



## Rivian Project Planning Committee Overview

On March 14, 2022, the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) announced the makeup of the four committees being established to ensure public input into a variety of factors involved in the planning stages of the carbon-conscious campus for the 7,500-job Rivian project at Stanton Springs North. Local and state committee members represent a wide cross-section of all four Joint Development Authority (JDA) counties, and volunteered or agreed to serve in this capacity. Meetings are being planned for each of the committees within the Jasper, Morgan, Newton, and Walton county area for ease of planning and public input. Information regarding the dates and location of meetings will be available at: [www.georgia.org/rivian](http://www.georgia.org/rivian). Each committee will have a designated official staff coordinator and assistants, along with a representative from Rivian participating. At the conclusion of committee meetings, recommendations will be developed by the committees and reported to the State of Georgia and Rivian.

This committee approach will ensure direct coordination of considerations from across multiple jurisdictions and land parcels, and the public feedback process will allow all communities to have a voice across the decision-making process. The state has committed to continuously work with city and county governments to ensure that every concern is heard, and every question is answered.

### 1. Workforce Development

**Mission Statement:** To meet current and future workforce needs for Rivian and other existing industries as well as for future prospects within the region. To effectively plan for future workforce growth and demand and address key issues like wages, in-demand careers, and industry trends with input from the private sector. To coordinate with K-12 systems, the University System of Georgia, and the Technical College System of Georgia to identify necessary training programs are in place and a sufficient pipeline of future workers will exist to meet industry needs.

**Staff lead:** Mark Peevy, Assistant Commissioner, External Affairs and Facilities, Technical College System of Georgia

**Assistant:** Asher Dozier, Vice President of Economic Development, Newton County Industrial Development Authority

#### **Members:**

Buds Cain, Director, Foothills Academy

Dr. Virgil Cole, Superintendent, Morgan County Schools

Nathan Franklin, Ed.D., Superintendent, Walton County Schools

Samantha Fuhrey, Ed.S., Superintendent, Newton County Schools

C. Kenny Garland, Ed.S., Superintendent, Jasper County Schools

Douglas A. Hicks, Dean, Oxford College of Emory University

Dr. Robbie Hooker, Superintendent, Social Circle School System

Weyman Hunt, Owner, Godfrey's Feed

Kathryn Lofofsky, Regional Coordinator, Region 5, Georgia Department of Labor

Scott McMurray, Assistant Commissioner / COO, Georgia Quick Start  
Dessa Morris, Workforce Development Director, Development Authority of Walton County  
Representative Bruce Williamson, R-Georgia House District 115

## 2. Local Business Engagement

**Mission Statement:** To identify and engage local businesses with the opportunity to provide goods and services from Rivian and its suppliers. Such opportunities include those provided directly from Rivian, as well as indirect opportunities resulting from Rivian's location (i.e. suppliers, indirect demands like housing and retail).

**Staff lead:** Hank Evans, Director, Project Implementation and Corporate Development, Georgia Department of Economic Development

**Assistant:** Naceo Denney, Area Manager, Georgia Power

### Members:

Representative Dave Belton, R-House District 112

Andrea Malcom Campbell, Sales Executive REALTOR, Malcom & Malcom Realty

Ron Carter, Regional Visitor Information Center Coordinator, City of Covington

Shey Daniel, Manager, Morgan County Chamber of Commerce

Debbie Harper, President, Newton County Chamber of Commerce

Gregg Simon, Senior VP of Project & Partner Development, Economic Development, Metro Atlanta Chamber

Teri Smiley, President, Walton County Chamber of Commerce

Mandi Tanner, President/Executive Director, Jasper County Chamber of Commerce

## 3. Site Design and Environmental

**Mission Statement:** To have subject matter experts provide feedback to ensure that Rivian's site and operation meets requisite State, Federal, and local ordinances to protect the environment and communities. To provide feedback on site design such that design and operation maximize positive impacts on the community and minimize any negative impacts.

**Staff lead:** John Eunice, Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

**Assistant:** Charna Parker, Director, Walton County Planning and Development

### Members:

James Boylan, Assistant Branch Chief, Air Protection Branch, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Ed Hutter, Vice President, Hutter & Associates LLC

Chuck Jarrell, Director, Morgan County Planning Department

Betty Jean Jordan, PE, Owner, Polyscape, LLC

Barbara Schlageter, Planning and Zoning Administrator, City of Social Circle

Anna Truszczynski, Branch Chief, Watershed Protection Branch, Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Randy Vinson, President, Live/Work Building Co. LLC

## 4. Quality of Life

**Mission Statement:** To identify opportunities for Rivian to participate in local civic engagement and other public benefits that will positively impact the local communities. To identify opportunities locally and across the State of Georgia for land conservation initiatives.

**Subcommittees:** Civic Engagement, Public Benefits, Land Conservation

**Staff lead:** Rusty Haygood, Deputy Commissioner, Community Development & Finance, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

**Civic Engagement:**

**Assistant:** Kristen Miller, Senior Regional Director, Georgia Department of Economic Development

**Members:**

Joellen Artz, Retired Citizen  
Pastor Lonnie Brown, President, Morgan County NAACP  
Ned Butler, Vice President of Land Development, Reliant Homes  
Representative Susan Holmes, R-House District 125  
Cindy Little, Executive Director, F.I.S.H.  
Stephen Morris, Attorney, Morris Law LLC

**Public Benefits:**

**Assistant:** Beth Eavenson, Regional Representative, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

**Members:**

Mayor Bruce Altnauer, City of Rutledge  
Lisa Anderson, Small Business Owner  
Mayor David Keener, City of Social Circle  
David Kent, CEO, Piedmont Newton Hospital  
Mayor Fred Perriman, City of Madison

**Land Conservation:**

**Assistant:** Rope Roberts, Northeast Region Economic Development Manager, Georgia Power

**Members:**

Doc Eldridge, Former CEO, Athens Chamber; Former City of Athens Mayor; Twin Lakes Recovery Center Board Member  
David Hays, Board Member, Georgia Water & Soil Conservation District, Upper Ocmulgee River  
Thom Litts, Assistant Director, Wildlife Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources  
Robert Trulock, President, Madison-Morgan Conservancy  
Christine McCauley Watts, Executive Director, Madison-Morgan Conservancy  
Mike Worley, President and CEO, Georgia Wildlife Federation

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