

CITY OF LOCUST GROVE, GEORGIA



Profile:

Incorporated: 1893

2000 Population: 1,778

2007 Estimate: 3,855

Mayor and City Council

Lorene Lindsey, Mayor

Keith Boone

W.L. "Billy" Carter

Viann Doerr

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Willie Roberts

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The City of Locust Grove derived its name from a beautiful grove of locust trees that could be seen throughout the town. This tranquil Henry County community is a place for combining tradition with change. Locust Grove was a major rail distribution center for cotton, peaches, and other farm products. The city had three cotton gins and several warehouses. In 1870, the first store was built on Main Street.

One of Henry County's most important landmark buildings is the Locust Grove Institute (LGI), founded by The Locust Grove Baptist Church and Mercer University. The Great Depression and the introduction of public schools in Henry County led to the demise of The Locust Grove Institute in May of 1930. The school remained empty until 1936 when the academic building served as a public elementary school for the city. In 1983, the City of Locust Grove purchased the building. Numerous renovations were made and the structure was restored, modifying the interior to house the various City Government offices, presently known as the Locust Grove Municipal Complex. This building was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on September 4, 1986.

The Tanger Outlet Mall opened for business in the fall of 1994, and welcomes more than 2 million visitors each year. Tanger features more than 70 brand name manufacturer and designer outlet stores including Eddie Bauer, Gap, Liz Claiborne, Old Navy, Polo Ralph Lauren and Tommy Hilfiger.