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East Point is working with a nonprofit to stop inequity and strengthen services for all residents

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Pictured is city hall in East Point.

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Officials in East Point are working with a local nonprofit to develop an Equitable Development and Inclusion Strategic Plan – the first plan of its kind in the city and in the state of Georgia.

The city recently approved a contract with the Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE), an Atlanta-based nonprofit that advances policies and institutional actions that promote racial equity and shared prosperity for all in the growth of the metro area. Together, the city and the nonprofit will embark on an extensive research and community engagement process. The goal is to help the city gain a clear picture of current indicators of inequity, ways that current policies may be contributing to these inequities, and

The city council recently passed a moratorium unanimously to curb the construction of warehouses and small box retail (dollar stores) – which André Ledgister with PSE called a step to ensure equitable development.

“Equity is more than just a buzzword to win a campaign. It’s a promise to every member of your community that they won’t be left behind in the growth of their community. East Point is stepping in the right direction by pursuing equity throughout its entire operation through this plan,” said Nathaniel Smith, founder and chief equity officer of PSE. “Our hope is that more cities throughout the region, state, and the American South follow East Point’s lead so that equity becomes the way of running a city – from procurement and development to parks and city services.”

Check back with Neighbor Newspapers for updates on the plan.