

Officials from five Fayette County and two Coweta County municipalities met Thursday, March 13, 2025, at City Hall in Peachtree City for a summit at the invitation of Peachtree City Mayor Kim Learnard.

Learnard welcomed the group and said representatives from Sharpsburg were invited but could not attend. Other attendees included Brooks Town Manager Maurice Ungaro, Peachtree City Council Members Clinton Holland and Laura Johnson, along with City Manager Justin Strickland. Senoia Mayor Dub Pearman, Council Member Matt Foust, and Assistant City Manager Jeff Fisher were present, as were City Manager Cleatus Phillips and Council Member Jim Thomasson of Newnan. Mayor Ed Johnson, City Manager Ray Gibson, and Economic Development Director Lori Funderwhite were there from Fayetteville, as was Council Member Kenny Wright from Woolsey, and Mayor Eric Dial, Council Member Jessica Whelan, and Town Manager Brandon Perkins from Tyrone. Fayette County Development Authority CEO Niki Vanderslice also attended.

As it had done for the past three years, Georgia Power sponsored this year's summit, and Area Manager Jeff Butterworth talked with the officials about rates, storm response, and how Georgia Power was adapting to growth.

Tyler Peek, District 3 engineer with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), went over some ongoing and upcoming projects, first explaining how GDOT decided on a displaced left turn (DLT) for the SR 74/54 intersection. He also showed a video on how the DLT worked. He talked about the project at the I-85/SR 74 interchange, as well as a roundabout in Turin, the widening of SR 154 and Lower Fayetteville Road, as well as projects for Huddleston Road at SR 54, the Madras Connector, SR 85 at Whitewater, and SR 54 at Shoal Creek.

Peek explained what criteria had to met for a development to be considered as having regional impact on traffic and the cross-jurisdictional

coordination involved. He mentioned the need for more east-west connections, but said no new state routes were planned.

U.S. Soccer Federation CFO Chelle Adams briefed everyone on the new training facility currently under construction in the Trilith area of Fayette County. The \$225 million project would be home to 27 national teams and was expected to open in Spring 2026.

Gary Zarlingo, a member of the Airport Authority for the Atlanta Regional Airport-Falcon Field in Peachtree City, talked about the airport's history and its impact on the region.

Finally, Southern Conservation Trust (SCT) CEO Chris Doane spoke on the SCT's history and the work it had done in preserving the Line Creek Corridor for public enjoyment.

The group broke for lunch, and the officials gave updates on what was going on in their areas. Fayetteville's Johnson said he was the county's new mayors representative to the Atlanta Regional Commission. Funderwhite talked about development in downtown Fayetteville. Newnan's Phillips said development there was at a pace he had not seen since the pre-recession days of the early 2000's. Perkins reported on Tyrone's new gateway signs, roundabout, and upgrades to Shamrock Park.

Ungaro discussed downtown parking in Brooks and improvements at the McIntosh Road/SR 85 intersection. In Senoia, Pearson said, they were excited about the start of Alive After 5 on the third Fridays of every month and getting ready for their big St. Patrick's Day celebration. Peachtree City's Strickland said it looked like there would soon be a path connection to Senoia and progress was steady on the Redwine tunnel.

Lernard thanked everyone for attending, and the event ended at 12:43 p.m.