

## OAKWOOD QUICK FACTS

- Located in the southern end of Hall County, the City of Oakwood is 2.5 square miles.
- The proposed Oakwood 2030 master plan area encompasses approximately 253 acres.
- Thurmon Tanner Parkway, a key anchor of the planned Commercial Center district, will run from Mundy Mill Road in Oakwood to Spout Springs Road in Flowery Branch upon completion. Construction bids for the remaining leg from Plainview Road to Mundy Mill Road have been issued, and the Georgia Department of Transportation plans to award a contract by the end of October 2008.
- Oakwood's population has grown from 750 in 1980 to approximately 4,100 today.
- Residential parcels make up 23 percent of Oakwood's tax digest, while commercial parcels account for 59 percent and industrial parcels constitute 16 percent.
- Oakwood is part of the Gainesville-Hall County Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is the fastest growing MSA in the state and the 12th-fastest growing metropolitan area in the United States.
- Oakwood city government provides police protection, street maintenance, weekly garbage and recycling pickup.
- Oakwood traces its beginnings to 1873 with the completion of railroad tracks that ran between Charlotte, N.C. and Atlanta. Originally called Odell's Crossing, the city's name was later changed to Oakwood because it was a regular stop for wood-burning locomotives to pick up their fuel – oak wood.
- In the early 20th century, Oakwood was home to one of the finest institutes of higher learning in North Georgia, the Oakwood Academy. Students came from all over North Georgia to attend the school. That fine tradition of education continues today with Lanier Technical College and Gainesville State College which attract students from all over the region.