

Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas

At the request of the City Council, Planning staff has looked at struggling urban commercial areas, also known as Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas (RUCAs). Staff has prepared recommendations for public improvements, regulatory changes, and financial incentives. The City Council has committed 1.5 million dollars to date for the improvement of these areas. These monies will be focused on public and private site improvements. A study prepared for the Council identified twelve potential priority areas for assistance. The city has selected three areas for the first round of funding: Waughtown/Thomasville, Liberty Street, and Washington Park. To date, Staff has reviewed over 15 requests from businesses looking to make improvements to their properties. Contact Ruben Gonzales for more information; 747-7474.