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# BLUE RIDGE CONNECTOR

Linking North Georgia to the world

Location: Gainesville, GA

## A Vibrant Industrial Corridor

- Set to open **Spring 2026**, the Blue Ridge Connector will serve an important region for the production of heavy equipment, food and forest products.
- The **104-acre location** is served by Class I rail and offers easy interstate access.
- **24-hour** direct rail service with Norfolk Southern.

## Service & Connectivity

- **Direct rail link** between Northeast Georgia and the Port of Savannah, one of the most connected ports in the country with 35+ ships per week.
- Ideal **access to both I-85 and I-985**.
- Serves the **growing manufacturing and logistics corridor** in Northeast Georgia with its 2 million consumer market.

## Efficiency

- **Reduces congestion and emissions** on Atlanta and Georgia highways by eliminating the 600-mile roundtrip by truck to and from the Port of Savannah.
- **Reduces transportation costs** for importers and exporters thanks to rail's scale.
- **Economic development tool** to draw new investment as a catalyst for State of Georgia.

## Sustainability / Operational Features

- **Emissions decreased by 75%** compared to trucking.
- Opening with a fleet of **seven electric cranes**.
- RTG crane movement alarms use white noise that **reduces noise** for local communities.
- Special lighting fixtures that direct light downward **reduce light pollution**.

## Roadway Safety

- Through engineering, design, and operational procedures, **truck traffic is separated** from local commuter traffic.



# THE BLUE RIDGE CONNECTOR OFFERS YOU **CONNECTIVITY.**

## 200K

annual container lift  
capacity.

## 18K

feet of working  
track.

## \$127M

self-financed  
investment in rail.



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