



APPENDIX A: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

I. Purpose

The purpose of this document, the Public Participation Program, is to ensure that Carroll County's Comprehensive Plan accurately reflects the community's vision for the future. This is accomplished by identifying those members of the public that have a vested interest in the proposals of the plan and by specifying the techniques that will be used to reach those people, as well as the public at large.

Public input is vital to a successful plan, as it is ultimately a reflection of the people's vision for their community. It is important, therefore, to understand that a successful public participation program will not be measured merely by the fact that the public has been informed about the comprehensive planning process but, more importantly, by the evident contribution of the public to a workable plan that represents a large portion of the population.

II. Public Participation

Planning has been an ongoing process in Carroll County. This Plan update began after Carroll Tomorrow identified the need to plan for the growth being experienced within the County and the surrounding areas. Both Carroll Tomorrow and the County's planning staff conducted numerous workshops and background analyses that produced information used in the development of the 2005 and 2008 plan. This tradition has been continued with the 2018 Plan.

The development of the Plan included a multifaceted citizen participation process that employed a number of public input techniques. Public workshops focus groups, interviews, a Steering Committee, a survey, social media blasts, and public hearings provided various avenues for gathering information from a broad range of stakeholder groups in the County. The following public participation events solicited public input:

A. Public Hearings & Workshops

The County conducted a series of public hearings

- September 19, 2017 – Public Hearing/Kickoff
- April 2018 – Community Workshop
- July 31, 2018 – Public Hearing



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B. Focus Groups

- March 5, 2018 – Agricultural Community

C. Informational Sessions with Leadership

Regular updates were made to the Board of Commissioners and Planning and Zoning Commission

- Board of Commissioners Work Session – November 30, 2017
- Planning and Zoning Commissioners - February 27, 2018, March 27, 2018, June 26, 2018, and July 24, 2018

D. Steering Committee

Regular updates were made to the Steering Committee

- October 30, 2017 – Meeting
- March 13, 2018 – Meeting

E. Survey/Website/Social Media

- An online survey (see below) was available on the county’s website for several months.
- The Future Land Use Draft and the Comprehensive Plan Update were posted on the website and made available for comment.
- The public was additionally made aware of the public input survey and Future Land Use draft and text via Facebook posts.

III. Stakeholders

- American Association of Retired Persons
- Board of Realtors
- Carroll County 4-H
- Carroll County Commissioners
- Carroll County Farm Bureau
- Carroll County Historical Society
- Carroll County Housing Authority
- Carroll County School Board
- Carroll Tomorrow
- Chamber of Commerce
- Chattahoochee-Flint Regional Development Center
- Community Action for Improvement
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- County Department Officials (including Sheriff, Fire and EMA, Community Development, and Tax Assessor)
- Elected City Officials
- Farmer’s Co-Operatives
- Georgia Department of Transportation
- Georgia Regional Transport Authority



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- Habitat for Humanity
- Home Builder's Association
- Homeowner's Associations, such as:
 - Fairfield Plantation, Oak Grove, and Hickory Level
- Local Churches
- Local Civic Organizations
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Perpetual Motion Cycling
- Sons/Daughters of the Confederacy
- Tanner Health System
- University of West Georgia
- West Central Technical College
- West Georgia Regional Airport



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Exhibit 1: Comprehensive Plan Survey

Hey, Carroll County!

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

As part of the upcoming revision of Carroll County's Comprehensive Plan, we'd like to get your input on the direction of our County! Please provide answers to the following questions.

What is your general opinion of Carroll County?

- I really like it.
- I like some things.
- I mostly don't like it.
- I really don't like it.

What do you like most about Carroll County?

What do you like least about Carroll County?

What do you think needs to be improved about Carroll County?

List three words that currently describe Carroll County:

List three words that describe how you think Carroll County should be ten years from now:



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Exhibit 2: Public hearing notices, sign-in sheets and transmittal resolutions



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August 3, 2018

Three Rivers Regional Commission
PO Box 1600
Franklin, GA 30217

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Submittal

Carroll County has completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is submitting it with this letter for review by the Three Rivers Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs.

I certify that we have held the required public hearings and have involved the public in development of the plan in a manner appropriate to our community's dynamics and resources. Evidence of this has been included with our submittal.

I certify that appropriate staff and decision-makers have reviewed both the Regional Water Plan<s> covering our area and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria (O.C.G.A. 12-2-8) and taken them into consideration in formulating our plan.

If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Janet Hyde at 770-830-5800 or Amy Goolsby at 404-360-1128.

Sincerely,

Marty Smith
Chairman, Carroll County

Enclosures

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY
TO TRANSMIT THE 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE TO THE
THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

WHEREAS, Carroll County has completed the update of the 20-year
Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, these documents were prepared according to the Standards and
Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective January 31, 2013 and established
by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the required public hearings were held on
September 19, 2017 and July 31, 2008.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Board of
Commissioners does hereby transmit the Community Assessment and the Community
Participation Program portions of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update to the Three
Rivers Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for
official review.

Adopted this 2nd day of August 2018.

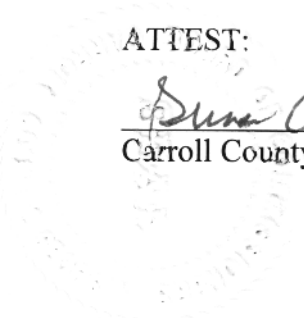


Carroll County Commission Chairman

ATTEST:



Carroll County Clerk



A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION OF CARROLL COUNTY TO RECOMMEND TRANSMITTAL OF THE 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE BY THE CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

WHEREAS, Carroll County has completed the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update.

WHEREAS, these documents were prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective January 31, 2013 and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the required public hearings were held on September 19, 2017 and July 31, 2008.

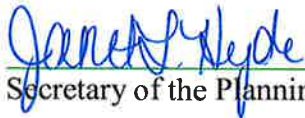
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Carroll County Planning & Zoning Commission does recommend transmittal of the 20-year Comprehensive Plan Update by the Carroll County Board of Commissioners to the Three Rivers Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 24 day of July 2018.



Carroll County Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Planning & Zoning Commission