

PART 2: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

The Lamar County Long-Range, Comprehensive Planning Committee proposes and has initiated the following actions for the solicitation of ideas and the development of a comprehensive plan.

1. Through public announcements at County Commissioners meetings and accompanying newspaper reports, sought volunteers for the Comprehensive Planning Committee.
2. Identified community stakeholders consisting of public officials, civic organizations, church leaders, business leaders, community clubs, community organizers and educational leaders. In our initial contact with these groups we asked that they provide a list of potential issues and /or opportunities that they saw in Lamar County's future. An updated list of stakeholders will be contacted with the approved Community Assessment information and to seek their input for the development of Community Agenda.
3. Conducted public briefings at civic clubs, Community Centers, Church group (Senior Adult club) meetings, and Flower clubs to inform them of the need for the plan and to get a pulse of the county's residents.
4. Passed out over 500 surveys to the general public for inputs on the residents' desires for the future development of the county.
5. A legally announced public hearing was conducted on October 16, 2008. Inputs from that meeting have been incorporated into Natural/Historic Resources portion of the Community Assessment report.

Lamar County will set the dates for a new round of briefings with the various civic, community, religious, business and activity groups after approval of the Community Assessment.

Lamar County expects to have the Community Agenda developed, second public hearing held and the plan submitted within 45 days after receipt of the approved Community Assessment and Community Participation Program.

**PUBLIC HEARING
LAMAR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
LAMAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

In accordance with the Georgia Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, Lamar County will hold a PUBLIC HEARING to review and discuss the rough draft of its Community Assessment and Community Participation Program portions of the Local Comprehensive Plan for the development of the county for the next 20 years. All Lamar County residents are invited to come to review the planning documents and sign up to voice your concerns and desires for our county.