

Rossville Strategic Priorities – City of Rossville, Georgia

Location: Walker County, GA

Status of County: Distressed

Project Timeframe: September 2018 – August 2019

Type of Assistance: Applied Research



Picture of Peerless Woolen Mill - Photo from timesfreepress.com



Picture of the 2019 meeting to discuss updates to the mill from the Peerless Mills owners. Photo from northwestgeorgianews.com

Starting in November 2018, the Center for Economic Development Research (EDRP) worked with the City of Rossville on a “strategic priorities” project that would enable the city to qualify for redevelopment tax credits through the state of Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The tax credits would allow the city to drive redevelopment and investment at the former Peerless Woolen Mill, a one million square foot abandoned property in the city with significant redevelopment potential. The City of Rossville is located approximately three miles south of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the Georgia-Tennessee border.

In February 2019, the project team travelled to Rossville to interview local stakeholders at the Rossville Public Library. Across two days, twenty-two community stakeholders participated in interviews regarding downtown redevelopment, public infrastructure, and other economic development topics. While there, the project team also held a public kickoff meeting to explain the project and gather the community’s attitudes towards redevelopment. Throughout March 2019, nine external stakeholders at

the regional and state level completed interviews regarding development in Rossville. The team analyzing the interview results and drafting the final report, which will include prioritized recommendations for the future development of the City of Rossville. A final report was presented to the client and the project was completed on August 2019.