

Georgia Planning Association

2009 Chapter Awards

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Making Great Communities Happen

Chapter Awards

Criteria:

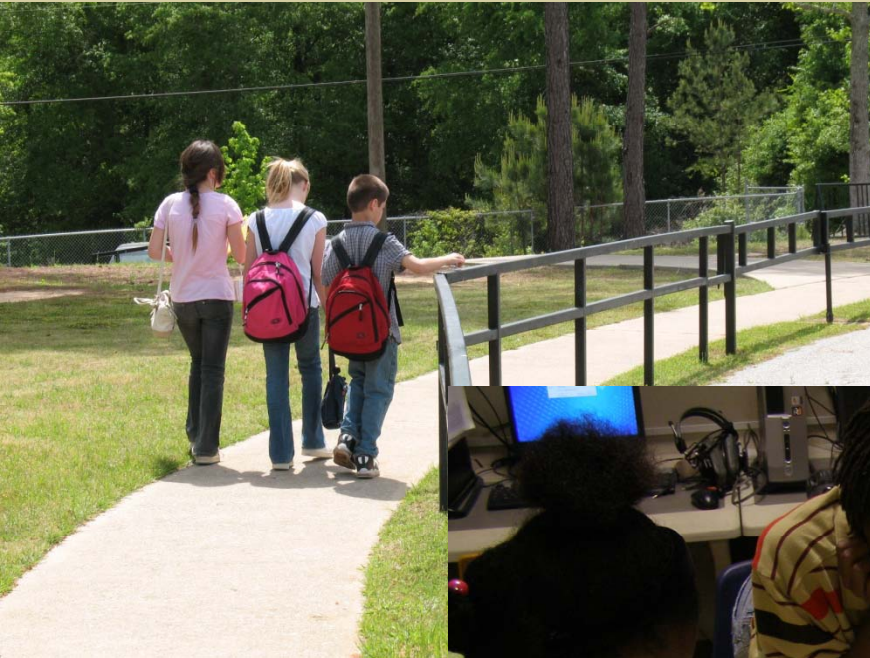
- ***Innovation*** of concept
- ***Transferability*** to other areas or projects
- ***Quality*** of thought, analysis and character
- Effectiveness of, or promise for, ***Implementation***
- ***Comprehensiveness*** of principles observed
- Strong effort to solicit ***Public Participation***
- Use of ***Technology*** in planning processes
- Demonstration of ***Equity***
- Integration of ***Sustainable*** practices

Categories:

1. ***Outstanding Planning Process (Small & Large Community)***
2. ***Outstanding Planning Document (Small & Large Community)***
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4. ***Outstanding Student Project***
5. ***Great Places in Georgia***
6. ***Grassroots Initiative***

Outstanding Planning Process Small Community

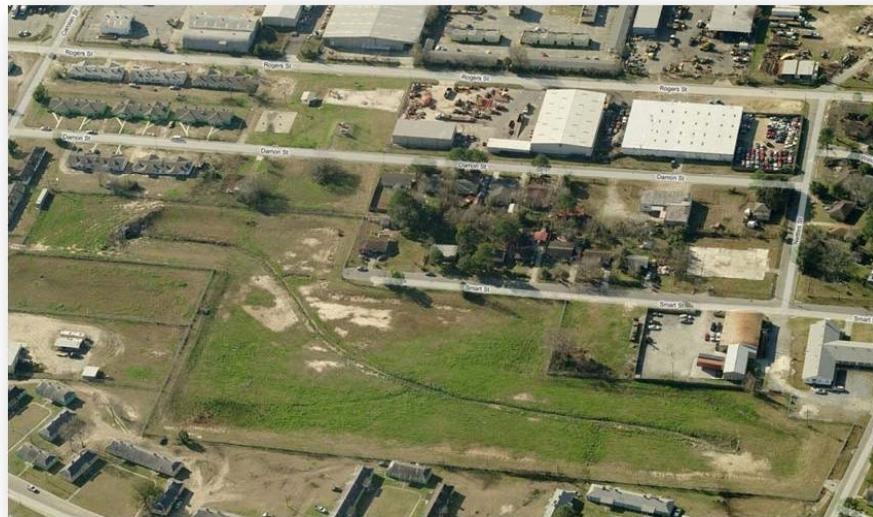
Chattahoochee County Safe Routes to School



- **Focuses on identifying factors which impede children from walking/cycling to school**
- **Presents a great example of leadership, wellness and environmental consciousness**
- **Important partnerships led to a high level of community involvement**

Outstanding Planning Process Large Community

West Bay Street Hudson Hill Study

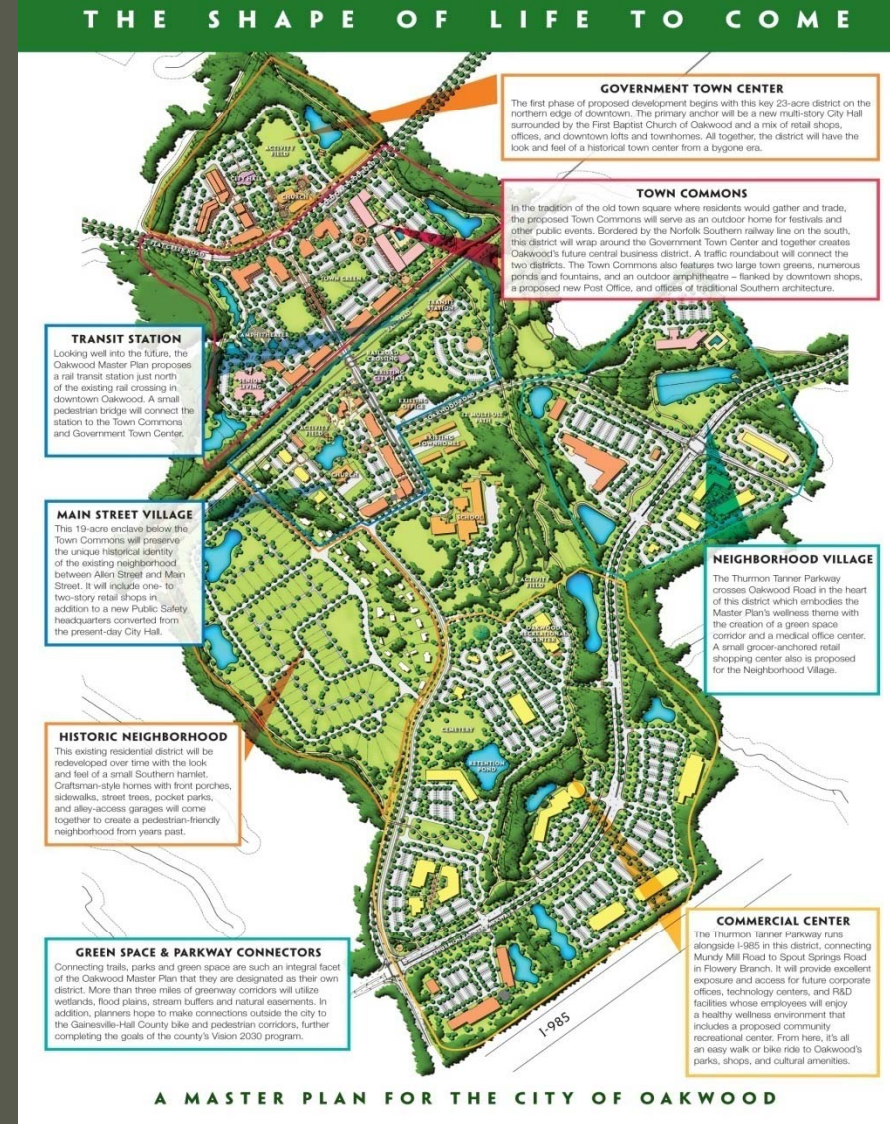


- **Interactive social media played a key role in reaching out to different areas of the community**
- **Technology improved outreach, interactivity, and information gathering**
- **Great care was taken to reach out to many people in the diverse community**

Outstanding Planning Document Small Community

Oakwood 2030 The Shape of Life to Come –The City of Oakwood

- Project name tied back to county's Vision 2030 program to indicate solidarity and a unified effort
- Represents a well documented master plan that tackles critical planning issues facing many communities
- Promise for successful implementation through the passage of a SPLOST to fund various transportation elements of the Plan
- Relied on advanced technological tools such as 3-D video to allow citizens to clearly envision the Plan



Outstanding Planning Document Large Community

Gwinnett County – 2030 Unified Plan

- Uses 5 easy to understand themes to organize the document
- Emphasizes how the plan is a guide to decisions affecting all aspects of Gwinnett life



- Maintains a regional perspective and devotes 1/3 of the plan to detailing implementation measures and the accountable party

Outstanding Planning Document Large Community – Honorable Mention

The Westobou Vision, Augusta, GA and North Augusta, SC Urban Area 2009 Master Plan for a sustainable future

Downtown District

A Augusta Arts Center

- 1 New Morris Museum
- 2 New Civic Plaza
- 3 River basin/ Waterfront amphitheater
- 4 Arts forecourt
- 5 Riverwalk flyover
- 6 New Performing Arts Complex, incorporating multiple venues (main performance hall, Imperial Theatre, Miller Theatre, and History Museum Theater)

B Marbury Village

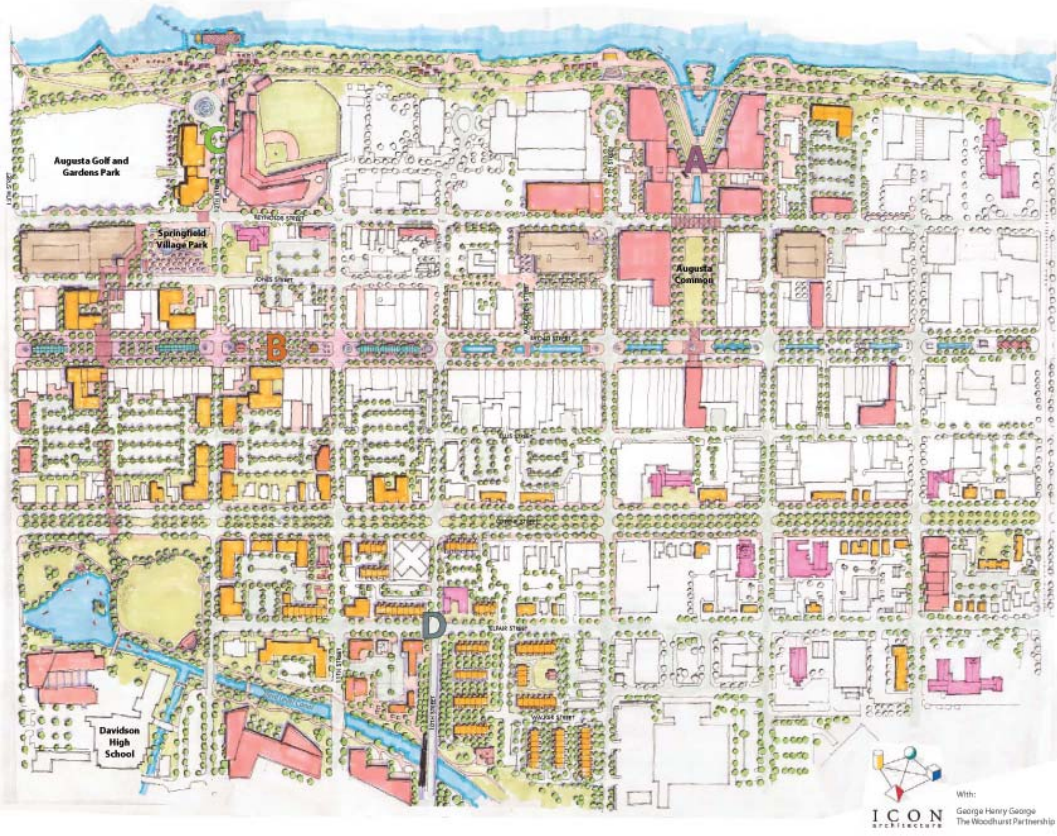
- 1 New Mixed-use Residential on non-conforming sites
- 2 Create vibrant Urban Plaza on Broad Street
- 3 Assist in Revitalization of existing buildings and businesses
- 4 Mid-block pedestrian connections to ball park and Augusta Canal Park
- 5 Organize Ellis Street into an efficient public parking and service area

C Ball Park Mixed Use

- 1 Levee breach, creating a new riverfront destination
- 2 Multi-purpose baseball park
- 3 Condominium and retail on edges
- 4 Potential golf hall of fame museum exhibit
- 5 Potential new public parking garage
- 6 Retail serving both ball park and Broad Street
- 7 Major public improvements along 12th

D Augusta Canal Park Neighborhood

- 1 Develop a large, centrally located city park alongside Third Level Canal opposite Davidson School
- 2 Attract extensive private mixed-use residential development abutting park and Third Level Canal



Westobou Plan promotes a “best practices” development approach

Strives to make Westobou a national model for growth and development by building on inherent attributes

Plan supports a denser urban core, a renovation of the building stock, and connected system between destinations

Outstanding Plan Implementation

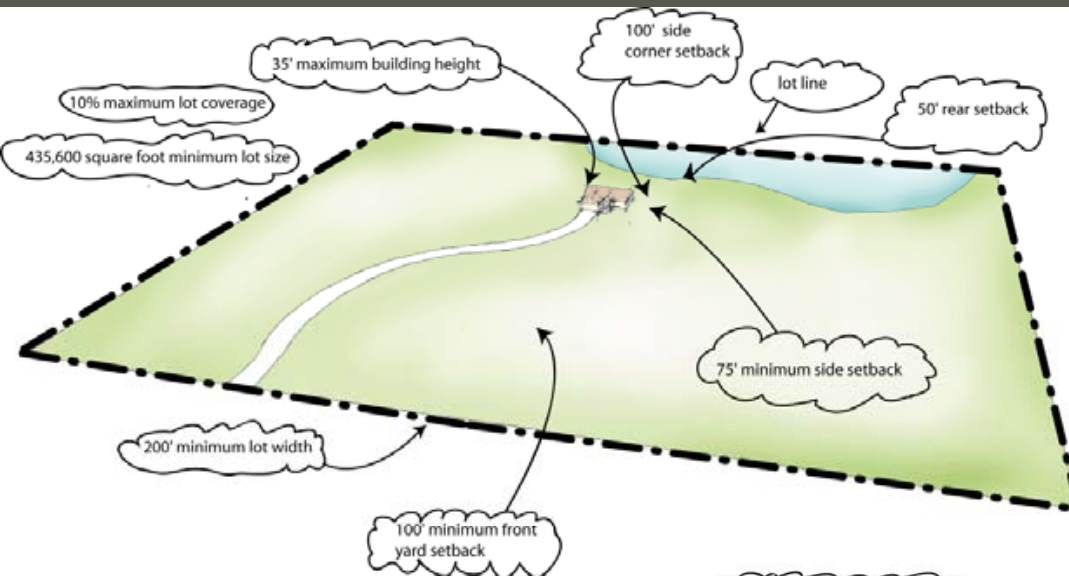
Warm Springs Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail, Columbus, GA



- Trail will provide alternate transportation connectivity to the urban core of Columbus
- Public enthusiasm was reflected through the donation and construction of a playground adjacent to the trail
- Citizen support for implementation reflected in passage of SPLOST

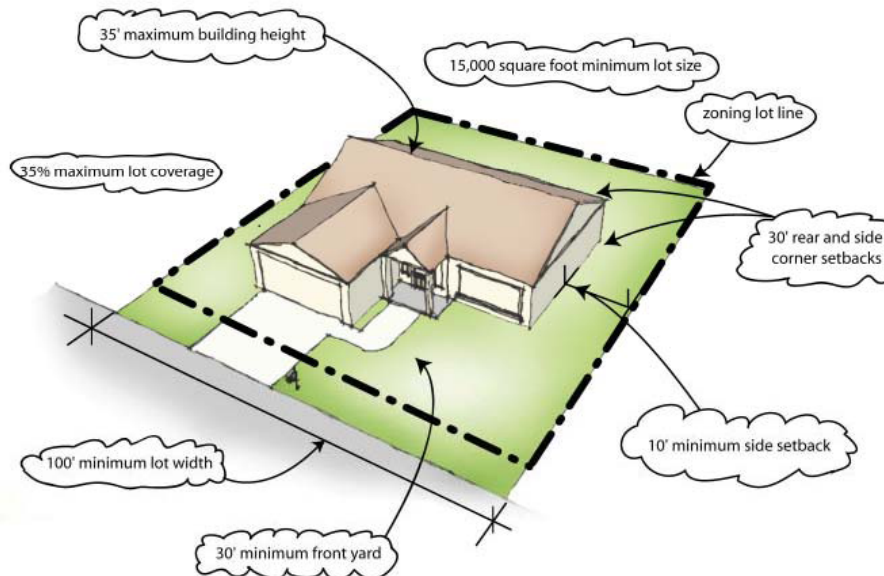
Outstanding Educational Tool

Zoning Handbook, Columbus, GA



Uses images along with explanation of the different zoning districts to appeal to all users

Provides information that comprises the most common zoning and land uses in the community



Accessible free of charge to the public on the County website in downloadable PDF format

Outstanding Educational Tool – Honorable Mention

Regional Snapshots, Atlanta Regional Commission

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

May 2009

Domestic Migration: Who's Moving In and Where are They Coming From?

Most moves are local. This is according to an analysis of data from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) finding that more than half of people moving into one of the 20 counties that comprise the Atlanta Regional Commission's planning area moved from one of the other 20 counties.

This Snapshot presents data from the IRS concerning migration patterns from 2000 to 2006, the latest period for which these data are available. The IRS tracks movement between counties in the U.S. based on tax filings. If an address is in a different county from one year to the next, filers and their dependents are considered migrants. There are limitations to these data: The technique captures only those who file returns, so it misses a disproportionate number of seniors, the very low income and new arrivals from different countries who have never filed a U.S. tax return. Therefore, this analysis explores only domestic migration.

These migration data provide a reasonably comprehensive, post-Census look at where people are moving from, and to. The data also show that the Atlanta area remains a popular destination for those from northeastern states and Florida, particularly in recent years.

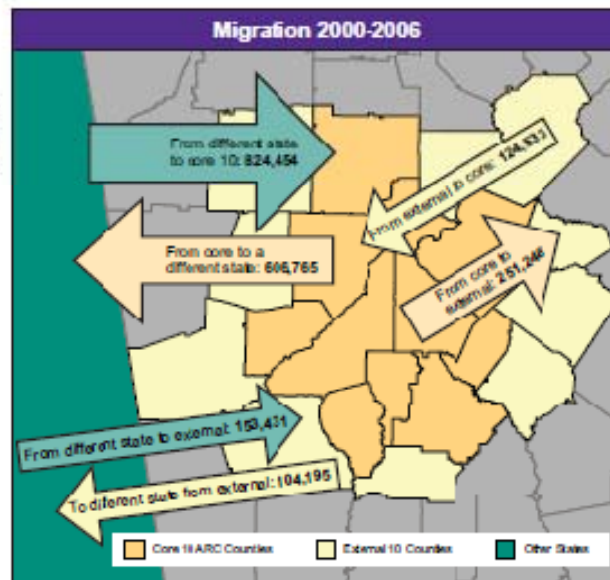
MOST MIGRANTS MOVE TO, OR FROM, ONE OF THE OTHER 20 COUNTIES

More than half of those moving into one of the 20 counties between 2000 and 2006 came from one of the other 20 counties. In all cases, the most popular "origin" county (where moved from) was adjacent to the "destination" county (where moved to). This shows that the majority of moves are to nearby locales.

While 36 percent of those moving into the 20-county area came from a different state, only 30 percent of those moving out of the Atlanta region went to a different state. This shows that the Atlanta region is a net attractor of people nation-wide, especially from the northeast. (See Table 3 on the next page).

HENRY LEADS IN ATTRACTING MOVERS FROM OTHER AREA COUNTIES

Table 2 (on the next page) shows domestic migration between 2000 and 2006 within the 20-county area only. Henry County leads in net migration (in-migration exceeds out-migration), adding a net of almost 33,000 people from the other 20 counties. Next in net gains are Forsyth (+28,000) Cherokee (+27,000) and Paulding (+24,000) counties.



Explores the most current data to help readers understand the trends shaping the region

Accessible to non-planners

Focuses on showing trends rather than explaining trends
Uses the latest data analysis and manipulation tools

Serves as the “go-to” places for regional data and research

Outstanding Initiatives/Special Projects

Atlanta Regional Commission Green Communities Program



- Fosters civic pride
- Creates a positive image of a place to live or conduct a business
- Sets an example for business and organizations to reduce their environmental impact
- Leads to a great quality of life



Outstanding Initiatives/Special Project

Sustainable Fellwood, Savannah, GA



Recognized as a model for how to redevelop existing low-income housing developments

Represents dedications to sustainability by commitment to green building, engagement of community, incorporation of open space and access to transportation options

Represents a pedestrian-oriented mixed use development

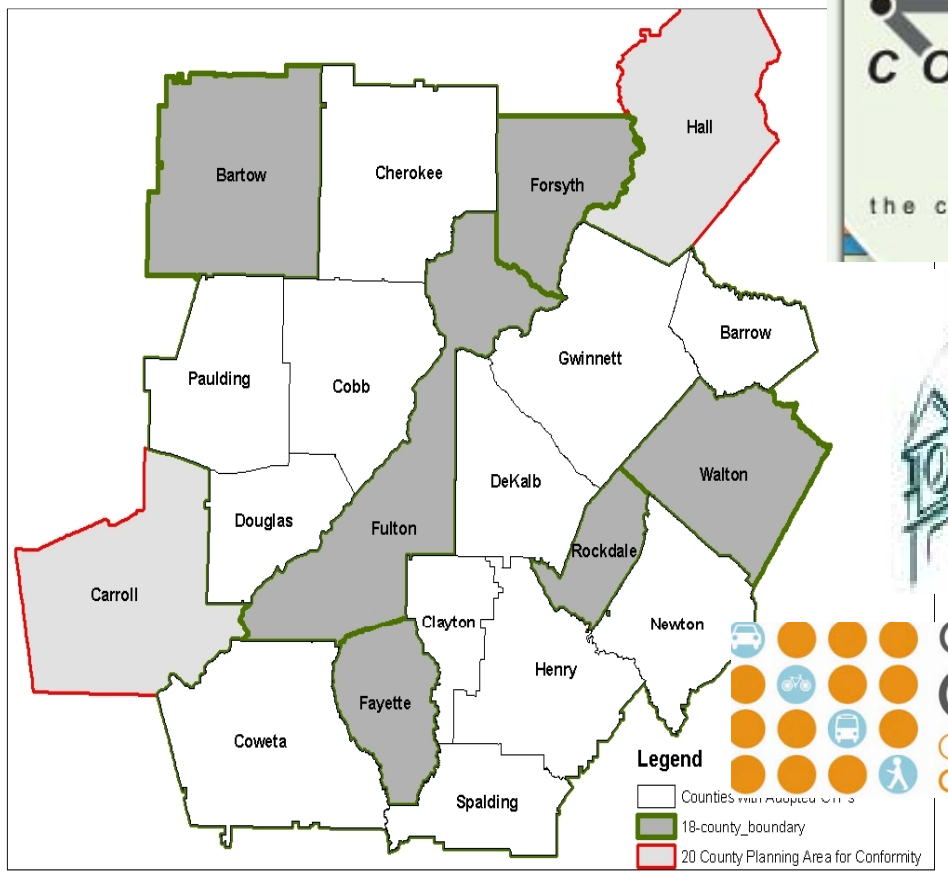
Incorporates all elements of quality growth

Catalysts to redevelopment of W. Savannah neighborhood



Outstanding Initiatives/Special Projects – Honorable Mention

Atlanta Regional Commission's Comprehensive Transportation Plan Program



- Stimulates the discussion of regional planning concepts and policies at the local level
- Encourages the use of modeling and scenarios to evaluate growth trends and travel patterns and the connection between land use and transportation
- Must be adopted by the local government

Outstanding Student Project



GA Tech Community Development Planning Studio on the English Ave. Neighborhood



Represents a parcel condition assessment and analysis of options for the 3-acre Proctor Village Apartment Complex



Students marshaled community opinion on priorities through a survey and visioning exercise at Lindsay Street Baptist Church



Developed notable products for the community like the “Resource Book”

Grassroots Initiative

One Town, One Goal, Thomaston Mill Neighborhood



- Represents public/private initiative to revitalize neighborhoods in Griffin and Spalding County
- Upgrades the play space to make a safe and attractive places for families Represents broad community support to signal that everyone is part of the community
- Examples of partners includes Kiwanis, Spalding 4-H, Griffin Tech and UGA Griffin Campus

Great Places in Georgia



Downtown Newnan



Founded in 1828 downtown is defined by history, strong sense of place and engaged community

Antebellum architecture remains intact

Recently selected as Georgia's representative for *This Old House's Best Old House Neighborhoods for 2009*

Downtown has a wide variety of retail, restaurants, offices, industrial, and public uses

City and County governments remain committed and have continuously kept administrative offices downtown

