Savannah's Georgia Tech campus could be converted into a major film studio

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Jeffrey Stepakoff, executive director of the Georgia Film Academy said, "Savannah has an amazing film business, an amazing film industry. Why? Great locations, great crew, great people. That being said, Savannah is missing a few key components."

One of those missing components, according to Stepakoff, is purpose built sound stages. Stepakoff said the Hostess City needs "sound stages that can be used for television productions, for example, that can house major motion pictures."

According to Savannah's Regional Film Commission, in 2019 the film industry contributed $266 million to the local economy. Some believe this project would only build upon that economic benefit, by increasing production opportunities.

"The Georgia Film Academy is delighted to see this project coming to fruition. We're very excited to see who may be interested in developing sound stages for this region," Stepakoff said.

If approved, Georgia Advanced Technology Ventures would lead the process to select a developer.

GATV would also facilitate the relocation of Georgia Tech's Professional Education program. ∎