



Annual Report

2025

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City Department Directory	
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City Manager's Office	912) 389-3401
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Community Development	(912) 383-0277
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Finance	(912) 389-3496
Fire (Non-Emergency)	(912) 384-4815
Human Resources	(912) 389-3494
Parks & Recreation	(912) 384-5978
Police (Non-Emergency)	(912) 384-2222
Vehicle Maintenance	(912) 389-3454



Message from the City Manager

This annual report reflects the accomplishments of the City of Douglas in 2025. The City of Douglas remains committed to its mission: *“To provide all citizens cost-effective services, with leadership that is open and responsive to the needs of the community and works for the benefit of all; and to develop and ensure the highest quality of life for our residents.”*

As a 24-year veteran of the City of Douglas and current City Manager, I am pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report. We are in an exciting time of growth and storm recovery.

While we acknowledge that no city is without challenges, our dedicated team works tirelessly to better serve our citizens under the leadership of our Mayor and City Commission. The 2025 year saw city projects focused on continued recovery from Hurricane Helene alongside regularly scheduled projects. We are making impactful infrastructure improvements that will enhance quality of life for years to come. Projects such as Unity Park, Huckaby Park, TIA-LMIG paving projects, sidewalk expansions, and numerous water/wastewater upgrades were either completed or initiated.

The City of Douglas is proud to be among a small group of full-service cities in Georgia. Out of 536 cities statewide, only about 26 offer electric, natural gas, water, wastewater, sanitation, parks and recreation, and maintain a GA POST-certified law enforcement agency.

Our retail economy remains strong, with continued national and local investment. Downtown Douglas maintains a high occupancy rate, and our industries continue to operate and expand.

Financially, the City of Douglas is in excellent standing. This stability allows us to provide government services that meet or exceed expectations for a city of our size.

As caretakers of public resources, we remain committed to being frugal and responsible stewards. Whether resurfacing streets, improving drainage, or building new facilities, our focus is on enhancing quality of life for all residents.

Douglas is experiencing a truly transformational and historic period. Future generations will recognize the forward-thinking mindset of our citizens and the leadership that made these sustainable investments possible.

I look forward to another amazing year with the City of Douglas.

Sincerely,
Charles W. Davis
City Manager



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Mayor & Commission

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Citizens are encouraged to engage with the Mayor and City Commissioners to share their concerns and ideas for our great city. To schedule an appointment with your Mayor or City Commissioner, please call (912) 389-3401.

Meet Our Management Team

The City of Douglas is led by a dedicated management team committed to delivering efficient and effective municipal services. This team is comprised of **13** department heads, each responsible for overseeing key areas such as public safety, utilities, finance, community development, and more. With a combined total of over **200** years of experience in municipal government, the management team brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to every decision.



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Our Employees

The Human Resources Department is dedicated to fostering a safe and positive workplace by promoting clear communication and offering meaningful incentives to attract, retain, and support top talent while ensuring organizational stability.

- ❑ Advertised for various vacant positions and receive **653** applications for employment.
- ❑ Increased online benefits enrollment using the Employee Navigator Portal.
- ❑ Hosted a GMA Retirement Education Class.
- ❑ 131 Drug Tests

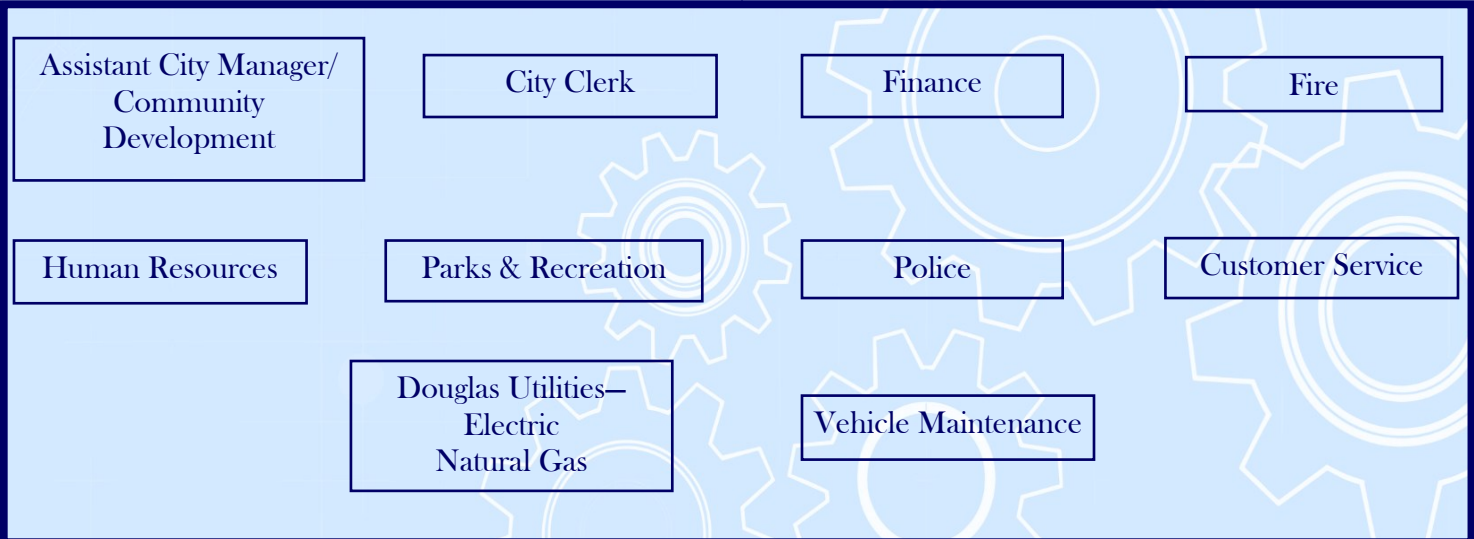
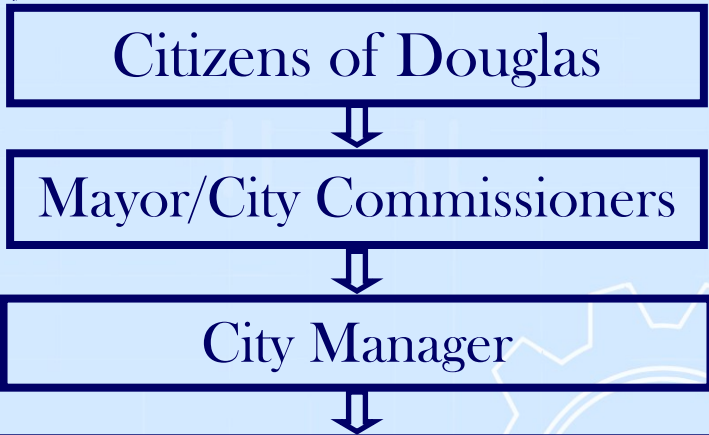
221 Employees
 162 Full-Time
 57 Part-Time/Seasonal

Happy Retirement!

- ◆ Sheila Bivens—36 yrs. (Police)
- ◆ Captain Bart McCulloch—34 yrs. (Police)
- ◆ Rusty Huelett—31 yrs. (Parks & Recreation)
- ◆ Marty Thornton—21 yrs. (Natural Gas)
- ◆ Randle Parker—21 yrs. (Community Development)
- ◆ Tanya Simpson—12 yrs. (Customer Service)

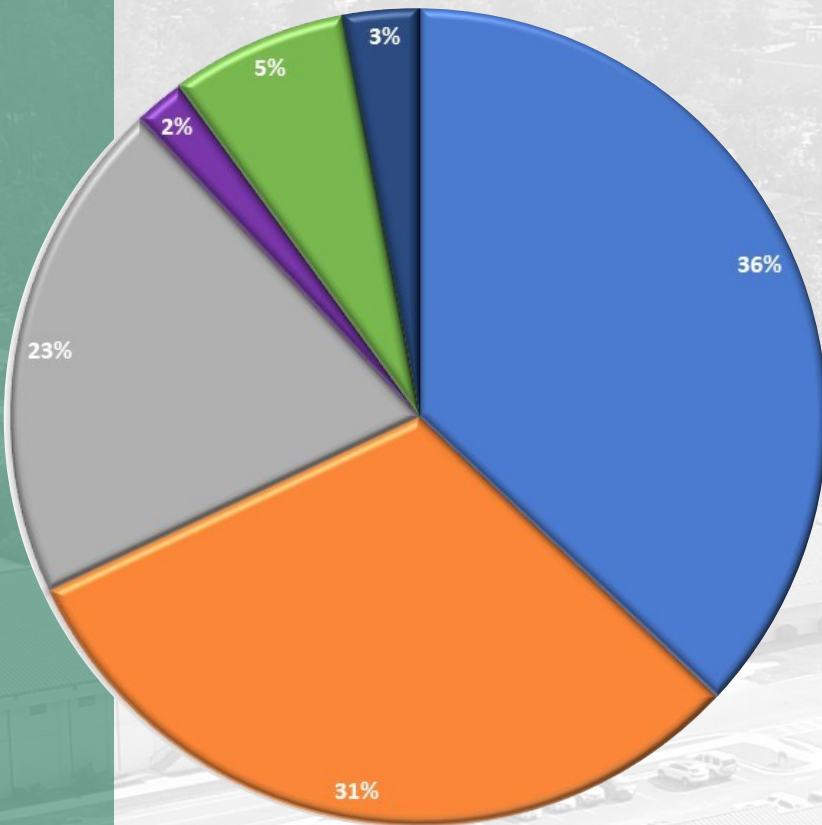


Our Team Blueprint



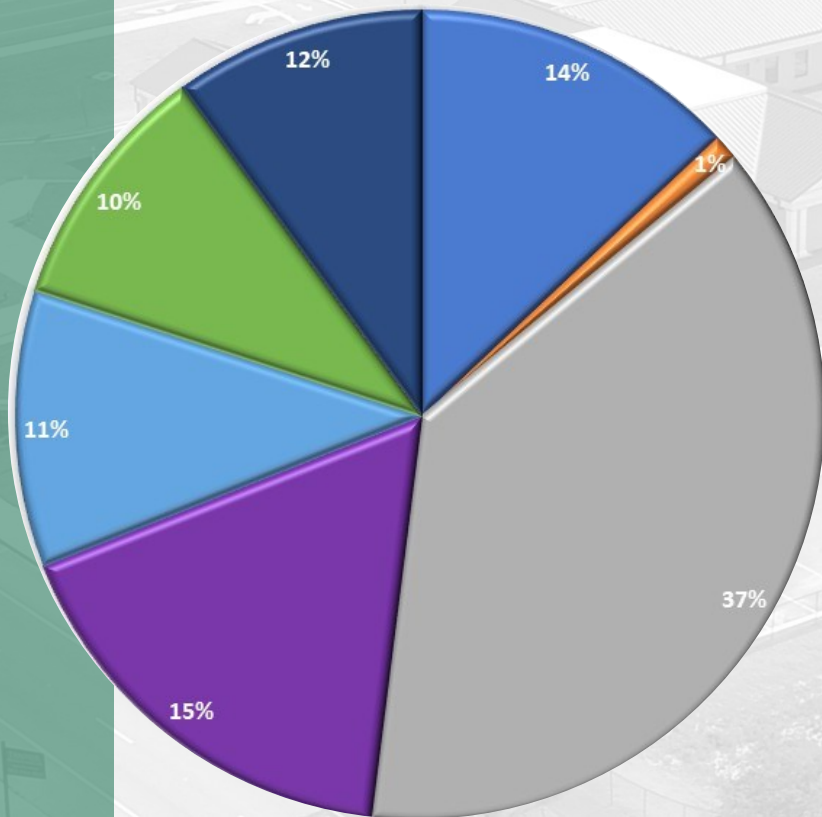
Let's Talk Numbers

The City of Douglas operates on a fiscal year running from July through June. In June 2025, the City Commission approved the budget for fiscal year 2025-2026. These figures reflect departmental work plans aligned with the City's goals and Comprehensive Plan. Learn more at www.cityofdouglasga.gov/finance.



FY'26 Adopted Budget Revenue Sources

- Misc. Revenues 23%
- Business Licenses/Permits 2%
- All Taxes 36%
- Fines & Forfeitures 3%
- Charges for Services 5%
- Other Financing Sources 31%



FY'26 Adopted Budget Expenses by Activity

- Public Safety 37%
- Public Works 15%
- General Government 14%
- Other Finance Uses 12%
- Culture & Recreation 11%
- Housing & Development 10%
- Judicial 1%

The Human Resources Department is committed to fostering a positive and engaging workplace culture. Since 2002, we have embraced the **FISH Philosophy** to boost employee morale through the dedicated **FISH Committee**. This committee organizes fun and interactive events designed to inspire employees to *Be There, Play, Make Someone's Day, and Choose a Positive Attitude*. In addition, employees are encouraged to take part in community events throughout the year, supporting initiatives that benefit our citizens and strengthen our connection to the community. In 2025, the FISH Committee brought the workplace to life with 14 exciting events designed to boost morale and spread positivity!



Committee Sponsored Events

- Department Appreciation Days
- Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
- Salsa Contest
- Wacky Sunglasses Day
- Ho Ho Ho & Cowabunga Too!
- Employee Appreciation Day
- Christmas in July Cookie Contest

Community Events

- Christmas Trivia Days
- Kickball Tournament with ESG/Inframark
- Camo Day
- Halloween Costume Contest
- Polar Express Day & Movie Night
- Ugliest Christmas Sweater Day
- Angel Tree & Toy/Clothing Drive
- 3 Little Pigs Scavenger Hunt

Community Events

- Wear Red for Heart Health Awareness
- Know Your Worth Week
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Day
- Passionately Pink



Recovery from Hurricane Helene

Local officials, emergency responders, and volunteers have worked tirelessly to provide essential resources, repair infrastructure, and support families affected by the storm. Recovery initiatives have included debris removal, housing assistance, and programs to help businesses reopen and thrive. Through collaboration and determination, Coffee County is not only recovering but building a stronger, more prepared community for the future.



**TOTAL COST OF
HURRICANE HELENE TO
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:
\$109,961,632.38**

Local Government Costs

Ambrose	\$34,708.69
Broxton	\$395,797.45
Douglas	\$6,610,253.16
Nicholls	\$3,733,527.50
Coffee County	\$82,687,345.58
Coffee Co. BOE	\$6,500,000
South Ga. State College	\$10,000,000



Crews removing tree debris and trees from the Community Golf Course.



Debris Collected

Coffee County with Cities:

- 3,483,609.6 cubic yards of vegetation & waterway debris
- City of Douglas Only was 17% of Overall Debris—601,867 cubic yards collected of vegetation, construction, or demolition debris.
- Repairs on homes and businesses continue.

Total Rehab at Emma Ward Park

- Removal of debris, stumps, roots, etc.
- Removal of picnic tables, lighting, and other items that were damaged.
- The Women's Club was severely damaged and will be demolished after asbestos is removed.



Total Rehab at Wheeler Park

Rehab at Wheeler Park will be an ongoing project due to the severity of the damage.

- New Shelter
- New Equipment
- Pickle Ball Courts
- Replacement of (1) piece of equipment
- Sidewalk repairs/parking area
- Fencing around the tennis courts (completed)



Building Hope and Partnerships—Sims Park

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene’s devastation, Hope for Coffee, a faith-based partnership with The Hope Initiative, local churches, organizations, and advocates of Coffee County, was formed to provide vital relief and long-term support to Coffee County residents. The Hope for Coffee organization is modeled after the Hope Initiative, which was created in Mayfield, Kentucky, following a devastating flood.



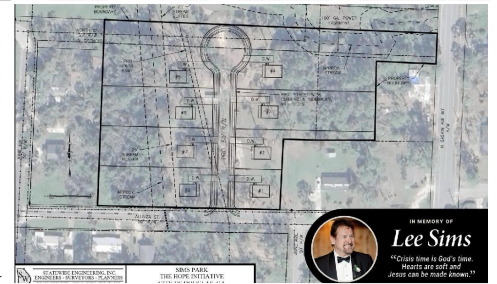
October 2024—Hope for Coffee is formed and begins assessing the needs in the community, as well as assisting individuals and families with cleanup and recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. The Hope Initiative offers guidance and support from their partners.

May 27, 2025—The City of Douglas donated land on Alunza Street to the Douglas-Coffee County Land Bank Authority to help fill local housing needs for victims of Hurricane Helene and to support workforce housing. This land donation began a housing project with The Hope Initiative, Hope for Coffee, and several partners that became known as Sims Park.

July 22, 2025—The Hope Initiative and Hope for Coffee, in partnership with city, county, and state leaders, hosted a groundbreaking ceremony and honored Mr. Lee Sims, who tragically lost his life while assisting with hurricane recovery efforts.

Fall 2026—Memmonite Disaster Services (MDS) and the Amish team Northern Ohio Assisting Hands (NOAH), return to Douglas and Coffee County to offer their services by building and rebuilding homes for families still displaced by Hurricane Helene.

Many thanks to the partners who made this project a reality: The Hope Initiative, Hope for Coffee, American Red Cross, City of Douglas, Douglas-Coffee County Land Bank Authority, Pilgrims, Destiny Leaders, Imagine Leaders, Grace Church, His House Ministries, Memmonite Disaster Services, Northern Ohio Assisting Hands, and many more.



Coming March 17, 2026, the Dedication and Celebration of Sims Park!

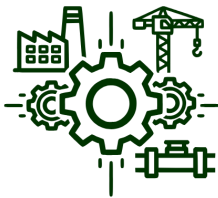


Economic Development

With a thriving community, strategic location, and a commitment to innovation, we welcome entrepreneurs, investors, and companies of all sizes to join us in building a prosperous future.



Satilla Industrial Park plays a vital role in economic development for Coffee County. This industrial park is attracting new businesses and allowing current industries to expand which provides employment opportunities for the local workforce, and strengthens logistics and manufacturing capabilities in the Douglas and Coffee County area.



Top Reasons to have an Industrial or Business Park:
Attract New Businesses | Economic Development | Job Creation

Thompson Drive—Barrington Agri-Business Park Project

□ Joint Project with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Douglas-Coffee County Economic Development Authority, and the City of Douglas that will create an estimate 64 jobs and will generate an estimate \$8 Million in private investment.

□ Project includes: Improvements in drinking water treatment, improvements of wastewater treatment, improvement in biosolids management, improvements in the sewer system, and expansion of the Natural Gas system to support business growth.

□ **FUNDING:** Three (3) grants from the State of Georgia Water and Sewer Infrastructure Committee, Georgia Department of Economic Development One-Georgia Equity Fund, and the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration.
Estimated Project Total: \$5,163,190.40

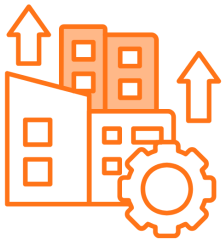


Business Growth

Businesses continued to grow and the ripple effect from the tax allocation district could be seen throughout Douglas and Coffee County in 2025.



Spectrum Distribution Expansion Nearly one million square feet; expected to create 50-100 new jobs



Top Employers in the City of Douglas (not in order)

Pilgrim's
Coffee Regional Medical Center
Diamond Cargo

Walmart Distribution
PCC Airfoils
Spectrum Distribution

Elixir Extrusions
Southwire
Optima Chemical



New Circle K Convenience Store

- Opened in November 2025 and is located at 848 Bowens Mill Rd. SW



RW Griffin renovated the old Coca-Cola building in downtown and relocated their executive offices to the historic location.



Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers

- Opened on February 25, 2025
- Located at 1200 S. Madison Avenue.

Sierra Crossing II

- Located on the Bowens Mill Rd.
- 5 Store Fronts
- Sustaining approximately 15 jobs



Tackling Housing Needs

Our city is growing, and with that growth comes an urgent need to ensure that everyone has access to safe, affordable, and sustainable housing. Housing is more than just shelter—it's the foundation for strong families, thriving neighborhoods, and a vibrant local economy. We are focused on solutions for housing needs in the community.



Evergreen Subdivision

New Housing Developments are striving to eradicate the housing shortage in Douglas.

- ❑ 520 units under development locally; Approximately **\$71.8 Million** in expected housing projects.

Evergreen Subdivision

- ❑ Still in progress
- ❑ 29 Homes

Old Bell Lake Rd./Miller Rd. Subdivision

- ❑ Still in progress
- ❑ 93 Homes

Platform Douglas

- ❑ Still in progress
- ❑ 126 Units



Median Cost of a Home:

\$279,900

(*realtor.com*)



Platform Douglas

Other Housing Projects: E. Bryan Street (6 Units), Gaskin Ave. Apartments (8 Units), Pinecrest Villas (LIHTC Project—48 Units), S. Elmwood & S. and Redwood—10 Mobile Homes, Planned Projects: 902 N. Wheeler (50 Units), & McDonald Crossing (LIHTC Project—48 Units).

Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation

The City of Douglas received a Georgia Department of Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for housing rehabilitation in the Pine Street target area. The grant monies are being utilized to rehab substandard owner-occupied housing units of whom 100% are low-to-moderate income persons.

Grant Total: \$877,225

**The right & below photos represent the before issues in two of the homes that are being rehabilitated; this grant project is currently underway.*



Soffit & Fascia Metal Repair



Remove window unit & replace with new HVAC & ductwork



Replace old water heater & possibly relocate out of kitchen.



Roof Leak and Ceiling Repair



Downtown Douglas experienced exciting growth and revitalization throughout 2025. Thanks to strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations, our downtown has transformed into a hub for special events. (Below information provided by DDA Executive Director, Megan Rabun)

Total Businesses

223

New Business in 2026

+10

Businesses Closed in 2026

-05

Business Retention Rate

97.7%

Downtown Occupancy Rate

94.2%

Key Industries

Women's Clothing, Restaurants, Agriculture, Banking, Professional Services



Facade Improvement Grant Program

Open for Applications: December 1, 2025 at 10:00 AM
 Deadline to Apply: March 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM
 Grant Panel: March 18, 2026 at 8:30 AM



Online Application Available



Downtown Douglas

is a great place to

Live

19 Upper Loft Apartments

+6 more on the way this year



21
Business Ribbon Cuttings in 2025

Community Development

Working Together to Accomplish Goals for Community Growth



Quarterly Joint Co-Agencies Meeting

City and County agency representatives host quarterly Joint Co-Agency meetings each year. This collaborative forum brings together officials from the City of Douglas, Coffee County Commission, Coffee County Emergency Management, the Board of Education, Wiregrass Technical College, South Georgia State College, the cities of Ambrose, Nicholls, and Broxton, as well as Coffee Regional Medical Center. The meeting serves as a platform to share updates on upcoming projects and align efforts to achieve goals that benefit the entire community.



Annual Strategic Planning Retreat

Every year, City of Douglas officials and department leaders gather for a strategic planning retreat. This event is dedicated to setting clear departmental goals and developing effective strategies to achieve them. During the session, participants work together to improve communication, streamline budgeting processes, strengthen citizen engagement, and plan future projects that will shape the growth and success of our community.

Local Agencies Shape Coffee County's Disaster Recovery Plan

Representatives from local government, nonprofits, businesses, and community groups are participating in collaborative workshops to develop a comprehensive and unified Disaster Recovery Plan for Coffee County and the cities of Ambrose, Broxton, Douglas, and Nicholls. The goal is to have a plan that ensures a coordinated and effective response for future emergencies. The event was hosted by FEMA and private firms Cadmus-Jacobs.



Community Development Department

Dedicated to Driving Community Growth and Achieving Strategic Goals



Officials Meet with Property Managers to Address Community Safety

Officials with the City of Douglas, the Douglas Police Department, and the Coffee County Sheriff's Department met with several local apartment property managers to discuss strategies for enhancing safety and reducing criminal activity in and around apartment complexes within the city limits. The meeting served as a forum to gather input from property managers as the City works to develop a new ordinance focused on crime prevention in multi-family housing areas. Property managers were encouraged to partner with law enforcement by implementing proactive safety measures. Among the suggestions discussed were the installation of security camera systems, license plate readers, and improved lighting in areas identified as high-risk for criminal activity.

Redesignation As PlanFirst Community and Revitalization Area Strategies

The City of Douglas was recognized by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) as a PlanFirst Community for the fourth consecutive time and has received Revitalization Area Strategies (RAS) designation for the third year. These recognitions highlight the city's dedication to effective local planning, history of collaboration, public engagement, comprehensive redevelopment efforts, and significant progress towards its established goals.



The City of Douglas was recognized by the Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) as an Excellence Standards local government due to its outstanding practices in planning and development. To earn this recognition, a city must exceed the basic requirements established by the regional commission. To attain the Excellence of Standard status, a city must implement at least two elements from any of the categories established by the SGRC. These categories encompass crucial areas such as Economic Development, Natural and Cultural Resources, Community Facilities and Services, Housing Standards, Land Use and Transportation, Intergovernmental Coordination, Education, and Senior Services and Aging.



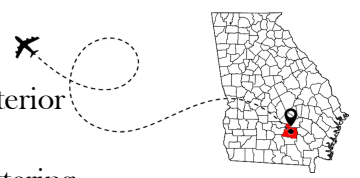
Airport Terminal Project

The Airport Terminal was severely damaged by Hurricane Helene. The improvement project will help attract new aviation related businesses as well as inspire more people to become interested in aviation.

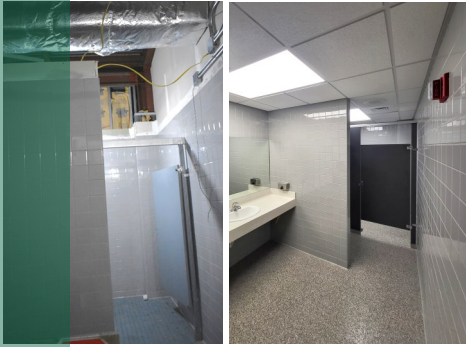


Airport Terminal Project

- New Roof
- Repair of Exterior
- Repaint of Exterior & Interior
- Kitchen Area Renovated
- New Canopy, signs, & lettering



FUNDING: Multiple GDOT/FAA CIP Projects



COVERING COFFEE COUNTY
CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
AIRPORT MANAGER

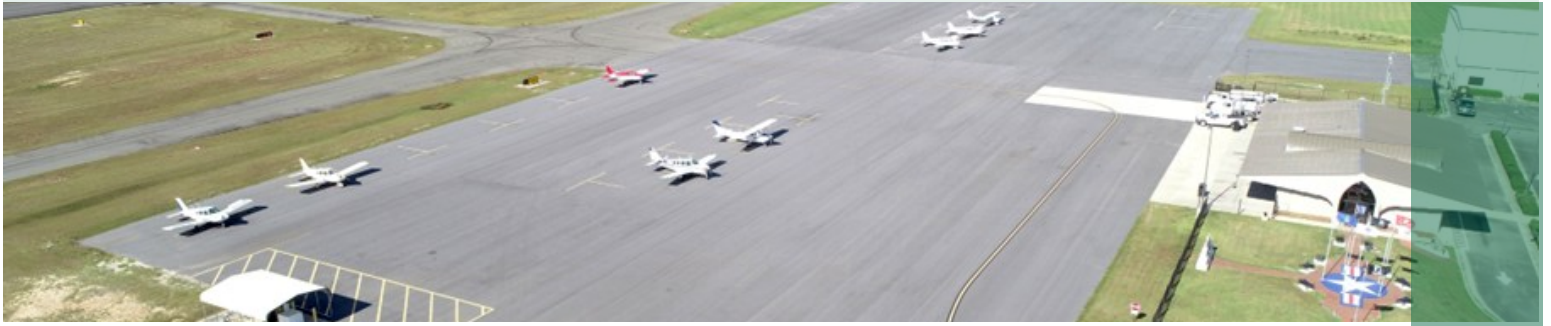
The Airport improvement project attracted media attention for our airport. WALB-TV10 news anchors interviewed our Airport Manager in 2025 about the improvements.



Airport Development

Douglas Municipal Gene Chambers Airport, operated by the City of Douglas, is a Level III Facility spanning 496 acres.

98,722 Gallons in Fuel Sales
7,194 Landings & Take-Offs



*Top Reasons it's great to have a
Municipal Airport!*

Economic Impact
Job Creation
Business Attraction & Retention
Community Development

The airport supports a wide range of aviation activities, including corporate and business travel, recreational flying, agricultural spraying, prisoner transport, forest fire suppression, and experimental aircraft operations.

- 61 Based Aircraft
- 7 Corporate Hangars
- 5 Land Leases
- 8 Shade Hangar Leases
- 24 T-Hangar Leases



Corporate Hangar Project

The new 31,599-square-foot hangar project will soon be under construction! This project will create 5 new hangars that will provide existing businesses new opportunities for corporate travel.



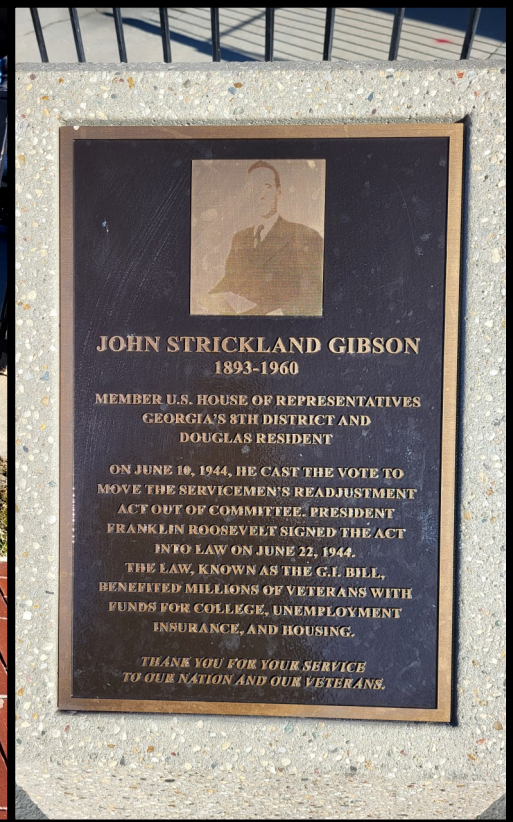
3 Hangars—18,000 Sq. Ft.

2 Hangars—13,599 Sq. Ft.

Douglas-Coffee County Veterans Park stands as a solemn tribute to the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication of the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. Located in at the Airport Terminal, this park is more than a physical space—it is a living memorial that honors veterans from all branches of service and across generations. The park features a brick memorial pathway that bear the names of heroes and memorials that ensure their legacy endures for future generations. Beyond its commemorative role, the park symbolizes unity and respect, reminding visitors of the profound cost of liberty and the enduring strength of those who defend it. The **Veterans Park Committee** was created to bring awareness to the park and to help develop the park to attract more visitors.

Projects accomplished in 2025:

- Re-staining of the Insignia
- Completion of the walkway to the Fallen Soldier Memorial
- Completion of the Gibson Memorial
- Replacement of the park benches
- Planting of two trees in the park
- Cleaning of the Memorial Bricks Pathway and the granite memorial sign



Ensuring Safe Structures for the Community

The Building Inspections Division is responsible for ensuring the safety, integrity, and compliance of all construction projects within the City of Douglas.



Our team enforces federal, state, & local building codes, zoning regulations, and state construction standards to protect public health and maintain the quality of our built environment. Inspectors review various stages of construction—from foundation and framing to electrical and plumbing—to verify that all work meets local building standards and regulations. These inspections help prevent structural failures, fire hazards, and other safety risks that could endanger occupants and the community.

- Hired 2 Building Inspectors to assist with recovery efforts and new construction taking place.
- Building Permit “Did You Know” series to help educate citizens on the importance of seeking building permits prior to beginning construction projects.
- Created building permit forms for division to assist with management of existing and new construction projects.
- 230 Building Permits, 146 Electrical Permits, 40 Demolition Permits, 30 New Home Permits, 11 Plan Reviews, 101 Other



517 Total Permits
1,805 Building Inspections



Promoting Community Standards

The City of Douglas Code Enforcement office enforces the Codes and Ordinances that protect the health, safety and welfare of the community and where violations occur, to work with citizens to achieve compliance through an efficient and fair process.



- 23 Citations for Accumulation of Junk
- 37 Citations for Overgrown Lots
- 35 Citations for Inoperable Vehicles
- 17 Other Violations
- 6 Court Cases
- 5 Citations



Raw Sewage Leak



- 1,365 Business Licenses
- 168 New Business Licenses
- 60 Alcohol Licenses
- 10 New Alcohol Licenses



Mold, standing water, ceiling damages, bed bugs, etc.

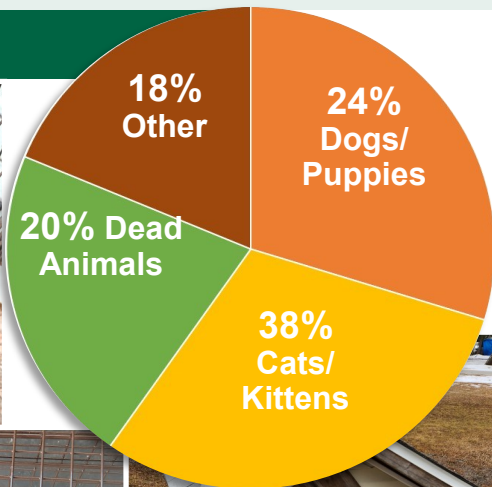
Animal Control

Animal Control plays a crucial role in our community by enforcing animal control laws, safeguarding the public from diseases such as rabies, rescuing vulnerable animals that have suffered from abuse and neglect, and educating the community about the proper care of pets and animals.

1,321 Calls



Animal Cruelty Case



Animal Cruelty Case



Improper Shelter when it snowed in January 2025.



Animal Control Officer, Tim Gay, was named to the Georgia Animal Control Board.



Animal Control information booth at the Wings and Things Festival & Fly-In.

RURAL Zone Business Incentive

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) designated an area in downtown Douglas as a Revitalizing Underdeveloped Rural Areas Legislation (R.U.R.A.L.) Zone. A map showing the area eligible for R.U.R.A.L. Zone incentives can be found on the city's website at cityofdouglasga.gov. This designation enables the city to implement the R.U.R.A.L. Zone incentive program, which aims to stimulate investment, create jobs, and promote economic development in the historic downtown area.



\$35,195,292

Total Assessed Value of the Parcels

3 New Businesses



18 Estimated Number of Jobs Created

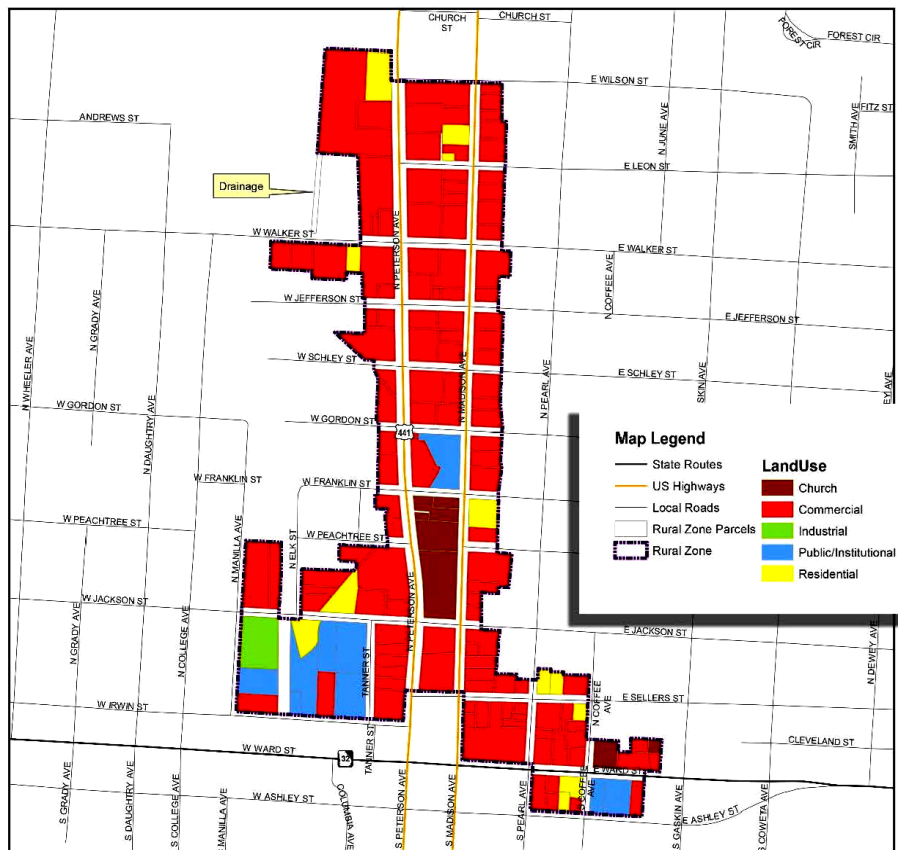


\$2,767,000

Estimated Value of Private Investment

12%

Vacancy in the RURAL Zone



Our new
RURAL ZONE

Effective 01/01/25
through 12/31/29

Map provided by DDA Executive Director, Megan Rabun

Grant Funding

To secure grant funding, it is crucial for the City to implement specific planning tools and guidelines. By adhering to these requirements, the city ensures eligibility to apply for valuable resources that will benefit the community. Investing in these preparations not only enhances the chance of receiving funding but also demonstrates the city's commitment to responsible and effective governance.

- ❑ Comprehensive Plan
- ❑ Certified Local Government Status
- ❑ Qualified Local Government Status
- ❑ PlanFirst Community (4th Designation)
- ❑ Redevelopment Area Strategy (3rd Designation)
- ❑ Urban Redevelopment Plan
- ❑ Enterprise Zone Designation
- ❑ RURAL Zone Designation
- ❑ GICH Alumni
- ❑ Recognized for PlanFirst Success Stories
- ❑ SGRC Regional Planning Excellence Award



World War II Flight Training Base Master Plan Grant Project

The World War II Flight Training School project aims to create a Master Plan for the flight training base that will guide the preservation and development of the site, which is recognized as one of the most intact World War II-era bases in the state. It emphasizes the importance of safeguarding the site's key features, such as the administration building, barracks, and hangars, while enhancing its role as both a historical site and community resource.

GRANT FUNDING: \$6,780 Ga DNR Historic Preservation Division



Unity Park Project

Unity Park had not seen any major renovations since it opened in 1978. Grant funding assisted with the much needed rehabilitation. The improvements were celebrated by the Douglas community in July 21, 2025 with the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Citizens can now better enjoy the benefits of this neighborhood park thanks to the grant funding. All improvements from the project are listed on page 27.

FUNDING: Georgia DNR Grant \$278,000 with additional funding from the City of Douglas, and SPLOST VI funds, which brought the project total cost to approximately \$1,600,000.



Grant Projects

Total Open Grant Projects \$35,319,244.41



Whenever possible, the City of Douglas seeks alternative funding for various projects to assist with the total cost associated with the project.

- Housing
- Utility & Infrastructure Improvements
- Park Improvements
- Public Safety

- Historic Preservation
- Environment
- Education

GRANT AND PROJECT NAME	Total Project Amount
Community Development Block Grant '21 (Housing)	\$636,875
Community Home Investment Program '21 (Housing)	\$400,000
Community Development Block Grant '24 (Housing)	\$894,554
City of Douglas Weatherization Program (Housing Improvements)	\$100,000
GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant '24, '25, & '26	\$1,146,126.80
GDOT-Airport T-Hangar Taxiway Improvements Phase 1 (\$1,715,624.19), Airport Primary Surface Obstruction Mitigation-Design (\$28,044) & Airport Drainage Improvements-Design (\$25,423)	\$1,769,091.19
GDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements)	\$3,332,001.37
GDOT Transportation Investment Act (Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements)	\$1,185,798.17
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority Grant	\$5,050,000
One Georgia Grant (T&T Transfer/Water/Sewer Infrastructure)	\$500,000
ARPA Statewide Infrastructure	\$4,220,000
ARPA—Economic Development 2021 (Water, Sewer, and Natural Gas Expansion)	\$3,191,488.40
Ga DNR Land Water Conservation Grant (Unity Park & Eastside Park)	\$2,706,130.78
Improving Neighborhood Outcomes (Soccer Fields, Huckaby Complex, Roundtree Park)	\$7,746,800.75
Department of Justice Patrick Leahy Bullet Proof Vests (\$49,742.26), Public Safety & Community Violence Reduction-ShotSpotter (\$110,000), Georgia Criminal Justice Coordination Council—First Responders MicroGrant (\$15,000)	\$174,742.26
GEMA State Homeland Security-Fire HazMat Equipment (\$45,000) & AgSouth Farm Credit - Grain Bin Rescue Equipment (\$4,665)	\$49,665
Georgia Historic Preservation Division Design Guidelines (\$25,000), Survey of Downtown Historic District (\$11,560), WWII Flight Training Base Rehab (\$659,430.69), WWII Flight Training Base Master Plan (6,780)	\$702,770.69
Keep Georgia Beautiful (Greatest American Cleanup Supplies)	\$400
Community Development Block Grant '22 (Action Pact Head Start and Early Headstart)	\$1,512,800

Public Information

The City of Douglas is committed to keeping its residents informed about news, events, and stories that impact our community through multiple media outlets.

Our Impact in Numbers

The City of Douglas uses multiple ways to engage with Douglas citizens.

▲ FACEBOOK

49,182

Total Followers on City's Facebook Pages

+3,785

Compared to 2024 Followers



City of Douglas, GA
@CityofDouglasGA

▲ YOUTUBE

1,697

YouTube Views of City Commission Meetings, Douglas Mayor's Youth Council and Special Events

▲ X

1,087

▲ INSTAGRAM

101



▲ CONSTANT CONTACT

2,404

Subscribers



▲ PRESS RELEASES

370

Engagement with Citizens

- Created Instagram Account for City of Douglas
- Updated Communications Guide
- Implemented "Did You Know" City Services Campaign
- Increased Facebook, Twitter, YouTube Followers
- Increased logins to Website and Webpage Views
- Increased use of LIVE videos

2025 Top 3 Facebook Posts on CityofDouglasGAGovernment Page

1. Halloween Trick or Treating Date | 09-15-2025
91,359 Views | 198 Shares
2. Wheeler Park Update | 08-26-2025
89,808 Views | 130 Shares
3. Mayor Paulk Introduces Santa's Mailbox | 12-2-2025
67,342 Impressions | 130 Shares

Georgia Cities Week Campaign

Worked with several departments to create opportunities for the public to become more educated and interact with their municipal government.

- Student Tours with the Mayor, City Clerk, Fire Department, and Police Department
- Junk Free Week & Tire Amnesty Week
- Trivia Week on Facebook
- Mayor's Youth Council Meeting
- History at High Noon
- Georgia Airport Association of Board of Directors Meeting
- Coffee Alliance for the Arts Munch & Music
- Coffee with a Cop
- Touch the Truck Event with Douglas Fire Department and ChickFilA
- Women's Firearm Safety Course with Douglas Police Department
- Great American Cleanup with Keep Douglas Beautiful



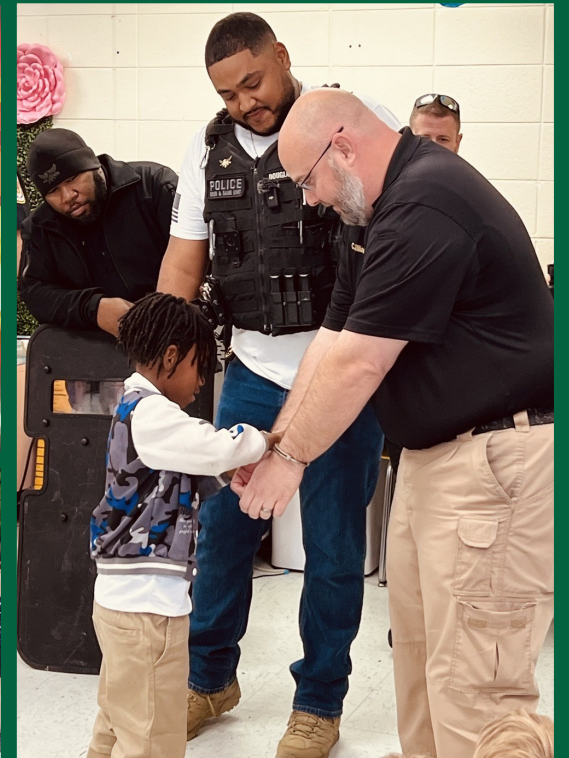
History at High Noon



Munch & Music



Public Safety



Fire Services

Each year, the department strives to effectively achieve yearly goals through training, planning, and evaluations of the community to limit injury, loss of life, loss of property and loss of environment due to fires.

Fire Station #3 Rehabilitation Completed

- New Roof
- Repair/Repaint Exterior
- Repaint Interior
- Repaint of Bay Area
- New A/C & Ductwork
- Kitchen Area Renovated



Recipient of AgSouth Growing Our Communities Grant

The department was one of 43 organizations chosen to receive the grant from a total of 187 applications. The grant funds were used to purchase grain bin rescue equipment. Having the specialized rescue equipment located in the county will allow responders to act quickly in the event someone becomes trapped, ultimately saving lives.



Congratulations to our Firefighter and Officer of the Year!!
Firefighter of the Year—
Kade Clements (left)
and
Officer of the Year—
Robert Beecher (right)



1,050 Fire Inspections
 Fire Inspection Violations—
 350
 Fire System Pre-Plans—
 1,000
 Fire Safety Education was provided for approximately 5,500 children and adults.

SPARTAN



The Georgia SPARTAN Firefighter Program was started in Douglas in 2018 and is held bi-annually at the Douglas Fire Department Training Facility. The Georgia SPARTAN Firefighter Program is a stand alone program with a SPARTAN Council consisting of 8 firefighters from throughout the state. To learn more about the SPARTAN program, www.cityofdouglasga.gov/spartan.

144 TOTAL GRADUATES

23 Graduates in 2025

From 16 different departments in Georgia and 1 from Florida and 1 from Tennessee.

Firefighter Training & Yearly Stats

The Douglas Fire Department has a total of **29** Firefighters and **2** Volunteer Firefighters. All firefighters are **Firefighter I Certified** and average approximately **203** hours of training.

When not fighting fires, our firefighters are busy training, educating, or performing duties to help maintain our ISO rating of **2** which benefits citizens by lowering insurance costs.

- 29—Firefighter I Certifications
- 10— Firefighter II Certifications
- 10— Hazardous Materials Technicians
- 4—Technical Rescue Technicians
- 6—Fire Officer 1 Certifications
- 1—Fire Officer 2 Certifications
- 9—Fire Inspector I Certifications
- 10—Fire Instructor I Certifications
- 3—Fire Instructor II Certifications
- 11—Fire Safety Educator Certifications
- 10—State Evaluators
- 5—State Fire Chief Certifications

93 National Fire Certifications
5,888 Training Hours



RIT Training



Georgia Fire Academy Class



VFIS Emergency Driver Training



Live Fire Training

Total Calls in 2025 — 440

- 31 Structure/Kitchen Fires
- 8 Vehicle Fires
- 54 Brush, Dumpster, & other
- 206 False Alarms
- 26 Hazardous Materials Responses
- 12 Smoke Scares
- 22 EMS Calls
- 32 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 49 Public Service Assistance



Police Services

The Douglas Police Department is dedicated to working in partnership with the community to provide exemplary service by maintaining a proud tradition of HONOR, INTEGRITY, and a commitment to SERVICE.

Service to the Community

- ❑ Traffic Tip Tuesdays
- ❑ Cones with a Cop, Cookie with a Cop, Coffee with a Cop
- ❑ Women's Firearms Safety Course
- ❑ Youth Council Mock Trial
- ❑ Annual Health & Wellness Day
- ❑ Shop with a Cop
- ❑ Wings & Things Festival
- ❑ Community Food & Hygiene Pantry
- ❑ Halloween Events
- ❑ Faith & Blue Event with The Sanctuary
- ❑ Annual End of School Bash
- ❑ Operation Back to School
- ❑ Southwire's Project Gift Back to School Event
- ❑ Warming Shelter
- ❑ Operation Freeze Out Holiday Crime Tips
- ❑ Christmas Parade
- ❑ "National Christmas Lights Day" Blue Light Video
- ❑ Senior Internet Education
- ❑ Community Events and School Visits



Cookie with a Cop partnership with Zaxby's



Women's Firearm Safety Class



Senior Internet Education



Cones with a Cop partnership with Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers



Annual End of School Pool Bash



"School visits & participation in community events by our police officers help build trust and foster positive relationships, says Police Chief Brannen Pruette. "We want to show residents that our officers are caring members of the community."

Operation Freeze Out Holiday Crime Stats

- ❑ 81 Extra Patrol
- ❑ 324 Foot Patrol/Walk-Thrus
- ❑ 23 Shoplifting Charges
- ❑ 11 Burglary
- ❑ 39 Theft
- ❑ 23 Warrants Served



Police Training & Yearly Stats

Total Training Hours: **6,843**

Advanced Training

- Standardized Field Sobriety
- Enforcement Trends and Georgia Code
- Speed Detection
- Health and Wellness Awareness
- Officer Survival
- First Responder Medical
- Criminal Procedure
- Interviews and Interrogations
- Crime Scene Processing
- Specialized Patrol Techniques

Specialized Training

- Computer Voice Stress Analyzer
- Sexual Assault Investigation
- Homicide Investigation
- Active Shooter
- Precision Immobilization Technique
- Leadership
- Police Counter Sniper
- K9 Training
- Sex Trafficking Seminar



Recruitment & Retention

- 6 Officers Sworn-In
- 4 Officers attended Ga. Police Academy
- Employee of the Quarter Recognitions
- Employee Anniversary Recognitions
- Chief's Award
- Top Shot Award
- Community Service Award
- Criminal Investigation Unit with Coffee Co. Sheriff's Dept.
- Joint Drug & Gang Task Force



2024-2025 Governor's Bike/Pedestrian Safety Award

Just the Stats



- 0 Criminal Homicide
- 1 Forcible Rape
- 10 Robbery



- 28 Assault
- 3 Arson
- 53 Burglary



- 96 Larceny/Theft/Ent. Auto
- 16 Motor Vehicle Thefts
- 5 Sex Crime



- 24 Criminal Trespass/Damage
- 54 Forgery/Fraud/Other
- 22 Crimes Against Children

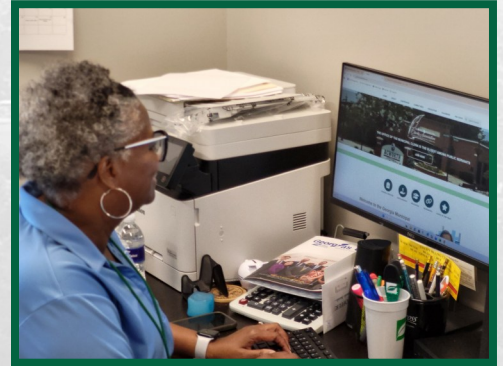
2025 Call Stats

- 28,205 Total Calls
- 1,014 Arrests
- 2,497 Traffic Citations Issued
- 5,169 Traffic Warnings Issued
- 1,052 Traffic Accidents
- 2,122 Incident Reports
- 357 Criminal Investigation Cases

City Clerk

The City Clerk serves as the custodian of all city records and is responsible for managing record requests and maintaining accurate record-keeping.

- ❑ 96 Open Records Requests
- ❑ Member of the Georgia Municipal Clerk's Association
- ❑ Douglas Mayor's Youth Council Program
 - ⇒ Record number of 17 participants in 2025
 - ⇒ Received Georgia Forward Youth Placemaking Grant
- ❑ Douglas-Coffee County Teen Court Program
 - ⇒ Mock Trial with Police Department & Prosecuting Attorney



Vehicle Maintenance

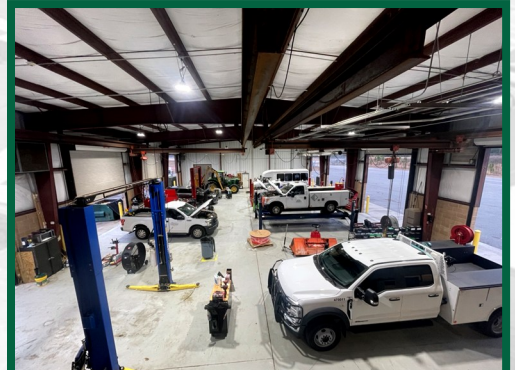
Vehicle Maintenance keeps the city rolling by providing quality and quick repair services for all city department vehicles, small machinery, and large machinery.

Current Fleet Count:

- ❑ 475 vehicles including equipment units
- ❑ 150 small equipment units.

Following Hurricane Helene, our team worked to keep essential vehicles operational during cleanup efforts. Several units experienced heavy usage and storm-related damages.

- ❑ Clam Trucks
- ❑ Bucket Trucks
- ❑ Public Safety Vehicles
- ❑ Backhoes
- ❑ Dump Trucks and Trailers
- ❑ Street Sweepers
- ❑ Large Excavators
- ❑ Tilt Trailers



Customer Service

Enhances customer service through a streamlined service and delivery approach that improves performance tracking and accountability, ensuring better citizen access to municipal services and critical information during emergencies.

Responsible for customer service and utility management of approximately customer **7,681** accounts providing over **27,435** services to customers.

- **9,004** After Hours Calls
- **4,110** Estimated online, by phone or EFT Payments
- **4,235** Estimated in-person or drop box payments



Utility Customer Distribution

- **6,851** Water Customers
- **5,447** Sewer Customers
- **5,233** Sanitation Customers
- **3.8 Million Gallons** of Water pumped per day (1.4 billion gallons annually)
- **4.6 Million Gallons** of Wastewater treated per day (1.7 billion gallons annually)
- **5,925** Electric Customers
- **3,196** Street and Security Lights
- **1,051** Natural Gas Customers
- **1,300** GA 811 Utility Locates



Participated in School Tours and Candy Distribution at City Hall

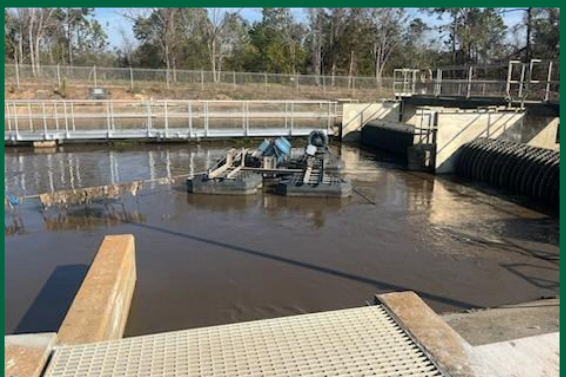


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CUSTOMER CARE CENTER**

Dedicated to Serving You



Douglas Utilities



Douglas Utilities

Electric Department



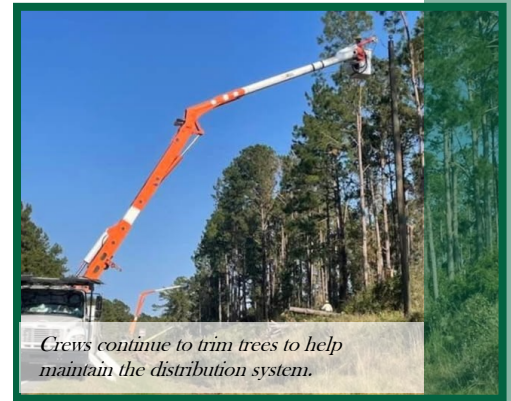
5,925 Electric Customers
3,196 Street and Security Lights

The Electric Department of the City of Douglas received the System Improvement Award from the Electric Cities of Georgia (ECG) on at the ECG Engineering & Operations Conference 2025. The electric department received the award for its efficiency during and after Hurricane Helene. Recognized on Georgia Lineman Appreciation Day at the Georgia State Capitol was Charlie Purcell, the Electrical Distribution Supervisor, for his outstanding leadership and contributions during Hurricane Helene at the State Capitol on Georgia Lineman Day. The City proudly recognizes Charlie and his entire Electric Department team for their dedication to serving the citizens of Douglas every day.



Electrical Projects

- Continual System Maintenance
- Cleanup from Hurricane Helene
 - Cut trees between public golf course and Bowens Mill Rd.
 - Continuing to cut trees that were damaged.
 - Clearing walking trail from damage
- Power Installations: Platform Douglas (126 meters), Sims Park, Williams Institutional Foods & (2) Reefer Trailers, New Circle K, PCC Airfoils, Southwire, Walmart DC & Fire Pump



Crews continue to trim trees to help maintain the distribution system.

Natural Gas Department



1,051 Natural Gas Customers
1,300 GA 811 Utility Locates



Crews installing new residential natural gas lines.

Natural Gas Projects

- Over **3,727 feet** of pipe installed for new residential and commercial customers.
- Installed, retired, or renewed **75** services
- Assisted with Hurricane Helene debris cleanup clearing roads, responding to damaged gas lines, and removing debris from public areas including Wheeler Park and surrounding streets.
- Expanded natural gas infrastructure to support new and growing businesses in Douglas and Coffee County.



Crews cleaning up Hurricane Helene debris.

Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, & Sewer



6,851 Water Customers
5,447 Sewer Customers

The Water/Wastewater/Stormwater/Sewer Division is contracted with ESG/Inframark
Kevin Davis, Project Manager, kevin.davis@inframark.com



Walker Street Project

Water/Stormwater/Sewer Infrastructure Projects

- TnT Force Main
- Installed 10" isolation valve on McNeal Drive
- Repaired broken elbows at BoJo Ella lift station
- Well 2 Reconstruction
- Well 4 Reconstruction
- Constructed a Well House for Well #4 on McNeal Dr.
- County Tank Renovations
- Pull & Rehab of Wells 5, 6, 7
- 36" Sewer Rehab
- Basin A Rehab
- Cherry Street storm drain repair
- Water leak repair on Hwy. 32 W. The 1.5" line was 10ft. below the intersection.

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Projects

- Installation of UV bulbs in the disinfection system
- Basin A Rehab
- Water leak repair on Hwy. 32 W



Installation of 10" Isolation Valve



Hwy. 32 W. Repair



Confined space storm drain repair on Cherry Street.



Storm Drain Repair on Hwy 32 & Olliff



Repair of sewer line in Downtown Douglas

Gold Award



Georgia Association of Water Professionals

The Georgia Association of Water Professionals is pleased to present this award to

Douglas Water System
ESG Operations

In recognition of complete and consistent SDWA permit compliance during the calendar year of 2024

Daniel Carter
Douglas Water System
GWPP President

Paula S. Bennett
Georgia Association of Water Professionals
GWPP Executive Director

Recipient of the
GAWP 2024 Gold Award for Water Systems.

This award is granted to utilities that comply 100 percent with all state permits and water quality regulations throughout a calendar year.

Improvements to Mobility

The Public Works Division is contracted with ESG/Inframark.
Billy Ring, Public Works Director, billy.ring@inframark.com



Resurfaced Street on Manilla Ave.

Street Resurfacing Projects

- 15 Streets from the 2024 LMIG & LMIG Supplemental have been resurfaced
- 9 Streets on the 2025 LMIG list are in the progress of being resurfaced.

West Green Highway Sidewalk Project

- Transportation Investment Alternative Projects (TIA)
- Will improve walkability on Hwy. 221 to Ward Street.
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Sidewalk Improvements

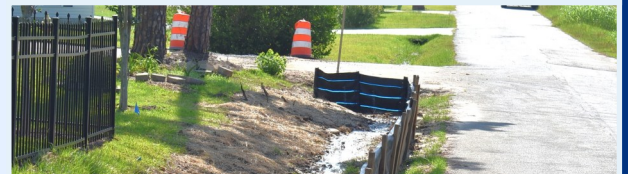


West Green Hwy. Project

Walker Street and Bo Jo Ella Improvements

- Improves walkability on Hwy. 221 to Ward Street.
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Sidewalk Improvements

Transportation Investment Act Project: \$1,185,798



Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Projects

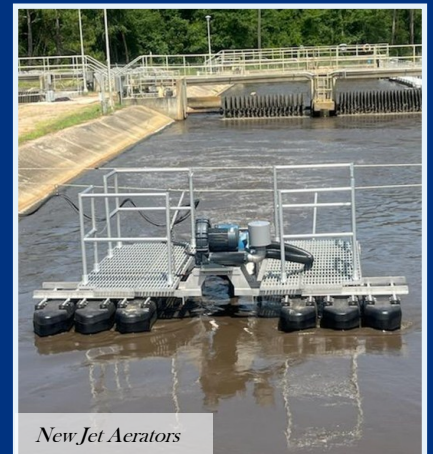
- New Jet Aerators installed (GEFA Grant)
- Installed New disc filters (GEFA Grant)



New Disc Filters at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.



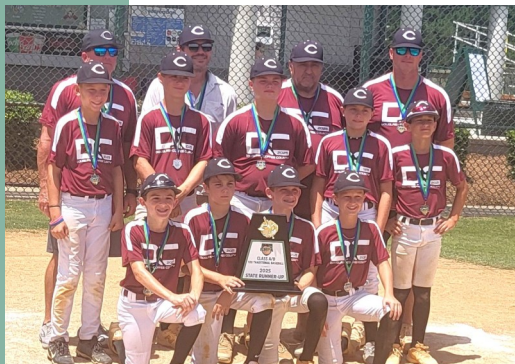
Employees received training on the new disc filters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.



New Jet Aerators

Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Department

Providing Leisure Services for Everyone!



- 660 Participants in Baseball /Softball
- 56 Participants in Track
- 114 Participants in Stingrays Swim Team
- Participants in Summer Camps
- 16 Participants in Golf Team
- 39 Participants in Tennis Team
- 432 Participants in Football/Cheer
- 370 Participants in Soccer
- 646 Participants in Basketball (winter & summer)
- 255 Adult Participants in Adult Softball
- 60 Participants in Miracle League Baseball
- 3,780 Participants in Special Programs, Summer Camps, Line Dancing, and other programs.



Congratulations to our 2025 State Champions!

Basketball—14U Boys & 10U Boys

Baseball—Runner-Ups 12 U

Individual State Champs

3- Track Team Members
Several Douglas Stingrays Swim Team Members

Tournaments Hosted

- GRPA District II Basketball Hosted 40+ Teams
- GRPA District II Football Hosted 16 Teams
- GRPA District II Swim

Other Facility Usage

- 116 CE Weir Center
- 255 Central Square Gyms
- 166 Meeting Rooms
- 139 Youth Center
- 30 Park Reservations



Douglas-Coffee County Parks & Recreation Department

Park Improvements



The City of Douglas remains deeply committed to improving the quality of life for its residents, and the numerous park projects underway demonstrate that our officials are taking this mission seriously.

Unity Park—Reopened in July 2025

- ❑ Rehabilitation of the current group shelter with ADA-compliant picnic tables and new grills
- ❑ New playground system & wellness area with diverse exercise equipment, and revitalization of the basketball court with four (4) new goals.
- ❑ Various sidewalk repairs and new signage throughout the park to improve navigability.
- ❑ Improvements to baseball fields transforming them into Little League baseball/softball fields with fencing, lighting, bleachers, shade cloth, and renovations to the concession stand.

FUNDING: Georgia Department of Natural Resources Grant \$278,000 with additional funding from the City of Douglas, and SPLOST VI funds, which brought the project total cost to approximately \$1,600,000.



Huckaby Softball Complex

- ❑ Renovation of Concession Stand
- ❑ Softball Fields (3), field lighting, installation of new bleachers, replacement of all field fencing
- ❑ Repair/Replace of Sidewalks
- ❑ Rehabilitation for Shelter to Protect Families and Participants
- ❑ Rehabilitation of Restrooms

FUNDING: This joint City-County project is funded in part by the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget/ Improving Neighborhood Outcomes Grant and SPLOST dollars.





World War II Flight Training Base Committee

The goal of the WWII Flight Training Base Committee is to identify, evaluate, and plan for rehabilitation, adaptive use, and restoration of the historic structures at the air base in Douglas. We hope to protect the historical integrity and to increase awareness of this World War II hidden jewel within our community. The end results will hopefully create a “village concept” that will attract visitors from across the nation to this historic landmark, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Projects accomplished in 2025:

- Airport Circle Project—Resurfacing roads, addition of lighting, addition of a bike path.
- Roadside Park—addition of picnic tables on concrete pads, trash cans, and grills.



Serving the Community—Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Douglas offers numerous opportunities for citizens to serve their community through various boards, commissions, authorities, and advisory committees. These appointments are designed to give residents a stronger voice in local government and allow for active participation in advising on important matters before decisions are made that impact our citizens.

Airport Commission

Acts as an advisory commission to the City Commission for recommendations regarding the safe operation and maintenance of the Douglas Municipal-Gene Chambers Airport.

- Approved the Corporate Hangar Project



Douglas-Coffee County Land Bank Authority

Acquires tax delinquent, non-revenue generating properties and returns them to productive use; the sale of land and property for the development of affordable housing; and the abatement of delinquent taxes. Designed to acquire and maintain problem properties, the L.B.A. will transfer the properties back to responsible ownership and productive/revenue generating use in our community to create a more efficient and effective system to eliminate problem areas/blight in Douglas and Coffee County.

- Donated to Hope for Coffee to assist recovery efforts in Douglas and Coffee County.
- Donated land to Hope for Coffee for Sims Park housing development.



Douglas Mayor's Youth Council

Broadens the scope of youth leadership in Douglas through volunteerism, service and initiatives that are directed toward allowing youth input.

- Georgia Forward Youth Placemaking Grant for planting of trees with Keep Douglas Beautiful at Roundtree Park.
- Miracle League Christmas Luncheon
- Partnered with South Georgia State College Hawks to host a basketball game with the Miracle League.



Serving the Community—Volunteer Opportunities

Historic Preservation Commission

The purpose and intent of the Historic Preservation Committee is to establish a uniform procedure for use in providing the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of places, districts, sites, buildings, structures, objects, and landscape features having a special historical, cultural, or aesthetic interest or value, in accordance with the Code of Ordinance.

- ⇒ Completed designation of the local Gaskin Avenue Historic District
- ⇒ Completed Gaskin Avenue Historic Resource Survey
- ⇒ Implemented guidelines for residential and commercial property

Education Session held for Downtown Douglas Local Historic District Designation

The City of Douglas and the Historic Preservation Commission held an education session at City Hall on for citizens to learn more about the process for designating a proposed area in Downtown Douglas a local Historic District. There are incentives and guidelines for those who own or live in the proposed Downtown Douglas historic district. For more information about the designation process and incentives, please contact the City Planner at (912)383-0277.



Georgia Henderson, Asst. City Manager/Community Development Director, answers questions from citizens concerning the designation process.

Keep Douglas Beautiful Committee

Promotes environmental sustainability and educates the community to take action every day to increase safety, reduce litter from our open spaces and waterways, improve recycling effort, and keep Douglas beautiful.

- Greatest American Cleanup
- Partnered with GFL Environmental for America Recycles Day Event
- Participated in the Gopher Tortoise Festival & Wings and Things Festival
- Received the 2025 KAB President's Circle Recognition Award
- Annual Retreat
- Created and distributed the Community Impact Survey



Gopher Tortoise Festival



Downtown Development Authority and Main Street Board



188

Training Hours

OVER THE PAST 2 YEARS

34

 Awards
PRESENTED

93% Attendance Rate

Other Authorities, Boards, and Commissions

- Airport Commission
- Coffee County Historical Society
- Douglas-Coffee County Teen Court
- Douglas-Coffee County Planning Commission
- DCC Parks & Recreation Commission
- Douglas Housing Authority Board
- Ethics Committee
- Georgia Initiative for Community Housing
- Library Board

What's Next?? Upcoming City Projects

CDBG '24 - Housing Rehab Project

RAS—Revitalization Area Strategy Update

Water Infrastructure

- Hwy 158 W Water Expansion
- Well 6 Rehabbing
- Thompson Drive Water and Sewer Extension
- Wastewater Plant Scada and Automation
- Belt Press and Office Project
- Lead and Copper Line Service Inventory
- Inflow and infiltration Investigation
- Altitude for County Tank

Public Works

- McDonald Road Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements
- Chester Avenue Sidewalk and Drainage (Culvert)
- West Green Hwy (SR 135/US 221) Sidewalk Project
- West Walker Street Sidewalk Improvements
- Century Drive Cul-de-sac Planning
- George Drive Paving Project
- Center Court Rehab Project
- LMIG '25 Supplemental (LRA) & LMIG '26

Quality of Life Infrastructure

- Roundtree Park Renovation
- New Soccer Complex
- Coley Center Rehab
- Dog Park at Whispering Pines Park
- Wheeler Park
- Emma Ward Rehab
- Eastside Park Renovations

Public Safety

- Flock Camera System Planning
- Drone Operations Planning

Airport

- Multiple GDOT/FAA CIP Projects





City of Douglas Georgia

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