

**DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORK SESSION AGENDA - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018  
DAWSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER ASSEMBLY ROOM  
4:00 PM**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of Employee Retirement Plan- GEBCorp Regional Client Manager Ryan Reynolds
2. Presentation of the Comprehensive Plan- Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley
3. Presentation of Geographic Information System Summer Intern Grant Application Request- Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley
4. Presentation of 2019 Georgia Forestry Commission Grant Application Request- Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson
5. Presentation of Georgia Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant Application Request- Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson
6. Presentation of IFBs #316-18 - Course Aggregate & Miscellaneous Items; and #318-18 - Hot Asphaltic Mix- Public Works Director David McKee / Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk
7. Presentation of IFB #329-18 - Lumpkin Campground / State Route 53 Curb Contractor Approval Request- Public Works Director David McKee
8. Presentation of GATEway Grant- Public Works Director David McKee
9. Presentation of FY 2019 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Inc. Contract- Senior Services Director Dawn Pruett
10. Presentation of Board Appointments:
  - a. Tax Assessors**
    - i. Jim Perdue- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2023)
  - b. Department of Family and Children Services**
    - i. Nancy Stites- *replacing Vickie Porter* (Term: December 2018 through July 2019)
  - c. Planning Commission**
    - i. John Dooley, Chairman appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
    - ii. Jason Hamby, District 1 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
    - iii. John Maloney, District 2 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
    - iv. Tim Bennett, District 3 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
    - v. Neil Hornsey, District 4 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
11. County Manager Report
12. County Attorney Report

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**Backup material for agenda item:**

1. Discussion of Employee Retirement Plan- GEBCorp Regional Client Manager Ryan Reynolds

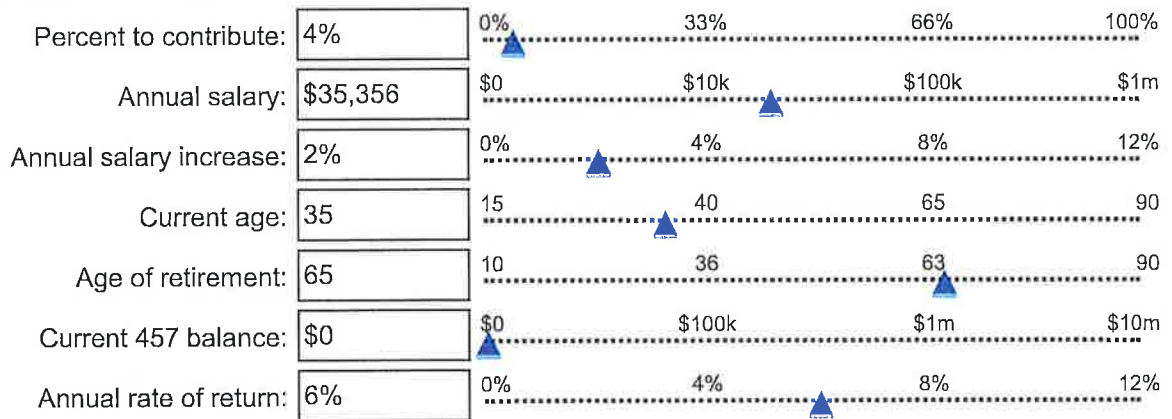


### 457 Savings Calculator

A 457 can be one of your best tools for creating a secure retirement. It provides you with two important advantages. First, all contributions and earnings to your 457 are tax-deferred. You only pay taxes on contributions and earnings when the money is withdrawn. Second, many employers provide matching contributions to your 457 account which can range from 0% to 100% of your contributions. The combined result is a retirement savings plan you can not afford to pass up.

Your total is \$287,007 after 30 years.

#### 457 Employee Savings Plan:



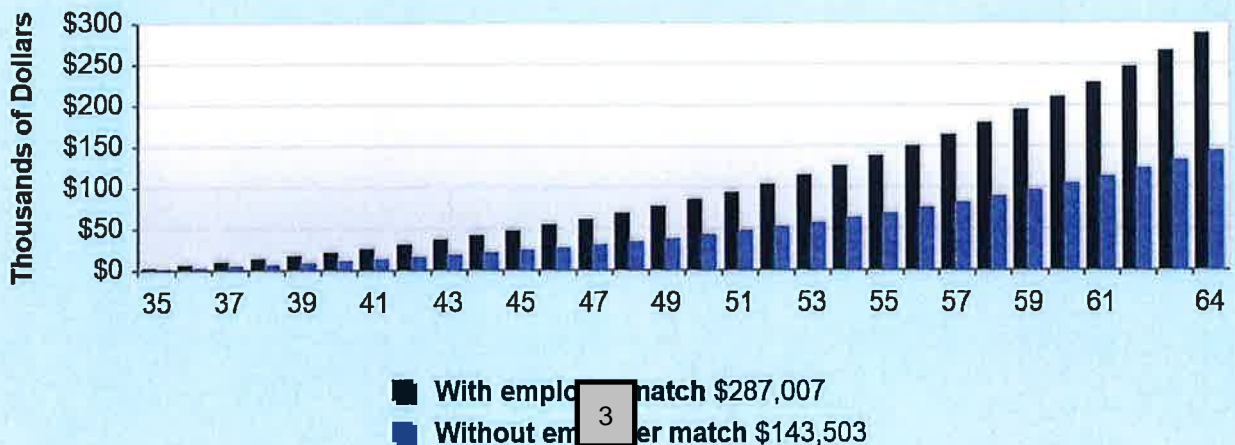
Total employee contributions: \$58,520

#### 457 Employer Match:



Total employer contributions: \$58,520

#### 457 Balance by Year





# What would you most like to do when you retire?

## Defined Benefit Pension Plan

### Summary of Plan Provisions

#### What is a Defined Benefit Plan?

A defined benefit plan is the most popular type of primary plan offered by local governments in Georgia. It is considered the most traditional type of retirement plan, and may be used alone or in conjunction with other types of plans and Social Security to provide income for participants at retirement.

This type of plan is called a "defined benefit" plan because the retirement benefits you will receive are set, or "defined" by the terms of the plan. Typically, the benefit amount is based on a formula that takes into account your salary and years of service in the organization. The plan provides a fixed monthly benefit payment for life, or you may choose from several other payment options that will determine the amount of your monthly benefit. Based on the payment options offered and selected, payments may also extend to your beneficiary after your death.

For example: If a 35 year old started employment with Dawson County with a starting salary of \$35,356.00 with an annual COLA of 2% their monthly retirement income would be \$1,509.00 monthly for their lifetime.

**Defined Benefit Plan Highlights**

- Benefits in addition to Social Security
- Lifetime monthly benefits
- Optional types of benefit payments for more effective retirement planning
- Can be used in conjunction with retirement savings plan
- Death benefits may be available



**Dawson County  
Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**Actuarial Assumptions**

Annual Investment Return 7.25%

Future Salary Increases 4.50% per year with an age based scale as follows:

Age	Salary Increase
Under 30	4.50% rate plus 1.50%
30 - 39	4.50% rate plus 1.00%
40 - 49	4.50% rate less 0.50%
50 or more	4.50% rate less 1.00%

Mortality RP-2000 projected with Scale AA to 2018

Age	Probability of termination
25	10.80%
35	8.30%
45	5.50%
55	0.00%

(Linear interpolation between ages)

Years of Service	Probability of Termination
3 or less	175% of the age-based assumption
4	150% of the age-based assumption
5	125% of the age-based assumption
6 or more	Same as age-based assumption

**Retirement Rates**

Age	Probability of Retirement
Age 55 to 60	10%
Age 61 - 64	20%
Age 65 - 69	30%
Age 70	100%

**Actuarial Cost Method** Entry Age Normal: A method under which the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in an actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit ages(s).

**Cost of Living Adjustment** None

Dawson County Proposed Plan Change

	1/1/2018	1/1/2018	1/1/2018	1/1/2018 & UER 55 & 30	1/1/2018 & UER 55 & 30	1/1/2018 & UER 55 & 20	1/1/2018 & UER 55 & 20	1/1/2018 & Rule of 80	1/1/2018 & Rule of 80
1 Estimated Increase in Actuarial Accrued Liability as of 1/1/2018	\$ 1,566,100	\$ 1,566,100	\$ 1,803,100	\$ 1,803,100	\$ 2,171,600	\$ 2,171,600	\$ 2,171,600	\$ 2,194,400	\$ 2,194,400
2 Estimated Amortization of Plan Change as a Level Percentage of Future Compensation	104,100	104,100	119,900	119,900	144,400	144,400	144,400	145,900	145,900
3 Estimated Increase in Normal Cost Due to Plan Change for 2018	168,500	168,500	167,700	167,700	186,700	186,700	186,700	187,000	187,000
4 Estimated Increase in Term Cost for 2018	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
5 Covered Payroll for 2017	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061	\$ 3,441,061
Covered Payroll for 2017 (includes new participants - Public Safety)	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586	\$ 2,642,586
Covered Payroll for 2017 (includes new participants - Non-Public Safety)	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833	\$ 1,790,833

Required Contributions Based on 2018 Changes to the Valuation Report

6 Required Employer Contribution Prior to Proposed Plan Change	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500	\$ 94,500
Estimated Employee Contribution Prior to Proposed Plan Change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Required Contribution Prior to Proposed Plan Change	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
- Employer contribution as a percent of payroll	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
7 Required Employer Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	\$ 239,500	\$ 203,700	\$ 254,500	\$ 218,700	\$ 298,000	\$ 262,200	\$ 299,800	\$ 264,000	\$ 264,000
Estimated Employee Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100
Required Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	371,600	371,600	386,600	386,600	430,100	430,100	431,900	431,900	431,900
- General Employee Contribution Amount	-	35,800	-	35,800	-	35,800	-	35,800	35,800
- General Employee Percentage	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%
- Public Safety Employee Contribution Amount	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100
- Public Safety Employee Percentage	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Employee Contributions	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100
Recommended Employer Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	\$ 245,600	\$ 209,800	\$ 261,900	\$ 226,100	\$ 307,400	\$ 271,600	\$ 309,400	\$ 273,600	\$ 273,600
Estimated Employee Contribution Prior to Proposed Plan Change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recommended Employer Contribution Prior to Proposed Plan Change	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
- Employer contribution as a percent of payroll	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
8 Recommended Employer Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	\$ 377,700	\$ 377,700	\$ 394,000	\$ 394,000	\$ 439,500	\$ 439,500	\$ 441,500	\$ 441,500	\$ 441,500
Estimated Employee Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100
Recommended Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	377,700	377,700	394,000	394,000	439,500	439,500	441,500	441,500	441,500
- General Employee Contribution Amount	-	35,800	-	35,800	-	35,800	-	35,800	35,800
- General Employee Percentage	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%
- Public Safety Employee Contribution Amount	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100
- Public Safety Employee Percentage	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Employee Contributions	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100
Recommended Employer Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	\$ 441,500	\$ 441,500	\$ 439,500	\$ 439,500	\$ 439,500	\$ 439,500	\$ 441,500	\$ 441,500	\$ 441,500
- Employer contribution as a percent of payroll	3.1%	2.7%	3.3%	2.9%	3.9%	3.4%	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%

Recommended Contributions Based on 2018 Changes to Valuation Report

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Recommended Contribution Prior to Proposed Plan Change	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500	94,500
- Employer contribution as a percent of payroll	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
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Recommended Contribution After Proposed Plan Change	377,700	377,700	394,000	394,000	439,500	439,500	441,500	441,500	441,500
- General Employee Contribution Amount	-	35,800	-	35,800	-	35,800	-	35,800	35,800
- General Employee Percentage	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%
- Public Safety Employee Contribution Amount	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100	132,100
- Public Safety Employee Percentage	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
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- Employer contribution as a percent of payroll	3.1%	2.7%	3.3%	2.9%	3.9%	3.4%	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%

Note: 1) The results shown above are based on 1/1/2018 data provided by the Dawson County.

2) Required and Recommended Contributions based on changes that will be implemented in the 2018 valuation report.

3) If the proposed plan change is adopted, the full increase in the actuarial accrued liability will be recognized in the GASB 68 annual pension expense.



Retirement Plan Comparison  
Prepared for Dawson

from 50,000 to 100,000 in Population plus Surrounding Counties  
Population figures from 2017

Jurisdiction	Population	DB Plan Effective Date	Status (Open, Closed, Frozen)	Eligibility	Benefit	Early Retirement Age	Normal Retirement Age	Contributory / Non-Contributory	Rule of 75/80	Vesting	401(a) Effective Date	Investment Lineup
Floyd	95,821	12/1/1975	Open	7 Years of Service	1.35% x FAC up to \$10,000, plus 2.0% x FAC \$10,000 plus \$36 x Years of Service	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 and 10 YOS	The later date: age 65 or 10 Yrs Of vest Serv (CURRENT)	non-contributory	No	10 year cliff	Not in ACCG Program	x Core Index, Target Risk, Target Date, Funds, Single Asset
Dougherty	92,969	Not in ACCG Program	x	Immediate	x	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 55 and 15 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	Public Safety: = 7%, General Employees = 3% contributory	No	5 year cliff	Not in ACCG Program	x Core Index, Target Risk, Target Date, Funds, Single Asset
Walton	85,754	8/1/1974	Frozen, Closed & Active	Immediate	1% x FAC x Years of Service	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 55 and 10 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	non-contributory	No	5 year graded	7/1/1998	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Forsyth	227,967	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	401(k)	Transamerica
Barrow	71,453	Program	x	3 Years of Service	1% x FAC x Years of Service	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 and 5 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	non-contributory	No	5 year cliff	2/1/2011	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Bulloch	71,214	Program	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	11/1/1994	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Catoosa	65,311	Program	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Program	x
Liberty	64,135	Program	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Program	x
Spalding	63,829	1/1/1984	Open	9 months of service	1% x FAC x Years of Service (max 35 yrs)	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 55 and 15 YOS; Reduced Early Retirement: Age 55 and 10 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	non-contributory	No	5 year cliff	10/1/1998	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Jackson	61,044	1/1/1980	Frozen for General Employees & Active for Public Safety Employees	Immediate	2% x FAC x Years of Service (max 30 yrs)	Unreduced Early Retirement: Age 55 and 15 YOS; Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 w/10 YOS	Age 65	Public Safety: = 4% contributory	No	5 year cliff	Not in ACCG Program	x Core Index, Target Risk, Target Date, Funds, Single Asset
Bartow*	101,273	1/1/1968	Open	3 years of service	1% x FAC x Years of Service	Unreduced Early Retirement: Age 55 w/30 YOS; Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 w/10 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	non-contributory	No	5 year cliff	10/1/2014	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Polk	41,183	2/1/1972	Open	3 years of service	1% x FAC x Years of Service	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 w/10 YOS; Unreduced 25 YOS; Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 w/5 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	non-contributory	No	5 year cliff	2/1/2005	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Murray	39,267	1/1/1983	Closed to new hires and re-hires post 11/1/2013	3 years of service	1% x FAC + \$36 X YOS	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 w/10 YOS; Unreduced 25 YOS; Reduced Early Retirement: Age 62 w/15 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	non-contributory	No	5 year cliff	11/1/2013	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Pickens	29,584	1/1/1999	Closed to new hires and re-hires post 12/31/2015	3 years service	2% x FAC x YOS	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 55 w/10 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	contributory; 5%	No	5 Year cliff	1/1/2016	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset
Lumpkin	32,873	1/1/2003	Open	3 year service	1% x FAC x YOS	Reduced Early Retirement: Age 60 w/10 YOS; Reduced Early Retirement: Age 55 w/10 YOS	Age 65 and 5 YOS	non-contributory	No	75% after 3 YOS and 100% after 4 YOS	1/1/2003	Target Date, Target Risk, Target Date, Core Index, Funds, Single Asset

**Backup material for agenda item:**

2. Presentation of the Comprehensive Plan- Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley





# DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department:  P&D

Work Session: 12.13.18

Prepared By:  hg

Voting Session: 12.20.18

Presenter: J.Kinley

Public Hearing: Yes   No

Agenda Item Title: Presentation of

### Background Information:

We would like to present the COMP plan to the BOC for approval that would serve the county for the next 5 years.

### Current Information:

The COMP Plan has been approved by the DCA and is ready to be reviewed and approved. Should the board want/need to make any changes then it is possible to amend the COMP Plan at any time.

Budget Information: Applicable:   Not Applicable:  Budgeted: Yes   No

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion:

Department Head Authorization:

Date:

Finance Dept. Authorization:  Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/6/18

County Manager Authorization:  DH

Date: 12/7/18

County Attorney Authorization:

Date:

### Comments/Attachments:

# 2018 Comprehensive Plan

## Dawson County



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SEPTEMBER, 2018

# *2018 Comprehensive Plan*

## **Dawson County**



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## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose

The purpose of planning and community development is to provide guidance for everyday decision-making by local government officials and other community leaders. This document, the *2018 Comprehensive Plan for Dawson County*, represents the culmination of the efforts to plan for the future well-being of the government, the residents and various stakeholders by identifying the critical, consensus issues and goals for the communities. Implementing the plan will help the community address those critical issues and opportunities while moving towards realization of the unique vision for its future. As outlined by Georgia's planning standards (see below):

#### Statewide benefits of comprehensive planning

*(Local) comprehensive planning should be conducted in the context of Georgia's strong and vibrant intergovernmental system that clearly recognizes the important role cities and counties play in fostering the state's image as an attractive place to invest, conduct businesses and raise a family. City and county comprehensive planning enhances coordination at many levels.*

#### Local benefits of comprehensive planning

*The highest and best use of comprehensive planning for local governments is to show important relationships between community issues. A local comprehensive plan is a fact-based resource for local constituents that tracks implementation of community-based policies. Furthermore, local comprehensive planning creates an environment of predictability for business and industry, investors, property owners, tax payers and the general public. In addition, the plan helps local governments to recognize and then implement important economic development and revitalization initiatives. For these reasons, the state finds that well-planned communities are better prepared to attract new growth in a highly competitive global market.*

*In short, local planning should recognize that:*

*Assets can be **accentuated** and **improved**;*

*Liabilities can be **mitigated** and **changed** over time; and*

*Potential can be **sought after** and **developed**.*

### Scope

This document addresses the local planning requirements and community development of Dawson County, Georgia. The City of Dawsonville is referenced within this document but only for analytical and narrative purposes as the City has their own comprehensive planning document. Some consideration has also been given to neighboring areas and political entities that influence conditions within the county but unless otherwise indicated all the issues, objectives and opportunities discussed herein are effective solely for Dawson County.



## Plan Elements

This comprehensive plan serves to meet the requirements and intent of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs's "Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning," as amended in 2013, and the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. It is essential that the plan be prepared in compliance with these rules and guidelines in order for the Dawson County to maintain its Qualified Local Government (QLG) status. Further, State law requires that the government update its comprehensive plan every 5 years.

*"The purpose of Minimum Standards is to provide a framework for the development, management and implementation of local comprehensive plans at the local, regional and state government level. They reflect an important state interest: healthy and economically vibrant cities and counties are vital to the state's economic prosperity."*

**(1) Community Goals.** *The purpose of the Community Goals element is to lay out a road map for the community's future, developed through a very public process of involving community leaders and stakeholders in making key decisions about the future of the community. The Community Goals are the most important part of the plan, for they identify the community's direction for the future, and are intended to generate local pride and enthusiasm about the future of the community, thereby leading citizens and leadership to act to ensure that the plan is implemented.*

**(2) Needs and Opportunities.** *This is the locally agreed upon list of Needs and Opportunities the community intends to address. Each of the needs or opportunities that the community identifies as high priority must be followed-up with corresponding implementation measures in the Community Work Program. The list must be developed by involving community stakeholders in carrying out a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) or similar analysis of the community.*

**(3) Community Work Program.** *This element of the comprehensive plan lays out the specific activities the community plans to undertake during the next five years to address the priority Needs and Opportunities, identified Target Areas (if applicable), or to achieve portions of the Community Goals. This includes any activities, initiatives, programs, ordinances, administrative systems (such as site plan review, design review, etc.) to be put in place to implement the plan.*

In addition to the required core elements local comprehensive plans in Georgia must also include 1) an assessment of compliance and consideration for the appropriate regional water plans for each community, and 2) an assessment of their broadband capacity. As of July, 2018 the standards for the broadband element have not been established by the State of Georgia. The intention of the measure, however, is to facilitate the "promotion of the deployment of broadband internet services" throughout each community in recognition of how vital this technology is for economic development. In an effort to provide advance compliance with this standard the County will provide a brief analysis of their needs and objectives regarding broadband technology.

**Consideration of the Regional Water Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria.** *During the process of preparing its comprehensive plan, each community must review the Regional Water Plan(s) covering its area and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria... to determine if there is need to adapt local implementation practices or development regulations to address protection of these important natural resources. The community must certify that it has considered both the Regional*





*Water Plan and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria when it transmits the plan to the Regional Commission for review.*

This is to certify that as part of this planning process appropriate staff and decision-makers have reviewed the *Coosa-North Georgia Water Plan*, the *Georgie Mountains Regional Plan*, and the *Georgia State Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria* (O.C.G.A. 12-2-8) and taken them into consideration in formulating this local plan. No conflicts were identified between this document and the other documents

As a community that has adopted a form of development regulations, Dawson County must also include the necessary land use element within their plan to aid in the coordination of their development policies and capital improvement projects.

**Land Use Element.** *The Land Use Element, where required, must include at least one of the two components listed below:*

*(a) Character Areas Map and Defining Narrative. Identify and map the boundaries of existing or potential character areas (see definition in Chapter 110-12-1-.05) covering the entire community, including existing community sub-areas, districts, or neighborhoods.*

*(b) Future Land Use Map and Narrative. Prepare a Future Land Use Map that uses conventional categories or classifications to depict the location (typically parcel by parcel) of specific future land uses. If this option is chosen, prepare the Future Land Use Map using either of the land use classification schemes described below and include a narrative that explains how to interpret the map and each land use category.*

## Public Participation

As a part of the planning process each local government must provide and implement opportunities to encourage public participation. The purpose of this is to insure that citizens and other stakeholders are aware of the planning process, are provided opportunities to comment on the local plan elements, and have adequate access to the process of defining the community’s vision, priorities, goals, policies, and implementation strategies.





At a minimum, the public participation program must provide for: adequate notice to keep the general public informed of the emerging plan; opportunities for the public to provide written comments on the plan; hold the required public hearings; and, provide notice to property owners through advertisements in the newspaper (legal organ) of the planning effort soliciting participation and comments. In addition, the local government must provide opportunities for public participation through other means and methods to help articulate a community vision and develop associated goals and implementation program.

Dawson County's planning process featured an Advisory Committee of 11 people, with various other staff and local officials participating throughout. The Committee met several times between the fall of 2017 and the summer of 2018, meeting almost monthly to discuss issues, consider updates to material from the existing comprehensive plan, and offering their thoughts on future development concerns. The Committee helped shape the questions and promotion for the online survey process, and engaged other area stakeholders to build the discussion about the plan update in general.

Dawson County also has a standing Long-Range Planning Committee which contributed to the plan update. This committee is responsible for continually assessing needs and issues facing the community well beyond the current horizon, ensuring that local leaders have a regular source for comments about the direction and broad objectives that must be considered as they set policy decisions. This Committee works with the standing Planning Commission and Planning Department staff to provide an additional layer of analysis and exploration to the issues facing Dawson County.

A key component of the public involvement process was an online survey opportunity. The survey was shared via web links and promoted on social media and in the local press by the County, the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, and other local partners. The online survey featured 28 questions and asked respondents to indicate their thoughts and satisfaction levels with various government services, the prospects for growth and development in the area, and to prioritize local needs on matters such as housing, economic development and natural resource protection. In all the survey produced more than 500 unique responses, the information from which was shared with the Advisory Committee and contributed a great deal to the consideration of Dawson County's values and priorities.

**Dawson County Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting  
February 20, 2018  
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

PRINT NAME	ADDRESS
1. Jane Graves	224 Park Cove Rd D. GA 30534
2. Jameson Kinley	25 Justice Way
3. Charlotte Allen	115 Kellan Overlook Rd, Dawsonville
4. Tony Passarello	180 Sunset Drive Dawsonville
5. Jason Hamby	1362 Baley Waters Rd. Dawsonville
6. Casey Projewski	415 Highway 53, Suite 100, Dawsonville
7. John Maloney	9 Bear Ridge Dr Dawsonville
8. Chuck Stynes	55 Pearl Chambers Dr, Dawsonville
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10.	



General public meetings, promoted via social media and local news outlets, were also held throughout the process. All of these were held at the County Courthouse and promoted the opportunity for every citizen to comment on any plan element, giving them the chance to explore vital needs and suggest objectives for how the County should grow in the future.

### Advisory Committee

Christie Haynes	Dawson County Chamber of Commerce
Tony Passarello	Citizen/Businessman
Terri Tragesser	Citizen/ Former BOC member/LRPC
Richard Scharf	Citizen/ LRPC
Gary P. Pichon	Citizen/ Former BOC member
Mandy Power	Banking/LRPC
Jane Graves	Citizen/LRPC
Jo Brewer	Education/LRPC
Hugh Stowers	Citizen/LRPC
Tim Costley	Citizen/LRPC
Charlie Tarver	Citizen

### Board of Commissioners

Billy Thurmond, Chair  
Sharon Fausett  
Chris Gaines  
Jimmy Hamby  
Julie Hughes-Nix

### Planning Commission

Jason Hamby, Chair  
Emory Dooley  
Tim Bennett  
Neil Hornsey  
John Maloney

### County Staff

David Headley	County Manager
Lynn Frey	County Attorney
Jameson Kinley	GIS Analyst
David McKee	Public Works Director
Kristen Cloud	County Clerk
Jason Streetman	Planning Director
Niki McCall	Planning Staff/ Zoning Administrator
Lamar Adkins	LRPC
Jeff Johnson	Sheriff

BOC = Board of Commissioners

LRPC = Long Range Planning Committee



# COMMUNITY VISION

The Minimum Standards and Requirements for Local Comprehensive Planning defines a community vision as something “... intended to paint a picture of what the community desires to become, providing a complete description of the development patterns to be encouraged within the jurisdiction.” It is required as an element of the comprehensive plan so that communities can truly establish a pure and simple ideal for themselves in a format that is easily expressed and understood.

Visioning provides communities with an opportunity to pause and consider the “big picture” as well as to attempt to clearly define their ideal future. Developing a vision means that community has at least tried to identify current values, describe how they’re to be realized in the future and use that image as a foundation for short and long-term planning. As a process this also requires the community to develop a consensus on what conditions to change or to preserve.

## Community Profile

Dawson County is a political jurisdiction of north Georgia encompassing some 200+ square miles. Historically land populated by the Cherokee, Dawson County was founded in 1857 and its County seat (and only municipality) is the City of Dawsonville. As retold on the County’s web site:

*“For the first hundred years of its existence Dawson County remained primarily an agricultural economy, largely due to the lack of railroads or major highways in the area. Dawson County was however a significant source of illegal corn whiskey (known as 'moonshine') for Atlanta during and after the prohibition era. During prohibition, many bootleggers would modify their cars for better speed and handling in order to evade police when delivering their illegal cargo. Even after prohibition the trend continued, as bootleggers were on the run from state revenue agents who sought to tax their illicit operations. Eventually these cars were raced for entertainment (and profit), leading to the birth of modern stock car racing and NASCAR.*

*In 1957, the Appalachian Trail was re-routed to a new endpoint about 8 miles north of Amicalola Falls State Park, establishing the county as a major destination for hikers. At the same time the flooding of the Chattahoochee River plain to form nearby Lake Lanier was completed, resulting in Georgia's largest lake at 39,000 acres. The lake forms the southern end of Dawson County.*

*With the construction of the Georgia 400 highway to Atlanta in the 1980's, the county finally had the major highway that it had lacked for a hundred and twenty years. This transportation route, combined with Lake Lanier, Amicalola Falls and the recent development of the North Georgia Premium Outlets have helped Dawson County transition from a quiet mountain enclave to one of Georgia's fastest growing communities.”*

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Dawson County</b>	<b>22,330</b>	<b>22,209</b>	<b>22,371</b>	<b>22,574</b>	<b>22,891</b>	<b>23,256</b>	<b>23,604</b>
Dawsonville	2,536	2,318	2,291	2,453	2,491	2,520	2,634
Balance of Dawson Co.	19,794	19,891	20,080	20,121	20,400	20,736	20,970





## Quality Community Objectives Assessment

In 1999 the Board of the Department of Community Affairs adopted the Quality Community Objectives (QCOs) as a statement of the development patterns and options that will help Georgia preserve its unique cultural, natural and historic resources while looking to the future and developing to its fullest potential. This assessment should be used a tool by a community to compare how it is progressing toward the sustainable and livable objectives, but no community will be judged on its progress. The questions focus on local ordinances, policies, and organizational strategies intended to create and expand quality growth principles. A majority of positive responses for a particular objective may indicate that the community has in place many of the governmental options for managing development patterns. Negative responses may provide guidance as to how to focus planning and implementation efforts for those governments seeking to achieve these Quality Community Objectives. Should a community decide to pursue a particular objective it may consider this assessment a means of monitoring progress towards achievement.

### 1. Economic Prosperity

Encourage development or expansion of businesses and industries that are suitable for the community. Factors to consider when determining suitability include job skills required; long-term sustainability; linkages to other economic activities in the region; impact on the resources of the area; or prospects for creating job opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse local workforce.

*The County and its partners recognize the importance of a strategic approach to sustaining their strong economy and maintaining the area's vital character. The County supports the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Building Authority as part of ongoing efforts to support economic development for the community. The County also maintains contact with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and the State for pursuit of assistance and outside funding opportunities in support of economic development opportunities.*

### 2. Resource Management

Promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community. This may be achieved by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; encouraging green building construction and renovation; utilizing appropriate waste management techniques; fostering water conservation and reuse; or setting environmentally sensitive areas aside as green space or conservation reserves.

*The County maintains contact with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and the Department of Natural Resources to work for the protection and promotion of cultural resources in the area. The County also works with the local Extension Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service to assist in local resource protection, as well as employing policies and practices related to State Vital Areas, soil and water conservation, National Wetland Inventory (FIRM) data and other applicable sources to monitor and enforce the preservation of environmentally sensitive areas.*

### 3. Efficient Land Use

Maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the traditional core of the community; designing new development to minimize the amount of land consumed; carefully planning expansion of public infrastructure; or maintaining open space in agricultural, forestry, or conservation uses.





*Through this planning process, ongoing efforts to update area mapping, and regular communication with Dawsonville, the County worked to ensure local policies support sustainable development that enables economic growth while managing local resources, utilities and infrastructure.*

#### **4. Local Preparedness**

Identify and put in place the prerequisites for the type of future the community seeks to achieve. These prerequisites might include infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) to support or direct new growth; ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired; leadership and staff capable of responding to opportunities and managing new challenges; or undertaking an all-hazards approach to disaster preparedness and response.

*Through this planning process and ongoing coordination among emergency responders, and through regular communication with other stakeholders (such as the local hospital), the County worked to ensure the community is properly poised to prevent, manage and respond to growth pressures and natural and man-made hazards.*

#### **5. Sense of Place**

Protect and enhance the community's unique qualities. This may be achieved by maintaining the downtown as focal point of the community; fostering compact, walkable, mixed-use development; protecting and revitalizing historic areas of the community; encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community; or protecting scenic and natural features that are important to defining the community's character.

*The County will regularly identify and inventory historical sites and structures, and regularly monitor development trends and local land use policies to ensure all is being done to maintain the historic sense of community that defines Dawson County.*

#### **6. Regional Cooperation**

Cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to address shared needs. This may be achieved by actively participating in regional organizations; identifying joint projects that will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer; or developing collaborative solutions for regional issues such as protection of shared natural resources, development of the transportation network, or creation of a tourism plan.

*Dawson County actively coordinates with Dawsonville in maintaining their local Service Delivery Strategy and SPLOST program, and participates with the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and other appropriate regional organizations. The County also maintains regular contact with various State Departments to ensure knowledge of, and access to, their programs and resources. The County is considered an active partner in regional activities and does not feel threatened or adversely impacted by any regional partners.*

#### **7. Housing Options**

Promote an adequate range of safe, affordable, inclusive, and resource efficient housing in the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development of a variety of housing types, sizes, costs, and densities in each neighborhood; promoting programs to provide housing for residents of all socioeconomic backgrounds, including affordable mortgage finance options; instituting programs to address homelessness issues in the community; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure availability of adequate workforce housing in the community.



*Through this and ongoing planning processes the County is actively working to monitor local housing needs and work to enforce policies that promote quality, affordable housing options as needed.*

## **8. Transportation Options**

Address the transportation needs, challenges and opportunities of all community residents. This may be achieved by fostering alternatives to transportation by automobile, including walking, cycling, and transit; employing traffic calming measures throughout the community; requiring adequate connectivity between adjoining developments; or coordinating transportation and land use decision-making within the community.

*A small portion of Dawson County currently receives some oversight through the Atlanta Regional Commission as part of its State mandated responsibilities as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for metropolitan Atlanta. Beyond that Dawson County does not have an active, comprehensive transportation planning program but does communicate their concerns and issues to the regional GDOT office and all communities do participate in the public involvement process for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as able. As the region grows additional transportation planning would be considered a benefit, if not a necessity.*

## **9. Educational Opportunities**

Make educational and training opportunities readily available to enable all community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technological advances, manage their finances, or pursue life ambitions. This can be achieved by expanding and improving local educational institutions or programs; providing access to other institutions in the region; instituting programs to improve local graduation rates; expanding vocational education programs; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure an adequately trained and skilled workforce.

*The County works with the Dawson County School Board and private institutions to ensure access for quality primary and secondary educational facilities and programs for area residents. The County also works with other partners to ensure access to viable post-secondary resources such as the University of North Georgia, Lanier Technical College, and other area educational institutions.*

## **10. Community Health**

Ensure that all community residents, regardless of age, ability, or income, have access to critical goods and services, safe and clean neighborhoods, and good work opportunities. This may be achieved by providing services to support the basic needs of disadvantaged residents, including the disabled; instituting programs to improve public safety; promoting programs that foster better health and fitness; or otherwise providing all residents the opportunity to improve their circumstances in life and to fully participate in the community.

*There are primary care facilities within Dawson County but as yet no emergency medical care. However the County works with facilities in three adjoining counties and with the Dawson County Department of Public Health to ensure access for quality health care facilities and programs for area residents. The governments also work with other partners to monitor residents' needs and requests in providing access to these services as the area grows.*



## Vision Statement

A vision for the community’s future must be included in the comprehensive plan. The community vision is intended to provide a complete picture of what the community desires to become. The community vision must be based on public input, the assessment of current and future needs and be supported by the goals, policies and objectives in the comprehensive plan. In addition, there must be consistency between the community vision and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Quality Community Objectives as well as consistency with the community visions of other communities within the region.

The following vision statements were derived from the various comments and suggestions raised during public meetings and through the available survey process. They reflect the consistent themes and issues cited in discussions about prioritizing the local residents over pursuit of change and the strong desire to retain the current level of “*small town charm*” that so many people used to affectionately describe their hometown. To the extent that the local governments pursue major projects and policies the citizens participating in the planning process stressed the need to remain focused on the well-being of current residents and to not sacrifice too much of the existing character of the community, as established by the prevailing scale and rustic nature of local development and the strong academic, civic, and other institutions that help bond the community.

For Dawson County, the prevailing theme from respondents was the desire to refine their sense of place and not “*fall victim to metro Atlanta.*” To this end the biggest concern was preserving the landscape and rural nature that defines so much of the county today. Some growth was expected and encouraged but planning process participants expressed a hope that the scale and character of that change would embrace the stark contrast between Dawson and Forsyth County to the south. Effort should be made to protect the scenic areas and agricultural lands from too quickly turning over into bland subdivisions, and new development should seek ways to evoke a more rural, almost Appalachian theme to their design.

*“My community's biggest asset that should be preserved is...”*

<u>Count</u>	<u>Word</u>
42	Small (town)
36	Natural/ Nature
20	Beauty
19	Forest
19	Rural
15	Lake Lanier
15	Community
11	Downtown
10	Trees
8	Agriculture
7	Greenspace

Steps like these, it was said, would help “*keep Dawson Dawson.*” It would also allow the community to grow organically, serving the interests of existing residents first before devoting too many resources chasing new residents. Dawson is evolving as a hometown and has realized many improvements among County and City projects that add to the appeal of living here. Participants wanted to build on this progress and envisioned a community that can grow at a pace modest enough to enable quality by not outpacing capital improvements.

These sentiments meant the general vision for Dawson County had no need for major change at this time. Support was expressed for the statement as capturing the priorities and values for the community, seeking first to preserve the existing character and then working to foster continued progress.



## VISION STATEMENT DAWSON COUNTY

Dawson County, Georgia, envisions a future where residents and visitors feel welcome. The county will be a place that preserves and celebrates special places, scenery, and cultural resources and directs commercial and residential growth to select areas that are prepared with proper infrastructure, and where urban growth is guided to select areas that are economical and efficient to serve with infrastructure and utilities.

Dawson County will maintain its unique character, which includes a mountain heritage, rich scenic beauty, specialty farms, friendly people, and a small town, rural feel. The county will prioritize the protection of natural resources for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

Dawson County will also seek to continually improve as a community by investing wisely in those facilities and services desired by local residents and always striving to provide an affordable, safe, and quality hometown.







## Needs & Opportunities

To achieve its stated vision a community must understand those obstacles and issues that must be addressed in order to reach the goals implied. The comprehensive planning process asks communities to assess the information outlined in an effort to identify issues and opportunities that should be considered when trying to plan for the future. In doing so the communities can more effectively define their objectives and actions to as to better achieve the desired vision.

The following represents a refined listing of Issues and Opportunities for Dawson County. Some may have carried over from the previous plan, but the list has been confirmed and/or refined based on the discussions and analyses throughout the current planning process.

### ➤ *Land Use Management*

With the expectation of continued growth and development, and with the demand from residents to preserve the area’s predominantly rural character, the County must ensure its land use policies are applied in such a way that will concentrate development to areas better suited for more intensive activity. This will include planning and zoning policies, using more resource material to promote preferred development types, an update of greenspace and conservation planning, and working to ensure capital improvements are directed in coordination with an overarching land use and development strategy.

Needs & Opportunities	Mitigation Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to manage the potential volume of expected growth, via efficient use of utilities and capital improvements.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update long-term water and sewer plans (2020)</li> <li>Develop road improvement plan (2019)</li> <li>Revise facility and vehicle assessment for fire depts. and law enforcement. (2019)</li> <li>Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2021)</li> <li>Update Future Development Strategy (2022)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to manage development’s impact on the County’s character of by coordinating land use policies to concentrate growth and preserve rural areas.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update long-term water and sewer plans (2020)</li> <li>Update Future Development Strategy (2022)</li> <li>Adopt conservation design subdivision regulations (2019)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to protect the area’s natural resources in manner that supports the local ecology and Dawson County’s rural character.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt conservation design subdivision regulations (2019)</li> <li>Maintain State Environmental Planning Criteria (Policy)</li> <li>Support the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and Upper Etowah River Alliance (Policy)</li> </ol>





➤ *Refining our Identity and Sense of Place*

Area residents and stakeholders wish to see Dawson County aspire for a stronger, unique identity and a sense of community by fostering complementary development forms, increased visual cues that define and unify the community, and coordinated use of capital improvements that will enhance the residential appeal of Dawson County.

Needs & Opportunities	Mitigation Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong demand to preserve the area’s rural character through measures that protect natural resources, support agricultural activity, and concentrates growth and development.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain State Environmental Planning Criteria (Policy)</li> <li>Adopt conservation design subdivision regulations (2019)</li> <li>Support the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and Upper Etowah River Alliance (Policy)</li> <li>Support the Friends of Amicalola Falls, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and other natural resource advocates. (Policy)</li> <li>Survey county to identify prime agricultural areas (2019)</li> <li>Establish policy to protect prime agricultural areas from urban scale utilities. (2020)</li> <li>Seek to concentrate development around existing urbanized areas. (Policy)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong demand to seek an improving quality of development coming into the county, with an emphasis on styles that maintain rural character.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop/Obtain reference material for architectural design guidelines to promote desired forms among developers. (2019)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need to review and possibly amend property maintenance policies to protect against properties falling into blight and unsafe conditions that adversely impact property values and deter private investment into the community.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey code enforcement performance (2019)</li> <li>Hold workshop to review code enforcement practices (2019)</li> <li>Initialize annual report on code enforcement, tracking site visits and violations. (2020)</li> <li>Identify resources to assist homeowners with property revitalization (2020)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dawson County should pursue parks and public facilities that present a sense of quality and unique brand/identity to the community, and that support and enhance the area’s rural character.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2021)</li> <li>Develop preferred design elements for County and School Board facilities (2020)</li> </ol>



➤ *Having a Comprehensive Strategy for Housing*

As part of the demand to strengthen the community as a premier hometown and rural residential destination for families there is a need to ensure Dawson County will attract and sustain quality housing at all economic levels. Efforts must be made to ensure quality workforce housing is available, to ensure the market is viable for reinvestment and maintenance of properties, that there is a plan to attract and accommodate more higher-end housing, and that all residential areas are/feel rooted in the community.

Needs & Opportunities	Mitigation Strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dawson County currently does not have sufficient housing to meet projected demands for various special needs housing, such as senior housing (dependent and independent) and entry-level housing.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop/ Obtain a market study for senior housing in Dawson Area (2020)</li> <li>Identify target sites best suited for senior housing (based on market study) (2021)</li> <li>Convene forum with builders and banks to discuss entry level housing (2019)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County must work to improve the quality of distressed and aging housing units by seeking to foster reinvestment and maintenance and providing a climate that attracts better new development.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convene forum with builders and banks to discuss entry level housing (2019)</li> <li>Identify resources to assist homeowners with property revitalization (2020)</li> </ol>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dawson County needs a strategy to lure higher grade housing units that will increase the variety of local options and improve the prevailing property tax conditions.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt conservation design subdivision regulations (2019)</li> <li>Survey realtors re: potential for high-end housing in Dawson (2019)</li> </ol>



➤ ***Coordinating Economic Development***

In an effort to attract business and industry types that are desired and a best fit for Dawson County, there should be an intentional and coordinated strategy among local economic development stakeholders to ensure the best use of area resources. The County must work with Dawsonville and neighboring jurisdictions to identify suitable land that works with prevailing infrastructure and utilities, while simultaneously coordinating capital improvements as part of a comprehensive land use strategy. The County must also support efforts to improve local education and training resources as well as fostering conditions that make the community attractive as a hometown to employees.

<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>	<b>Mitigation Strategies</b>
<p>The County lacks a formal plan for where to locate and best sustain new and existing industrial development.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25. Develop freight traffic study for the county (2020)</li> <li>26. Develop conceptual site plans and funding options for spec industrial parks (2020)</li> <li>27. Develop target industry recruitment strategy in conjunction with Development Authority (2020)</li> </ol>
<p>The County needs a plan that matches utility, infrastructure, and housing development designed specifically to support economic development.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update long-term water and sewer plans (2020)</li> <li>2. Develop road improvement plan (2019)</li> <li>3. Develop facility and vehicle assessment for fire depts. and law enforcement. (2019)</li> <li>4. Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2021)</li> <li>5. Update Future Development Strategy (2022)</li> <li>28. Develop Broadband and Telecom Plan Utility (2020)</li> </ol>
<p>The County needs to develop a strategy for increased cooperation with regional partners in attracting and sustaining desirable economic development.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29. Develop inventory of regional assets; Create marketing tool promoting same. (2019)</li> <li>30. Sustain and expand network of regional economic development partners; Convene regular meetings (Policy)</li> <li>31. Continue to support economic development through partnership with Development Authority of Dawson County, Industrial Building Authority of Dawson County, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, and the Joint Development Authority of Lumpkin, White, Dawson Counties. (Policy)</li> </ol>



➤ ***Continued Capital Improvement Planning and Coordination***

The County needs to ensure that all capital improvement projects, such as roads, utilities, and public facilities, are pursued in a manner that is both fiscally responsible and designed in a manner that best supports the overall development strategy for the community. Improvements should be limited in areas where high intensity development is less compatible, and should be done so as to yield efficient returns in more populated areas.

<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>	<b>Mitigation Strategies</b>
<p>Planning for all capital improvements must be done in a way that respects other Comp Plan goals, such as regarding the County’s rural character and sustaining new business and industry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Adopt conservation design subdivision regulations (2019)</li> <li>10. Survey county to identify prime agricultural areas (2019)</li> <li>11. Establish policy to protect prime agricultural areas from urban scale utilities. (2020)</li> <li>32. Implement 2050 Master Plan for water and sewer (Policy)</li> <li>33. Utilize SPLOST (and comparable measures) to support investment in infrastructure (Policy)</li> <li>12. Seek to concentrate development around existing urbanized areas. (Policy)</li> <li>26. Develop conceptual site plans and funding options for spec industrial parks (2020)</li> </ul>
<p>Dawson County must maintain efforts to ensure fiscal responsibility in the pursuit of, and development of, capital projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>34. Identify/establish a fiscal standard or benchmark for County operations; Promote County performance (2019)</li> <li>35. Establish long-term capital improvement budgets for all departments (2019)</li> </ul>
<p>The plan for all capital improvement projects must be coordinated with other land use goals to ensure they support the protection of natural resources and the rural character of the county.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36. Include review of Comprehensive Plan in site location studies for all new County facilities (Policy)</li> <li>37. Develop catalog of funding resources for capital improvement projects (2019)</li> </ul>
<p>Opportunity to expand parks and recreation opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2021)</li> <li>38. Report outlining Lake Lanier park opportunities with Army Corps of Engineers. (2020)</li> </ul>



➤ ***Current Capital Improvement Plans***

<b>Needs &amp; Opportunities</b>	<b>Mitigation Strategies</b>
<p><u><i>Parks and Recreation</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need new park land throughout the County</li> <li>• Need 2 new FT maintenance staff</li> <li>• Need 2 new vehicles</li> <li>• Demand for indoor aquatic facility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>39. Survey identifying potential properties or target areas for parks/ aquatic facility. (2019)</li> <li>40. Seek funding to increase staff &amp; vehicles (2020)</li> <li>41. Develop preferred specs and budget for indoor aquatic facility (2020)</li> </ul>
<p><u><i>Etowah Water and Sewer Authority</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase water storage and treatment capacity</li>   <li>• Continue upgrade of service lines</li> <li>• Maintain compliance with State water plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32. Implement 2050 Master Plan for water and sewer (Policy)</li> <li>42. Complete the Russell Creek Reservoir, water treatment plant expansion and water reclamation facility expansion (2020)</li> <li>43. Maintain participation with North Georgia Water Partnership (Policy)</li> </ul>
<p><u><i>Fire Department</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace worn out vehicles</li>   <li>• Need to replace radio equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>44. Replace vehicles in accordance with Fire Department Assessment (Policy) (See CIE)</li> <li>45. Upgrade radio and communications equipment (2020)</li> </ul>
<p><u><i>Public Works</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need additional staff for field work, road and bridge dept., transfer station</li> <li>• Need equipment and commercial vehicles replaced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>40. Seek funding to increase staff &amp; vehicles (2020)</li> </ul>





# DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

## Broadband Assessment

As communities move forward the importance of access to reliable and high-speed, high capacity internet connections cannot be overestimated. Unserved and underserved areas of Georgia will not remain economically competitive without sufficient internet infrastructure, as this technology becomes the default utility for all manners of communication.

To address this issue in 2018 the Georgia General Assembly amended the provisions of local planning in Georgia by passing the "Achieving Connectivity Everywhere (ACE) Act," intended to facilitate the enhancement and extension of high-speed internet access in communities that lack such infrastructure and the vast resources it provides. In time the State will support programs and initiatives aimed at delivering the community improvement and empowerment potential that reliable, high-speed internet access can provide to even the most difficult-to-serve citizens, schools, and businesses. As the first step in planning for this critical, potentially catalytic infrastructure, the "Ace" Act requires all local governments to incorporate the "*promotion of the deployment of broadband internet services*" into their local plan.

In assessing the Dawson County's 2018 access to higher grade broadband technology stakeholders were asked to rate the general satisfaction of existing internet service providers and the County provided information about the general distribution of high capacity lines throughout the area. The majority provider within the area (based on geographic area) is Windstream, for which service ratings were considered below average. Both Windstream and Comcast provide major commercial service in the GA 400 corridor, along arterial roads leading westward into the county and to Dawsonville, and along various roads throughout the unincorporated County. There are, however, several gaps in "last-mile" connectivity along more remote rural roads, particularly with regard to higher speed and higher capacity lines.

The County does have access to the North Georgia Network (NGN), an incorporated cooperative providing a regional fiber optic system with over 1,600 linear miles of infrastructure. The NGN was conceived as part of visions for a more prosperous rural Georgia, with the knowledge that a fiber optic network that is fast, reliable and affordable is vital to modern economic development. The NGN provides infrastructure that loops through the northeast Georgia mountains with 100 gigabit core line and connects to almost all the schools and colleges in the region as well as reaching many government structures and prominent business parks.

Based on survey results, public comments, and stakeholder input, there remains a strong need for improved internet access in rural Dawson County. The County, likewise, supports improvement programs that will expand local network connectivity and enhance network capacity with an eye toward significantly greater growth (and therefore increased demand for internet services) within the areas between Dawsonville, Forsyth County and Lake Lanier.

### Priorities for Future Network Enhancements

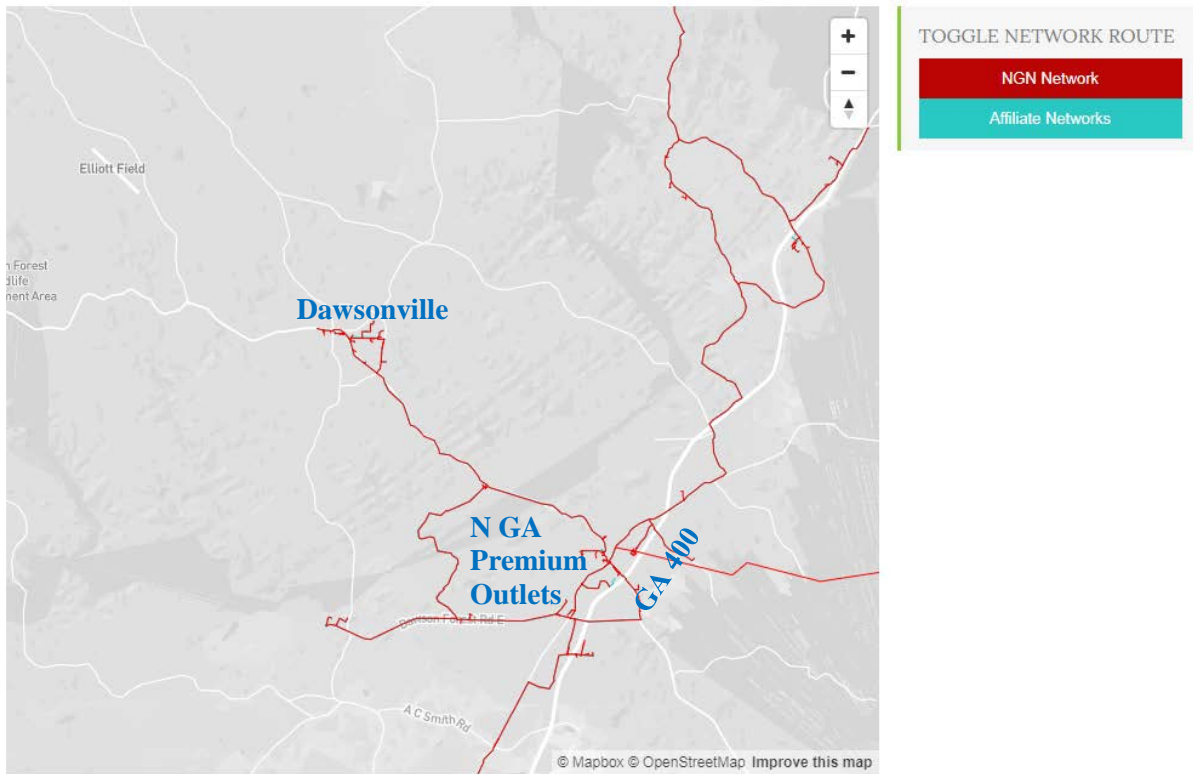
- Ability to increase "last-mile" connections
- Higher-capacity trunk lines westward from NGN
- Expansion of NGN north of Dawsonville



## North Georgia Network Lines in Dawson County

# Network Map

HOME » NETWORK MAP



## Transportation

Transportation concerns the level of accessibility of sites and development, and the demands for transportation facilities and services vary by land use, demographics and other factors. The dynamic nature of accessibility and the various factors that determine functional performance in infrastructure suggest transportation planning requires special attention.

### *Transportation Planning*

After each decennial Census, the Census Bureau updates the designations of urbanized and metropolitan areas, designations that bring with them federal requirement for transportation planning in order to ensure efficient infrastructure networks and to combat air pollution. After the 2010 Census a portion of Dawson County was deemed part of an urbanized area connected with Forsyth County and metro Atlanta, meaning Dawson County was mandated to participate in a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation modeling and assessment. In Georgia compliance with Federal policy establishing an



MPO rests with the State, which assigned Dawson County to the metropolitan Atlanta region, for which transportation planning is directed by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC).

The ARC's *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)* is the long-range transportation strategy for the 20-county MPO area. The plan is financially constrained, meaning project costs and revenue streams are balanced and therefore eligible for federal assistance. Projects identified within the RTP are then listed as part of the Georgia Department of Transportation's *Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. Last updated in 2018, the RTP does not yet identify any capital projects for Dawson County. Part of this is due to the current grade of roads within the urbanized portion, which is largely the GA 400 corridor that has seen recent improvements. Part of this also is the location of the area on the fringe of the metro district, where congestion relief demands priorities lie in other areas. The table below denotes transportation planning priorities for Dawson.

*The portion of Dawson within the MPO*



(MPO materials and reports can be found at [www.atlantaregional.org](http://www.atlantaregional.org))

<b>AR-5307-DA</b>	<b>FTA SECTION 5307/5340 FORMULA FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR DAWSON COUNTY</b>	Jurisdiction	Dawson County	Existing	N/A	Planned	N/A	Length (mi.)	N/A	Network Year	TBD
N/A		Sponsor	Dawson County								
Programmed		Service Type	Transit / Formula Lump Sum	Analysis	Exempt from Air Quality Analysis (40 CFR 93)			LCI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flex	<input type="checkbox"/>

Status	Year	Fund Type	State	Local	Bonds	Total		
CST	AUTH	2013	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$13,386	\$0,000	\$3,347	\$0,000	\$16,733
CST	AUTH	2014	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$14,189	\$0,000	\$3,547	\$0,000	\$17,736
CST	AUTH	2015	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$14,081	\$0,000	\$3,520	\$0,000	\$17,601
CST	AUTH	2016	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$13,955	\$0,000	\$3,409	\$0,000	\$17,444
CST	AUTH	2017	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$14,864	\$0,000	\$3,716	\$0,000	\$18,580
CST		2018	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$12,671	\$0,000	\$3,168	\$0,000	\$15,839
CST		2019	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$14,864	\$0,000	\$3,716	\$0,000	\$18,580
CST		2020	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$13,400	\$0,000	\$3,350	\$0,000	\$16,750
CST		2021	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$13,400	\$0,000	\$3,350	\$0,000	\$16,750
CST		2022	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$13,400	\$0,000	\$3,350	\$0,000	\$16,750
CST		2023	Transit Urbanized Area Formula Program	\$13,400	\$0,000	\$3,350	\$0,000	\$16,750
			<b>\$151,610</b>	<b>\$0,000</b>	<b>\$37,903</b>	<b>\$0,000</b>	<b>\$189,513</b>	

## Roads

Assessment of roadway infrastructure involves an inventory of roads by functional classification, a process by which streets and highways are grouped according to the character of service they are intended to provide. Individual roads and streets do not all serve the same function, nor do they manage travel independently but rather as part of a cohesive network. Transportation planning for roads, then, is used to determine how this travel can most efficiently move within the network, and functional classification assists with this process by defining the part that any particular road or street should play in serving the flow of trips through a roadway network.



Dawson County is traversed by several rural arterial roads that provide the critical connections to neighboring communities, medical facilities, and regional economic centers. GA 400, a north-south roadway on the eastern side of the county, is the most critical roadway both for accessing job centers and medical facilities to the south but also for bringing tourists to the mountains and the North Georgia Premium Outlets. The road recently saw an upgraded intersection with SR 53 and is considered functional for the planning time frame. The east-west arterials of SR 53 and SR 136, however, will need monitoring for needed improvements as the county grows. SR 53, in particular, provides access across Lake Lanier, Gainesville, I-985/ GA 365, and further east I-85. This is a critical corridor for freight and tourism traffic and widening this road is currently a long-term project for GDOT.



### *Pedestrian Accessibility*

Pedestrian accessibility refers to the level of connections available within a community to people via walking, biking or other non-motorized means. Traditionally this is provided through sidewalks and trails. At the moment there is little demand for sidewalks outside of Dawsonville. There are some sidewalks available throughout the GA 400 corridor but it varies from development to development. Likewise, some subdivisions within the county have subdivisions but there are no major connections between suburban residential areas and other destinations. There is, however, a growing desire to see trails in the county that might serve both as recreational destinations and as possible point-to-point connectors between population centers and key destinations in the area, such as parks or retail areas. The County will pursue a trails plan within the next 5 years to identify possible routes and funding options.

### *Alternate Transportation*

Dawson Transit has provided residents with public transportation services since the spring of 2001. Dawson Transit currently operates four buses, all ADA compatible and equipped with wheelchair lifts, for use in dial-a-ride transit services. Buses operate on an advanced reservation basis, and on a first come, first serve basis. Buses run from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, and do not operate on weekends or on special holidays. To date transit services are considered adequate, however as the population grows additional vehicles and/or the possibility of expanded service times may experience more demand.

### *Airports and Rail Service*

Dawsonville and Dawson County are not served by passenger rail service within the County. Amtrak provides the closest passenger rail service along the Norfolk Southern route, which runs northeasterly to Greenville, S.C., and southwesterly to Atlanta. Located east of the County, City of Gainesville is the nearest passenger depot to Dawson County.





Dawsonville and Dawson County are not served by a public-use airport. A privately owned airstrip, Elliot Field, is located within the city. Public use airports in proximity to Dawsonville include Gainesville, Blairsville, Dahlonega, Canton and Jasper.

<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>ID</u>	<u>Runway Length (ft.)</u>	<u>Runway Width (ft.)</u>	<u>Level*</u>
Hall	Gainesville	GVL	5,500	100	III
Lumpkin	Dahlonega	9A0	3,090	50	I
Pickens	Jasper	JZP	5,000	100	II

Source: Georgia Airport Association

\* Georgia Aviation System (20-year) Plan - all public use airports in Georgia are assigned one of three functional levels as relates to the state's transportation and economic needs:

## Development Trends and Influences

Land use management policies and programs represent guidelines for shaping development patterns that provide for efficient growth while also protecting sensitive social and environmental areas. As such communities should take into account their current and immediately projected conditions and assess the identified needs and issues regarding the built landscape and community services for the area. This section presents an inventory of existing land use patterns and development trends for the community, allowing the local government to produce the most effective policies needed to manage the demands from projected development.

Immediately south of Dawson is Forsyth County, which has routinely been among the fastest growing counties in the US since 2005. Forsyth has doubled in population since 2000 to now more than 200,000 estimated residents. While this has not yet produced huge spillover effects in Dawson County the early signs are showing and most folks in the real estate fields expect Dawson and other parts of northern metro Atlanta to see their share of the suburban and urban expansion within the next few years. Some subdivision development has occurred, both realized and proposed. It has been concentrated along the 400 corridor, Forsyth-Dawson County line, and the City of Dawsonville. The school system has prepared for potential growth and has the capacity to add another 2,000 students without building another school.

Because of the traffic volumes on GA 400 fostering strong commuter ties southward Dawson has seen new residential and retail development along this corridor as part of the early waves coming in, with the outlet mall area now surrounded by additional shopping centers, big box retail stores and varieties of chain dining and shopping options. Particularly at the intersection with Hwy 53, the east/west arterial that leads into Dawsonville and across the lake to Gainesville, this stretch of the GA 400 corridor is the busiest roadway in the county and the hub of current and projected economic activity. Should the County succeed with efforts to foster some minor industrial, technical, or goods production uses in the area then it will serve as a nodal magnet for supporting residential activity.

Dawsonville itself may serve as a center attracting additional development. The City is embracing more urban development forms, has plans for a new park, and is pursuing other downtown attractions. When these factors are combined with the County and School Board's efforts to improve the caliber of civic investments in the area it's possible to better envision Dawsonville growing into a stronger city that may attract residents looking for the small urban form within a rural setting.





North of Dawsonville is a large tract of property that has been available for development since the recession. A former piece of larger timber interests, this property has been proposed for a possible 2,500 unit development. Former plans envisioned this area becoming a form of uptown Dawsonville, featuring a minor commercial and civic center about 3 miles north of downtown Dawsonville. Current plans seem to be leaning towards conservation instead of development.

## Environmental Assessment

The following is provided as a simplified assessment of critical environmental conditions in effect in Dawson County. The locations for any identified conditions can be found on the correlating map.

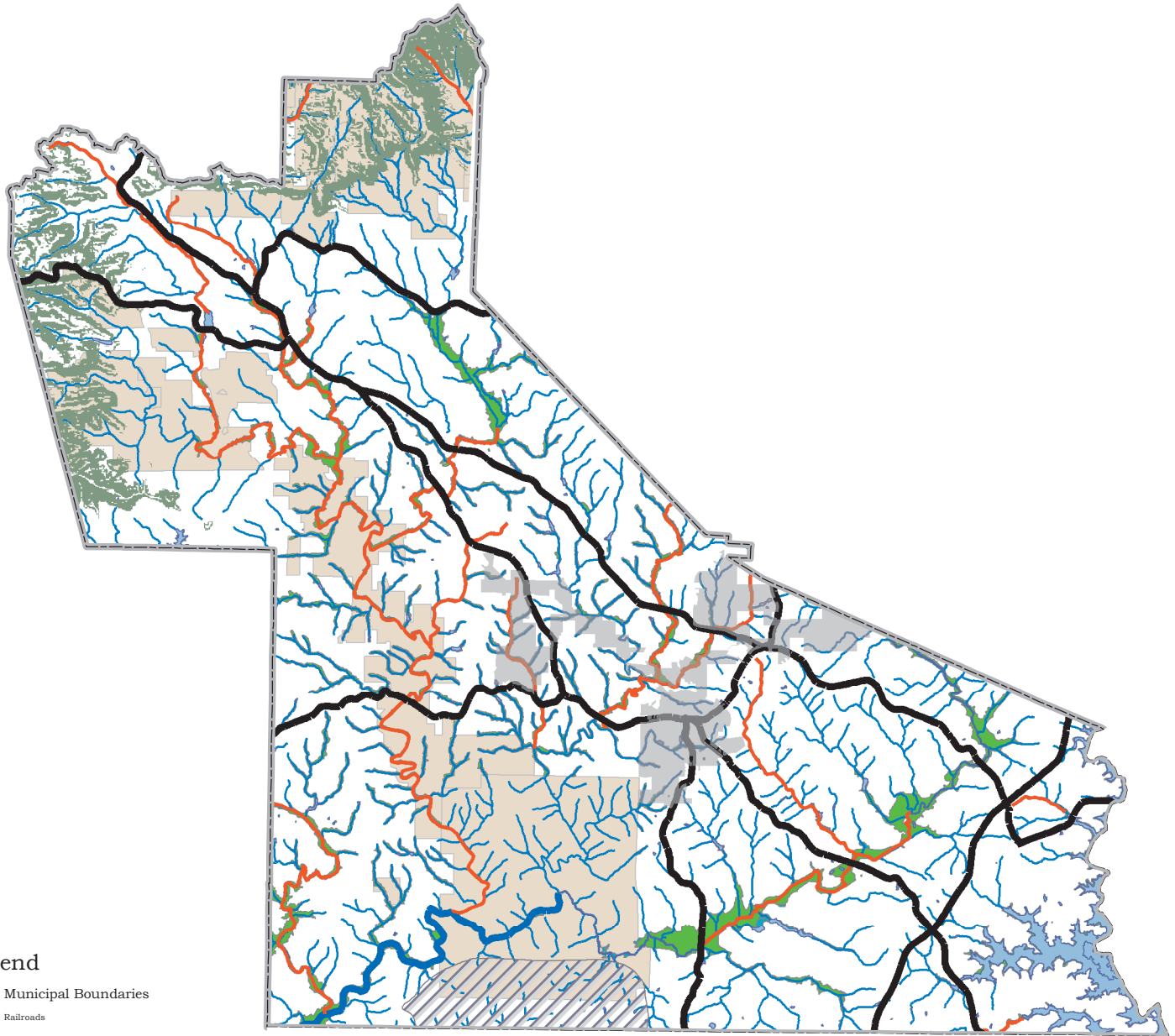
### Clean Water Act Compliance

<b>Y</b>	Any “not supporting” 303(d) listed waterbodies? If yes, these waterbodies have been found contaminated to the extent that they are not considered supporting their designated use. As such the local community should seek to manage land uses within the watershed so as to yield healthier water quality.
<b>Y</b>	Any 305(b) listed waterbodies?
<b>N</b>	If yes, do the Implementation Plans/Watershed Management Plans require any outstanding actions from the local government? If so, please include these actions within the Implementation Program.

There are several listed stream segments within Dawson County, predominantly for fecal coliform (bacteria) and for sedimentation, however the County, the City of Dawsonville, and other area stakeholders have worked hard to greatly improve water resource stewardship practices and water quality standards. Regional partners such as the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Upper Etowah River Alliance, and North Georgia Water Partnership can assist the County with monitoring best management practices needed and/or employed in the area and aid in local resource management. The County must work with these entities, the Etowah Water and Sewer Authority, and others in working to address the water quality of local streams and rivers, as well as Lake Lanier.

### Environmental Planning Criteria

<b>Y</b>	Water Supply Watersheds	Minimum regulations in place?	<b>Y</b>
<b>Y</b>	Wetlands	Minimum regulations in place?	<b>Y</b>
<b>Y</b>	Groundwater Recharge Areas	Minimum regulations in place?	<b>Y</b>
<b>Y</b>	Protected River Corridors	Minimum regulations in place?	<b>Y</b>
<b>N</b>	Steep Slopes	Minimum regulations in place?	<b>NA</b>
<b>N</b>	Protected Mountains	Minimum regulations in place?	<b>NA</b>
<b>N</b>	Coastal Areas	Minimum regulations in place?	<b>NA</b>
If any required regulations have not yet been established, please list any action items for achieving compliance within the Implementation Program.			



**Legend**

- Municipal Boundaries
- Railroads
- Major Roads
- Dawson County Flood Areas
- Ground Water Recharge Areas
- 305b 303d Streams
- Protected Rivers
- Protected Mountains
- Ponds and Lakes
- Streams and Rivers
- National Wetlands Inventory
- Conservation Lands

**Dawson County  
Environmentally Sensitive Areas**





## Areas Requiring Special Attention

Analysis of prevailing trends assists in identifying preferred patterns of growth for the future. Such analyses can identify those areas requiring special attention with regard to management policies, such as natural or cultural resources likely to be intruded upon or otherwise impacted by development.

- *Areas where rapid development or change of land uses is likely to occur*

The area subject to the most immediate and rapidly growing pace of development is the GA 400 corridor and the southern portion of the county along the Forsyth County boundary. This is due to the presence of the outlet mall and the proximity to, and arterial access to, all the other regional economic centers available for commuters. The area is rapidly becoming suburban and features several roadway corridors that are lined with regional shops and offices, driving the local economy and attracting more of the same style of development.

- *Areas where the pace of development has and/or may outpace the availability of community facilities and services, including transportation*

While the GA 400 corridor is growing the area is expected to match or exceed utility demand for the foreseeable future. With recent road improvements to GA 400 itself and the intersection with SR 53, the greatest infrastructure improvements needed are the eventual widening of the east-west connector along GA 53 and the completion of the Dawsonville perimeter road. The Georgia DOT is currently assessing route options for the perimeter road and has long-term plans regarding GA 53.

Broadband capacity, meanwhile, was addressed in its own section.

The other standard questions for Areas Requiring Special Attention (listed below) do not have applicability in Dawson at this time. The county lacks the volume or concentration of impoverished areas or areas targeted for redevelopment. There are select properties scattered across the county that could and will be promoted for adaptive reuse, infill, or revitalization, but these are not clustered so as to form a particular district or target area for a comprehensive effort.

- *Areas in need of redevelopment and/or significant improvements to aesthetics or attractiveness (including strip commercial corridors)*
- *Large abandoned structures or sites, including possible environmental contamination.*
- *Areas with significant infill development opportunities (scattered vacant sites).*
- *Areas of significant disinvestment, levels of poverty, and/or unemployment substantially higher than average levels for the community as a whole*



## Recommended Character Areas

Character area planning is designed to focus on the physical appearance (aesthetics) and function of a particular area. Development strategies are tailored and applied to each individual area. The goal is to enhance the existing character/function or promote a new, more desirable character for the future. Character areas identify portions of the community that have a unique or special character that needs to be preserved or require special attention because of unique development issues

A key component of the comprehensive planning process is the development of a Character Area Map that reflects the community's vision for future growth and development during the course of the planning period. This vision was developed through an extensive public visioning process and expresses the unique character of various portions of the community. The various character areas, then, are intended to support the overall future development strategy by organizing common themes of development patterns throughout the community. They promote the desired development patterns and provide a framework for coordination of capital improvement projects that may impact development.

The following pages present the map and narratives of each Character Area associated with Dawson County. Each identified character area outlines a specific vision or plan that includes the following:

- Written description and pictures or illustrations that identify the patterns and scales of development encouraged in that area.
- Identification of implementation measures to achieve the desired development patterns for the area, including more detailed sub-area planning, new or revised local development regulations, incentives, public investments, and infrastructure improvements.



<b>Rural</b>	
<p>The development pattern for this character area consists of rural, undeveloped land likely to face development pressures for lower density (one unit per two plus acres) residential development. These areas typically have limited water/sewer infrastructure and rely on septic systems. In addition, they typically have low pedestrian orientation and access, very large lots, open space, pastoral views and high degree of building separation. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters generally are not compatible with this character area, but conservation subdivisions located here should include pedestrian and bicycle networks and connect to regional multi-use trails. The desired development pattern should seek to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit rural cluster or conservation subdivision design that incorporates significant amount of open space</li> <li>• Limit extension of public utilities in these areas</li> <li>• Limit parking in front of properties</li> <li>• Connect to regional network of greenspace and trails, available to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians for both tourism and recreational purposes</li> <li>• Consider the use of drainage swales on paved roads in lieu of curb and gutter</li> <li>• Ensure safe and direct access to major thoroughfares</li> <li>• Provide at least one access point from a County road for a minimum number of homes</li> <li>• Allow unpaved roads and shared driveways that provide access for up to six residences</li> <li>• Support and encourage agricultural industries</li> </ul>	
<i>Future Land Use Categories</i>	<i>Zoning Districts</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Residential</li> <li>• Sub-rural Residential</li> <li>• Parks, Recreation and Conservation</li> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSR (for Sub-Rural Residential with 1.5 acre lot minimum on septic and well; one acre on septic and public water)</li> <li>• RRE (lot min. of 1.5 acres or three acres in sbdv.)</li> <li>• Residential Agritulture</li> </ul>
<i>Strategies</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Greenspace Master Plan</li> <li>• Develop Bike/Pedestrian/Greenways Master Plan</li> <li>• Adopt conservation subdivision regulations</li> <li>• Adopt Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater run-off</li> <li>• Update development regulations to address drainage and impervious surface requirements</li> </ul>	







## Rural Corridor

The development pattern for this character area consists of developed or undeveloped land paralleling the route of a major thoroughfare that has significant natural, historic or cultural features, and scenic or pastoral views with a distinct rural character. Rural Corridor character area covers 300 feet of property on each side of these major thoroughfares (i.e. Georgia 53, 9 and 136). Small nodes of commercial development with small, enclosed retail trade and service are appropriate at important intersections. These nodes maintain the rural character with appropriate building designs. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Limit extension of public utilities in these areas
- Enact guidelines for new development that enhance the scenic value of the corridor and addresses landscaping and architectural design
- Consider the use of drainage swales for paved roads in lieu of curb and gutter
- Encourage compatible architectural styles that maintain the regional rural character and do not include franchise or corporate architecture
- Limit parking in front of commercial properties
- Ensure major commercial or employment centers do not encroach on residential development
- Connect to regional network of greenspace and trails, available to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians for both tourism and recreational purposes
- Provide pedestrian linkages to adjacent and nearby residential or commercial districts
- Provide bicycle accommodations
- Consolidate driveways and use directional signage to clustered developments
- Institute driveway controls and access management standards to facilitate traffic flow
- Separate through-traffic from local traffic
- Plan for future expansion as the surrounding area grows
- Allow unpaved roads and shared driveways that provide access for up to six residences

<i>Future Land Use Categories</i>	<i>Zoning Districts</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks, Recreation and Conservation</li> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Exurban Residential</li> <li>• Rural Residential</li> <li>• Suburban and Lakefront Residential</li> <li>• Office Professional</li> <li>• Crossroads Commercial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C-RB, C-CB (for Crossroads Commercial)</li> <li>• Other Scenic Corridors Overlay Districts needed</li> </ul>

### *Strategies*

- Adopt regulations for Scenic Corridors
- Adopt Georgia 53 Corridor Overlay
- Develop Master Bike/Pedestrian/Greenways Plan
- Update development regulations to address drainage and impervious surface requirements







## Planned Community

The development pattern of this character area may consist of the resort variety, like Big Canoe, which has increasingly become home to permanent as well as seasonal residents and golf course communities such as Chestatee and Crystal Falls. Planned residential communities provide unique, flexible, creative and imaginative arrangements and site plans that result in predominantly single family residential development. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Encourage higher density housing types within walking distance of services and amenities within and adjacent to the community
- Emphasize connectivity with adjacent subdivisions and/or commercial developments in the layout of new developments
- Design for walkability throughout, encouraging creative pedestrian networks
- Create interconnected pattern of streets and trails extending into surrounding neighborhoods for cars, bikes, golf carts, and pedestrians
- Limit truck traffic in congested areas by redirecting it to higher capacity roads
- Separate through-traffic from local traffic
- Examine potential for traffic calming techniques on major corridors to facilitate enhanced pedestrian use (including safe crossings)
- Encourage strong connectivity and continuity between each master planned development
- Use access management strategies in appropriate locations e.g. requiring new subdivisions to be developed with an internal street system and no private driveways accessing the highway; for lots adjacent to arterial streets, encourage alley access to allow the building to
- face highway with automobile access to the rear

<i>Future Land Use Categories</i>	<i>Zoning Districts</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planned Community</li> <li>• Residential</li> <li>• Parks/ Amenity Areas</li> <li>• Conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R-PC</li> </ul>

## Strategies

- Adopt a gateway and signage master plan for planned communities
- Adopt a circulation master plan that defines how the street, sidewalk, and path network will look and how it will connect to surrounding neighborhoods
- Update county's regulations to require interconnected streets, parking, driveways, sidewalks, greenways, and trails for planned communities
- Adopt a policy framework to prevent encroachment of inappropriate automobile-oriented development that would adversely affect the quality of life and public realm







## Lakeside Residential

The development pattern of this character area consists of suburban residential subdivision development surrounding Lake Lanier. Stormwater runoff becomes an issue in this area because it drains into the lake that provides drinking water for Metropolitan Atlanta and supports the habitat of a variety of species. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Employ stringent requirements for water quality enhancement measures on individual sites
- Incorporate regional (i.e., serving multiple sites) water quality enhancement areas to intercept stormwater and improve water quality as it flows from development areas into the lake. These regional facilities would be located along the tributaries between Georgia 400 and the lake's shoreline and would likely consist of wetlands, retention ponds, biofiltration swales, and other best management practices for water quality protection
- Set aside land for a network of greenways/trails for use by non-motorized users that link to similar character areas
- Connect to regional network of greenspace and trails, available to pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians for both tourism and recreational purposes
- Encourage strong connectivity and continuity between each master planned development
- Develop vehicular and pedestrian/bike connections to retail/commercial serves (where possible) as well as internal street connectivity, connectivity to adjacent
- properties/subdivisions and multiple site access points
- Promote street design that fosters traffic calming such as narrower residential streets, on- street parking and addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Minimize impervious surfaces in environmentally sensitive areas
- Encourage County/GDOT to follow best management practices for erosion and sedimentation, as defined in the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act
- Encourage use of pervious materials for driveways and other hard surface areas
- Reduce or eliminate parking space requirements; encourage pervious surfaces where possible
- Set acceptable environmental and fiscal impacts for extension of streets and utilities

### Future Land Use Categories

- Suburban and Lakeside Residential

### Zoning Districts

- RL (Min. lot sizes: 1.5 acres on well; .75 acres public water)

### Strategies

- Adopt Best Mgmt Practices to protect water quality from stormwater runoff and sedimentation
- Update development regulations to address drainage and impervious surface requirements
- Develop Bike/Pedestrian/Greenways Master Plan
- Investigate establishing a local government stormwater utility
- Implement strategies, studies, and plans that call for water quality protection on a regional basis (i.e., all counties in the Lake Lanier basin)
- Set specific time frames for adding additional staff (e.g., water quality engineer) to
- Implement water quality enhancement projects and enforce water quality standards during the development plans review process





## Suburban Residential

The development pattern of this character area consists of locations where pressures for the typical types of suburban residential subdivision development are greatest (due to availability of water and sewer service). Guidelines are needed to encourage pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods that are accessible to transit (when it becomes available), adequate open space, strategically placed civic buildings, a connected system of streets and housing choices. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Incorporate regional (i.e., serving multiple sites) water quality enhancement areas to intercept stormwater and improve water quality as it flows from development areas into the lake. These regional facilities would be located along the tributaries of the Etowah River and would likely consist of wetlands, retention ponds, biofiltration swales, and other best management practices for water quality protection
- Incorporate master planned mixed-uses blending residential development with schools, parks, recreation, retail businesses and services, linked in a compact pattern that encourages walking and minimizes the need for auto trips within the subdivision
- Locate schools, community centers, or well-designed small commercial activity centers at suitable locations within walking distance of residence
- Promote moderate density, traditional neighborhood development (TND) style residential subdivisions
- Employ design features that encourage safe, accessible streets such as narrower streets, on-street parking, sidewalks, street trees and landscaped raised medians for minor collectors and wider streets
- Encourage comparable architectural styles that maintain the regional character and do not include franchise or corporate architecture
- Establish strong connectivity within, and continuity between, each master planned development to disperse traffic and shorten trips (may include minimizing or prohibiting cul-de-sacs) to disperse traffic in a more traditional grid pattern and to shorten walking/biking trips
- Provide safe facilities for pedestrians, school buses, and bicyclists using the road right-of-way
- Enhance the pedestrian-friendly environment by adding sidewalks and creating other pedestrian-friendly multi-use trail/bike routes linking neighboring communities and major destinations such as libraries, neighborhood centers, health facilities, commercial clusters, parks, schools, etc.
- Add traffic calming improvements, sidewalks and increased street interconnections to improve walkability within existing neighborhoods
- Separate through-traffic from local traffic
- Use access management strategies in appropriate locations
- Limit truck traffic in congested areas by redirecting it to higher capacity roads and designating truck routes where appropriate
- Encourage on-street parking and shared parking
- Limit driveway spacing along the highway frontage and align driveways where needed to improve traffic flow
- Require residential subdivisions accessing the highway to be interconnected
- Ensure that residential development does not encroach on major employment centers
- Require traffic studies for developments with more than 200,000 square feet



<i>Future Land Use Categories</i>	<i>Zoning Districts</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks, Recreation and Conservation</li> <li>• Suburban and Lakefront Residential</li> <li>• Crossroads Commercial</li> <li>• Village Activity Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C-RB and C-CB (for Crossroads Commercial)</li> <li>• RS (lot size minimum of 1.50 acres on septic and well; 1 acre on septic and public water; 1 acre on public water and sewer)</li> <li>• MUV (2.8 Units per acre overall density neutral)</li> </ul>
<b>Strategies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt Traditional Neighborhood Development ordinance</li> <li>• Adopt a policy framework to prevent encroachment of inappropriate automobile-oriented development that would adversely affect the quality of life and public realm</li> <li>• Adopt a collector street plan</li> <li>• Adopt sidewalk requirements</li> <li>• Develop Greenspace Master Plan</li> <li>• Update traffic study requirements</li> <li>• Develop Bike/Pedestrian/Greenways Master Plan</li> <li>• Update development regulations to address drainage and impervious surface requirements</li> </ul>	







### Cultural Mixed Use

The development pattern for this character area consists of sites of local cultural significance that will experience growth related to the cultural resources. These areas in the future will include a mixture of uses that support the cultural resources. This character area includes Southern Catholic College, Dawson County Park and Bowen Arts Center as well as vacant property located near each. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Require developments accessing the highway to be interconnected
- Encourage shared driveways and inter-parcel access for adjacent commercial uses
- Limit driveway spacing along the highway frontage and align driveways wherever possible
- Examine potential for traffic calming techniques on major corridors to facilitate enhanced pedestrian use (including safe crossings)
- Provide safe facilities for pedestrians, school buses, and bicyclists using the road right-of-way
- Create safe, convenient pedestrian and bicycle connections to the adjacent neighborhoods and subdivisions
- Create a network of interconnected streets and parking lots
- Incorporate sidewalks, crosswalks, and bike paths

### Future Land Use Categories

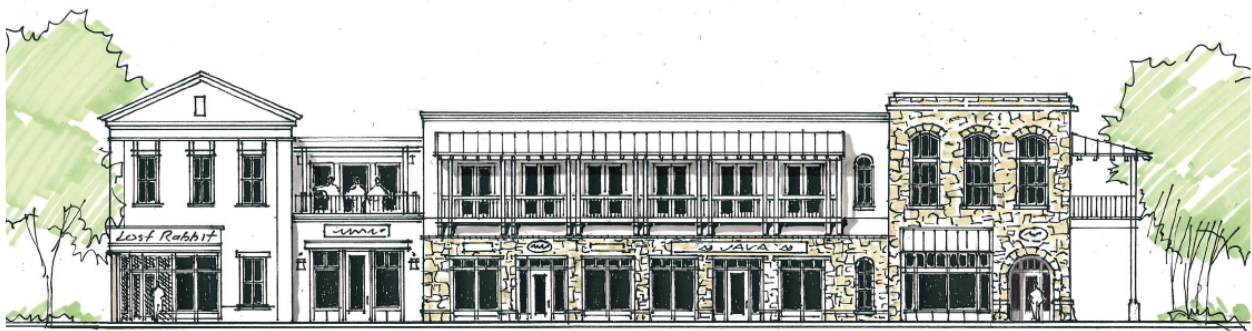
- Parks, Recreation and Conservation
- Sub-rural Residential
- Suburban and Lakefront Residential
- Village Activity Center

### Zoning Districts

- Zoning Districts
- MUV (2.8 Units per acre overall density neutral)
- Traditional Neighborhood
- Sense of Place

### Strategies

- Develop an Access Management Plan for the corridor
- Develop a Bike/Pedestrian/Greenways Master Plan
- Adopt ordinance for shared parking, inter-parcel access and driveway requirements









### Mixed Use Corridor

The development pattern for this character area includes developed or undeveloped land on both sides of lands designated along Georgia 9 and 400. This area includes retail centers, office and employment areas usually located on large tracts of land with campus or unified development, mixed use activity centers, multi-family development, light industrial and other associated uses. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Locate employment centers in areas with ample sewer capacity, with direct access to major arterials
- Provide suitable transitions to surrounding residential uses
- Establish a grid pattern of public streets with block lengths between 300 and 600 feet
- Locate employment centers on land that has good access to GA 400 and other high-capacity highways, utilities and infrastructure
- Emphasize connectivity with adjacent subdivisions and/or commercial developments in the layout of new developments
- Create a network of interconnected streets and parking lots
- Provide safe facilities for pedestrians, school buses, and bicyclists using the road right-of-way
- Create safe, convenient pedestrian and bicycle connections to neighborhoods and subdivisions that are adjacent to the commercial corridors
- Incorporate sidewalks, crosswalks and bike paths
- Require dedicated right-of-way
- Limit driveway spacing along the highway frontage and align driveways where needed to improve traffic flow
- Encourage shared driveways and inter-parcel access for adjacent commercial uses
- Require residential subdivisions accessing the highway to be interconnected and to provide at least two entrances
- Encourage shared parking lots between uses
- Relate road alignment to topography
- Ensure environmental protection

### Future Land Use Categories

- Parks, Recreation and Conservation
- Urban Residential
- Multi-family Residential
- Office Professional
- Commercial Highway
- Light Industrial
- Campus-style Business Park
- Urban Activity Center

### Zoning Districts

- RMF (multi-family residential 6 units per acre density neutral)
- C-OI (Office Professional)
- C-HB; C-PCD (Commercial)
- C-IR (Light Industrial)
- Georgia 400 Corridor Design Overlay
- New district needed for Campus Style Business Park
- MUV (2.8 Units per acre overall density neutral)
- New overlay needed for Georgia 53 corridor RT (1.5 Acre lot minimum on septic and well; .75 acres on septic and public water; .40 acre on public water and public sewer)



## Strategies

- Adopt ordinance for shared parking, inter-parcel access and driveway requirements
- Adopt Campus Style Business Park zoning district
- Adopt Urban Activity Center zoning district
- Adopt Georgia 53 overlay zoning district
- Create an access management and driveway control master plan for corridors that allow signalized intersections every 600 to 1,200 feet without intervening curb cuts







## Industrial

Industrial districts are established where some light industrial operations such as warehousing and low-intensity manufacturing can occur without objectionable impacts such as noise, vibration, smoke, dust, gas, fumes, odors, and radiation and that do not create fire or explosion hazards or other objectionable conditions. They are to be located in areas with close proximity to arterial highways and/or adjacent access roads, with particular attention paid to traffic patterns and schedules for any heavy freight vehicles. Where possible, these uses should include compatible passive use greenspaces and possible pedestrian connections to adjacent development if appropriate. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Locate employment centers in areas with ample sewer capacity, with direct access to major arterials
- Provide suitable transitions to surrounding residential uses
- Locate employment centers on land that has good access to GA 400 and other high-capacity highways, utilities and infrastructure
- Create a network of interconnected streets and parking lots
- Incorporate sidewalks, crosswalks and bike paths as appropriate
- Require dedicated right-of-way
- Limit driveway spacing along the highway frontage and align driveways where needed to improve traffic flow
- Encourage shared driveways and inter-parcel access for adjacent commercial uses
- Encourage shared parking lots between uses
- Ensure environmental protection

<i>Future Land Use Categories</i>	<i>Zoning Districts</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light Industrial</li> <li>• Warehousing</li> <li>• Research &amp; Development Centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial</li> <li>• Warehouse</li> </ul>

### *Strategies*

- Adopt ordinance for shared parking, inter-parcel access and driveway requirements
- Adopt Campus Style Business Park zoning district
- Adopt Georgia 53 overlay zoning district
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## Conservation

Undeveloped natural lands, agricultural lands, forest lands and environmentally sensitive lands not suitable for suburban development make up the bulk of the Conservation character area. These areas include river corridors, scenic views, steep slopes, flood plains, wetlands, watersheds, wildlife management areas and other environmentally sensitive areas. Development in the Conservation character area may include very low density residential development served by septic systems. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters are not compatible, but pedestrian access and connectivity can take place with multi-use trails. The desired development pattern should seek to:

- Promote the use of conservation easements
- Maintain large lot sizes to protect farmland, open space and environmentally-sensitive areas
- Follow best management practices for erosion and sedimentation, as defined in the Georgia Erosion and Sedimentation Act
- Minimize impervious surfaces in environmentally sensitive areas
- Discourage extension of public utilities, especially sewer, that would encourage development in these areas
- Support only the extensions of streets and utilities based on acceptable environmental and fiscal impacts and planned uses
- Widen roads only when absolutely necessary and only with designs that will minimize the visual impact
- Limit truck traffic in congested areas by redirecting it to higher capacity roads
- Set aside land for a network of greenways/trails for use by non-motorized users that link to similar character areas
- Interconnect adjacent trails, recreation areas, and greenspace where possible
- Provide appropriate way finding along trails
- Limit the amount of curb-cuts
- Require paved roads to use drainage swales in lieu of curb and gutter

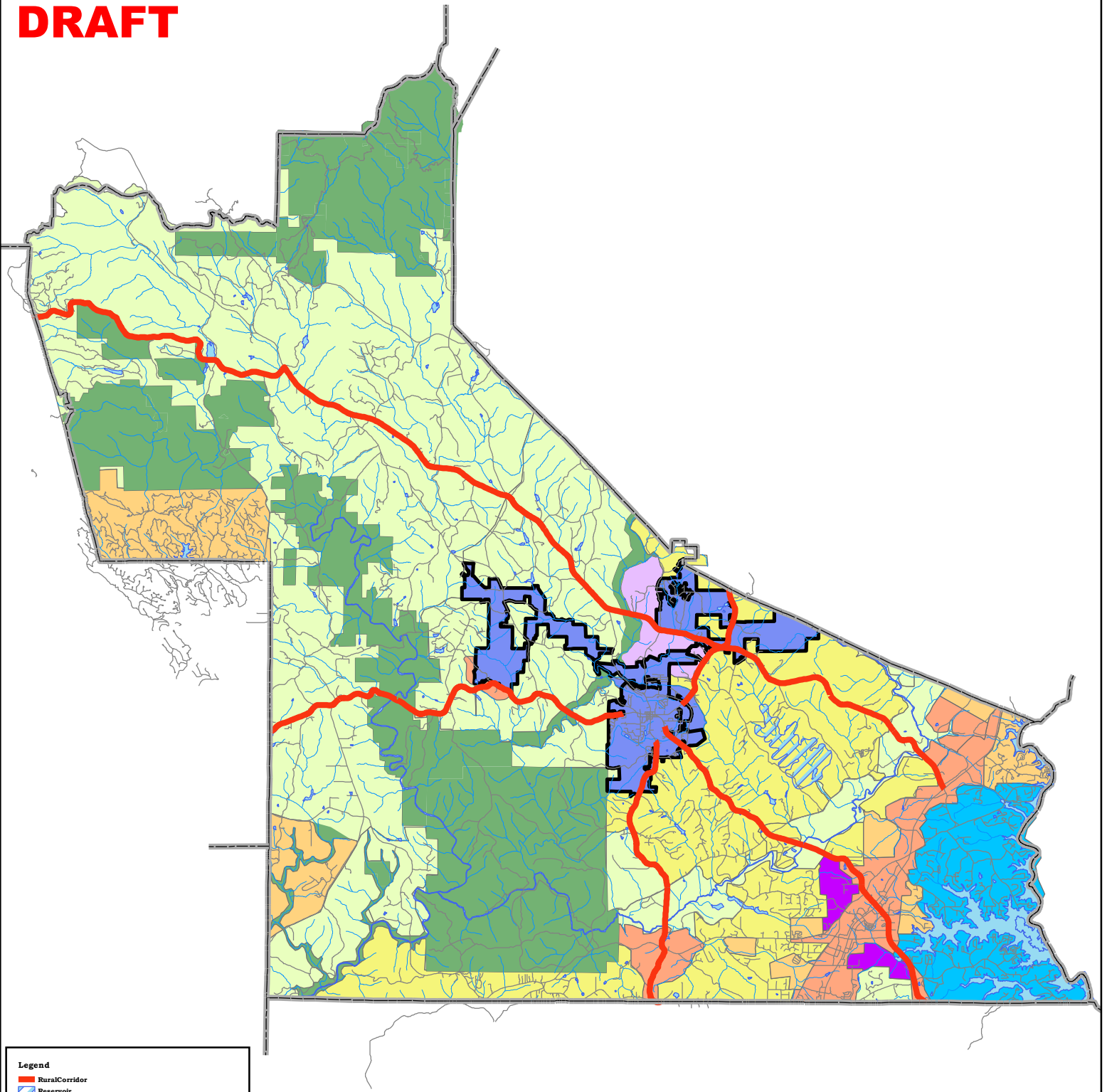
<i>Future Land Use Categories</i>	<i>Zoning Districts</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forestry</li> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Exurban Residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R-A (lot size minimum of 1.5 acres or five acres in subdivisions)</li> <li>• RRE (lot size minimum of 1.5 acres or three acres in subdivisions)</li> </ul>

### *Strategies*

- Adopt Scenic Corridor Overlay zoning
- Adopt Best Management Practices (BMP) for addressing storm water run-off
- Adopt a policy framework to prevent encroachment of inappropriate automobile-oriented development that would adversely affect the quality of life and public realm
- Designate historic and scenic corridors, and provide for a thorough impact assessment process in these designated areas
- Prepare a Bike/Pedestrian/Greenways Master Plan
- Update development regulations to address drainage and impervious surface requirements



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- Legend**
- RuralCorridor
  - Reservoir
- Character Areas**
- Rural Residential
  - Suburban Residential
  - Lake Residential
  - Planned Community
  - Mixed-Use Corridor
  - City of Dawsonville and Growth Area
  - Mixed Use Cultural
  - Light Industrial
  - Conservation

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**Dawson County  
Character Areas**







## IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The Implementation Program is the overall strategy for achieving the Community Vision and for addressing each of the Community Needs and Opportunities. It identifies specific measures, both short and long-term, that must be undertaken by the community in order realize the community's goals. Identifying these items helps the community organize their actions

Because Dawson County employs an Impact fee ordinance they have a Capital Improvement Element that is updated every year. This includes their financial reports, the required capital improvement schedule, and the Community Work Program. For Dawson County, this update was originally produced in conjunction with an independent consultant, Ross and Associates, and is presented here in full as an appendix.

### **Policies, Long-Term Activities and Ongoing Programs**

One type of action a community can establish to achieve its vision is the establishment of policy. These are those ongoing principles and practices that the community will observe in order to realize specific objectives. Some policies may compliment single action-items while others may provide ongoing guidance and direction to local government officials for making decisions consistent with achieving the Community Vision or addressing Community Issues and Opportunities.

In addition, communities may also establish long-term or ongoing programs and activities that support identified objectives. These measures may compliment policies or may simply be action items that must be employed more than once. These are recognized here so as to distinguish their need and conditions apart from the single-action items and to identify any required special terms or context.

The following items have been identified as policies, general objections and directions for Dawson County that will be used as guidelines for general, long-term practices for the respective government.

*Note: Identifying numbers, if applicable, corresponds to the item as referenced in the Needs and Opportunities section or Implementation Strategies for Character Areas.*

7. Maintain State Environmental Planning Criteria
8. Support the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and Upper Etowah River Alliance
9. Support the Friends of Amicalola Falls, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, and other natural resource advocates.
12. Seek to concentrate development around existing urbanized areas.
30. Sustain and expand network of regional economic development partners; Convene regular meetings
31. Continue to support economic development through partnership with Development Authority of Dawson County, Industrial Building Authority of Dawson County, Dawson County Chamber of Commerce, and the Joint Development Authority of Lumpkin, White, Dawson Counties.
32. Implement 2050 Master Plan for water and sewer
33. Utilize SPLOST (and comparable measures) to support investment in infrastructure
36. Include review of Comprehensive Plan in site location studies for all new County facilities



43. Maintain participation with North Georgia Water Partnership
44. Replace vehicles in accordance with Fire Department Assessment (See CIE)
  - Continue to support the School Board and local post-secondary education institutions
  - Work with the Army Corps of Engineers and Georgia DNR to maintain the integrity and capacity of Lake Lanier

## Community Work Program

The third forward-thinking element of the Implementation Program is the Community Work Program (STWP). This identifies specific implementation actions the local government or other entities intend to take during the first five-year time frame of the planning period. This can include any ordinances, administrative systems, community improvements or investments, financing arrangements, or other programs or initiatives to be put in place to realize the plan goals.

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Action	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Responsible Agency	Projected Cost	Funding Options
<b>Impact Fee Eligible Projects</b>								
<b>Library Services</b>								
Purchase collection materials	X	X	X	X	X	Dawson Co. Library	\$195,503	99.5% impact fees; SPLOST
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>								
Acquire park land						Parks & Rec. Dept.	\$800,000	84.76% impact fees; SPLOST
Senior Rec Center						Senior Services	\$401,251	100% impact fees
<b>Law Enforcement</b>								
New Jail						Sherriff's Office	\$45,715.05	100% impact fees
<b>Fire Protection</b>								
Purchase fire engine for Stn 4						Emergency Services	\$400,000	100% impact fees
Purchase medic vehicle for Stn 4						Emergency Services	\$250,000	100% impact fees
Purchase medic vehicle for Stn 5						Emergency Services	\$250,000	100% impact fees
Purchase fire engine for Stn. 10						Emergency Services	\$400,000	100% impact fees
Purchase tender for Stn. 10						Emergency Services	\$300,000	100% impact fees
Install fire hydrants	X	X	X	X	X	Etowah Water and Sewer Authority	\$237,900	100% impact fees
<b>Road Improvements</b>								
Kelly Bridge Road, full depth reclamation and widening both lanes	X					Public Works	\$2,200,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Lumpkin Campground Road, lane addition and lane widening		X				Public Works	\$4,000,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Red Rider Road, right-of-way acquisition and road widening		X				Public Works	\$1,200,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Sweetwater Juno Road, road widening and resurfacing		X				Public Works	\$1,300,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Couch Road, road widening and resurfacing			X			Public Works	\$3,500,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Grant Road East, up-grade dirt to pavement and road widening			X			Public Works	\$800,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Shoal Creek – Road & Bridge, replacement w/ additional lanes and weight limit increase			X			Public Works	\$2,500,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Amicalola River – Goshen Church Bridge, replacement w/ additional lanes and weight limit increase				X		Public Works	\$1,500,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST



Whitmire Drive West, add third (center turn) lane.				X	Public Works	\$800,000	44.68% impact fees; SPLOST
Transportation Plan	X	X	X		Public Works	NA	Prepared by staff
Update impact fee Capital Improvements Element with road improvements			X	X	Public Works	TBD	General Fund
<b>Items from Needs and Opportunities Section</b>							
1. Update long-term water and sewer plans		X			Etowah Water and Sewer Authority	\$10,000	General Fund; Grants & Loans
2. Develop road improvement plan	X				Public Works	\$5,000	General Fund; GDOT
3. Revise facility and vehicle assessment for fire depts. and law enforcement.	X				Planning Dept.	\$5,000	General Fund; DCA
4. Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan			X		Parks & Rec. Dept.	\$5,000	General Fund; DCA
5. Update Future Development Strategy				X	Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund; DCA
6. Adopt conservation design subdivision regulations	X				Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund; DCA
10. Survey county to identify prime agricultural areas	X				Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund
11. Establish policy to protect prime agricultural areas from urban scale utilities.		X			Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund
13. Develop/Obtain reference material for architectural design guidelines to promote desired forms among developers.	X				Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund
14. Survey code enforcement performance	X				Planning Dept.	\$3,000	General Fund
15. Hold workshop to review code enforcement practices	X				Planning Dept.	NA	NA
16. Initialize annual report on code enforcement, tracking site visits and violations.		X			Planning Dept.	NA	NA
17. Identify resources to assist homeowners with property revitalization		X			Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund
18. Develop preferred design elements for County and School Board facilities		X			Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund
19. Develop/ Obtain a market study for senior housing in Dawson Area		X			Planning Dept.	\$3,000	General Fund
20. Identify target sites best suited for senior housing (based on market study)			X		Planning Dept.	NA	NA
21. Convene forum with builders and banks to discuss entry level housing	X				Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund



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23. Identify resources to assist homeowners with property revitalization		X			Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund; DCA
24. Survey realtors re: potential for high-end housing in Dawson	X				Planning Dept.	\$1,000	General Fund
25. Develop freight traffic study for the county		X			Planning Dept.	\$10,000	General Fund; GDOT
26. Develop conceptual site plans and funding options for spec industrial parks		X			Planning Dept.	\$10,000	General Fund
27. Develop target industry recruitment strategy in conjunction with Development Authority		X			Planning Dept.	\$5,000	General Fund
28. Develop Broadband and Telecom Plan Utility		X			Planning Dept.	\$5,000	General Fund
29. Develop inventory of regional assets; Create marketing tool promoting same.	X				Dev. Authority	\$1,000	General Fund
34. Identify/establish a fiscal standard or benchmark for County operations; Promote County performance	X				Administration	NA	NA
35. Establish long-term capital improvement budgets for all departments	X				Administration	\$3,000	General Fund
37. Develop catalog of funding resources for capital improvement projects	X				Administration	\$1,000	General Fund
38. Report outlining Lake Lanier park opportunities with Army Corps of Engineers.		X			Planning Dept.	\$10,000	General Fund
39. Survey identifying potential properties or target areas for parks/ aquatic facility.	X				Parks & Rec. Dept.	\$3,000	General Fund
40. Seek funding to increase staff & vehicles		X			Administration	TBD	General Fund; Grants & Loans
41. Develop preferred specs and budget for indoor aquatic facility		X			Parks & Rec. Dept.	\$3,000	General Fund
42. Complete the Russell Creek Reservoir, water treatment plant expansion and water reclamation facility expansion		X			Etowah Water and Sewer Authority	TBD	TBD
45. Upgrade radio and communications equipment		X			Emergency Services	\$100,000	General Fund; Grants & Loans



- Develop Greenspace Master Plan
- Develop Bike/Pedestrian/Greenways Master Plan
- Adopt conservation subdivision regulations
- Adopt Best Management Practices (BMP) for stormwater run-off
- Adopt regulations for Scenic Corridors
- Adopt Georgia 53 Corridor Overlay
- Adopt a gateway and signage master plan for planned communities
- Adopt a circulation master plan that defines how the street, sidewalk, and path network will look and how it will connect to surrounding neighborhoods
- Update county's regulations to require interconnected streets, parking, driveways, sidewalks, greenways, and trails for planned communities
- Adopt a policy framework to prevent encroachment of inappropriate automobile-oriented development that would adversely affect the quality of life and public realm
- Adopt Best Mgmt Practices to protect water quality from stormwater runoff and sedimentation
- Investigate establishing a local government stormwater utility
- Implement strategies, studies, and plans that call for water quality protection on a regional basis (i.e., all counties in the Lake Lanier basin)
- Set specific time frames for adding additional staff (e.g., water quality engineer) to implement water quality enhancement projects and enforce water quality standards during the development plans review process
- Adopt Traditional Neighborhood Development ordinance
- Adopt a policy framework to prevent encroachment of inappropriate automobile-oriented development that would adversely affect the quality of life and public realm
- Adopt a collector street plan
- Adopt sidewalk requirements
- Update traffic study requirements
- Develop an Access Management Plan for the Cultural mixed Use corridor
- Adopt ordinance for shared parking, inter-parcel access and driveway requirements
- Adopt Campus Style Business Park zoning district
- Adopt Urban Activity Center zoning district
- Create an access management and driveway control master plan for corridors that allow signalized intersections every 600 to 1,200 feet without intervening curb cuts
- Adopt Scenic Corridor Overlay zoning
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- Update development regulations to address drainage and impervious surface requirements



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**County Data Sheet**

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## DAWSON COUNTY, GEORGIA

### TOTAL POPULATION

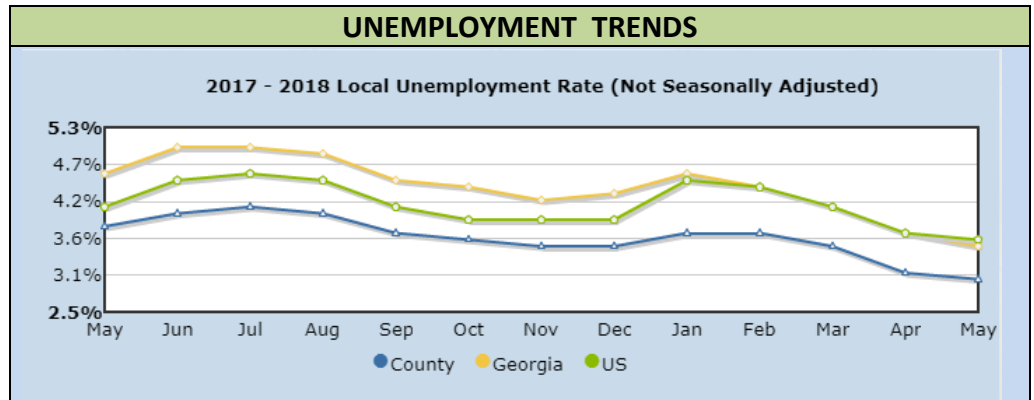
	2010	2016	CHANGE		AGE DISTRIBUTION 2016
			#	%	
Georgia	9,713,521	10,310,371	596,850	6.1%	< 18 yo 21.4%
GMRC Region	601,216	670,327	69,111	11.5%	18-64 60.4%
Dawson County	22,287	23,604	1,317	5.9%	65+ 18.2%
Dawsonville city	2,383	2,634	251	10.5%	
Balance of Dawson Co.	19,904	20,970	1,066	5.4%	

### MINIMAL EDUCATION

#### Adults age 25+ - 2016

< 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4.5%
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.0%
HS Graduate	29.0%
Some College	21.9%
Assoc. Degree	5.7%
Bach. Degree	19.2%
Grad. Degree	10.6%

### UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS



### COMMUTING PATTERNS - 2010

Origination of Dawson Co. Employees			Destination of Dawson Co. Residents		
Origin		Share	Destination		Share
Dawson Co.	GA	48.1%	Dawson Co.	GA	36.2%
Lumpkin Co.	GA	16.4%	Forsyth Co.	GA	24.5%
Forsyth Co.	GA	12.8%	Fulton Co.	GA	12.2%
Hall Co.	GA	9.6%	Hall Co.	GA	7.0%
Fulton Co.	GA	3.1%	Gwinnett Co.	GA	6.1%
White Co.	GA	2.7%	Lumpkin Co.	GA	5.3%
Gwinnett Co.	GA	1.8%	Pickens Co.	GA	1.6%
Cherokee Co.	GA	1.7%	Cobb Co.	GA	1.5%
Pickens Co.	GA	1.0%	DeKalb Co.	GA	1.4%
Other		3.0%	Other		4.3%
<b>Total Trips</b>		<b>7,583</b>	<b>Total Trips</b>		<b>10,071</b>

Demographic data courtesy of the US Bureau of the Census  
 Unemployment Rate courtesy Georgia Department of Labor



**Area Labor Profile for Dawson County**

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## Area Labor Profile

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Updated: Jun 2018

## Labor Force Activity - 2017

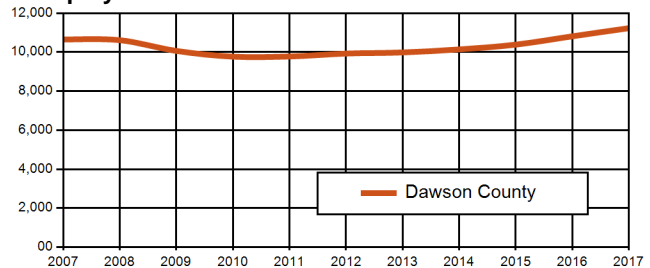
### 2017 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Dawson	11,688	11,231	457	3.9%
Cherokee	129,987	125,131	4,856	3.7%
Fannin	11,006	10,481	525	4.8%
Forsyth	114,728	110,421	4,307	3.8%
Gilmer	11,988	11,387	601	5.0%
Hall	100,338	96,413	3,925	3.9%
Lumpkin	16,756	16,083	673	4.0%
Pickens	14,857	14,220	637	4.3%
<b>Dawson Area</b>	<b>411,348</b>	<b>395,367</b>	<b>15,981</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Georgia	5,061,399	4,821,622	239,777	4.7%
United States	160,320,000	153,337,000	6,982,000	4.4%

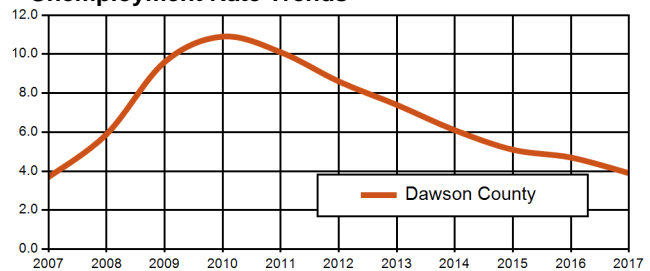
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

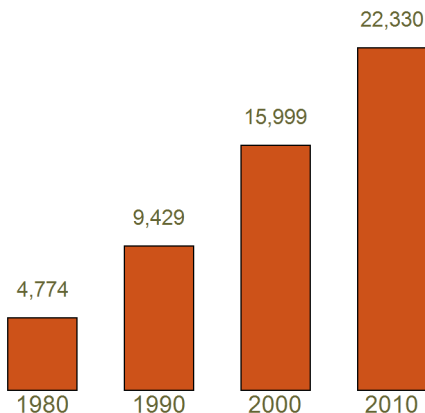
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



### Population

	2010 Census	2017 Rank	2017 Estimate	% Change 2000-2017	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Dawson</b>	<b>22,330</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>24,379</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>27,977</b>	<b>25.3</b>
City of Dawsonville	2,536					
<b>Dawson Area</b>	<b>703,242</b>		<b>819,711</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>963,039</b>	<b>36.9</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,429,379	7.7	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		325,719,178	5.5	349,439,199	13.2

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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# Industry Mix - annual averages of 2017

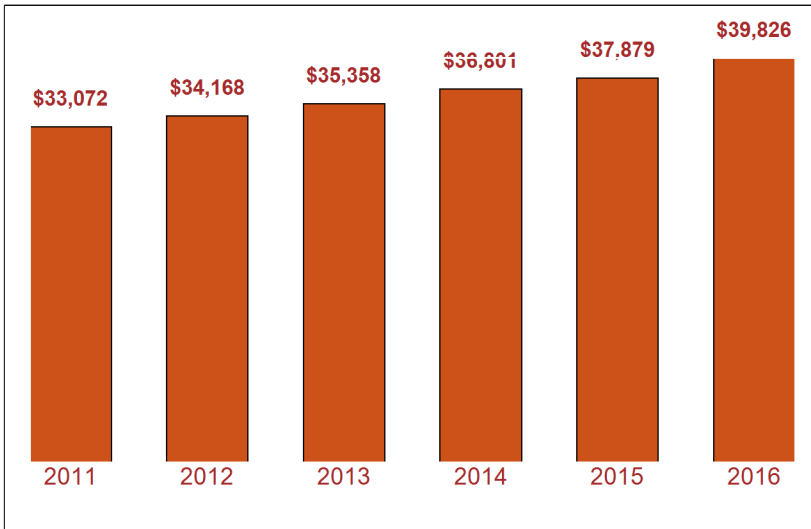
INDUSTRY	Dawson				Dawson Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>3,101</b>	<b>54,741</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>941</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	7	18	0.2	508	90	632	0.2	664
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	16	452	0.2	1,434
Construction	64	231	2.6	877	2,138	16,680	6.6	1,045
Manufacturing	24	995	11.0	798	857	36,978	14.5	893
Food	3	*	*	*	83	15,189	6.0	697
Beverage and Tobacco Product	1	*	*	*	25	494	0.2	848
Printing and Related Support Activities	1	*	*	*	57	1,267	0.5	1,023
Chemical	1	*	*	*	51	1,417	0.6	1,220
Plastics and Rubber Products	2	*	*	*	36	1,786	0.7	840
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	5	36	0.4	692	59	635	0.2	973
Fabricated Metal Product	8	328	3.6	904	127	3,088	1.2	1,076
Furniture and Related Product	1	*	*	*	52	706	0.3	907
Miscellaneous	2	*	*	*	87	1,292	0.5	916
Leather and Allied Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	35	0.0	941
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	5	21	0.0	1,103
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	5	84	0.0	847
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	8	291	0.1	1,003
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	10	481	0.2	778
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	10	1,101	0.4	1,088
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	22	1,099	0.4	1,210
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	31	2,275	0.9	948
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	36	506	0.2	688
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	41	1,532	0.6	1,499
Wood Product	0	0	0.0	0	49	1,048	0.4	682
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	60	2,636	1.0	1,096
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>6,551</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>15,425</b>	<b>165,941</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>826</b>
Utilities	2	*	*	*	26	810	0.3	1,502
Wholesale Trade	27	160	1.8	747	1,335	12,887	5.1	1,343
Retail Trade	175	3,332	36.9	411	2,181	35,460	13.9	531
Transportation and Warehousing	12	35	0.4	872	397	4,800	1.9	943
Information	6	43	0.5	532	259	2,365	0.9	1,290
Finance and Insurance	29	154	1.7	1,092	1,056	6,267	2.5	1,276
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	24	121	1.3	781	807	2,474	1.0	865
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	56	152	1.7	849	2,590	11,629	4.6	1,335
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	*	*	*	67	1,492	0.6	1,825
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	31	193	2.1	547	1,152	15,532	6.1	692
Educational Services	4	*	*	*	225	2,671	1.1	606
Health Care and Social Assistance	54	681	7.5	860	1,765	32,214	12.7	997
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	13	159	1.8	417	289	3,715	1.5	1,599
Accommodation and Food Services	59	1,318	14.6	337	1,217	26,448	10.4	321
Other Services (except Public Administration)	43	190	2.1	501	1,155	6,398	2.5	613
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1,204</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>7,818</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>18,526</b>	<b>220,682</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>855</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>33,613</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>807</b>
Federal Government	1	43	0.5	909	59	1,317	0.5	1,149
State Government	10	183	2.0	641	141	4,877	1.9	764
Local Government	12	992	11.0	678	225	27,419	10.8	798
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>9,035</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>18,951</b>	<b>254,295</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>848</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>274,910</b>	<b>4,346,073</b>		<b>1,003</b>

Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are annual averages of 2017.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

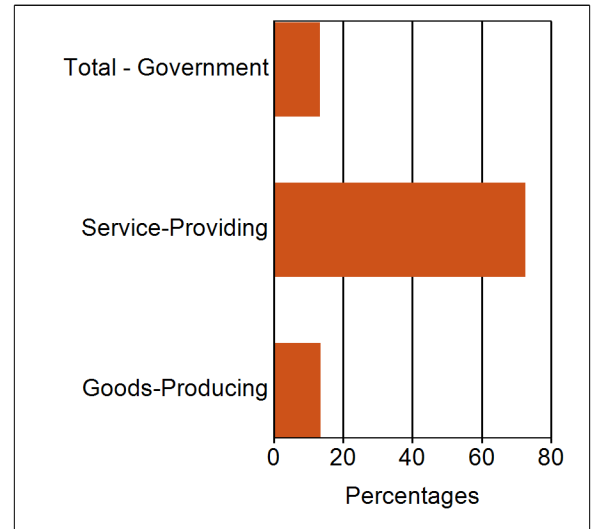
## Dawson Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Dawson Industry Mix 2017

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2017\*

### Dawson

Btd Manufacturing, Inc.  
 Caretenders Visiting Services  
 Fort Dearborn Company  
 Gold Creek Processing, LLC  
 Michael Kors Retail, Inc.  
 Publix Super Market, Inc.  
 The Home Depot  
 The Kroger Company  
 Under Armour Retail, Inc.  
 Walmart

\*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Fourth Quarter of 2017. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### Dawson Area

Employer	COUNTY
Fieldale Farms Corporation	Hall
Kubota Manufacturing of America Corporation	Hall
Northeast Georgia Medical Center, Inc.	Hall
Northside Hospital	Forsyth
Northside Hospital	Cherokee
Pilgrim's Pride Corporation	Hall
Tyson Poultry, Inc.	Forsyth
University of North Georgia	Lumpkin
Victory Processing, LLC	Hall
Walmart	Cherokee

## Education of the Labor Force

### Dawson Area

#### PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.5%	4.5%	7.6%	5.7%	4.6%	12.3%
Some High School	10.2%	19.6%	10.7%	7.8%	7.3%	13.3%
High School Grad/GED	28.1%	33.3%	25.9%	24.1%	28.9%	31.3%
Some College	21.9%	33.3%	22.0%	20.1%	21.4%	17.3%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.3%	3.3%	6.0%	6.9%	7.8%	4.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	19.0%	5.5%	20.9%	25.9%	20.0%	13.8%
Post Graduate Studies	8.0%	0.5%	6.9%	9.6%	9.9%	7.9%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

# High School Graduates - 2017



	<b>PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	<b>PRIVATE SCHOOLS*</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cherokee	2,645	--	2,645
Dawson	247	--	247
Fannin	165	--	165
Forsyth	2,703	--	2,703
Gilmer	238	--	238
Hall	2,062	--	2,062
Lumpkin	222	--	222
Pickens	267	--	267
<b>Dawson Area</b>	<b>8,549</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>8,549</b>

Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2017 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

# Colleges and Universities

## Dawson Area

### Dawson

Southern Catholic College	<a href="http://www.southerncatholic.org/">http://www.southerncatholic.org/</a>
Dawson Campus (Satellite campus of Lanier Technical College)	<a href="http://www.laniertech.edu">www.laniertech.edu</a>
Southern Catholic College	<a href="http://www.southerncatholic.org">www.southerncatholic.org</a>

### Hall

Brenau University	<a href="http://www.brenau.edu">www.brenau.edu</a>
University of North Georgia	<a href="http://www.gsc.edu">www.gsc.edu</a>
Lanier Technical College	<a href="http://www.laniertech.edu">www.laniertech.edu</a>
Oakwood Campus (Satellite campus of Lanier Technical College)	<a href="http://www.laniertech.edu">www.laniertech.edu</a>

### Cherokee

Canton Campus (Satellite campus of Chattahoochee Technical College)	<a href="http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu">www.chattahoocheetech.edu</a>
Woodstock Campus (Satellite campus of Chattahoochee Technical College)	<a href="http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu">www.chattahoocheetech.edu</a>
Reinhardt University	<a href="http://www.reinhardt.edu">www.reinhardt.edu</a>

### Pickens

Appalachian Campus (Satellite campus of Chattahoochee Technical College)	<a href="http://www.chattahoocheetech.edu">www.chattahoocheetech.edu</a>
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### Forsyth

Forsyth Campus (Satellite campus of Lanier Technical College)	<a href="http://www.laniertech.edu">www.laniertech.edu</a>
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### Lumpkin

University of North Georgia	<a href="http://www.northgeorgia.edu">www.northgeorgia.edu</a>
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

# Technical College Graduates - 2017\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2015	2016	2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	91	99	126	8.8	27.3
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	18	20	25	11.1	25.0
Aesthetics/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	20	71	36	80.0	-13.9

# Technical College Graduates - 2017\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2015	2016	2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	13	24	17	84.6	-29.2
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	26	26	59	0.0	126.9
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	89	253	182	184.3	-28.1
Business Administration and Management, General°	63	56	109	-11.1	94.6
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	6	29	20	383.3	-31.0
Child Care and Support Services Management°	1	5	4	400.0	-20.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	81	135	105	66.7	-22.2
Clinical/Medical Laboratory Technician	5	3	1	-40.0	-66.7
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	25	44	76	76.0	72.7
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	131	100	112	-23.7	12.0
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	41	46	43	12.2	-6.5
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General°	24	19	69	-20.8	263.2
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	13	32	33	146.2	3.1
Dental Assisting/Assistant	14	14	9	0.0	-35.7
Design and Visual Communications, General°	12	24	26	100.0	8.3
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General°	6	24	29	300.0	20.8
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	27	39	35	44.4	-10.3
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General°	14	10	16	-28.6	60.0
Electrician°	15	10	19	-33.3	90.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	59	130	144	120.3	10.8
Entrepreneurship/Entrepreneurial Studies°	5	3	11	-40.0	266.7
Fire Prevention and Safety Technology/Technician°	4	3	3	-25.0	0.0
Fire Science/Fire-fighting°	12	11	28	-8.3	154.5
Fire Services Administration	7	2	5	-71.4	150.0
Graphic Design°	1	12	13	1100.0	8.3
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	20	83	75	315.0	-9.6
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology/°	29	38	54	31.0	42.1
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	62	99	127	59.7	28.3
Interior Design°	34	11	43	-67.6	290.9
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	46	21	38	-54.3	81.0
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	38	40	54	5.3	35.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	6	6	9	0.0	50.0
Mechanic and Repair Technologies/Technicians, Other	5	1	6	-80.0	500.0
Medical Insurance Coding Specialist/Coder°	3	2	9	-33.3	350.0
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist°	17	8	10	-52.9	25.0
Medical Office Management/Administration	15	11	13	-26.7	18.2
Medical/Clinical Assistant	8	72	71	-15.1	-2.7

## Technical College Graduates - 2017\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2015	2016	2017	2015-2016	2016-2017
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	30	46	36	53.3	-21.7
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	117	54	28	-53.8	-48.1
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	13	15	18	15.4	20.0
Professional, Technical, Business, and Scientific Writing°	5	6	4	20.0	-33.3
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer	13	13	19	0.0	46.2
Retailing and Retail Operations°	4	1	4	-75.0	300.0
Selling Skills and Sales Operations°	6	5	7	-16.7	40.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	8	25	13	212.5	-48.0
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	2	13	8	550.0	-38.5
Welding Technology/Welder°	127	198	220	55.9	11.1

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

## Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

### Career Center(s)

2756 Atlanta Hwy

Gainsville, GA 30504

**Phone:** (770) 535 - 5484

**Fax:** (770) 531 - 5699

For copies of Area Labor Profiles, please visit our website at: <http://dol.georgia.gov> or contact Workforce Statistics & Economic Research, Georgia Department of Labor, 148 Andrew Young International Blvd N.E. Atlanta, GA. 30303-1751. Phone: 404-232-3875; Fax: 404-232-3888 or Email us at [workforce\\_info@gdol.ga.gov](mailto:workforce_info@gdol.ga.gov)



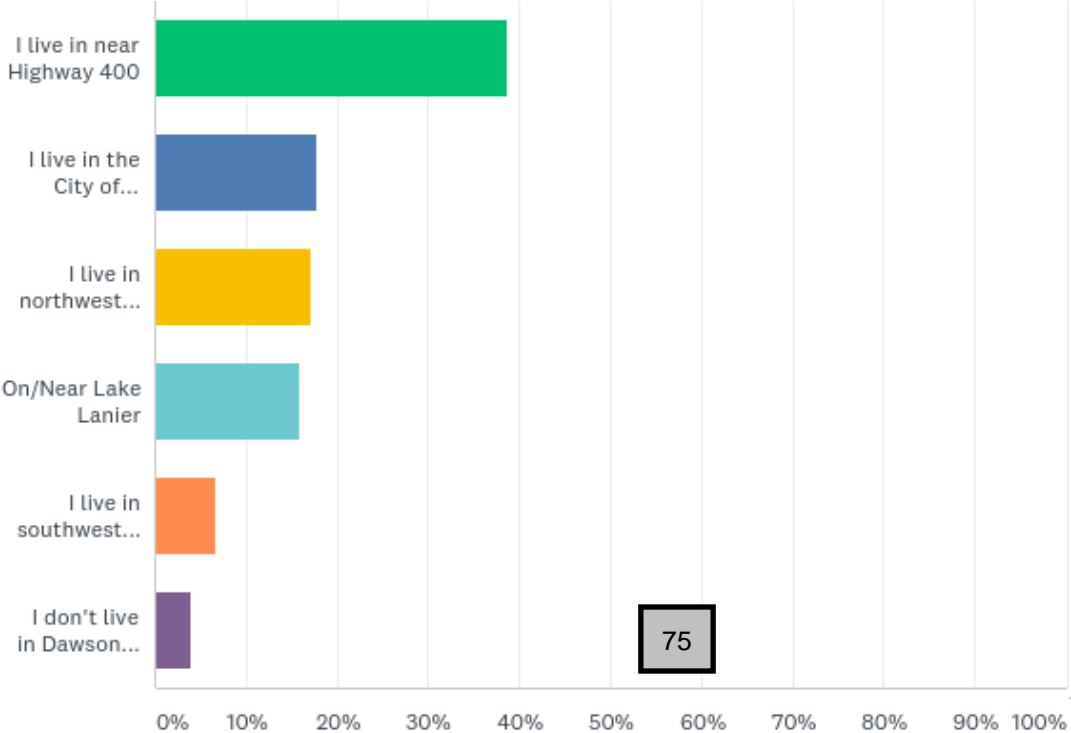


**Summary of Comprehensive Plan Survey Results**

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# Q1: In which part of Dawson County do you live?

Answered: 509 Skipped: 3



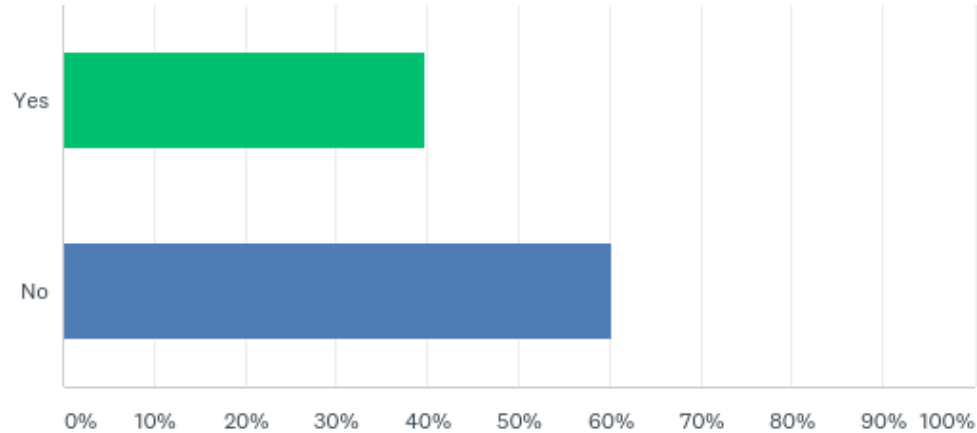
# Q1: In which part of Dawson County do you live?

Answered: 509 Skipped: 3

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I live in near Highway 400	38.70%	197
I live in the City of Dawsonville	17.68%	90
I live in northwest Dawson County	17.09%	87
On/Near Lake Lanier	15.91%	81
I live in southwest Dawson County	6.68%	34
I don't live in Dawson County	3.93%	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>509</b>

## Q2: Does your household have any children under age 18?

Answered: 505 Skipped: 7



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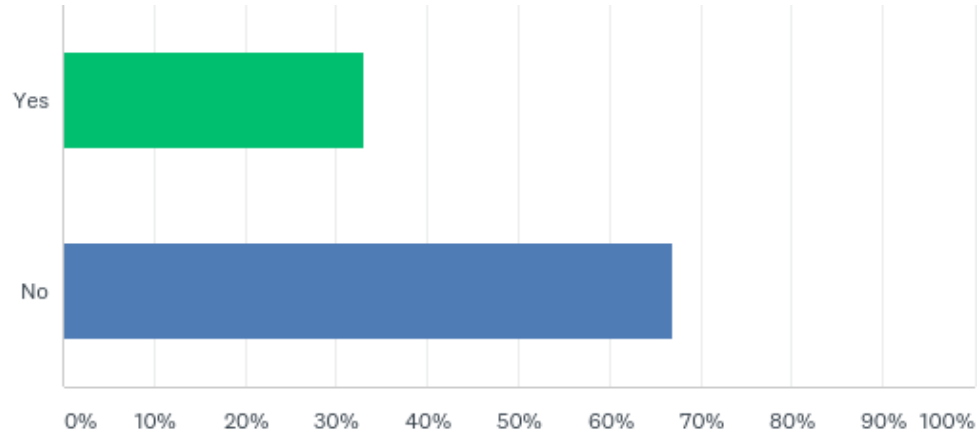
Answered: 505 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.80%	201
No	60.20%	304
TOTAL		505



### Q3: Does your household have any seniors age 65 or older?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4



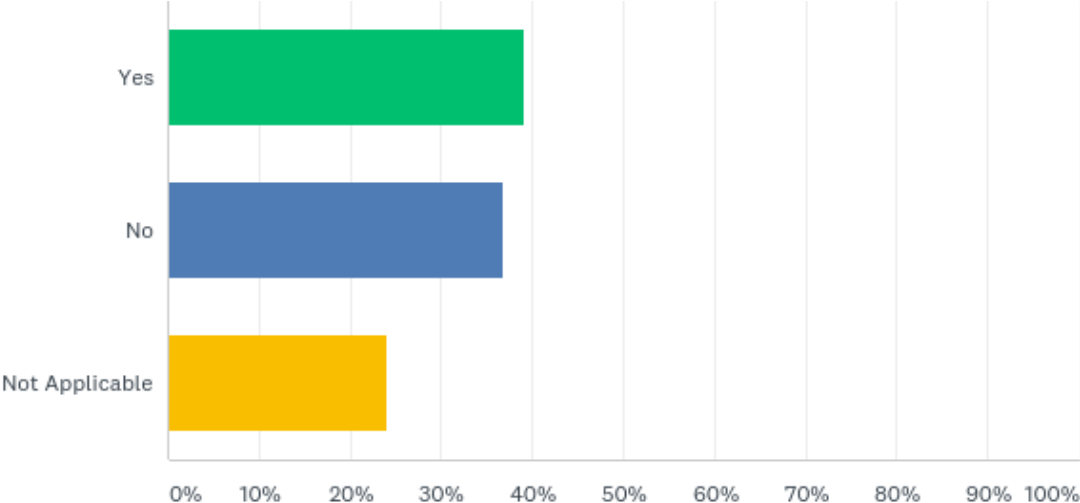
### Q3: Does your household have any seniors age 65 or older?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.07%	168
No	66.93%	340
TOTAL		508

# Q4: Is your place of employment within Dawson County?

Answered: 510 Skipped: 2



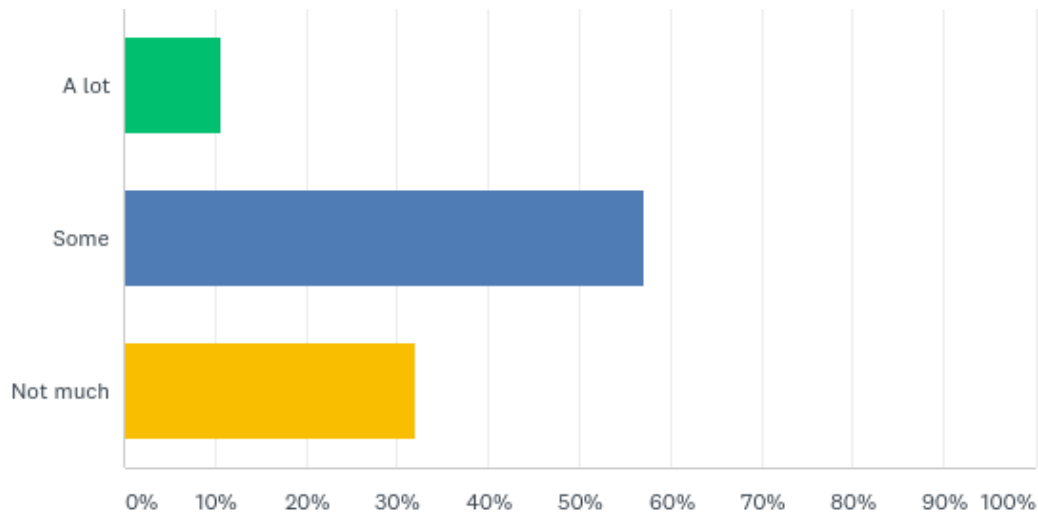
## Q4: Is your place of employment within Dawson County?

Answered: 510 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	39.02%	199
No	36.86%	188
Not Applicable	24.12%	123
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>510</b>

# RESIDENTIAL development would you like to see come to Dawson County?

Answered: 511 Skipped: 1





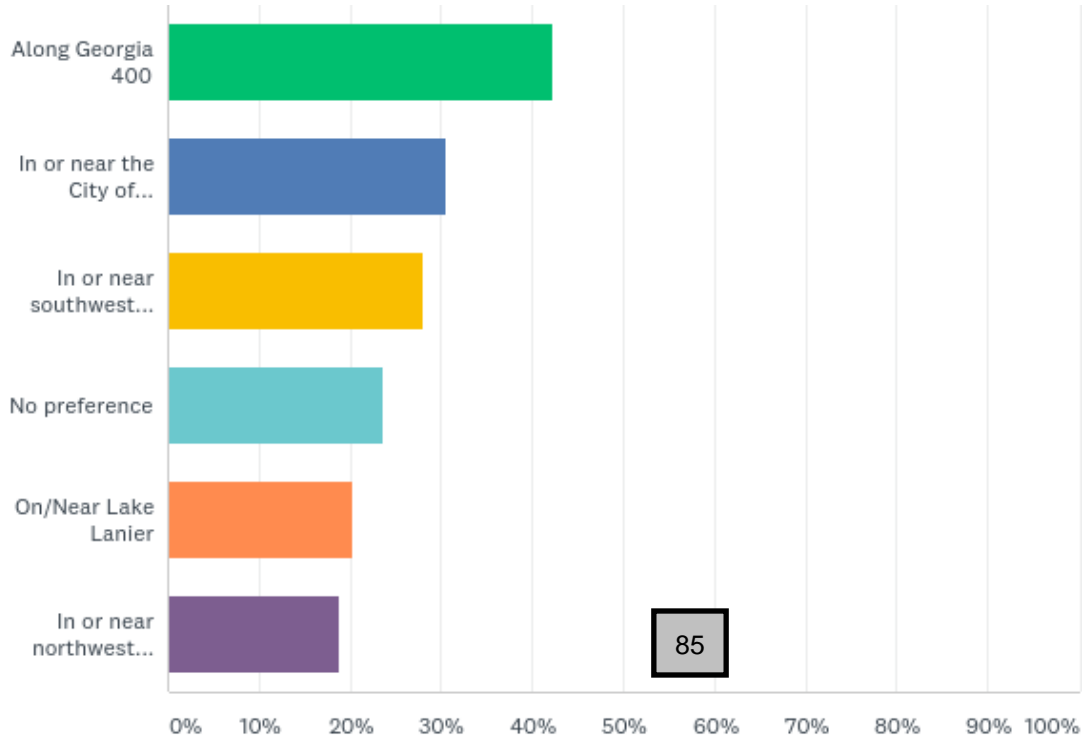
# RESIDENTIAL development would you like to see come to Dawson County?

Answered: 511 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A lot	10.76%	55
Some	57.14%	292
Not much	32.09%	164
TOTAL		511

# ...and if growth in certain areas, which parts of the County should receive that growth? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 509 Skipped: 3



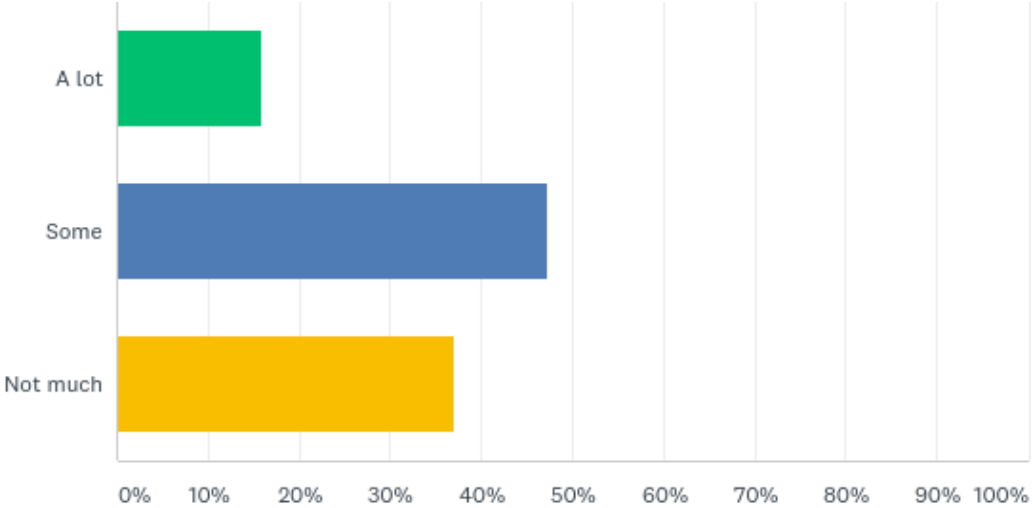
# Which parts of the County should receive that growth? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 509 Skipped: 3

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Along Georgia 400	42.24%	215
In or near the City of Dawsonville	30.65%	156
In or near southwest Dawson County	28.09%	143
No preference	23.58%	120
On/Near Lake Lanier	20.24%	103
In or near northwest Dawson County	18.86%	96
Total Respondents: 509		

# Q7: How much new COMMERCIAL development would you like to see come to Dawson County?

Answered: 506 Skipped: 6



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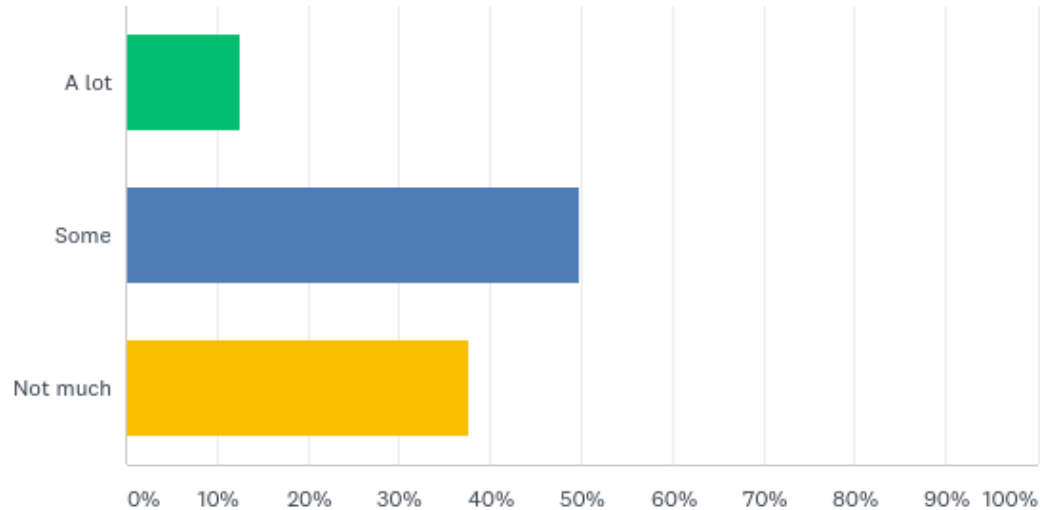
Answered: 506 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A lot	15.81%	80
Some	47.23%	239
Not much	36.96%	187
TOTAL		506



# Q8: How much new INDUSTRIAL development would you like to see come to Dawson County?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4



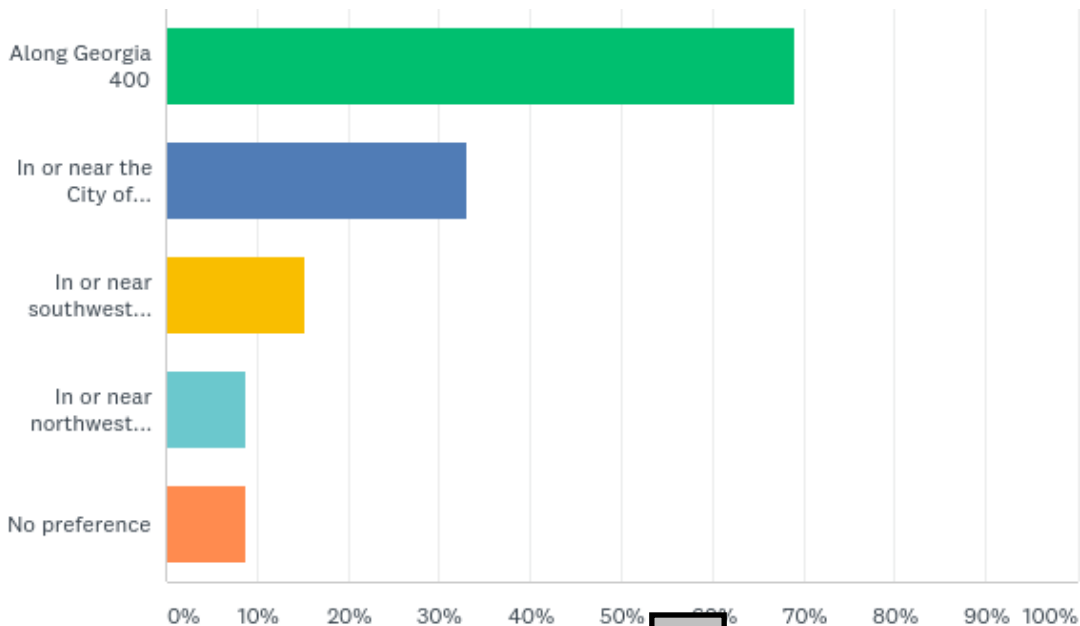
# Q8: How much new INDUSTRIAL development would you like to see come to Dawson County?

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A lot	12.60%	64
Some	49.80%	253
Not much	37.60%	191
TOTAL		508

# ... areas, which parts of the County should receive that growth? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4



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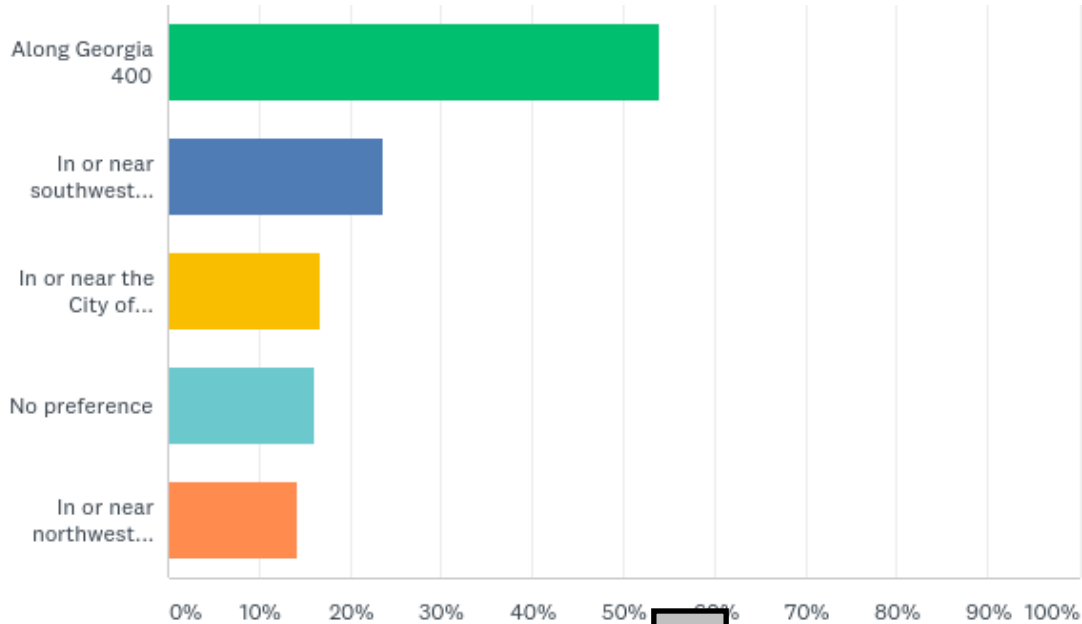
# Which parts of the County should receive that growth? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Along Georgia 400	69.09%	351
In or near the City of Dawsonville	33.07%	168
In or near southwest Dawson County	15.35%	78
In or near northwest Dawson County	8.86%	45
No preference	8.86%	45
Total Respondents: 508		

# Question: How can the County best manage growth in certain areas, which parts of the County should receive that growth? (Choose all that apply)

Answered: 505 Skipped: 7



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# Question: Dawson County can attract more growth to certain areas, which parts of the County should receive that growth? (Choose all that apply)

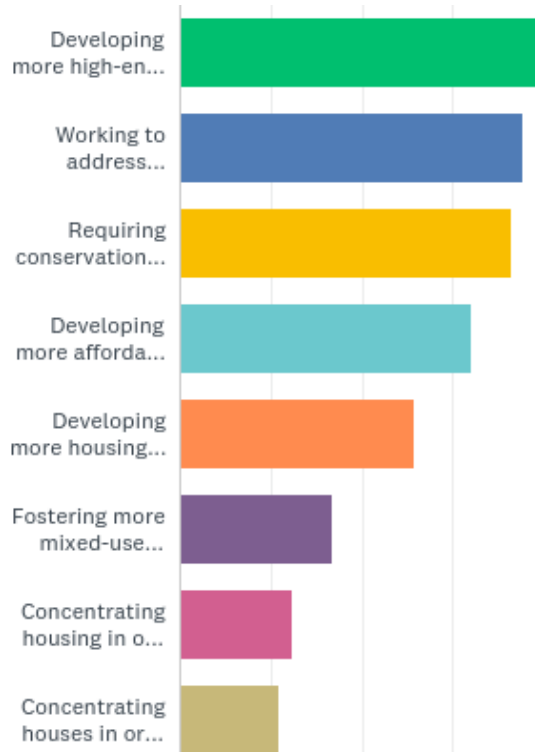
Answered: 505 Skipped: 7

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Along Georgia 400	54.06%	273
In or near southwest Dawson County	23.56%	119
In or near the City of Dawsonville	16.63%	84
No preference	16.04%	81
In or near northwest Dawson County	14.26%	72
Total Respondents: 505		



# Q11: Our top two priorities with regard to housing should be...

Answered: 511 Skipped: 1



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# Q11: Our top two priorities with regard to housing should be...

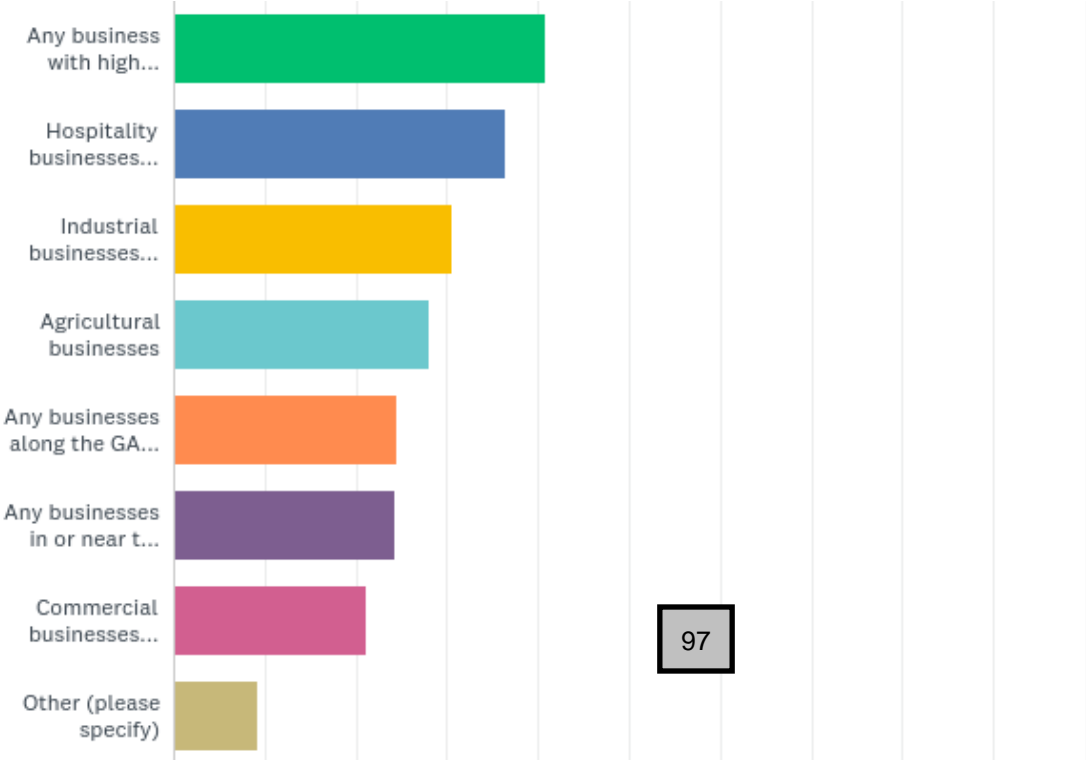
Answered: 511 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Developing more high-end housing ( > \$300,000)	39.53%	202
Working to address dilapidated properties	37.57%	192
Requiring conservation design subdivisions	36.40%	186
Developing more affordable single family housing ( < \$180,000)	32.09%	164
Developing more housing options for seniors	25.64%	131
Fostering more mixed-use development	16.83%	86
Concentrating housing in or near GA 400	12.33%	63
Concentrating houses in or near the City of Dawsonville	10.96%	56
Other (please specify)	9.78%	50
Developing more rental options	8.22%	42
Developing more apartments	3.33%	17
Total Respondents: 511		

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# Q12: Our top two priorities with regard to economic development should be attracting or sustaining...

Answered: 507 Skipped: 5



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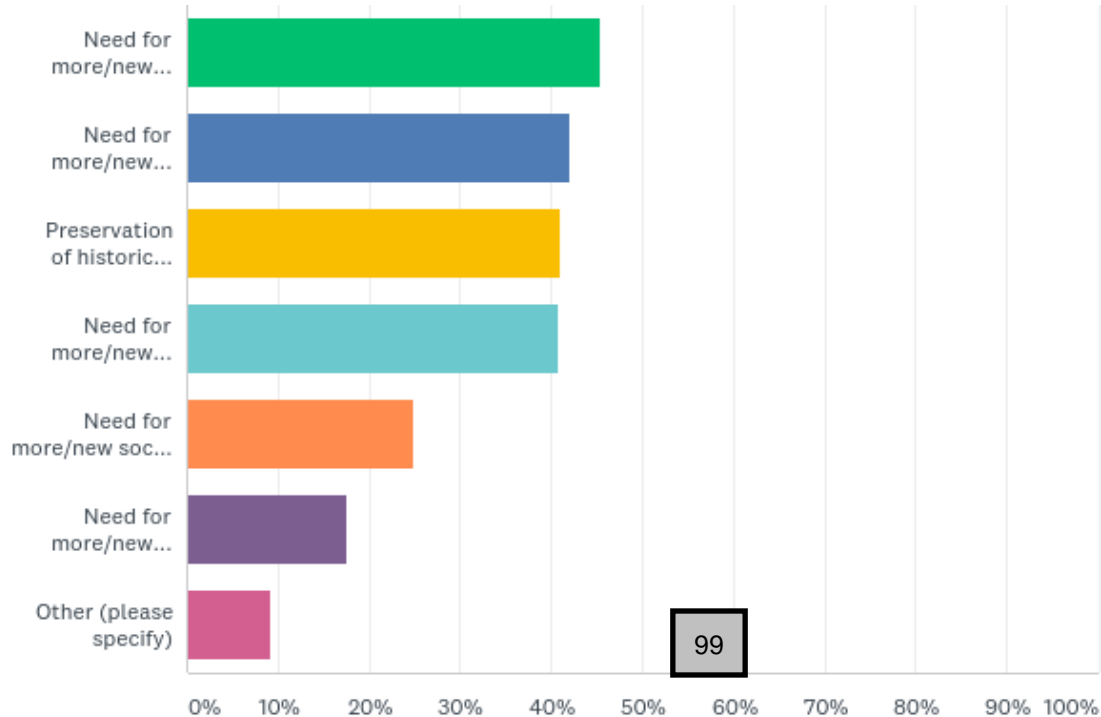
# Q12: Our top two priorities with regard to economic development should be attracting or sustaining...

Answered: 507 Skipped: 5

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Any business with high paying jobs	40.83%	207
Hospitality businesses (hotels, dining, attractions, etc)	36.49%	185
Industrial businesses (manufacturing, warehousing, etc)	30.57%	155
Agricultural businesses	28.01%	142
Any businesses along the GA 400 corridor	24.46%	124
Any businesses in or near the City of Dawsonville	24.26%	123
Commercial businesses (retail, services, etc)	21.10%	107
Other (please specify)	9.27%	47
Total Respondents: 507		

# Q13: Our top two priorities regarding cultural amenities should be...

Answered: 506 Skipped: 6



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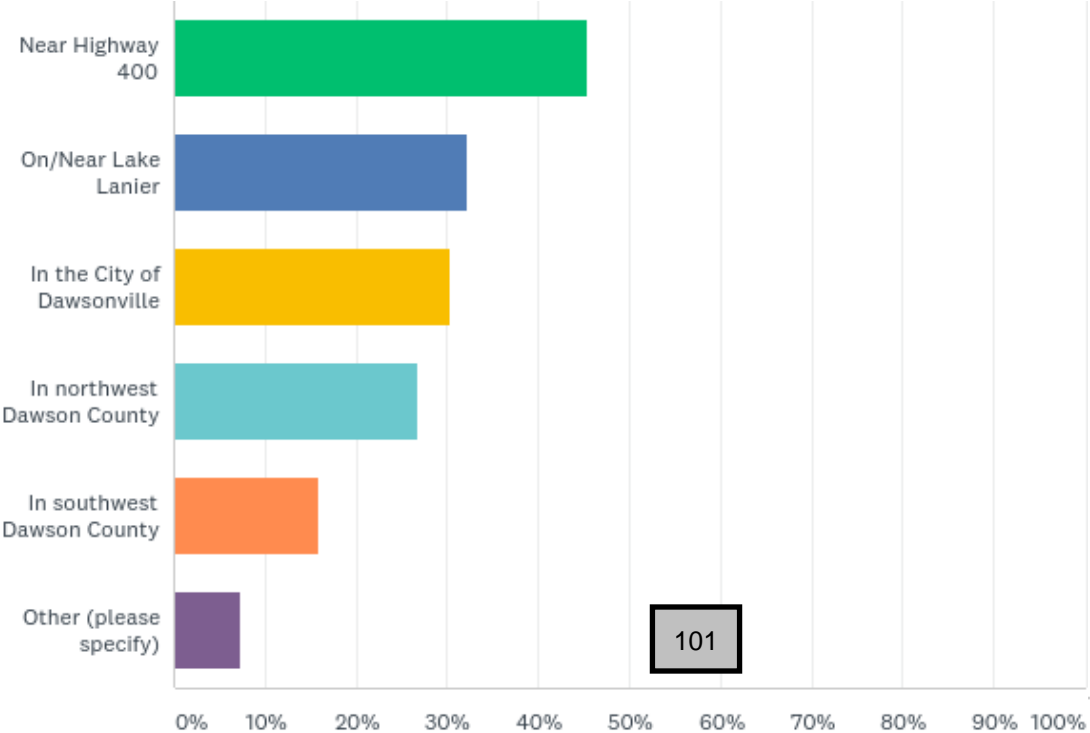
Answered: 506 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Need for more/new passive use parks and recreation areas	45.45%	230
Need for more/new entertainment options	42.09%	213
Preservation of historic sites and resources	40.91%	207
Need for more/new recreational trails	40.71%	206
Need for more/new social events in our community	24.90%	126
Need for more/new athletic facilities	17.59%	89
Other (please specify)	9.29%	47
Total Respondents: 506		



# Q14: Which parts of Dawson County need more/new parks?

Answered: 484 Skipped: 28



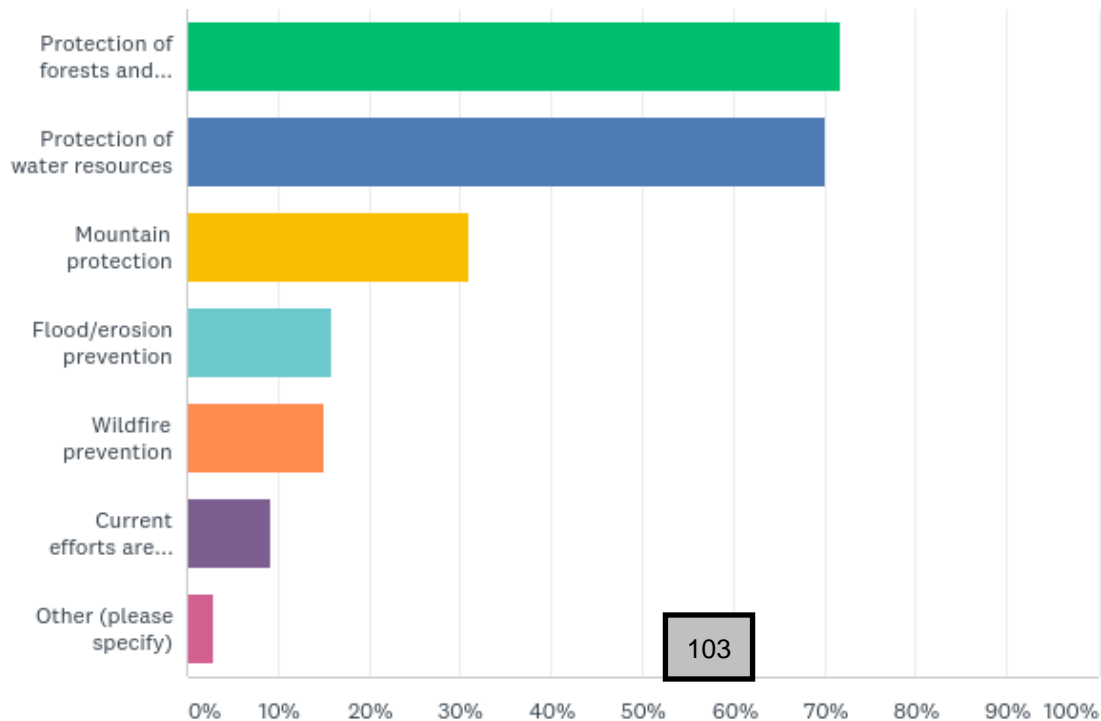
# Q14: Which parts of Dawson County need more/new parks?

Answered: 484 Skipped: 28

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Near Highway 400	45.45%	220
On/Near Lake Lanier	32.23%	156
In the City of Dawsonville	30.37%	147
In northwest Dawson County	26.86%	130
In southwest Dawson County	15.91%	77
Other (please specify)	7.23%	35
Total Respondents: 484		

# Q15: Our top two priorities regarding natural resources should be...

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4



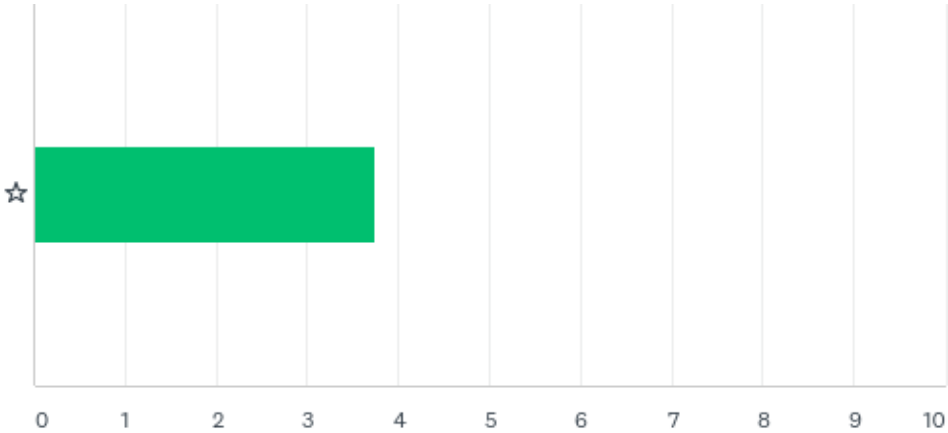
# Q15: Our top two priorities regarding natural resources should be...

Answered: 508 Skipped: 4

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Protection of forests and wildlife areas	71.65%	364
Protection of water resources	70.08%	356
Mountain protection	30.91%	157
Flood/erosion prevention	15.94%	81
Wildfire prevention	14.96%	76
Current efforts are sufficient	9.25%	47
Other (please specify)	2.95%	15
Total Respondents: 508		

# Q18: Please rate the quality of your public water service. (Leave blank if you do not use public water.)

Answered: 377 Skipped: 135



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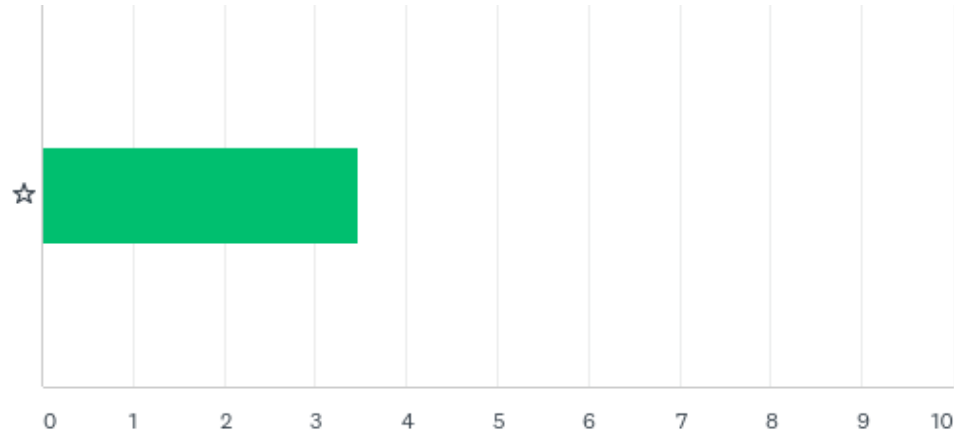
Answered: 377 Skipped: 135

	POOR	(NO LABEL)	AVERAGE	(NO LABEL)	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	2.65% 10	4.77% 18	36.07% 136	28.38% 107	28.12% 106	377	3.75



# Q19: Please rate the quality of your public sewer service. (Leave blank if you do not use public sewer.)

Answered: 175 Skipped: 337



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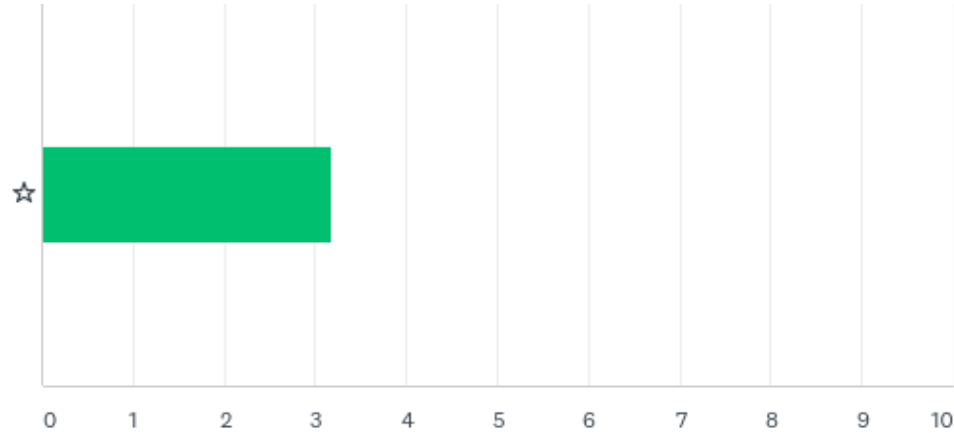
# Q19: Please rate the quality of your public sewer service. (Leave blank if you do not use public sewer.)

Answered: 175 Skipped: 337

	POOR	(NO LABEL)	AVERAGE	(NO LABEL)	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	8.00% 14	6.29% 11	42.29% 74	17.71% 31	25.71% 45	175	3.47

# Q20: Please rate the quality of your parks and recreation facilities and services.

Answered: 488 Skipped: 24



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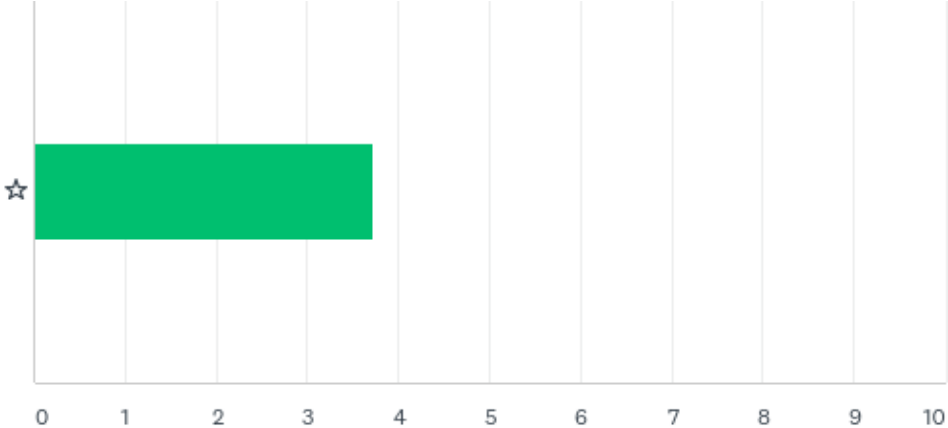
# Q20: Please rate the quality of your parks and recreation facilities and services.

Answered: 488 Skipped: 24

	POOR	(NO LABEL)	AVERAGE	(NO LABEL)	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	6.56% 32	13.73% 67	47.13% 230	21.72% 106	10.86% 53	488	3.17

# Q21: Please rate the quality of your law enforcement services.

Answered: 495 Skipped: 17



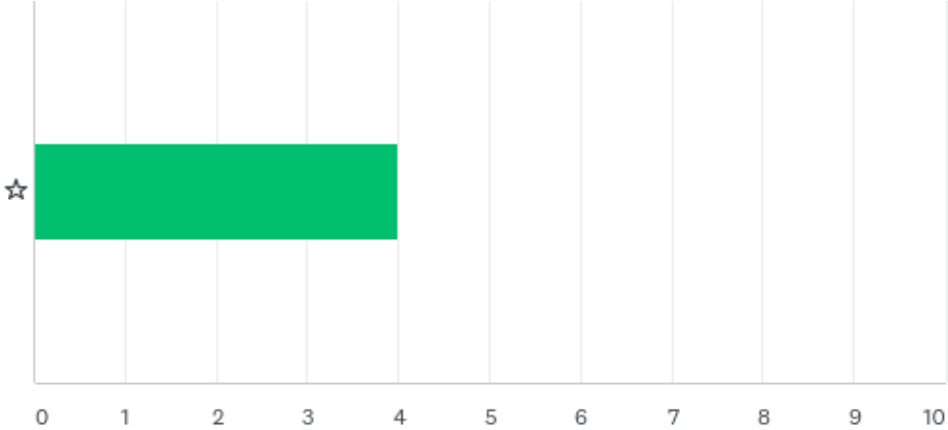
## Q21: Please rate the quality of your law enforcement services.

Answered: 495 Skipped: 17

	POOR	(NO LABEL)	AVERAGE	(NO LABEL)	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	2.22% 11	8.28% 41	29.09% 144	34.95% 173	25.45% 126	495	3.73

# Q22: Please rate the quality of your fire protection/ EMS services.

Answered: 493 Skipped: 19





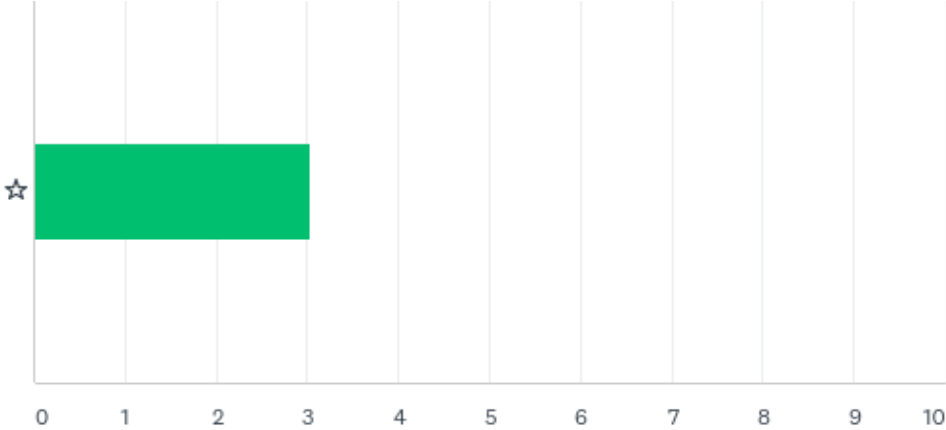
## Q22: Please rate the quality of your fire protection/ EMS services.

Answered: 493 Skipped: 19

	POOR	(NO LABEL)	AVERAGE	(NO LABEL)	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	2.03% 10	2.64% 13	24.75% 122	35.29% 174	35.29% 174	493	3.99

# Q23: Please rate the quality of your local roads.

Answered: 501 Skipped: 11



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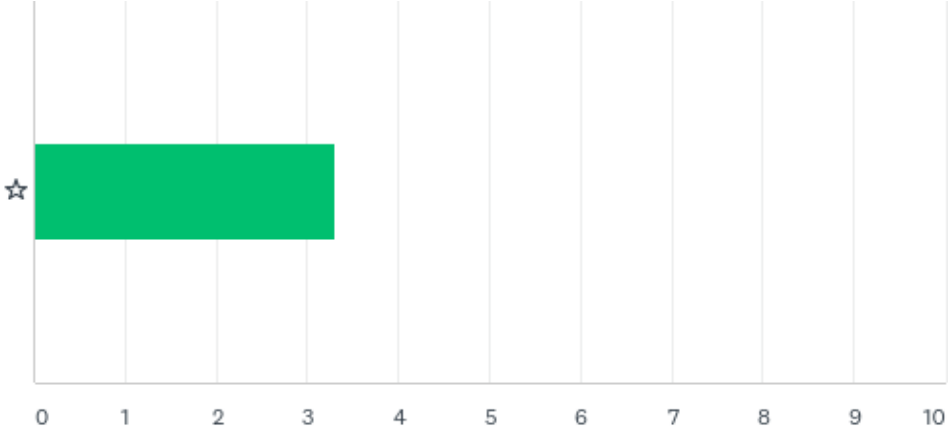
# Q23: Please rate the quality of your local roads.

Answered: 501 Skipped: 11

	POOR	(NO LABEL)	AVERAGE	(NO LABEL)	EXCELENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	7.19% 36	14.37% 72	49.70% 249	24.75% 124	3.99% 20	501	3.04

# Q24: Please rate the quality of your general government services.

Answered: 497 Skipped: 15



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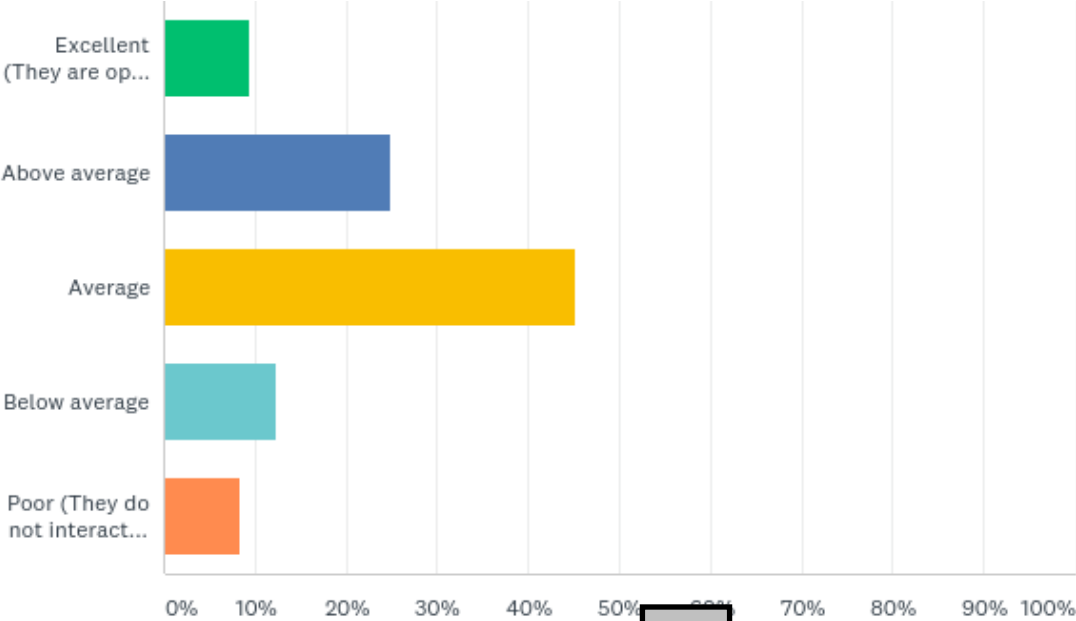
# Q24: Please rate the quality of your general government services.

Answered: 497 Skipped: 15

	POOR	(NO LABEL)	AVERAGE	(NO LABEL)	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	5.03% 25	9.46% 47	44.87% 223	30.38% 151	10.26% 51	497	3.31

# Q25: How well do you rate your local government with regards to openness and communicating with the public?

Answered: 496 Skipped: 16



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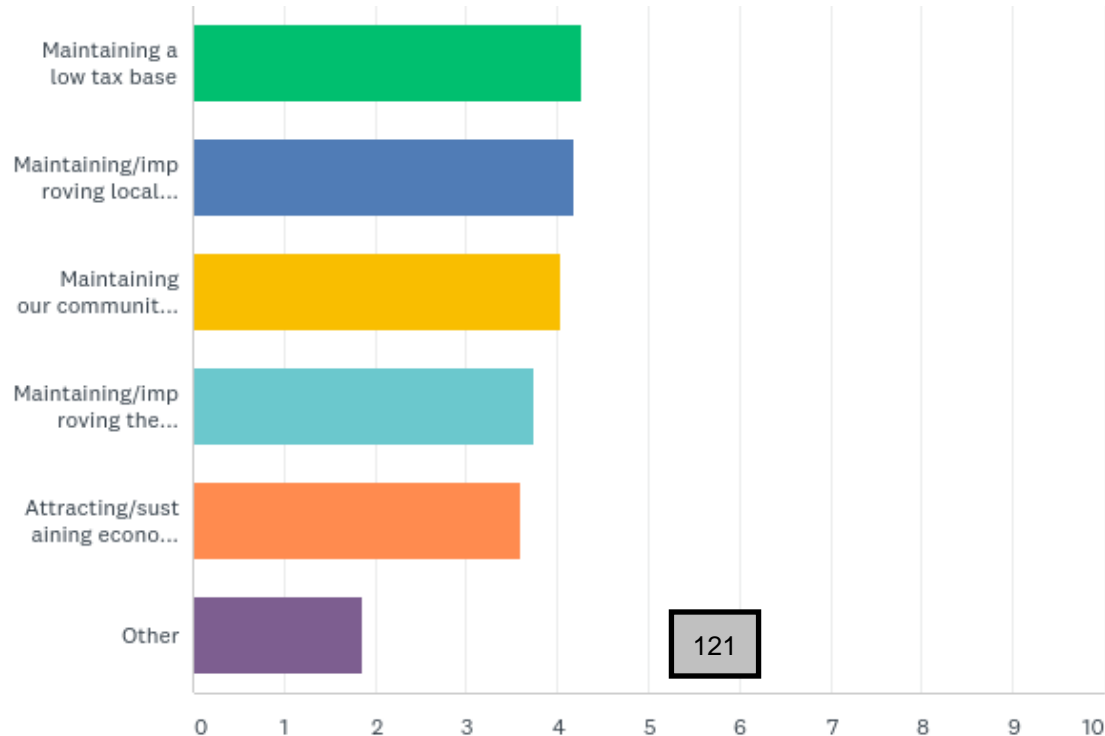
Answered: 496 Skipped: 16

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent (They are open to requests and responsive to needs.)	9.48%	47
Above average	24.80%	123
Average	45.16%	224
Below average	12.30%	61
Poor (They do not interact well with the public and I feel they don't listen.)	8.27%	41
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>496</b>



# Q27: For your local government, please rank the following objectives in terms of priority, with 1 being most important.

Answered: 495 Skipped: 17



## Q27: For your local government, please rank the following objectives in terms of priority, with 1 being most important.

Answered: 495 Skipped: 17

	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Maintaining a low tax base	28.34% 123	20.51% 89	18.20% 79	17.97% 78	11.75% 51	3.23% 14	434	4.26
Maintaining/improving local safety	23.19% 109	25.96% 122	17.87% 84	14.68% 69	15.32% 72	2.98% 14	470	4.18
Maintaining our community's rural character	27.10% 126	19.78% 92	12.26% 57	16.13% 75	20.00% 93	4.73% 22	465	4.04
Maintaining/improving the quality of local facilities and services	8.87% 40	16.19% 73	32.37% 146	27.72% 125	13.53% 61	1.33% 6	451	3.75
Attracting/sustaining economic development	15.77% 70	16.89% 75	16.89% 75	18.24% 81	25.90% 115	6.31% 28	444	3.59
Other	9.77% 17	2.30% 4	4.60% 8	2.87% 5	9.77% 17	70.69% 123	174	1.87

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**Committee/ Public Forum Sign-in Sheets**

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Dawson County Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting

February 20, 2018

ATTENDANCE SHEET

PRINT NAME	ADDRESS
1. Jane Graves	224 Park Cove Rd. D. GA 30534
2. Jameson Kinley	25 Justice Way
3. Charlotte A. Aiken	115 Kivon Overlook Rd, Dawsonville
4. Tony Passarello	180 Sunset Drive Dawsonville
5. Jason Hamby	1362 Bailey Waters Rd. Dawsonville
6. Casey Mrozowski	415 Highway 53 <del>W</del> , suite 100, Dawsonville
7. John Maloney	9 River Point Dr Dawsonville
8. Chuck Slagter	55 Pearl Chambers Pr. Dawsonville
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Dawson County Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting

March 19, 2018

ATTENDANCE SHEET

PRINT NAME	ADDRESS
1. Tony Passarello	180 Sweet Dr
2. Alire Dean	Dawson County News
3. Steve Lawler	old Hwy 60 rd
4. Sherrill Turner	Bailey Waters Rd
5. Lisa Johnson	Hwy 136
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Dawson County Comprehensive Update Meeting

July 23, 2018

ATTENDANCE SHEET

PRINT NAME	ADDRESS
1. Tony Passarello	180 Sunset Drive
2. Hugh Stowers	800 Hugh Stowers Road
3. Terri Traylor	
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**Backup material for agenda item:**

3. Presentation of Geographic Information System Summer Intern Grant Application Request- Planning & Development Director Jameson Kinley



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department:   P&D  

Work Session: 12.13.18

Prepared By:   hg  

Voting Session: 12.20.18

Presenter: J.Kinley                     

Public Hearing: Yes        No       

Agenda Item Title: Presentation of

**Background Information:**

We are looking to bring on a summer intern to P&D; the position will be 100% funded by ACCG. Our plan is to have them working on GIS needs for the department.

**Current Information:**

Grant application is due December 14, 2018.

Budget Information: Applicable:        Not Applicable:  Budgeted: Yes        No       

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion:       

Department Head Authorization:       

Date:

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/3/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/3/18

County Attorney Authorization:       

Date:       

**Comments/Attachments:**

**Backup material for agenda item:**

4. Presentation of 2019 Georgia Forestry Commission Grant Application Request-  
Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: **Emergency Services**

Work Session: **12.13.18**

Prepared By: **Danny Thompson**

Voting Session: **12.20.18**

Presenter: **Danny Thompson**

Public Hearing: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **X**

Agenda Item Title: **VFA 50/50 Grant**

Background Information:

The Georgia Forestry Commission annually opens up a 50/50 grant program to smaller rural communities in Georgia. The maximum allowed on this grant is \$10,000.00. The grant period closes on December 31, 2018.

Current Information:

Dawson County Fire/EMS is seeking permission to apply to the Forestry Grant. We were awarded this grant last year and this year seek to purchase replacement fire hose, nozzles and scene lights for our apparatus. This grant will not be awarded until Spring of 2019. We have funds available to meet the match.

Budget Information: Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable: **X** Budgeted: Yes **X** No \_\_\_\_\_

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion: **Approve agenda item**

Department Head Authorization: FDI

Date: 11-19-2018

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/3/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/3/18

County Attorney Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Attachments:



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**November 15, 2018**

**TO:** Chuck Williams, Gary White, Frank Sorrells, David Epps, Bo Chesser, Area FMO's, and Chief Rangers  
**FROM:** Emily Hamilton  
**SUBJECT:** NFP/VFA Grant Program Announcement

Please share the following information with fire departments serving communities with populations of less than 10,000 in your counties

We will begin accepting requests for the NFP/VFA grant, which allows purchases from the options listed below on November 15, 2018. The attached grant application will be utilized to establish priority awards. Cooperating Fire Departments should return a completed application to RFD offices in Macon by mail or fax no later than 4:30 P.M. December 31, 2018. (See attached mail / fax information) **Remember, a grant application is not valid unless signed by the appropriate head of the Government entity requesting assistance.**

**Options**

1. Table 512.A and 544.A items allowed for purchase under this grant are shown online at ISOmitigation.com  
**Note: Breathing Apparatus and Radios are not available for purchase under this grant!**
2. Fire Department pump test equipment such as PTO gauges, Vacuum/pressure test gauges, deluge gun with nozzle tips, and RPM counters.
3. Emergency red lights and scene lighting.
4. Wildland PPE and hand tools.
5. Class A and/or B foam systems and foam.
6. This year we are also funding 50% of the cost of slip-on units with a maximum of \$5,000 VFA Funding!

**Non-Awardees will be notified of their status by mail.**

**Awardees will be forwarded an information packet to include grant documentation instructions.**

Grant parameters require awarded applicants to obtain 3 bids minimum on option and items purchased, with the exception of option 6, if RFD fabrication services are utilized.

**This is a 50/50 matching grant! Fire Departments may qualify for reimbursement of up to 50% of \$10,000.00 or \$5,000.00 maximum per government entity. The 50/50 matching rule will apply to all amounts less than the maximum.**

I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding the current NFP/VFA Grant.

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**Backup material for agenda item:**

5. Presentation of Georgia Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant Application Request-  
Emergency Services Director Danny Thompson



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: **Emergency Services**

Work Session: **12.13.18**

Prepared By: **Danny Thompson**

Voting Session: **12.20.18**

Presenter: **Chris Archer**

Public Hearing: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **X**

Agenda Item Title: **Child Passenger Safety Mini Grant**

Background Information:

Georgia Department of Public Health, Injury Prevention Program is designed to provide funding to public safety agencies in Georgia. This funding is to provide agencies support for injury reduction programs. Dawson County has had this grant for two years.

Current Information:

The Department of Public Health provides Dawson Fire/EMS with six convertible and four high-back booster child safety seats monthly to issue to citizens. The grant period runs from December 31, 2018, to December 31, 2019. This is a zero-match grant and, due to Department of Public Health sending it out late, we would ask for a vote/permission to apply tonight. The grant is due December 14, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Budget Information: Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ Budgeted: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **X**

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining

Recommendation/Motion: **Approve agenda item**

Department Head Authorization: FDI

Date: 12/6/18

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/6/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/7/18

County Attorney Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Attachments:





**2019**  
**CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY MINI-GRANT**  
**THIS GRANT OPPORTUNITY IS FUNDED THROUGH**  
**THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY**

**RELEASE DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018**  
**CLOSING DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018**

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
**INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM – CHILD OCCUPANT SAFETY PROJECT**  
**2 PEACHTREE STREET NW**  
**SUITE 9-465**  
**ATLANTA, GA 30303**  
**PHONE: 404-463-1487**  
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REQUESTED ITEM	QUANTITY	CHECK BOX
2018 Educational Curriculum Presentation and Booster Seat Presentation (provided in English) – Full Length version (with Instructor notes).	1	X
2018 Shortened Education Curriculum Presentation (provided in English) – Less slides, condensed version (with Instructor notes)	1	X
2018 Educational Curriculum (Spanish Version with notes). Emailed upon request	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sammy's Safety Coloring Books - English	25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sammy's Safety Coloring Books - Spanish	25	<input type="checkbox"/>
GA CPS Law brochure (English)	25	<input type="checkbox"/>
GA CPS Law brochure (Spanish)	25	<input type="checkbox"/>
You Don't Have to Bear It - Teddy Bear Stickers <b><u>(to be placed on each child restraint prior to distribution)</u></b>	100 / roll	X
General Safety Stickers	100 / roll	<input type="checkbox"/>
Silver Permanent Marker <b><u>(Used to mark CRs with agency name, identification #s, and/or "Not for resale")</u></b>	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-cut Pool Noodles	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Safety Seat Check Forms (50 sheets - Padded) <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	1 set	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child Passenger Safety Healthcare Pocket Cards <b><u>NOTE: These are for staff use ONLY; not for public distribution</u></b>	5	<input type="checkbox"/>

FOR DPH USE ONLY: Date filled \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PROGRAM ADHERENCE, DOCUMENTATION, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration for the sponsoring agency ("Agency")'s participation in the Georgia Department of Public Health ("DPH")'s Child Passenger Safety Mini-Grant program ("Program"), the Agency agrees with the following terms and conditions:

1. Agency agrees to adhere to all program guidelines, including the guidelines outlined in the document titled "Mini-Grant Guidelines" and "Mini-Grant Application" ("Application and Grant Guidelines").
2. Agency agrees to provide an educational class, individual appointment, or inspection station as described in the Application and Grant Guidelines with each child safety seat distributed.
3. Agency agrees to complete and submit all required documentation outlined in the Application and Grant Guidelines by the required deadlines. This documentation includes the required monthly report and the supplemental seat request form or Teddy Bear Sticker form.
4. Agency agrees to complete and retain on file at the Agency a child passenger safety checklist and waiver form for each seat checked and distributed and documentation on how each client met financial eligibility requirements to receive a child safety seat.
5. Agency agrees to store and maintain the confidentiality of client financial eligibility data and all other protected health information in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA").
6. Agency agrees that it has obtained all of the necessary letters to support this application and have demonstrated an ability to reach high-risk populations and facilitate an effective child passenger safety program prior to submitting this application.
7. Agency agrees not to accept any compensation in exchange for services.
8. Agency understands and agrees that the DPH is providing a public service in the interest of safety, is not a dealer or manufacturer of the child safety seats, and makes no warranty of any kind, express or implied, including, without limitation, any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or any warranty as to the quality, safety, or condition of the child safety seat. In no respect shall DPH incur any liability for any damages or injury, including, but not limited to, direct, indirect, special, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way connected to the use of the child safety seat.
9. Agency agrees to release and hold harmless DPH and its officers, employees, agents, and assigns, from any and all costs, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements, and judgments related to or arising from the Program.

Agency understands and agrees that a violation of this agreement could affect Agency's participation or eligibility for the Program. By signing below, the undersigned certifies that he or she has read this document, fully understands its contents, and signs it of his or her own free will. The individual who is responsible for implementing this program and their supervisor must sign this application in order for the application to be considered.

**ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETED EVEN IF THE SAME PERSON**

<b>APPLYING AGENCY NAME (MUST BE PUBLIC HEALTH OR EMS):</b>	
<b>AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 'S SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
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## RESOURCE GUIDE CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY MINI GRANT

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Mini Grantee Responsibilities

#### Implementation Strategies

Mini Grantees may choose to use any of the following methods:

- 1) Child Passenger Safety Educational Class and child safety seat distribution in vehicle
- 2) Child Safety Seat Inspection Station and child safety seat distribution in vehicle
- 3) Individual Appointments and child safety seat distribution in vehicle

#### Child Passenger Safety Educational Class

- 1) CPS education classes should be a minimum of 60 minutes. This strategy should incorporate all of the following:
  - a) Use of one of the standardized curriculums developed and distributed by the COSP. The COSP will provide instructor notes and an electronic copy of the curriculum to all Mini-Grantees. The COSP **does not** support using the "Don't Risk Your Child's Life Video" or any other video as a primary means to educate families.
  - b) If time is limited, experienced CPS technician may provide instruction via the shortened presentation.
  - c) If there are Spanish-speaking families, a Spanish version of the curriculum may be provided to assist with education.
- 2) Curriculums available as of January 2019 include:
  - a. CPS Best Practice Overview / English Mini Grant Presentation – Includes detailed slides and lecture notes for presenters.
  - b. CPS Best Practice Overview / Spanish Mini Grant Presentation – Spanish language slides with detailed lecture notes in Spanish; content/translation has been approved by GA DPH Communications. NOTE: This is only available to counties who indicate Minority Outreach on the application.
- 3) If Grantees are aware of any non-English speaking minority groups within their community that could benefit from the program, but have not reached out due to a lack of resources in the clients' language(s), they are encouraged to contact the Minority Outreach Program Specialist. The Program Specialist can assist with providing resources and technical assistance, up to and including onsite visits and teaching classes when possible.
- 4) Parents and caregivers must install the child safety seat - not the technician. The CPS Technician should be there to instruct/guide and assist as needed; the parent or caregiver must be the last one to touch the seat.
- 5) CPS Technicians should spend enough time with the parent to ensure they have reviewed not only best practice for the infant or child, but also next steps for the child(ren).
- 6) The COSP Child Safety Seat Check Form **must** be used for all child safety seat distribution and vehicle instruction.

#### Child Safety Seat Inspection Station or Individual Appointments

The COSP fully supports inspection stations and individual appointments as a strategy to educate and distribute the child safety seats. This strategy should incorporate a minimum of 45 minutes with clients and bullets 3-6 as listed above.

#### Child Safety Seat Distribution Guidelines

- 1) Child **MUST BE PRESENT** to receive a child safety seat.
- 2) If the child already has a child safety seat, a replacement with a grant funded child safety seat cannot be offered unless the child has outgrown the current seat or it is considered unsafe. \*Note: If a seat is deemed

## RESOURCE GUIDE

### CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY MINI GRANT

- to be unsafe because it is expired, recalled, missing pieces, etc. and it will be replaced, grantees are encouraged to keep the unsafe seat and dispose of it.\*
- 3) Child safety seats must be distributed to parents or caregivers who otherwise could not afford a seat and do not have a seat for their child.
  - 4) Agencies must use a standard protocol for determining client eligibility, (e.g., WIC, Medicaid, Peach Care, or other standard financial eligibility criteria used by the health agency). It is recommended that eligibility be determined at the start of the training.
  - 5) If parent is pregnant, child safety seat distribution should occur no earlier than the 7<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy to ensure they have enough time to receive education and vehicle instruction before infant arrives. If the parent does not want to use a convertible seat because they will receive an infant carrier, perhaps as a shower gift, then a child safety seat should not be distributed until infant outgrows their seat. Parent can still be educated on the use of the seat they have for the infant.
  - 6) Child safety seats provided through the grant may not be distributed at checkup events or road checks.
  - 7) In support of the child safety seat program evaluation, grantees must place a "You Don't Have to Bear It" Teddy Bear Sticker on each child safety seat received through this program before giving the child safety seat to an eligible parent or caregiver.

#### Use of Teddy Bear Sticker (TBS) and TBS Program

Participating agencies are encouraged to work within their community to ensure that at least one local emergency response agency (i.e. law enforcement, EMS, or fire department) is participating in the Teddy Bear Sticker program.

Reporting when a child safety seat has been involved in a crash, helps the COSP document serious injuries prevented and children's lives saved as a result of this program. Collecting this data is essential to justify future funding for this program.



- Agencies can participate in the TBS Program by completing the TBS form for each motor vehicle crash involving a stickered child safety seat.
- Complete separate forms for each stickered seat and mail or email the form(s) back to the COSP.
- Child safety seats with Teddy Bear Stickers are eligible for replacement through the TBS Program.
- The COSP also provides safety items to the reporting agency.

#### Program Communication, Reporting, and Documentation

- 1) **Ownership and/or responsibilities of the grant cannot be changed or delegated to another agency without first contacting COSP.** Further, it is the responsibility of the applying agency to notify the CPS coordinating agency of any changes in designation.
- 2) An e-mail address and phone number for the CPS Coordinator must be provided. E-mail will be the primary method of communication concerning grant activities. **The COSP office must be notified of any changes to the CPS Coordinator contact information (current certification card should be submitted at time of change).**
- 3) Each agency will be provided with static links to Google Forms for reporting monthly activity and ordering seats. All participating organizations will use these links submit brief monthly reports and requests for additional child safety seats. **Monthly reports and seat orders are due by 12 Noon on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.**
  - Monthly reports document the number of child safety seats distributed, the number of classes held, inspection station or one-on-one appointments, and any public information and educational materials disseminated. This includes any media outreach both formal and informal. Copies of media (links to articles, copies of social media posts, etc.) should be provided.

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- If the agency was unable to conduct any activity during a month, the reason for this should be documented in the monthly report. The monthly reports permit the COSP to provide additional resources or assistance, or both based on communicated needs.
- 4) The program clients and the certified CPS Technician must complete a Child Safety Seat Check Form for each seat that is checked. The check forms are available by filling out the Public Information and Education and Tools Order Form (See page 10).
- 5) The participating agency must also maintain records documenting each client's eligibility (i.e., WIC, PeachCare, Medicaid, etc.) and must store and keep confidential in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).
- 6) The COSP develops talking points to increase awareness of life-saving benefits of child safety seats, booster seats, and safety belts. These are approved by DPH Communications and are disseminated to all Mini-Grantees. All mini-grant awardees are encouraged to utilize the talking points and share on social media as applicable and available.
- 7) COSP can request an audit of equipment, forms, class information, or any other mini-grant related items to verify compliance. Failure to respond to requests or lack of compliance can result in suspension of grant activities or removal of the grant.

#### MINI GRANT RESOURCES

Agencies selected to participate in this program will receive the following:

- Child safety seats;
- Technical assistance with program implementation, administration, and reporting;
- Additional help with building local coalitions, program improvement, and CPS Technician support.
- Training or referral to training for staff interested in becoming a certified CPS Technician and also for staff needing to recertify to maintain CPS Technician status
- Supporting program items, such as educational materials, forms, etc.
- Training or referral to training

#### DEFINITIONS

##### **Applying Agency**

Local health agencies are eligible to apply for the CPS Mini-Grant. For the purpose of this Mini-Grant, local health agencies are defined as public health departments, emergency medical services, and district public health offices. *Another community agency or organization may coordinate the local CPS program as the CPS Coordinator, but one of the above-mentioned health agencies must sponsor and sign the application as the Applying Agency.*

##### **Authorized Representative**

This is the person authorized by the Applying Agency to enter into the Mini-Grant and sign the application.

##### **CPS Coordinator**

The CPS Coordinator is the person who will receive all correspondence for the program and implement the information, regulations, and program goals. An email address and phone number must be provided for the CPS Coordinator. The CPS Coordinator may also be the CPS Technician who teaches the education classes.

##### **CPS Technician(s)**

Applicants must have a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) on staff or a certified CPST within their community that will conduct the educational classes or inspection station (one on one appointment) and distribute the car seats. Only a CPST can distribute car seats.

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#### Community Collaboration

Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with other organizations in their community that have certified CPSTs available to check child safety seats after the educational classes and during inspection station hours. These collaborative partners could include individuals from community organizations such as health departments, law enforcement, emergency medical services (EMS), fire departments, hospitals, and others, but may also include any other CPS Technician currently certified by Safe Kids Worldwide.

#### CPS MINI-GRANT AWARDS

Mini-Grant awards will be announced by December 28, 2018. New awardees will receive an initial supply of child safety seats within four to six weeks.

- **Maximum initial allotment for new Grantees is a total of up to 10 Convertible and 4 High Back Booster child safety seats (depends on awardees' facility storage capacity). Current grantees may order what is needed to bring their current inventory to 6 convertibles and 4 High Back Boosters up to level. All Grantees will order their initial and subsequent seats via the Google Form. If you do not have links to the Forms, please contact the COSP team at [injury@dph.ga.gov](mailto:injury@dph.ga.gov).** The COSP may adjust the number of seats awarded based on the agency's reported inventory or the number of counties participating in the program.
- **Each organization receiving seats as part of the Mini-Grant must confirm receipt of the seats by sending an e-mail to [injury@dph.ga.gov](mailto:injury@dph.ga.gov) that includes the quantity of each type of child safety seat received.**

Each month supplemental child safety seats can be requested as a participating agency distributes their initial supply of child safety seats.

- The agency must submit a Supplemental Seat Request via the Google Form which indicates the number(s) and type(s) of additional seats requested. **The request must be submitted by 12 noon on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to receive seats by the end of that month.**
- The agency must be in compliance with the monthly reporting requirement (i.e., reports must be current) in order to request supplemental seats. If a county is more than one month behind on reporting, child safety seats will be not distributed.

#### RESTRICTIONS ON CHILD SAFETY SEATS:

- 1) The COSP continues to seek additional funding for child safety seats to support the growth of this program. The child safety seat maximum inventory for counties each month is restricted to 6 convertibles and 4 High Back Boosters.
- 2) If you have seats in inventory that are approaching 1 year of age, you must notify the COSP office immediately for pick-up and redistribution to a county in need.
- 3) Please refrain from providing child safety seats to a family who already has a seat for a child or who could put a younger child in the older child's seat (reference Child Safety Seat Distribution guidelines).
- 4) The child **MUST** be present in order to receive a seat and be properly fitted.
- 5) Child safety seats should not be replaced due to being dirty or if the family needs a seat for their second vehicle or other caregiver.



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### RESOURCES

- 1) Child safety seat resources are limited. It is important to be good stewards of the program procedures. This should be a supplemental program, supporting existing efforts in the community. The grant is not intended to fully meet the community need and it is expected that additional seats/funding for program will be needed.
  - o A supplemental resource packet is available, including information on possible grant opportunities.
- 2) All workers (both full time and volunteers) are considered mandated reporters and should complete the state appropriate mandate reporter training. <https://oca.georgia.gov/mandated-reporting>
- 3) Certification for CPS Technicians is valid for two years. CPS Technicians should refer to <http://cert.safekids.org/> for details about the recertification requirements and process. Briefly, CPS Technicians must complete the following during the two-year cycle in order to recertify.
  - o Five (5) verified seat checks by a certified CPS Technician Instructor or Proxy
  - o Community education (one two-hour checkup event or four hours of community education). A Community Event does include your CPS classes held for the Mini Grant Purposes (category 4 hours of Community Education).
  - o Six (6) CPS continuing education units (CEUs). Online and in-person courses are available to assist CPS Technicians in obtaining the required CEUs. More information can be found at [www.cpsboard.org](http://www.cpsboard.org) and <http://cert.safekids.org/>
  - o Register and pay recertification fee before current certification expiration date.
  - o The Child Occupant Safety Project will offer CPS Technician Recertification and Renewal classes. For more information please contact the COSP office.
- 4) The Child Occupant Safety Project regularly offers the CPS Technician Certification class. More information on CPS Technician Certification classes offered by other organizations, please visit <http://cert.safekids.org/> and click on "Find a Course".
- 5) *The COSP is committed to helping CPS Technicians maintain their certification. If you need assistance with completing the recertification requirements or with logging your information into the Safe Kids Certification Management Web site, please call 404-463-1487 or email at [injury@dph.ga.gov](mailto:injury@dph.ga.gov). Additionally, there is some funding available to assist with recertification fees if local CPS Technicians are in need of assistance.*

**Backup material for agenda item:**

6. Presentation of IFBs #316-18 - Course Aggregate & Miscellaneous Items; and #318-18 - Hot Asphaltic Mix- Public Works Director David McKee / Purchasing Manager Melissa Hawk



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: Public Works

Work Session: 12/13/2018

Prepared By: Melissa Hawk

Voting Session: 12/20/2018

Presenter: David McKee/Melissa Hawk

Public Hearing: Yes  No

Agenda Item Title: IFB #316-18 Course Aggregate and Miscellaneous Items Presentation

**Background Information:**

The Dawson County Public Works, Roads Department has a full-time paving crew on staff which performs all of the LMIG funds work and several miles annually of other road work and parking lot repairs. Materials purchased from a local course aggregate contract. Current contract exhausted all renewal year options.

**Current Information:**

An IFB was released on October 4, 2018 for the aforementioned items. Two bids were received. The lowest, most responsive bid was submitted by Vulcan Materials.

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
100	4220	531116	\$161,664			

Recommendation/Motion: To accept the bids submitted and to award an annual contract to Vulcan Materials for course aggregate, for one (1) year beginning January 1, 2019, with two (2) possible renewal option years.

Department Head Authorization: David McKee

Date: 10/29/2018

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/3/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/3/18

County Attorney Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Attachments:**

Presentation



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: Public Works

Work Session: 12/13/2018

Prepared By: Melissa Hawk

Voting Session: 12/20/2018

Presenter: David McKee/Melissa Hawk

Public Hearing: Yes  No

Agenda Item Title: IFB #318-18 Hot Asphaltic Mix Presentation

**Background Information:**

The Dawson County Public Works, Roads Department has a full-time paving crew on staff which performs all of the LMIG funds work and several miles annually of other road work and parking lot repairs. Materials purchased from a local hot asphaltic mix contract. Current contract exhausted all renewal year options.

**Current Information:**

An IFB was released on October 4, 2018 for the aforementioned items. Bids were received from Baldwin Paving, Blunt Construction and CW Matthews Contracting on October 18, 2018. Each company offered low bids on different items.

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
100	4220	531110	\$205,000			

Recommendation/Motion: To accept the bids submitted and to award an annual contract or hot asphaltic mix to each bidder for their respective lowest priced items, for one (1) year beginning January 1, 2019, with two (2) possible renewal option years.

Department Head Authorization: David McKee

Date: 10/29/2018

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/3/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/3/18

County Attorney Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Attachments:**

Presentation



War Hill Park

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**IFB #316-18  
COURSE AGGREGATES &  
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
AND  
IFB #318-18 HOT ASPHALTIC MIX**

WORK SESSION – DECEMBER 13, 2018



# Background and Overview



- ❖ The Dawson County Public Works, Roads Department completed 21 miles of LMIG funds and General Funds roadway work in 2017 as well as repair work to parking lots in the County.
- ❖ Materials for these projects are historically purchased from local course aggregate & hot asphaltic contracts.
- ❖ Current course aggregate annual contract approved May, 21, 2015.
- ❖ Current hot asphaltic mix annual contract approved September 18, 2014.
  - Both contracts have initial contract date of January 1, 2016.
  - All renewals for both contracts exhausted on December 31, 2018.
- ❖ Bid separately to facilitate smoother award due to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Quality Product Source List.

# Procurement Approach and Procedure



- ✓ Advertised in Legal Organ
- ✓ Posted on County Website
- ✓ Posted on Georgia Procurement Registry
- ✓ Emailed notification through vendor registry
- ✓ Notification through County's Facebook and Twitter accounts
- ✓ Notification through Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ Notified previous vendors
- ❑ **2 Bids received for course aggregate**
- ❑ **3 Bids received for hot asphaltic**


# Scope of Services for Both IFBs



- ❖ All products are to meet the GDOT 2013 standard specifications and all updates.
- ❖ Products are to be manufactured at locations on the approved GDOT standard source list.
- ❖ Quantities ordered to be based on needs of the County. No maximum or minimum limit required.



# Offers Received – Course Aggregate

Gravel Type	Unit of Measure	Green Dream International 		Vulcan Materials - Cherokee		Vulcan Materials - Dahlonega	
		Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per	Recycled Material Total Price Per Ton	Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Recycled Material Total Price Per	Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per	Recycled Material Total Price Per Ton
Rip Rap Type 1	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$19.30	N/A	\$19.30	N/A
Rip Rap Type 3		No Bid	No Bid	\$19.30	N/A	\$19.30	N/A
Surge	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$17.80	N/A	\$17.80	N/A
Baby Surge	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$17.80	N/A	\$17.80	N/A
Graded Aggregates Base	per ton	\$14.44	No Bid	\$11.55	N/A	\$11.55	N/A
#34 Stone	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$16.05	N/A	N/a	N/A
#4 Stone	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	N/A	N/A	\$16.05	N/A
#57 Stone	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$16.30	N/A	\$16.30	N/A
#89 Stone	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$18.05	N/A	\$18.05	N/A
M-10 Screenings	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$14.05	N/A	\$14.05	N/A
Sand	per ton	No Bid	No Bid	\$15.05	N/A	\$15.05	N/A
Percentage (%) discount for other products not specifically listed in this IFB but may be		N/A		0		0	
Vendor will accept invoice payment (net/30)?		Yes		Yes		Yes	
Vendor's order processing time?		One Day After Order		Two Days After Order		Two Days After Order	
Vendor's Delivery Fee:		\$8.10/Ton		\$6.50/Ton (GAB, 34, 4, 57,89, M-10, sand, surge and baby surge) Rip Rap Type 3 - \$8.50/Ton		\$6.25/Ton (GAB, 34, 4, 57,89, M-10, sand, surge and baby surge) Rip Rap Type 3 - \$8.00/Ton	
Rock Quarry Source Name and Number per GDOT's QPL #2:		Martin Marietta Ball Ground Quarry		Cherokee - QPL Source #143C		Dahlonega Quarry - QPL Source #141C	
Mileage Distance from Plant to 946 Burt Creek Rd, Dawsonville		21. Miles		18.4 Miles		15.6 Miles	

# Offers Received - Hot Asphaltic Mix

Gravel Type	Unit of Measure	Baldwin Paving Co		Blount Construction Co		C W Matthews - Cumming Plant		C W Matthews - Long Branch Plant		C W Matthews - Ball Ground Plant	
		Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Recycled Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Recycled Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Recycled Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Recycled Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Virgin Material Total Bid Price Per Ton	Recycled Material Total Bid Price Per Ton
25mm/19mm Base/Binder	per ton	N/A	\$50.88	\$56.50	No Bid	\$61.30	\$51.40	\$61.73	\$51.81	\$63.57	\$53.97
B-Mod	per ton	N/A	\$54.67	No Bid	No Bid	\$66.68	\$56.25	\$66.71	\$56.47	\$69.00	\$58.56
12.5mm (65) E Mix	per ton	N/A	\$56.02	\$59.75	No Bid	\$66.68	\$56.25	\$66.71	\$56.47	\$69.00	\$58.56
9.5mm (65-2) F Mix	per ton	N/A	\$57.62	\$60.50	No Bid	\$67.95	\$56.21	\$70.99	\$58.37	\$70.13	\$62.79
9.5mm (65-2) F Mix with Lime	per ton	N/A	\$61.23	\$62.50	No Bid	\$67.95	\$56.21	\$70.99	\$58.37	\$70.13	\$62.79
9.5mm (65-10) H Mix	per ton	N/A	\$59.90	No Bid	No Bid	\$69.59	\$58.97	\$72.80	\$60.10	\$71.80	\$61.77
Percentage (%) discount for other products not specifically listed in this IFB but may be needed. Percentage		5% Off of List Price		\$1.00 Off of List Price		0%		0%		0%	
Vendor will accept invoice payment (net/30)?		Yes		Yes		No		No		No	
Vendor's order processing time?		24 Hours		1 Day		1 Hour		1 Hour		1 Hour	
Plant Location		1535 Ronald Reagan Blvd Cumming, GA 30041		911 Canton Highway Cumming, GA 30040		475 Ronald Reagan Blvd Cumming, GA 30140		1149 Red Oaks Flats Rd Dahlonega, GA 30533		950 Old Nelson Road Ball Ground, GA 30153	
Mileage from Dawsonville, GA		21 Miles		19.9 Mile	151	22 Miles		17 Miles		24 Miles	

# Staff Recommendation



Staff respectfully requests the Board to accept the bids submitted and to award an annual contract for course aggregate to Vulcan Materials and an annual contract for hot asphaltic mix to each bidder for their respective best priced items. All contracts will be for one (1) year beginning January 1, 2019, with two (2) possible renewal option years separately.

THANK YOU

**Backup material for agenda item:**

7. Presentation of IFB #329-18 - Lumpkin Campground / State Route 53 Curb Contractor Approval Request- Public Works Director David McKee



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: Public Works

Work Session: 12-13-18

Prepared By: David McKee

Voting Session: 12-20-2018

Presenter: David McKee

Public Hearing: Yes  No

Agenda Item Title: IFB #329-18 Lumpkin Campground SR 53 Curbing approval

**Background Information:**

Dawson County has partnered with GDOT to address the growing traffic issues at the Lumpkin Campground / SR 53 intersection. A right-hand turn lane is being constructed along the Lumpkin Campground mainline. SR 53 traffic will not be changed. Upon completion, GDOT will adjust all traffic signals.

**Current Information:**

Staff has met with several contractors to receive quotes on the curb and gutter replacement. Bid documents have been released according to policy and bids will be received after the work session; however, prior to the voting session. Staff requests approval of the most qualified contractor. The project qualifies for SPLOST VI funds, Impact Fee funds or General Fund.

Budget Information: Applicable:  Not Applicable:  Budgeted: Yes  No

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
SPLOST VI or Impact Fee Collections			\$100,000			

Recommendation/Motion: Approval of the curb and gutter contractor for the curb replacement

Department Head Authorization: David McKee

Date: 12-5-18

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/6/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/7/18

County Attorney Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Attachments:**

Power Point attached



War Hill Park

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# **IFB #329-18DAWSON COUNTY SR53 @ LUMPKIN CAMPGROUND CURB AND GUTTER CONTRACTOR APPROVAL**

WORK SESSION 12-13-2018

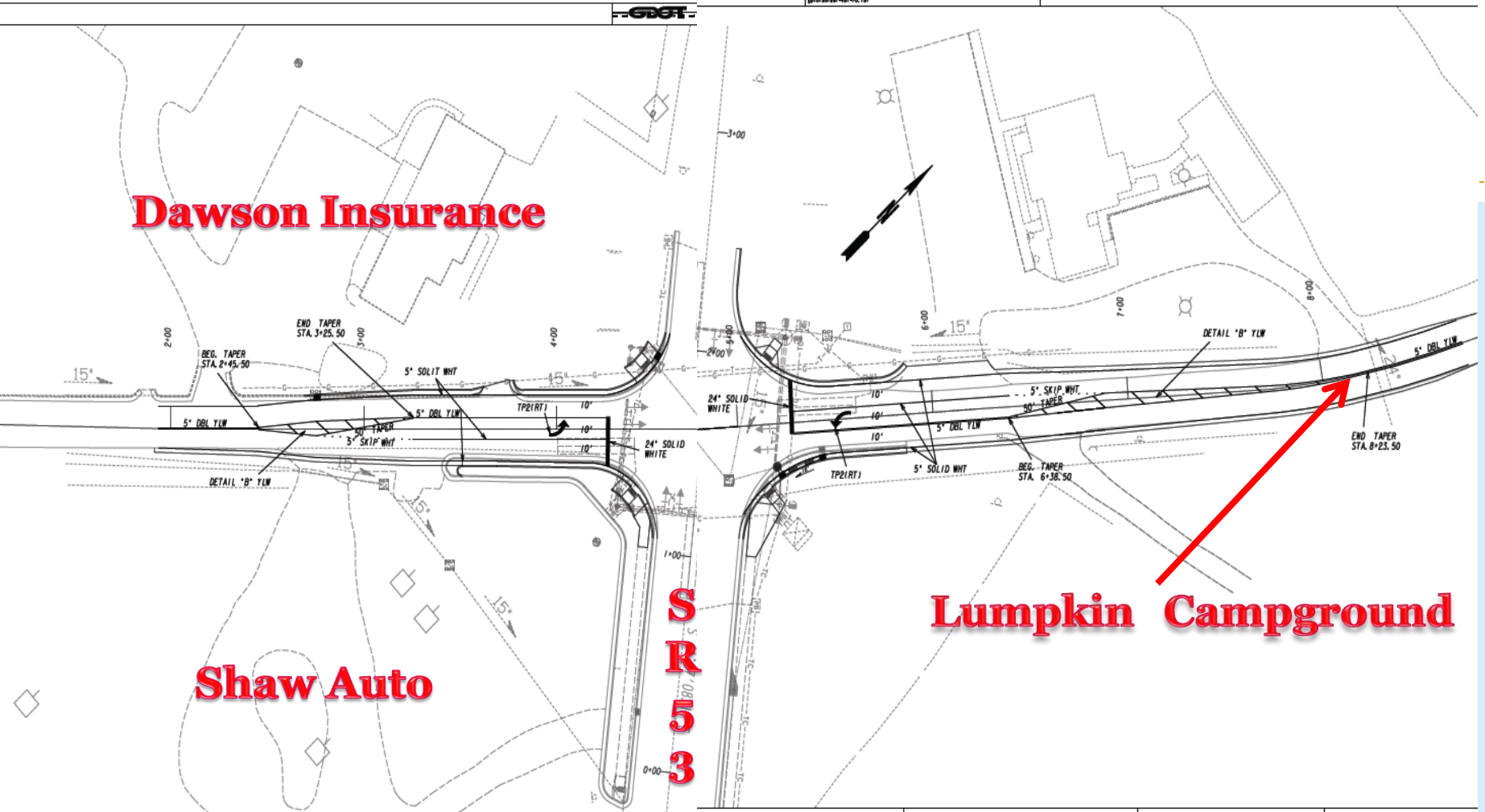


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**SR 53**

**Lumpkin Campground**



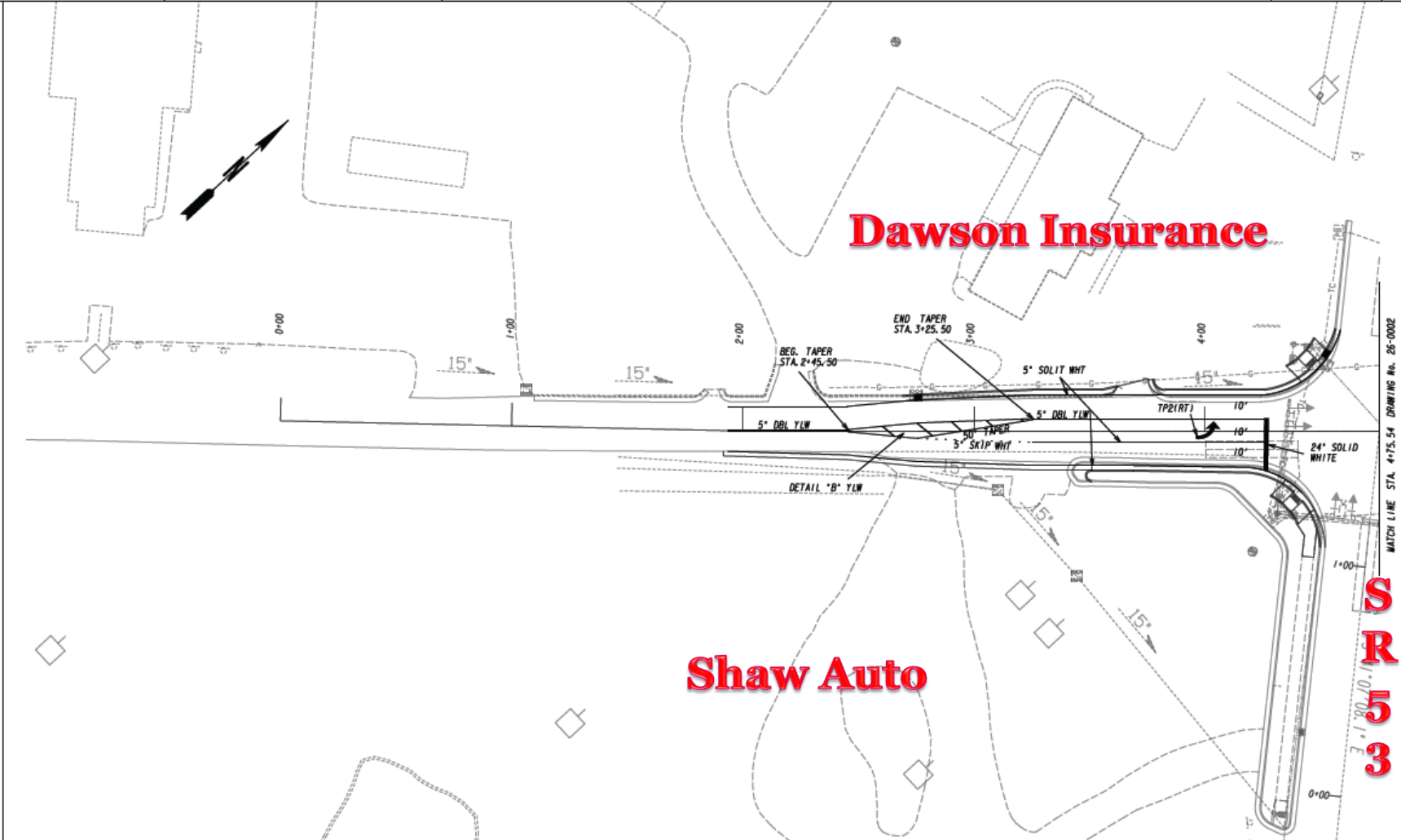
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DAWSON COUNTY  
LUMPKIN CAMPGROUND RD AT SR5.

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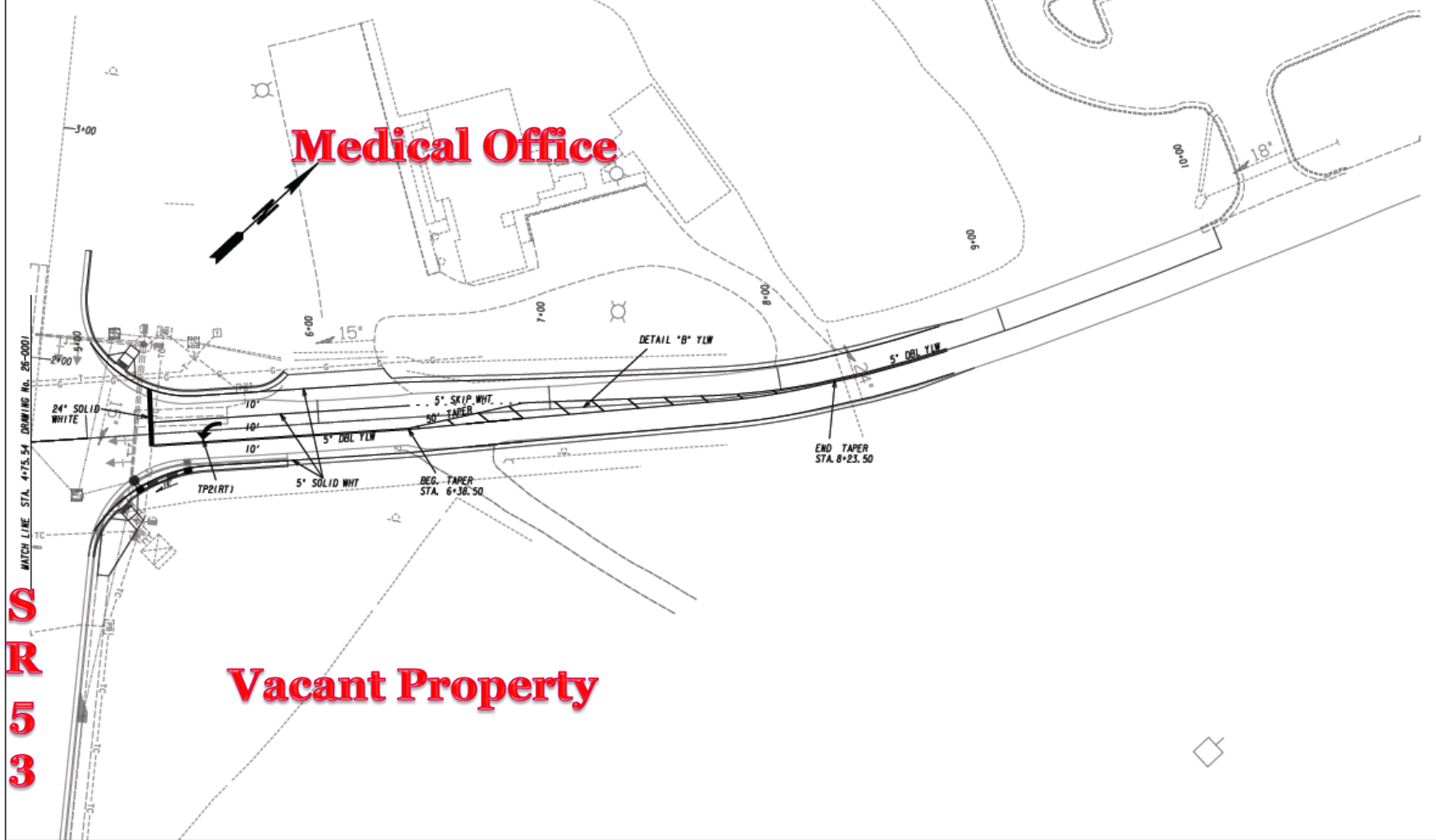
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LUMPKIN CAMPGROUND RD AT SR53 LTLS





**SR 53**

**Medical Office**

**Vacant Property**

**GD&T**

**DISTRICT 1**



REVISION DATES		SIGNING AND MARKING PLANS		DRAWING No.
NO.	DATE	DAWSON COUNTY		
		LUMPKIN CAMPGROUND RD AT SR53 LTLS		26-0002
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REVISED:	DATE:			

# Recommendation



Upon receipt and review of the bid documents staff recommends that we approve the most qualified contractor to install the curb and gutter as drafted. Final bids will be received and submitted to the BOC prior to the voting session on 12-20-2018

Funded through SPLOST V 159 or Impact fees

**Backup material for agenda item:**

8. Presentation of GATEway Grant- Public Works Director David McKee



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: Public Works

Work Session: 12-13-18

Prepared By: David McKee

Voting Session: 12-20-2018

Presenter: David McKee

Public Hearing: Yes  No

Agenda Item Title: Discussion of GATEway Grant Feasibility

**Background Information:**

For the past 10 years, Dawson County has been looking for ways in which to landscape areas along the GA 400 Corridor. The area is within the GDOT ROW and would require special encroachment permits, and a MOU with GDOT on the long-term maintenance of this corridor. In 2014 staff applied for a GATEway grant for funding to start a portion of the ROW landscaping. The grant application was approved; however, staff determined that the project was not viable until the developers completed the improvements as to alleviate any removal of plantings. The grant was awarded in the amount of \$46,690.

**Current Information:**

In September 2018 the project was bid according to the approved plans, and county policy. Dawson County purchasing received 2 bids - the total bid cost was \$116,246.85, which is \$69,556.85 over the total grant amount. The project is not SPLOST VI eligible, and additional funding shall come from another source such as general fund. If completed, Dawson County is responsible for the long-term maintenance of the GDOT ROW where the plantings are installed. Staff is requesting direction on this project.

Budget Information: Applicable:  Not Applicable:  Budgeted: Yes  No

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
GATEway Grant			\$46,690			

Recommendation/Motion: Discussion of the feasibility of moving the project forward.

Department Head Authorization: David McKee

Date: 12-4-18

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/6/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/7/18

County Attorney Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Attachments:**

PowerPoint attached



War Hill Park

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# IFB #323-18 DAWSON COUNTY GATEWAY LANDSCAPE PROJECT

WORK SESSION 12-13-2018



# Background and Overview



- ❖ Project has been discussed in various forms since 2006.
- ❖ Many different concepts have been developed and presented to the BOC.
  - Challenges
    - Funding
    - Long term maintenance cost
- ❖ Staff has continued to look for ways to fund portions of the overall corridor improvements concept.
  - Long term maintenance has been discussed as funded by businesses along the improvement area.





# Background and Overview



# GATEway Grant



- ❖ GDOT program formed with the funds collected by the State from billboard permits.
- ❖ Created as a transportation enhancement program intended for the entryway to counties or cities and or exit ramps along divided highways.
- ❖ These funds must be used for landscape plant material and installation for road side enhancement/beautification projects. The design space will be at the intersection of 400 and Carlisle Road between John Meigel Chevrolet and Applebee's.



# Grant Requirements



- ❖ Some of the requirements of the grant include:
  - No plant will grow over 30” tall
  - Use native tree species
  - No median planting
  - Clear zone (area near the traveled way - determined by the design speed and ADT)
  - Horizontal clearance (closeness of plantings to traveled area – determined by speed limit)
  - Sight distance triangles (minimum line of sight for left-handed turn intersections – determined by number of lanes and speed limit).





# GATEway LANDSCAPE PLAN

## DAWSON COUNTY, GDOT DISTRICT ONE

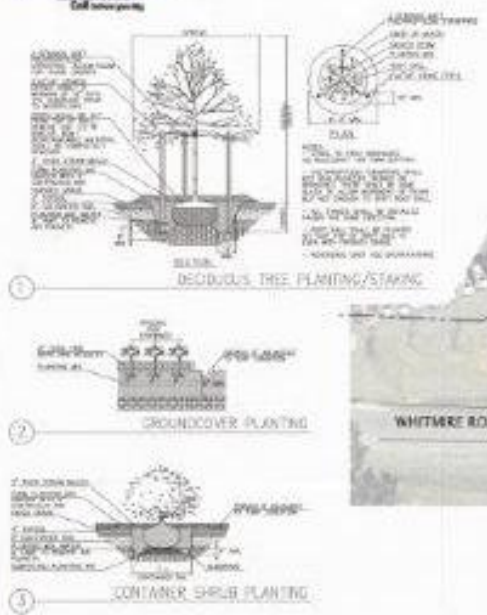
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 COUNTY ENGINEER

Project Safety Engineering  
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NOTES:  
 1. ALL PLANTING SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PLANTING AREAS.  
 2. ALL PLANTS SHALL BE HEALTHY, VIGOROUS SPECIMENS FREE OF ALL PESTS AND DISEASE.  
 3. ALL PLANTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OWNER BEFORE ORDERING AND AFTER INSTALLATION.  
 4. IMMEDIATELY SOAK NEW PLANTINGS WITH WATER.  
 5. ALL UTILITIES SHALL BE FIELD VERIFIED PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION.  
 6. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN TOLERANCES AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO THE DESIGNER.  
 7. ALL PLANTING SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN A MINIMUM OF 2' OF CLEAR FRESH PAVED OR FINISHED CURBS OR EDGES.  
 8. PLANTING AND 1 PARTS TOPSOIL, 1 PART COARSE SAND, 1 PART PLANT MOSS OR APPROVED SUBSTITUTE.

ORDER NO.	SYMBOL NAME	QUANTITY	NO.	MARK
1	AMERICAN HORSESHOE CACTUS (10' TALL)	2	10'	10'
2	AMERICAN HORSESHOE CACTUS (6' TALL)	2	6'	6'
3	FLORIDA YACON	2	10'	10'
4	FLORIDA YACON	2	6'	6'
5	FLORIDA YACON	2	10'	10'
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19	FLORIDA YACON	2	10'	10'
20	FLORIDA YACON	2	6'	6'

- NOTE:
- NO REBAR/CAIRTS ARE WITHIN 500 FEET OF THE SITE.
  - EXISTING MAINTENANCE IS LOCATED AT THE CENTER OF THE PROPOSED SITE.
  - NO IRRIGATION IS PROPOSED FOR THIS SITE.
  - ALL PLANT MATERIALS SHALL MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE LATEST EDITION OF AMERICAN STANDARDS FOR HEDGEBY STOCK.
  - ALL PLANTS SHALL BE HEALTHY, VIGOROUS SPECIMENS FREE OF ALL PESTS AND DISEASE.
  - ALL PLANTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE OWNER BEFORE ORDERING AND AFTER INSTALLATION.
  - IMMEDIATELY SOAK NEW PLANTINGS WITH WATER.
  - ALL UTILITIES SHALL BE FIELD VERIFIED PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION.
  - CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS OWN TOLERANCES AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO THE DESIGNER.
  - ALL PLANTING SHALL BE INSTALLED WITHIN A MINIMUM OF 2' OF CLEAR FRESH PAVED OR FINISHED CURBS OR EDGES.
  - PLANTING AND 1 PARTS TOPSOIL, 1 PART COARSE SAND, 1 PART PLANT MOSS OR APPROVED SUBSTITUTE.



OWNER:  
 DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 75 BENTLEY WAY, SUITE 2110  
 CAROLSVILLE, GEORGIA 30034  
 PROJECT CONTACT:  
 RACHEL BARTON  
 PHS 344 238-047, 40337

DATE: 4/2011

# Current Information



- Dawson County was awarded the GATEway grant funds in 2014 in the amount of \$46,690.00.
- November 2015 Right of Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement approved by both, GDOT and Dawson County BOC (50 year term).
- November 2015 GDOT approved a Special Encroachment permit to perform the construction as proposed in the GATEway application.
- Staff determined the most feasible option for moving the project forward was to allow for the intersection improvements to be completed then bid the project for completion.

# Procurement Approach and Procedure



## BID ACCORDING TO POLICY

- ✓ Advertised in Legal Organ
- ✓ Posted on County Website
- ✓ Posted on Georgia Procurement Registry
- ✓ Emailed notification through Vendor Registry
- ✓ Notification through County's Facebook and Twitter accounts
- ✓ Notification through Chamber of Commerce



❖ **IFB opened on September 28, 2018 with 2 responses received.**



# Scope of Services



- ❖ Contractor is to:
  - Use the planting list and plans as approved for the special encroachment permit by the GA Department of Transportation District Engineer.
  - Provide watering as needed to ensure plant health during the full one-year warranty period.
  
- ❖ Contractor is NOT required to install an irrigation mechanism.



# Bids Received



				4 SEASONS LANDSCAPE	TRI SCAPES INC
Item No.	Description	Quantity	UOM	TOTAL COST	TOTAL COST
1	Dawson County GATEway Landscape Project	1	Lump Sum	<b>\$120,323.00</b>	<b>\$116,246.85</b>
2	Estimated Start Date:			Within 2 weeks of acceptance	11/16/2018
3	Warranty for	Labor:		1 year	1 YEAR
4	Warranty for	Materials:		1 year	1 YEAR



# Discussion



Staff recommendation is to have the Board give direction on the project moving forward. If staff is directed to move forward there is a \$69,556.85 shortfall. This project is not SPLOST VI eligible. Additional funding shall come from General fund.



**Backup material for agenda item:**

9. Presentation of FY 2019 Department of Human Services / Deanna Specialty Transportation Inc. Contract- Senior Services Director Dawn Pruett



## DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA FORM

Department: Senior Services-Transit

Work Session: 12-13-2018

Prepared By: Dawn Pruett

Voting Session: 12-20-2018

Presenter: Dawn Pruett

Public Hearing: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Agenda Item Title: Request to approve FY19 DHS/Deanna Specialty Transportation, Inc. Contract.

**Background Information:**

Deanna Specialty, Inc. reimburses Dawson County for senior client rides. Deanna Specialty contracts with DHS to oversee funding.

**Current Information:**

Reimbursement rates: Regular \$7.75; Wheelchair \$11.75; Hourly \$35.00; Daily Field Trip \$200.00

Budget Information: Applicable: Not Applicable: Budgeted: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Fund	Dept.	Acct No.	Budget	Balance	Requested	Remaining
	5540					

Recommendation/Motion: Approve FY19 DHS/Deanna Specialty Transportation, Inc. Contract.

Department Head Authorization: Dawn Pruett

Date: 11-27-18

Finance Dept. Authorization: Vickie Neikirk

Date: 12/3/18

County Manager Authorization: DH

Date: 12/3/18

County Attorney Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments/Attachments:**

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**AGREEMENT**  
**for Department of Human Services (DHS) Coordinated Transportation Services**

AGREEMENT BETWEEN:

Dawson County Senior Center, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia acting by and through its governing authority, the Dawson County Board of Commissioners; hereinafter referred to as Contractor; and Deanna Specialty Transportation, Inc., a Georgia corporation; hereinafter referred to as the DST, agree:

This Agreement has an effective beginning date of the 1st day of July, 2018 shall terminate on the 30th day of June, 2019 unless terminated earlier under other provisions of this Agreement.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DST has a need for, and desires to purchase transportation services for eligible DHS consumers as needed;

AND

WHEREAS, the Contractor has represented to the DST it is available to provide transportation services for the described population;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein set forth, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto to abide by the conditions set forth in the remainder of this Agreement.

1. Purpose:

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide transportation services to eligible DHS consumers.

2. Agreement Term:

The term of this agreement shall be from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 unless terminated earlier in accordance with this Agreement.

3. Services to Be Provided:

- a) The Contractor is solely engaging to provide congregate (senior) meal transportation for seniors receiving services at the Dawson County Senior Center. Transportation provided will be to and from the Senior Center. Any other services performed by the Contractor are outside the scope of this Agreement. Contractor agrees to provide sufficient personnel and vehicles, as necessary, to render congregate meal transportation for seniors receiving services at the Dawson County Senior Center during the hours required by the Senior Center and per GADHS policies and procedures.
- b) The parties expect that authorized DHS Human Service Contractors will notify the Regional Transportation Office, Region 2, as to which consumers are eligible. This notification is done via a completed client registration and trip order entered on the TRIP\$ System. Contractor

shall deliver transportation services to individuals registered with the Regional Transportation Office TRIP\$ System in accordance to regulations administered by the Georgia Department of Human Services.

- c) Contractor shall be solely responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles and shall maintain said vehicles in accordance with the vehicle standards established by the Georgia Department of Human Services to ensure safe operation and to comply with all federal, state and local laws and codes and/or required inspections. Contractor will be responsible for providing vehicle insurance on those vehicles owned by the Contractor. Contractor shall be responsible for purchasing new vehicles to replace those that are not repairable or those that do not comply with DHS safety requirements.
- d) Drivers shall comply with regulations set forth by the Georgia Department of Public Safety and the Georgia Department of Human Services. Drivers shall possess such licenses and permits as required by law.
- e) Contractor agrees to provide the DST certification/proof of workers' compensation insurance coverage on all Contractor's employees, upon request of the DST.

4. Training:

Drivers and dispatchers employed by Contractor shall undergo such training as required by the Georgia Department of Human Services including on the subject of client rights and confidentiality; accessibility; drug free workplace; sexual harassment; CPR/First-aid; Defensive Driving; and Universal Precautions for STD's, HIV/Aids and Infectious Disease. Drivers will also be trained in use of all auxiliary equipment including radios, fire extinguishers, and wheelchair lifts.

5. Drug and Alcohol Testing:

Contractor shall be responsible for complying with all requirements of the Federal Transit Administration regarding the testing of safety-sensitive employees for drug and alcohol use. The cost of compliance will be the sole responsibility of Contractor.

6. Information:

The Contractor agrees to make vehicles, vehicle files, and driver files available for DHS site visits, to the extent permitted by law. Contractor agrees to provide information and reports as requested by the Regional Transportation Coordinator.

7. Monitoring and Inspection

The DST and Regional Transportation Office/DHS may review trip documents, logs, driver logs, vehicle maintenance records, driver qualification records and may inspect vehicles. Contractor will cooperate with The DST and Regional Transportation Office/DHS in making these and other documents and vehicles available to the extent permitted by law.

8. Payment:



The DST agrees to remit payment for approved transportation services rendered by Contractor when DST receives reimbursement from the Georgia Department of Human Services.

9. Fee Schedule:

Each trip will be billed at the following rates: Aging \$7.75 per trip; Hourly \$35.00; Field Trip Daily \$200, Wheelchairs \$11.75

10. Invoicing:

- a) The Contractor shall invoice using TRIP\$ on a per client/per trip basis. Invoicing will be completed by the eighth of the month following the activity.
- b) Contractor shall provide the DST with completed billing summaries which will include the name of each client transported, the date transported, trip type and the number of approved trips provided. This can include the TRIP\$ Invoice Backup Report and/or Invoice Summary Report. Contractor shall provide said billing summary on a monthly basis no later than the eighth day of the month following the activity.

11. Termination Without Cause:

Either party may terminate this agreement without cause upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party. Upon such termination without cause, Contractor shall be entitled to payment, in accordance with Agreement provisions, for services rendered up to the termination date. Contractor shall be obligated to continue performance of contract services, in accordance with this Agreement, until the termination date.

12. Amendments

Any change, alteration, deletion, or addition to the terms set forth in this agreement must be in the form of a written amendment signed by both parties.

13. Compliance With Law:

Contractor shall perform all services required by this contract in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Contractor shall use only licensed personnel to perform work required by law or regulation to be performed by such personnel.

14. Equal Opportunity:

During the performance of this contract, Contractor agrees that it will, in good faith, afford equal opportunity required by applicable federal, state, or local law to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, disability or national origin.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and all other provisions of Federal law, the parties agree that, during performance of this Agreement, they will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, any subcontractor, or any supplier because of race, color, creed, national origin, gender, age or disability.

15. Non Availability of Funds:

This Agreement is subject to the condition that funds be made available by the Congress of the United States, by the General Assembly of Georgia, or other sources, and by the proper budget authority for carrying out the functions which this Agreement implements. If DST becomes aware of funding issues jeopardizing its ability to reimburse Contractor, it shall immediately provide notice of same to Contractor.

16. Force Majeure:

Each party will be excused from performance under this contract to the extent that it is prevented from performing, in whole or in substantial part, due to delays caused by any cause beyond their reasonable control, an act of God, civil or military authority, war, court order, acts of public enemy, and such nonperformance will not be default under this contract nor a basis for termination for cause.

17. Entire Agreement:

This Agreement constitutes the complete agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. No other agreement, statement or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement not contained in this Agreement shall be valid or binding. This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written document signed by representatives of both parties with appropriate authorization.

18. Applicable Law:

If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provision of this Agreement, the rules, regulations, statutes and laws of the State of Georgia will control.

19. Severability:

Should any article(s) or section(s) of this Agreement, or any part thereof, later be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the offending portion of the Agreement should be severed, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect to the extent possible.

20. Waiver of Agreement:

No failure by either party to enforce any right or power granted under this Agreement, or to insist upon strict compliance with this Agreement, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall constitute a general waiver of any future breach or default or affect the parties' right to demand exact and strict compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

21. No Third Party Rights:

This Agreement shall be exclusively for the benefit of the parties and shall not provide any third parties with any remedy, claim, liability, reimbursement, cause of action or other right.

22. Sovereign Immunity:

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to be a waiver of the Contractor's sovereign immunity or any individual's qualified good faith or official immunities.

23. Notices:

All notices, requests, demands writings, or correspondence, as required by this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed received, and shall be effective, when: (1) personally delivered, or (2) on the third day after the postmark date when mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, or (3) upon actual delivery when sent via national overnight commercial carrier to the parties at the address given below, or to a substitute address previously furnished to the other party by written notice in accordance herewith:

**Contractor's Address for Official Correspondence**

Dawson County Board of Commissioners  
25 Justice Way Suite 2204 Dawsonville, GA 30534  
Contact Person: Dawn Pruitt  
Email:  
Telephone: (706) 344-3501

**DST's Address for Official Correspondence**

Deanna Specialty Transportation, Inc.  
211 Sand Bar Rd  
Augusta, GA, 30901

Contact Person: Shawn Thomas  
Email: [shawn.thomas@waytogotrans.com](mailto:shawn.thomas@waytogotrans.com)  
Telephone: (706) 722-7030

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]



**Dawson County, Georgia**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk  
Title

[COUNTY SEAL]

**Deanna Specialty Transportation, Inc.**

*Shawn Thomas*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*Shawn Thomas*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

*CEO*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*3/19/18*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attest:**

*Belinda Smith*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*Belinda Smith*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Secretary  
Title

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Ratified and agreed to for purposes of complying with Art. IX. Sec. II. Par. III(b)(1) of the Georgia Constitution:

**City of Dawsonville, Georgia**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk  
Title

[CITY SEAL]

**Backup material for agenda item:**

10. Presentation of Board Appointments:

**a. Tax Assessors**

- i. Jim Perdue- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2023)

**b. Department of Family and Children Services**

- i. Nancy Stites- *replacing Vickie Porter* (Term: December 2018 through July 2019)

**c. Planning Commission**

- i. John Dooley, Chairman appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
- ii. Jason Hamby, District 1 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
- iii. John Maloney, District 2 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
- iv. Tim Bennett, District 3 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)
- v. Neil Hornsey, District 4 appointee- *reappointment* (Term: January 2019 through December 2020)

DAWSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY  
BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES



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Board or Authority Applied for Tax Assessors Board

Name James M. Perdue

Home Address 69 Dunroven Way

City, State, Zip Dawsonville, GA 30534

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number Land: 706.265.2157

Fax Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information you would like to provide:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature James M. Perdue Date 12/3/18

**Please note: Submission of this application does not guarantee an appointment.**

Return to: **Dawson County Board of Commissioners  
Attn: County Clerk  
25 Justice Way, Suite 2235  
Dawsonville, GA 30534  
(706) 344-3501 FAX: (706) 344-3504**

James M. Perdue  
69 Dunroven Way  
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Born 5/29/1942; Louisburg, N C – Franklin County

Education History:

Graduated from Edward Best High School 1960.

Attended Louisburg Junior College 1960 – 1962.

Graduated from East Carolina University (Greenville, N C) 1965.

Military Service:

United States Marine Corps 1965 – 1966; Honorably discharged.

Employment History:

Colonial Stores Incorporated (Atlanta, GA) 1966 – 1975 (Employee Relations Mgr.).

Gold Kist, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) 1975 – 2003 (Director, Employee & Labor Relations Mgr.).

Forsyth County (GA) Tax Commissioner 2005 – 2011 (Delinquent Tax Field Agent).

Where I have lived:

Moved from N C to GA (Clayton County) in 1970. Moved to Forsyth County in 1981. Moved to Dawson County in 2005.

Church Affiliation

Concord Baptist Church in Forsyth County since 1981.

Criminal History:

None whatsoever.

(I have been retired 15 years and have no resume and haven't had one in 30 years. I have never been discharged from a job. I have nothing to hide in my past and will answer any questions about my background at any time but am not inclined to construct a complete resume at this time.)

RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT TO THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

**WHEREAS**, there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessors; and

**WHEREAS**, the law requires the County Commission must appoint a successor when a vacancy occurs; and

**WHEREAS**, the person appointed will serve a term of \_\_\_\_\_ years;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the \_\_\_\_\_ County Board of Commissioners appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ County Board of Tax Assessors with this term of office to begin on \_\_\_\_\_ and expire on \_\_\_\_\_.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

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**Board or Authority Applied for** Dawson County Division of Family & Children Services

**Name** Nancy F. Stites

**Home Address** 287 Shadow Lane

**City, State, Zip** Dawsonville, GA 30534

**Mailing Address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Number** Work: 706-265-1981 ext 60080

**Fax Telephone Number** none

**E-Mail Address** nstites@DawsonFamilyConnection.org

**Additional information you would like to provide:**

I have worked closely with the Director and staff at Dawson County DFCS in an effort to reduce child abuse and neglect in Dawson County. We continue to identify ways to work together in order for children to grow up in a stable, healthy, nurturing environment. Serving on the DFCS board would increase my understanding of their services and guidelines, allow me to serve as a liaison with other agencies serving Dawson County and strengthen relationships.

**Signature** Nancy F Stites **Date** 11-28-18

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**Return to:** Dawson County Board of Commissioners  
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Dawsonville, GA 30534  
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# Nancy F. Stites

287 Shadow Lane Dawsonville, Georgia 30534

Non-profit Director promoting collaborative action and providing leadership that addresses community-driven priorities for the well-being of families and children

## Highlights/Qualifications

- Interacts respectfully and effectively with individuals across the spectrum of social and economic backgrounds and cultures.
- Ten years' experience in managing budget and deliverables of government-funded contracts
- Team leader with supervisory experience that promotes team's personal development and productivity
- Successful history of rallying communities around a good cause

## Experience

*Director, non-profit* July 2006 - Current

Dawson County Family Connection - Dawsonville, GA

- Conducts community assessment to identify priority needs of community
- Develops and implements strategic plans, annual plans and evaluation plans
- Develops and control annual budgets
- Promotes collaboration among agencies and organizations for creative problem solving and effective programs
- Implementation evidence-based programs and services
- Generate community awareness of the state of families and children in Dawson County through guest speaking at community meetings

*Administrative Assistant*

August 1997-2003

- Provided administrative and bookkeeping support to Director and initiatives of the Collaborative

*Office Manager*

August 2003 – 2006

Impact Medical Technologies - Alpharetta, GA

- Developed procedures for purchasing, receiving, and accounts payable
- Prepared payroll and state and federal payroll liability reporting
- Conducted daily operational and administrative functions

*Office Manager*

July 1977-1990

Owens-Corning Fiberglas - Atlanta, GA

- Supervised office staff and administrative functions for Southeast Sales office assuring effective work utilization and distribution
- National Account Administrator -Liaison between major customer and Corporate Headquarters for pricing and promotion of marketing incentive programs

## Education

Bachelor of Science in Business Education, West Georgia College

## Certifications

Prevention Apprentice – Prevention Credentialing Consortium of Georgia; 2013



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Board or Authority Applied for Planning Commission

Name John Emory Dooley

Home Address 2677 Grizzle RD

City, State, Zip Dawsonville, GA 30534

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ .ternate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information you would like to provide:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature [Handwritten Signature] Date 1/11/2017

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Dawsonville, GA 30533  
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**Board or Authority Applied for** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** John Maloney

**Home Address** 9 Bent Ridge Drive N

**City, State, Zip** Dawsonville, Ga. 30534

**Mailing Address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alternate Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional information you would like to provide:**

Involved in traffic related activities for City of Alpharetta since 1989. Served as a Police Officer in a traffic capacity. Left Alpharetta Police Department and moved into Traffic Engineering for the City of Alpharetta where my main job focus was reviewing development plans. I am currently serving the City as the Traffic Operations Manager. I work closely with Community Development on assessing new development's impact to the City's roadways and infrastructure. Resume upon request.

**Signature** *J. E. Maloney* **Date** 1-8-17

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Board or Authority Applied for Planning & Zoning

Name Tim Bennett

Home Address 327 Couch Rd. Dawsonville

City, State, Zip Dawsonville, GA. 30534

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Area Number 706-216-1784

Fax Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address tim.bennett@bennettlandscapeinc.com

Additional information you would like to provide:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature [Handwritten Signature] Date 12-11-16

Please note: Submission of this application does not guarantee an appointment.

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Dawsonville, GA 30533  
(706) 344-3501 FAX: (706) 344-3889

**TIM BENNETT**  
1728 War Hill Park Rd  
Dawsonville GA 30534

tim.bennett@bennettlandscapeinc.com

## SUMMARY

DAWSON COUNTY NATIVE  
CURRENTLY LIVING AND RAISING MY CHILDREN WITH MY WIFE KIM,  
PRINCIPAL AT ROBINSION ELEMENTARY  
OWNER OF BENNETT LANDSCAPE INC LOCATED IN DAWSON COUNTY  
PASTOR OF HARBOR WORSHIP CENTER LOCATED IN DAWSON COUNTY

## WORK EXPERIENCE

I WAS RAISED ON A FARM IN DAWSON COUNTY AND LEARNED WHAT IT  
MEANS TO WORK HARD AT A YOUNG AGE  
MANAGED 300 EMPLOYEES IN THE POUTY INDUSTRY IN GAINESVILLE, GA  
STARTED BENNETT LANDSCAPE INC IN 2005  
I HAVE SERVED AS SENIOR PASTOR OF THE HARBOR WORSHIP CENTER FOR  
11 YEARS

## EDUCATION

1989 GRADUATE OF DAWSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL  
2 YEARS STUDING BUSINESS AT GAINESVILLE COLLEGE  
2 YEARS MINISTERIAL STUDIES LEE COLLEGE IN CLEVELAND TENNESSEE

## SKILLS

PEOPLE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS DEVELOPED FROM YEARS OF  
MANAGING AND PASTORING  
EXCELENT AT TEAM WORK AND TEAM BUILDING

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Board or Authority Applied for Planning Commission

Name Neil E. Hornsey

Home Address 1061 Goodson Road

City, State, Zip Dawsonville, GA 30534

Mailing Address (if different) P.O. Box 1776

City, State, Zip Dawsonville, GA 30534

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Number 706-265-6415

Fax Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information you would like to provide:

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Signature Neil E. Hornsey Date 1/6/17

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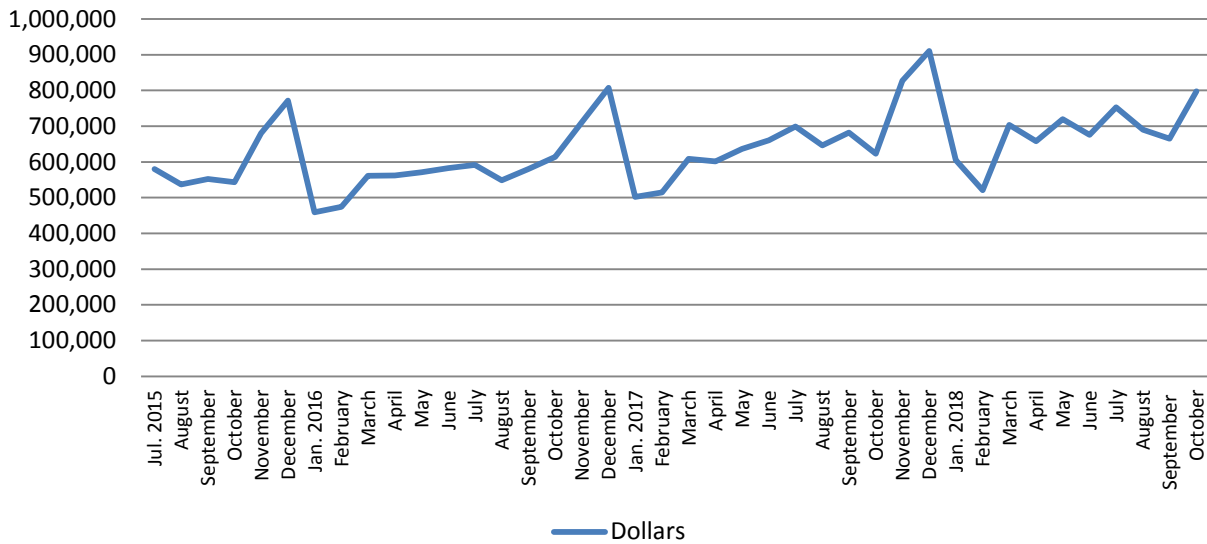
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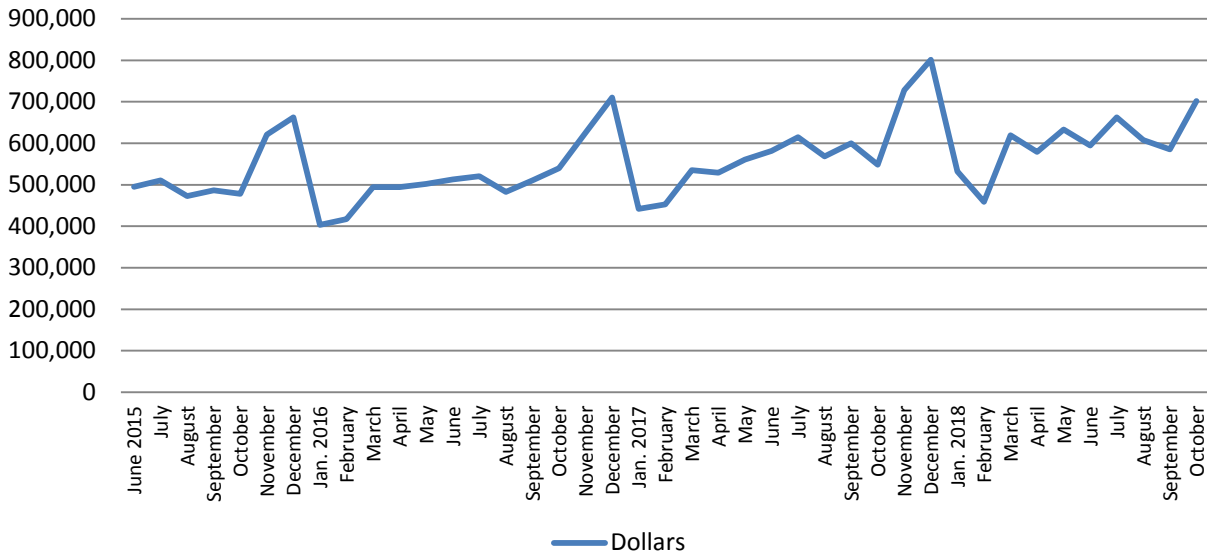
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November 2018



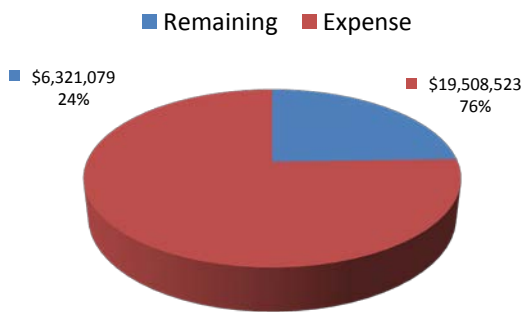
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### LOST COLLECTION CHART

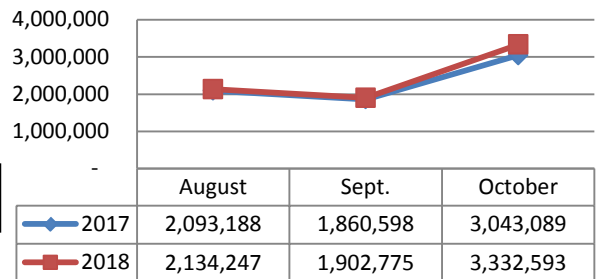


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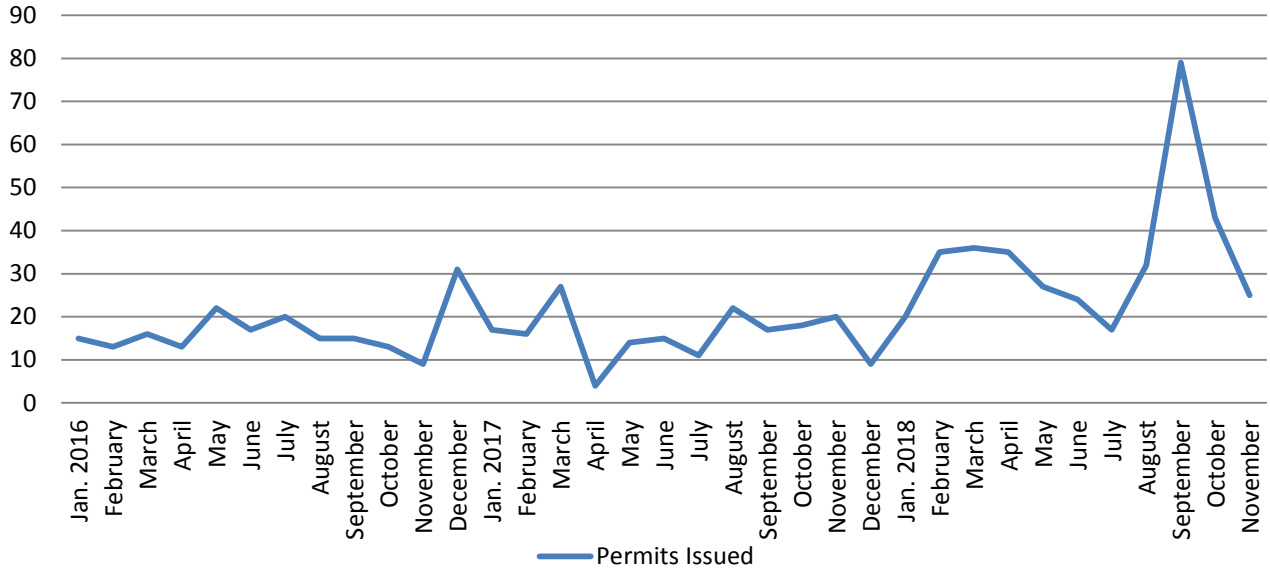


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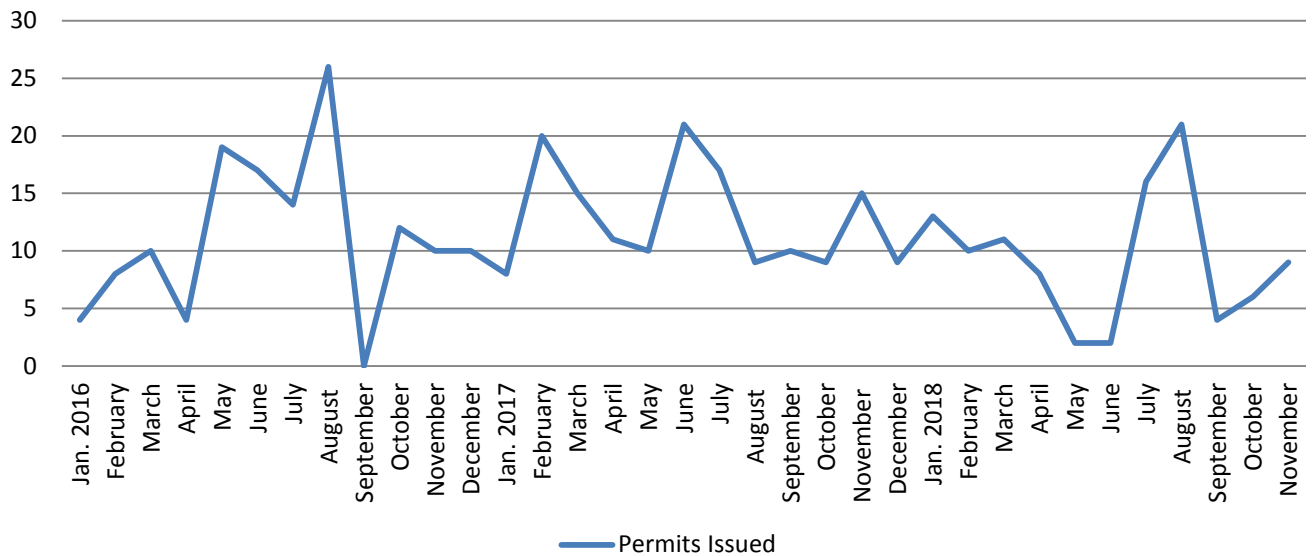
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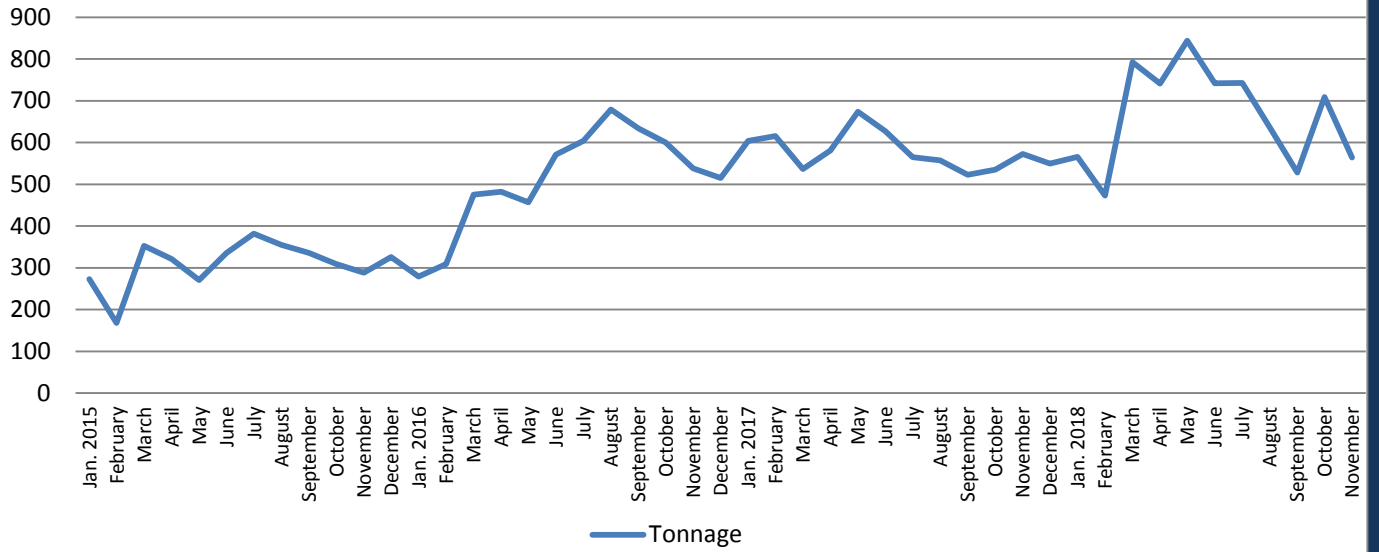
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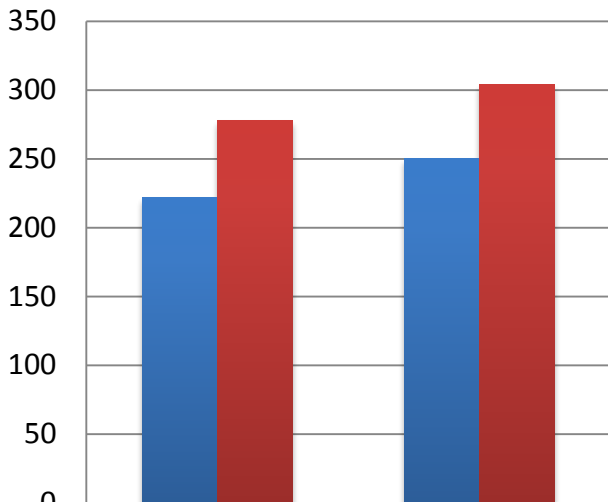
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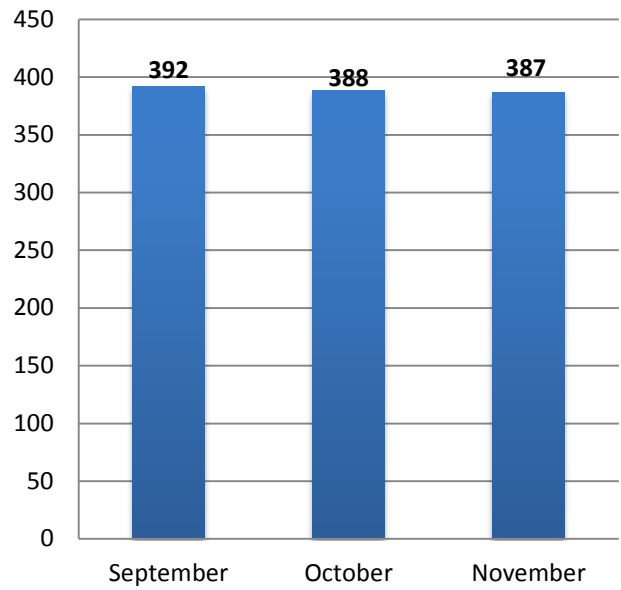


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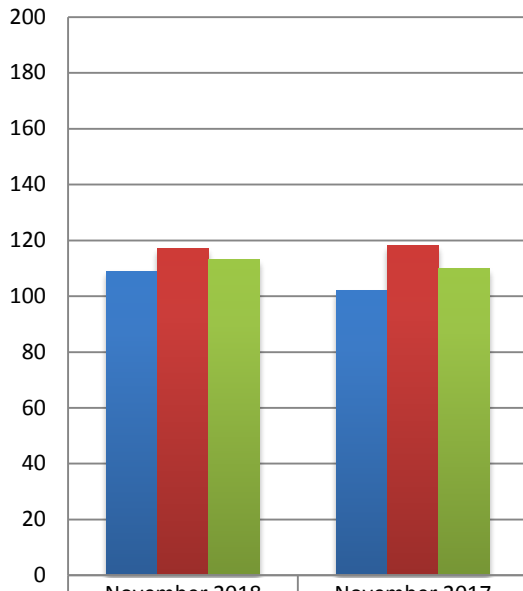


	November 2018	November 2017
EMS	222	250
Fire	278	304

### Number of County Employees

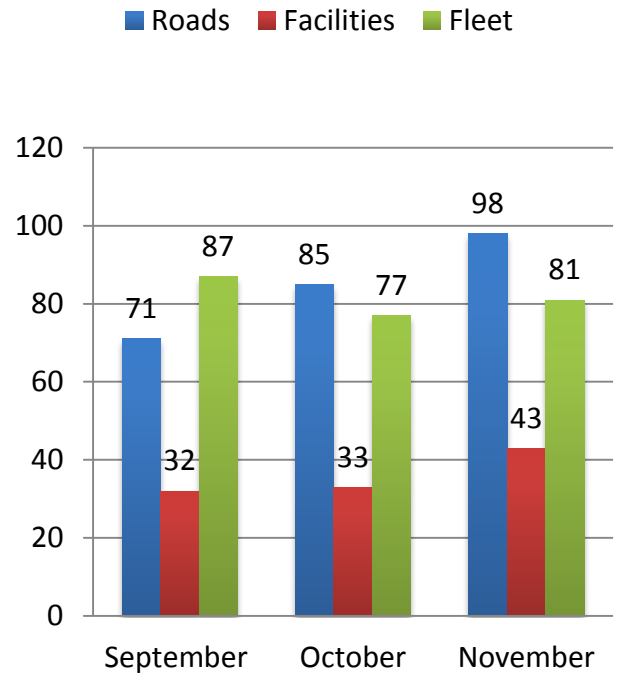


**Inmate Population**



	November 2018	November 2017
Lowest Daily Count	109	102
Highest Daily Count	117	118
Daily Average	113	110

**Repair Requests**





## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Elections/Registrar Monthly Report – November 2018

- **New Applications/Transfers In:** 3 (Holding apps due to Voter Registration cutoff until Runoff is certified; these 3 qualified apps came in later and were added)
- **Changes/Duplicates:** 8281 (larger numbers due to credit for voting for Advance Voting)
- **Cancelled/Transferred Out:** 15
- **Total Processed:** 8299

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Voter Registration Projects:**

- Entering in person voters daily in Express Polls for Election Day (marks voter that have already voted during absentee/advance period on electronic poll book); daily preparation for General Election Runoff.
- Absentee ballot, by mail, daily requests & processing for the General Election Runoff. Last day to request was 5 p.m. on 11/30/18. 338 were requested; 200 returned as of 12/3/18.

#### **Elections Projects:**

- General Primary Election – May 22, 2018 20% turnout
- General Primary Runoff – July 24, 2018 18.22% turnout
- General Election – November 6, 2018 63.5% turnout
- General Election Runoff – December 4, 2018
  - Voter Registration Cutoff: October 9, 2018 ~ Federal (only if Runoff) December 10, 2018
  - \*Advance Voting: November 26 – November 30, 2018 ~ M-F 8am – 5pm

\*Advance Voting in person totals = 1889

#### **Highlights of plans for upcoming month:**

- Staffing, election supply packing, delivery and set up of polling locations.
- Holding and certification of the November General Election Runoff.
- Swearing in of Board of Elections members
- Preparations for 2019 Election Dates
- Preparation for IGA with the City of Dawsonville



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Dawson County Emergency Services Monthly Report – November 2018

Fire Responses	SEPT	OCT	NOV		EMS Responses	SEPT	OCT	NOV		EMS Revenue		
2016	229	287	319		2016	185	220	221		2017 2018	Oct	\$40,755.74 \$72,770.30
2017	328	296	304		2017	243	227	250		2017 2018	Nov	\$62,658.10 \$56,407.52
2018	321	291	278		2018	269	230	222		Oct Increased 78.55% Nov Decreased 9.98%		

Plan Review and Inspection Revenue Total		Business Inspections Total	
		Final Inspections	Annual & Follow Up Inspections
County	\$1,560.64	16	6
City	\$ 700.00	2	0

HIGHLIGHTS: Dawson County Emergency Services Projects			
Training Hours Completed by Staff	987.66 hours	Fire Investigations	3
PR Detail	7	CPR Training per Individual	75
Smoke Detector Installations	3	Stop the Bleed Training per Individual	0
Search & Rescue	0	Child Safety Seat Installations	1
Swift Water Rescue	0	Plan Reviews	4

Types of Fires Total – 7			
Building	3	Chimney/flue fire	1
Structures other than Building	0	Vehicle	0
Outside Equipment	0	Road Freight / Transport Vehicle	1
Cooking Fire	0	Outside Rubbish / Trash /Waste/Dumpster	1
Brush/Grass Fire	0	Off-Road Vehicle/Heavy Equipment	1

Total Water Usage – 34,000 gallons			
Etowah Water	10,000 gallons	Pickens	18,000 gallons
City of Dawsonville	6,000 gallons	Big Canoe	0



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Facilities Monthly Report – November 2018

- **Total Work Orders: 43**
- **Community Service Workers: 4**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \*Had HVAC Preventative Maintenance done on Govt Center and county wide
- \*Removed old batteries for battery backup system in jail and cleaned out rooms
- \*Installed Christmas trees and decorations – Govt Center and Historic Court House
- \*State Elevator Inspection – All 9 county elevators





**MONTHLY REPORT GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**For Period Covering the Month of November 2018**

SN	TASKS/ WORK DONE	LOCATION/S of Service
1	Working on water leak	Fire Station #2
2	Had HVAC Preventative Maintenance completed	Gov Center/County Wide
3	Painted interior walls and doors	Gov Center
4	Sanded and painted rear exit steps and side steps	Jail
5	Hood inspection	Jail/Sr Ctr/Fire Station #1
6	Replaced valve in IT room	Govt Center
7	Removed old batteries for battery back up system	Jail
8	Removed trash and cleaned out vault	Historic Court House
9	Replaced generator battery	Burt Creek generator
10	Replaced motor A/C unit in house-saving money	Govt Center
11	Had chiller repaired	Govt Center
12	Installed Christmas Trees/Decorations	Govt Center/Historic Court Hse
13	HVAC automated system serviced	Govt Center
14	State elevator inspection-all 9 electors	Govt Center/county wide
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These numbers do not reflect daily/ weekly routine duties to include:

- Cutting of grass and landscape maintenance on all county properties
- Cutting of grass and landscape maintenance on all five (5) parks on the west side of county
- Cleaning of the new government center and other county owned buildings, offices and facilities
- Emptying outside trash receptacles at county owned buildings
- Collecting and recycling of all county buildings, offices and facilities

Noted By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**JAMES TOLBERT**, Facilities Director



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Finance Monthly Report – November 2018

#### **FINANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **LOST Collections:** \$701,570 – up 27.91% compared to 2017
- **SPLOST Collections:** \$797,261 – up 27.91% compared to 2017; 47.11% over projections for the month; Total SPLOST VI collections: \$25,437,326
  - \$677,672– County Portion (85%)
  - \$119,589 – City Portion (15%)
- **TAVT:** \$25,702 – After payment 2 of 2 to the City to correct underpayment due to error
- **See attached Revenue and Expenditure Comparison**
- **Total County Debt:** \$4,578,218 (See attached Debt Summary)
- **Audit Status:** The 2017 audit is complete.
- **EMS Billing Collections:** Current
- **Budget Status:** The 2019 Budget was adopted on November 1, 2018.
- **Monthly Donations/Budget Increases:** \$11,008
  - Passport Commissions - \$945
  - Donations - \$3,106
  - Addition of Legal Assistant - \$6,957

#### **PURCHASING HIGHLIGHTS**

##### **Formal Solicitations**

- Rock Gravel Spreader – Roads
- Roadway Improvement Lumpkin Campground & Hwy 53 - Roads

##### **Informal Solicitations**

- None

##### **Quotes for less than \$25,000 this month**

- Gasoline – Fuel Center
- Diesel – Fuel Center
- Road Signs & Posts – Roads
- HDPE Pipes – Roads
- Copiers & Service/Maintenance - Purchasing

##### **Purchases for less than \$25,000 that did not get required quotes this month**

- None

##### **Pending Projects**

- NexGen 911 Consultant
- Gateway Landscape Project

##### **Work in Progress**

- Fleet & Public Works Complex
- Audit Services
- Course Aggregate & Hot Asphaltic Mix
- Gym Exterior Renovations
- Blacks Mill Bridge Replacement

##### **Future Bids**

- New Senior Services Center Construction
- Fire Station 9 Construction
- On-call Electrical Services
- Other 2018 Bids

##### **Future Bids – SPLOST VI**

- Pothole Patching Machine – Roads
- Water Filtration System for DCGC & DCSO – Facilities
- 2018 SPLOST Projects

##### **Purchases for more than \$25,000 that did not get required sealed bids this month**

- None

### Budget to Actual

	Actual at 10/31/2018	Percent of Budget Actually Collected/ Expended	2018 BOC (2) Approved Budget	Over(Under) Approved Budget	Percentage Over(Under) Approved Budget
Revenue	\$ 20,034,741	77.57%	\$ 25,829,602	\$ (5,794,861)	-22.43%
Expenditures	19,508,523	75.53%	25,829,602	(6,321,079)	-24.47%
	<u>\$ 526,218</u>	<u>2.04%</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 526,218</u>	<u>2.04%</u>

**\*NOTE:** Adjustments will be made during the year-end close out. The actual revenue and expenditure totals are subject to change pending normal year-end adjustments such as accruals and results of the audit.

(1) Reporting actuals as of 10/31/2018 because revenue collections are 30 days behind. The LOST revenues for the month of October were received in November.

(2) Change in total budget due to account adjustments:

\$ 25,516,312	Original Budget
\$ 54,638	Donation Carryover Balances
\$ 5,518	January
\$ 4,634	February
\$ 8,938	March
\$ 106,999	April
\$ 4,433	May
\$ 100,071	June
\$ 7,203	July
\$ 3,368	August
\$ 6,480	September
\$ 11,008	October
<u>\$ 25,829,602</u>	Revised Budget



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Fleet Maintenance and Fuel Center Monthly Report – Nov 2018

#### FLEET

- **Preventative Maintenance Performed: 23**
- **Tires Mounted: 14**
- **Repair Orders Completed: 81**
- **Labor Hours: 181.25**
- **Labor Cost Savings: \$7,797.38**
- (Comparison of the Fleet Maintenance rate of \$43.02 per labor hour to outsourced vendors rate of \$80.00 per labor hour)
- **Parts Cost Savings: \$ 2,689.63**  
(Comparison of Dawson County's parts discounts to outsourced markup; average 20%)
- **Total Cost Savings for Nov: \$ 10,487.01**

#### FUEL CENTER

- **Average fuel center price per gallon:**  
Gasoline: \$ 1.97      Diesel: \$ 2.66
- **Fuel Center Usage - Dawson County and Board of Education**  
Gasoline: 8,440.2 gallons; 667 transactions  
Diesel: 7,146.8 gallons; 166 transactions
- **Fuel Center Usage - Etowah Water and City of Dawsonville**  
Gasoline: 1,051.3 gallons; 56 transactions  
Diesel: 390.4 gallons; 14 transactions
- **Revenue from Etowah Water and City of Dawsonville: \$ 72.09**

#### HIGHLIGHTS



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

Human Resources Department Monthly Report – November 2018

### POSITION CONTROL

- Positions approved by BOC: 461
- # of filled F/R Positions: 263
- # of filled F/T Positions: 0
- # of filled Grant Funded Positions: 15
- # of filled P/R Positions: 42
- # of filled P/T Seasonal Positions: 11
- # of Supplemental Positions: 56
- # of Vacant Positions: 46
- #of Frozen Positions: 28
- % of Budgeted/Actual Positions: 84%

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- FMLA/LOA tracking: 3
- WC and/or P & L Claims filed: 5
- Unemployment Claims received: 2
- Performance Evaluations received: 8

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Positions Advertised/ Posted: 4**

- Emergency Services- Lieutenant
- Parks & Rec.- Temporary Parks Maintenance
- Tax Assessor- Personal Property Appraiser
- Tax Assessor- Deputy Chief Appraiser

#### **Applications Received: 16**

#### **New Hires added into system: 10**

- David Gilreath- Emergency Services
- Michael O'Connor- Emergency Services
- Patrick Meyers- Emergency Services
- Brian Cohen- Sheriff's Office
- Cory Gearin- Sheriff's Office
- Christopher Jacobson- Sheriff's Office
- Bryan Marquina- Sheriff's Office
- Zachary Prichard- Sheriff's Office
- Wendy Jean Burton- Superior Court
- Nathan Peck- Tax Assessor's Office

#### **Terminations Processed: 5**

- Joshua Eaton- Emergency Services
- James Rutmann- Emergency Services
- Melissa Runyon- Superior Court
- Vicki Graham- Tax Assessor's Office
- Kara Waldrop- Treatment Court

#### **Additional Highlights for November**

- HR Director Yarbrough completed "2019 HR Law" Class
- HR Specialist Rutmann completed "Managing Risk & Controlling Loss," and "Job Analysis for Training, Testing, & Promotional Assessments," through GLGPA
- Coordinated "Be Brave Don't Shave" Contest
- Implemented "Maintain Don't Gain" program
- Began planning phase of annual Employee Wellness Fair scheduled for January 8, 2019



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Information Technology – November 2018

- **Calls for Service: 112**
- **Service Calls Completed: 112**

#### Highlights

- Finished installing the first 100 computers
- Continued working on off site/cloud based back up implementation

#### **2018 Highlights**

- Installed new computers at Sheriff department, Park and Rec, Senior Center, Transit, Magistrate, Tax commissioner and Fire department.
- Upgraded county phone systems
- Implemented additional security and back-up features



# DAWSON COUNTY

## Planning and Development Marshal's Office

### Code Enforcement/Animal Control Monthly Report

November, 2018

Alcohol License Establishment Inspections: 0

Alcohol Pouring Permits Issued: 18

Animal Control Calls Handled: 52

Animal Bites to Humans Investigated: 6

Animals Quarantined: 6

Animals Taken to DC Humane Society: 25

Dangerous Dog Classifications: 0

Citations Issued: 2

Code Enforcement Complaint Calls/In Field Visits: 26

After Hour Calls: 0

E-911 Addresses Issued: 5





## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Planning and Development Monthly Report – November 2018

- **Total Building permits Issued**
  - November 2018: 44
  - YTD 2018: 717
  - Single Family New Homes: 25
  - Commercial Buildings: 9
- **Business Licenses Issued:**
  - November 2018: 106
  - YTD 2018: 1825
- **Total Building Inspections Completed:**
  - November 2018: 515
  - YTD 2018: 5675
- **Variances/Zonings Processed:**
  - November 2018: 5
  - YTD 2018: 21
- **Plats Reviewed:**
  - November 2018: 6
  - YTD 2018: 136
- **Total Civil Plan Review Meetings: 2**
- **Total Building Plan Review Meetings: 2**



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Parks and Recreation Monthly Report – November 2018

- **Youth Sports Participants**
  - November 2018: 1,767 - down 1.3% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 13,935 - up 6.2% compared to last year
- **Facility Rentals/Bookings/Scheduled Uses:**
  - November 2018: 1,153 - down .4% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 20,287 - up 4.9% compared to last year
- **Adult and Youth Wellness and Specialty Program Participation:**
  - November 2018: 194 - down 10.2% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 18,532 - up 19.5% compared to last year
- **Total Customers Served:**
  - November 2018: 3,114 - up 9% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 52,754 - up 10.5% compared to last year

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Park Projects:**

- All seasonal facilities have been winterized.
- No update on the War Hill Park grant proposal.

#### **Athletic and Program Summary:**

- Additional specialty programs for the month included swim lessons, dance classes, adult Boot Camp, adult F.I.T. class, adult Tai Chi, and adult Yoga.
- Travel Teams practices and games are done for the year and will pick back up in the spring.
  - 11 total teams registered (baseball, softball, basketball)
- Winter Sports (basketball & wrestling) pictures took place on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Pre-School ARTS program hosted an open house on November 14<sup>th</sup> to prepare for program start date of January 7<sup>th</sup> – a small group came out and was enthusiastic about the new program
- Basketball games began week of November 26<sup>th</sup> and are going well. Games will break for 2 weeks with the Dawson County school holiday break and will resume on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**On the Horizon:**

- Breakfast with Santa - December 1<sup>st</sup> at Rock Creek.
- Basketball games resume (from holiday break) on January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- New Pre-School ARTS program begins January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Veterans Memorial Lloyd Crane Basketball Facility will undergo redesign and construction on the facing of the building. Project is estimated at a two-month project and will begin in the very near future.



## **Dawson County Board of Commissioners**

### Public Works Monthly Report –November 2018

#### **ROADS:**

- Work Orders: 98
- Mowing: 51.25 road miles
- Limbing: 11.26 road miles
- Gravel: 114.5 tons

#### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT:**

- Blacks Mill Bridge pre-construction meeting completed
- Dawson Forest Wing Wall-construction has commenced
- Lumpkin Campground/HWY 53-construction has commenced
- Veteran's Memorial Park Gym Renovation has commenced
- Public Works Complex final construction drawings completed, construction to commence January 1st

#### **TRANSFER STATION:**

- Solid Waste: 564.08 Tons
- Recycling: 40.17 Tons
- Recycling scrap metal: 24.24 Tons



## Dawson County Board of Commissioners

### Dawson County Senior Services Monthly Report – November 2018

#### SENIOR CENTER

- **Home Delivered Meals Served**
  - November 2018: 1,465 up 16% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 16,044 up 9% compared to last year
- **Congregate Meals Served**
  - November 2018: 545 up 12% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 6,070 up 1% compared to last year
- **Physical Activity Participation**(Tai Chi, Silver Sneakers, individual fitness)
  - November 2018: 321 down 1% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 5,469 up 1% compared to last year
- **Lifestyle Management Participation**(art, bridge, bingo, awareness, prevention)
  - November 2018: 254 up 2% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 3,096 up 12% compared to last year

#### TRANSIT

- **DOT Trips Provided**
  - November 2018: 281 up 9% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 3,242 up % compared to last year
- **Senior Trips Provided**
  - November 2018: 657 up 2% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 8,655 up 17% compared to last year
- **# of Miles**
  - November 2018: 6,482 down 9% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 84,767 up 4% compared to last year
- **Gallons of Fuel**
  - November 2018: 750 down 10% compared to same month last year
  - YTD 2018: 10,084 down 1% compared to last year

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Meetings & Events:**

- November 1: Hosted 9<sup>th</sup> District Senior Heating Assistance Sign Up
- November 14: Dawn Pruett and Tammy Loggins attend the Senior Food Coalition in Clarkesville.
- November 15: Hosted RSVP Reception
- November 19: Attended Community Thanksgiving Dinner with Staff and Senior Clients

### **Special Dates Coming Soon:**

- December 3: Nutrition Education with Michelle
- December 11: Doller General
- December 6: Bingo with Retired Teachers
- December 10, 31: Bingo
- December 5, 29: Wal-Mart
- December 13: Christmas Party
- December 17: Christmas Lunch – Golden Corral
- December 18: Dollar Holler
- December 31: Health Education with Dedri
- December 12, 26: Dollar Tree
- December 11: Today's Seniors with Dawn & Krista
- December 21: Special Music with The Spicer's
- December 21: Dollar Tree
- - Tuesday/Thursday: Silver Sneakers
- - Wednesday: Sit and Stretch and Tai Chi
- - Thursday: Bible Study
- - Friday: Special Music
- - Thursday/Friday: Art and Yoga