







## MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW

- Market Study
- Sidewalks and Streetscapes
- Connectivity and Accessibility
- Urban Design and Building Facades
- Public Space and Green Space
- Land Use and Zoning
- Programming and Events
- Public Art



#### MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE

OCTOBER	Stakeholder Interviews, Baseline Conditions
NOVEMBER	Public Forum #1
DECEMBER	Initial Recommendations
JANUARY	Public Forum #2
FEBRUARY	Draft of Master Plan
MARCH	Final Draft of Master Plan

#### STUDY AREA



# Downtown Hogansville Dollars and Cents



Population	City of Hogansville		
2000 Census	2,783		
2010 Census	3,060		
2017 Estimate	3,203		
2022 Projection	3,264		
Median Household Income	\$35,960		

Source: Claritas and Village Green Consulting









#### Downtown Hogansville Market Challenges and Assets

#### <u>Challenges</u>

- The population of the local community is fairly small.
- There is not a critical mass of large retailers to attract customers from outside of the community.
- Median household income in the City of Hogansville is too low to support a great deal of discretionary retail spending.
- Many of the downtown buildings are larger than necessary for typical retail tenants.

#### <u>Assets</u>

- The historic downtown buildings are largely intact and structurally sound.
- The City of Hogansville, while located in a rural setting, is adjacent to areas with large and growing populations and significant disposable income.
- Existing catalyst businesses make Downtown Hogansville uniquely situated to become a dining and shopping destination.

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## **Convenience** Retail



## **Destination Retail**





# **Convenience** Retail

- Purchases are made closer to home
- Purchases are made more frequently
- Retailers can be supported by a smaller population
- Lower-cost items
- Selling commodities that are necessary for everyday life

# **Destination Retail**

- Customers are willing to travel out of their local community
- Retailers draw customers from a large trade area
- Purchases are made less frequently
- Higher-cost items
- Often are "luxuries" that require discretionary income



## **40-Minute Drive Time**



Population	City of Hogansville	40-Minute Drive Time
2000 Census	2,783	200,000
2010 Census	3,060	252,300
2017 Estimate	3,203	271,500
2022 Projection	3,264	286,400
Median Household Income	\$35,960	\$52,400

Source: Claritas and Village Green Consulting



# Successful downtowns become a destination by <u>selling an experience</u> and should include:

- An emphasis on unique goods and services not commonly found in chain stores
- Interesting architecture and store design
- A curated mix of businesses that encourage cross-shopping
- Two to three "anchor" businesses
- A walkable environment
- Large-scale festivals
- Consistent programming and entertainment designed to increase sales volume
- A unique character that reflects the people, history, and culture of the community

*In the modern economy, downtowns that flourish focus on providing for "wants" and not "needs."* 



### IDEAS THAT SUPPORT DOWNTOWN AS A DESTINATION

**Downtown Doors Bird Gardens Bird Feeders Bird Baths Bird Houses Hummingbird Murals Street Painting Destination Eateries** Live Music **Performing Arts** Maker Spaces **Pedestrian Street** Consistent Programming **Downtown Housing** 



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### TWO MORE IDEAS... HUMMINGBIRD TRAIL







#### THEATER RESTORATION







# The Next 10 Months







### THE NEXT 10 MONTHS

- Apply for Rural Revitalization Zone designation
- Create a new Downtown Hogansville Zoning District that would replace the General Commercial Zoning and the Overlay Zoning and would allow for the recommendations of this plan to be implemented
- Paint the new trail on Commerce Street from the theater to the Depot
- Install movable bollards are gates at key locations on Commerce Street to help create the closed-street events
- Close Commerce Street on Market Day
- Determine feasibility of moving existing houses on the park to nearby available lots
- Develop promotional materials and guidelines for creating bird feeders, bird baths, bird houses, and bird gardens to distribute to downtown merchants, residents, and property owners
- Identify merchants, residents, and property owners willing to participate in the door painting initiative

## THE NEXT 10 MONTHS

- Identify a site and secure funding for the creation of a Hummingbird mural along Main Street or Commerce Street
- Inventory buildings that can be split up into smaller spaces
- Utilize social media to promote downtown Hogansville in the area/region
- Develop a marketing package
  - To attract investors to invest in purchasing downtown real estate for purposes of redevelopment and implementation of this plan's recommendations
  - To attract makers, artists, and destination retailers to the downtown
- Create a downtown task force that develops an annual work program based on the recommendations of this plan and guided by the principles of DCA's Main Street Program
- Complete studies of theater renovation and analyze potential for new City Hall locations within the City of Hogansville

## **IMPLEMENTATION / TASK LIST**

Project / Activity Description	Timeline			Cost	Funding	<b>C</b>	Reference
	Short	Medium	Long	Estimate	Source(s)	Status	Page in report
Historic Theater Restoration		х		See theater plan	Matching Grants, SPLOST	TBD	Page xx
Hummingbird Trail Extension	Х						
Downtown Park Expansion			Х				

