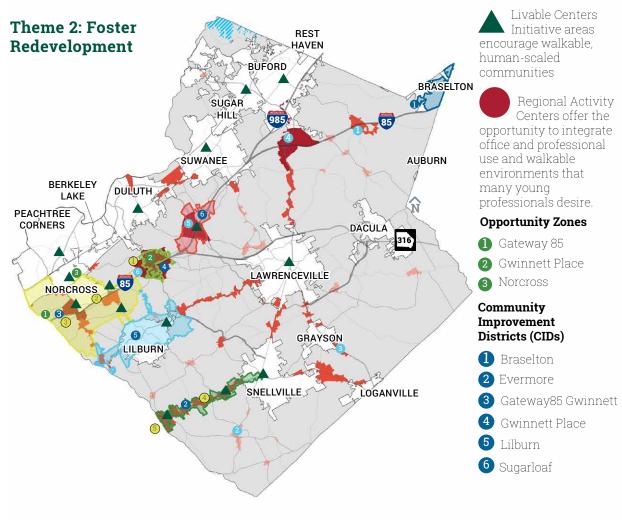


Our Regional Activity Centers, Community Mixed-Use areas, Neighborhood Nodes, and Vibrant Communities designations are areas where activity and higher residential intensity opportunities exist, which are typically able to provide greater value to the county's tax digest and fiscal health. University
Parkway (SR 316),
if marketed as Gwinnett's
Innovation District,
can take advantage of
growing medical and postsecondary institutions.

Employment Centers identified as places in the County focused on employment opportunities and uses.

Placement and timing of sewer extensions and pump stations for Suburban Estate Living areas guide development appropriately in traditionally unsewered areas.

- Gwinnett Medical Center Locations
- 2 Eastside Medical Center
- 3 Planned Water Innovation Center for Applied Research, Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development
- Planned Water Reclamation Facility/Environmental Campus to support population growth and economic development
- The County is evaluating mechanisms to encourage and assist property owners currently on septic to connect to sewer
- 6 Georgia Gwinnett College and Gwinnett Tech are a means to create a localized labor force.



Community Mixed-Use areas offer opportunities for integrated development on our major corridors and nodes.

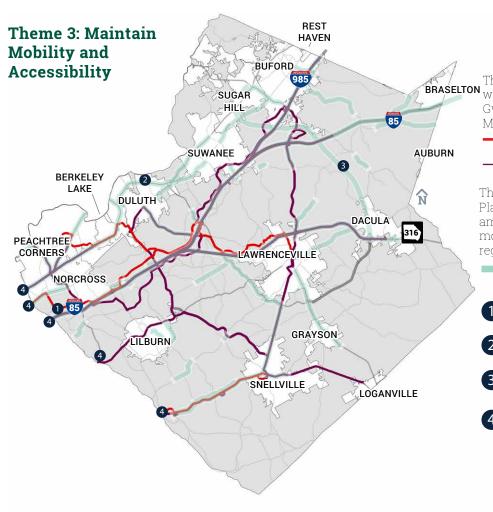
Neighborhood Nodes can be used for small, mixed-use developments, which can be accessed by nearby residents via walking rather than driving for quick trips.

### County Tax Allocation Districts (TADs)

- 1) Gwinnett Place TAD
- 2 Indian Trail TAD
- 3 Jimmy Carter TAD
- 4 Lake Lucerne TAD
- 5 Park Place TAD

#### **County Overlay Districts**

- Hamilton Mill/Highway 124/ Highway 324
- 2 Centerville/Highway 124
- 3 Grayson/Highway 20
- 4 Mall of Georgia
- 5 Civic Center
- 6 Venture Drive



The Connect Gwinnett Transit Plan provides a framework for future transit expansion and improvement in Gwinnett County, including rail and bus services. Major initiatives include:

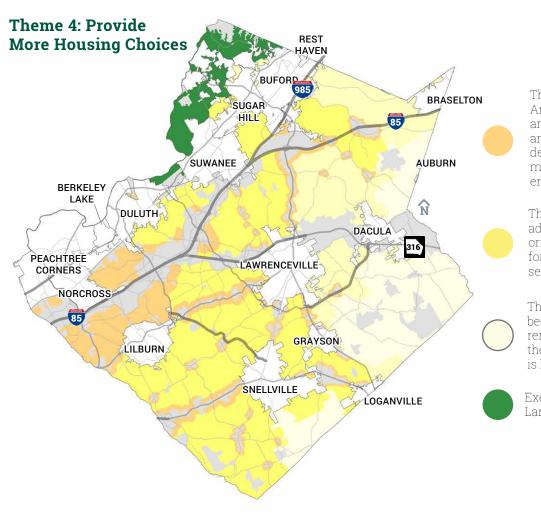
----- High Capacity Transit

Enhanced Bus Service

The Gwinnett County Comprehensive Transportation Plan includes several major roadway improvements, among other projects, that enhance and preserve mobility throughout the County and to other parts of the region.

Major Roadway and New Location Projects

- Heavy rail transit expansion to Jimmy Carter Boulevard and Gwinnett Place.
- Connected vehicle opportunities on Peachtree Industrial Boulevard.
- Tolling options being explored to underwrite contruction of Sugarloaf Parkway Phase 3.
- Transit connections into neighboring metro communities.

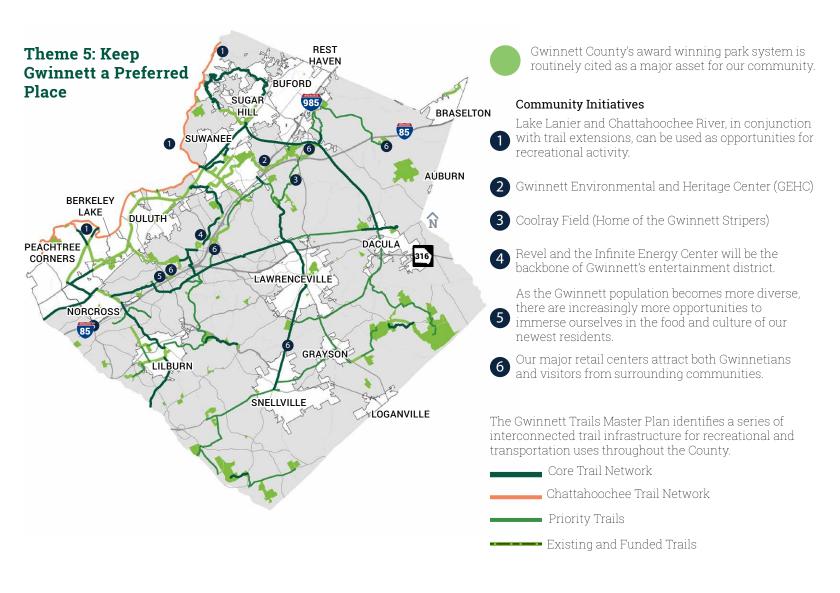


The Vibrant Communities Character Area allows for a broader mix of housing types and income levels and phases of life. These areas are also identified to surround the areas designated as Activity Centers in the plan to maximize accessibility to commerce, jobs, and entertainment.

The Established Neighborhood Character Area addresses areas that are largely single family oriented neighborhoods that act as the backbone for Gwinnett to continue to attract families seeking a traditionally suburban lifestyle.

The Suburban Estate Living Character Area has been designated to help with preservation of remaining low intensity development areas of the county where infrastructure (i.e. road, sewer) is limited.

Executive housing areas on and along Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River



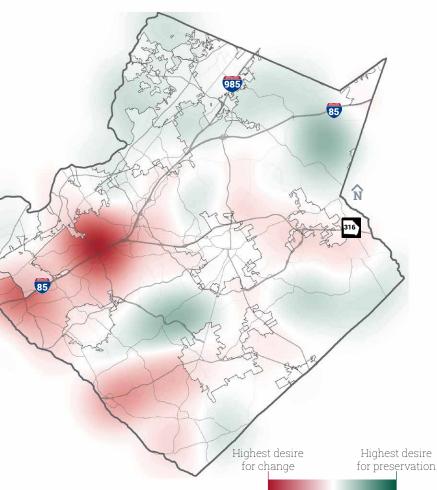
# Opportunity for Change.

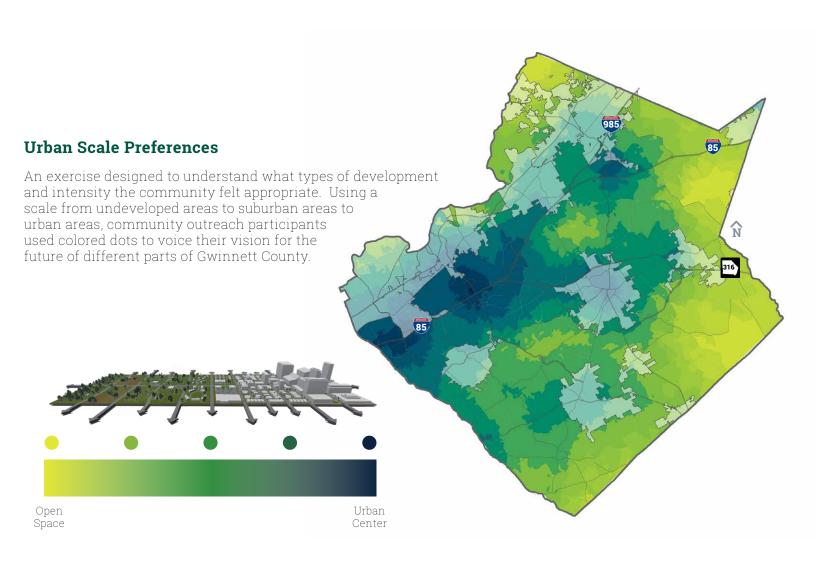
The overall purpose of the plan is to understand and convey how the County's infrastructure (such as transportation and sewer) will interface with land use, economic development, parks, open spaces, and housing policies to ensure that Gwinnett remains the "preferred place" to live and work as described in the Five Themes.

A centerpiece of this 2040 Unified Plan focuses on how these components work together and interface with the overall community vision. This process, which we call the "Opportunity for Change" analysis is comprised of three distinct parts.

### **Change and Preserve Preferences**

An exercise developed to understand the parts of our community that residents would like to preserve as they exist today and conversely the parts of our community where they see an opportunity for change. The map to the right is a compilation of what we heard.





### **Change and Preserve Likelihood**

A series of analyses performed and compiled to understand what parts of the County are actually likely to change and what parts are more likely to retain their current character. Grouped into three major categories, this analysis included:

#### Infrastructure Assessment Factors

• Planned Sewer Access (from Sewer Master Plan)

• Bicycle/Pedestrian Suitability Score (from Comprehensive Transportation Plan)

 Trail Access and Investments (from Trails Master Plan)

 Planned Transportation Investments (from Comprehensive Transportation Plan)

### **Economic Development Factors**

• Land Value (source: Tax Assessor data)

• Improvement to Land Value Ratio (source: Tax Assessor data)

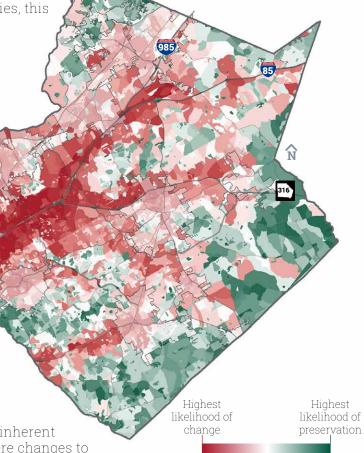
Development Interest (source: land use and rezoning data)

#### Land Use & Housing Factors

Concentrations of Retail (source: land use data)

Owner Occupancy of Housing Units (source: US Census)

 Urbanity Scores (source: ESRI Tapestry Data which reflects inherent consumer values which were correlated to understand where changes to a more urban environment would be more likely to be welcomed)



# Guiding Philosophies.

Based on the results of the Opportunity for Change exercises and input received, the following Guiding Philosophies were developed as a guide to update the County's Future Development Map.

Use Character Areas to Establish Transitional Areas



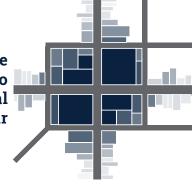
Use Urban Scale to Communicate and Articulate Implied Densities and Character



Encourage
Redevelopment in
Key Areas While
Still Allowing for
Greenfield Development
Opportunities



Encourage Development to Be More Nodal Than Linear

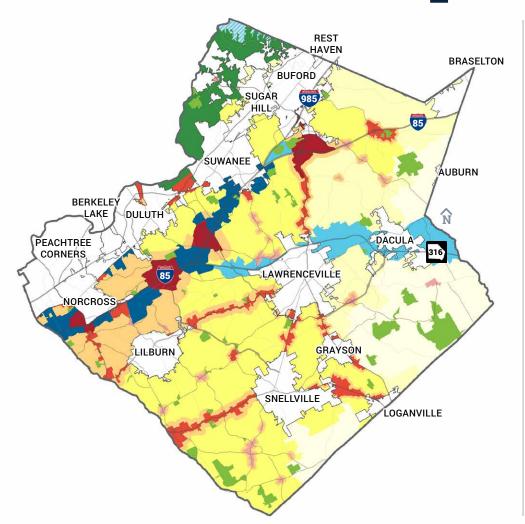


Preserve the Character of Areas That Are Still Relatively Undeveloped



Incorporate
and Integrate
Office Areas Into
Mixed-Used Districts

### Future Development Map.



#### **Activity Centers**

- Regional Activity Center
- Community Mixed-Use
- Neighborhood Node

### **Employment Centers**

- Workplace Center
- Innovation District

### **Residential Neighborhoods**

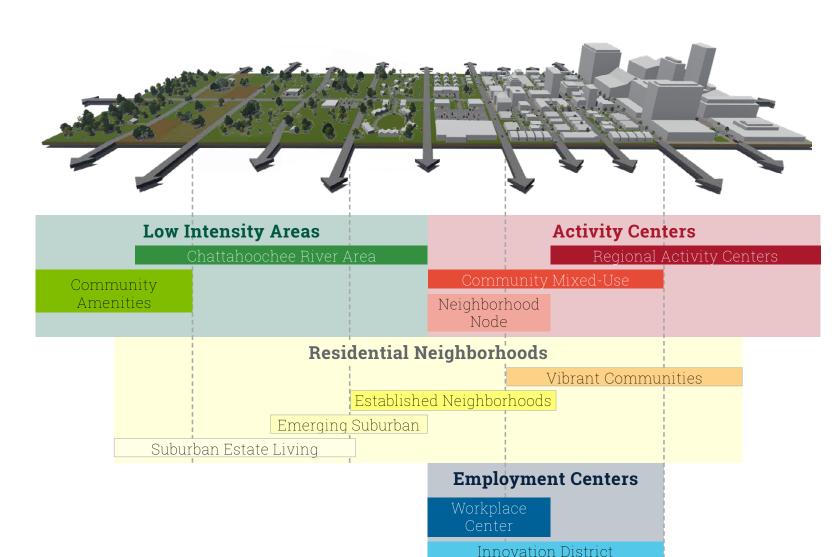
- Vibrant Communities
- Established Neighborhoods
- Emerging Suburban
- Suburban Estate Living

### **Low Intensity Areas**

- Chattahoochee River Area
- Community Amenities

#### Other

- Municipalities
- Lake Lanier



### **Activity Centers**

Regional Activity Center Intended for areas that have intense commercial and office/employment activity, as well as some residential elements.

**Community Mixed-Use** Intended for activity nodes and connecting areas located along major corridors

**Neighborhood Node** Intended for smaller commercial/retail nodes at various intersections located throughout the County.

### **Employment Centers**

Workplace Center Predominantly employment-oriented uses and includes office parks, industrial parks, and locations for freight oriented and logistic uses.

Innovation District Intended where the predominate use is research and development, technological uses, industrial parks, and areas where there are colleges and universities.

### **Residential Neighborhoods**

Vibrant Communities Intended to serve as a transition between neighborhood nodes and mixed-use activity centers and surrounding, established single-family residential areas.











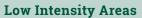


### Established Neighborhoods

Designates well established neighborhoods and single-family residential areas that are unlikely to undergo any significant changes or redevelopment in the next 20 years.

Emerging Suburban Designates areas that are currently mainly residential, but have not yet matured into established communities due to relatively large amounts of remaining, undeveloped land.

Suburban Estate Living One of the last remaining character area types that would provide large tracts of land for greenfield development and include some remnants of agricultural uses.



### Chattahoochee River Area

Designates areas in the unincorporated areas along the Chattahoochee River and Lake Lanier.

Community Amenities Reserved for designating publicly owned county facilities, county owned parks, including recreation centers, activity buildings, aquatic centers, ball/soccer fields, playgrounds, pavilions, paths, etc.











