

Needs

- ❖ Establishment of and investment in procedures that **encourage adaptive reuse** of vacant and dilapidated residential, commercial, and industrial properties
- ❖ Enhance **housing stock diversity** in alignment with established character areas and housing type demand
- ❖ Expansion of **code enforcement activities** that prioritizes the provision of safe and affordable housing
- ❖ Increased **investment in resources for homeless individuals and families, special needs, and supportive housing development**

Opportunities & Existing Resources

- ❖ **Valdosta-Lowndes Land Bank Authority** can hold properties, clear title, and assist with community revitalization efforts.
- ❖ **Valdosta Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity** has programs for homeownership and new construction, aging in place for veterans and seniors, as well as financial literacy.
- ❖ As a **CDBG Entitlement Community**, the City of Valdosta has annual access to CDBG funds that can be used for acquisition, relocation and demolition, as well as rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures.
- ❖ **DCA** administers a variety of loan programs for homeownership, such as **Georgia Dream, Peach Plus**, and **Peach Select Veterans Assistance**.
- ❖ Due to funding from the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, the **Georgia Heirs Property Law Center** can assist low-to-moderate income heirs dealing with tangled titles that prevent