COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOODS
REHAB & REVITALIZE
WORK PLAN UPDATE

Where to Start?

* Visited City of Monroe
  * Discussed -
    * How to get Community Buy In
    * Hosting Workshop
    * Tour of Monroe Housing
RESULTING IN:

* GICH Team invited citizens to a public meeting to introduce GICH team and to educate them about GICH – what it means to Commerce – what it means to you

* Created ad on local radio station to inform citizens, use of social media

* Planning to host workshops in the spring to include Renter’s Rights, how to qualify to buy a home, credit repair and will host a Landlord’s workshop to discuss properties and responsibilities

* Beginning the assessments in Wards and recruiting UGA students to help with process of assessing properties
• Met with Chris Norman – Land Bank
  • Discussed working with Local Tax Commissioner on properties that are levied for taxes as seed for land bank
    • (sell property to fund land bank)

• Met with Developers
  • Redevelopment of Property
    • Senior Living Housing
    • Chairman of Planning Commission helped Developer’s to locate a better piece of property for redevelopment
Neighborhood IMPACT - VISIBLE

* Scheduled 2\textsuperscript{nd} Clean up to complete ward
* Scheduling Spring Clean up city wide
* CHIP grant in process home rehab
* Completion of removal of dilapidated mobile home
* Code Enforcement officer has been hired and has begun educating citizens on violations
* Letters have been sent out and for some residents that is all it is taking to clean up their properties
One local subdivision developer has begun buying dilapidated houses and rehabilitating them to sell to first time home buyers.

A local realtor is investing in rehabilitation of poor housing to sell

Increase in rehabbing properties to sell vs rent
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