

# Gwinnett County Government NEWS RELEASE

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## COUNTY CONTINUES TO TRIM WORKFORCE

(Lawrenceville, Ga., Oct. 29, 2009) – Gwinnett County continued to trim its workforce today with the implementation of a reduction in force in the Planning and Development Department. The elimination of 19 staff positions comes as the result of a business realignment necessitated by a significant decrease in workload and revenues related to the ever-shrinking volume of development.

Earlier this year, departments modified their business plans in order to focus on core services and to bring the 2009 budget and five-year financial plan into balance. Staff reductions played a key role in most of these new plans. Even though there is a proposed millage rate increase on the table, the county is still moving forward with its new business model, which requires a reduction in force.

In addition to today's action, more than 200 employees retired under an incentive offer last month and several other departments have implemented reductions in force this year. In total, the County plans to eliminate more than 250 jobs.

"Unfortunately this is not the first, nor will it be the last, reduction in force," said County Administrator Glenn Stephens. "The tough economic environment has forced us to make some very difficult decisions about service and staffing levels across all departments, but I am confident that Gwinnett County government will emerge from this budgetary crisis a stronger and more efficient organization."

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