

DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT

The Northwest Georgia Regional Commission conducts regional reviews of Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) within the 15-county region. Local governments must follow the-DRI review procedures when an applicant (industry, business or developer) requests some type of local government action related to an imminent development project. Local government actions include, but are not limited to, a request for rezoning, rezoning accompanying an annexation, zoning variance, permit, hookup to a water or sewer system, master or site plan approval, or entering into a contract, and it appears that the proposed development (or, for multi-phased projects, the complete development) may meet or exceed the thresholds established for that development type.

In such cases where the local government proposes a project that may meet or exceed the thresholds, the local government becomes the applicant and therefore subject to DRI reviews procedures. Because the DRI review process is based on the project and not the applicant, a local government would not be exempt from the review process.

Review findings are advisory and are intended to identify potential conflicts or opportunities before a project is initiated.

Please provide the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission with the following information in electronic format in addition to the information requested on the required forms provided at the DRI Home Page: (1) a project location map (2) a site plan (3) a traffic study if available, and (4) other available information about the environmental impacts of the project.

To apply for a DRI or for more information about the rules, please contact David Howerin at 706-295-6485 or Barnett Chitwood at 706-272-2300 or visit the State of Georgia DRI web site links shown below.

DRI Home Page

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/DRI/>

DRI Thresholds

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/DRI/Thresholds.aspx>

DRI Rules

<http://www.dca.state.ga.us/DRI/Downloads/DRIRuleRevisions111504.pdf>