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LYONS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY UNITES WITH TRUAX VENEER BOTH STRIVING FOR CONTINUED ENHANCEMENT TO THE COMMUNITY



Recent Property Sale in Lyons Georgia Adds Fuel to the Flames for Booming Development Plans

On September 26, 2022, the Lyons Development Authority sold property located in Lyons, Georgia to Truax Veneer. This action fulfilled the duties of the Intergovernmental Agreement the Lyons Development Authority signed with the City of Lyons on April 5, 2022.

Toombs County School System gifted a large tract of land to the city in 2021. The conveyance was contingent upon the property, or its profits being used to further recreation in the community. In 2022 the City Conveyed that same property to the Lyons Development Authority under the condition that \$100,000 of the profits from the sale of the property be used to update Faison Park. The Authority began marketing the property, and a local industry found the property beneficial to future growth. The Authority was excited to work with Truax because of its proximity to the property, solid record of accomplishment in the community, and the promise of additional jobs and investment dollars.

On September 26, 2022, the Lyons Development Authority and Truax Veneer finalized negotiations and closed on the property. The Lyons Development authority is now tasked with furthering its work as the development arm of the City to enhance the Community.

Mayor Willis D. NeSmith Jr. stated that he was thrilled by the work the Lyons Development Authority is doing to enhance our community. NeSmith also comments that “This Board is active and passionate about making the city a better place.” He further stated that he was enthusiastic that the City is currently in the development of plans to enhance recreation in the community with the funds from this sale.

The President of Truax Veneer Company, Andy Kimbell, announces “Truax Veneer is celebrating its 75th year of business in Lyons, GA. Our employees are proud to be a part of Lyons and admire our community's can-do attitude, spiritual strength, and genuine friendship. We believe this is the best town in the USA to do business and are thrilled to work with the Lyons Development Authority and the city to grow our operation. Thank you, Lyons Georgia.

George Powell, the Development Authority Chairman, is honored to be a part of the continued success he sees in Lyons, Georgia. “I am excited to aid local businesses and create mechanisms that will continue to fuel the flame of growth in the area,” stated Mr. Powell.