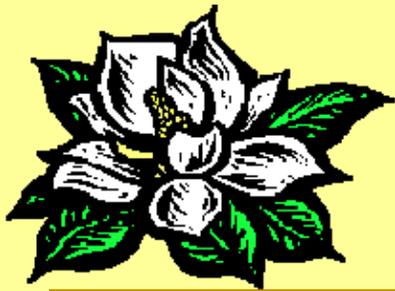


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# Magnolia Awards 2008

## Neighborhood Revitalization Category

City of Valdosta  
Neighborhood Development  
Project



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# Project Goals

- To utilize city staff, non-profits and private developers to provide an array of housing products and services that will preserve and revitalize neighborhoods.
  - To provide avenues for future economic and revitalization efforts.
  - To create sustainable partnerships to provide affordable housing.
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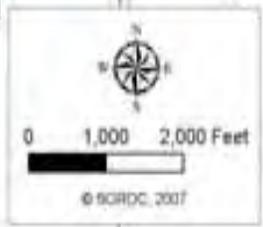
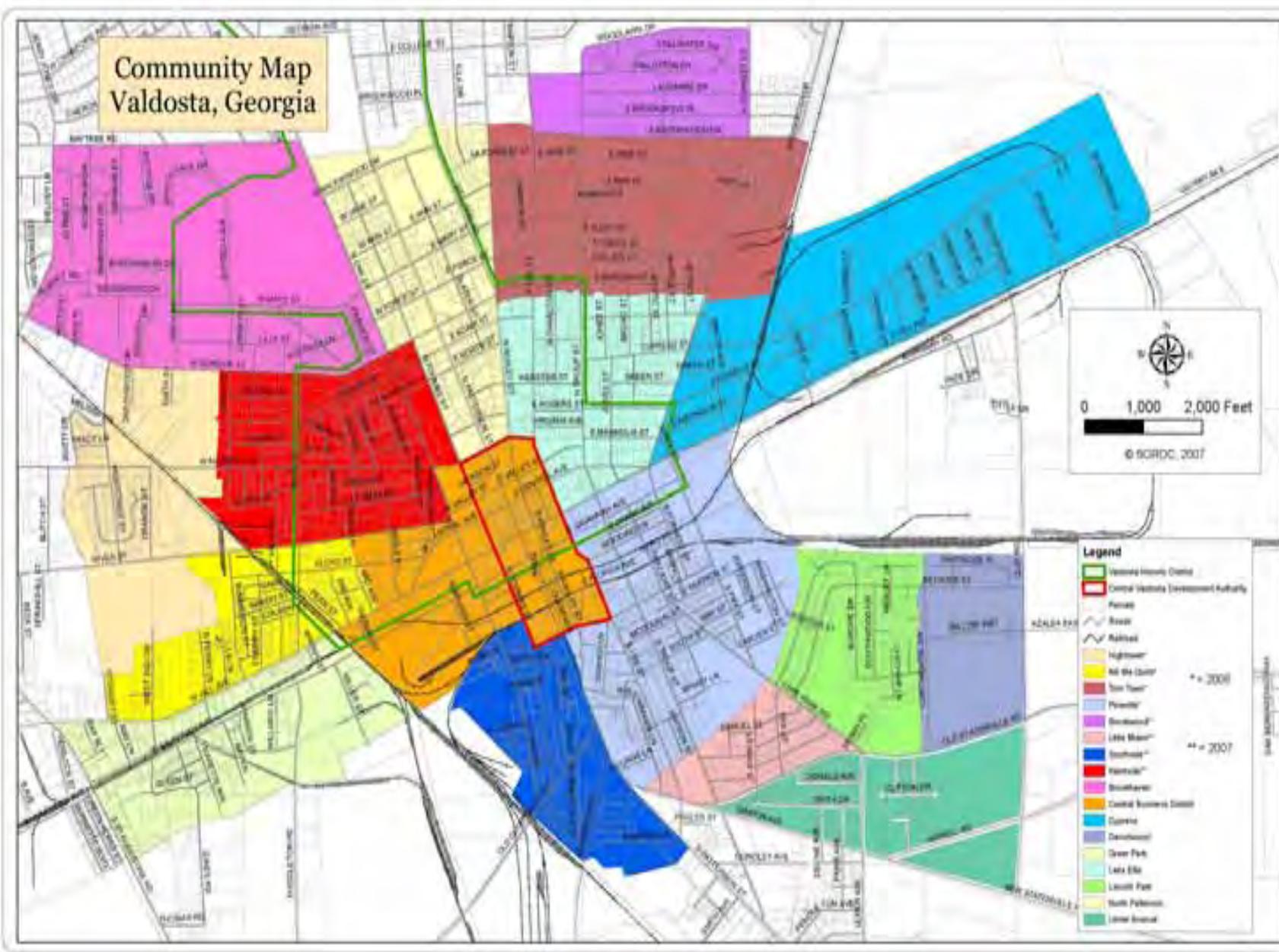
# How it Started

- City Fathers set a goal to eliminate all substandard housing by the year “2020.”
  - Valdosta was designated as an Entitlement Community in 2004.
  - The city continued to use other resources to assist with housing needs.
    - Community HOME Investment Program “CHIP” Funding.
    - Group Work Camp.
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# Project Mission

- Help low to moderate income citizens secure the resources needed for home repair.
- Provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing for our citizens.
- Spur revitalization and economic development activities in the DRA Neighborhoods.
- Bring houses with code violations back up to acceptable standards.
- Eliminate slum and blight.

# Community Map Valdosta, Georgia



- Legend**
- █ Valdosta Historic District
  - █ Central Valdosta Environmental Authority
  - █ Parks
  - ~ River
  - ~ Railroad
  - █ Highway
  - █ Mid-Me Center
  - █ New Year
  - █ Pioneer
  - █ Woodland
  - █ Lake Mead
  - █ Woodside
  - █ Woodside
  - █ Woodside
  - █ Central Business District
  - █ Campus
  - █ Downtown
  - █ Green Park
  - █ Lake Ella
  - █ Lakewood Park
  - █ North Palmetto
  - █ Lower School
- \* = 2008  
\*\* = 2007

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# Project Accomplishments

- The City of Valdosta began this program by focusing grant funds on housing needs from an established waiting list.
  - This project resulted in 16 projects
    - 12 were reconstructions
    - 4 were rehabilitations.
  - Many of these projects were completed in neighborhoods within the DRA and resulted in the creation of other investments from non-profit and for profit developers.
  - Home owners and Rental property owners began to make improvements to their investments after seeing the contributions to the neighborhoods by the city projects.
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# Project Costs

<b>Activity</b>	<b>CHIP</b>	<b>CDBG</b>
Rehabilitation	\$27,425	\$83,118.31
Reconstruction	\$155,575	\$389,229.44
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$183,000</b>	<b>\$472,347.75</b>

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# Funding Sources

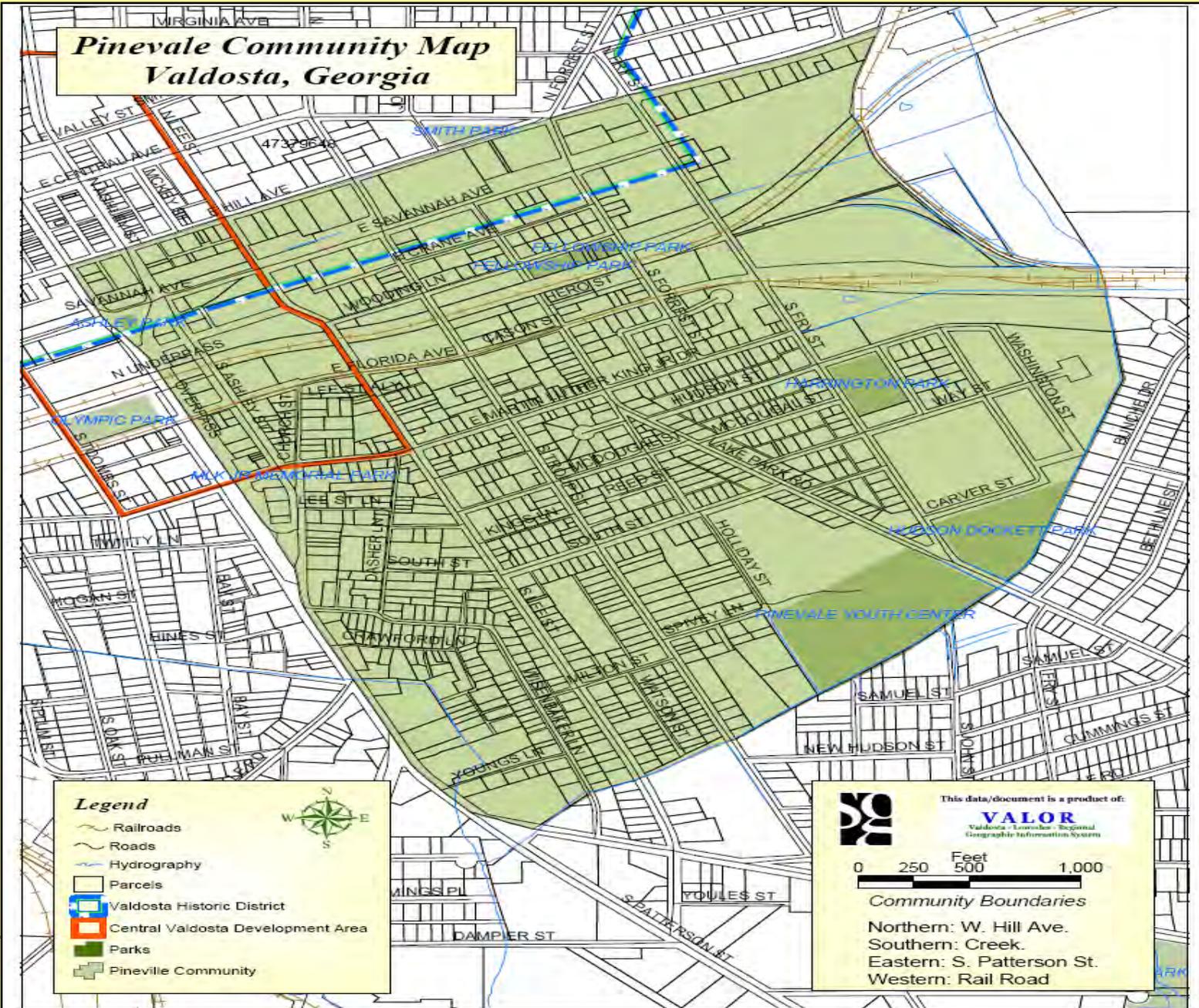
- Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP) Grant 2004
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Funding
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# Organizations Involved

- City of Valdosta
  - Valdosta Housing Authority
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - A.D. Woodard Homes
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# Pinevale Community Map Valdosta, Georgia



**Legend**

- Railroads
- Roads
- Hydrography
- Parcels
- Valdosta Historic District
- Central Valdosta Development Area
- Parks
- Pineville Community

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*Community Boundaries*

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Southern: Creek.  
Eastern: S. Patterson St.  
Western: Rail Road

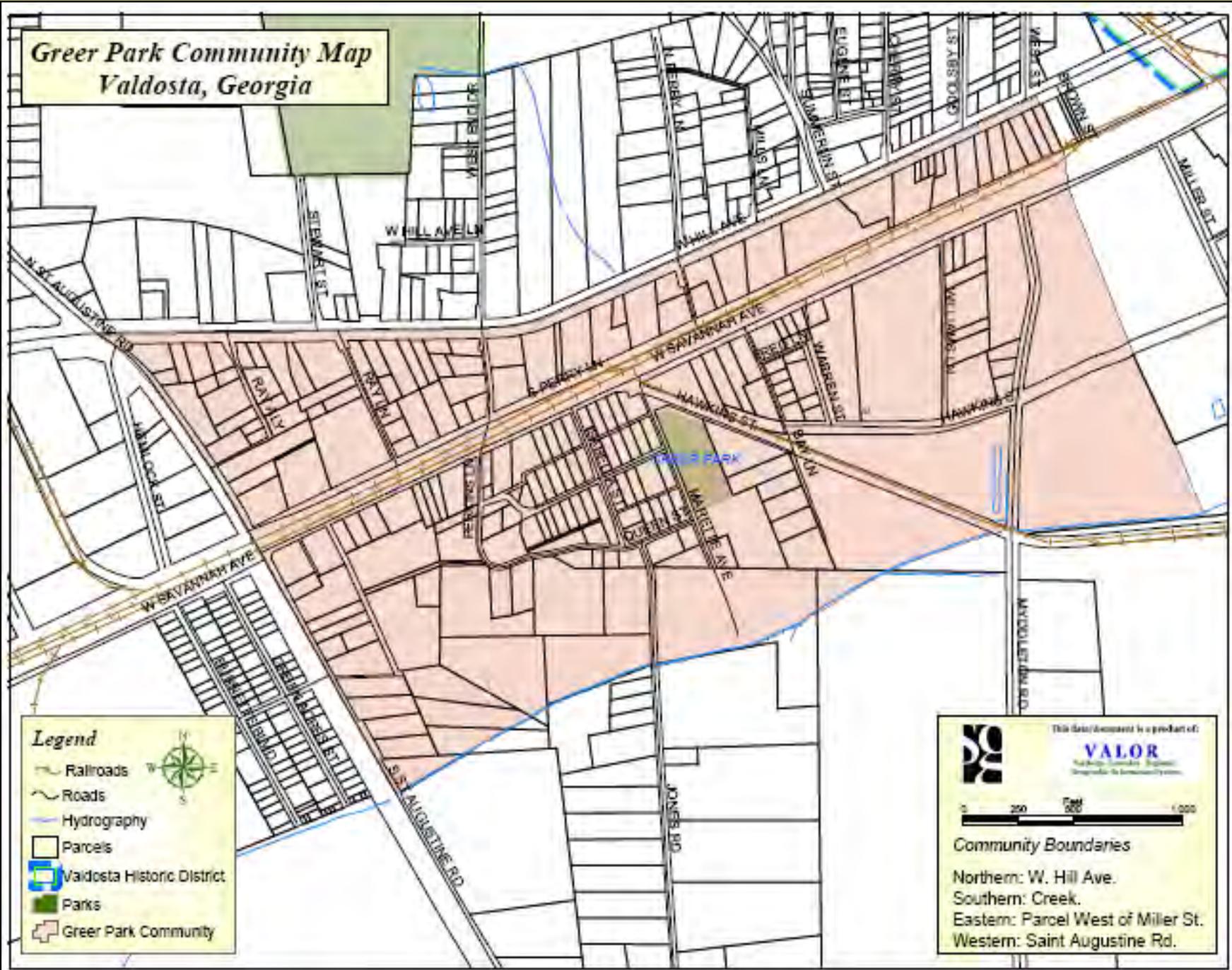
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# 607 Lake Park Road



**Greer Park Community Map**  
**Valdosta, Georgia**



**Legend**

- Railroads
- Roads
- Hydrography
- Parcels
- Valdosta Historic District
- Parks
- Greer Park Community

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**Community Boundaries**

Northern: W. Hill Ave.  
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 Eastern: Parcel West of Miller St.  
 Western: Saint Augustine Rd.

# 1513 Kingdom Street



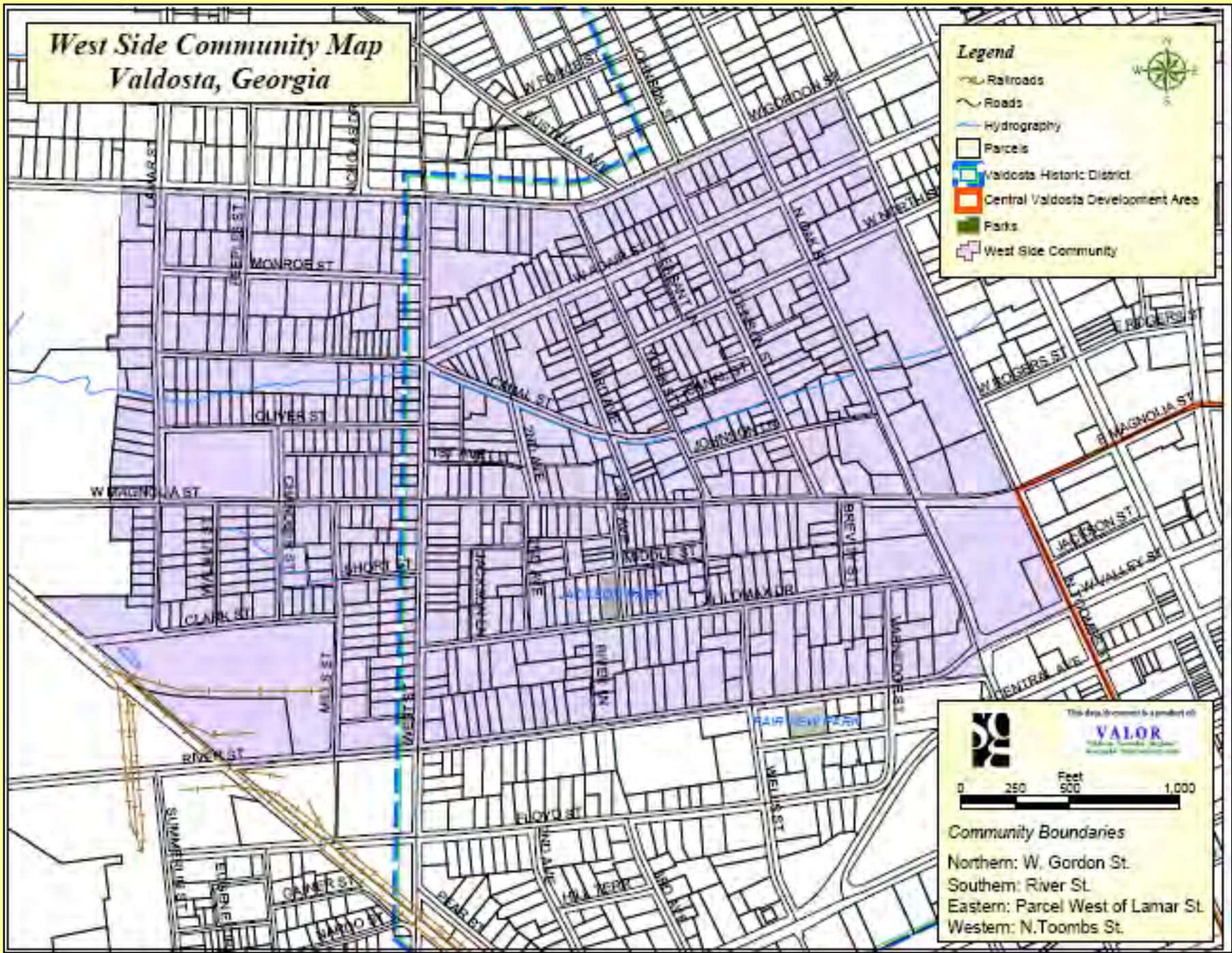
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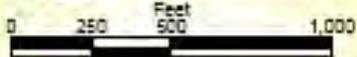
# West Side Community Map Valdosta, Georgia

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- Valdosta Historic District
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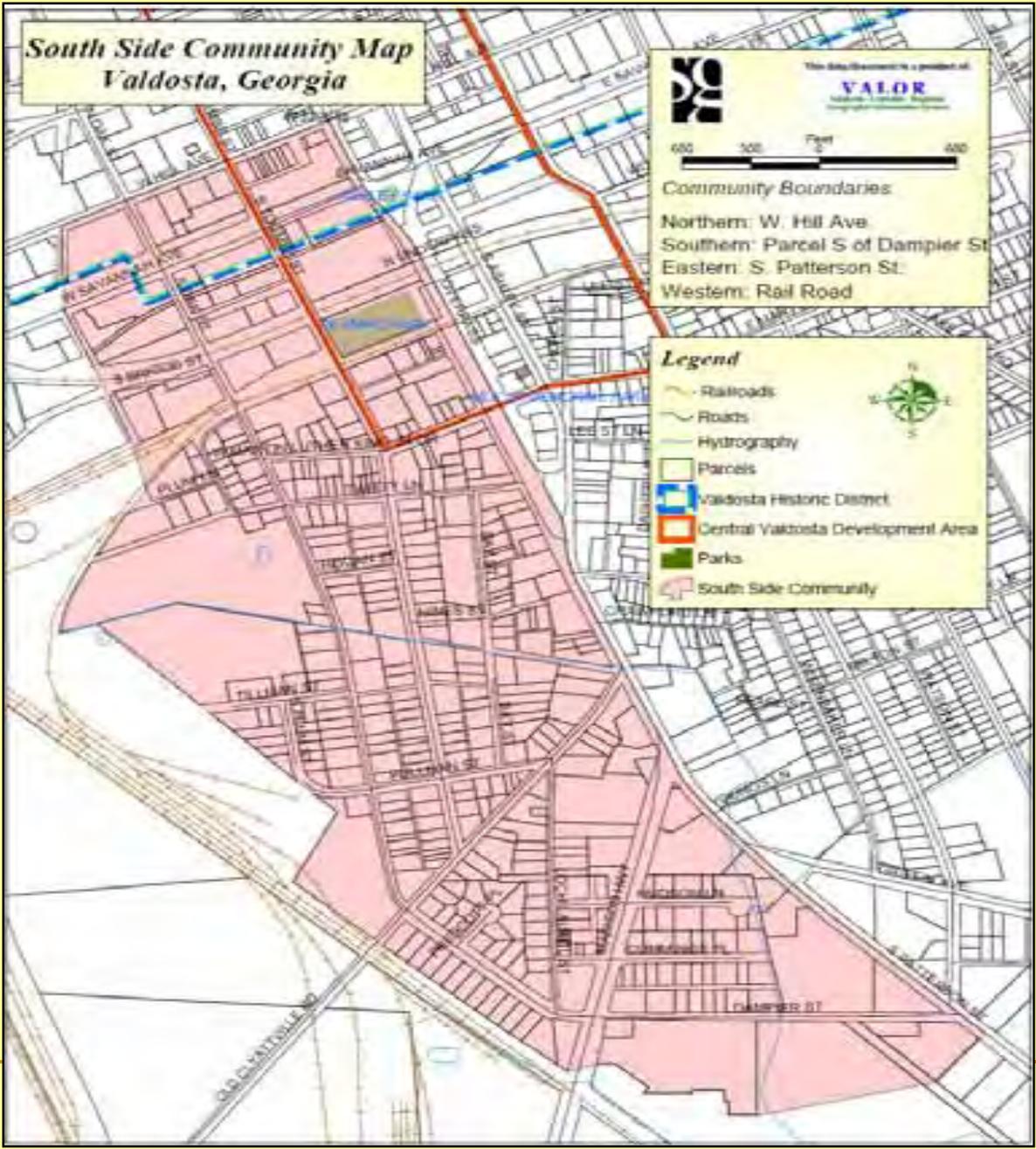
**Community Boundaries**  
 Northern: W. Gordon St.  
 Southern: River St.  
 Eastern: Parcel West of Lamar St.  
 Western: N. Toombs St.

# 820 Lilly Street



# 704 Lamar Street





# 123 Twitty Lane



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# Project Results

- Project recipients have safe housing that is code compliant .
  - Recipients have a sense of pride in their homes.
  - Property values have increased.
  - Owners of other houses in the area, mostly rental properties, have begun to make improvements to their properties.
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# Other Improvement Projects



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# Project Results and Future Initiatives

- Create sustainability within the community.
  - Utilize code enforcement as a proactive measure to:
    1. Save houses
    2. Abate properties which cannot be saved
    3. Develop abated lots with new in-fill investments from both non-profit and for profit investors.
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