

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
OF DAWSON COUNTY

October 7, 2021

Director of Economic Development Vacancy

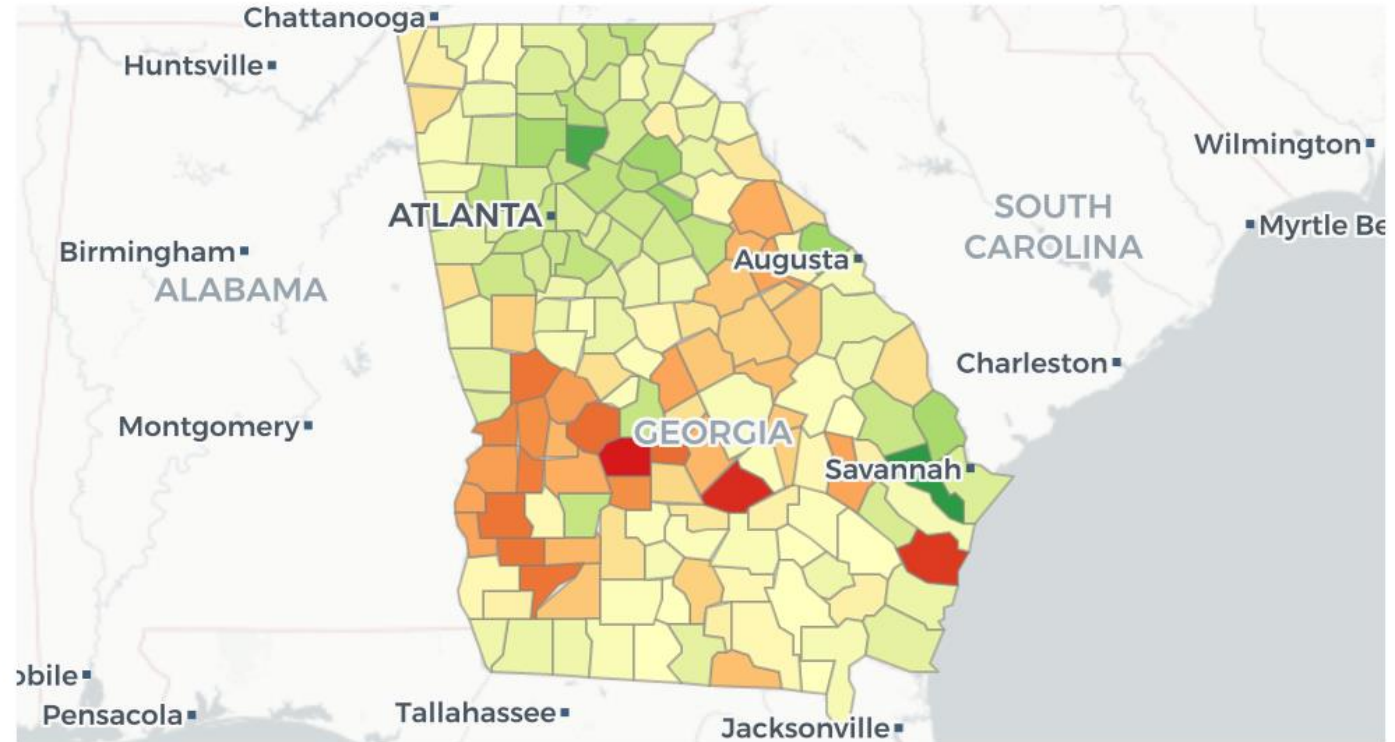
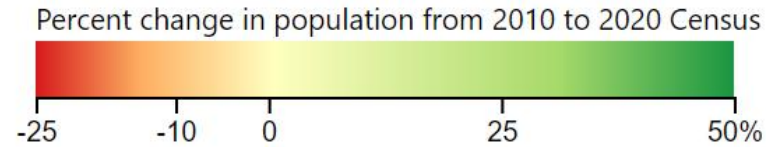


EARLY CENSUS DATA

FASTEST GROWING COUNTIES SINCE 2010

- BRYAN – 48%
- FORSYTH – 43%
- OCONEE – 27%
- COLUMBIA – 26%
- JACKSON – 26%
- CHEROKEE – 24%
- EFFINGHAM – 24%
- BARROW – 20%
- DAWSON – 20%
- TOWNS – 19%

9th



Source: U.S. Census Bureau: 2010 and 2020 Census

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Workforce Development

Create a Business-friendly Environment

Retain & Expand Existing Business

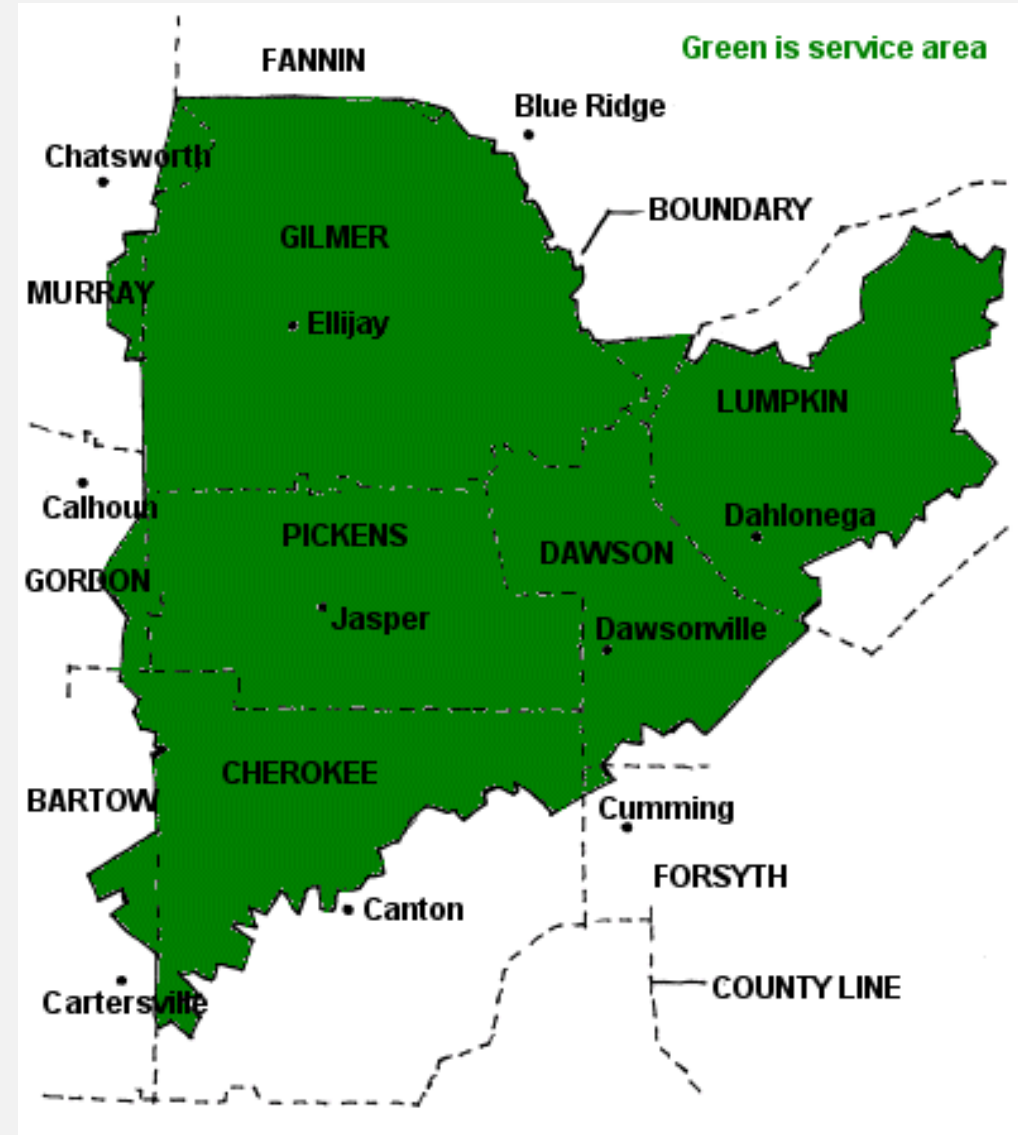
New Business Attraction

Market the Community

Enhance the Quality of Life

ARP GRANT BROADBAND

- DADC partnering with ETC to expand last mile capability in northern Dawson County. Expansion to include proposed future elementary school site and Elliott Field.
- Have received letters of support from City of Dawsonville, Dawson County Board of Commissioners, Dawson County Board of Education.
- Application deadline extended to October 31, 2021.





Letters of Support for
Community Partners

Etowah Water & Sewer Authority
Infrastructure Grant



Georgia Racing Hall of Fame
COVID 19 Negative Impact Grant

PROJECT UPDATES

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT SITE #1 (HWY 53)

- **Estimated total investment costs of \$3.5MM**
- **DADC Board approved sequential park strategy**
- **Expansion potential of current industrial development through collaboration with Board of Commissioners (MOU)**



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

POTENTIAL INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT SITE #2 (HWY 400N)

- **Two (2) Georgia Tech's CEDR economic impact studies of proposed mixed-use development**
 - a. **Fiscal impact modeling customized to Dawson county parameters**
 - b. **Economic Impact Modeling – estimated new jobs that the project creates for indirect and induced impact**



WEST HIGHTOWER RESURFACING

- On hold until adoption of Special Tax District policy is completed by Dawson County.
- Majority of affected property owners remain committed





PEAKS OF DAWSON PROJECT UPDATE

- BoC approved new TEFRA application at 9/2/2021 meeting.
- Required public hearing and supplemental Bond Resolution Adopted September 15, 2021 by Dawson County Development
- Revenue bonds closed and sold September 22nd
- Construction complete in 14-18 months after funding closes.