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Council for Quality Growth to Host the 15th Annual CID Recognition Event
Dan Buyers & Joe Allen to be Recognized on November 12th at Assembly Studios

METRO ATLANTA, GEORGIA – The [Council for Quality Growth](http://councilforqualitygrowth.org) is set to host its 15th Annual Community Improvement District (CID) Recognition Event on November 12th from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. The event is presented by [Georgia Power](http://georgiapower.com) and [Pond & Company](http://pondandcompany.com) and will be held at the Jewel Box at Assembly Studios Atlanta with over 200 members of the Council, business and CID leaders, local public officials, and other industry professionals from across the metro Atlanta region.

The Council’s one-of-a-kind CID Recognition Event annually highlights the work that our CIDs are doing all year to advance our region’s greatest economic centers and strengthen the unique character area of the business communities they serve. In addition, the Council presents two awards to carefully nominated and selected CID leaders that have greatly impacted the region. The John Williams CID Leadership Award recognizes a CID volunteer, and the CID Professional Excellence Award recognizes a CID industry professional.



The 2024 recipient of the John Williams CID Leadership Award is Dan Buyers, Partner at McWhirter Realty. Buyers has served on the board Town Center CID since 2012 as both the county appointee and the Vice Chair. His impact can be seen throughout the metro region through commercial and residential developments, as well as his civic and philanthropic endeavors.

The 2024 recipient of the CID Professional Excellence Award is Joe Allen, Executive Director of Gwinnett Place CID. Allen played a key role in the creation of the Gwinnett Place CID in 2006 and has served as Executive Director since. He is a proactive CID leader, committed to the Gwinnett community and advancing a shared vision for an internationally diverse, livable urban center.



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The Council commends the work of both Dan Buyers and Joe Allen to progress the impact of Community Improvement Districts around the region. With the efforts of leaders like these, CIDs continue to produce billions of dollars for infrastructure investments, new parks and greenspace, public safety, traffic mitigation projects, landscape improvements, and much more.

Buyers and Allen will be recognized and presented with their respective awards at the Council for Quality Growth's Annual CID Recognition Event on November 12th. Each year, the Council uniquely convenes the 30 and counting Community Improvement Districts in our region to recognize the work they do year-round to enhance the quality of life here across metro Atlanta and to support the newly established CIDs as they become activated across the state of Georgia.

Read more about the recipients and their accomplishments [here](#). For details about CIDs or the 15th Annual CID Recognition, please visit www.CouncilforQualityGrowth.org/CIDs.

Press are invited to attend with prior registration. **Please RSVP by November 8th to Alyssa Eubanks at ae@councilforqualitygrowth.org.**

WHAT: The 15th Annual CID Recognition Event

WHEN: November 12, 2024
5:30 – 7:30 PM

WHERE: The Jewel Box at Assembly Studios Atlanta
2582 Assembly Blvd., Doraville, GA 30360

WHO: CID Industry Leaders & Council for Quality Growth Members
Featured Speakers:

- Joe Allen, Executive Director, Gwinnett Place CID
- Dan Buyers, Partner, Brokerage, McWhirter Realty Partners
- Jim Durrett, Executive Director, Buckhead CID
- Audrey King, Senior VP of Region External Affairs, Georgia Power
- Andrew Kohr, Principal, Pond & Company
- Michael Paris, President & CEO, Council for Quality Growth
- Natalie Tyler-Martin, Director of Real Estate, Veritiv Corporation

Tickets are required for guests and are available at [this link](#).

- **\$85** | Members
- **\$100** | Non-Members
- **FREE** | Elected Officials (RSVP by 11/8 to [Joseph Santoro](#))
- **FREE** | Press/Media (RSVP by 11/8 to [Alyssa Eubanks](#))

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About the John Williams CID Leadership Award

The John Williams CID Leadership Award recognizes volunteers who have played an instrumental role in championing CIDs around the metro Atlanta region through their vision, leadership, and dedication. Previous award recipients include Governor Roy Barnes, Senator Johnny Isakson, Tad Leithead, Kerry Armstrong, Bob Voyles, Mason Zimmerman, David Allman, John Shern, and Natalie Tyler-Martin.

About the CID Professional Excellence Award

The CID Professional Excellence Award is given annually to a CID Executive Director, staff member, or contractor recognizing an individual's commitment to professional excellence through leadership in successfully investing in critical transportation infrastructure and quality of life improvement projects to enhance the district's economic vitality. In 2020, Gerald McDowell received the inaugural award, followed by Ann Hanlon in 2021, Emory Morsberger in 2022, and Jim Durrett in 2023.

About the Council for Quality Growth

The Council for Quality Growth is a trade organization that works to ensure continued growth and economic success for generations to come by providing advocacy, information, and education to its members. For 39 years, the Council has been committed to the mission of promoting balanced and responsible growth and is proactively involved in the formulation of policy and legislation critical to the growth and development industry. The Council addresses, head-on, strategic economic planning, infrastructure needs, and tough quality-of-life issues throughout the metro Atlanta region and state. Visit www.councilforqualitygrowth.org for more.

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