A map of Conyers, Georgia, in Rockdale County. The map shows major roads like Highway 20 and Highway 138, and landmarks like the Conyers Mill and the Conyers Creek. The word "CONYERS" is overlaid in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline.

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- Beautiful natural stone finish on all exterior walls.
- True Climate Control with individual vents in each unit.
- Show units located within our office for easy comparison.

- All the boulders that were dug up on site were added to the landscape design.

The clock tower at Storage Time Conyers has taken its place as one of the most unique landmarks in the City of Conyers.

If you find yourself needing self-storage, stop by Storage Time Conyers (located by Planet Fitness) at 1050 Flat Shoals Road in Conyers, GA and let our experienced and courteous managers Roy and Andrea assist you with your self-storage needs.

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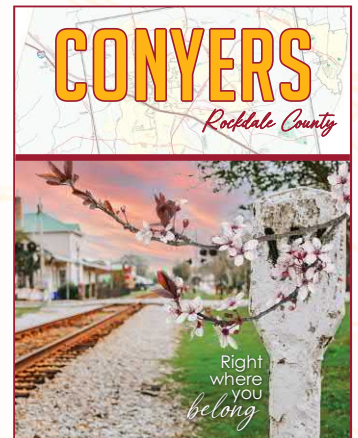
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**DIVERSE.** When we say we have something for everyone, we mean it. Diversity is found in and throughout our community, from the landscape, business profile, arts and culture, to our blend of lifelong residents and those who have recently come to call us home. Whether you are drawn to Conyers/Rockdale County for the educational opportunities for your family or a slower pace of life, you will find that and so much more.

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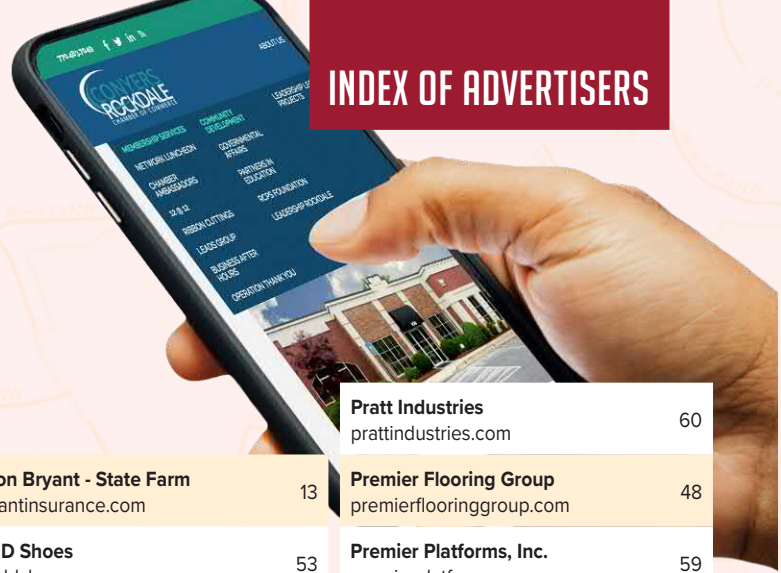
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# Costley Mill Park

NATURE PARK AND EVENT VENUE

Costley Mill Park, in Conyers, GA, is a new addition to Rockdale County Parks and Recreation.

The park has 77 acres of beautiful landscapes: to include a nature trail, waterfalls, beach, event center, and more. The park's peaceful surroundings make it ideal for various events.

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**EVENTS!**

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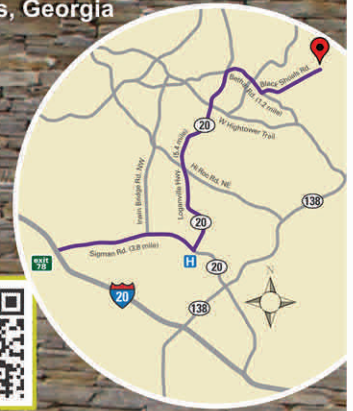
*Greater love hath no one than to lay down one's life for their friends.*

# WALK of HEROES

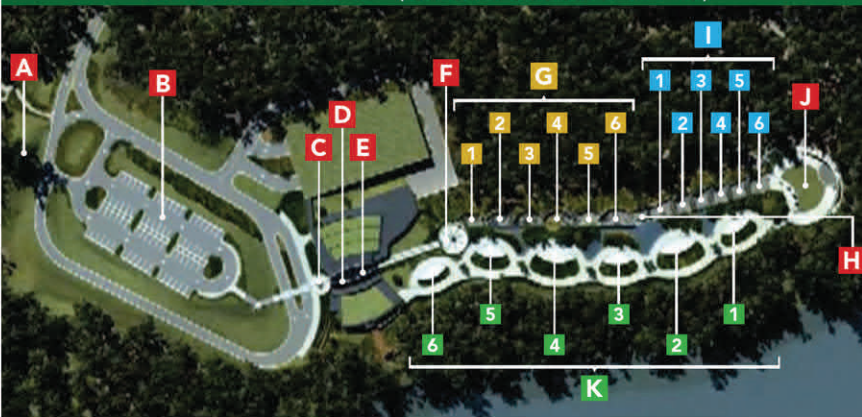
VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL

The Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial is a monument in the making. It is located on a three-acre site at Randy Poynter Lake in Rockdale County. This serene setting provides the perfect backdrop for visitors to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city to remember, reflect, and rejoice as they develop a greater awareness of the six major wars from 1900 through today. The goal is to foster a common understanding of the sacrifices and uncommon dedication of veterans and their families – including the ultimate sacrifice of laying down one's life.

3001 Black Shoals Rd  
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## AERIAL MAP (current & future areas)



- A** Vaughn Botanical Gardens (Existing)
- B** Parking Lot (Future)
- C** Gateway Building & Parking Deck (Future)
- D** Entrance Court (Existing)
- E** Walls of Honor (Future)
- F** Parade Ground Walk (Existing)

- G WARFRONTS VESTIBULE**
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  - 2** World War II Warfront (Future)
  - 3** Korean War Warfront (Future)
  - 4** Vietnam War Warfront (Future)
  - 5** Persian Gulf War Warfront (Future)
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- H** Unity Bridge (Future)

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  - 4** Vietnam War Homefront (Future)
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- J** Presentation Enclave (Existing)

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### - REMEMBER -

*Veterans have shaped our freedom during many wars around the globe. The freedoms we enjoy today have been bought at a great price.*

### - REFLECT -

*We must foster an understanding of the sacrifices and dedication of veterans and their families. Teach the children the price of war and the cost of freedom. Learn from lessons of war.*

### - REJOICE -

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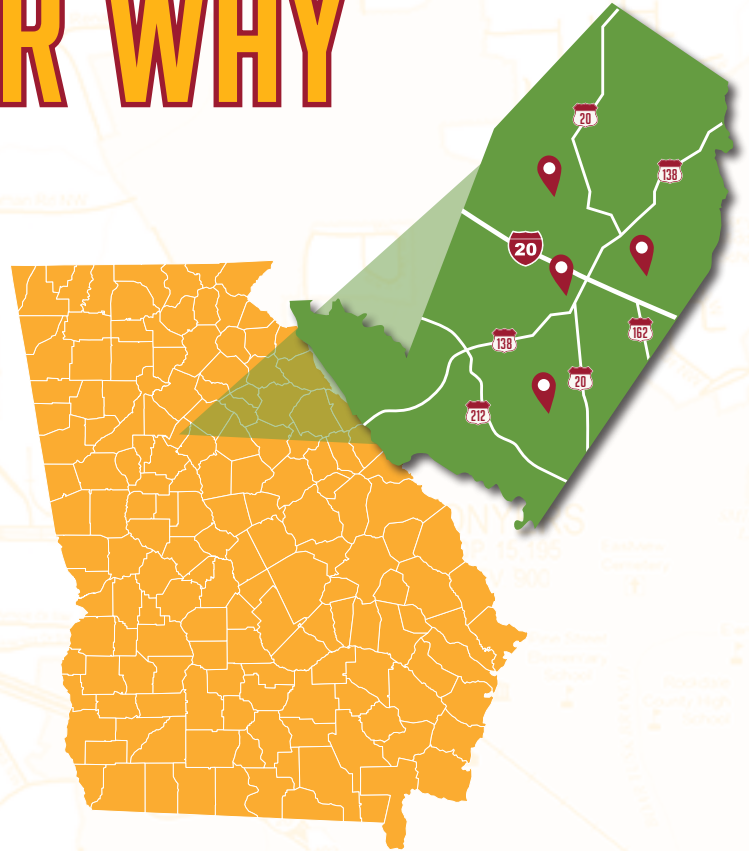
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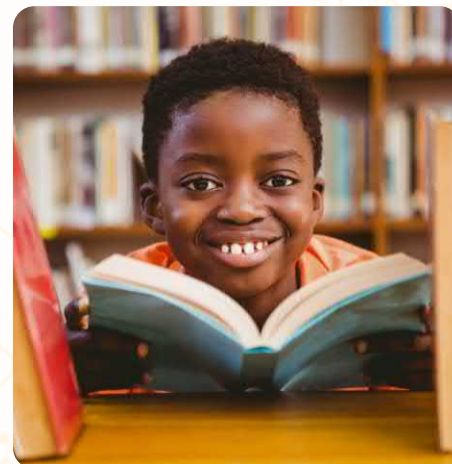
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and active arts council, a modern library, quaint pubs, an eclectic mix of eateries, and contemporary churches. Olde Town Conyers is no stranger to bright lights and camera crews as it's been a preferred film location for several feature films and popular television series. Over the years, Conyers/Rockdale County as a whole has become a popular location for film and television production companies because of its unique and diverse landscape and friendly community appeal.

Experience the community's history by visiting The Dinky, one of only three remaining circa-1905 steam locomotives in the world. Walk across the railroad tracks to the Depot, where the Conyers Welcome Center is located, to pick up information about everything that is distinctly Conyers and Olde Town, or tour the Old Jail adjacent to the Rockdale County Courthouse that serves as a museum featuring fascinating pieces of Conyers' past.

■ **Enjoying simple pleasures**

The recently renovated Nancy Guinn Memorial Library, located in Olde Town Conyers, is well worth a visit to find a good book to read or conduct research. Named for Nancy Graham Guinn, founder and first president of the Conyers Civic League, Mrs. Guinn raised the necessary funds to establish a public library for Rockdale County residents in 1920. The library's collection includes books, e-books, audio books, DVDs, music CDs, computers, law materials, and more. In addition, the library offers a full-service children's department, a summer reading club, book sales and other programs for the community.

Throughout the county, shopping opportunities abound. Home to many national retailers along with quaint specialty shops, you are able to purchase most anything from aged antiques to specialty tools, right here in Conyers/Rockdale County. Dining out is popular in the community among residents and visitors alike. Every type of eatery from national chains to hometown specialties, provides an excellent menu for mealtime selections. Our diverse options include international cuisine such as Japanese, Chinese, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican and Italian, as well as traditional American fare such as sandwiches, seafood, burgers and barbecue.

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#### ■ Planning for a secure future

Educational opportunities are plentiful in Conyers/Rockdale County. The mission of Rockdale County Public Schools is to ensure student success for all through a world-class education with advanced opportunities and personalized support. This community is a strong proponent of the school system, having six times passed a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax to fund capital projects including new schools.

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Within a short driving distance, there are a host of other colleges and universities, such as the main campuses of Georgia State University, Troy University, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Emory University at Oxford, Georgia Institute of Technology, Gwinnett Technical College and the University of Georgia.

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■ **Having fun with family and friends**

Recreation enthusiasts have several choices in Conyers/Rockdale County. Rockdale County Parks and Recreation offers a variety of sports activities including youth and adult leagues. Choose from tennis, soccer, football, softball, baseball, basketball, or swim lessons. Take an aerobics or piyo class, a book writing class or acting class, or join in on some of the family events such as game nights. Rent a park pavilion or indoor facility for your upcoming family reunion or birthday party. The Parks and Recreation Department also offers fun, family community events free of cost, like the Summer Concert Series and Sunset Cinema. The Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts also offers cultural programs for children and adults in addition to hosting theatrical performances for the community.

Rockdale County invites older adults to participate in a host of recreational and social events and activities at the Olivia Haydel Senior Center. Rockdale residents 60 years and over and their spouses are eligible for membership in the center. Classes and recreational activities are available to adults age 50 and older. The Olivia Haydel Senior Center offers a variety of daily activities as well as field trips.

Civic groups and other organizations are the backbone of the community, providing resources for special projects that benefit all who call Conyers/Rockdale County home. The Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Optimist Club,

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Toastmasters International, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are just a few of these organizations. Other groups meet based on special interests and activities, such as Keep Conyers-Rockdale Beautiful, the Conyers Garden Club, Conyers Civic League and six local chapters of sororities and fraternities. You can be a part of a group that shares your interests. If you are looking to be a part of volunteer service, there are plenty of opportunities that fit almost any passion. There is truly something for everyone in Conyers/Rockdale County.

■ **Working near where you live**

The Conyers/Rockdale County community is a friend to business and industry. City and county officials support smart growth. Throughout the county are manufacturers who find Conyers/Rockdale County the ideal location to grow their businesses while their employees have a secure place in which to nurture their families. There are plenty of options

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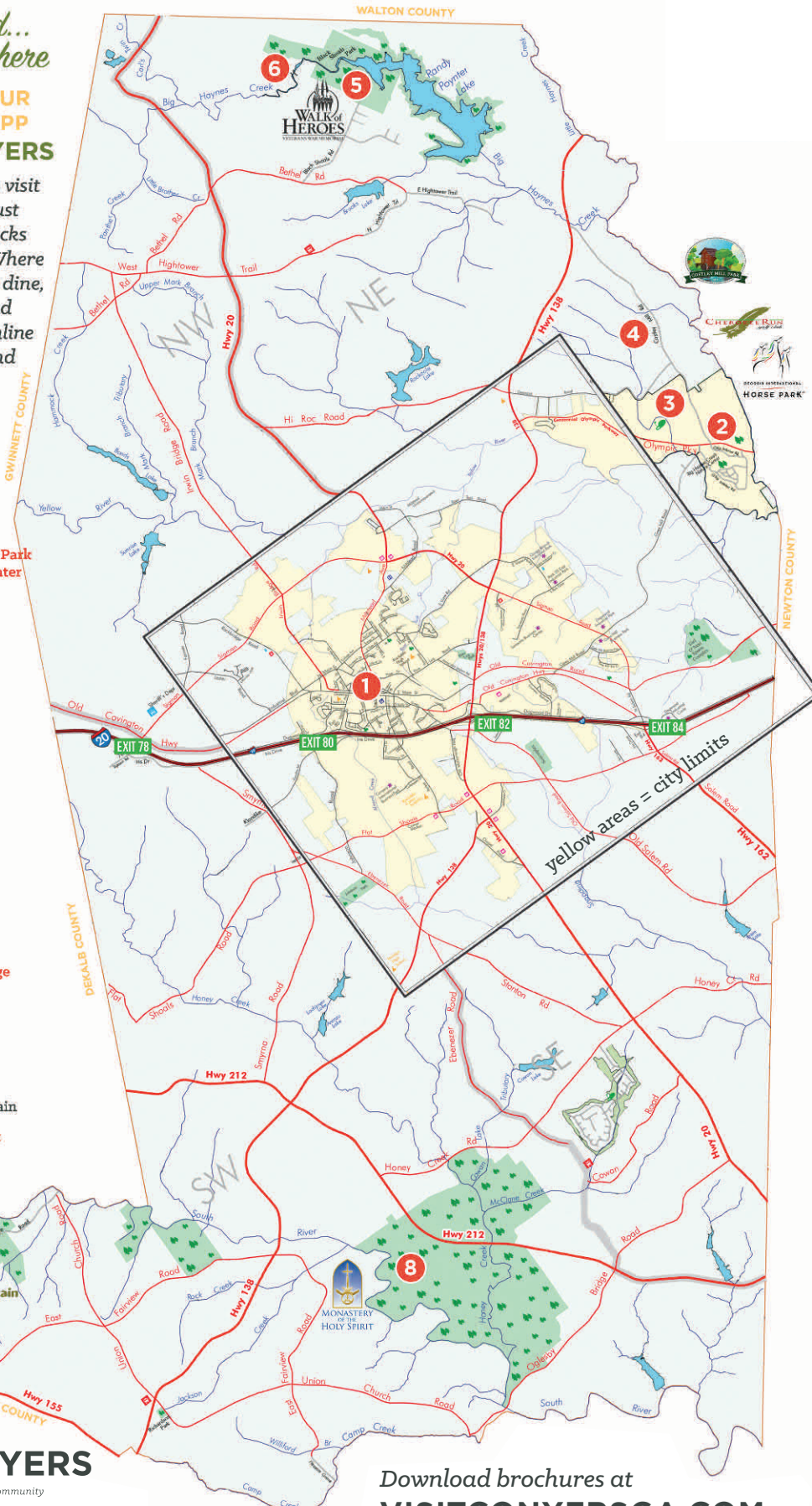
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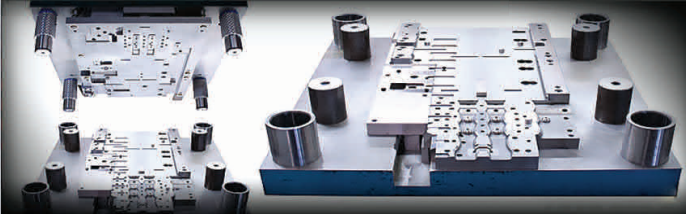
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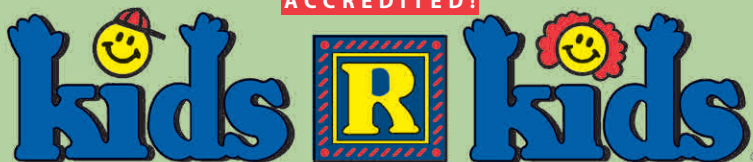
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"Rockdale County Public Schools is committed to facilitating optimal student learning, achievement, and growth," explains Superintendent Dr. Terry Oatts. "RCPS achieves this by providing our students a rigorous curriculum that accommodates a wide range of interests, including but not limited to a plethora of pathway completion opportunities. Such pathway completion opportunities include advanced academic, world language, fine arts, and career technical and agricultural education curricular offerings. Additionally, our students are afforded competitive secondary school choice options that appeal to students' varied abilities, interests, and talents. From our award-winning Rockdale Career



## EDUCATION

Academy and Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology to our innovative Rockdale Virtual Campus and Rockdale Open Campus, students may elect to avail themselves of flexible learning opportunities and non-traditional service delivery models that best meet their unique learning needs. RCPS also acknowledges the transformative impact of technology on all industries, and it is our view that education should proactively engage this transformation. As such, RCPS inaugurated Learning Reimagined several years ago as our 'one to one' initiative that removed any potential technology divide within our school district by deploying state-of-the-art devices to our students. These devices seek to extend and enhance students' learning experiences through meaningful and relevant digital integration. With the aforementioned innovative practices, RCPS students are well prepared for the future of their choice."

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## ■ Challenging Curriculum

RCPS is home to 22 schools consistently recognized for their outstanding commitment to student success - earning numerous state and national awards for student achievement, athletics, and the arts. RCPS understands that one size does not fit all, and teaching and learning must be customized for each student. The curriculum is distinguished by increased rigor for all students. Comprehensive, academically rigorous courses and programs in elementary, middle, and high school ensure that all students are challenged with experiences that help them become life-long learners. Research shows that students who take Advanced Placement (AP) courses are more likely to complete a college education. RCPS high schools are continually recognized as Advanced Placement Honor Schools by the State of Georgia.

Specialty and choice programs throughout the district allow students to cross attendance zones and customize their learning. Programs such as Dual Language Immersion, AVID college prep, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Performing and Visual Arts, Advanced Technology, International Entertainment and Business Leadership, and Health and Medical Science programs allow students to explore something new or dive deeper into specialized programs of study based on current interests and talents.

In addition to the specialty and choice programs, all high school students can attend classes at the Rockdale

Career Academy which offers over twenty-five career pathways, many of which are industry certified. A consortium of the school system, community, and local business and industry, RCA students participate in an outstanding, state-certified college/career/technical curriculum while learning the marketable job skills necessary to prepare them for post-secondary educational and workplace opportunities.



RCPS is home to two STEM Certified schools in Georgia. The Magnet School for Science and Technology provides a four-year research curriculum and has a unique partnership with Georgia Tech. Magnet students have traveled as far as Turkey and Japan to present their research and are often awarded in the top three at international science competitions. Memorial Middle School's STEM program is a school choice program which focuses on environmental studies. It provides hands-on learning for those interested in STEM and is open to students throughout the district.

Students thrive in learning environments suited to their needs, so RCPS offers several non-traditional learning opportunities including a virtual campus where all graduation requirements can be met online or through a blended learning model. Students can attend the Virtual Campus and still be able to participate in extracurricular activities.

Transforming teaching and learning with technology is critical to keeping pace with today's students and the global workforce that demands it. RCPS has implemented a 'one to one' plan which provides access to an electronic device for every teacher and student. Students in grades 2 – 12 are issued individual laptops while students in pre-K – 1st grade have access to iPads in every classroom. Virtual classroom space and vast digital resources are provided through a learning management system. Digital Citizenship training is provided for all students, teachers, and parents as a key component of the technology transformation.

## ■ Starting early

The school system has introduced an exceptional Early Learning Initiative through public/private partnerships. Early Learning activities support the optimal development of young children and their families. The RCPS Early Learning Initiative aspires to ensure all Rockdale County children possess the necessary readiness skills upon entering our Pre-K and Kindergarten programs by targeting educational opportunities for children ages 0 to 4 of moderate- to-low-income families. Early learning initiatives through Georgia's Pre-K program are available at all public elementary schools and many private early learning centers throughout the county.

## ■ Establishing a firm foundation Elementary School - Grades Pre-K - 5

The Pre-K and Kindergarten programs of the public school system expose children to a structured school environment and introduce school readiness concepts, while the remainder of the elementary school experience builds a solid foundation for learning. The comprehensive



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curriculum includes language arts, math, science, social studies, health, and physical education. Access to technology is available throughout the elementary school experience. Music and art instruction serve as integral components of the elementary instructional program.

■ **Building upon the basics  
Middle School - Grades 6 - 8**

Building upon the content instruction begun in elementary school, middle school instruction covers language arts, math, science, social studies, health, and physical education.

Language arts in middle school incorporates reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. A rigorous mathematics program trains students to become critical thinkers capable of understanding complex issues. Middle school students participate in fine arts activities through the Connections program that includes art, band, chorus, and drama. In addition, Connections offers foreign language, exploration in family and consumer science, and hands-on experiences with technology. Choice options at the middle school levels include a focus on technology and engineering, STEM, pre-medical sciences and performing and visual arts.

■ **Preparing for a bright  
future High School -  
Grades 9 - 12**

The goal of Rockdale County's high school program of study is to promote academic growth, career preparation, and personal development. The

high school curriculum ensures that students acquire and apply basic skills, as well as the problem-solving and critical thinking skills necessary to effectively and efficiently make decisions and recognize the opportunities presented in a democratic, technological society and global economy.

A broad and flexible curriculum addresses each student's needs,

interests, and abilities. The fine arts offerings build upon middle school experiences providing students a variety of opportunities for academic pursuits and artistic expression. Work based learning experiences help students develop an appreciation for future careers. Extracurricular activities from athletics to drama encourage individual excellence. These activities balance academic achievement with physical and mental well-being.

Students in Rockdale County high schools have the opportunity to get a head start on the college or technical school experience through dual enrollment with Georgia State University, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, Point University, Georgia Military College and other colleges and technical colleges. Each traditional high school offers a choice option including STEM, visual and performing arts, advanced technology, and international entertainment and business leadership so students have the opportunity to specialize their studies to fit their interests and abilities.

■ **Complementing the curriculum**

Public school students enjoy a variety of athletic and fine arts offerings that bring enjoyment and quality of life to both the students who participate and community members who love to watch live sports, theater, or musical performances. All of our schools have competitive athletic programs, academic teams, drama activities, and music curriculum where participants learn important life skills such as teamwork, confidence, leadership, and strength through diversity. Our extracurricular programs promote a healthy lifestyle and involvement to complement the outstanding academic opportunities found in the public schools.

■ **Exceeding Standards**

Serving more than 16,000 students, Rockdale County Public Schools is internationally accredited by Cognia, formerly known as SACS CASI. This means that every school in the district holds the highest accreditation available to public schools. Currently, there are eleven elementary schools,





four middle schools, three high schools, and five non-traditional programs – Rockdale Magnet School for Science and Technology (a school within a school), Rockdale Career Academy, Open Campus, Rockdale Virtual Campus, and Alpha (Alternative) Academy.



The Open Campus non-traditional secondary program provides a flexible educational opportunity to students who may be unlikely, for a variety of reasons, to reach their full potential in the traditional high school structure. The program is designed for students at least 16 years of age who wish to accelerate the manner in which they complete their remaining required units for graduation.

Children with special needs benefit through a variety of academic and skills development programs. Students with exceptionalities as well as hospital/homebound children are served through resource programs available in every school. Self-contained programs, which serve students countywide, are provided at selected school sites.

Students in elementary school who meet the state gifted criteria may participate in Program Challenge. Gifted services are available for middle and high school students through a variety of opportunities, including gifted classes, AP courses, modification of regular classroom

activities, directed study, and summer programs. The English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program serves students at all grade levels for whom English is a second language.

**■ Exceeding Expectations**

The school system’s emphasis on rigor throughout all instruction is reaping rewards for our students. Our graduation rate is among the highest in the state. RCPS has gained state and national recognition for student achievement throughout the district. Our schools are consistently honored as high performing schools. Academic teams and clubs throughout the district have won regional, state, national, and international competitions, as have many of our athletic teams and clubs. Superior ratings in band, chorus, and drama further illustrate Rockdale’s commitment to student success. Test scores are an important indicator of a school system’s success in addressing core academics. Our students consistently out-perform their peers on state and national tests, including the American College Testing (ACT) program, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), and the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT). Each year, students from Rockdale’s high schools receive scholarships or appointments to top universities throughout the United States.



While RCPS offers so much for so many – rigorous curriculum, great programs, outstanding school choice options, and advanced technology – it’s the teachers and staff who make it happen. Their commitment to our students is exceptional.



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■ **Seeking higher education opportunities**

The majority of students who graduate from Rockdale’s public schools seek post-secondary education. Students can begin their college career right here in Rockdale County through dual enrollment courses held at the Rockdale Career Academy. Georgia Military College opened a satellite campus in the former Board of Education building in OldeTown and just a few miles east of Conyers/Rockdale County, students can participate in degree programs or technical training at Georgia State University, Emory at Oxford, Georgia Piedmont Technical College, or Troy University. Within 45 minutes there is also the University of Georgia (Athens), Georgia State University (Atlanta), Georgia Institute of Technology (Atlanta), and Emory University (Decatur) as well as many other institutions of higher learning.

provides several options. Local private schools serve children from Pre-Kindergarten through high school graduation. These private schools offer advanced academics that challenge students to maximize their educational opportunities. In addition, these schools offer competitive sports teams, clubs and activities that enrich the school experience.

public schools receive such great support from this community. The citizens of Rockdale County have five times approved an Education-Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST). Through E-SPLOST, the school system has been able to build new schools, make necessary repairs to existing schools, improve technology and infrastructure, and fund special projects.

Parent and community involvement is a hallmark of the school system. Parent Teacher Associations, School Councils, and Parent Centers are great resources for families. Community members and business organizations are encouraged to participate in our schools and make a difference in the lives of Rockdale’s children through Partners-In-Education, mentoring, and the Rockdale County Public Schools Foundation.

A quality education is a great investment in the community. In Conyers/Rockdale County, we make sure our investment produces exceptional dividends.



■ **Making an investment in our children’s future**

In Rockdale County, education is everybody’s business. That’s why our



Our college administrators recognize that not everyone who desires a college education can take time to attend college in the traditional way. Therefore, Georgia Virtual Technical College (GVTC) was created to enable Georgians to pursue a college degree from the comforts of their home via electronic technology. Students can obtain certificates and degrees in a variety of disciplines. GVTC operates out of the Covington Campus of Georgia Piedmont Technical College.

■ **Choosing other educational experiences**

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# HISTORY



The first residents of the area that we know as Conyers/Rockdale County were Native Americans. In fact, the border between the Creek and Cherokee Nations is believed to be Hightower Trail, which extends into north Rockdale. In the early 1800s, the Hightower Trail served as a main trade route for white settlers.



On November 17, 1864, during General Sherman's famous March to the Sea, his troops passed through this region. Destroying everything in their path, the Union soldiers hadn't counted on the astuteness of Winnie Puckett, the operator of Costley's Mill. Before the soldiers arrived, Puckett, known by many at the time as "Aunt Winnie", sacked all of the flour available and hid the sacks in the millpond. The wet flour caked and protected the remaining flour inside the sacks. Heeding her pleas, the Union soldiers, who had intended to burn the mill, left Aunt Winnie and the mill unharmed.



## ■ Establishing the first settlements

During the early to mid-1800s, this territory experienced many changes. The State opened the area to settlers and settlements quickly grew around mills located along the community's northern borders. While the earliest settlement occupied the extreme northern edge of Rockdale, the southern end of the County was being inhabited as well by settlers moving up along the rivers and streams from what is now neighboring Henry County.

These early settlers founded many churches. Salem Baptist Church, which started near Costley's Mill on Big Haynes Creek, still performs baptisms in the sparkling waters of the millpond. Smyrna Presbyterian Church, constructed in 1827, is the oldest Calvinist Campground in the United States and continues to conduct camp meetings each year at the original site.

## ■ Learning how Conyers began

John Holcomb, a blacksmith, is said to be the first known settler in Conyers/Rockdale County. He built a log cabin on Main Street where the Rockdale

County Courthouse now stands. Progress in the form of the railroad was heading to the area despite protests from Holcomb. Eventually, he sold his land for \$700 to prominent Covington banker and physician, Dr. W.D. Conyers, who deeded the right-of-way to the railroad. By 1845, trains were running regularly between Marthasville (now Atlanta) and the city of Augusta through Conyers Station, as the town had come to be called. In 1854, Conyers Station had grown to 400 residents and was incorporated by an act of the Georgia Legislature as a city called Conyers.



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### ■ Creating Rockdale County

Created by an Act of the Legislature in 1870, Rockdale became a county named for the underlying granite strata that runs beneath the surface. Rockdale County was the 133rd county in the state of Georgia. Covering 128 square miles, Rockdale is Georgia's second smallest county in terms of size. Though its boundaries have changed over the years, it is currently bounded on the north by Gwinnett and Walton counties, on the south by Newton County and on the west by Henry and DeKalb counties. In 1897, the County's first jail was built. It now serves as a museum operated by the Rockdale County Historical Society.

A community where churches flourished, Rockdale County opened its arms in 1944 to a group of 21 Trappist monks from Kentucky who wanted to begin their monastic life in Georgia. The Monastery of the Holy Spirit is today one of our most treasured resources in the community. While the monks' living quarters remain private, the Abbey Church, Abbey Store, retreat house, and monastery grounds are open daily to the public.

### ■ Getting in the spirit of the games

The summer of 1996 was an exciting time in Conyers/Rockdale County's history. More than 600,000 people visited the community during the Centennial Olympic Games. Visitors flocked to equestrian events, first-ever mountain bike competitions, and the final two events of the modern pentathlon at the Georgia International Horse Park. The Olympics put Conyers and Rockdale



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County not only on the map, but also in the minds of thousands who soon began relocating their homes, families and businesses to the area.

### ■ Changing the scope of the community

Conyers/Rockdale County started to evolve from rural to suburban following the construction of Interstate 20. Today, residents can still enjoy the hometown feel with the sophistication that comes with all the diverse opportunities that the interstate brought our way. Though Atlanta is just a few miles down the road, you can still enjoy the ambiance of a small town with the amenities of the city, right here in Conyers/Rockdale County.





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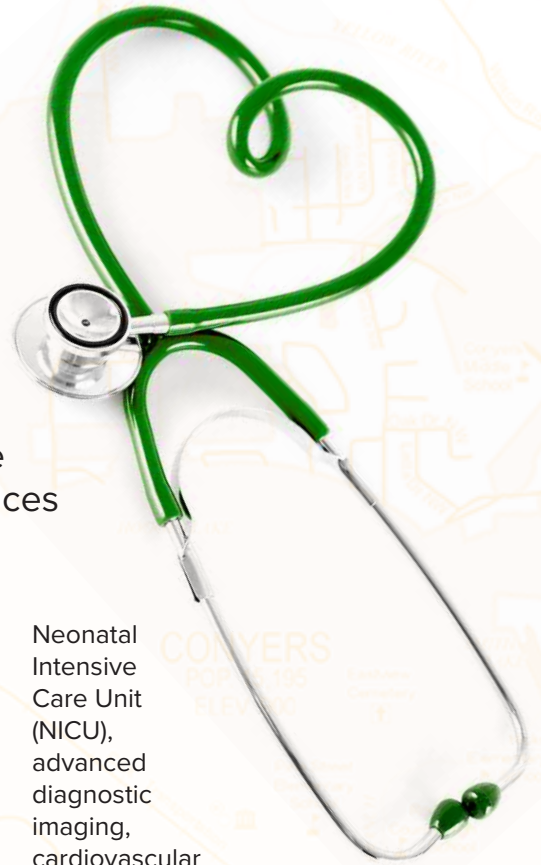
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■ **Addressing women's medical needs**

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■ **Maintaining a healthy heart**

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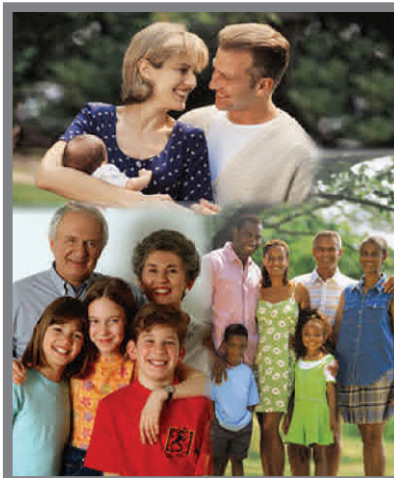


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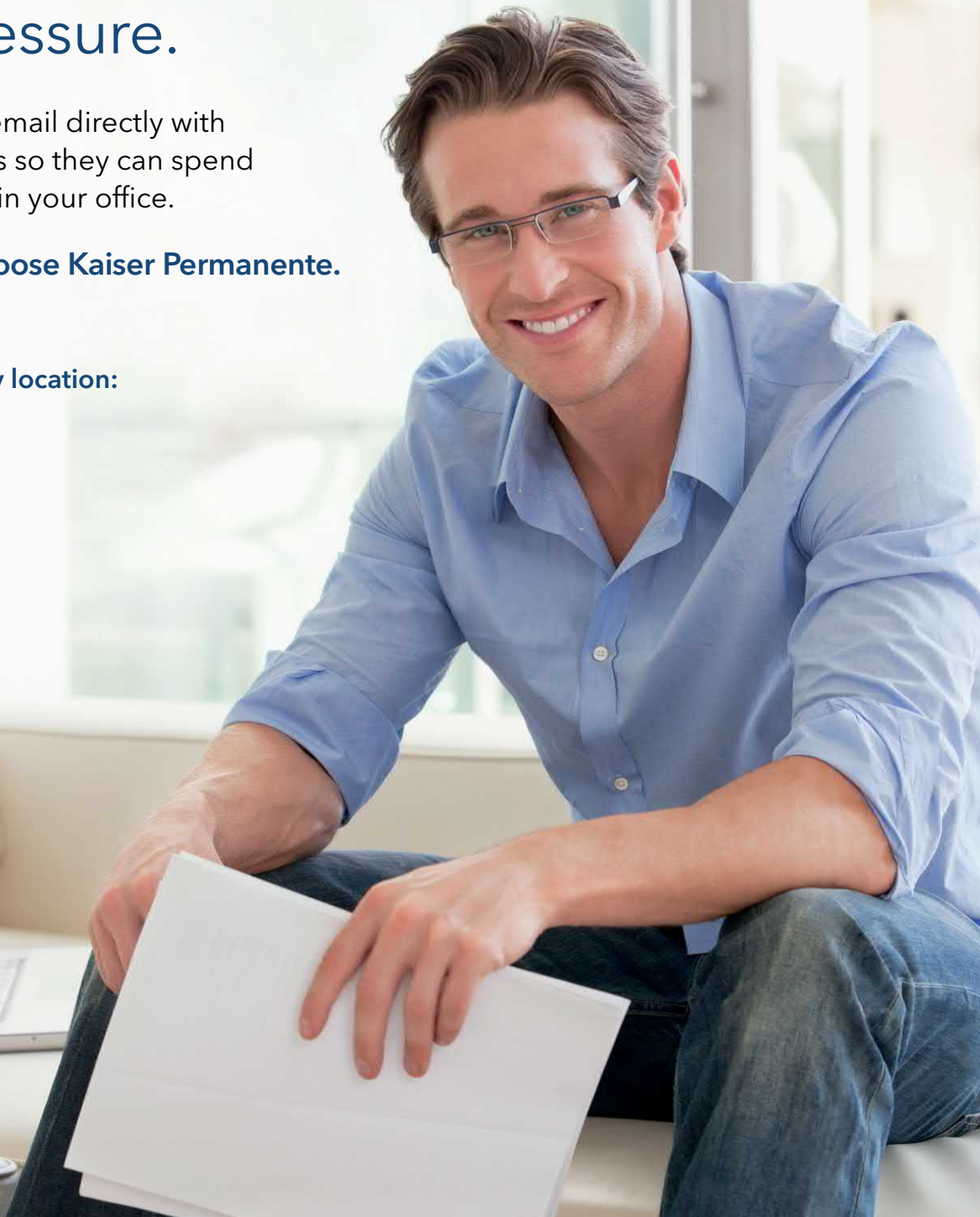
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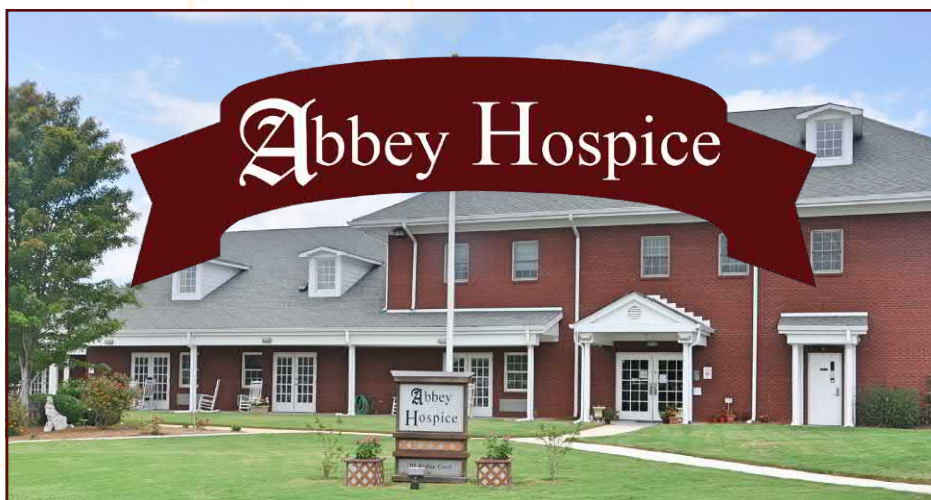
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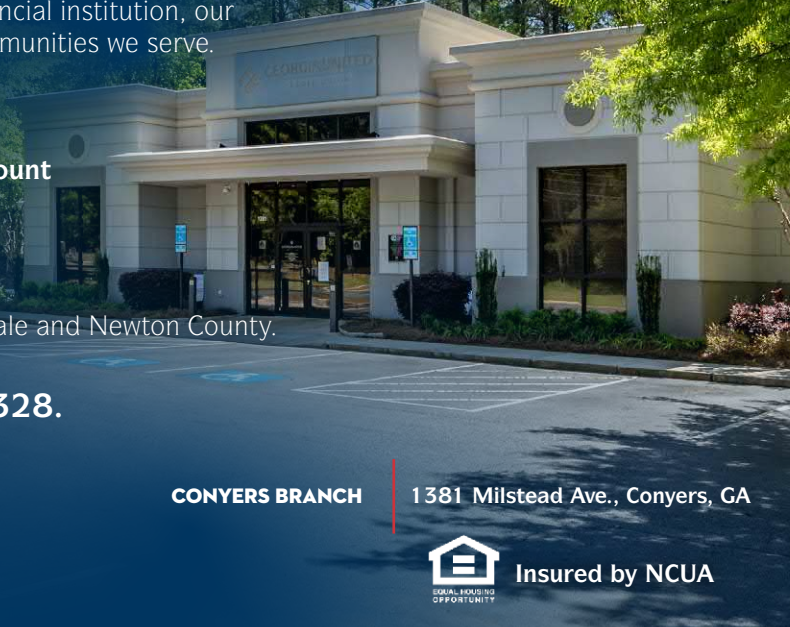


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From one end of the county to the other, Rockdale County and the City of Conyers maintain an extensive network of parks for walking, bicycling, picnicking and more. Residents from every corner of the county are taking advantage of the Rockdale River Trail System's more than 10 miles of walking and biking trails, sharing quality time with their families, getting fit and

enjoying our natural resources. So, lace up your walking shoes, or grab a bike, and enjoy the lush scenery of one of the trails.

Rockdale County Parks and Recreation offers activities and leagues for children of all ages such as tennis, basketball, softball, baseball, football, cheerleading, swimming lessons, water aerobics, yoga, piyo, and much more! The recreation center is also available for open recreation to use the swimming pool, basketball courts, fitness center, and indoor walking track.

For "young at heart" mature citizens ages 60 and older, the Olivia Haydel Senior Center offers a myriad of social events, programs, trips, and recreational activities. Rockdale County's therapeutic recreation program, AIRR (Adaptive Inclusive Recreation of Rockdale) also offers recreational opportunities to individuals with disabilities that include cognitive, physical, creative, and emotional wellness activities. The goal is to include all in recreational activities to improve independence and physical and mental wellness.

Children with disabilities can also participate in the thrill of the game through the Miracle League. One of the first of its kind, this league was created to allow children with special needs to suit up in a baseball uniform, step up to the plate, and enjoy America's favorite pastime. Most of these children would not be able to experience the thrill of the game as members of a traditional youth baseball league.

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With its convenient access and spacious accommodations, GIHP is the perfect setting for special events, trade shows, festivals and obstacle races. Ample parking and state-of-the-art equestrian facilities are available in addition to the 15 miles of horseback riding trails. GIHP is also home to the North Georgia Live Steamers - a miniature railroad featuring trains on which you can ride. The Big Haynes Creek Nature Center at the GIHP features eight miles of walking trails, a canoe launch into the wetlands and a gazebo observatory. Interactive audio and learning stations can be found along the trails to enhance the visitor's experience.

Golf devotees will enjoy playing the course at Cherokee Run Golf Club. Designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer, the course features challenges for golfers of all skill levels on a rolling, tree-lined, rock-hewn course. Private and semi-private clubs and public courses, such as Honey Creek Country Club, provide more opportunities for a day on the links. Nearby clubs, Cuscowilla on Lake Oconee and Georgia National Golf Course, offer even more choices.

Tennis is a popular game in Rockdale County, and there are many courts

from which to choose. Pine Log Park, Bonner Park, Johnson Park, Richardson Park and Wheeler Park have tennis courts – most even lighted – that are open to the public as well as competitive and recreational teams. The Rockdale Tennis Center, a state-of-the-art tennis facility nestled on seven acres in the heart of Rockdale County, features 12 ready-to-play tennis courts – eight of which are lighted. The center is designed to attract recreational community players as well as competitive tournaments. In addition,

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many neighborhoods offer tennis amenities. All of the county's middle and high schools have tennis courts as well.

You can also enjoy hiking, boating, canoeing, fishing, picnicking and other outdoor pastimes at Black Shoals Park. The park's Randy Poynter Lake, a 650-acre lake, stocked with many species of fish such as large-mouth bass, bream and catfish, is the perfect spot for sport fishing. Because Randy Poynter Lake is the community's drinking water reservoir, Rockdale Water Resources takes every precaution to ensure the water remains clean and safe; therefore, no boats with gasoline motors are allowed on the lake.

One of the community's most historically significant attractions is the Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial located within Black Shoals Park. Their mission is to cultivate a public understanding of the sacrifices made during the 20th and 21st centuries by veterans on the battlefield, and by their families on the home front, in order to protect

and maintain the freedoms we enjoy today. Walk of Heroes features engraved pavers purchased to honor and remember veterans who served in any branch of the U.S. military during the 20th and 21st centuries. A visit to the park will indelibly etch in the minds of future leaders that freedom comes at a price - including the ultimate sacrifice of laying down one's life.



Rockdale County purchased Costley Mill Park in 2017 and renovated it, making the 77 acres nestled in a gorgeous natural setting available for the community to enjoy. Resting along the banks of Big Haynes Creek, the park features a waterfall, beach access, playgrounds, pavilions, gazebos and much more. The park is a destination available for weddings, church, and company picnics as well as family and corporate events. An event center for indoor events has recently opened with amenities that include two changing suites, audio/visual equipment, restrooms, outdoor terrace, outdoor rotunda, and a warming kitchen.

If hiking interests you, nearby Panola Mountain State Conservation Park offers a unique trail experience. As the name implies, a portion of the park is actually a mountain! A huge granite monadnock, believed to be more than a million years old, covers 100 acres of the 759-acre park. Panola Mountain is the only major granite mountain in this region that remains in an unquarried and natural state. Designated as a



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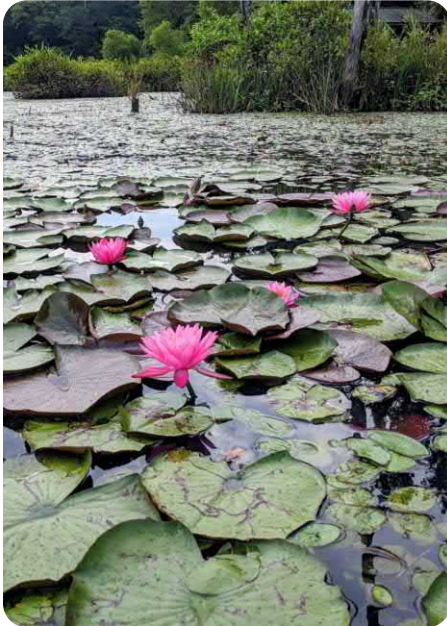
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A part of the PATH Foundation's mission to build a system of scenic greenways to preserve our region's forested character and offer opportunities for families to enjoy nature together, the Arabia Mountain, Rockdale County and South River trails feature rock outcroppings the size of football fields, streams rushing over woodland waterfalls, hundred-acre farms and fields of wildflowers. One of the most popular walking trails among residents of all ages begins at Pine Log Park, travels through Olde Town and traverses the county to Johnson Park. More trails are still being constructed. Once completed, all of the trails will stretch 35 miles across Conyers and Rockdale



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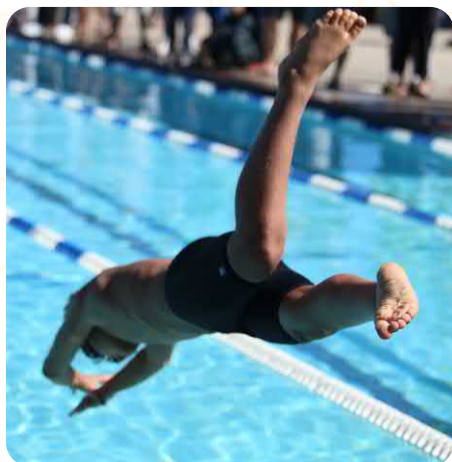
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County, allowing joggers, cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts another way to exercise and enjoy the scenery! The Rockdale South River Trail enhances the quality of life in Rockdale County by providing a mixture of cultural, historical, environmental and recreational opportunities. This is a 10-mile greenway/multi-use trail in Rockdale County that follows the South River from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit to a connection with the Arabia Mountain Trail in DeKalb County through the Panola Mountain State Conservation Park. The South River Trail forms the backbone of the Arabia Mountain Heritage greenway and trail network. The entire Arabia Mountain Path spans over 30 miles in total from the Monastery to the City of Lithonia.

During the summer months, swimming is a popular activity in the community. Local neighborhoods participate in the Rockdale County Swim League, which culminates in the annual County Swim Meet to determine the winning team. Swimming is available year round at the Johnson Park Recreation Center's indoor pool.



■ **Looking for outdoor festivals and arts activities**

Parades and festivals provide more opportunities for outdoor entertainment. The largest annual celebration is the Cherry Blossom Festival hosted by the City of Conyers. For 40 years, artisans throughout the Southeast have come to display and sell their varied crafts while local citizens and groups provide musical performances.



Everyone is Irish for the day when they visit Olde Town Conyers on March 17 to join in the festivities of the World's Fastest Growing St. Patrick's Day Parade. Led by the Conyers mayor, friends and neighbors can become a part of the parade or simply watch from the sidelines. Celebrating our country's independence is for all ages at the annual Red, White and Boom event that takes place in Olde Town Conyers each year on July 3. Featuring live bands, food trucks and of course fireworks, families from all over can now enjoy a patriotic celebration a



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little closer to home. Summer is also the season for the Rockin' Rockdale Summer Concert Series at Costley Mill Park. Visitors bring their lawn



chairs and enjoy an evening of free entertainment with family, friends and neighbors.

When the weather starts to cool down and the leaves begin changing colors, enjoy the Olde Town Fall Festival during the month of October featuring more arts and crafts displays. Local crafters and restaurateurs offer their specialties.

The winter holiday season brings with it a visit from that jolly old elf – Santa Claus. A visit from the man in red culminates the annual Conyers Christmas Parade. Following the parade, a tree lighting is held featuring performances from local choral and dance groups – a real treat for the entire community to enjoy.

■ **Finding something new and exciting**

Known as Olde Town Conyers, this downtown area serves as the city's central attraction. Most recently, the quaint area has become a popular location for film production. Locals and tourists alike enjoy shopping in the unique gift shops and eating at

the distinctive dining locations. The Lewis Vaughn Botanical Garden, located beside the Olde Town pavilion, offers a peaceful rest stop for visitors who want to relax. Throughout the year, a variety of activities are held at the pavilion. Visitors and citizens alike can take pleasure in ice skating in the winter, concerts in the spring and festivals in the fall.

The Old Jail is a rare treasure. Now a museum and home to the Rockdale County Historical Society, it was erected in 1897. The building's exterior walls are three bricks thick and the interior walls are two bricks thick. Long ago, this historic site housed the Sheriff, his family and the jailer.

Olde Town's most colorful attraction is the yellow Conyers Depot. Originally the railroad station, it has been converted to the City of Conyers Welcome Center. On the other side of the street is the "Dinky," a circa-1905 Rogers steam locomotive that is one of only three of its type left in the world.

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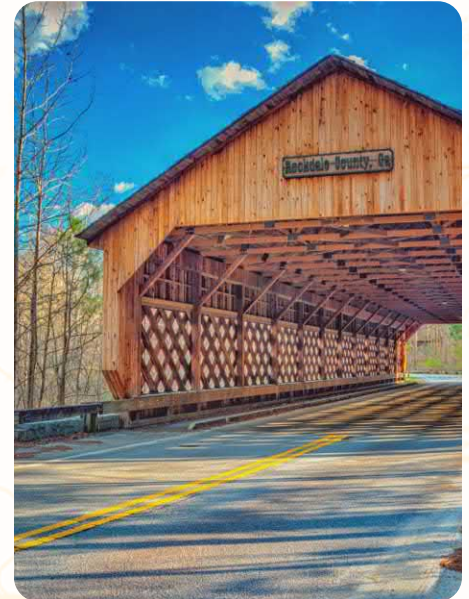
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You'll enjoy the shopping experience wherever you go in the community.

A large number of national retailers have stores in Conyers/Rockdale County, including Target, Walmart, Academy Sports, Home Depot, Lowe's, Best Buy, Belk, Kohl's, BJ's, TJ Maxx, Versona, HomeGoods, Kirklands, Michael's, Hobby Lobby and many more. If you want or need it, there is a better than good chance it can be found in Conyers/Rockdale County.

■ **Uniquely Conyers/Rockdale**

For shopping that is uniquely Conyers/Rockdale County, you'll want to visit K&D Shoes, Sigman Furniture, Fabrics and Furnishings, Conyers Pharmacy & Gifts, and Poppin' Stop to name just a few. You can also

shop the streets of Olde Town Conyers featuring Conyers Jewelers, Corks & Couvee Wine & Gift Shoppe, Beasley's Drug Store, Forever Mis Quinces, C-Town Bikes, Soapary, The Men's Refinery and more. Shopping centers located throughout the community provide convenient options for shopping near where you live. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a gallon of gas, it's easy to find anywhere in the community.

Conyers/Rockdale County is also home to a life-style shopping center called the Corner Market, an architecturally-

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Arts and entertainment is alive and well in Conyers/Rockdale County, where you will find there's virtually something for everyone. From choral performances to rock concerts, ballet lessons to hip hop classes, coffee houses to fine dining, children's arts activities to juried art exhibits, puppet shows to live theatre – its all right here, ready for you to enjoy.

While Atlanta is just a short drive down Interstate 20 for a wide array of arts and entertainment activities, Conyers/Rockdale County residents have the convenience of enjoying many of the same activities without leaving town. No longer in the shadows of neighboring Atlanta, Conyers/Rockdale has a thriving cultural community all its own.

## ■ The Arts are Flourishing

Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts connects neighbors, cultivates artistic expression, and celebrates

our community's stories through the power of creativity and the arts. CRCA achieves its mission by offering programs and activities for every member of the family and encouraging participation of citizens of all abilities, students, community organizations and local businesses.

Enhancing the beauty and vibrancy of Conyers/Rockdale County, local artists have been commissioned over the years to design and paint murals on buildings throughout the area, beginning with the CRCA building,

which features a celebration of all art forms across the entire back of the building. In 2019, CRCA and the City of Conyers partnered to beautify even the unexpected areas – traffic signal boxes – located at intersections throughout the community. In 2020, they partnered again using a Vibrant Communities Grant to create the 70-foot-long Mural on the Green highlighting the unique attributes and attractions throughout the Conyers-Rockdale community and proclaiming "Greetings From Conyers" to the world.



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■ **Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts Theater**

Located in the heart of Olde Town Conyers, you can enjoy an intimate performance in the CRCA Black Box Theater. Funded by grants from the Georgia Council for the Arts, generous contributions from local arts enthusiasts, businesses, and local government, CRCA organizes and promotes performing and visual arts events throughout the year. Enjoy a thought-provoking show presented by the CRCA Inspiration Theater. Experience the creativity of a variety of musicians at one of the Jazz Series concerts. Other local organizations and businesses utilize the CRCA Black Box Theater for plays, dance recitals, concerts, and more. Check out <https://conyersarts.org> for a calendar of events.



During the early spring, bring your children of all ages to the Preschool + Pops Series featuring outstanding performances in puppetry, music, and storytelling. In June, sign up kids 5 - 14 for ArtSmart Summer Camp with classes in musical theater, drawing, painting, and sculpting.

■ **Taking in a show**

Whether you enjoy musical theatre, comedy, drama, or improv, you're sure to find something to entertain you. Theatrical performances are targeted to audiences of all ages; however, you can choose to be a part of the cast as well.

The Original Depot Players built a reputation of excellence in community theatre, and the tradition lives on in The New Depot Players, the reorganized and award-winning resident theatre troupe. Since 1976, when they performed in the old train depot, quality live theatre has been enjoyed and supported by the community of Conyers/Rockdale County. Their tagline, "Places Everyone," is an invitation to every member of the community to participate in live theatre in Conyers/Rockdale County.

■ **School Productions**

Recognizing that academic activities are enhanced by cultural pursuits, the schools in Rockdale County offer another venue for entertaining theatrical performances. Each of Rockdale County's public high schools has an auditorium complete with state-of-the-art lighting and technical equipment that can seat more than 550 theatergoers. The students deliver extraordinary musicals, comedies and dramas. Community audiences are always dazzled and delighted by the level of talent in

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### ■ Enjoying more than equestrian events at the Horse Park

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Each spring, GIHP hosts the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. Thousands of people head to the Horse Park to purchase handmade crafts, enjoy delicious food and take pleasure in watching local performers. For mountain biking enthusiasts, there are trails around the park while golfers can enjoy the challenge of an Arnold Palmer-designed course at Cherokee Run Golf Club.

While visiting the GIHP, look closely and you may even see a bride and groom heading off in a horse-drawn carriage. Facilities in and around the Horse Park provide beautiful backdrops for wedding receptions, family gatherings and business meetings.



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### ■ Experiencing art and dance at its best

In addition to serving as a valuable resource for the community, the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library serves as a venue for local artists. During the summer months, the library hosts a children's summer reading club as well as weekly arts programs.

Each Rockdale County elementary school has a full-time art teacher and a full-time music specialist. Art and

these exceptional and entertaining shows. Most of the student musicals are enhanced by live music provided by student orchestras.

### ■ Movies and Music

If movies are your preference, AMC Conyers Crossing 16 gives movie patrons numerous state of the art options from which to choose. Also, during the summer months, Sunset Cinema presented by Rockdale County Parks and Recreation, features free family outdoor movie events shown at kid-friendly start times at the

various parks throughout the county for families and residents to enjoy.

If you are a fan of live music, Rockdale County Parks and Recreation offers the Rockin' Rockdale Summer Concert Series monthly from June through September at Costley Mill Park. Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts hosts an array of live music performances in the intimate 85-seat Black Box Theatre. Local restaurants and bars offer live entertainment regularly as well.



music courses are offered in all of the middle and high schools. Our middle and high school bands and choral groups consistently achieve local, state and national recognition.

Adults of all ages and vocal talent are invited to participate in the Covington-Conyers Choral Guild. This community choir, consisting of singers from high-school age and older, performs major choral works locally, throughout the eastern United States and abroad.

Dance is a popular art form in Conyers/Rockdale County. Ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip-hop and clogging are taught at studios around the community. These schools give annual recitals and their students perform at local festivals and parades including The Cherry Blossom Festival, Taste of Spring, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Olde Town Fall Festival, the Conyers Christmas Parade, and the Rockdale County Tree Lighting Celebration.

The Conyers Latin Festival hosts an annual family friendly event with plenty of authentic Latin cuisine, music, vendors, kid activities and more to celebrate Hispanic heritage.

■ **Seeking spiritual enlightenment**

Feeding the spiritual needs of those who live in Conyers/Rockdale County are a variety of places of worship. More than 175 churches in the community represent some 23 denominations or creeds. Regardless of your religious preference, you are sure to find a spiritual home that's right for you and your family.

In the tradition of the old pioneer days when people would travel great distances to attend camp meetings for religious reflection and salvation, two such meetings continue here today. Salem Campground, one of the South's oldest camp meetings, has been held every year since 1828, except during the years of the War Between the States. The Smyrna Camp meeting can be traced back to 1831. While some still "camp" on these sites, these meetings have become a time for rejoicing, reflection and reunion. Enjoy worshipping with friends and neighbors, singing old-time gospel hymns and contemporary

songs, and sharing a traditional Southern meal – or two.

For some quiet reflection, visit the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, a Roman Catholic monastery founded in 1944 by a community of Trappist monks. While the monks' living quarters are private, the Abbey Church, Monastic Heritage Center and Museum, gift shop, retreat house and lake are open to the public.



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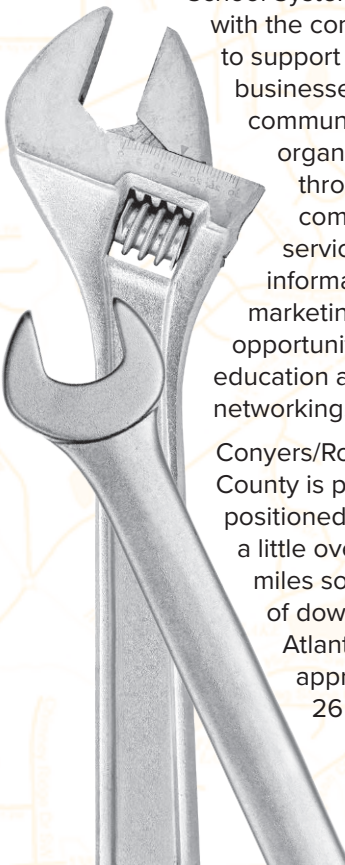
■ **Making a Commitment**

With one incorporated city and one public school system, the county's compact size benefits business, industry and the community by encouraging collaborative strategic planning among public agencies. With a strong diversified economic base that includes advanced manufacturing, distribution, regional HQ's, and many service-related industries, the City, County, and School System work with the community to support local businesses and community organizations through comprehensive services and information, marketing opportunities, education and networking.

Conyers/Rockdale County is perfectly positioned just a little over 20 miles southeast of downtown Atlanta and approximately 26 miles

from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the busiest international airport in the world. Proximity to major highways and interstates enables business, industry, community and visitors to quickly reach regional, national

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**Business and Industry**

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Rockdale County Government. More than 40 percent of Rockdale’s citizens are working right here at home in Rockdale County.







■ **Workforce Development**

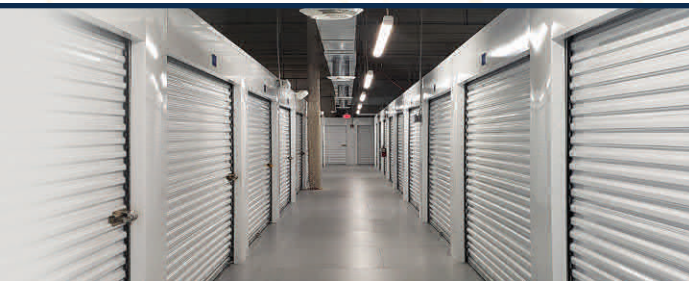
Georgia's Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act provides programs to develop and enhance the labor force. Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) is provided to any eligible employer seeking to increase the skills and competitiveness of their current workforce and On the Job Training (OJT) provides wage reimbursements to employers to help compensate for the costs associated with skills upgrade training and loss of production for newly hired employees. Georgia's nationally recognized Quick Start program can provide high-quality training services at no cost to new and/or expanding businesses in Georgia. These are just a few of the programs available in our community to assure a well-prepared workforce. Georgia Piedmont Technical College, a member of the Technical College System of Georgia and the Rockdale Career Academy (RCA), a part of the Rockdale County

Public School System, also works closely with our business and industry to provide customized training and workforce development programs, as does the Georgia Department of Labor.

■ **Encouraging entrepreneurship**

As small business is the backbone of this country and our community, the Conyers-Rockdale Chamber of Commerce is committed to helping entrepreneurs with the tools and resources they need to develop viable businesses. Recognized as an official Entrepreneur Friendly Community by the Governor's Office, the Chamber continually seeks partnerships and opportunities to foster business growth and education. The Chamber's own Entrepreneurial Academy gives those interested in starting their own business the opportunity to hear from experts in the fields of banking, finance, marketing, human resources, and more about what it takes to start and run a successful business. Future business owners learn from street-smart small business owners who have "been there, done that" and

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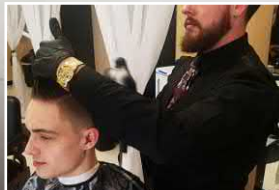
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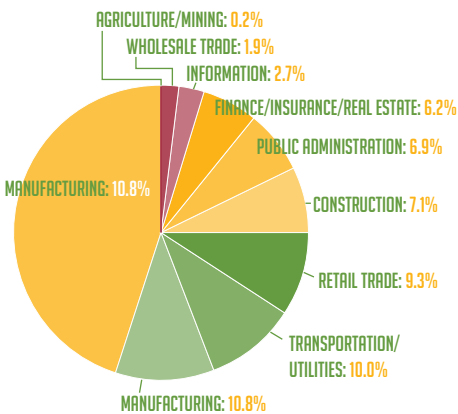
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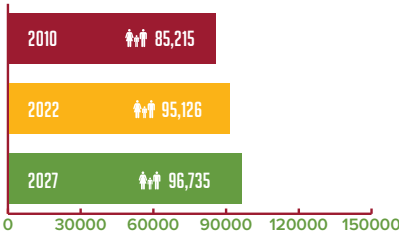
Our evolving community offers many incentives for new and expanding businesses. With forward-thinking leadership, strong infrastructure, proven support services, and a skilled labor force, Conyers/Rockdale County embraces business and industry.

This community is clearly a microcosm of metro Atlanta. Virtually every service or industry you need is in or near Conyers/Rockdale County. Our well-educated population has high expectations for the quality of life offered here. And we're committed to exceeding those expectations.

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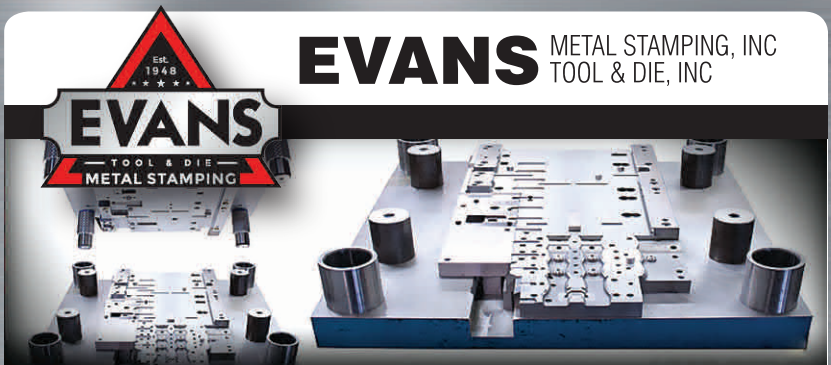


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Workforce: 110

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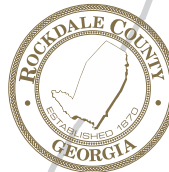


## FILM FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

We are a Georgia Camera Ready Community with over 600,000 square feet of sound stage and production office space in use - making the film industry one of our major employers.

## COOPERATIVE GOVERNMENT

Our county and city government and our public school system work cooperatively to promote business & industry growth. We offer competitive local incentives as well as an expedited permitting process.



## TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

- \* Interstate highway I-20 runs East and West through the heart of Rockdale County and the City of Conyers, providing easy connections to I-285, I-85 & I-75.
- \* Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is just 25 miles away, with national and international airlines making more than 2500 flights daily.
- \* Located just 10 miles from Conyers, Covington Municipal Airport's 5,500 foot runway provides air transportation services for light aircraft.
- \* CSX Railroad provides access to many of our industrial properties.
- \* Seaports are easily accessible via interstate highway access to Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina.



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## EDUCATION

Our public school system partners with the Georgia University System and the Technical College System of Georgia to provide advanced education opportunities to meet the technological demands of tomorrow. Rockdale Career Academy, a model charter school, and Rockdale Magnet School offer 20+ career pathways, many with industry certifications, including STEM subjects.



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# FEATURE FILM

## & Television Production



In fiscal year 2021, more than 375 feature film and television productions filmed in Georgia, generating \$9.5 billion in economic impact, with a direct spend of \$4 billion, making Georgia the number one filming location in the world.

The Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act grants qualified feature film and television productions an income tax credit of up to 30% of approved in-state costs associated with productions spending \$500,000 or more (plus up to an 8% additional savings through Georgia's Sales and Use Tax Exemption). In 2018, the Georgia legislature expanded the film credit to cover "qualified post-production expenditures". These financial incentives along with an abundance of diverse locations, a dynamic skilled workforce of film production professionals, and a dedicated Camera Ready Film Liaison to assist Producers and Location Managers with every aspect of filming in our community, have all made it possible for the film and television production industry to grow and flourish in Conyers/Rockdale County, making us **"The Biggest Little Filming Community in Georgia"**.

From blockbuster feature films like "Fast & Furious (Fast Five)" and "Identity Thief", to small independent films like "Selma" and "Miracles from Heaven", successful major network television series like "In the Heat of the Night", "The Vampire Diaries", "The Originals", "Doom Patrol", "The Resident", "MacGyver", the wildly popular streaming television series "Stranger Things" and "Ozark" from Netflix, and several new television series from Amazon, Disney/Marvel, Netflix, and Hulu, Hollywood has come to the Conyers/Rockdale County community in a BIG way. Two of the industry's giants, Warner Bros. Entertainment, and 20th Century Television, both have permanent production sound stages in Conyers, together leasing more than 700,000sf and employing 600+ full time employees during seasonal production. In 2021, Rockdale County hosted filming for 12 feature films, and 18 different television series that filmed on location in Rockdale County, translating into an economic impact of more than \$30 million in direct spend \$\$'s locally by production companies while filming in our community.

Conyers/Rockdale County provides film production companies everything they need for a successful shoot in a small geographic footprint, and all within the 30-mile zone preferred by most major productions. Because time is money in film and television production, filming in Rockdale County means more time behind the camera and less time traveling from location to location.

The Conyers/Rockdale County Film Office (FILM ROCKDALE) provides assistance with identifying and scouting unique locations, contacting local production resources, submitting appropriate film permitting applications and notifications for approval, scheduling road closures with police and fire departments, connecting productions with local businesses to keep spending local, and many other special requests.

*The term "film-friendly" is used to describe our community a lot. The industry comes to us for our diverse filming locations, our infrastructure that supports their footprint, our proximity to Atlanta and the airport, and we can often accommodate special requests that may be overly complicated in other communities. They stay because we have everything they need, and they know we will go the extra mile for them whenever possible.*

— Gina Hartsell  
 Georgia Camera Ready Film Liaison  
 Film Office & Senior Project Manager,  
 Conyers Rockdale Economic Development Council

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# LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!



**A.** *Vampire Diaries* fans know the troublemaker Saltzman twins, Josie and Lizzie, seen above smiling between scenes on set. The twins are now teenagers in the *Originals* spin-off, *Legacies*, which is filmed here in Rockdale County.

**B. & C.** The second sequel to follow the classic TV Series, *The Waltons*, *The Waltons' Thanksgiving* holiday movie, airing on The CW November 2022, was filmed locally at Costley Mill Park. The film features the Walton family as they prepare for the annual Harvest Fair on Walton Mountain. "Costley Mill Park was turned into the most beautiful fall festival imaginable," says Gina Hartsell, Film Office Manager and Georgia Camera Ready Film Liaison.

**D.** The popular Netflix Series, *Ozark*, starring Jason Bateman and Laura Linney, brought plenty of filming action to our community in all four of its seasons. Specifically in season 4, America's Best Value Inn, known in the series as the Lazy-O Motel, featured many prominent scenes with the Emmy and Golden Globe nominated cast.

**E.** In addition to thousands of square feet of leased film stages and sets, production companies also require space for their equipment and props. Shown above are a few of the props and set decorations for the Warner Bros popular series, *Originals*, *Legacies* and the upcoming new series, *Gotham Knights*.

**F.** *Doom Patrol*, an American superhero television series based on the DC Comics superhero team of the same name, occupies office space and stage sets locally. This Emmy nominated show is in its 4th season.

**G.** Filming projects can be found all over Conyers and Rockdale County, with sets like this one often blending right in with its surroundings. Sony Pictures Entertainment shot scenes from the feature film, *Pain Hustlers*, starring Chris Evans and Emily Blunt, at a car lot located on Iris Drive in Conyers.





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