



MORGAN COUNTY GREENPRINT PLAN

PRESERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

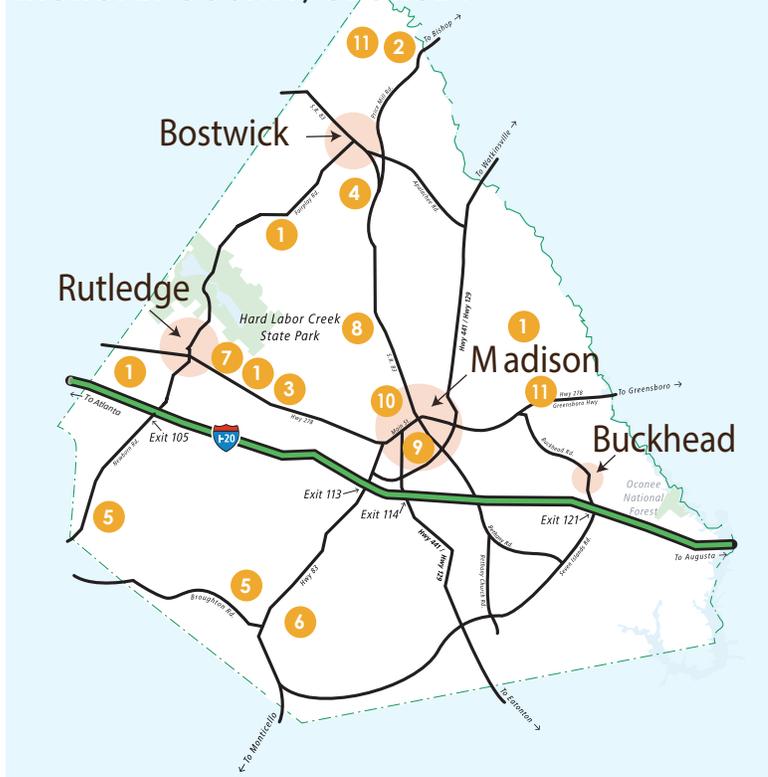
GREENPRINT PLAN: a long-term strategy for the preservation of Morgan County's valuable resources

While on the outskirts of the Atlanta-metro region, Morgan County has maintained its **RURAL SETTING** with **SMALL TOWN CHARM**, **ABUNDANT GREENSPACE**, and its **RICH AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE**. These aspects of the County contribute to the distinct quality of life found here.

Through a public input-driven process, the 2004 Morgan County Greenprint Plan identified many of these important resources, including **AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTED LAND**, **SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND STRUCTURES**, **SCENIC ROADS AND VIEWS**, and **IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL HABITAT**. The Greenprint Plan has been used by local governments, landowners, land trusts, the Historic Preservation Division, and the Madison-Morgan Conservancy as a guiding document to facilitate the preservation of these special places.

Since its adoption as part of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, many of the preservation goals identified in the Greenprint Plan have been accomplished. See a few of those accomplishments mapped below.

MORGAN COUNTY, GEORGIA



- 1 Scenic views along Davis Academy Road, Fairplay Road, Dixie Highway, and Briar Creek Road have been permanently protected.
- 2 Morgan County's green infrastructure is expanding with the development of three new parks: Braswell Park, Farmview Park, and Indian Creek Park.
- 3 Significant historic structures have been restored, including the Ainslie Stone Smoke House, Malcom House, Sugar Creek Church, and Wallace Grove School.
- 4 The iconic Nolan House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 5 Broach Family and Williams Family Farms received DNR's Georgia Centennial Family Farm Award.
- 6 Old Walton Mill, Georgia's first cotton mill, has been researched and documented.
- 7 The historic Hanson-Ballard House and property has been permanently protected by a conservation easement.
- 8 A Wetland Mitigation Bank has been developed along Hard Labor Creek.
- 9 A portion of Markham's Hill (Blueberry Hill) has been permanently protected by a conservation easement through subdivision regulations.
- 10 Bike and pedestrian trails are being developed in the City of Madison.
- 11 Community gateways have been protected along Hwy 83 and Hwy 278, the latter of which saw the relocation and restoration of Sugar Creek Church.

additionally,

- ▶ Over 3,550 acres of farmland, timberland, water resources, wildlife habitat, and historic landscapes have been permanently protected through conservation easements.
- ▶ Agritourism has increased through the publication of FARMeander, Georgia's first agritourism farm trail and the development of Farmview Market.
- ▶ \$500,000 has been raised through SPLOST for greenspace acquisition (City of Madison SPLOST).
- ▶ More than 64% of land continues to be agriculturally productive.
- ▶ 900 acres of land adjacent to the Appalachian River are in a conservation easement, providing protection to this important water resource.