

1.9 The community should target reinvestment in declining neighborhoods to further encourage private sector redevelopment and accommodate future growth.

1.10 Local entrepreneurs and small businesses should be encouraged and assisted through businesses incubators, tax incentives, Enterprise Zones, Opportunity Zones, etc.

1.11 A Regional Development Authority should be promoted and supported that coordinates local, state, and federal economic development planning, while continuing to support local development authorities to implement local economic development strategies.

1.12 A region-wide public/private-funded strategy should be developed, geared towards marketing the community to regional, national, and global high-wage employers.

1.13 Entrepreneurial and small-business development should be encouraged through the development of business incubator sites and resources such as the Development Authority, the Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and the SEEDS (Sowing Entrepreneur and Economic Development Success) Business Resource Center.

1.14 The UGA County extension office and services and school FFA (Future Farmers of America) programs should be supported.

1.15 Training of new farmers and farm activities should be encouraged.

1.16 Business development services (such as: training, private consultations, mentoring, etc.) should be provided for low- and moderate-income persons, entrepreneurs, and small business incubators through the Small Business Development Center, in partnership with governments and non-profits.

1.17 A sufficient source of funding should be maintained for coordinated economic development efforts within the region, utilizing federal and state assistance opportunities where appropriate.

1.18 Collaboration and support should be promoted among the various business, education, and local government organizations, as well as the private sector.

1.19 Collaboration with the division of Rehabilitative Services should be encouraged in order to provide employment services to citizens with all types of disabilities.

1.20 Agencies and programs should be supported that work with the development of small businesses and community entrepreneurs in order to encourage positive economic development and self-sufficiency.

1.21 Long-range economic development plans and neighborhood revitalization strategies should be promoted and coordinated for designated revitalization areas in order to encourage economic development in those areas.

1.22 Public/private partnerships for developing investment capital, including angel investors should be encouraged.

1.23 A Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) should be created to support small businesses.

1.24 Community-wide technology infrastructure should be considered a basic community facility