

Public Participation Plan



Seminole County, Donalsonville, and Iron City Consolidated Comprehensive Plan 2007-2027





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Public Participation Program for Seminole County and the Cities of Donalsonville and Iron City Summer 2007

The planning procedures and standards adopted by the Department of Community Affairs at the beginning of May 2005, mandate a thorough description of the program that the local planners developed to ensure sufficient levels of public involvement in the creation of the administration's Public Agenda, the final segment of the community's 10 year comprehensive plan.

Initially the RDC contacted the respective County and City governments to generate a preliminary list of stakeholders. In consultation with the initially identified group, further stakeholders were identified and contacted directly. Between January 1st 2007 and June 23 6 meetings were held that brought together representatives from Seminole County Downtown Development Authority, Seminole County and Donalsonville County and City Manager, Seminole County Family Connections, the Council members, the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce, retired teachers, as well as members of the general public.

These meetings culminated with a final review of the Seminole County and Cities of Donalsonville and Iron City Assessment, on June 20. The community was then notified that the Assessment was available for general review and further public comment.

As of July 1, 2007, both City and County have completed gathering public input and passed resolutions to transmit the Consolidated Assessment. Other local governments have been notified and letters confirming the initial completeness check have been mailed by the Southwest Georgia Regional Development Center.

List of Identified Stakeholders

- Members of the Public
- County Commissioners
- City Council and Mayor as well as Administrative Staff
- Seminole County Public Health
- Seminole County Hospital
- Seminole County Board of Education
- Family Connections
- Local First Responders

Public Participation Strategies

The strategies for Public Participation will be Surveys, Posters, Flyers and Newspaper Advertisements for Visioning sessions and subsequent Community Agenda Meetings. RDC staff attended public hearings on assessment.

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TASK	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Posters developed and hung													
Invitations to Primary Visioning Session Sent out													
Visioning Session													
Weekly (or bi) sessions with sub committees to develop Community Agenda													
Public Information Meetings													
Completion and presentation of Community Agenda													
Corrections, Additions, Further Comments													
Final Public Hearing													
Transmittal													



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Completion of Community Agenda Program

Attended by 16 prominent stakeholders including both Mayor of Donalsonville and Iron City and Seminole County Commission Chairperson, generated a clear vision statement and 8 guiding principles to consider while developing the Community Agenda.

Pending the successful completion of the Public Meetings, weekly meetings with different subcommittees and other interested parties will be scheduled to develop goals and policies specific to the subject such as Economic Development, Housing etc. At this moment, the first draft of the Community Agenda is expected to be completed by the end of August, presented to the public for final review during the month of September and revised and finalized in October and submitted to DCA during that month.

The strategies for the specific subcommittee meetings will entail Visualization, Cognitive Mapping, Cost/Benefit Analysis, Visual preference surveys, and an examination of past short term work programs.