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THE CITY OF LYONS GA PARTENERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSTY OF GEORGIA FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Surveyed Housing Conditions Collected Across the Community by University of Georgia for Community Development Planning

In conclusion from last week's visit to Lyons, GA, students from the University of Georgia's Master of Public Administration Program (MPA) finished collecting information about the City of Lyons housing and neighborhood conditions. Once again, the data and summary of information will be used towards future aid from the federal, state, and other grants for community development and planning.

The Residents of Lyons should keep an eye out for future meetings where the information gathered will be presented to the governing body. City Staff hope to host several community listening sessions regarding this information and other data gathered the community.

UGA is currently ranked #3 nationally for public affairs graduate programs by U.S. News and World Report, and ranked #4 in the local government management concentration. "The students in the local government practicum class gained practical skills during their time in Lyons, as we surveyed housing conditions across the community. We look forward to delivering the data to the city. Local governments across the state and country and hiring budget and management analysts, so while the students served Lyons, they also gained useful skills for their career development," said, UGA Associate Professor & MPA Director, Dr. Eric Zeemering

"We are pleased to know that the information gathered by UGA/MPA students is a win-win situation for everyone involved. This is vital information for the future of our city and will allow us to receive grants and other financial backing for future development and planning," states, Mayor Willis D. NeSmith Jr.