



SOPHOMORE REPORT
FEBRUARY 2019

WHAT WE HAVE DONE



Monthly Meetings
Beginning January 2018



Community Clean-Up
April 21st with the Cochran-
Bleckley Chamber of
Commerce



Scrap Tire Amnesty Event
April 16-20 with various drop
points



Code Enforcement
Improvements and Increased
Activity



Housing Assessment
Approximately 1235 houses
assessed in partnership with
Middle Georgia State University
students and GICH Team
Members



CHIP Grant Submission
December 5 with the
help of new grant writer



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

WORKED THROUGHOUT THE CITY TO CLEAN-UP TRASH
FOUND ON THE PUBLIC PROPERTY



CONDUCTED BY POLITICAL
SCIENCE STUDENTS FOR
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
CREDIT



~50 STUDENTS WORKING
ABOUT 1.5 – 2 HOURS EACH
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
AND FRIDAY



FULCRUM APP UTILIZED ON
TABLETS AND CELL PHONES



HOUSING ASSESSMENTS TO
BE COMPLETED BY THE END
OF SPRING 2019

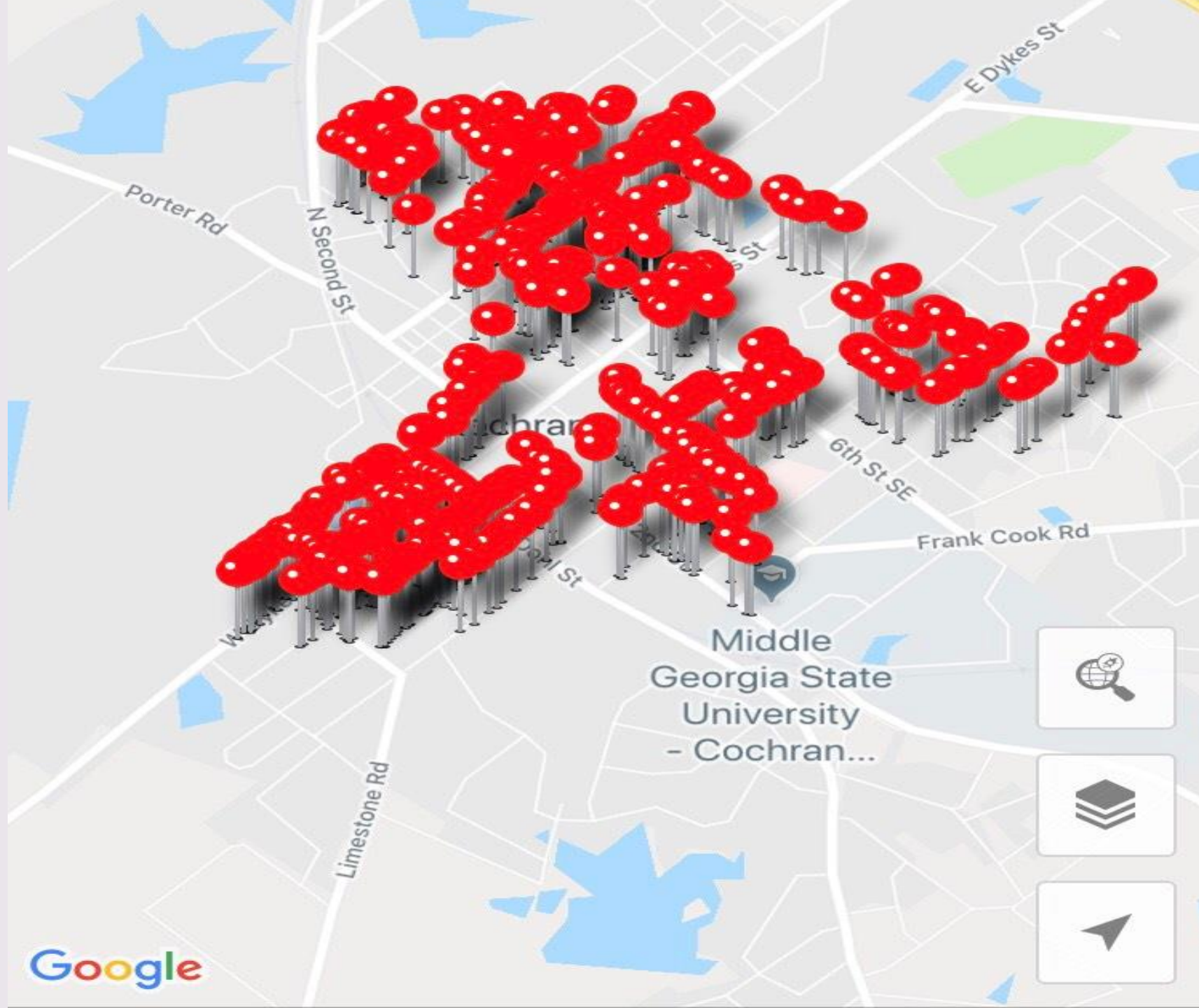
HOUSING ASSESSMENTS

GICH TEAM ASSESSMENTS









WHAT WE ARE DOING

Continue our Partnership with Middle Georgia State University to complete remaining housing assessments and host a Housing Exposition in Spring 2019 on Earth Day

Organize the next Community Clean-up and Scrap Tire events in Spring 2019

Create the non-profit “Cochran Cares” as a 501(c)(3)

Begin “Rounding Up” utility bill to help fund “Cochran Cares”

Work with Code Enforcement to address heir and blighted properties

DOORS THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED

- Developing an Urban Redevelopment Plan with assistance from the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission
- Revitalizing our Downtown Development Authority
- Working with Downtown property owners and business owners to determine what is needed and encourage growth and development



CODE ENFORCEMENT

01

Residential and
Commercial
Enforcement

02

Use of the Court
system to enforce
code violations as
needed

03

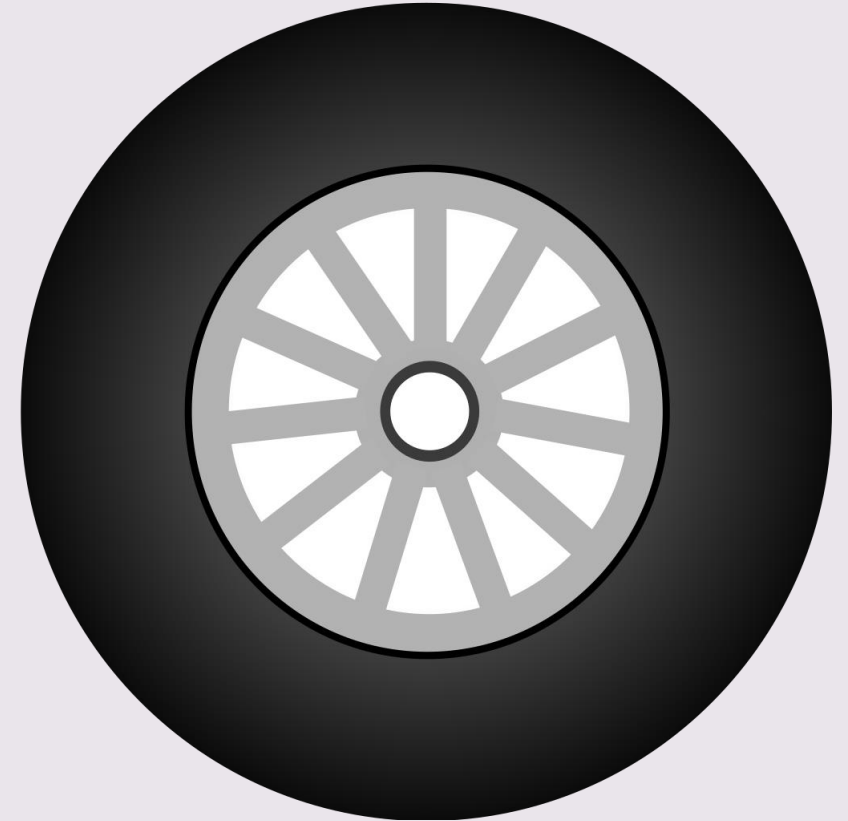
Demolition
Assistance Grant
for low to
moderate income
homeowners

SCRAP TIRES AMNESTY EVENT

Encouraged City residents to bring their scrap tires to a designated location within the City of Cochran

Worked with the Chamber of Commerce to advertise the drop point

Gathered over 800 tires!
Let's do it again!



COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT



























DEMOLITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



















FIRE TRAINING







FUTURE PLANS FOR COCHRAN CARES



Continue education to property owners on the importance of housing compliance



Continue enforcement to achieve compliance of commercial and residential properties



Prioritize the targeted areas implemented in the CHIP grant application



Continue our search for resources

COCHRAN CARES MEMBERS

- Carla Coley
- Regina Gooch
- Andrew Lemmon
- Keith Martin
- Deborah Turner
- Dianne Lester
- Dani Dykes
- Linda Ates

- Sandra Watkins
- Pearl Floyd
- Chris Coley
- Brock Wilcher
- Willie Farrow
- James Smith
- Richard Newbern

Other members:

- Keith Anderson
- Pam Moore
- Brooke Miller
- Rufus Veal
- Brian Lucas