COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN : VILLA RICA

A Revitalization Plan for the Old Town Homes Site and surrounding neighborhood in Villa Rica, Georgia
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Community Revitalization Plan

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Villa Rica Housing Authority Residents
Residents of Redevelopment Area

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REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Community Redevelopment Area is within close proximity to key employment facilities such as the Tanner Medical Center Complex, Willowbrooke at Tanner Senior Living Facility and adjacent to downtown amenities. Downtown businesses are diverse including the health care industry, public sector employers (City-County government, Board of Education, etc.) and large industrial/distribution centers less than a mile to the west. Due to the redevelopment area’s proximity to downtown Villa Rica and major employers there presents considerable opportunities for redevelopment.

VILLA RICA HOUSING AUTHORITY REDEVELOPMENT BOUNDARIES

The Villa Rica Housing Authority’s Site comprises Parcel Number: (see Appendix for further documentation)

- V04 0060001
  
  Totaling 9.28 acres

The Old Town Housing Authority Redevelopment Area is located in the northern portion of the City of Villa Rica, due north of the downtown area and generally defined by Old Town Road to the west and north; Old Stone Road to the south; and Dallas Highway (Georgia State Route 61) to the east and directly across the street from the Tanner Medical Center.

The Old Town Homes Redevelopment Site is just west of the new Villa Rica Library and the Tanner Medical Center.
THIRD PARTY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

The City of Villa Rica has continued to pro-actively invest in its community. Through the work of careful planning, public-private partnerships, and economic drivers like the Tanner Medical Center, Villa Rica has set itself up for future success with its constituents.

From a development perspective, the newly completed Villa Rica Library is a great asset that is already paying off for the city. It is well designed and positioned within the community. The $3 million 16,000 square foot facility is less than a half mile away from this proposed development.

In addition to the library, is the increased investments at Fullerville Park, a popular soccer facility in the city. “Villa Rica secured $500,000 in federal funds from the Transportation Funding Act of 2015, of which the City must provide 20 percent [$100,000] in matching funds. The federal funds will be used to build a parking lot, turnaround area and pedestrian trail connections on land adjacent to the Fullerville Soccer Complex off Rockmart Road. And with its matching funds, the City will build a pavilion to include restrooms, picnic shelter and trailhead information. The City will also cover the cost of the water and sewer lines as part of its match. This is the first phase of a multi-phase program to build a public paved pedestrian and bike trail [known as the Gold Nugget Trail].” (Allison Lolley with newsandviewsusa.com)

The Gold Nugget Trail Master Plan calls for the initial pilot project to thread through this part of Villa Rica connecting Old Stone Road, to the new library, to the current Tanner Medical Center Wellness Trail and then to Fullerville Park for a distance of 1.39 miles. The estimated cost is $2.4 million.

EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Currently, the Housing Authority Site has the street, Walnut Drive bisecting it with sidewalks and curb and gutter on both sides of the street of the Housing Authority’s property. The north side of Old Stone Road inside the VRHA’s property also has sidewalks (and curb and gutter on both sides). Outside of these areas, there is no sidewalk infrastructure or curb and gutter. Curb and gutter may not be necessary in this area based on low housing densities and small percentage lot coverage.
Community Engagement Process

Partner Engagement & Collaboration List

Steering Committee / Stakeholder Interviews
The planning team worked hard to first understand what sorts of work has already been going on in the community. Key community partners were identified to form a steering committee for the plan and then stakeholder interviews were conducted during January and February of 2019.

Public Meeting
On January 28th, 2019 the planning team invited the Steering Committee and the public to Villa Rica Library to talk about obstacles to education, transportation, health services, and employment opportunities. Together they discussed challenges, opportunities and potential recommendations for the community.

Community Forum
On February 25th, 2019, the planning team invited the Steering Committee, city leaders and the public back to Villa Rica Library to talk about the results from the surveys and the first public meeting. The planning team sharing emerging consensus and refined ideas to be included in the Revitalization Plan.

Many of the stakeholder interviews and steering committee meetings were held at the VRHA office.

Surveys
In addition to the Public Meetings, the planning team also created a survey for residents of the current housing in the Villa Rica area to fill out. The surveys were circulated among Housing Authority contacts, community members, churches, senior living communities, and those living in housing authority properties. The survey was also placed online in order to make it easier and more accessible for a larger number of people. In the end, over 40 surveys were completed.

Villa Rica Community Revitalization Plan: Chevron House Redevelopment / Spring 2019
Survey 351 Villa Rica CA: This survey is part of our efforts to discover the needs and wants of the community and attendees of the Villa Rica Community Forum/Housing Authority.

The Villa Rica Community Forum hosted our Public Meeting and Community Forum.

Printed copy of survey

Back of the printed survey

Printable copy of survey
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Public Engagement: Qualitative Notes

Steering Committee Meetings

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2019
at Villa Rica Housing Authority and City Hall

1. Public Meeting: January 28, 2019
at Villa Rica Library

2. Community Forum: February 25, 2019
at Villa Rica Library

TRANSPORTATION OBSTACLES
- Limited bus routes – can’t access employers and goods and services.
- Limited bus schedules (run once an hour, stop running at 9p, don’t run on Sunday).
- Limited budget for transit operations and uncertain future for funding.
- System already seems too busy
- System is in need of upgrades for ADA accessibility improvements.
- Ride sharing programs are expensive for seniors.

* A recent transportation study of Carroll Connection indicated for the over 3500 trips thus far, the number one reason for the transportation was medical appointments followed by transportation to a job.

HEALTH SERVICES OBSTACLES
- Lack of transportation options for connecting to health care options.
- Lack of critical infrastructure like ADA sidewalks and crossings to get to Tanner Campus
- Affordability of Medical Care
- Lack of services that are accessible to the neighborhood by the adjacent medical campus.

EMPLOYMENT OBSTACLES
- Transportation – hard to access quality / good paying jobs nearby
- Lack of jobs in the immediate neighborhood.
- Overqualified applicants taking lower level jobs
- Some people don’t want to work.
- Lack of education / vocational training

EDUCATION OBSTACLES
- Lack of Diversity in the classrooms, wealthier families leaving schools
- Lack of funding
- Lack of transportation option and poor walkability to schools
- Disruptions in the classroom
- Choice - kids dropping out or parents not following up
- Limited access to continuing education or vocational training

Villa Rica Housing Authority of the City of Villa Rica

HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT PUBLIC MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28TH: 5:30PM
LOCATION: Villa Rica Public Library
869 Dallas Highway, Villa Rica, GA 30180

SHARE YOUR INPUT AND LEARN ABOUT THE PROCESS

CARROLL TOMORROW is looking to fill gaps in employment and skills through several different programs in the area.

Tanner Medical represents a growing opportunity for jobs and industry related jobs in the community.

Copy of the Public Meeting Flyer shared in the community and online
EDUCATION

Respondents were asked to what degree they agreed with the following statements.

Children in my community have access to good educational opportunities.

The quality of education in my community is getting better.

The #1 obstacle that prevents access to educational opportunities is:

- Transportation / lack of walkability to schools
- Lack of Diversity in the classroom
- Poor choices by parents/students
- Lack of continued education classes / vocational prep

HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE

I have access to good health and medical care in my community.

The quality of health and medical care in my community is getting better.

The #1 obstacle that prevents access to good health & medical care opportunities is:

- Limited transportation (overwhelming consensus)
- Affordability of care
- Better service / doctors
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

EMPLOYMENT AND JOBS
I have access to good employment and job opportunities in my community.

The quality of employment and job opportunities in my community is getting better.

The #1 obstacle that prevents access to employment and job opportunities is:

- Not enough jobs / quality jobs in the area
- Need better paying jobs
- Transportation issues
- Over-qualified people replace / win others’ jobs or job opportunities in the area

TRANSPORTATION
I have access to good transportation options in my community.

The quality of transportation options in my community is getting better.

The #1 obstacle that prevents access to good transportation options is:

- Lack of public funding / money
- Lack of options that are affordable
- Lack of buses / vans
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

I have access to affordable housing in my community.

I think the new library is an asset to this community.

I think the new Gold Nugget Trail will be an asset to this community.

The #1 obstacle that prevents access to good development and/or housing is:

- Money / Financing
- Lack of appropriate infrastructure
- Time / taking too long
- Lack of affordable housing stock/vouchers

Gold Nugget Trail Master Plan rendering showing connection to Cleghorn Park south of Old Stone Road.
The City of Villa Rica has completed several key planning initiatives in the past five to ten years that will help in guiding future work and development in this area of town. The following sections include housing and development summaries of the several completed plans.

**Villa Rica Urban Redevelopment Plan (2012)**
- The plan advocated for revitalizing blighted, deteriorating areas within the City of Villa Rica (the areas highlighted were south of the Housing Authority Property; in the downtown and to the east).
- Allows the City of Villa Rica to reduce or abate local property taxes and regulatory fees (through use of an Enterprise Zone).
- Expands the City of Villa Rica’s access to job credits (through the use of an Opportunity Zone.)
- Encourages compatible infill development and defines architectural character.
- Facilitates affordable housing.
- Advocates for the creative financing of public facilities and infrastructure.

**Villa Rica Downtown Master Plan (2018)**
- Dealt primarily with downtown, but noted that bike and pedestrian connections were very important in connecting surrounding neighborhoods (to the north and east) in addition to increased infill development in these areas.
- To fully ensure the continued health of downtown, the city should consider incentivizing residential conversion and increase urban living options in and around downtown.
- Done with the Carl Vinson Institute at the University of Georgia. Contains...
COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

PREVIOUS PLANS AND STUDIES

Advantage Carroll 2020 by Carroll Tomorrow (2018)
- Carroll Tomorrow is a unique county-wide public-private economic development organization that also serves as the staff for Carroll County’s four industrial development authorities.
- Carroll County joined Harvard University’s Pathways to Prosperity project connecting employers and educators to help high school students find routes into the labor market and several other workforce development initiatives.
- Goal to: Identify infrastructure needs at developable sites and coordinate improvements and advocate residential development for an expanding workforce.
- Another one of the goals is to develop and publish a county-wide housing inventory and needs assessment.

Gold Nugget Trail Master Plan (2018)
- Planned by the City of Villa Rica and the Path Foundation for a 22.6 mile network of bike and pedestrian trails that would loop around the downtown and have fingers that went out to different parts of the city.
- The planning team recommended a ‘model project’ of a 1.4 mile segment that would connect the Library, the Tanner Medical Center, and Fullerville Park (the Housing Authority Property is right in the middle of this segment). This segment would be the ‘low hanging fruit’ - the first section completed with the least hindrances - completed as a proof of concept.
COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

PREVIOUS PLANS AND STUDIES

Carroll County Comprehensive Plan (2018)

Key housing needs included:
1. Enhancing the jobs/housing balance by increasing the ratio of jobs to housing units
2. Developing a more diversified housing mix with a wider range of prices and housing products.
3. Coordinating affordable housing provisions with cities to ensure there is housing for very low, low, and moderate incomes that should be located in proximity to employment opportunities and public services.

Key planning needs of note were:
1. Ensure neighborhoods’ integrity is protected by choosing appropriate adjacent land uses.
2. Provide compatible diversity within neighborhoods with diverse housing opportunities while ensuring neighborhood stability and compatibility.
3. Protect Key Transportation Corridors
   - Ensure that new housing developments provide and support maintenance of adequate facilities and amenities to foster long term neighborhood stability.
   - Collaborate with communities to identify county-wide needs for affordable housing and develop joint strategies to meet those needs.
   - Develop area and sub-area plans to coordinate infrastructure investment and develop new and expand existing businesses.
   - Communities should maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the conversion of undeveloped land at the urban periphery by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the downtown or traditional urban core of the community.
   - Traditional neighborhood development patterns should be encouraged, including use of more human scale development, compact development, mixing of uses within easy walking distance of one another, and facilitating pedestrian activity.

Villa Rica Comprehensive Plan (2018)

Key Development Patterns goals include:
1. Maintain small-town character and cultural identity while supporting growth where infill and redevelopment is encouraged in older, existing areas of the community.
2. Maintain greenspace in redevelopment of existing areas and new developments especially as it relates to connecting to the Gold Nugget Trail/greenways.
3. Improve multi-modal connectivity through bicycle and pedestrian modes.
4. Support mixed use development where residents and visitors can live, work, and play within a compact, walkable area by encouraging a variety of types of densities of housing that are still human-scale.
5. Develop enhanced design standards for all developments.
6. Promote quality corridor development by investigating need for streetscape, enhanced landscaping, and inter-parcel connectivity for new development.

Social and Economic Development goals include:
1. Stimulate revitalization activities and redevelopment of aging properties by focusing funding for redevelopment within existing city limits.
2. Protect and enhance existing neighborhoods while supporting a diverse array of housing options to accommodate future growth by coordinating with Housing Authority on the relocation and redevelopment of existing public housing sites.
3. Maintain high quality services for the citizens of Villa Rica by developing Tax Allocation Districts in targeted areas to fund infrastructure and transportation improvements.

The Future Development Map is a key document that future growth and zoning must comply with.
The following pages describe five prioritized challenges that this plan seeks to address. The following specific challenges were highlighted during this process from community engagement (public meetings and surveys) steering committees, stakeholder interviews, and from reviewing the previous plans and studies.

1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING
Villa Rica is in need of new and additional affordable housing. Waiting lists for housing / vouchers are closed due to demand and an aging population with fixed expenses. Though those surveyed (and currently living in the Housing Authority property) indicated that their need was met for affordable housing, it is evident that there is a growing need in Villa Rica.

2. CONNECTIVITY
Increased development pressure in the area combined with the excitement for visionary projects like the Gold Nugget Trail show an increased need and desire for residents to be able to access the resources and benefits in the surrounding area like parks, the library and the Tanner Medical Center. Complementary land uses and continued planning will help future residents take more advantage of the great things Villa Rica has to offer.

3. SAFE STREETS AND CROSSINGS
As more people begin traveling not just in a single occupancy vehicle, the need for quality bike/pedestrian infrastructure is that more much important. Safe and accessible sidewalks and street crossings will be increasingly important to utilize the Gold Nugget Trail and for more clients to travel to Tanner Medical.

4. TRAFFIC CALMING
As more development comes to this part of Villa Rica, it is important to be proactive about preparing the roads for increased usage. It is important to utilize appropriate traffic flow infrastructure in areas where there will be increased pedestrian crossings and you still want to be able to keep traffic moving well.

5. EMPLOYMENT ACCESSIBILITY
Public input revealed that job accessibility and job quality are a big concern for area residents. At the same time, residents are also hopeful for the future. Continued momentum from groups like Carroll Tomorrow to connect skills with jobs has been invaluable to Villa Rica. Continued work to find stable transportation options will help this work even more.
Affordable Housing is an important component of any city’s housing stock. Affordable Housing provides important options for an aging population, young and low income families, and often those with disabilities. This kind of housing in Villa Rica can show up as: a privately-owned subsidized apartment; traditional public housing apartments owned by the state and managed by a housing authority; or in the form of Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) which are currently closed and have long waiting lists. Carroll County and Villa Rica Comp Plans both had strong goals related to affordable housing such as:

- Coordinating affordable housing provisions with cities to ensure there is housing for very low, low, and moderate incomes that should be located in proximity to employment opportunities and public services;
- Stimulate revitalization activities and redevelopment of aging properties by focusing funding for redevelopment within existing city limits;
- Protect and enhance existing neighborhoods while supporting a diverse array of housing options to accommodate future growth by coordinating with Housing Authority on the relocation and redevelopment of existing public housing sites.

Rental Housing

Based on demographic and market research for the adjacent neighborhoods there is a strong need for workforce and low income housing for citizens - specifically seniors who have low fixed incomes. In addition to some market rate units, the majority will be affordable units at or below 60% AMI (Area Median Income).
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2. CONNECTIVITY

2.1 Connect the planned Gold Nugget Trail to major area destinations such as the Villa Rica Library, Tanner Medical Center, and the future Villa Rica Housing Authority Old Town Homes redevelopment.
2.2 Create trail spurs that provide greater walking and biking connectivity to future housing, civic, retail, medical, and major employment destinations developments in the area.
2.3 Utilize zoning regulations to ensure that future development along the Gold Nugget Trail is designed to maximize bike and pedestrian usability of the trail system.
2.4 Monitor and work with Connect Carroll in look into the feasibility of a circulator shuttle in the future.
As more people begin traveling not just in a single occupancy vehicle, the need for quality bike/pedestrian infrastructure is that much more important. Safe and accessible sidewalks and street crossings will be increasingly important to utilize the Gold Nugget Trail and for more clients to travel to Tanner Medical. The planning team has identified some key potential areas for textured crossings that signal to drivers that this is a slower section used by pedestrians, bikers, and those using wheelchairs. The squares below represent possible locations, but all may not be necessary.

As more development comes to this part of Villa Rica, it is important to be proactive about preparing the roads for increased usage. It is important to utilize appropriate traffic flow infrastructure in areas where there will be increased pedestrian crossings and you still want to be able to keep traffic moving well. The team is recommending the use of three roundabouts in this area. These roundabouts will calm the flow of traffic to move more gentle and constant. Currently Dallas Highway and Punkintown Road has seen large backups in all directions. Roundabouts can also work in concert with safe raised crosswalks. The use of roundabouts will create a safer environment for all users.
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A future trail spur would allow Gold Nugget Trail users to connect to Gold Dust Park and the many industry jobs along Industrial Boulevard.

This map highlights all of the previous recommendations together. Increased commercial office space, an expanded Tanner Medical Center, and more retail space equals more jobs and goods/services for area residents. More multifamily and affordable multifamily housing means these new residents would not have to use a car/truck to get to work or run quick errands which also means less traffic on Dallas Highway.

5. EMPLOYMENT ACCESS

5.1 Zone the area near Tanner Medical Center and Dallas Highway to allow commercial, medical office, and retail uses to continue the growth of the area as a major employment center for the City and the region.

5.2 Continue to work with Carroll Tomorrow to raise awareness of the vocational training available to area residents.

Just announced: SE Trans Call Center Relocation to this Villa Rica site providing 200 jobs!
### IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

#### 1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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<td>1.1</td>
<td>Work with the Villa Rica Housing Authority to provide new affordable housing opportunities for seniors.</td>
<td>Villa Rica Housing Authority / Affordable housing development partners</td>
<td>DCA tax credit sources / Public-private partnerships</td>
<td>Within the next year</td>
<td>Approx. $17 million</td>
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<td>1.2</td>
<td>Work with the Villa Rica Housing Authority to provide new affordable housing opportunities to lower income families (workforce housing).</td>
<td>Villa Rica Housing Authority / Affordable housing development partners</td>
<td>DCA tax credit sources / Public-private partnerships</td>
<td>Within the next three years</td>
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<td>1.3</td>
<td>Zone land in this area to allow for-rent multi-family housing opportunities for lower to medium income families.</td>
<td>City of Villa Rica</td>
<td>Villa Rica Planning and Zoning Department staff</td>
<td>Within the next year</td>
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<td>2.1</td>
<td>Connect the planned Gold Nugget Trail to major area destinations such as the Villa Rica Library, Tanner Medical Center, and the future Villa Rica Housing Authority Old Town Homes redevelopment.</td>
<td>City of Villa Rica / Parks and Recreation / Private property owners</td>
<td>City funds / Government and private grants / SPLOST / grants</td>
<td>Within the next two years</td>
<td>$2.4 million</td>
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<td>2.2</td>
<td>Create trail spurs that provide greater walking and biking connectivity to future housing, civic, retail, medical, and major employment destinations / developments in the area.</td>
<td>City of Villa Rica / Private property owners</td>
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<td>Utilize zoning regulations to ensure that future development along the Gold Nugget Trail is designed to maximize bike and pedestrian usability of the trail system.</td>
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<td>Monitor and work with Connect Carroll in look into the feasibility of a circulator shuttle in the future.</td>
<td>City of Villa Rica, Connect Carroll, Tanner Medical</td>
<td>Connect Carroll, Georgia Department of Transportation, City funds</td>
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<td>3.1</td>
<td>Transform key intersections on major roadways into safe and accessible pedestrian crossings through use of pedestrian crossing signals and countdown timers.</td>
<td>Georgia Department of Transportation / City of Villa Rica</td>
<td>State and local funds</td>
<td>Within the next three years</td>
<td>Approx. $5000 / signal</td>
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<td>3.2</td>
<td>Install clearly delineated pedestrian crosswalks at all pedestrian crossing intersections.</td>
<td>Georgia Department of Transportation / City of Villa Rica</td>
<td>State and local funds</td>
<td>Within the next three years</td>
<td>Approx. $2500 / crosswalk</td>
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### 4. TRAFFIC CALMING

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<td>4.1</td>
<td>Install new roundabouts at major intersections to ensure the slow and safe movement of vehicular traffic through the area.</td>
<td>Georgia Department of Transportation / City of Villa Rica</td>
<td>State and local funds</td>
<td>Within the next five years</td>
<td>Approx. $150,000-$500,000 per roundabout</td>
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### 5. EMPLOYMENT ACCESS

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<td>Continue to work with Carroll Tomorrow to raise awareness of the vocational training available to area residents.</td>
<td>Carroll Tomorrow, City of Villa Rica, Department of Education</td>
<td>Carroll Tomorrow, City Staff, Carroll County Board of Education,</td>
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SIGN-IN SHEETS FOR JANUARY 28TH PUBLIC MEETING

Old Town Homes Community Revitalization Plan Survey: Spring 2019

Several 50.00 Villa gift cards will be awarded at random to survey takers at the completion of the survey process. Make sure to include your name, phone number so we can follow up!

This survey is part of a planning process to document the challenges and experiences surrounding redevelopment activities within the community around the Old Town Homes and Tanner Medical Center. We are currently looking for feedback related to accessing affordable housing, education, employment, transportation, health services, as well as revitalization activities underway such as the Gold Nugget Trail, new library and reading improvements. Survey participants are anonymous and survey results will be utilized solely for this process. For more information on this survey or this process, please contact Dick Chambers at the Villa Rica Housing Authority at 770-465-8446.

All surveys must be submitted by Monday, February 18, 2019. Completed paper surveys may be submitted to the offices of the Villa Rica Housing Authority at 33 Walnut Drive, Villa Rica, GA 30180.

If you are unable to make the public meeting on 1/28/2019 - click HERE to view it for some added background information.

EDUCATION

Answer the next 2 questions related to Educational Opportunities.

5. Children in my community have access to good EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.
   - 
     - Strongly agree
     - Agree
     - Neither agree nor disagree
     - Disagree
     - Strongly disagree

6. The quality of EDUCATION in my community is getting better.
   - 
     - Strongly agree
     - Disagree
POSTINGS IN LOCAL MEDIA

Villa Rica Housing Redevelopment Public Meeting
Monday, January 28th, 5:30PM
Villa Rica Public Library, 869 Dallas Highway
Villa Rica GA 30180

This community forum is a chance to get more information on this process and to provide your input on how the Old Town Homes property and broader area could be improved. Please join us to give your valuable input for creating improved housing opportunities for the City of Villa Rica.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION
• Educational Opportunities for residents
• Access to Healthcare Services
• Transportation Accessibility for area residents
• Overall Redevelopment Activities
• Access to Affordable Housing
• Employment Opportunities