



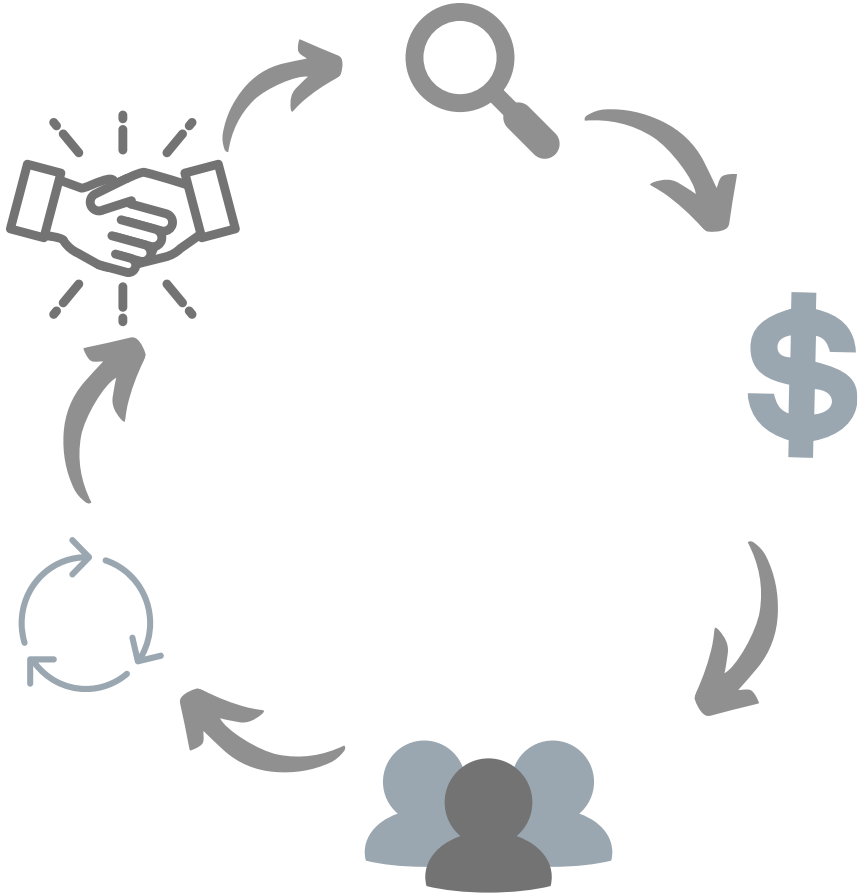
# NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Our Mission: To be a catalyst for community revitalization that transforms the lives of families and individuals by providing opportunities that focus on dependable, affordable, sustainable housing and active community leadership.

Our Vision: Our vision is vibrant, safe, diverse communities where families are proud to be part of the neighborhood.

## Our Model

DASH handles every aspect of the affordable housing process, from project management and housing development to community outreach. We provide a custom approach to affordable housing which allows us to help more people and more communities while ensuring that each project is completed to our high standards. One of the most experienced affordable housing providers in Georgia, we are proud to offer a model of full-spectrum support for individuals and communities, including: Identifying areas with the most needs, applying for grants, bringing together Partners and creating self sustaining developments.



## Our Impact



- Since beginning work in 2003, DASH has:
- Developed 406 quality, affordable rental units
  - Rebuilt or constructed 93 single-family homes in Hillside
  - Eliminated over 200 units of substandard housing
  - Increased the LaGrange tax base by \$69.3million
  - Invested more than \$73.5 million in capital in Troup County.



## Our Work

DASH’s work has expanded throughout LaGrange and Troup County to include large LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credit) housing developments, CHIP (Community Home Investment Program) rehabilitation work, and CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) multi-family developments. Most housing grants are administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), while federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) developments have also been completed.

## Commercial

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Creating a vibrant commercial district is critical to the long-term success of Hillside’s revitalization. DASH works to retain and attract businesses that are complementary to residents needs and those that draw patrons from the larger community into the neighborhood. Existing business owners have been assisted with low-interest loans to make streetscape improvements enhance the appeal of the area. Development options are being explored for other DASH-owned property within the commercial district.

## Housing

Through revitalization, DASH strives for environmental sustainability. The goal is to eliminate blight while utilizing the existing street and utility infrastructure and maximizing existing amenities such as sidewalks and mature trees. Sensitive to the historic craftsmen architecture of the neighborhood, DASH carefully considers the design and materials used for new construction and the rehabilitation of homes. Focused on sustainability, DASH uses building components and construction techniques to minimize future maintenance and reduce utility costs. All DASH homes comply with EnergyStar® standards and incorporate green building techniques. DASH completed its first EarthCraft Certified house in 2012.

## Partnerships

Strategic partnerships with other non-profit and for-profit organizations have helped create synergy toward accomplishing the DASH mission. Some of our most active partners include LaGrange College, local churches, and The Gateway Companies.

