



**Satilla Park has been named a market-ready site by Georgia
Department of Economic Development (GDEcD)**

Douglas Industrial Site is now a Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development site

August 23, 2017—Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Authority (EDA) announced today that Satilla Park has been named a Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD) Site by GDEcD, the state’s marketing and sales arm.

“The GRAD designation for Satilla Park means that it can truly compete on a global stage for new industry and the accompanying jobs,” said Pat Wilson, Commissioner of the Department of Economic Development. “I believe that Douglas-Coffee County’s efforts to attain the GRAD status for Satilla Park will prove highly beneficial.”

Satilla Park is a 180-acre site located on Highway 441 South across from the Douglas Municipal Airport. Construction on the park will begin soon thanks to local investors who donated to the Chamber and Development Authority’s LEaP (Leadership, Excellence and Progress) Campaign, raising over \$1.8 million in private funds to donate land for a new industrial park in Douglas. SPLOST funds will help complete infrastructure for the park.

The GRAD designation indicates that Satilla Park is shovel-ready. The designation also raises the site’s profile relative to other industrial sites in Georgia through:

- Showcased presence on the Georgia Department of Economic Development’s website
- Certified designation in the industrial site databases of utility economic development organizations whose focus to help companies locate and expand facilities in Georgia
- Featured appearances in marketing campaigns directed at targeted companies and location consultants

“The Douglas-Coffee County Chamber & EDA have jointly focused on creating jobs for our citizens for over 60 years,” states Luke Morgan, Chairman of the EDA. “We believe the GRAD designation will be crucial to our economic development efforts. We would like to thank Statewide Engineering for their hard work in helping us achieve this designation.”

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects.