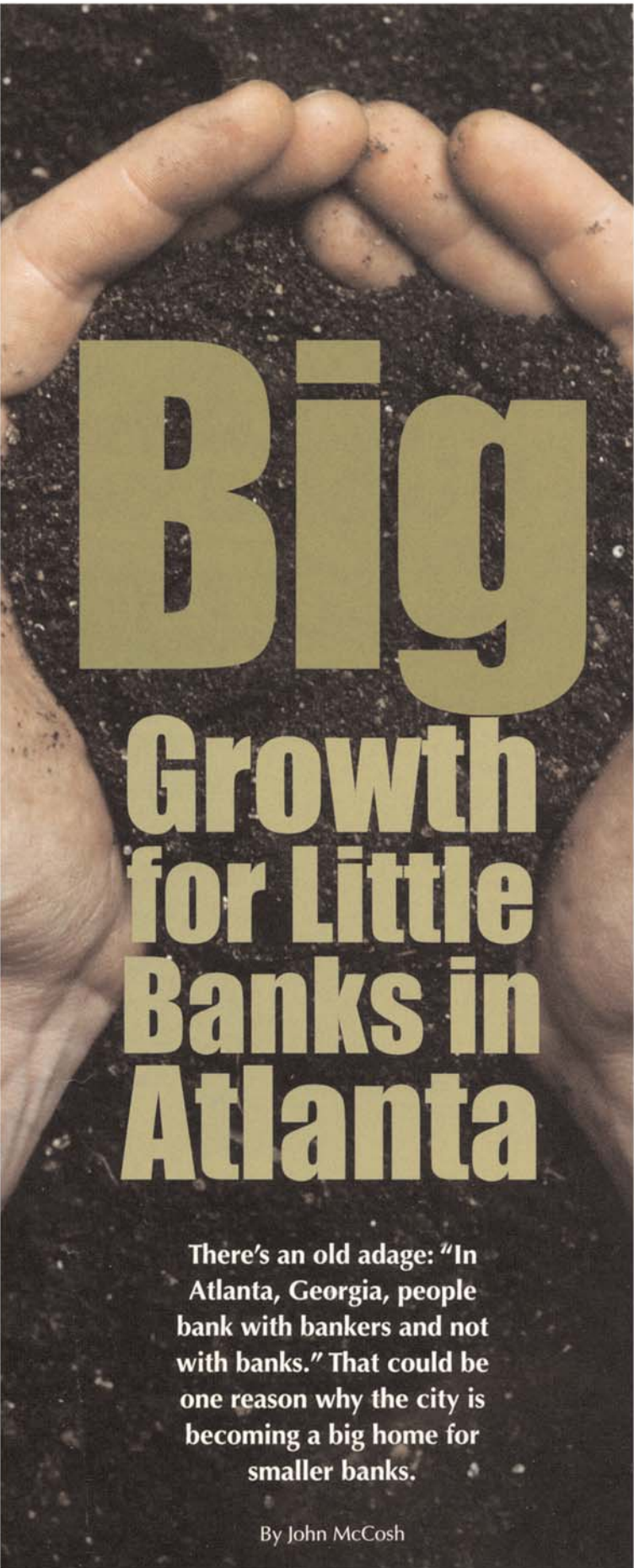


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# Big Growth for Little Banks in Atlanta

There's an old adage: "In Atlanta, Georgia, people bank with bankers and not with banks." That could be one reason why the city is becoming a big home for smaller banks.

By John McCosh

Charles Green sites similar factors in his decision to open Sunrise Bank of Atlanta on the south end of Midtown a month after One Georgia Bank started taking deposits. Green, the bank's president, is also chair of the Fulton County Arts Council and cites Midtown's cultural amenities as an attraction, as well as the neighborhood's coveted demographics.

"I've lived here since 1983 and I made the decision to come to Midtown in 2003 because I felt like it would be the best opportunity," Green says. "With the high-density housing, along with the cultural assets, it had all the components of a relationship bank."