

**Discussion Topics from Economic Development Stakeholder's Meeting
June 30, 2009**

- Evaluation of airport Use—Clemson University vs. businesses
- Charlotte's future impact on Oconee must be a consideration in addition to that of Atlanta
- Oconee County's section of I-85 is a bottleneck (only 4 lanes)
- Different methods of financing infrastructure need to be considered
- County needs to create a partnership with water providers
- More communication needed between all parties
- Priority needs to be given to using existing infrastructure more efficiently
- The various components of Economic Development need to be balanced (industrial growth, tourism, etc)
- Focus on expanding education of workforce
- Determine value of tourism versus industry
- Continue to make agriculture a priority
- Focus on developing sustainable agriculture
- Create a conservation bank