



Mayor & Council Work Session

December 20, 2022 at 4:00 P.M



Agenda

1. Statesboro Housing Authority Presentation
2. Blue Mile Project Update
3. SafeBuilt Building Code Process Update
4. Community Planning Process



Statesboro Housing Authority

<https://statesboroha.com/>



Questions?

**Blue Mile
Phase 1
Comprehensive
Update**

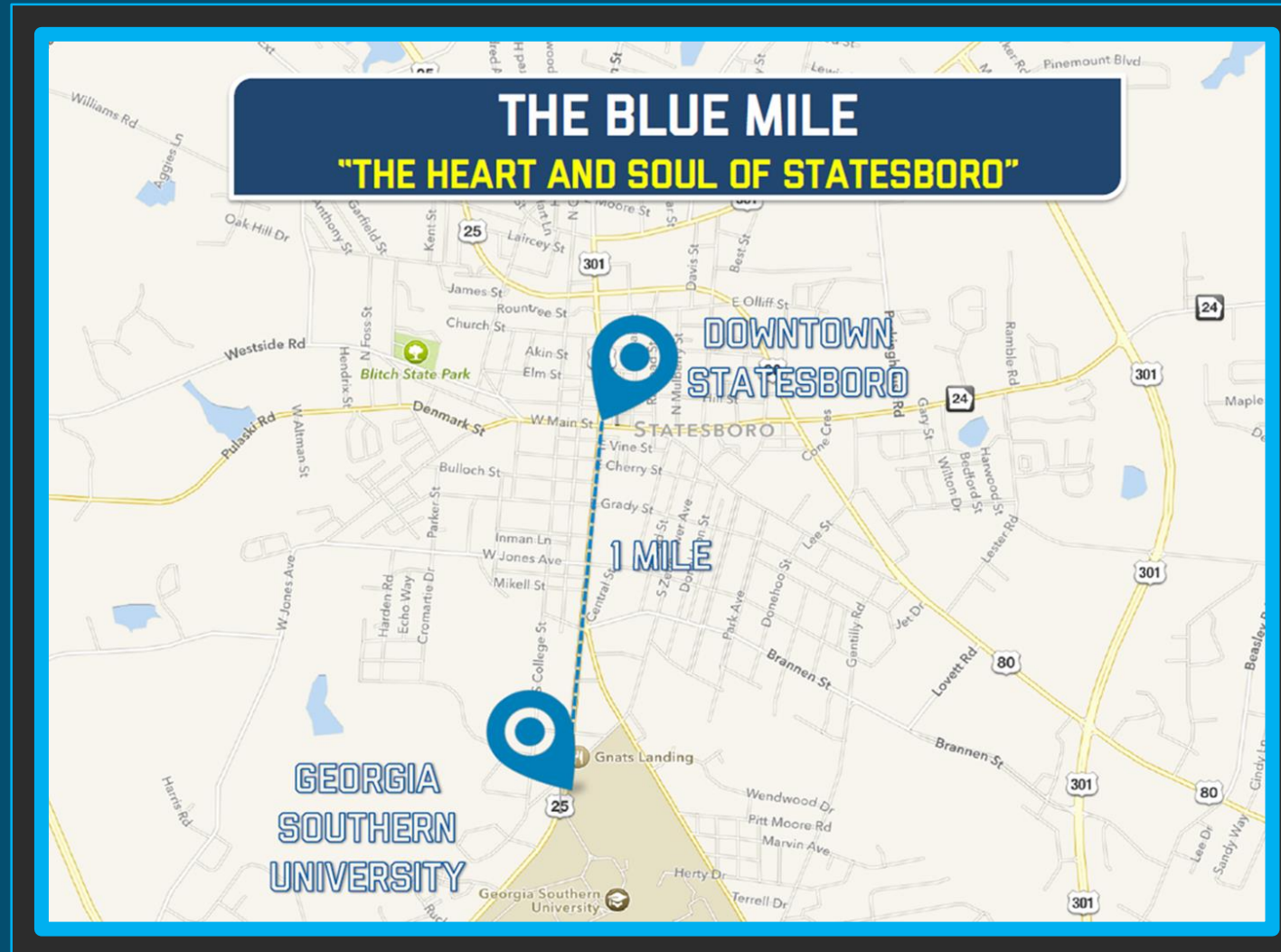


**Work Session
December 20, 2022**



Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements Project

1. Drainage updates
2. Sidewalk widening
3. Utility relocation
4. Installation of bus shelters for the new transit program
5. Enhanced driveway access points for vehicle entry that will provide safe crossing points for pedestrians
6. Landscaped pocket parks for pedestrians to pause along the Blue Mile.



Main Objective: to achieve the vision set forth in the 2011 Statesboro Downtown Master Plan and 2014 Comprehensive Plan.

South Main Street Streetscape Project

1. Installation of decorative concrete crosswalks across SR 73/US 301 at Tillman Street.
2. Installation of black coated pedestrian signal poles and bases that conform to the pedestrian poles already installed along this corridor.

BLUE MILE TIMELINE

2012 - 2018

South Main Street
Revitalization Committee
created following
community retreat

2012

Statesboro named
top 50 of 350 cities
"Blue Mile" created
True Blue Plan
developed

2015

3rd place ABC Competition; wins \$1,000,000
Blue Mile Foundation created
GDOT commits support for the Blue Mile Project.
Creek on the Blue Mile concept developed.

2017

Frontier Communications
suggests application for
America's Best
Communities (ABC)
competition

2014

Statesboro named top 8
finalist; wins \$150,000
Gateway sign constructed
Blue Mile Streetscape
Improvements design
begins

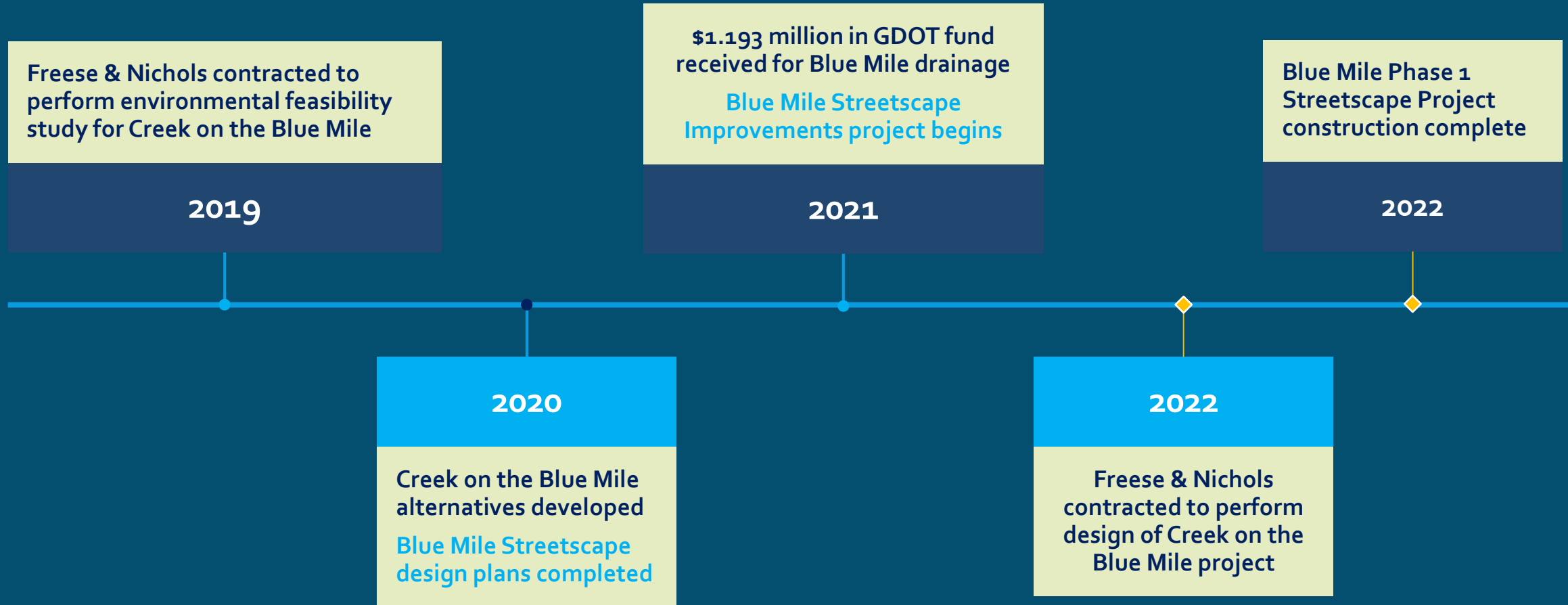
2016

Governor Deal pledges
\$21M in financial
assistance for Creek on the
Blue Mile project.

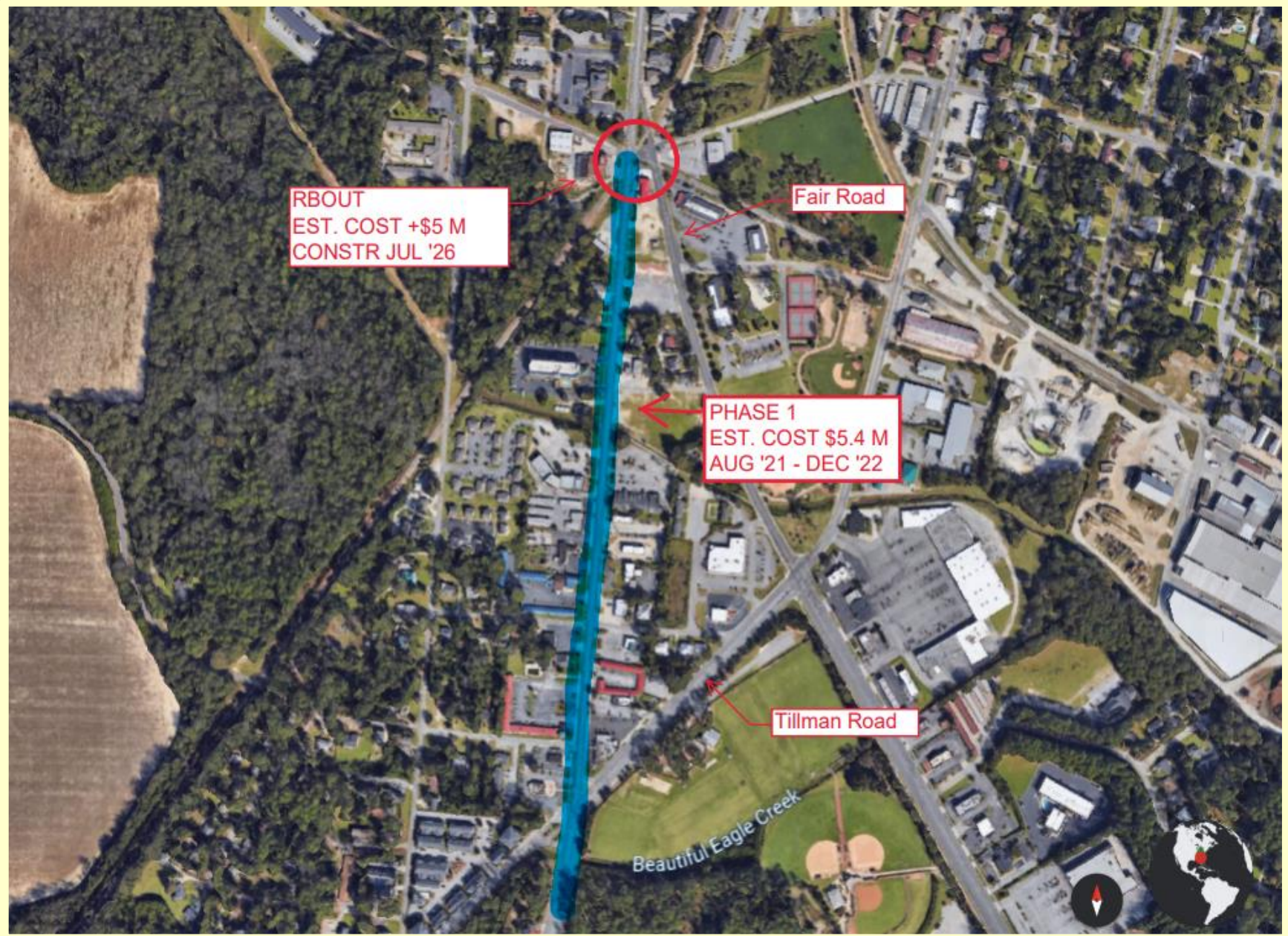
2018

BLUE MILE TIMELINE

2019 - 2022



Blue Mile Streetscape Phase I & Roundabout Construction and Completion



Blue Mile Streetscape Phase I Construction Update

\$5.4 million construction cost

- **Main power pole and line relocation complete**
- **Cable relocation complete**
- **Telephone relocation complete**
- **Water main relocation complete**
- **Sewer main relocation complete**
- **Gas main relocation complete**
- **Stormwater infrastructure complete**
- **Streetscape (curb, sidewalks, decorative streetlights, resurfacing, grassing, etc.) 98% complete**
 - **Only decorative street name signs are yet to be installed due to materials delays**

Blue Mile Streetscape Phase I Construction Update

Corridor issues before construction: Drainage



- Driveways frequently flooding from a lack of drainage structures causing a birdbath effect
- Existing stormwater infrastructure undersized or outdated
- Sections of road with pavement inside the curb line

Blue Mile Streetscape Phase I Construction Update

Corridor resolutions after construction: Drainage



- Installed GDOT standard highway drainage structures for improved drainage
- Re-established curb and gutter to improve stormwater conveyance

Blue Mile Streetscape Phase I Construction Update

Corridor issues before construction: Streetscape



- **Business signs located on GDOT ROW without permission**
- **Ga Power and utility providers using aerial cables to provide services to businesses leading to clusters of cables and poles**
- **Sign encroachment to Right-of-Way**
- **Lack of manageable greenscape for established downtown presence**

Blue Mile Streetscape Phase I Construction Update

Corridor resolutions after construction: Streetscape



- **Business signs relocated behind ROW to owner property allowing for increased landscaping.**
- **Ga Power and utility providers relocated to west side of road and beneath road using conduit to prevent aerial services lines crossing road.**
- **Trees and landscaped islands installed throughout to increase streetscape aesthetic with pocket parks for the SAT Transit System**
- **Decorative street lighting provided by cooperation with Georgia Southern to give Downtown Statesboro the “College Town” presence.**

South Main Street / Fair Road Intersection (roundabout) Update

\$5+ million estimated cost

- **City has committed to providing \$1.5 million match for property acquisition**
- **GDOT road safety audit complete**
- **GDOT has assigned project number**
- **GDOT consultant performing environmental study; concept has been approved**
- **Current GDOT schedule: right of way acquisition in 2025; construction in 2026**

Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements - Phase II & Phase III



Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements Phase II

\$5 million estimated construction cost (Fair Road to E/W Grady Street)

- **Relocation of overhead utilities (power, telephone, and cable) to underground**
- **Installation of drainage improvements**
- **Streetscape improvements (new curb, new sidewalks, decorative streetlights, resurfacing, etc)**
- **Pocket park(s)**
- **Will continue design elements from Phase 1**
- **Estimate Timeline: 2025-2027**

Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements Phase III

\$5 million estimated construction cost (E/W Grady Street to E/W Main Street at courthouse)

- **Relocation of overhead utilities (power, telephone, and cable) to underground and adjacent blocks**
- **Installation of drainage improvements**
- **Streetscape improvements (new curb, new sidewalks, decorative streetlights, resurfacing, etc)**
- **Will continue design elements from Phase 1**
- **Estimated Timeline: 2026 – 2028**

*** FINAL PHASE of Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements**



Questions?



STATUS REPORT
ON
SAFE BUILT CONTRACT
(7/26/2022)



TERMS OF CONTRACT

- Initial term of twelve months with an automatic renewal of twelve months if both parties agree.
- The employee start date was August 15, 2022.
- Requires Building, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Inspection Services (acting as a Chief Building Official) as well as Plan Review services.
- Truck is provided by contractor.
- Community Core Solutions is also provided which is on-line permitting software which allows for on-line payments.



BACKGROUND OF CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

- Position currently being filled by Steve Welborn.
- To date he has performed approximately 300 inspections.
- Resume:
 - 2001 – 2018: Served as Director of Inspections for City of Hinesville;
 - 2018 – 2020: Served as a consultant in Bryan County, assisting with the development of a newly designed building inspection and code enforcement program;
 - Previously active member of Coastal Georgia Inspectors Association (two years as President), Building Officials Association of Georgia (nine years as a Director), and was an active member of the International Code Council (Director of the ICC Region VIII as well as serving as President of the organization).



CONTRACT PERFORMANCE OBSERVATIONS

- No inspection is late (contract requires that inspections called in by 4:00 p.m. the previous day, are addressed the day following).
- Steve maintains great flexibility in terms completing inspections.
- To date, NO complaints have been received.
- Because he has worked in the region, he has a pre-established relationship with many of the area's contractors.
- Very happy with the services provided as well as the Community Core permitting software. We are in the process of getting it up and running.



Questions?



Hyundai Community Impact

Planning for the Arrival of Hyundai, Hyundai Suppliers, and Future Citizens.

December 20, 2022



May 20, 2022 was great for Bryan,
Chatham, Effingham and Bulloch Counties



With 8000 Hyundai jobs brings plenty of opportunities for Bulloch County.

Efforts to shape the future of the community.

- Strategy
- Working toward shared goals.



“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

-Abraham Lincoln



Eighteen leaders from Bulloch County met for a day and a half on November 9-10, 2022 to identify the challenges.

- Define the Opportunities; and
- State the Aspirations for the future.

The leaders represented the City of Statesboro, Bulloch County, Bulloch County Board of Education, Georgia Southern University, Ogeechee Technical College, Bulloch County Development Authority, Statesboro Chamber of Commerce, and local state representatives.



Vision Statement

To be an innovative community for economic, cultural and sustainable opportunities driven by collaboration, transparency, inclusion and community spirit.



Summary of Priorities

Priorities: “We are the case study on how to do it right.”

- Trust and Cooperation (5)
- Unified Vision: Alignment (13)
- Housing, Housing, and Housing (6)
- *“Number One in Literacy in the State”* Sign/Workforce (3)
- Vibrant Downtown – a Destination Downtown/Blue Mile (10)
- Identify Leader and Establish Structure/Milestones
- One Brand/One Story (4 entities collaborate)



Focus Area

- Infrastructure
- Education and Workforce
- Vibrant Community
- Communication



Path Forward

- Formalize existing work group; add other Bulloch County town representatives
- Identify a leader to spearhead the effort
- Commit to funding support/launch Community Foundation
- Create a strike force for 4 Focus areas
- Identify co-chairs for each focus area; ensure cross fertilization
 - Personally recruit team members; conduct immediate work session to fully develop the plans
- Populate work teams with forward thinkers/creative types
- Identify short term action items per focus area
- Establish goals and accountability
- Agree upon cadence of meetings
- Develop consistent communication plan/ messages; get comfortable with 50% answers



Questions?