

### City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan 2018 Update





Developed by the Planning & Government Services Division of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

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#### Introduction & Overview

#### Purpose

This comprehensive plan serves as a decision-making guide for local government officials and community leaders. Based on input from the public and a steering committee, the plan identifies needs and opportunities, goals and policies, land use practices, and an implementation framework for key elements.

#### Process

The comprehensive plan process follows the rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, effective 3/1/2014.

#### **Public Involvement**

#### Public Input & Steering Committee

The planning process began with a public hearing, and was followed by a series of community input sessions during which the public and a local steering committee were invited to discuss local trends and aspirations. An online questionnaire provided additional feedback opportunities, as did the availability of steering committee members to take questions and comments throughout the process (as presented at the first public hearing). A final public hearing was held before submittal of the plan to the DCA for review.

#### NEGRC's Role

The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission's (NEGRC) Planning & Government Services Division oversaw the development of this plan, including facilitating public and steering committee meetings.



### Needs & Opportunities

The following list of needs and opportunities results from a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis conducted at the first input meeting, with both steering committee and public present, as well as professional analysis of relevant data and results of the online questionnaire.

*\*Italicized entries indicate high priorities (with STWP project number in parentheses)* 



#### Population

As of 2017, the City of Auburn has an estimated population of 7,400 and an annual projected growth rate of 1.30%, which is higher than the state (1.04%) and nation (.83%). Some stakeholders note that the rapid population growth is a threat to the community's resources. However, stakeholders also mention that an increase in population presents an opportunity for residential and economic growth.

The median age is 40 years but projections show that in the next five years the largest age group will be 55-plus. The racial makeup is 82.9% white, 9.3% Hispanic, 5.4% black, and 5.1% Asian. According to projections, the racial makeup of the community is expected to remain stable for the next five years. *Meeting attendees state that the lack of diversity is a threat to the community. (14)* 

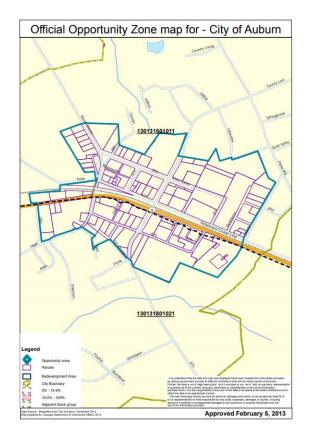
According to 2017 estimates, the median income is \$50,134, which is slightly lower than the state average of \$52,336. *The 2017 estimates also show that 20% of the population is in poverty and that 40% of those in poverty are households with children under five years old. To address this, the city will create an ad hoc committee on poverty and develop an economic development plan. (15, 16)* 

#### Planning, Land Use, and Housing

According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 91.2% of Auburn's housing units are occupied, and the majority of these are single-family (98.3%). Of the total housing stock, 65.3% of units are owner-occupied and 25.9% are renter-occupied. In comparison to the state's owner-occupied (62.8%) and renter-occupied (37.2%) units, the city of Auburn has a lower percentage of renter-occupied housing units. *Stakeholders indicate that the lack of diversity of housing unit* 

### *types is a weakness. Officials can use this as an opportunity to determine preferences to expand residential development. (2)*

The city of Auburn is a redevelopment area and an opportunity zone. The designation, which expires in 2023, provides a maximum job tax credit of \$3,500 per job. The incentive is available to any existing or new business that creates two or more jobs. The map below highlights the areas that are redevelopment and opportunity zones. Careful planning can encourage industry, retail, and restaurant development in these areas.



#### **Transportation**

Major state and U.S. highways transect the city, and meeting attendees list this as a strength. However, stakeholders note that traffic congestion is becoming an issue and also point out that trails and sidewalks are necessary for a growing community. *A focus on complete street and trails planning will address these concerns. (6)* 

#### **Natural and Cultural Resources**

Stakeholders state that the greatest strengths the city has are the abundance of park spaces and community engagement. Currently, Auburn has seven parks that are managed by the Parks and Leisure Department. The city encourages community engagement through farmers markets, craft fairs, and events for all ages. The emphasis on engagement through cultural resources contributes to Auburn's sense of pride, quaint-small town feel, and family-oriented culture. However, stakeholders comment that outsiders view Auburn as a "small town in anywhere, USA," which they state is a threat to the development of the city.

Auburn will continue to work with the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District on implementing relevant requirements of the 2017 Water Resource Management Plan.

#### **Community Facilities and Services**

The City of Auburn provides various facilities and services for the community, such as public water, parks, and a library. Meeting attendees point out that the growth in population is an opportunity to create more libraries and expand the water and sewerage systems. Although Auburn provides information on managing stormwater,

attendees state that not having dedicated facilities is a threat. Leaders can create stormwater facilities to address these concerns.

Stakeholders called for a central square area, an infrastructure needs analysis, and a parks and recreation plan. They also expressed a desire for flexible-use public space for children and teens. (1, 5, 3, 12)

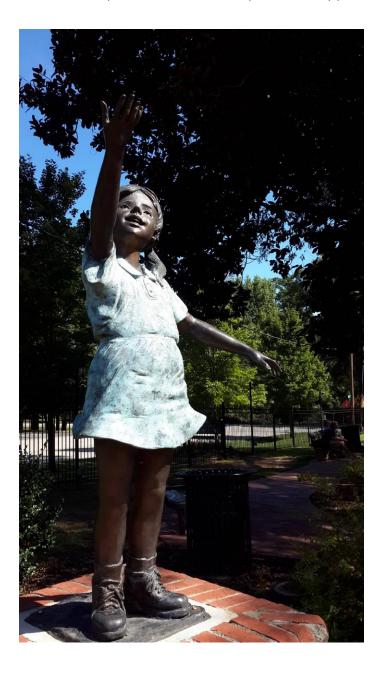
#### **Intergovernmental Coordination**

City and county officials work together through comprehensive planning to address issues such as transportation and land use. As addressed previously, Auburn also coordinates with state and federal agencies to receive tax breaks on redevelopment and improvement areas.

#### **Economic Development**

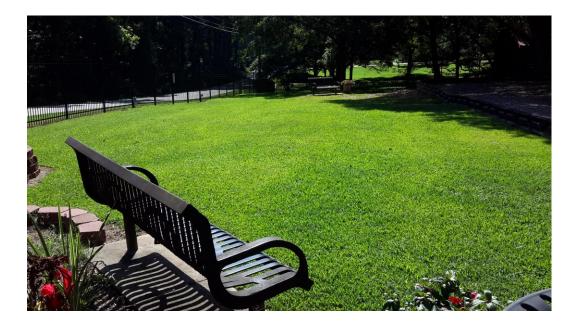
Stakeholders indicate that lack of economic growth is a weakness in the community. As of 2015, the largest employment industries were retail (7.3%), wholesale trade (6.3%), and educational services (5.3%). The largest occupations are sales/office (37.4%), management/ business, and science/arts (21.2%). However, stakeholders note that Auburn is a bedroom community and see this as a weakness. Coordination between businesses and officials could create job opportunities, attract new residents, and raise earning income potential. Careful planning will ensure that business and job opportunities develop while maintaining a healthy mixture of industries.

One of the city's strategies for economic growth is to plan and implement measures that will increase quality of life, attractiveness, and civic pride.



#### Vision

The city of Auburn is noted for its quaint hometown feel, excellent leadership, and affordable standard of living. Its central location between Atlanta and Athens allows for opportunities for economic development. Through careful planning, Auburn will grow in population and business activity.



#### **Goals & Policies**

- 1. Continue to develop community engagement efforts
- 2. Incentivize small-business and industrial development
- 3. Invest in infrastructure improvements and other public projects to spur private investment
- 4. Improve public facilities and programming opportunities
- 5. Develop a comprehensive system of paths, trails, and complete streets
- 6. Increase diversity and civic pride
- 7. Provide a variety of housing options

#### Land Use

These future land uses (FLU) correspond to the map that follows. While zoning regulations vary, FLU represents a standardized approach to envisioning and planning for desired scenarios. As such, inconsistencies between FLU and existing land use or zoning maps may arise because FLU presents a blueprint for what is to come.

#### **Future Land Use Designations**

#### Single-Family Residential

Conventional residential subdivisions, as well as conservation subdivisions, with supportive recreational amenities and small-scale public/institutional uses. Lot sizes range from 5,000 square feet to several acres. Includes low-impact civic space.

#### Multi-Family Residential

Apartments, town homes, or duplexes of varying sizes and structure types, mostly concentrated on collectors, arterials, etc. Includes lowand medium-impact civic space.

#### General Commercial

Commercial uses that require a location accessible to large numbers of people and that serve substantial portions of the community. Typically situated along major roads and thoroughfares. Includes civic space.

#### Mixed Use

Implements a recently developed concept for a large area of mostly residential and civic uses with limited commercial. Approximately 70% of the area will be 5,000- to 10,000-square foot residential lots, with roughly 20% public/institutional (pocket parks, a creek-side greenway, and a village green) and the remainder in commercial and other types of development. The new Auburn City Hall will be located in this area.

#### Corridor Commercial

Similar to General Commercial, these require a location accessible to large numbers of people and serve substantial portions of the community. Predominantly located along Atlanta Highway. Includes civic space.

#### Neighborhood Commercial

Provides a location for convenience goods and services for people in nearby residential neighborhoods. Parking will be minimized and buildings should address the street for easy pedestrian and cyclist access. Includes low- and medium-impact civic space.

#### Agricultural

Agriculture and very low-density residential development. Ensures that open and/or sparsely developed areas of the city are protected with minimal community impacts.

#### Light Industrial

Lands located on or with ready access to a major road or state highway and well adapted to industrial development, but whose proximity to residential land necessitates minimal impacts. All uses are conducted indoors.

#### Heavy Industrial

More intensive manufacturing and industrial operations and processes that are not public nuisances and are not dangerous to the health, safety, or general welfare of the inhabitants of the city.



#### Future Land Use Map

**Future Land Use** 

Mixed Use

Agricultural

Light Industrial Heavy Industrial

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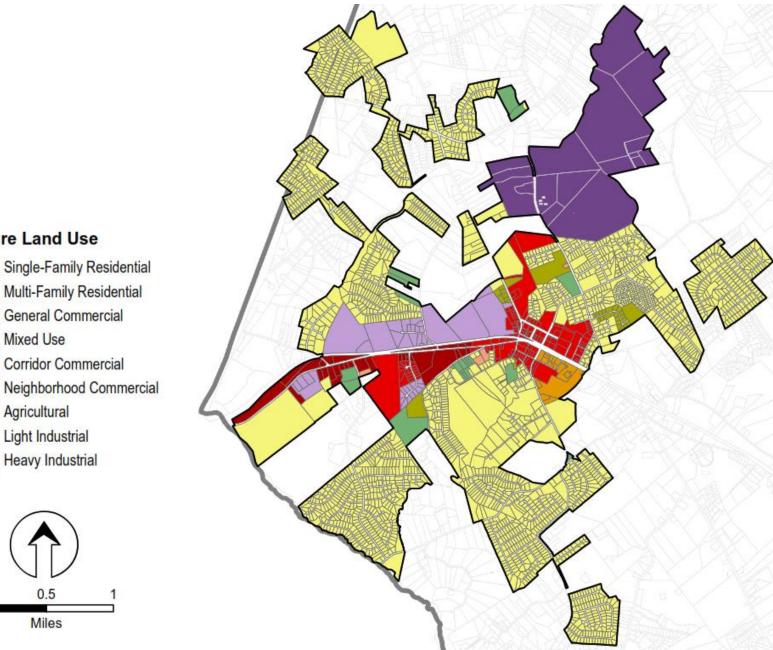
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Single-Family Residential Multi-Family Residential **General Commercial** 

**Corridor Commercial** 



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#### Transportation

Since Auburn is located within the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary of the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), the State of Georgia requires the city's comprehensive plan to include this transportation element. MPOs are federally-mandated organizations that provide regional context to transportation planning in urbanized areas. This section and the ARC's Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) should be used together when considering local transportation decisions.

#### Local and Regional Transportation Considerations

Transportation discussions are found throughout this comprehensive plan. Additionally, the community has identified the following *Objectives and Policies* from the ARC's RTP (2016, p47) as desirable in Auburn:

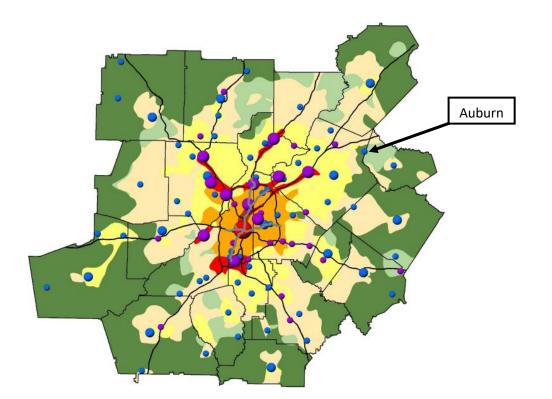
- 2.3 Promote bicycle transportation by developing safe and connected route options and facilities.
- 2.4 Promote pedestrian-friendly policies and designs.
- 3.1 Prioritize solutions that improve multimodal connectivity.
- 3.3 Road expansion projects in rural areas should support economic competitiveness by improving multi-modal connectivity between centers.
- 3.4 Implement a complete streets approach on roadway projects that is sensitive to the existing community.
- 5.4 Increase access to areas with essential services, including healthcare, education, recreation, entertainment, and commercial retail.

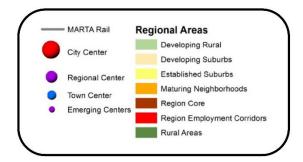
#### **Growth and Development**

Auburn's future land use vision, which is detailed in Chapter 4 and around which additional discussion takes place throughout this plan, prioritizes downtown development, neighborhood-based residential life, and connected greenspace. The ARC RTP's Unified Growth Policy Map, which describes Auburn as a Town Center, is relatively consistent with the community's desired growth patterns. Despite this basic level of agreement, the local government and the ARC should refer to the growth vision and future land use discussion found in this comprehensive plan rather than the RTP's UGPM.

#### Auburn and the ARC MPO

Auburn does not participate directly in the Atlanta MPO. It is represented through the Barrow County government on the Transportation & Air Quality Committee and Transportation Coordinating Committee, and as part of the ARC's Municipal District 6, which includes other cities within Barrow, Gwinnett, and Walton counties. The ARC RTP features no projects within Auburn. (http://garc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=025c a60f2ee54b779dc77209e51f3f25/)





### Community Work Program

The Short-Term Work Program (2018-2022), updated every five years, provides a list of specific activities that the community plans to address as immediate priorities. A Report of Plan Accomplishments, which provides status commentary on the previous work plan (2013-2017), follows.





#### Short-Term Work Program, 2018-2022

(\*entries with an asterisk represent carryover items from the previous STWP)

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
1	Create central square area for gathering, entertainment, and beautification	2018-2022	TBD	SPLOST, Grants, General Fund	Planning, DDA, Staff, Consultants
2	Develop housing study to identify specific type, design, and location preferences	2018-2019	N/A	Staff Time	Planning
3	Designate ad hoc work group of elected officials, staff, and residents to identify programming and facility improvements that will provide opportunities for children and attract families	2018-2019	N/A	N/A	Mayor, Council, Staff
4	Begin implementation of mixed-use development south of railroad	2018-2022	TBD	SPLOST, General Fund, Grants	Consultants, DDA
5	Determine list of infrastructure (and other) needs to accommodate future development	2018-2019	TBD	General Fund	Planning, Consultants
6	*Adopt complete streets and trails plan for walking and bicycling	2018-2019	\$2,000	General Fund, GDOT	Planning, Consultants
7	Construct underpass for connectivity across railroad corridor	2020-2022	\$500,000	SPLOST, General Fund, Grants	Planning, Consultants
8	*Adopt basic parks and recreation master plan that identifies needs/desires and recommends improvements (including greenspace)	2018-2020	\$10,000	General Fund, DCA	Planning, Parks & Leisure, Consultants
9	Open dog park	2018-2020	\$10,000	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants	Parks & Leisure, Planning

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
10	Develop parking plan focusing on day-to-day and special events parking, including physical space and operations/procedures	2018-2019	N/A	N/A	Planning
11	Define blight eradication strategy	2019-2020	N/A	N/A	Planning, Mayor, Council
12	Identify location for and create flexible-use space for children and teens, using existing public land	2019-2020	N/A	N/A	Planning, Parks & Leisure
13	Construct splash pad	2019-2020	\$250,000	SPLOST, Grants	Planning, Parks & Leisure, Consultants
14	Develop plan to increase diversity	2018-2019	N/A	N/A	Mayor, Council
15	Designate ad hoc committee to address poverty	2018	N/A	N/A	Mayor, Council
16	Adopt economic development plan	2019-2020	\$10,000	General Fund, DCA	Planning, Mayor, Council
17	*Prepare and adopt Town Center concept	2018-2019	TBD	General Fund	Planning, Mayor, Council
18	*Prepare and adopt an Access Management Plan (driveway consolidation and interparcel access for the Atlanta Highway/SR 8/U.S. 29 Bus. Route corridor)	2018-2022	\$2,000- \$5,000	General Fund	Public Works, Planning
19	*Review, edit, and adopt amendments to city code and development ordinances	2018-2019	TBD	General Fund	Planning, Mayor, Council
20	*Map stormwater and sewer features in GIS	2018-2022	Minimal	Staff Time	Planning, Public Works
21	Working with property owners, create plan to redevelop old Ingles store	2018-2020	None	NA	Planning

#### Report of Plan Accomplishments, 2013-2017

#	Activity	Status	Notes
1	Create inventory of vacant commercial properties in Auburn Overlay District	Complete	
2	Implement ED goals and objectives of Redevelopment Plan, i.e. Expand business sector and Facilitate infill development	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
3	Establish and implement a sign grant	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
4	Create and maintain a business directory for commercial businesses	Complete	
5	Create and maintain a business startup informational packet for new businesses and entrepreneurs	Complete	
6	Build a partnership with the Parks and Leisure Board to renovate the caboose in Burel Park and create a mini-museum and have it open to the public	Complete	
7	Build a relationship with property owners to encourage re-development of vacant commercial buildings and undeveloped land	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
8	Build a relationship with property owners to encourage re-development of vacant commercial buildings and undeveloped land	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
9	Create and maintain a property inventory for vacant commercial property and undeveloped commercial land	Complete	
10	Implement a direct marketing campaign to attract attorneys, accountants, optometrists etc. that are not currently represented in Auburn	Abandoned	No longer a priority
11	Market and develop property acquired by the DDA	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
12	Convene annual DDA retreat to evaluate program effectiveness	Ongoing	No carryover to work program

#	Activity	Status	Notes
13	Reevaluate the temporary uses allowed for C-2 and C-3 districts and consider revising the provision that appears to indicate that all sidewalk uses for businesses cannot exceed 20 days to allow sidewalk retail business (i.e. restaurants and lounges) to exist for a non-prescribed amount of time	Postponed	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
14	Systematically inspect city to identify and mediate dangerous buildings or other violations of Property Maintenance Code	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
15	Implement housing goals and objectives in Auburn Redevelopment Plan, i.e. blight removal and increase options for quality housing	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
16	Develop new rental housing through Tax Credit development or conventional funding	Underway	2020 completion; included in Town Center concept element
17	Distribute public educational materials to the community/conduct outreach activities about the impacts of storm water discharges on water bodies and steps the public can take to reduce pollutants in storm water runoff	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
18	Serve as a sponsor for Recycling Day held twice yearly - April and October of each year. Marketing and participation will result in preventing litter from entering local streams, and encourage participants to protect stream throughout the year	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
19	Implement and enforce a program to reduce pollutants in any storm water runoff to City's MS4 from construction activates that will result in a land disturbance of greater than or equal to one acre. Construction activities disturbing less than one acre will be included in the program if activity is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that would disturb one acre or more	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
20	Develop and implement strategies which include a combination of structural and/or non-structural BMPs appropriate for the community	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
21	Use an ordinance or other mechanism to address post-construction runoff from new development or redevelopment projects	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
22	Ensure adequate long-term operation and maintenance of BMPs	Ongoing	No carryover to work program

#	Activity	Status	Notes
23	Implement an operation and maintenance program which will include a training component and has the ultimate goal of preventing or reducing pollutant runoff from municipal operations	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
24	Map storm water & sewer features utilizing GIS locating devices	Underway	2022 completion
25	Reevaluate the ban on dogs in public parks and consider allowing dogs either in certain designated areas, or on a leash at all times in addition to requiring dog owners to pick up any waste left by the dog in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all visitors	Abandoned	No longer a priority
26	Initiate discussions with both Barrow and Gwinnett counties, the City's primary water/sewer providers to address the water and sewer inadequacies	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
27	Reevaluate Chapter 12.12 in our ordinances regarding the Auburn Cemetery. Consider updating this section to include a master plan to complete the cemetery and include more detailed regulations to govern the cemetery. This will ensure the perpetual care and beauty of the cemetery	Underway	2019 completion
28	Prepare and adopt greenspace master plan that includes an inventory of potential small, passive neighborhood parks	Postponed	2020 completion; other items were prioritized
29	Implement a Community and Arts program master plan that will take advantage of the future Cultural Arts Center	Underway	2019 completion as part of operations of Auburn Center; will not be carried over into STWP
30	Prepare and adopt amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for C-2 and C-3 zoning districts to require all new development and redevelopment to be connected to the sewer system; the requirement currently only requires new mixed-use developments within the C-3 to have service from a sewer system	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
31	Participate with Barrow County and other county municipalities in preparation of a Countywide Greenways Master Plan outlines a countywide system of interconnected greenway/trail corridors, provides for integration into a regional greenway system and defines specific priorities for property acquisition to develop the system	Ongoing	No carryover to work program

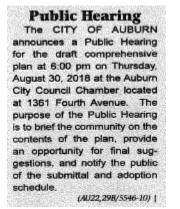
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32	Participate with Barrow County in acquisition of land for a countywide greenway network outlined in proposed Countywide Greenways Master Plan (consult the Atlanta Regional Commission's Green Infrastructure Toolkit for a complete list of acquisition methods)	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
33	Rehabilitate R&R Building for Cultural Affairs and Education Center	Underway	2018 completion; will not be carried over into STWP
34	Implement the Barrow County Recreation Master Plan recommendations	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
35	Expand sewer service to including the all Emerging Suburban, Suburban Neighborhood and Traditional Neighborhood character areas currently underserved	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
36	Complete long range water supply master plan as joint planning effort	Underway	2018 completion; will not be carried over into STWP
37	Coordinate to develop a unified system for sharing permit information in the cities in order to assist schools in estimating future enrollment	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
38	Participate with Barrow County Sewer Authority and other municipalities in updating the long-range sewer service master plan	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
39	Participate in countywide long range water resources master plan	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
40	Plan community festivals and seasonal events to include information to promote community involvement	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
41	Prepare and adopt amendments to C-3 and PUD to allow for shared parking	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
42	Prepare and adopt amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate language that will encourage future development to connect to the City's water and sewer system; such language is appropriate for the following zoning districts: RM-D, RM-8, OI, C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1, M-2 and PUD	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP

#	Activity	Status	Notes
43	Prepare and adopt amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to change the permitted uses for RM-D from "attached dwellings with no more than two units per lot" to be given in units per acre, as outlined in the other housing district classifications.	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
44	Review Sign Ordinance	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
45	Develop 200 market rate apartments	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
46	Re-use existing commercial spaces for restaurants and small professional	Ongoing	No carryover to work program
47	Prepare and adopt amendments to the development regulations to require interparcel access, limit curb cuts, and require sidewalks with new development	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
48	Prepare and adopt amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to permit garage apartments or mother-in-law units in single-family districts, which would include specific guidelines for size, location on the lot, use, parking, etc. to protect neighborhood character	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
49	Prepare and adopt Big Box ordinance to specify design parameters, maximum square footage requirements, a plan for re-use, etc.	Underway	2019 completion; included under general code update element in STWP
50	Prepare a neighborhood sidewalk inventory and work with local residents to identify needs and prioritize projects: new systems, filing in gaps in existing systems, or replacing sub-standard facilities (can be part of a Bike/Ped/Multi-use Plan)	Postponed	2019 completion as part of complete streets/trails plan; other items were prioritized
51	Prepare and adopt a Bike/Ped/Greenways Master Plan	Postponed	2019 completion; other items were prioritized
52	Prepare and adopt an Access Management Plan, with recommendations that include opportunities for driveway consolidation and interparcel access for the Atlanta Highway/SR 8/U.S. 29 Bus. Route corridor	Postponed	2022 completion; other items were prioritized

### Appendix

#### Appendix: Participation Records

#### Public Hearings: 5/24/18 & 8/30/18



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#### Input Meetings: 5/24/18 & 9/5/17

**Selected Questionnaire Results** 



#### City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan Update Public Hearing

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Please indicate your opinion of the following attributes of the community:

Answers **176** 99%

#### Answers How long have you lived in the community? (Mandatory) 178 03 100% 15.5% COUNT 0% 31% T Over 20 years 54 **T** 11-20 years 48 🔻 1-5 years 33 32 🔻 6-10 years T Less than 1 year 11

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	POOR	VERY POOR	NO OPINION
Appearance/aesthetics	51	71	38	12	3	0
Community Atmosphere	55	78	32	5	2	3
Crime rate/safety	46	79	40	7	2	2
Emergency services	51	70	34	5	1	15
Parks and recreation	30	54	55	24	8	5
Shopping opportunities	10	21	55	65	23	2
Cultural opportunities	9	24	66	43	11	22
Housing affordability	21	68	74	7	3	3
Employment opportunities	5	16	50	52	22	31

#### **CITY OF AUBURN RESOLUTION NO. 10-018**

#### **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF AUBURN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2018.**

WHEREAS, the 1989 Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 215, the Georgia Planning Act, requiring all local governments to prepare a comprehensive plan in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Auburn, Georgia, was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Auburn that the Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Auburn, Georgia dated 2018, as approved by the Georgia Department Community Affairs is hereby adopted, and furthermore, that the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission shall be notified of said adoption within seven (7) days of the adoption of this resolution.

Adopted by the Mayor and City Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

Linda Blechinger, Mayo

Robert L. Vogel, III, Council Member

Riemenschneider, Council Member

Attest:

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Bill Ackworth, Council Member