

8. Broadband Services Element

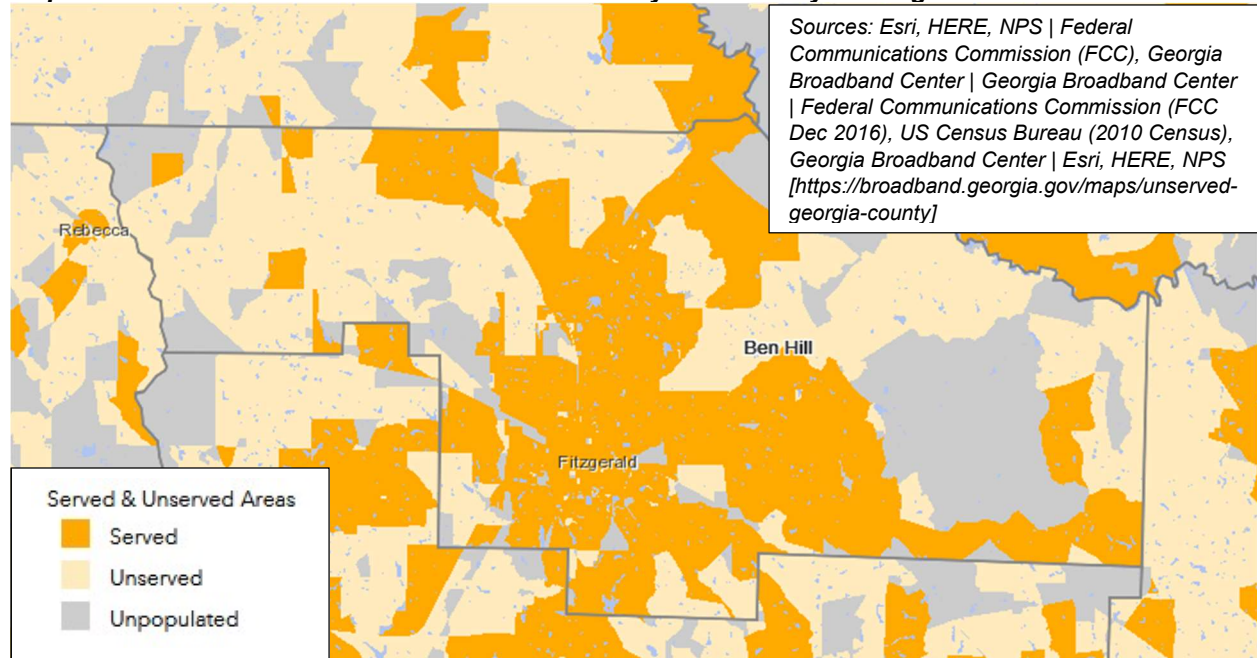
The Georgia legislature, in recognition of the importance of broadband infrastructure to the vitality of communities passed the Achieving Connectivity Everywhere (ACE) Act (SB 402) in 2018. The Act provides for broadband services¹ planning, deployment, and incentives, along with other purposes. It also requires comprehensive plans to include the promotion of the deployment of broadband services. Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald recognize the importance of broadband expansion by including this Element in their Comprehensive Plan.

Provision of broadband services enables access by residents to a number of vital services such as healthcare, economic opportunity, and education. Expansion of rural broadband along with improvement in the provision of broadband services can address concerns of resident out-migration. Effective and efficient broadband enables internet-based businesses to succeed in the global economy. It is difficult to educate upcoming generations of students in web literacy and digital skills training without adequate broadband speed and connectivity.

Percent Unserved Locations: 11%
Unserved Households: 900
Unserved Businesses: 23
Unserved Population: 1,884
Total Households: 7,942
Total Businesses: 194
Total Population: 17,634

The latest data shown in Map 1 below identifies 11% of the locations in Ben Hill County as unserved. However, it has been noted the technique of classifying unserved locations is too broad. A Census block is categorized as “served” if at least one consumer in a Census block has broadband service available to them. As more granular data becomes available, a more accurate classification is expected and the percentage unserved is anticipated to rise.

Map 1: Served & Unserved Areas in Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald



¹ As defined in O.C.G.A. §50-40-1. Definitions. “Broadband services” means a wired or wireless terrestrial service that consists of the capability to transmit at a rate of not less than 25 megabits per second in the downstream direction and at least 3 megabits per second in the upstream direction to end users and in combination with such service provides:

- (A) Access to the Internet; or
- (B) Computer processing, information storage, or protocol conversion.

County statistics are based on a fixed, terrestrial broadband definition of 25 megabits per second down and 3 megabits per second up, and where the broadband service is available to at least ONE consumer (residential and business) in a census block. Populated census blocks that did not meet this definition are delineated in Map 1 (above) as 'Unserved'.

70.7% of households in Ben Hill County have a computer, compared to 87% of households statewide.² Broadband internet subscriptions in the County are held by 59.5% of households.³ During the analysis of broadband services provision in Ben Hill County, an electronic poll was distributed to businesses, hospitals, government bodies, libraries, and educational facilities. 83% of respondents indicated their Internet service options are not adequate (non-residential). 67% indicated the internet speeds and reliability do not sufficiently meet their needs. The results of the broadband poll are included in the Appendix.

Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald constructed a fiber network to connect City and County facilities approximately 20 years ago. The network was sold to the Georgia Public Web prior to 2015. The long term assumption is that the network will connect to the hospital to facilitate telemedicine services and ultimately will connect to the school system. In terms of other internet service providers, City and County industry representatives have found the current providers to be insufficient in their services and unresponsive in meeting their expectations of high quality and dependable internet service.

The County and City do not have full penetration by cellular service providers. Verizon is available in much of the County; however T-Mobile and Sprint are not presently available. This impacts tourism as visitors to Fitzgerald are not able, depending on their cellular service provider to utilize navigation applications to reach the City from I-75. There is the potential for impacts to public safety as there are a few dead spots within the County where emergency management professionals are not able to communicate with one another.

Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald recognize there are many barriers for private broadband services providers to effectively roll-out necessary broadband infrastructure in rural areas of the State. City and County leaders recognize the importance of broadband quality for industry retention and recruitment within this small, rural community. Community leaders continuously seek improvement in the quality of life for the rural residents of Ben Hill/Fitzgerald. Industry relocation and business creation are dependent on the necessary infrastructure being in place. The lack of high quality broadband infrastructure is a major impediment to not only recruitment but also for the expansion of established local industry. The Broadband Ready Community and Site designation has been established to incentivize private investment in the provision of rural broadband services. The County and City plan to apply for these designations and signal to the State and to private Internet Service Providers their prioritization of rural broadband improvement and expansion in their community.

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 5-Year Estimates, Households with a computer, percent, 2013-2017

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Goal 9:
(Broadband) Provide digital broadband and communications in a manner that ensures current and future needs of residents, businesses, and industry within Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald are met.

Broadband

Needs

- Lack of sufficient digital broadband coverage in large areas of Ben Hill County limits educational and economic development opportunities and causes communication problems for police, fire and EMS.
- More affordable, accessible, and higher-speed broadband access is needed throughout all of Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald.
- Technological product development is outpacing the availability of broadband infrastructure; medical centers, schools, libraries and businesses need to keep up with product developments yet are unable due to the limits of the infrastructure in rural areas.

Opportunities

- Better broadband services will improve the future for all citizens and businesses.
- Encourage partnership of providers to allow better broadband services.
- Public/private partnerships could be developed to provide comprehensive broadband coverage that is consistent, reliable, and equitable.
- Broadband infrastructure may be included during road project development to increase project efficiencies and outcomes.

Goal 9 (Broadband):

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Broadband Needs and Policies

- **NEED:** Lack of sufficient digital broadband coverage in large areas of Ben Hill County limits educational and economic development opportunities and causes communication problems for police, fire and EMS.

Policy 9.1: More robust broadband services may enable greater opportunity for citizens and businesses.

Policy 9.2: Include consideration of broadband infrastructure in roadway projects where the necessary infrastructure may be included in the right-of-way.

- **NEED:** More affordable, accessible, consistent, and higher-speed broadband access with additional bandwidth is needed throughout all of Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald to serve residential, commercial, and industrial users.

Policy 9.3: Public/Private Partnerships could be developed to provide comprehensive broadband coverage that is consistent, reliable, and equitable.

- **NEED:** Technological product development is outpacing the availability of broadband infrastructure; medical centers, schools, libraries and businesses need to keep up with product developments yet are unable due to the limits of the infrastructure in rural areas.

Policy 9.4: The County and City should seek certification as Broadband Ready Communities and support a more robust provision of broadband infrastructure.

Ben Hill County 5-Year Community Work Program Update

PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	FUNDING SOURCE	GOAL	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20
CULTURAL RESOURCES									
Complete renovation of Federal Building and integrate into Grand/Carnegie Complex	\$400,000	County, City	Grants, general fund, SPLOST	2, 5	*	*	*	*	*
Develop a Master Resources Guide	\$50,000	County, City, Development Authority of Ben Hill County, Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Family Connections	Grants, general fund	2, 4, 5	*	*			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
Prepare and maintain an inventory of incentives, business programs, housing stock and available sites to accommodate new businesses and business expansions, and provide the list on the county website.	Staff time	Chamber of Commerce, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Development Authority	City and County Joint Service Funds	2	*	*			
Develop a guidebook for development that describes the local development process and provides useful information to potential new businesses regarding zoning, site plan approval, permitting and potential incentives.	Staff time	Chamber of Commerce, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Development Authority	City and County Joint Service Funds	2	*	*			

PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	FUNDING SOURCE	GOAL	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20
Approve and implement the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan through the coordinated efforts of all economic development organizations	Staff time	Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Development Authority, other economic development organizations	City and County Joint Service Funds	2	*	*	*	*	*
Develop a Senior/Retiree Marketing Strategy	Staff time	Convention & Visitor's Bureau	General fund	1, 2, 3, 6	*	*			
Develop a Comprehensive Tourism Master Plan to incorporate under the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan	Staff time	Convention & Visitor's Bureau	General fund	2, 4, 5	*	*			
HOUSING									
Construct The Village at Ben Hill Phase 1	\$9 million	County	Low Income Housing Tax Credit, private funding	1	*	*			
Construct The Village at Ben Hill Phase 2	\$9 million	County	Low Income Housing Tax Credit, private funding	1			*	*	
LAND USE									
None listed									
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES									
Repair and resurface 82.1 miles of roads	\$8.2 million	County	General fund, LMIG, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	7	*	*	*	*	*
Replace Bethlehem Church Road Bridge	\$2 million	County	General fund, LMIG, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	7		*			

PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	FUNDING SOURCE	GOAL	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20
Replace Tulip Road Bridge	\$700,000	County	General fund, LMIG, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	7			*		
Complete renovations to Monitor gym, auditorium, and classroom building at Recreation Services complex	\$200,000	County, City	City, County, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	6, 7	*	*			
Implement airport improvements as listed in 5-year CIP for 2016-2020	\$4.66 million	Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Airport Commission	Federal, State, and Local	2, 7	*	*	*	*	*
Complete Peachtree Corridor Industrial Transportation Project	\$8 million	County, City	General funds, grants, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval), loans, contributions	2, 7	*	*	*	*	*
Develop Comprehensive Mobility Plan	\$40,000	County, City	General fund	1, 2, 6, 7	*	*			
Complete façade maintenance on Grand Theater	\$75,000	County, City	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	5		*	*	*	*
Construct covers for existing outdoor performances spaces (downtown and Paulk Park)	\$50,000	County, City	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	6			*	*	
Complete Grand Theater ADA improvements, phase 2	\$20,000	County, City	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	5		*	*		
Construct a multi-use recreational facility, offices, gymnasium, and/or swimming pool	\$1.5 million	County, City	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval)	6			*	*	*

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Construct Merrimac Rd. sidewalks from Merrimac Village Apts. to Central Ave	\$250,000	County	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval), GDOT	1, 7		*	*		
Construct Dewey McGlamry Road (SR90) sidewalks from Jack Allen Rd to Sultana Ave	\$150,000	County	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval), GDOT	1, 7		*	*		
Construct Benjamin H Hill Drive SE sidewalks and/or culvert extension & pedestrian bridge from SR90 to Walmart (with pedestrian signals)	\$250,000	County	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval), GDOT	1, 7			*	*	
Construct Sultana Drive (SR90) sidewalks from Jefferson St. to Merrimac Dr.	\$300,000	County	General fund, SPLOST (pending SPLOST approval), GDOT	1, 7			*	*	
Recruit 2 physicians per year to Dorminy Medical Center	\$20,000	DMC	DMC	2, 7		*		*	
Renovate emergency room at Dorminy Medical Center	\$300,000	DMC	DMC	2, 7		*			
Implement Hospital Cosmetic Upgrades at Dorminy Medical Center	\$75,000	DMC	DMC	2, 7	*	*	*	*	
Replace front of Masee Building at Dorminy Medical Center	\$50,000	DMC	DMC	2, 7	*				
Upgrade Medical Equipment and Computers at Dorminy Medical Center	\$300,000	DMC	DMC	2, 7	*	*	*	*	*
Replace Hospital Elevator sat Dorminy Medical Center	\$80,000	DMC	DMC	2, 7		*			
Replace 3 Chillers at Dorminy Medical Center	\$600,000	DMC	DMC	2, 7	*		*		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION									
Research opportunities for inter-governmental agreements with surrounding counties to better facilitate emergency services	Staff time	County, City	General funds	8	*	*	*	*	*
BROADBAND									

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Provide adequate high speed broadband access for local industries and commercial businesses.	\$10,000,000	County, City, Public/Private Partnership	General Fund, SPLOST, grants, private funding	9					*
Adopt a Broadband Ordinance	Staff time	County	General funds	9					*
Apply for Broadband Ready Certification	Staff time	County	General funds	9					*

Fitzgerald 5-Year Community Work Program Update

PROJECTS	ESTIMATED COST	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	FUNDING SOURCE	GOAL	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20
CULTURAL RESOURCES									
Develop Downtown Master Plan	Staff time	City	General fund	1, 2, 5, 6, 8	*	*			
Re-evaluate existing tree ordinance and develop a replanting strategy	Staff time	City	General fund	2, 4, 6	*	*			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
None listed									
HOUSING									
None listed									
LAND USE									
None listed									
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES									
Complete Jaycee Stadium improvements	\$900,000	City, Board of Education	SPLOST, ELOST	6	*	*	*	*	*
Renovate A, B & A Depot for preservation and flexible space.	\$625,000	City	SPLOST, Federal funds	5		*	*	*	*
Resurface approximately 15 miles of city streets; associated transportation improvements; sidewalks, parking, and storm drainage right-of-way.	\$1.5 million	City	General fund, SPLOST, LMIG	7	*	*	*	*	*
Review and implement improvements to ADA compliance plan by adding facilities annually.	\$25,000	City	General fund	1, 7	*	*	*	*	*
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION									

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Comprehensive Plan Appendix

Sign-In Sheets

Public Hearing Notices

Broadband Survey Results

Transmittal Letters

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND DEBTORS**

All creditors of the Estate of Winfred Tucker, deceased, are hereby notified to render an account of their demands and file with the undersigned an itemized statement of their claims and all debtors of said Estate are hereby notified to pay to the undersigned all accounts due.

Julia Anne Gelders
415 W. Pine St.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
As Executrix of the Estate
of Winfred Tucker, deceased
(7/3,10,17,24)

**TRADE NAME
REGISTRATION**

Cody Pearce of 3345 S. Val Vista Drive, Suite 300, Gilbert, AZ 85297 and Southwest Stage Funding LLC at 3345 S. Val Vista Drive, Suite 300, Gilbert, AZ 85297 are doing business in Ben Hill County, Georgia under the trade name of Cascade Financial Services no physical address and that the nature of the business to be carried on at such address is financing and servicing mortgage loans.

Cody Pearce, President
(7/17,24)

... amount of ... fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed the Petition may be granted without a hearing.

Melinda Stenbridge, Associate
Judge of Probate Court
111 S. Sheridan St.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
(229)426-5137..
(7/17,24,31,8/7)

NOTICE

Probate Court
Georgia, Ben Hill County
Estate of Prince Wade Manley,
deceased.

To: Any and all interested parties and all the singular heirs

Eric Manley has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate Prince Manley, deceased, of said County. The Petitioners have also applied for waiver of bond and or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261. All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing setting forth the grounds of any objections, and must be filed with the court on or before August 12, 2019. All pleadings/objections must be signed before a notary public or before a probate court clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your pleadings/objections, unless you qualify to file as

Systems, Inc., as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, its successors and assigns dated 03/06/2018, recorded 03/06/2018 in Deed Book 935 Page 40, Ben Hill County, Georgia records, and as last assigned to Branch Banking and Trust Company by virtue of assignment recorded in Deed Book 963, Page 20 Ben Hill County, Georgia records said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the principal amount of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$141,414.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Ben Hill County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in August 2019 by Branch Banking and Trust Company, as Attorney in Fact for Miles E Maher, II, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT NUMBER ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (118) IN THE THIRD LAND DISTRICT OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER OF LINCOLN AVENUE, WHICH SAID POINT OF BEGINNING IS LOCATED NORTH 89 DEGREES EAST FIVE HUNDRED TWO (502) FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE WITH THE CENTER LINE OF WALKER AVENUE AND THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING NORTH 1 DEGREE WEST TWO HUNDRED SIXTY (260) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE CORNER, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES EAST ONE HUNDRED NINETY (190) FEET TO AN IRON PIPE CORNER, THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE EAST TWO HUNDRED SIXTY (260) FEET TO THE CENTER LINE OF LINCOLN AVENUE, THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES WEST ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID LINCOLN AVENUE ONE HUNDRED NINETY (190) FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TAX ID#: 9-5-6. SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Said property being known as 277 Lincoln Ave., Fitzgerald, GA 31750 according to the present numbering system in Ben Hill County. The indebtedness secured by said Security Deed has been declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed and Note. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed and Note. Said property will be sold subject to the following items which may affect the title to said property: any superior Security Deeds of record; all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of

**Kick Off -
Joint Public Hearing
For Ben Hill County and the
City of Fitzgerald
Comprehensive Plan
Amendment for the addition of
a Broadband Element**

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, August 12, 2019, in the City of Fitzgerald, located at 302 E. Central Ave. Fitzgerald, Georgia, to announce the beginning of an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to include a Broadband Element for Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald. The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the Comprehensive Plan amendment, announce opportunities for public participation in development of the Broadband Element and obtain input on the proposed planning process. Person with special needs relating to disability access or foreign language should contact the City Clerk at the City of Fitzgerald at (229) 426-5060. Persons with hearing disabilities may consider using the Georgia Relay Service at 1-800-255-0135. All persons are invited to attend the public hearing. If you would like more information, please contact the City of Fitzgerald at (229) 426-5060 or Elizabeth Backe at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission at (229)333-5277.

County records, said Security Deed being last transferred to NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, the undersigned will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, before the Courthouse door in said County, or at such other place as lawfully designated, within the legal hours of sale, on November 05, 2019, the property in said Security Deed and described as follows:

ALL OF CITY LOTS NUMBERS (9), TEN (10) AND ELEVEN (11) IN BLOCK NUMBER THREE (3) IN THAT CERTAIN SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS WINONA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF FITZGERALD, BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON A CERTAIN REVISED PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION PREPARED BY H.G. SMITH ON DECEMBER 20, 1946, AND RECORDED ON FEBRUARY 25, 1947 IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 3 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA. SUBJECT TO THAT CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAY DEED EXECUTED BY H.G. SMITH TO THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, RECORDED JULY 10, 1946, IN DEED BOOK 62, PAGES 495-496.

Said property being known as: 143 IRWINVILLE HWY, FITZGERALD, GA 31750

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the party or parties in possession of said property is/are MAZHAR HUSSAIN or tenant(s).

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as provided for in the Note and said Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of sale, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

Said property will be sold subject to the following: (1) any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not yet due and payable); (2) the right of redemption of any taxing authority; (3) any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property; and (4) any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

Said sale will be conducted subject to the following: (1) confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; and (2) final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

The name, address, and telephone

by the point shall be referred to as the point of beginning; running thence from said point of beginning along the north margin of the right of way of Denee Court north 89 degrees 58 minutes 29 seconds west 63.75 feet; thence continuing along the northeast margin of the cul-de-sac at the west end of the right of way of Denee Court along a curve to the left having a radius of 60 feet, an arc length of 80.88 feet, and a chord bearing and distance of north 51 degrees 3 minutes 0 seconds west 74.89 feet to a point; thence north 0 degrees 20 minutes 6 seconds east 102.95 feet; thence south 89 degrees 58 minutes 29 seconds east 122.26 feet; thence south 0 degrees 20 minutes 6 seconds west 150 feet to the point of beginning; all as shown on that certain plat of survey prepared for Michelle Walker by James D. Weeks, Georgia Registered Land Surveyor No. 2111, dated September 27, 2006, recorded in Plat Slide No. 679-D2, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Ben Hill County, Georgia.

The debt secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: USDA, Rural Development they can be

by the undersigned at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the BEN HILL County Courthouse within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in November, 2019, the following described property: THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY SITUATE IN COUNTY OF HILL AND STATE OF GEORGIA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, LYING AND BEING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FITZGERALD, BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA, AND IN LAND LOT NO. 280 IN THE FOURTH LAND DISTRICT OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA, CONTAINING 0.24 ACRES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ACCORDING TO SURVEY PREPARED FOR O.D. NETTER, JR. BY STATEWIDE SURVEYING COMPANY, DATED DECEMBER 8, 1992, RECORDED IN PLAT SLIDE NUMBER 363 (NOW PLAT SLIDE NUMBER 601), IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BEN HILL COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF TAYLOR CIRCLE AND GROVE AVENUE, THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 78.25 FEET TO A POINT LOCATED ON THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF GROVE AVENUE, AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.04 FEET TO THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF 20 FOOT BUFFER;

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Joint Public Hearing For Ben Hill County and the City of Fitzgerald

Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the addition of a Broadband Element

A public hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 11, 2019, in the City of Fitzgerald, located at 302 E. Central Ave. Fitzgerald, Georgia, to review and transmit the Ben Hill County and City of Fitzgerald Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review. Residents are invited to attend and participate in the planning effort. Copies of the Plan Amendment are available for public review at the Ben Hill County Commission office, and the City of Fitzgerald and their respective websites and for download at the SGRC website www.sgrc.us. Person with special needs relating to disability access or foreign language should contact the City Clerk at the City of Fitzgerald at (229) 426-5060. Persons with hearing disabilities may consider using the Georgia Relay Service at 1-800-255-0135. All persons are invited to attend the public hearing. If you would like more information, please contact the City of Fitzgerald at (229) 426-5060 or Elizabeth Backe at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission at (229)333-5277.

Constant Contact Survey Results

Survey Name: Aug 12 2019 Survey

Response Status: Partial & Completed

Filter: None

Sep 09, 2019 1:15:28 PM

1. What address are you reporting for? Please note, this survey is only for non-residential addresses (this includes businesses, governments, libraries, schools, and hospitals/medical centers).

6 Response(s)

2. Which of the following Internet access options are available at this address (check all that apply)?:

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
No access	0	0.0%
DSL (Dial Up)	1	16.6%
Cable Modem	2	33.3%
Fiber	4	66.6%
Mobile/Wireless	1	16.6%
Satellite	0	0.0%
Other	1	16.6%
Total	6	100%

2 Comment(s)

3. Are the Internet service options at this address adequate?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	1	16.6%
No	5	83.3%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	6	100%
2 Comment(s)		

4. Which of the following uses would Internet service at this address be for (check all that apply)?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Business	3	50.0%
School	1	16.6%
Medical	1	16.6%
Government	3	50.0%
Library	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total	6	100%

5. Is your Internet service consistently reliable for the address you are reporting on?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	2	33.3%
No	4	66.6%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	6	100%
3 Comment(s)		

6. Are the internet speeds sufficient to meet your needs for the address you are reporting on?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	2	33.3%
No	4	66.6%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	6	100%
3 Comment(s)		

7. Does the internet service cost seem appropriate for the service speed and reliability received at the location you are reporting on?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	1	16.6%
No	4	66.6%
No Responses	1	16.6%
Total	6	100%
1 Comment(s)		

8. By submitting my contact information, I consent to receive communications regarding this survey data.

First Name	6
Last Name	6
Company Name	6
Work Phone	4
Email Address	6
Address 1	4
Address 2	3
City	5
State/Province (US/Canada)	6
Postal Code	5

JIM PUCKETT
Mayor

CAM JORDAN
Deputy Administrator

KATHY A. YOUNG
Deputy Administrator

City of Fitzgerald
City Hall
302 East Central Avenue
Fitzgerald, Georgia 31750

November 11, 2019

To: Southern Georgia Regional Commission
327 West Savannah Avenue
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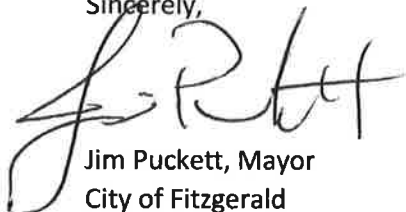
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If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Cam Jordan, Deputy Administrator at 229-426-5063 or at camjordan@mchsi.com.

Sincerely,



Jim Puckett, Mayor
City of Fitzgerald

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Ben Hill County, Georgia

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Ben Hill County Board of Commissioners


CITY OF FITZGERALD
R19-017
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
2019 BEN HILL COUNTY
AND CITY OF FITZGERALD
BROADBAND ELEMENT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
AMENDMENT

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WHEREAS, this document was prepared according to the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, Chapter 110-12-1, Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective October 1, 2018;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Fitzgerald does hereby adopt the 2019 Ben Hill County and City of Fitzgerald Broadband Element Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Adopted this 9th day of December, 2019.



Jim Puckett, Mayor
City of Fitzgerald



ATTEST: Cristina Evans, City Clerk



RESOLUTION 2019-26

BEN HILL COUNTY

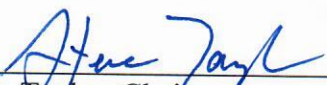
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Steve Taylor, Chairman
Ben Hill County Commission



ATTEST: Donna R. Prather, County Clerk