Patterson Historical Walk/Community Event

Cory Hall
Patterson Town

History

- Patterson, GA was incorporated on January 1, 1894
- Patterson has a population of 730
- The town of Patterson has a rich history that slowly dissipated once the interstate system was created
- The City Hall now resides in the high school at Eagle Station
Patterson Historic Downtown
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Additional Buildings Along Historic Walk
The Historic Walk is a project aimed at bringing attention back to the Historic Downtown of Patterson.
The Historic Walk will take participants from the current City Hall to the gym next door, then they will travel down Hyers St. to Main St. Once out on Main St., the participants will continue down until they reach the Historic Downtown.
Patterson Historical Walk Mapped Out
Projects to Look at

- Commerce, GA
- Self-Guided Historic Walking Tour
- Purposes was to highlight their Historic Downtown by preserving it and sharing it through the walking tour
- The Commerce Historic Walking Tour was initially created in 1980, but not continued until recently
- The renewed project’s goal was to restructure the what was still together of the old project, and to construct a new extended/ architecture driving tour
Goals of Patterson
Historical Walking
Tour/ Community
Event Project

- Revitalize downtown area and become a camera ready community
- Create a Historic Walking Tour to highlight the important portions of Patterson and bring attention back to the downtown
- Organize a community event in conjunction with the release of the Historic Walking Tour to draw people from not only the community, but also the local areas back into Patterson.
Statesboro offers several different incentives to draw businesses to its downtown area and to the new Blue Mile:

- Waiver of Business License Fees
- Renovation of Existing Buildings
- Waiver of Initial Natural Gas Connections and Fees

Statesboro’s DSDA uses these fees to incentivize businesses to come back towards the downtown area instead of moving out towards the Veterans Memorial (HWY 301) Bypass.
Statesboro’s DSDA on the First Friday of each month holds a community event where vendors and community residents can come together and get together.

Businesses downtown use this as a chance to market their wares.

The First Friday events are often themed:
- AG Night Out
- Scare on the Square
- Taste of Statesboro
Downtown Statesboro Development Authority - First Friday
Ideas for Patterson Community Event

- Bell Farms Rabbiteye Winery could host a Wine & Art night
- Local filmmakers could put on shows for the public
- Vendors from around Pierce County could set up along the downtown area while music is played
Patterson’s Camera Ready Community

- Patterson is identified by Camera Ready Georgia as
  - Topography
    - Farmland, orchards, rivers
  - Filmography
    - Dead Files, Mickey Mouse Club
- By revitalizing the downtown and bringing attention with the Historic Walking Tour, Patterson can potentially draw in companies looking to make films
- Camera Ready is a designation put in place by the state to offer film and television production companies easier, faster and better access to local resources and information. A Camera Ready Community must designate a liaison who can assist film and television production companies on a local level. The first 16 Georgia counties were designated Camera Ready at EUE/Screen Gems Studio in Atlanta on October 7, 2010.
Project Progression

- Historical Preservation Commission creation
- Clean-up of Historic Downtown and Procurement of Buildings
- Trips to other cities
- Events for the community
Other Resources to keep in mind

- [http://www.dtdublin.com/resources](http://www.dtdublin.com/resources)
- [https://www.google.com/search?q=fascade+programs+in+ga+main+street&oq=fascade+programs+in+ga+main+street&aqs=chrome..69i57j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=fascade+programs+in+ga+main+street&oq=fascade+programs+in+ga+main+street&aqs=chrome..69i57j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)