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## **Troup County Extension Office Relocates to Pegasus Parkway**

**Troup County, Ga. June 25, 2021** – Troup County’s University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Office is relocating and receiving major upgrades that will help the department better serve the citizens of Troup County. Construction for the new site, located at 2168 Pegasus Parkway, LaGrange, GA 30240, has been ongoing since March of this year and is expected to be completed by September, 2021.

This new location will greatly expand the opportunities UGA Extension offers Troup County residents. Troup County Extension Coordinator Laura Mirarchi explained, “Outdoor teaching spaces, including planned garden plots and pollinator gardens, will exponentially increase the number and types of programs our agents can provide to meet the needs of the community.” Along with an indoor meeting space, this property will house a demonstration kitchen where cooking, canning, and other health and wellness programs will eventually take place.

UGA Extension is comprised of a network of dedicated specialists and agents who are trained in agriculture, natural resources, youth development, health, and wellness. These individuals help Georgians learn and grow through workshops, hands-on educational programs, and personal assistance. The Troup County Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, Deborah Xavier-Mis, is available to serve the needs of Troup County residents by providing home horticulture advice, informational resources for farmers and producers, site visits to homes and farms, and insight into management of natural resources.

This new building sits on more than 45 acres of property, so there is definitely room for additional expansion as needed. According to Mirarchi, nature trails and similar outdoor recreation options could be added to this location in the future. “It all depends on what the residents of Troup County desire; we are here to assist the community in any way we can by providing services to meet their needs.”

Most recently, the River City Contracting team has focused on ongoing siding, roofing, and driveway installation, as well as sheetrock finishing, paint preparation, and grading for the future parking lot area. Thankfully, severe weather has not produced any setbacks to the progress of this project, and the new office is still on track to open to the public in the coming months.

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