South Georgia Quality Growth Resource Team

The Quality Growth Resource Team for four communities in South Georgia was brought together in August, 2002 through a collaboration between the City of Hawkinsville, the City of Vienna, Coffee County, the City of Moultrie, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the Georgia Quality Growth Partnership, a state wide coalition of government agencies, universities, non-profits and business groups working to provide technical assistance on “smart growth” issues to Georgia communities.

The multidisciplinary resource team was made up of specialists in city planning, real estate development, urban design, historic preservation, architecture, resource conservation, and housing. The team traveled to each of the four communities and focused their study on particular projects or focus areas designated by community leaders.

The visit to each community began with a facilitated meeting involving a broad cross section of community stakeholders (selected by each community), designed to give the team members a deeper understanding of development issues and needs of the community. During the stay, the team toured the project area, visited area buildings, spoke with local officials, reviewed local ordinances, conducted field surveys, prepared schematic design solutions, and formulated final recommendations. Each visit culminated with a final meeting with key stakeholders to present and discuss the team’s recommendations. The final recommendations for each community are included as separate sections in this report.

The Resource Team would like to thank the local government staff, elected officials, and stakeholders for making us feel so welcome in each community. The ideas and solutions proposed here are only a beginning – intended to stimulate interest in pursuing quality growth approaches in each community.

Visit Schedule

Monday, August 5
12:00 PM Stakeholder Meeting in Hawkinsville
1:00 – 4:00 PM Team project work in Hawkinsville
4:00 PM Final Presentation Meeting in Hawkinsville
7:00 PM Stakeholder Meeting in Vienna

Tuesday, August 6
9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Team project work in Vienna
5:30 PM Final Presentation Meeting in Vienna

Wednesday, August 7
11:30 AM Stakeholder Meeting in Coffee County
1:00 – 7:00 PM Team project work in Coffee County

Thursday, August 8
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Team project work in Coffee County
12:00 PM Final Presentation Meeting in Coffee County
3:00 PM Stakeholder Meeting in Moultrie
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM Team project work in Moultrie

Friday, August 9
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Team project work in Moultrie
12:00 PM Final Presentation Meeting in Moultrie

Resource Team Members

- Casey Bray – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Region 8
- Julie Brown – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Growth Management
- Chip Cannon – Jordan Jones & Goulding
- Jo Childers – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Downtown Development
- Nancy Cobb – OneGeorgia Authority
- Dave Cranford – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Downtown Development
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- Stan Ellis – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Region 4
- Corey Fischer – Ga. Tech. Research Institute
- Kelly Folsom-Lane – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Region 11
- Jim Frederick – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Growth Management
- Julianne Hudson – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Region 10
- Walter Kawa – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Design Services
- Kent Kirbow – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Housing Finance
- Chrissy Marlowe – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Growth Management
- Janet Moehle – The Georgia Conservancy
- Joy Moten-Thomas – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Region 6
- Spencer Mueller – Ga. Dept of Community Affairs Region 10
- Joanie Perry – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Financial Assistance
- Scott Purvis – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Region 11
- Martha Reimann – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Design Services
- Yossi Sarid – Ga. Dept of Community Affairs Coordinated Planning
- Christine Williams – Ga. Dept of Community Affairs Region 8
- Adriane Wood – Ga. Dept. of Community Affairs Region 6