



DUBLIN LAURENS COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
THE BUSINESS HEART OF GEORGIA

WHY DUBLIN, GA?

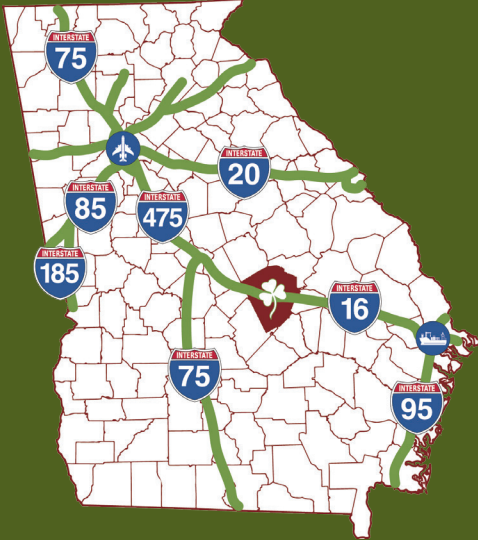
*The Competitive Advantages of Doing Business
in Dublin-Laurens County, Georgia*



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Location

We are located halfway between Atlanta and Savannah with direct access to major highways and interstates, two international airports, and the fastest-growing port in North America. This strategic location provides the ability to transport goods and materials to 80% of the consumer market in the United States in less than a two-hour plane ride or a 48-hour truck drive.



Leadership

We are comprised of a small staff and a volunteer board who represent the professional and personal integrity of the community. Dublin-Laurens County's small town values are well represented by outstanding government officials, who are fully invested and supportive of our efforts to attract new jobs and investment to Dublin-Laurens County.



Intermodal Transportation

Port:

We are located less than 100 miles from the Port of Savannah, the largest single-terminal container facility of its kind in North America. The Port of Brunswick, the number one port for new auto imports, is located less than 120 miles from Dublin-Laurens County.

Rail:

We have one of the nation's premier mega sites with 5,000 linear feet of rail, plus a recently acquired 331-acre rail site. Both of these sites are served by Georgia Central Railway, owned by Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

Road:

Dublin offers proximity to several major state and national highways. Our county has direct access to US Highway 441, Georgia Highways 257 and 319, and Interstate 16. Because of our location advantages, Best Buy's Southeastern Distribution Center, among many other major logistics providers, benefit from our robust network of road and highway infrastructure.



Workforce

Dublin-Laurens County is the regional employment hub for 15 counties representing a total workforce of over 300,000 people. Within that labor shed, there are over 1,000 manufacturers benefiting from a deep pipeline of talent. There are approximately 50,000 people enrolled in higher education in the area with over 13,000 annual graduates in a significant amount of areas, including:

- Automotive Mechanics
- Business Administration
- Electronics
- Engineering
- Forklift & Material Handling
- Healthcare
- Industrial Mechanics & Maintenance
- Machine Tooling
- Tool & Die
- Truck & Commercial Vehicle Operations
- Welding

Georgia is an at-will employment state with one of the lowest unionization rates in the United States. Employers will also benefit from an outstanding work ethic and low turnover rate.



Education

Dublin-Laurens County offers two public school systems and one private system that provide K-12 education. Graduating and dual-enrollment students can attend our community's university or one of two community colleges. Amazingly, within a 100-mile radius, there are 19 public colleges and universities, eight private colleges and universities, and a number of technical colleges.

Technical and degree programs at Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Georgia Military College, and Middle Georgia State University prepare students for either the workforce or the foundation of eventual graduate studies and diverse educational opportunities. Oconee Fall Line Technical College has facilities in 11 counties around Middle Georgia. Dublin-Laurens County is home to the college's largest campus.

Cost of Doing Business

Taxes & Incentives:

Our county has one of the lowest tax millage rates in the state and can offer a number of business incentives and tax credits to qualified industrial prospects. Locating in Laurens County also allows companies to qualify for assistance under the Tier One structure of the state's OneGeorgia program.

Utilities:

Available Utility Infrastructure:

- Water – permitted for 7 million gallons per day (7.0 MGD). Excess capacity – 3.0 MGD
- Sewer – permitted for 6 million gallons per day (6.0 MGD), with 4 MGD with tertiary treatment. Excess capacity – 2.5 MGD
- Electric- Companies with an electric load greater than 900 kWh have the advantage of having three electric providers compete for their service. This is referred to as Georgia's Customer

Choice program. Typical electric rates range between 15%-20% below the national average.

- Gas - Natural gas is supplied by the City of Dublin. We are supplied through three take-points on pipelines owned by Kinder Morgan, and we are a member of the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG). We can provide for a wide range of gas volume and pressure needs. Our customers vary from small residential loads to industrial loads of over 16,000 MMBTU per day for our largest customer.

Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority

Livability

The tranquility and comfort of a small-town lifestyle, good schools, and major healthcare providers is paired with the availability of large industrial job opportunities. It's no surprise that we were named one of the Top 20 Economic Development Organizations by *Site Selection Magazine* in 2015, and the International Community of the Year by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* in 2016.

Cost of Living

Dublin-Laurens County is neither a metropolitan nor a desolate zip code. With that comes less traffic, reasonable taxes, good schools, and tightly knit neighborhoods. Pleasant living in our county is further enhanced by shopping centers, restaurants, lodging, and housing availability.

Healthcare

Dublin-Laurens County boasts one of the highest concentrations of doctors (100+) and allied health students in Georgia, spearheaded by Fairview Park Hospital and the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center.

Location

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