

“City of Excellence” Award

The city of Dublin was featured in the February 2000 issue of Georgia Trend magazine after being named “A City of Excellence” by the Georgia Municipal Association and Georgia Trend Magazine.

Dublin was chosen as one of the ten best managed most livable cities in Georgia when judged in the areas of fiscal management, public safety, infrastructure, citizen participation, cultural activities, community partnerships and downtown viability. The award was presented at the Georgia Municipal Association’s annual Mayor’s Day luncheon.

Singled out in the story “Dublin’s Spirit a Potent Tool” was the expansion of the Oconee Regional Library with \$400,000 apiece given by the city and county in order to obtain the \$3.1 million dollar grant plus furnishings and equipment given by civic clubs, businesses and individuals.

Dublin and Laurens County were cited as fourth in the state in implementing state mandates to share services including jail staffing and maintenance, recycling, landfill operations, recreation and animal control.

Conversion of the Fred Roberts Hotel into a Seniors Center; remodeling and furnishing of the old theater into a first class facility; and the old Carnegie Library into a museum were cited.

Police officers going door-to-door in troubled areas and Teen Court as well as volunteerism were noted.

Another example of cooperation and innovation in reducing pollution and preserving natural resources was a water-reuse plan with Southeast Paper Manufacturing Company. A pipeline was constructed under the Oconee River to send two million gallons of

wastewater a day from Dublin to Southeast Paper for its use, thereby saving the taxpayers the cost of acquiring land and building a costly spray irrigation system for the city. Southeast Paper reduced its intake from the river by two million gallons daily, thus making that amount available for future industrial development.

Dublin mayor Bob Walker and city manager George Roussel were pictured in the story.

HGTI Business and Industry Center floor plan.

