Economic Development in Bloomingdale Georgia

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Background

Located in West Chatham County
Population 2,700
Bloomingdale: Situated well for growth

- Next door neighbor Pooler is growing rapidly
- Growth will move West to Bloomingdale following I-16 and U.S. 80
- Completion of Deloach Parkway will increase the convenience of Bloomingdale
Developers

Land already held in Bloomingdale by Developers

Most land held since before the 2008 Recession

- Own multiple land lots
- Land owned by company based outside city
- Owner name alludes to development
Future hopes:

- Residential Development that will attract further future Development
Bloomingdale Development Plan

1. Inventory all city services
2. Review city ordinances to ensure that they facilitate growth
3. Project needs for services and funding
4. Funding options
5. Improve public information and technology
6. Survey the citizenry on the plan
1. Inventory all City Services

- Determine what city services have and need to accommodate growth
- Build tools to help development
  - Maps of utilities
2. Review City Ordinances to Ensure That They Facilitate Growth

- Make sure city ordinances are easy to understand
- City ordinances should encourage growth
3. Project Needs for Services and Funding

- Assess needs of all services to facilitate growth
- Project needs of services with increased population
- Assemble a strategic plan
- Total all costs to accomplish plan
4. Funding Options

- Sales Tax
5. Improve Public Information and Technology

- Improve City Website and public information
- Train all employees on development plan
- Design a clear process for development approval and make it public
6. Survey the Citizenry on the Plan

- Get the opinions of current citizens on growth plan
- Show the needs and benefits of the funding path chosen
- Secure support for the plan from the community
Conclusion
Thank You

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