

Nathan Deal
Governor



Christopher Nunn
Commissioner

September 24, 2018

Mayor William Yearta
City of Sylvester
Post Office Box 370
Sylvester, Georgia 31791

Dear Mayor Yearta:

Congratulations! On behalf of Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Pat Wilson and myself, I want to inform you that the City of Sylvester has been approved as a Rural Zone. Eligible job creation and investment activities occurring on or after January 1, 2019 may qualify to claim tax credits under this program. Your community's Rural Zone was approved as submitted within the application.

Because of this designation, certain businesses creating jobs within the zone are eligible to earn tax credits for increasing their employment by at least two full-time equivalent positions. Additionally, tax credits are available to investors who acquire properties within the zone and/or rehabilitate the structures, provided that new jobs are created within these properties. Accompanying the Rural Zone process is a commitment by our staff to provide technical assistance to help ensure your local team is able to successfully implement the program. Our staff is working diligently to conduct the first training event in early November. Please be on the lookout for additional information from Cherie Bennett who oversees the Rural Zone program for our team.

As a newly designated 2019 Rural Zone Community, we invite you to participate in DCA's upcoming Fall Conference on October 10 and 11. The conference will be held at the new Great Wolf Lodge located at 150 Tom Hall Parkway in LaGrange, Georgia. On Wednesday, October 10, DCA staff will be leading a session on the Rural Zone program with successful communities from the 2018 designees discussing their use of the zone. Additionally, 2019 designees will be recognized at the Awards Dinner on the evening of October 10. To register for the Fall Conference and/or the Awards Dinner, please visit <https://dca.ga.gov/newsroom/calendar/dca-fall-conference-2018> to register. Registrations should be made prior to September 30, 2018.

We are excited about the revitalization that the City of Sylvester might experience through the use of tools available through this program. DCA looks forward to working



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closely with your team to help you implement your revitalization vision for the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Christopher Nunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "N".

G. Christopher Nunn
Commissioner

cc: Barbara Reddick, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission