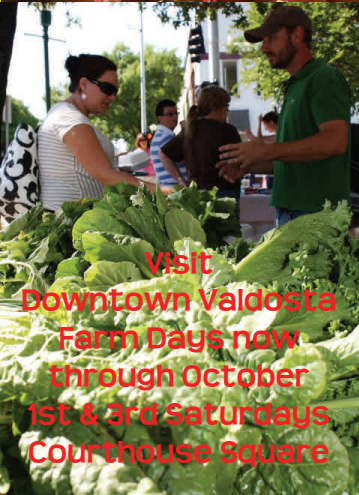


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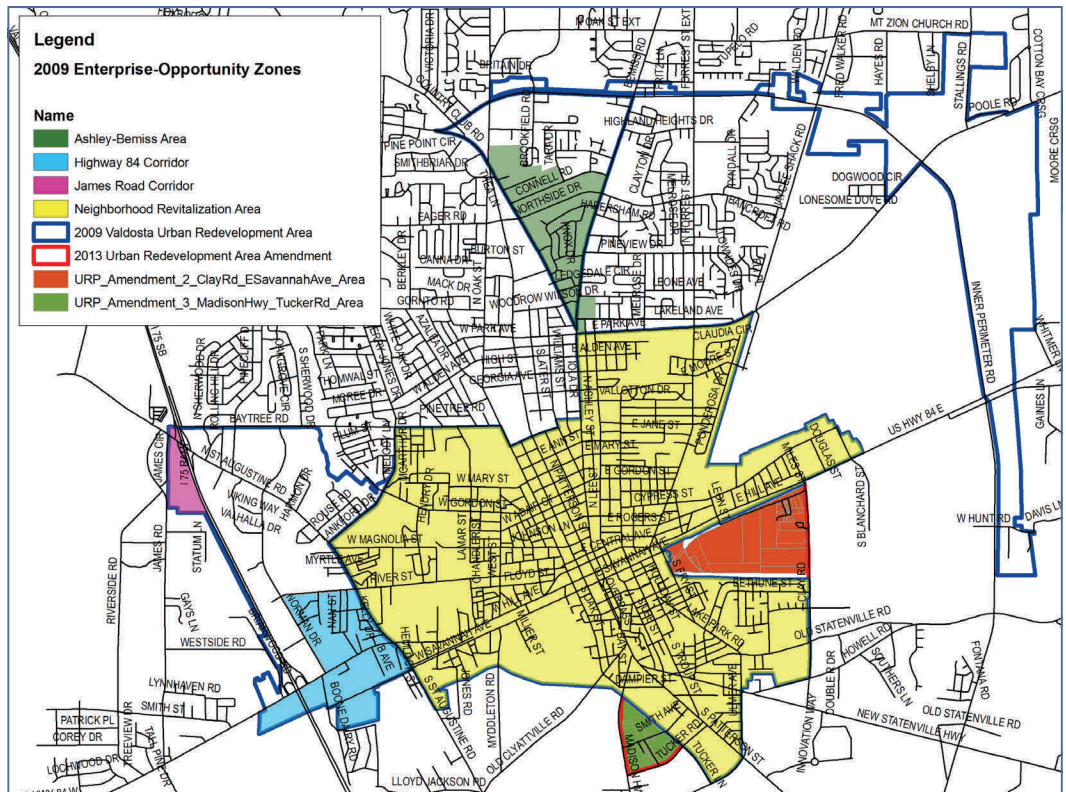
## DCA Designates Opportunity Zones

On June 28th, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs approved two additional areas in Valdosta for inclusion as Opportunity Zones. The two new areas— west of Clay Road between E. Savannah Avenue and Norfolk-Southern Railroad, and west of S. Patterson Street, east of Madison Highway, north of Tucker Road— are expansions to the existing Neighborhood Revitalization Area Enterprise/Opportunity Zone and a part of the overall Urban Redevelopment Area established in 2009.

This new designation provides the opportunity for businesses in these new areas to receive valuable job tax credits for adding two full-time job positions. Both existing and new businesses within Opportunity Zones are eligible for the tax credits. Each tax credit is worth \$3500 per job added, and is applied to the Georgia income tax liability and payroll withholding. Applying for these tax credits is a simple process involving the certification of the business address within the Opportunity Zone area. Once a business has been certified, the business must file Form IT-WH with the Georgia Department of Revenue at least 30 days prior to filing its tax return with the state in order to claim the tax credits.

The Opportunity Zone expansion areas will remain in effect until 2019, when the other Enterprise Zone and Opportunity Zones will sunset.

For more information about Opportunity Zones, please contact Emily Foster at [efoster@valdostacity.com](mailto:efoster@valdostacity.com) or (229) 259-3563.



## Historic Transportation Plans

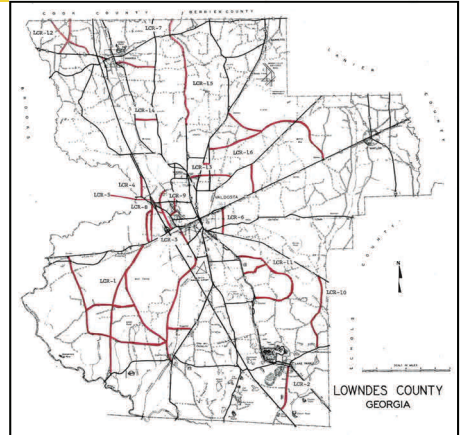
Most transportation projects take years or decades to complete from their original conception. Transportation planners maintain these plans and work with local governments and state departments of transportation to implement these projects from the initial idea, through design and engineering phases, environmental mitigation, right-of-way acquisition and on to construction of the project.

Transportation has been a driving force in Lowndes County and Valdosta since their founding in the 1800s. Valdosta was founded as a result of the citizens of Troupville moving their town to be near the railroads that intersected in Lowndes County.

For more than 50 years the City of Valdosta, Lowndes County, Southern Georgia Regional Commission and other agencies have been planning future transportation projects.

On the SGRC website at [www.sgrc.us/transportation/historicalplans.htm](http://www.sgrc.us/transportation/historicalplans.htm), these past plans have been archived for the public to view past projects and planning efforts.

The oldest transportation plan that is included on this website is one developed in 1964 (1964 project map at right). Projects completed in this plan include several paving projects, extension of Northside Drive, Val-Tech Road, and construction of Stanley Street (now St. Augustine Road).



Projects completed from the 1991 Transportation Plan include: widening of Norman Drive, SR 133 Bridge widening, Bemiss Road widening, Inner Perimeter Road upgrades, Staten Road Bridges, and the widening of I-75.

To be involved in developing the 2040 Transportation Plan, contact Corey Hull at [chull@sgrc.us](mailto:chull@sgrc.us).

## Can You Name This Landmark?



If you can name the building in this historic photograph, email your answer to:

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The first person to respond with the correct answer will be featured in the next *Can You Name This Landmark?* article. Good luck!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Altman** for correctly guessing the First Baptist Church sanctuary as the Landmark in our April 2013 issue. Way to go, Jennifer!!

*Landmark from our April issue:* First Baptist Church, located at the northwest corner of N. Toombs Street and W. Central Avenue in downtown Valdosta, is an architectural masterpiece, inside and out. For over 117 years, this church sanctuary has been home to the First Baptist congregation, whose original members consisted of some of Valdosta's founders. For more information on this local landmark, please visit the Historic Preservation page at the City of Valdosta's Website: [www.valdostacity.com/planning](http://www.valdostacity.com/planning).

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### Upcoming Events:

#### **Historic Preservation Commission**

8/5 - 5:30pm | City Annex Multi-Purpose Room

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

8/6 - 2:30pm | City Annex Multi-Purpose Room

#### **City Council**

8/8 - 5:30pm | City Hall

#### **Greater Lowndes Planning Commission Work Session**

8/19 - 5:30pm | Lowndes County Health Dist. Admin. Office

#### **City Council**

8/22 - 5:30pm | City Hall

#### **Greater Lowndes Planning Commission**

8/26 - 5:30pm | Lowndes County Health Dist. Admin. Office

#### **Labor Day Holiday**

9/2 - City of Valdosta Offices Closed

#### **Historic Preservation Commission**

9/3 - 5:30pm | City Annex Multi-Purpose Room

#### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

9/10 - 2:30pm | City Annex Multi-Purpose Room

#### **City Council**

9/5 - 5:30pm | City Hall

#### **Greater Lowndes Planning Commission Work Session**

9/23 - 5:30pm | Lowndes County Health Dist. Admin. Office

#### **City Council**

9/19 - 5:30pm | City Hall

#### **Greater Lowndes Planning Commission**

9/30 - 5:30pm | Lowndes County Health Dist. Admin. Office

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### **Calling All Small Business Owners!**

The Valdosta Small Emerging Business (V.S.E.B.) program is a unique and exciting opportunity for small, local businesses to effectively compete and bid in what is called the "procurement" process for City contracts. Every year the City puts out to bid various jobs from construction to providing office supplies. Do you have a small business located in the Valdosta area that provides construction, contractual, product or professional services? You may be eligible to join the Valdosta Small Emerging Business Program. To find out more information about this program, including certification requirements, please contact the V.S.E.B. program office at 229-671-3623.

