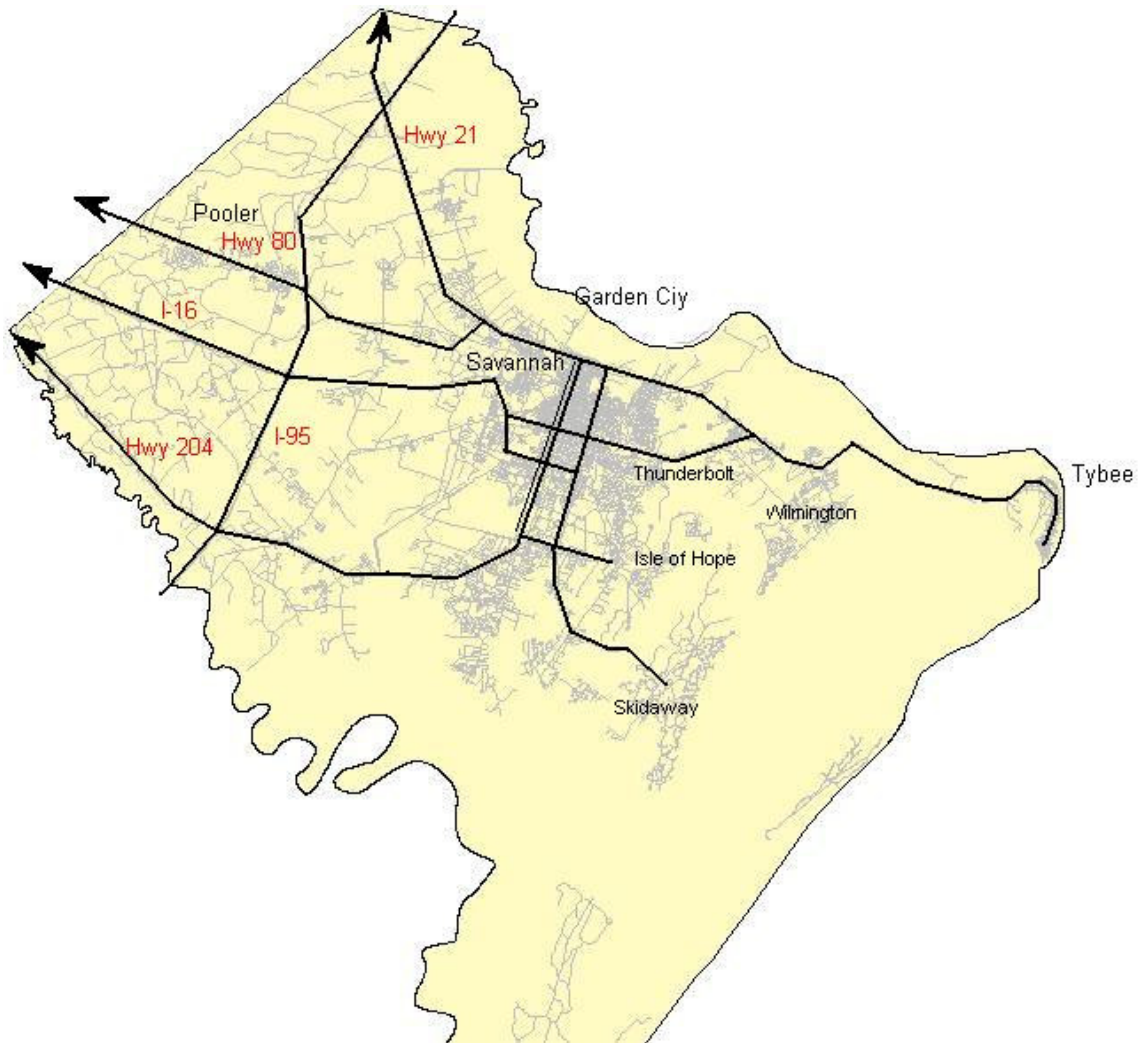


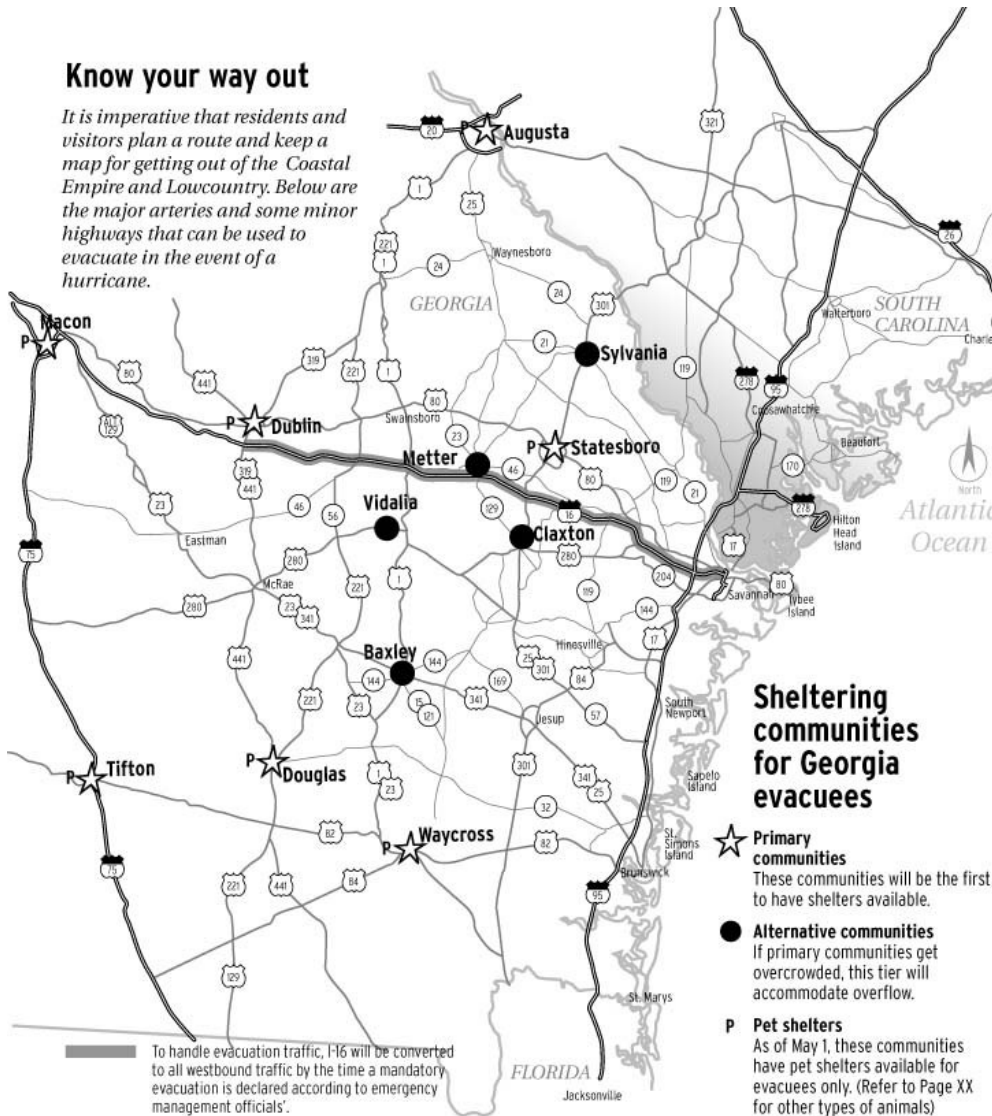
EVACUATION ROUTES INSIDE CHATHAM COUNTY



NOTE: Highways outside the County that parallel the coastline I-95, US 17A or US 17 Southbound should be avoided as a hurricane approaches. They are not designated evacuation routes and may be dangerous within 12-18 hours before landfall.

Know your way out

It is imperative that residents and visitors plan a route and keep a map for getting out of the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry. Below are the major arteries and some minor highways that can be used to evacuate in the event of a hurricane.



To handle evacuation traffic, I-16 will be converted to all westbound traffic by the time a mandatory evacuation is declared according to emergency management officials'.

Sheltering communities for Georgia evacuees

- ★ Primary communities**
These communities will be the first to have shelters available.
- Alternative communities**
If primary communities get overcrowded, this tier will accommodate overflow.
- P Pet shelters**
As of May 1, these communities have pet shelters available for evacuees only. (Refer to Page XX for other types of animals)

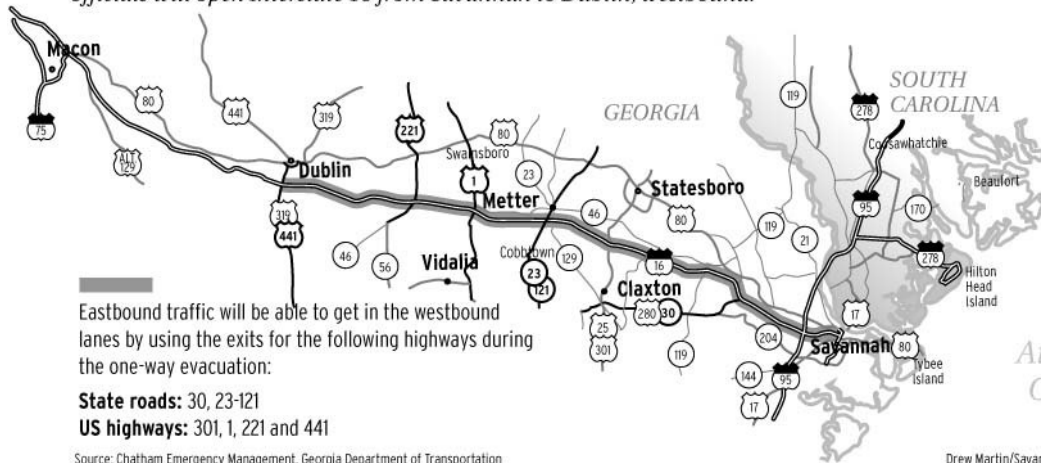
Shelters

In case of a Category 1 or 2 hurricane, these counties may open the following inland shelters:

- Georgia**
- Chatham:** will use selected area schools. Names of the schools will be announced.
- Bryan:** Bryan County High school and Bryan County Elementary School.
- Effingham:** Guyton, Ebenezer and Sandhill Elementary Schools
- Liberty:** First Baptist Church and Bradwell High School in Hinesville.
- South Carolina**
- Beaufort:** Michael C. Riley School, Bluffton: Battery Creek High School, Burton; Beaufury Elementary School, Beaufort.
- Jasper:** Coosawhatchie Community Center, Coosawhatchie; Jasper County High School, Ridgeland; Robertville Community Center, Robertville; and Ridgeland Elementary and Middle Schools, Ridgeland.

All westbound, 125 miles to Dublin

To avoid the bottleneck created from the Hurricane Floyd evacuation in 1999, officials will open Interstate 16 from Savannah to Dublin, westbound.



Eastbound traffic will be able to get in the westbound lanes by using the exits for the following highways during the one-way evacuation:

- State roads:** 30, 23-121
- US highways:** 301, 1, 221 and 441

Source: Chatham Emergency Management. Georgia Department of Transportation

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