For more than a decade, Enterprise’s Faith-Based Development Initiative (FBDI) has supported houses of worship in the D.C. area to repurpose their unused or under-utilized land to build affordable homes. To date, this creative and successful strategy has supported the production or preservation of over 1,200 affordable homes and one community-based facility in the Baltimore-Washington region. Additionally, this program helps further the mission of faith-based institutions in their communities, and ensures that they remain financially viable.

My work this summer has primarily been focused around expanding the Faith-Based Development Initiative to Atlanta, focusing on Fulton County, Georgia.

**First Step** - With the help of the Vice President of Policy Development, Andrew Jakabovics, I identified every parcel of land in Fulton County that is owned by a faith-based entity. After that data was cleaned and refined, I used ArcGIS to geocode the data, so it could be visualized on a map.

**Next steps** involved several layers of analysis to determine which parcels would be best suited for potential development. Working together with Enterprise Program Director, Tim Block, we determined what assets would yield the most suitable parcels for development. This analysis used transit proximity, employment center proximity, zoning, and site feasibility as measures for determining suitability.

**Final Result:** We whittled down the number of potential parcels from 770 to 31, at the most stringent levels of analysis. A report will be forthcoming with our results, so stay tuned!

**Next Steps:** I’ve enjoyed this project so much that I will be continuing this work as the subject of my Masters’ Option Paper in the final year of my graduate studies. I cannot express how much I learned throughout this project, and would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Tim Block and Sara Haas for their guidance, patience, and willingness to help throughout this process. It’s been a great summer learning from the folks here at Enterprise Community Partners, and I look forward to continuing my work in affordability!