

Public Participation Program

A. Identification of Stakeholders

The county and the respective cities have identified the following stakeholders in the Bartow County 2006 Comprehensive Plan. Members of these groups will be included in the public participation component of planning process.

Local Governments

Mayor of Adairsville

Mayor of Cartersville

Mayor of Emerson

Mayor of Euharlee

Mayor of Kingston

Mayor of Taylorsville

Mayor of White

Bartow County (County Commissioner)

Other Local Officials

Jerry Milan (Cartersville – Community Infrastructure)

Gary Riggs (Cartersville - Community Infrastructure)

Jim Stafford (Cartersville – Community Infrastructure)

Ped Alday (Cartersville – Preservation)

Mjr. Robert Bishop (Cartersville Police Dept.)

State Government

Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Coosa Valley Regional Development Center

Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Georgia Department of Transportation

North Georgia – Metro Water Planning District

Department of Family and Children Services

Federal Government

Corps of Engineers

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Education

Bartow County School Superintendent

City of Cartersville School Superintendent

Excel Christian Academy

Georgia Highlands College – Bartow Campus

North Metro Technical College

First Presbyterian Church

Economic Development Groups/Local Business/Tourism

Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce

Cartersville-Bartow County Joint Development Authority

Cartersville Downtown Development Authority

Cartersville-Bartow County Convention and Visitors Bureau

Bartow County Economic Development Director

Adairsville Downtown Development Authority

Kingston Downtown Development Authority

Shaw Industries

Georgia Commercial Realty

IBBS Call Center

Toyo Tire

Komatsu America Corp.

Cartersville Career Center

Raintree Properties

Barnsley Gardens

D. Morgan's

Housing

Market Square Mortgage

Greg Bennett Homes

Century Bank

Cope Builders

Steve Hatley Homes

Greatwood Construction

Temples Construction

Ethowah Valley Housing Authority

Community Health Care

Bartow County Health Department

Cartersville Medical Center

Public Utilities

Georgia Power

MEAG Power

Other Community Groups

Hands of Christ

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Etowah Valley Historical Society

Keep Bartow Beautiful

Covered Bridge Players

Euharlee Historical Commission

Euharlee Senior Citizens Representative

Beyond Excellence & Innovations Think Tank

Cultural Arts Alliance

Kingston Womens' History Club

New Frontier Club

B. Public Participation Methods

The county-wide public participation component of the Comprehensive Plan will include the following:

Stakeholder Input Meetings: Stakeholder meetings will be held in order to review the specific goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan to seek their input on specific strategies for achieving those goals. These meetings will be held at the Frank Moore Government Center.

Focus Group Meetings with Other Community Leaders: Focus groups with individuals representing other useful perspectives on local development will be held in order to obtain their input on the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan. These individuals will not be drawn from public officials; instead they will represent other individual interests from around the county. Officials from each local government will be asked to recommend a number of representatives from their locality.

Open Forum for General Citizenry: An open forum will be held at the Civic Center where members of the general public can review the Comprehensive Plan, ask questions of local officials and voice their concerns about the Plan. Written feedback forms will be provided at the venue. The open forum will be held on a weeknight to maximize opportunities for public participation.

Bartow County Website Feedback: The Comprehensive Plan will be made available on the Bartow County website for download by interested parties. The website will include a link to a county email address that will allow for the submission of comments and questions.

Review at local government offices: The Comprehensive Plan will be available at local government offices for review by local citizens.

Advertising the Comprehensive Plan

Public notification of the Open Forum for the General Citizenry and of the availability of the Plan at local government offices will be satisfied by:

Public notices in the local newspapers serving each of the respective communities.

Public service announcements on local radio stations.

Written notices to be posted in local government offices and other public buildings.

Announcements at public meetings of respective city councils.

Notices to be posted on the county website.

