

# THE CONCEPT

- 2017-2021 – Planning & Community Engagement
  - Community-Driven, Public-Private Partnership
  - 629 Individual Survey Responses over Six Weeks
  - Targeted Interviews & Stakeholder Committees
  - 5-Year Community & Economic Development Plan
- 2021-2022 – Plan Addendum & Funding Support
  - CEcDev Plan adapted and prioritized on backend of COVID pause
  - Founding partners & Funding secured
    - Lowndes County Board of Commissioners
    - City of Valdosta
    - Valdosta- Lowndes County Development Authority
    - Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce
    - Valdosta State University
    - South Georgia Medical Center
    - Georgia Power Company
- 2023 – Director Hired; Implementation Launched
- Priorities
  - Engagement
  - Talent
  - Place
  - Opportunity

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shape it or  
someone  
else will.** -gary  
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