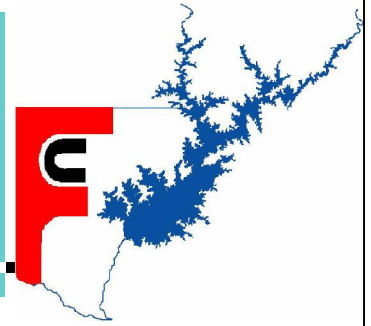


# FORSYTH COUNTY, GA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



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**Special points of interest:**

- A central location at the foothills of Georgia's mountains and just minutes north of downtown Atlanta via GA 400
- Easy access to Lake Lanier, offering hundreds of mile of pristine shoreline and an abundance of parks and camps
- An outstanding parks and recreation system, boasting over one thousand acres of land for biking, hiking, fishing and a wide variety of sporting activities
- A tax rate among the lowest in the metro-Atlanta area
- Schools ranked among the best in the state

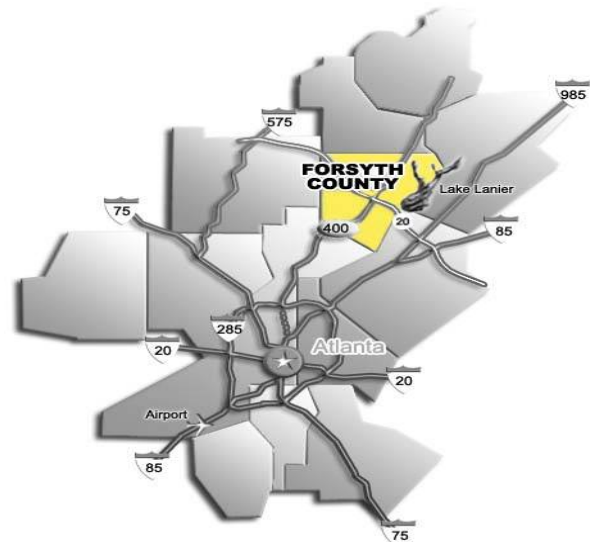
## ABOUT FORSYTH COUNTY

Forsyth County has a rich and colorful history. Its territories were once part of the great Cherokee Indian Nation and remained Cherokee land until 1832, when Forsyth County was created by the Georgia Legislature.

In its early days, Forsyth County was known for its production of tobacco. By the beginning of the 1900s, cotton replaced tobacco as the leading crop and remained so until the Depression in the 1930s. In the 1940s and 1950s, the poultry industry developed in this region. Today, agriculture remains an important staple in Forsyth County's economy.

The next milestone for the county was the completion of Lake Sidney Lanier in 1957 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This event immediately brought recreation and revenue to the surrounding counties. Lake Lanier is now the most visited and used Corps' lake in the nation

Another event impacting the area's growth was the construction of GA 400, which opened in 1974. When this road was completed, it made the county more accessible to those wishing to escape urban living. The 1980s and 1990s brought rapid growth and progress yet the county was able to maintain its low tax rates and high educational



standards through its school system.

What was a steady stream in population growth became a flood by the 1990s. From 1990 to 2000, 54,000 more people began calling Forsyth County home. The 123% growth rate, to 98,400 residents, was the fastest in the state and the second fastest in the country according to the U.S. Census Bureau. And that growth does not appear to be abating. The U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimate for 2005 is 140,393.

Forsyth County is situated approximately 40 miles north of Atlanta and covers an area of 247.4 square miles. It is a virtual blend of rural and urban lifestyles. The county offers a variety of recreational services, including hundreds of miles of shoreline on Lake Sidney Lanier. Its mild winters and warm summers are great for outdoor activities. There are plentiful natural resources, including over one thousand of acres for biking, hiking, fishing, and a wide variety of sporting activities.

## ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT

Forsyth County operates under the commission-county manager form of government.

The Board of Commissioners is made up of five members, each living in a specific district but elected by voters countywide to serve four-year terms. Each year in January, the five members elect one of their own to serve as chairman of the board for the coming year.

The mission of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners is to exercise the powers, duties and responsibilities vested in and imposed upon it as the duly constituted governing authority of Forsyth County.



### FORSYTH COUNTY AT A GLANCE

**Date of Incorporation:**  
December 3, 1832

**Form of Government:**  
Commission – County Manager

**2005 Population:**  
140,393

**U.S. Pop Growth Rank (2005):**  
Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) in the Nation

**Growth Since 2000:**  
42.7%

**Area in Square Miles:**  
247.4

### ABOUT THE POSITION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

The position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO) reports directly to the Board of Commissioners, and will be responsible for providing oversight and leadership to the county's financial programs. Primary duties will include: strategic planning, bond management, capital project and SPLOST funding management, control of enterprise funds and impact fees, and supervision of the Finance Department.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Directs fiscal management of the County; directs and conducts County investments; plans and directs County's debt management activities; reviews economic

reports to evaluate status of County debts/investments.

- Researches, evaluates and advises the Board of Commissioners on the impact of long range planning, introduction of new programs/strategies and regulatory action.
- Provides timely and accurate analysis of budgets, financial reports and financial trends in order to assist the Board of Commissioners, County Manager and Directors in performing their responsibilities. Provides strategic financial input and leadership on financial issues affecting the county.

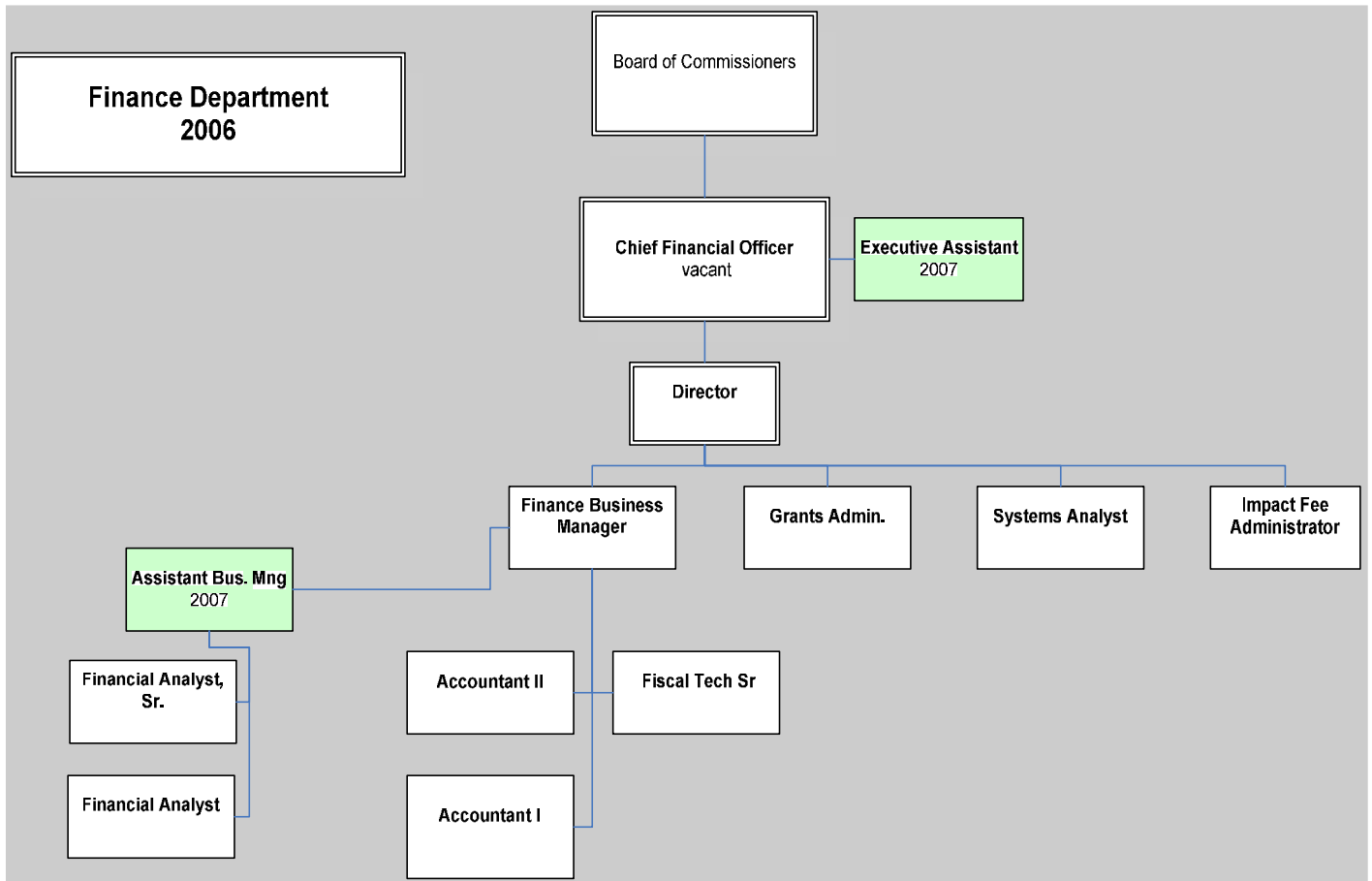
# SALARY AND BENEFITS

The Salary range for the CFO is \$75,300 to \$116,685 and is negotiable depending on the qualifications of the individual selected. Forsyth County also offers an excellent benefits package that includes:

- 10 holidays
- Reasonably priced health, dental, and vision coverage
- Life insurance, short-term and long-term disability coverage
- County match on 401(a)
- 12 vacation days during the first year, 20 days after year one



## FY 2006 ORGANIZATION CHART



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## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Position requires a Bachelor Degree in Finance, Accounting or related field and seven years of progressively responsible financial experience. Government finance experience and/or a CPA or Government Financial Officer Certification is preferred.



## TO APPLY

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume and current salary to:

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## ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

- Ability to provide accountability to board on all financial matters
- Provides separation between financial and management function.
- Ability to determine, communicate and implement financial alternative plans for county.
- Develop and implement county's investment strate-



Forsyth County offers programs for the entire family

- Ability to manage
- gies, and supervise cash management.

enterprise funds, impact fees and manage SPLOST funds.

- Develop strategic financial plan for county; be proactive on financial matters.
- Ability to analyze, recommend alternatives and budget employee benefits, programs and pension plan.