Goals

(1) Create community partnerships.

(2) Identify vision and goals.

(3) Provide University resources.
Executive Committee Members

- Rick Hooper
- Dr. John Schwenn
- Brian Anderson
- Linda Blackman
- William Bronson
- Jim Burran
- Don Cope
- Elyse Cochran
- Chuck Dobbins
- David Gregg
- Dr. Jim Hawkins
- Danny Hayes
- Dixie Kinard
- Minnie Marsh
- Bob McLeod
- Jeff Myers
- Ty Ross
Partnerships

Between:

(1) Entities and Individuals on the Executive Committee
(2) The Executive Committee and Community Organizations/Members
(3) Community Organizations and Community Members
(4) Community and Region, State
Vision

Public Input To Date:

1. Archway Listening Session
2. 90-plus one-on-one interviews
3. 17 High School focus groups
4. Young Professionals Focus Group
5. Economic Development Focus Group
Vision

Public Input Planned:

- CLILA Focus Group
- DSC students
- Northwest Georgia HealthCare Partnership Diabetes Support Group
- Friendship House employees and friends
Vision

Document Review & Analysis

- United Way of Northwest Georgia Community Outlook (2004)
- Target Tomorrow Document (1996-97)
- Whitfield County’s Situational Analysis and Strategic Implications (2007)
- Whitfield County & City of Dalton Strategic Plan (2008)
- Visions of Hope Planning Document and Study (2008)
- “In” Campaign Action Plan (2008)
- Dalton State College Strategic Plan (2009)
- Dalton Whitfield County Archway Listening Session Report (2009)
- Family Connections Community Survey (2009)
- Angelou “To Do” Presentation at SGPB Forum (2010)
- 2010 DDDA Strategic Plan (2010)
Vision

Demographic Analysis & Community Comparison:

- Dr. Doug Bachtel: Perspectives of Whitfield County
- MPA Students: Demographic Trends Research
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government: Comparison to Similar Communities across USA
Vision

What’s Next?

• Visioning Retreats
• Development of Implementation Plan
• More Opportunities for Public Input
• Visioning Document with 15-20 “Big Ideas” slated to roll out in November, 2010
Other Goals

(1) Public Awareness Campaign
(2) Support and Enhance Education
(3) Improve Quality of Life/Place
(4) Plan for Growth
Resources applied to date:

- 62 University of Georgia Faculty
- 4 Georgia Tech Faculty
- 2 Dalton State College Faculty
- 14 University of Georgia students