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The focus is on future-ready planning.

PALMETTO
TAKING CHARGE OF ITS DESTINY

Growth for Palmetto is being driven by its location—right in the midst of Georgia’s most populous county—and by its new municipal footprint. Formerly just five square miles, today Palmetto is a much larger 11 square miles.

In light of the city’s future, Mayor John Miller and the Palmetto City Council are taking charge of their community’s destiny, focusing on a master plan and more.

In 2008, Palmetto added $25,000 to the $100,000 Livable Centers Initiative grant award it had received from the Atlanta Regional Commission. This was all with an eye to crafting a plan for the city’s future—a plan that looks strategically at the development of the Palmetto Town Center, as well as green space conservation and pedestrian-friendly transportation. Public safety has received attention, too. Palmetto’s management team increased staffing for police, fire and emergency response personnel and made salaries more competitive to ensure Palmetto attracts quality personnel.

Securing a public library is another tactic in Palmetto’s future-ready planning. City residents have been traveling to Fairburn for library facilities, but in 2010, the city will have its own library through a partnership with Fulton County.

Piece by piece, Palmetto is pulling together the special attributes that will ensure its future success.
West Point has been a Better Hometown Community since 2000. As such it is dedicated to the revitalization of its historic downtown.

**Fast FACTS**

**PALMETTO**

**POPULATION:** 4,848 [Fulton County – 4,359 and Coweta County – 489]

**COUNTY:** Fulton – Population 992,137

**UTILITIES:** Electric, water/sewage and solid waste

**TRANSPORTATION:** The eastern boundary of Palmetto parallels Interstate-85 and the city is only 18 miles southwest of Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

**TOP FIVE EMPLOYERS:**
- Palmetto Elementary School
- Georgia Baptist Children’s Home
- Spurlin Industries – fiberglass bathtub manufacturer
- Baptist Manor & Garrison Personal Care
- City of Palmetto

“Growth is inevitable for Palmetto and if we do it right, it is our biggest opportunity.”

Mayor John Miller

- Palmetto got its name in honor of South Carolina soldiers who stopped there as they made their way to the Spanish American War. They found the city reminiscent of their home, which is called The Palmetto State.

- Palmetto became a town in 1853.

- Cochran Mill Park, located just outside Palmetto, offers miles of wilderness trails for hikers, bikers and equestrians to explore.
GREEN SPACE, BLUE SKIES AND GREAT PEOPLE

Besides the tactical to-do list for Palmetto’s revitalization, there is a sense of community emerging here.

The city embraced a new city slogan — Green Space, Blue Skies and Great People — and citizens are engaging with each other in numerous ways. Just ask Marjorie Morrow.

Morrow, an arts enthusiast, sought to involve middle school-age students in photography and at the same time, encourage an appreciation for the history and legacy of Palmetto. The culmination of her efforts was eight Saturday workshops on the basics of photography that also included discussions and interactions with long-time residents and members of local Palmetto institutions.

“This project grew out of my desire to connect our youth with their community through the cultural arts,” explains Morrow.

The photographic work of her Palmetto students was exhibited at various venues around the town. Community fund raising efforts, the city and the Fulton County Arts Council financed this very special endeavor.

Citizens are coming together in still another way. In 2009, volunteers hosted the first-ever holiday Fantasy Forest at the community center. This beautiful seasonal event features local charities and churches showcasing their uniquely decorated holiday trees, while local entertainment adds to the festivities.

On a more serious note, regular town hall meetings bring citizens together to discuss important issues. The meetings, conducted by the Mayor, also provide citizens the opportunity to network and offer solutions and ideas.

“No matter what good we think we do at City Hall, we fail if we don’t keep the public informed,” explains Mayor Miller.

The city has also implemented an electronic newsletter. “It is just another means to keep our citizens informed and involved,” says City Manager Terry Todd.

Plus, residents are encouraged to visit the city website, www.citypalmetto.com, for news and event schedules.
More About **HOMETOWN PALMETTO**

- Foxhall Village, a new planned 1,300-acre mixed-use development will have 4,680 residential units, 180,000 square feet of commercial space and 420,000 square feet of office space. Green space will encompass 390 acres.

- Palmetto is located on the highest point above sea level between Atlanta and New Orleans.

- Palmetto actively supports sustainability initiatives and is encouraging citizens to recycle their newspapers as well as their cooking oil and grease. Containers for citizen use are placed at several convenient locations.

- Palmetto citizens came together and helped build a welcoming Community Garden at the city’s Wayside Park.

- Lacy Griffith built the city’s first house in 1829 and his house, at one time, was a stagecoach stop.