

CONSIDERATION OF DCA COMMUNITY QUALITY OBJECTIVES

1. Economic Prosperity

Encourage development or expansion of businesses and industries that are suitable for the community. Factors to consider when determining suitability include job skills required; long-term sustainability; linkages to other economic activities in the region; impact on the resources of the area; or prospects for creating job opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse local workforce.

Economic development serves as a top goal for Lowndes County and the Cities.

Work programs will show plans to expand business parks (Hahira); develop a makers and farmer's market on Highway 41 (Lake Park); and assist new and existing business financially as needed (Remerton). The City of Valdosta has ambitious intentions to use the downtown master plans as a guide for downtown development, develop and adopt a tourism overlay, as well as create Enterprise and Opportunity Zones.

2. Resource Management

Promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community. This may be achieved by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; encouraging green building construction and renovation; utilizing appropriate waste management techniques; fostering water conservation and reuse; or setting environmentally sensitive areas aside as green space or conservation reserves.

Dasher, Lake Park, and Valdosta have plans to restore and utilize existing natural resources for the purposes of recreation and conservation. Quite generally, though, each government intends to continue stormwater and wastewater improvements to ensure water quality and quantity as described by Georgia Environmental Protection Division guidelines. Valdosta specifically, intends to continue working alongside nature-based groups and the City of Lake Park hopes to do the same in the next five years.