Economic Development
City of Elberton and Downtown Development Authority

- Elbert Theatre (2000-2006) Equipment $165,000
- Jones Building (2008-2009)
  - $700,000
  - Three Retail Store Fronts
  - Four Apartments ($200,000) Oct 2018
- Arts Center (2014-2015)
  - $590,000
- Hotel – 27 Room Boutique Hotel
  - $5.1 Million
  - Opened March 2017
- Purchase of Bailey Building $35,000
  - Retail Store Front
  - Apartments – Possible partnership with Athens Tech for Student Housing

12 New Businesses (within the last 1 and half) 3 more within the next few months
Elbert Memorial Hospital

- Became independent hospital on March 1st
  - Employed GYN and General Surgeon
  - Rebuilding critical relationships around GA
    - GHA, HTH, SORH, Legislators, Locally, etc.
- $750,000 State Office of Rural Health Grant
  - 1 of 4 Hospitals in the state to receive
  - Will be used for new equipment and minor renovations to enhance revenue growth
- $1.054 Million Rural Hospital Tax Credits
  - Lost $1.3 Million due to state cap
  - Will be used for operations and new equipment to enhance revenue growth
  - Newest part of hospital built in 1980’s
- Added Services to keep healthcare local and long-term
  - 3D Mammography
  - Newer OR equipment
  - Telemedicine Grant in process for access to specialists such as Neuro and Psych
  - Increase Orthopedic presence and surgeries
9 Different Programs of study offered
- Accounting
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Cosmetology
- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Industrial Systems Technology
- Medical Assisting
- Practical Nursing (LPN)
- Welding

Three Different Educational Options
- Associate Degree
- Diploma
- Technical Certificate of Credit

- New Science Mega Lab $800,00 to 1 Million investment
- Agricultural Studies Building 8.5 Million investment
- CDL Driving Range Project $500,00 investment
- Enrollment is up 25% +
- Over 70 High School Students have enrolled in Dual Enrollment this semester
- Over 30 counties are represented on the Elbert Campus
Partnerships and Collaboration
Collaboration is Key

- Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, City Council and Downtown Development Authority
  - Joint Events
  - Tourism efforts
- Athens Technical College, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street
  - Lunch and Learns
  - Leadership Academy
- Athens Technical College and Elbert Comprehensive High School
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Job Preparedness
- Elbert Memorial Hospital, Elbert Memorial Hospital Foundation and Elbert Partners for Health
  - EPH was awarded $100,000 to implement the first years Community Health Improvement Plan
    - Made up of over 38 Community Partners
    - Three Initiatives
      - Nutrition and Wellness
      - Educational Success and Job Preparedness
      - Substance Abuse/Mental Health
- Elbert County Board of Commissioners and Elbert Partners for Health Board of Commissioners awarded EPH $15,000 toward drug and alcohol education initiatives
CHALLENGES
Broadband – City and County wide coverage.

Work Force – Qualified Work Force
  Soft Skills
  Drug/Alcohol

Changing Demographics – Aging population
  Outflow of young adults/inflow of older adults

Housing – Lack of housing/rental property
  Limited housing options

Attitude – Positive mindset
  Welcoming mindset

Diversity – We can learn from one another, but first we must have a level of understanding about each other in order to facilitate collaboration and cooperation
Questions