

Aerial views of Jackson County growth



A key area of Jackson County industrial growth has been the I-85 & Hwy. 129 interchange in Jefferson. This area north of the interstate has been the site of massive industrial development during the last decade as new businesses have flocked to the area. In this photo, the interchange is out of the frame in the upper right and Hwy. 129 runs north to the upper left of the photo.

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A hazy smoke from burning trees covers the area being cleared for the Bear Creek Reservoir in South Jackson. The huge lake will provide water to a four-county area.



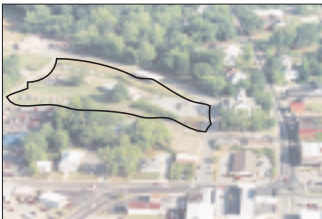
A ubiquitous site from the air is the growth in Jackson County subdivisions. Once scarce, subdivisions have become a common feature over the county's landscape.



An unmistakable feature from the air is the route of the Jefferson bypass, currently under construction. Here, the route is shown as it passes Jackson County Comprehensive High School (left) crosses Hwy. 11 and passes by Crowe's lake.



Cut through the trees is the route for an access road between Hwy. 98 and Hwy. 441 that runs parallel to I-85 near Commerce. The area is the location of a state industrial "mega-site" for growth.



Although no dirt has yet been turned, the proposed location for a Jackson County courthouse annex is shown by the dotted lines to the left of the current courthouse in Jefferson. A variety of problems have held up the project and the area needed for the facility may grow to encompass additional land.



The Dry Pond exit in Jefferson where Hwy. 82 crosses I-85 is destined to be a major growth spot, as evidenced by the construction of a Freightliner facility in this photo. This view is looking south with I-85 heading toward Atlanta in the upper right of the photo. The land on the left of the photo is all designated for industrial development. The area is served by infrastructure from the City of Jefferson, as evidenced by the water tank in the top of the photo, and by the Jackson County Water and Sewer Authority whose water tank is in the bottom of the photograph.