

# COVER SHEET FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING SUBMITTALS

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Attapulgus, Brinson and Climax.

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August 4, 2017

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RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Submittal

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If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Alan Thomas, 229-248-3030.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

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If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact me at 229-465-3322.

Sincerely,

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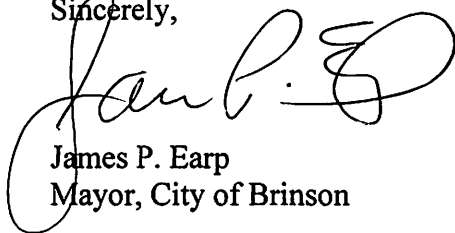
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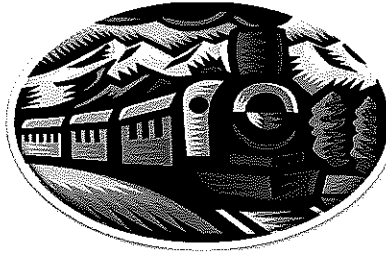
If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Ashley Miller, Town Clerk at (229) 248-1752/townofbrinson@att.net.

Sincerely,



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The City of Climax has completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is submitting it with this letter for review by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs.

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If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Glenda Worsham, City Clerk at (229)246-0467 or email at [climaxcityclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:climaxcityclerk@yahoo.com).

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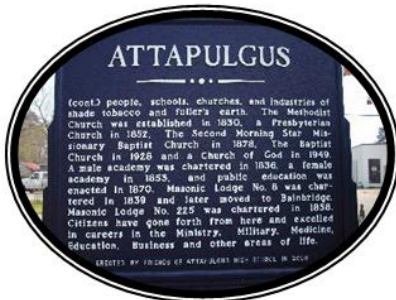
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles C. Haddock". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Charles C. Haddock  
Mayor, City of Climax

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# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2017

## Decatur County and the cities of Attapulugus, Brinson, Climax



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## INTRODUCTION

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The comprehensive plan is a long-range (20-year) statement of a community's vision for development (and redevelopment). By addressing the entire physical environment of the local government and the multitudes of functions, policies, and programs that comprise their day to day workings, the plan seeks to guide the what, when, where, why and how of future physical changes to the landscape of Decatur County and its municipalities.

The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to provide a guide for local government officials and other community leaders for making everyday decisions that are supportive of the community's stated goals for its future. The plan should serve as the local government's guide for assessing development proposals, including rezoning applications and redevelopment plans. For residents, business owners and members of the development community, the plan provides insight into what types of land uses and development are appropriate at various locations throughout the city and county. Finally, evaluating various local government functions and services, the plan is a point of reference for government staff in preparing capital improvements programs and associated budgets.

The last full Comprehensive Plan for Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Climax, and Brinson was completed and adopted in 2008 with assistance from the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC). The City of Bainbridge is included in Decatur County but elected to have a separate



Comprehensive Plan. Although not a lot has changed since 2008, an updated comprehensive plan is required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The DCA oversees and provides guidance for local comprehensive planning in Georgia. The department's Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, as updated in January 2013, outlines three required components of a comprehensive plan for all local governments: community goals, needs and



opportunities and a community work program. Decatur County is a Tier 1 job Tax Credit community and therefore according to the DCA's rules will be required to do an economic development element.

Located in Southwest Georgia, Decatur County is home to some 28,000 citizens and is within easy driving distance of four major cities: Dothan, Alabama, Albany and Thomasville, Georgia, and the Capital of Florida, Tallahassee. Rich in cultural, historic, and recreational amenities, Decatur County is a family friendly county offering plenty of activities and resources to accommodate the community's interests.

With its deep agricultural roots and extensive waterways, Decatur County was formed by the Georgia Legislature in 1823 and named for Commodore Stephen Decatur, a naval hero during the War of 1812. Even before that, in 1765, the present site of Bainbridge was an Indian village known as Pucknawhitla and held many names throughout the centuries.

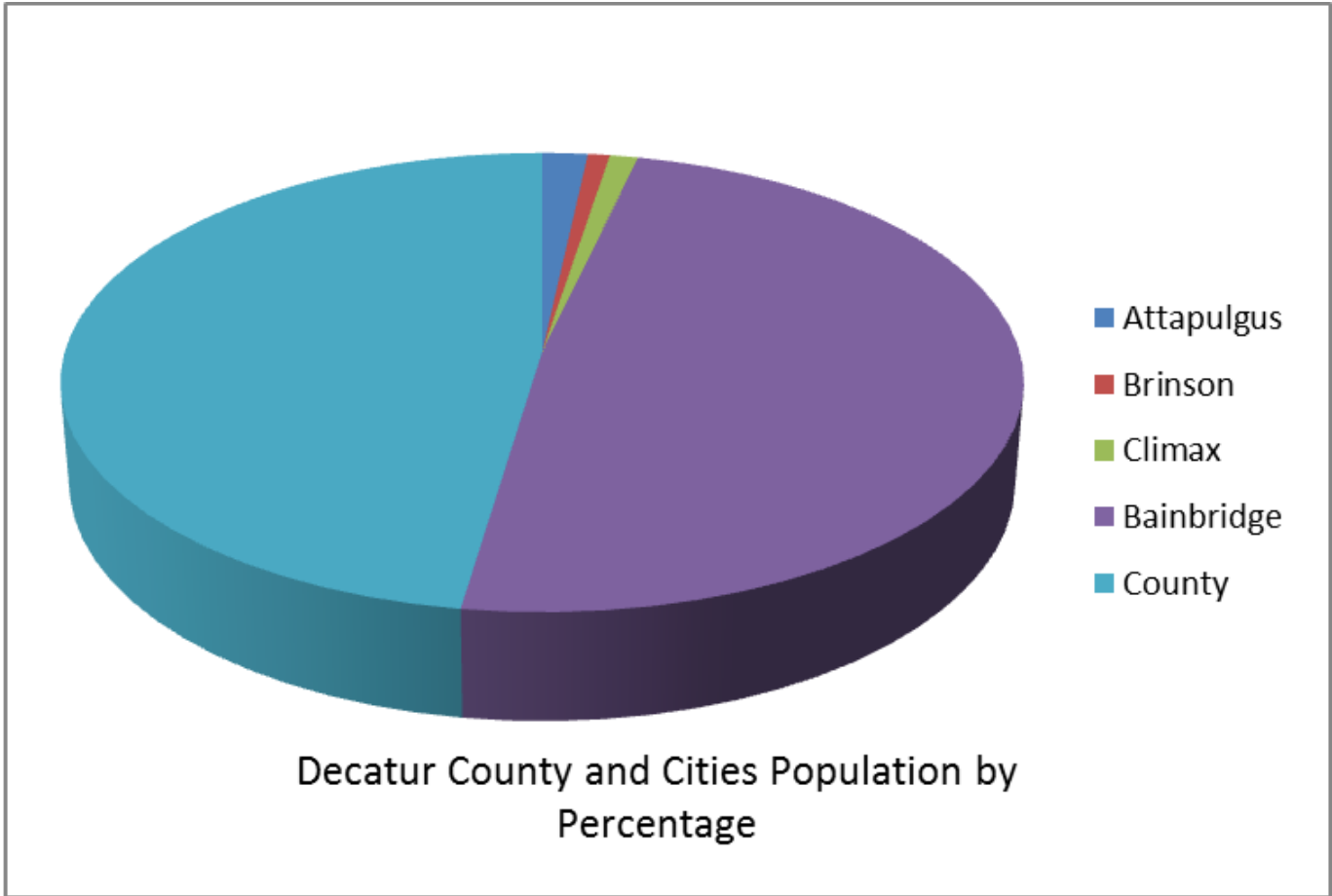
The waterways surrounding Decatur County were instrumental in the early growth and development of the region. Access to the Flint River and Lake Seminole have been long held as natural



commodities for the county and bring in extra tourism and leisure visitors. Sustaining the Decatur County workforce are some of the largest employers from Bainbridge State College and the Decatur County School System, Bainbridge Memorial Hospital, Flint River Mills, and Elberta Crate & Box Company. Additionally, Decatur County has one of the lowest unemployment rates of Region 10.

The population of Decatur County is equally spread from old to young and male to female. The racial makeup of the county is around 55 percent of citizens described as white and 40 percent as Black or

African American. Five percent of the population claim to be of other race with the highest percentage of those as Hispanic or Latino.



## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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### **SWGRC's Role**

The SWGRC's Planning Department facilitated the 2017 Comprehensive Plan update for Decatur County. Leading community input sessions and Steering Committee meetings, the SWGRC team gathered feedback and guidance from the public, and used this information to assemble the Comprehensive Plan and made recommendations that are reflective of the community's desires. The elected officials of each local government hold ultimate responsibility and authority to approve and direct the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan documents.

Public announcements of Comprehensive meetings were made in the local newspapers, through community newsletters and flyers, and on social media websites. The initial kickoff meetings were met with a large group representing the county, cities, and community at large. Subsequent meetings continue during the Comprehensive Planning process to address specific elements for the plan.

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

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See more detailed information from Environmental Research Institute (ESRI) in the appendix. ESRI is an international supplier of Geographic Information System (GIS) software and provides this information in a variety of formats (data sets, maps) that can be integrated into nearly every type of organization. We have used ESRI data to examine demographic information about Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax. We have examined population, race, education, housing and employment. ESRI information is based on the most recent U.S. Census information and can be found in the appendix.

## STEERING COMMITTEE AND STAKEHOLDERS

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(Decatur County and the cities of Attapulgus, Brinson and Climax)

Dennis Brinson Vice Chair	Pete Stephens Chair	George Anderson Commissioner	David Mosely Commissioner	Rusty Davis Commissioner	Russell Smith
Beverly King County Clerk	Renee Boyett City Clerk	Johnny Medley Mayor	Stephen Vines, Jr City Council	John Hall II City Council	G. Robert Ward City Council
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Greg Murray Commissioner	Jack Hale	Sandra Thomas	Elizabeth Phillips		

## ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

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On October 5, 2016 community members and government officials met to address issues with their respective districts. The identification of needs and opportunities is an important step in the development of strategies to address those needs and opportunities. Public and community input was a vital part of this process. The list of issues and opportunities listed below represent the one's that the City and County feel rise to the level of priority.

- We have a strong agricultural economy but need to diversify for economic growth and development.
- We need to continue to utilize Lake Seminole and Flint River as a recreational and tourist attraction.
- We need to make better use of our airport facilities
- We need to invest and support local business and seek opportunities to expand business developments.
- We need to continue to support and explore expansion of Solar Farms as an economic development.
- We need to provide recreational opportunities for all ages.

- We need to balance jobs and affordable housing.

## STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES & THREATS

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### *Strengths*

Lake Seminole  
 Flint River  
 Water Supply  
 Available Land – Industrial Park  
 Airport  
 Agriculture  
 Race Relations (Attapulgus)  
 Low Crime Rate  
 Infrastructure  
 Road Access – 4 Lane US highways  
 New High School  
 State College  
 Technical School  
 County and City Communication  
 Solar Farm (Georgia Power)  
 Fire Protection  
 Joint 911  
 New Recreation Authority with Dedicated Funding  
 Available Buildings  
 Walmart and Tractor Supply  
 Small Businesses  
 Landfill  
 Fishing and Hunting (Bass Tournament)  
 Wildlife Management

### *Weaknesses*

Funding  
 Road Improvement  
 Jobs Leaving County  
 Shaw Closure  
 Shopping  
 Restaurants  
 Recreation in Unincorporated Areas

25 % of Population at or below High School Graduate  
 Unemployment Rate  
 Drugs  
 Employable People  
 Job Skill Training

### *Opportunities*

Available Space Industry and Development  
 Better use of Airport  
 Expanding and Developing Airport  
 Schooling – Employing People  
 Investment Opportunities with Businesses  
 New Businesses and Restaurants  
 Marketing – “Spend a Day in Decatur County”  
 Build on Lake and River events and resources  
 Recreation and Events for Youth and Young Adults/Families  
 Wildlife Management Area  
 Solar Farms

### *Threats*

Natural Disaster  
 Politics/Communication  
 Funding  
 Available Land Capacity  
 Landfill  
 Job Loss, possible leading to crime  
 Environment  
 Commodity Prices  
 Population Shifts  
 Drugs  
 Housing Foreclosures

## GOALS & POLICIES: Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson and Climax

### **Economic Prosperity:**

We will encourage development or expansion of businesses and industries that are suitable for the community. Factors to consider when determining suitability include job skills required; long-term sustainability; linkages to other economic activities in the region; impact on the resources of the area; or prospects for creating job opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse local workforce.

### **POLICY**

- **We will support programs for retention, expansion and creation of businesses that are a good fit for our community's economy in terms of job skill requirements and linkages to existing businesses.**

### **Resource Management:**

We will promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community. This may be achieved by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; encouraging green building construction and renovation; utilizing appropriate waste management techniques; fostering water conservation and reuse; or setting environmentally sensitive areas aside as green space or conservation reserves.

### **POLICIES**

- **We will protect and conserve of our community's resources and will play an important role in the decision-making process when making decisions about future growth and development.**
- **Our infrastructure networks will be developed to steer new development away from sensitive natural resource areas.**
- **We will encourage new development to locate in suitable locations in order to protect natural resources, environmentally sensitive areas, or valuable historic, archaeological or cultural resources from encroachment.**
- **We will work to redirect development pressure away from agricultural areas in order to conserve farmland to protect and preserve this important component of our community.**
- **We will ensure safe and adequate supplies of water through protection of ground and surface water sources.**

### **Efficient Land Use:**

We will maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This will be achieved by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the traditional core of the community; designing new development to minimize the amount of land consumed; carefully planning expansion of public infrastructure; or maintaining open space in agricultural, forestry, or conservation uses.

## **POLICIES**

- **Our community will use land efficiently to avoid the costs and problems associated with urban sprawl.**
- **We will support new land uses that contribute to protecting the environment and preserving meaningful open space.**

### **Local Preparedness:**

We will identify and put in place the prerequisites for the type of future the community seeks to achieve. These prerequisites might include infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) to support or direct new growth; ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired; leadership and staff capable of responding to opportunities and managing new challenges; or undertaking an all-hazards approach to disaster preparedness and response.

## **POLICIES**

- **Our community will seek ways for new growth to pay for itself (in terms of public investment in infrastructure and services to support the development) to the maximum extent possible.**
- **Our community will use planned infrastructure expansion to support development in areas identified (in the comprehensive plan) as suitable for such development.**
- **Our community will make efficient use of existing infrastructure and public facilities in order to minimize the need for costly new/expanded facilities and services.**

### **Regional and Local Cooperation:**

We will cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to address shared needs. This may be achieved by actively participating in regional organizations; identifying joint projects that will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer; or developing collaborative solutions for regional issues such as protection of shared natural resources, development of the transportation network, or creation of a tourism plan.

## **POLICIES**

- **We will seek opportunities to share services and facilities with neighboring and local jurisdictions when mutually beneficial.**
- **We will work jointly with neighboring jurisdictions on developing solutions for shared regional issues (such as growth management, watershed protection)**
- **We will pursue joint processes for collaborative planning and decision-making with neighboring jurisdictions**

## **Housing Options:**

We will promote an adequate range of safe, affordable, inclusive, and resource efficient housing in the community. This will be achieved by encouraging development of a variety of housing types, sizes, costs, and densities in each neighborhood; instituting programs to provide housing for residents of all socio-economic backgrounds; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure availability of adequate workforce housing in the community.

### **POLICIES**

- **We will increase opportunities for low-to-moderate income families to move into affordable owner-occupied housing.**
- **We will seek to balance the supply of housing and employment in our community and consider their location in relation to each other.**

## **Transportation Options:**

We will address the transportation needs, challenges and opportunities of all community residents. This may be achieved by fostering alternatives to transportation by automobile, including walking, cycling, and transit; employing traffic calming measures throughout the community; requiring adequate connectivity between adjoining developments; or coordinating transportation and land use decision-making within the community.

### **POLICY**

- **We will make decisions that encourage walking, biking, car-pooling, and other alternative transportation choices.**

## **Educational Opportunities:**

We will make educational and training opportunities readily available to enable all community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technological advances, or pursue life ambitions. This can be achieved by expanding and improving local educational institutions or programs; providing access to other institutions in the region; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure an adequately trained and skilled workforce.

### **POLICIES**

- **We will work with the local school board to encourage school location decisions that support the community's overall growth and development plans.**
- **We will consider the employment needs and skill levels of our existing population in making decisions on proposed economic development projects.**



## **Community Health:**

We will ensure that all community residents, regardless of age, ability, or income, have access to critical goods and services, safe and clean neighborhoods, and good work opportunities. This may be achieved by providing services to support the basic needs of disadvantaged residents; instituting programs to foster better health and fitness; or providing all residents the opportunity to improve their circumstances in life and to fully participate in the community.

## **POLICY**

- **We will encourage development of a rational network of commercial nodes (villages, or activity centers) to meet the service needs of citizens while avoiding unattractive and inefficient strip development along major roadways.**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as developed by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission under a grant from the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration is hereby incorporated by reference into this Comprehensive Plan to serve as the Economic Development Element for Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulcus, Brinson, and Climax

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission's (SWGRC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy. The SWGRC CEDS analyzed the regional economy and serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, a regional plan of action, and the investment priorities and funding sources.

Policies, issues and opportunities, and Community Work Program implementation strategies located in the current Comprehensive Plans for each of our 14 county regions were used extensively to develop the CEDS Goals and Objectives, Vital Projects and Problems and Opportunities. Portions of the CEDS are included in this plan element and are listed below.

Decatur County has experienced an economic recession over the past years due to the loss of several manufacturers. There have been several manufacturers to close in the area eliminating jobs, Shaw Industries (loss of 186 jobs), PROPEX (loss of 250 jobs), and TRACO (loss of 180 jobs). However, there have been small scaled factories to commence business in Bainbridge employing 12 to 25 jobs and Bainbridge Manufacturing is growing and will ultimately add additional jobs. They have recruited retail businesses to downtown Bainbridge creating approximately 60 jobs.

The population of Decatur County is 27,842, which is a population decrease of 622 from the 2010 Census. Other municipalities in Decatur include Attapulcus, Brinson and Climax. Attapulcus has a population of 533 and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Decatur County. Brinson is a small town in Decatur County and has a population of 215. The town of Climax is located at the highest point of the railroad between Savannah Georgia and the Chattahoochee River. Decatur County is the nation's leader in the production of Fuller's Earth, a type of clay with varied chemical uses. Once used for bleaching petroleum and cleaning grease out of wool, Fuller's Earth is currently used as cat litter and as an additive to insecticides and cements.

The City of Bainbridge, Georgia's first inland port has a facility that supports barge transportation. Forested land in Decatur County accounts for 255,000 acres. Forested land is found throughout Decatur County, with a large concentration on either side of the Flint River. This Industrial park has an airport and several industries including DaniMer Scientific and Coca Cola. All of these industries have plants that are located within the overall park. The surrounding uses are mostly agricultural.

Decatur County is divided by the Flint River, which flows to meet the Chattahoochee. Together they form the Apalachicola River which flows to the Gulf of Mexico. At the junction of the two rivers, the Jim Woodruff Dam forms Lake Seminole. Seminole State Park, in Bainbridge, is located on the banks of Lake Seminole. This 37,500-acre lake attracts sport fishing, national tournament fishing, deer and duck hunting. The park is home to the gopher tortoise, the only native tortoise in Georgia.

Other area attractions include Cheney Griffin Park, the Boat Basin that includes lengthy, scenic walking trails and a camp ground, and Willis Park. Lake Seminole is widely regarded as one of the nation's best lakes for largemouth bass fishing. A system of locks at the dam allows barge traffic to travel between the inland port at Bainbridge and the Gulf of Mexico.

Decatur County is home to several annual festivals. The River Town Days held in the middle of March, July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, Bikefest, and many other annual events. The Town of Climax plays host to the annual Swine Time Festival each November. This lighthearted event recognizes the contribution of pork products to the region's economy. There is also the Decatur County Fall Festival and Fair in October in Bainbridge. These festivals bring in thousands of people into Decatur County each year and contribute positively to the economy.

Bainbridge is also home to Bainbridge State College, a unit of the University System of Georgia. The college is currently merging with Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College (ABAC) in Tifton, Georgia. Both campuses are using ABAC name. The consolidation is currently underway and should be an economic boost to Decatur County. The Board of Regents hopes to better serve students and broaden academic programs for students in South Georgia and ultimately improving student success.

## TRANSPORTATION

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### Road Network

Decatur County is served by a good and improving network of state and federal highways, including U.S. 27 and 84 and State Routes 97, 253, 262, 309, 310 and 311. Although significant progress has been made in recent years, Decatur County is in an area of Georgia which has not historically benefited from major state expenditures on transportation infrastructure. Consequently, economic development efforts have been hampered. U.S. Highway 27 is a 4 lane south to I-10 and Florida. U.S. Highway 84 is 4 lanes west and east. U.S. Highway 84 west takes to Alabama and U.S. Highway 84 east to I-75 and I-95. U.S. Highway 84 and Highway 27 both serve as important routes and these two routes will become major routes for I-10 and I -75 traffic.

Public transportation is provided by Decatur County Transit. They also provide contracted transportation for Medicaid and Department of Human Resource clients. In FY 2016, nearly 30,000 trips were provided to residents of Decatur County and the cities of Attapulgus, Bainbridge, Brinson and Climax.

The highest traffic volumes are found on the city's main arterials: US 84/27 Bypass, Shotwell Street, Tallahassee Hwy, Scott Street, West Calhoun Street and Dothan Road (US 84).

### Railroads

CSX offers mainline rail service into Bainbridge. Southwestern Railroad provides shoreline services to portions of the county including the Decatur County Industrial Park. Decatur County is not served by a public transportation system but transportation is provided by a rural transit on demand system which handles non-emergency transportation. Rural communities face unique challenges with the growing populations of elderly and disabled residents and the lack of physicians and other health care providers.

Decatur County owns over 14,000 feet of rail spurs in the Decatur County Industrial Park. The Georgia Southwest Railroad has multiple rail lines across Southwestern Georgia and Southeastern Alabama with one of the lines running from Bainbridge, Georgia to Columbus, Georgia and another line that runs directly to the port of Panama City Florida.

The Decatur County Airport is located five miles northwest of Bainbridge near the Industrial Park. There is a double hangar terminal located to the east of the airport that is currently rented for private plane storage. Both these facilities are considered adequate.

## FUTURE LAND USE

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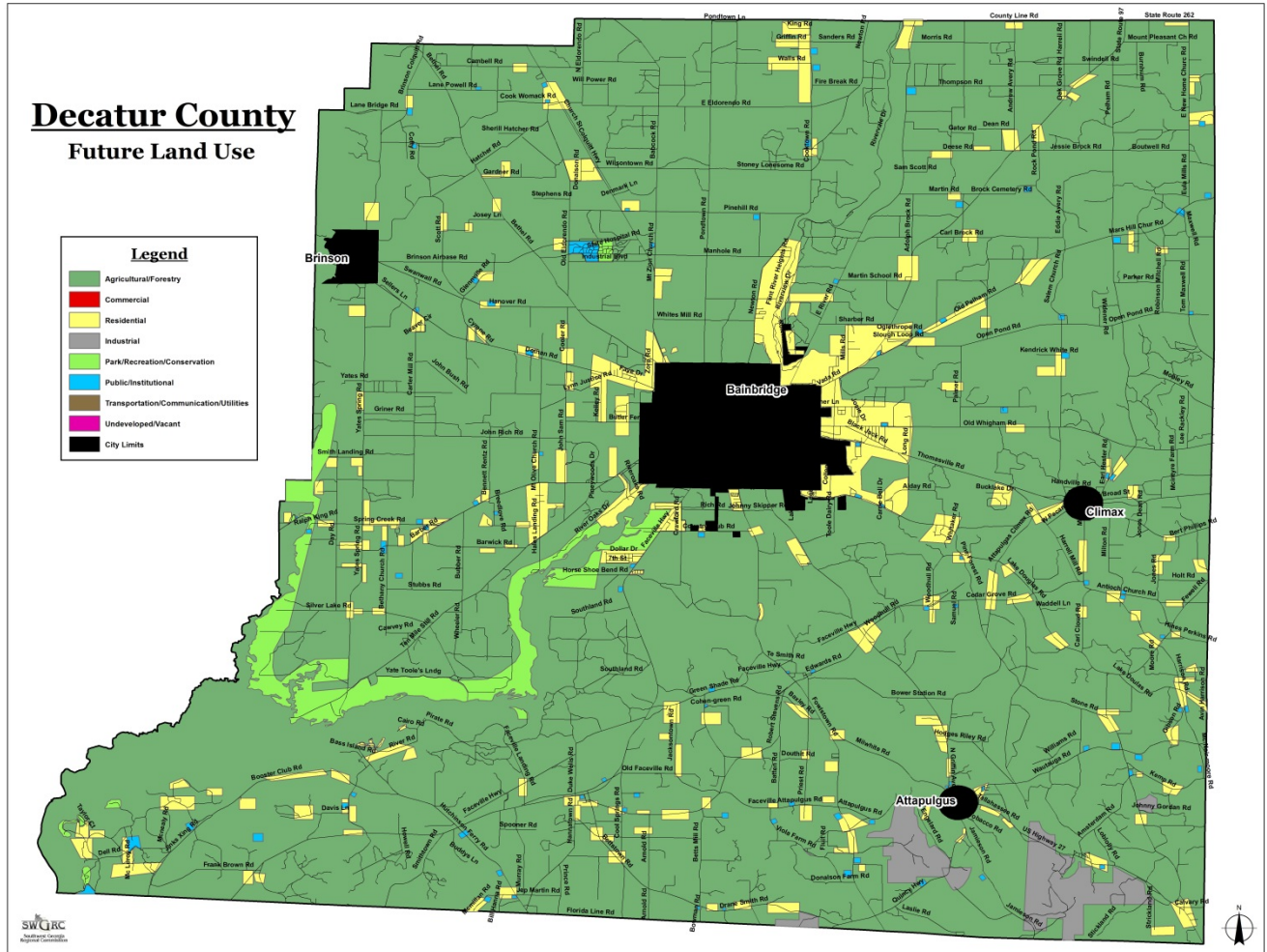
Land use for small communities must maintain rural characters to strengthen economic potential. Rural Communities need to identify strategies that they are able to implement with their limited resources. Appropriate land use supports the establishment of agricultural activities and non-agriculture activities that encourages sustainable rural development, while respecting the rights of rural community and residents.

The future land use categories are not zoning classifications. Instead, they act to inform leaders on decisions regarding rezoning and development. They will identify the specific use that is proposed for a parcel. The future land use categories are defined below:

Land Use Classifications	
Residential	The predominant use of land is residential, single-family and multi-family dwelling units
Commercial	Non-industrial business uses, including retail sales, office, service and entertainment facilities, organized in one building or grouped together in a shopping center or office building.
Industrial	Land dedicated to manufacturing facilities, processing plants, factories, warehousing and wholesale trade facilities, mining or mineral extraction activities, or other similar uses.
Public/Institutional	Includes certain state, federal or local government uses, and institutional land uses. Government uses include government building complexes, police and fire stations, libraries, prisons, post offices, schools, military installations, etc.
Transportation/Communication/Utilities	Includes such uses as major transportation routes, public transit stations, power generation plants, railroad facilities, radio towers, telephone switching stations, airports, port facilities or other similar uses.
Parks/Recreation/Conservation	Land dedicated to active or passive recreational uses. These areas may be either publicly or privately owned and may include playgrounds, public parks, nature preserves, wildlife management areas, national forests, golf courses, recreation centers or similar uses.
Agriculture/Forestry	Land dedicated to farming (fields, lots, pastures, farmsteads, specialty farms, livestock production, etc.), agriculture, or commercial timber or pulpwood harvesting.
Undeveloped/Vacant	Lots or tracts of land that are served by typical urban public services (water, sewer, etc.) but have not been developed for a specific use or were developed for a specific use that has since been abandoned.

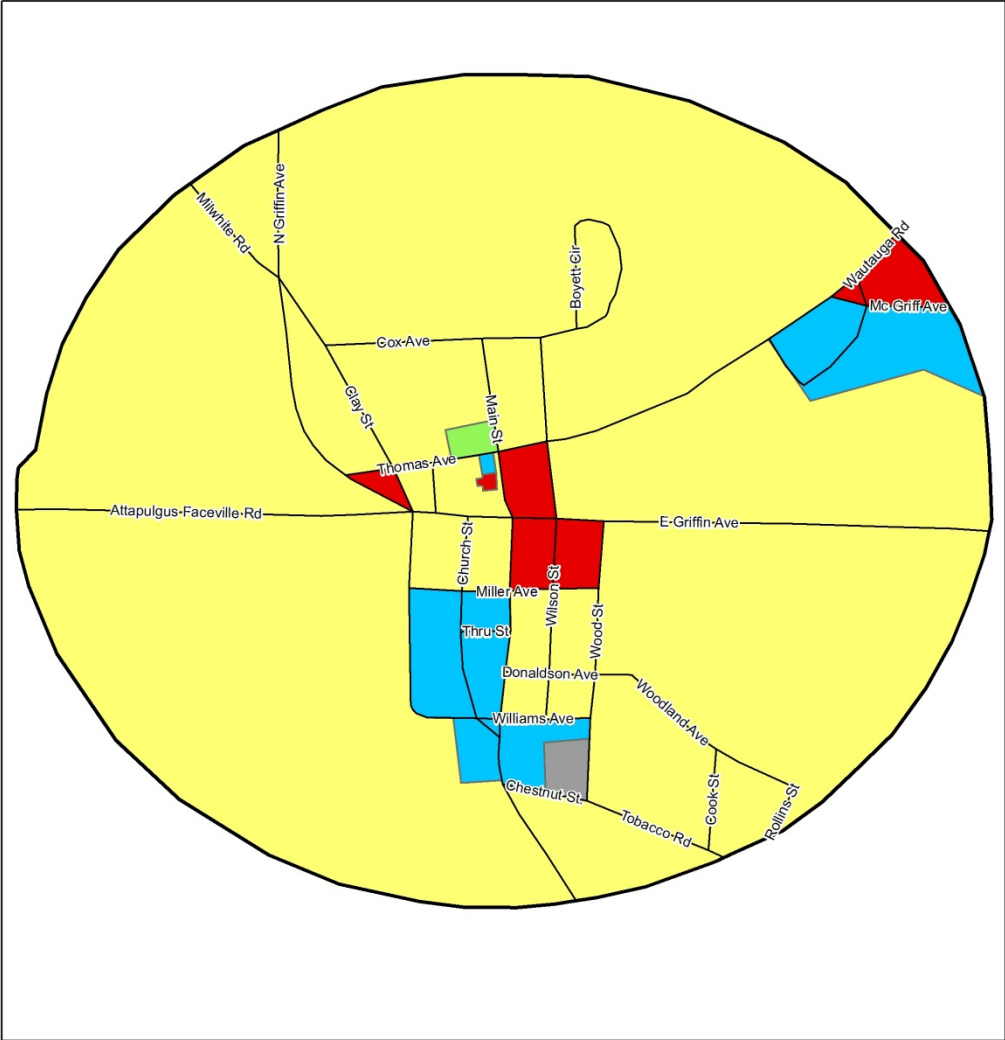
# FUTURE LAND USE MAP

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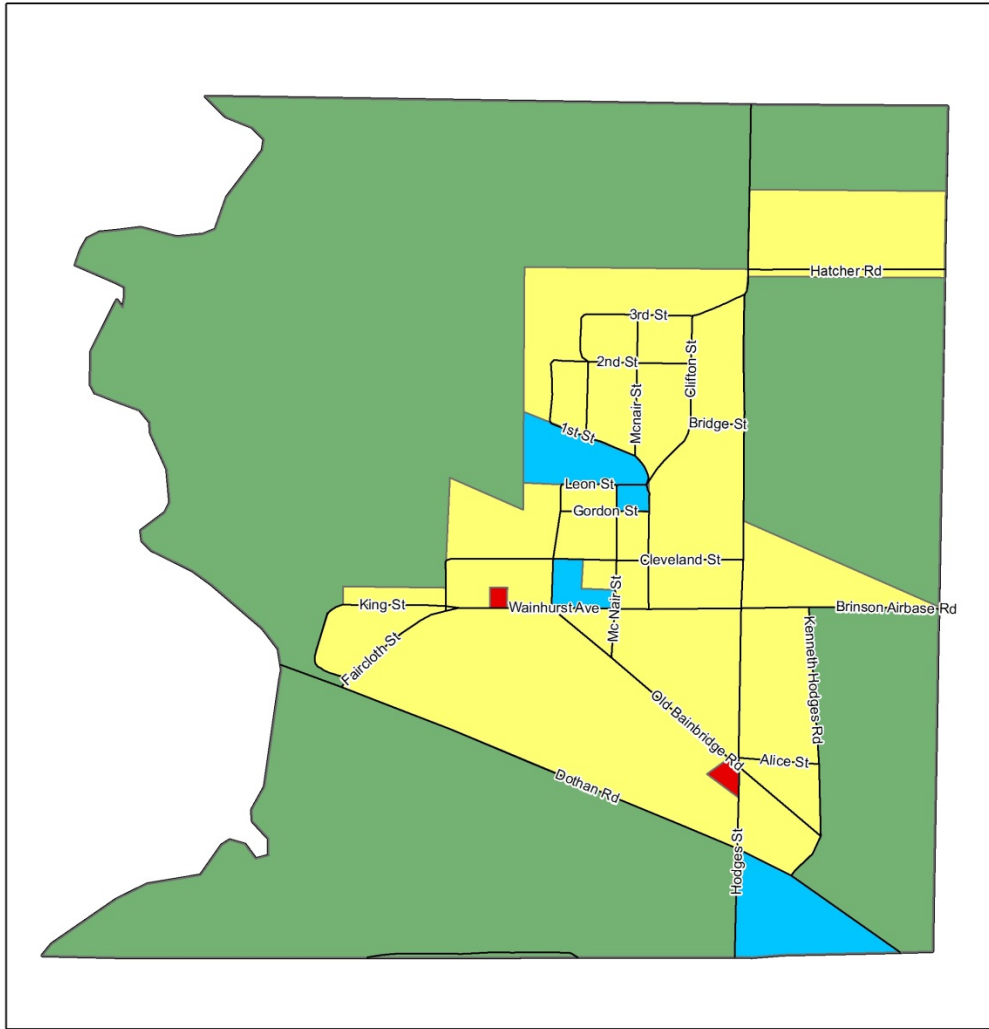
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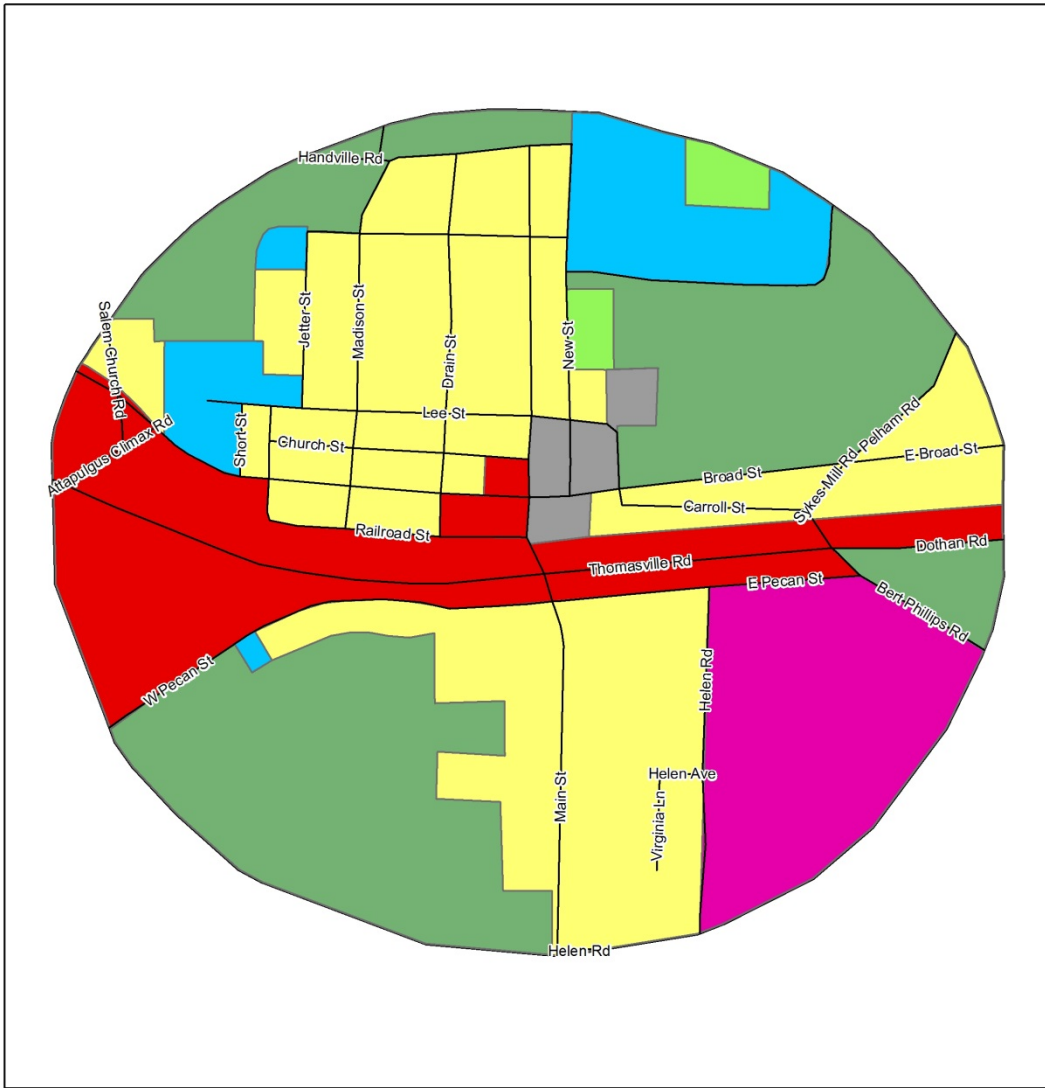
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# Climax

Future Land Use



Legend

- Agriculture/Forestry
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## REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ATTAPULGUS REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS									
Work Items/Projects	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
Contract with Decatur County to hold elections	X	X	X	X	X	\$4,000	City	General Funds	Complete
Explore contracting with County Planner for planning assistance as needed	X	X	X	X	X	Varies per project	City	Taxes/General Funds	Complete
Explore installing fire hydrants where necessary	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000 each	City	Enterprise Funds/Grants	Postponed Did not receive grant
Promote and encourage the use of the Regional Coordinated Transportation Program	X	X	X	X	X	n/a (county provides)	City/County	County funded	Complete
Attract business to downtown area	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues	Underway Completion 2022
Work with RC Historic Preservation Planner to upgrade streetscape; benches, planters, trash receptacles, etc.	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues	Postponed Grant funds not available
Work with Historic Preservation Planner to develop plans	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues	No longer being considered Not feasible for

for antique lighting and sidewalk improvements									Attapulgus
Replace city water tank	X					\$500,000	City	CDBG	Complete
Make improvements to outdoor recreational facility when necessary	X	X	X	X	X	n/a/varies	City	SPLOST	Underway Completion 2022
Develop preliminary drainage improvement study for the City	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	City	General Funds	No longer being considered Engineering study. Did not receive Grant
Establish satellite Sheriff's/EMS office		X				n/a	City/County	General Funds	No longer being considered Not feasible per Decatur Co. Sheriff's Office
Collaborate with Community Action Council to determine if weatherization or rehabilitation funding is available for senior citizens			X			n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues	No longer being considered No sufficient work focus to oversee project.
Review and update ordinances as necessary	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	City/RC	General Funds	Underway Completion 2022

**BRINSON REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

<b>Work Items/Projects</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Possible Funding Sources</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
Work with Chamber of Commerce and Decatur County to promote Development of U.S. Hwy. 84	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	N/A	City/Chamber	General Funds	Underway 2022
Implement Georgia Municipal Association's Georgia Cities Week each year and plan projects for the event in Brinson – participate in this project	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	None	City	N/A	Underway 2022
Review, and amend if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it encourages green space preservation			<b>X</b>			None	City	N/A	Underway 2022
Conduct survey to determine what type of recreational facilities are needed and amend STWP to outline projects and costs		<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>		\$1,000	City	General Funds	Postponed Lack of funds and staff
Enforce Existing ordinances and codes	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	None	City	N/A	Underway 2022
Form a Housing Committee that will report monthly to the City Council			<b>X</b>			None	City	N/A	Postponed Lack of funds and staff
Encourage the development of a city-wide beautification program				<b>X</b>		None	City	N/A	Underway 2022
Review, and amend if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it remains up to date	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	None	City	N/A	Underway 2022

CLIMAX REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS									
Work Items/Projects	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Status Update
Annex one mile radius of county into city limits			X			None	City	n/a	No longer being considered Funding Not Available
Develop zoning ordinance				X		\$3,500	City/RC	General Fund	Underway Completion 2018
Attract a financial institution to the area					X	None	City	n/a	No longer being considered Financial Institution located 6 miles of Climax
Paint Parker Park gazebo	X					\$1,000	City	General Fund/Grants	Underway Completion Date 2018
Paint Parker Park pavilion	X					\$2,000	City	General Fund/Grants	Underway Completion Date 2019
Repair and paint Parker Park bathrooms	X					\$3,500	City	General Fund/Grants	Postponed
Repave Parker Park walking track					X	\$25,000	City	Grants	Underway Completion Date 2018
Install fence in children's park		X				\$20,000	City	SPLOST	Postponed Lack of Funding
Install water pipes city-wide	X	X	X	X	X	\$500,000	City	CDBG/SPLOST	Postponed Lack of Funding
Install city-wide surface water drainage system	X	X	X	X	X	\$500,000	City	CDBG/SPLOST	Postponed until CDBG Grants can be a service
Resurface Broad Street		X				None	City	LARP	Postponed Lack of Funding

**DECATUR COUNTY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

<b>Work Items/Projects</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Possible Funding Sources</b>	<b>Status Update</b>
Support adult literacy programs and dropout prevention programs	X	X	X	X	X	None.	Decatur County	n/a	Underway Completion Date 2022
Support vocational education programs	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County	n/a	Underway Completion Date 2022
Continue to support the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority	X	X	X	X	X	\$200,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund/Dedicated millage rate	Underway Completion Date 2022
Identify and pursue industries that contribute to the county's tax base	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County/Development Authority	n/a	Underway Completion Date 2022
Maintain and improve industrial parks	X		X	X	X	\$400,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund/Enterprise Funds/SPLOST	Underway Completion Date 2022
Establish crossroad communities as "Community Designated Places" (US Census Bureau)					X	None	Decatur County	n/a	Underway Completion Date 2022
Research feasibility of adopting comprehensive storm water management ordinances		X				None	Decatur County	n/a	Completed
Limit the density and intensity over groundwater recharge areas	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County	n/a	Underway Completion Date 2022
Consider developing buffer zones along roadways		X				None	Decatur County	n/a	Completed
Research feasibility of adopting comprehensive	X					None	Decatur County	n/a	Completed

landscape requirements									
Research the feasibility of enacting ordinances to protect slopes			X			None	Decatur County	n/a	Completed
Adopt the appropriate Part V environmental ordinances			X			None	Decatur County	n/a	Completed
Require open space in subdivision development		X				None	Decatur County	n/a	No longer being considered Low Priority
Seek easements to increase public access to scenic areas			X			None	Decatur County	n/a	No longer being considered Low Priority
Consider feasibility of new EMS/Fire substation				X		\$350,000	Decatur County	General Fund	Completed
Coordinate with city planning department in order to provide continuity of county land use objectives	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County	n/a	Underway Completion Date 2022
Work toward establishing a housing monitoring system			X			\$50,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund	No longer being considered Lack of Funding
Enforce the county's building code ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	\$60,000	Decatur County	General Fund User Fees Enterprise Funds	Underway Completion Date 2022
Consider developing procedures for the use of selective demolition as a means of stabilizing neighborhoods			X			\$5,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund	Completed
Encourage public/private partnerships for the purpose of rehabilitating substandard housing				X		\$5,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund	Completed

Adopt land use regulations to specifically protect prime agricultural land	X					\$5,000	Decatur County	General Fund	No longer being considered Lack Priority
Consider Adopting a Zoning Ordinance		X				\$20,000	Decatur County	General Fund	No longer being considered Lack of Support
Continue to pave and resurface secondary roads	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,500,000/yr.	Decatur County	SPLOST	Underway Completion Date 2022
Continue to maintain bridges	X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund	Underway Completion Date 2022
Ensure capability to service all types of general and corporate aviation	X	X	X	X	X	\$100,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund	Underway Completion Date 2022



COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM

ATTAPULGUS COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM								
Work Items/Projects	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
Explore pros and cons of installing fire hydrants where necessary	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000 each	City	Enterprise Funds/ Grants
Increase businesses in downtown area	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues
Work with RC Historic Preservation Planner to upgrade streetscape; benches, planters, trash receptacles, etc.	X	X	X	X	X	n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues
Make improvements to outdoor recreational facility when necessary	X	X	X	X	X	n/a/varies	City	SPLOST
Review and update ordinances as necessary	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	City/RC	General Funds
Update Community Work Program				X	X	n/a	City	General Funds

BRINSON COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM								
Work Items/Projects	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
Work with Chamber of Commerce and Decatur County through meetings to market and promote the Development of U.S. Hwy. 84	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	City/Chamber	General Funds
Implement Georgia Municipal Association's Georgia Cities Week each year and plan projects for the event in Brinson – participate in this project	X	X	X	X	X	None	City	N/A
Review, and amend if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it encourages green space preservation			X			None	City	N/A
Conduct survey to determine what type of recreational facilities are needed and amend STWP to outline projects and costs		X		X		\$1,000	City	General Funds
Enforce Existing ordinances and codes	X	X	X	X	X	None	City	N/A
Form a Housing Committee that will report monthly to the City Council			X			None	City	N/A
Provide funding for the development of a city-wide beautification program				X		None	City	N/A
Review, and amend if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it remains up to date	X	X	X	X	X	None	City	N/A

<b>CLIMAX COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM</b>								
<b>Work Items/Projects</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Possible Funding Sources</b>
<b>General Planning</b>								
Develop zoning ordinance	X					\$4,000	City	General Fund
<b>Economic Development</b>								
Paint Parker Park gazebo	X	X	X		X	\$1,500	City	General Fund
Paint Parker Park pavilion	X	x	x	X	X	\$2,5000	City	General Fund/Grants
Paint Parker Gates	X		X		X	\$500	City	General Funds
Repair and paint Parker Park bathrooms	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,500	City	General Fund/Grants
Resurface Parker Park walking track		X	X	X	X	\$20,000	City	SPLOST
Install fence in children's park	X	X	X	X	X	\$20,000	City	SPLOST
Install water pipes city-wide	X	X	X	X	X	\$500,000	City	CDBG/SPLOST
Install city-wide surface water drainage system	X	X	X	X	X	\$500,000	City	CDBG/SPLOST
Resurface Broad Street	X	X	X	X	X	None	City	LARP
Install metal Roof – Climax Depot	X	X	X	X	X	\$40,000	City	SPLOST
Paint Climax Depot	X	X	X	X	X	\$4,000	City	General Funds/Grants
Purchase Road and Street Equipment	X	X	X	X	X	\$70,000	City	SPLOST
Purchase Fire Dept. Equipment		X	X	X	X	\$12,000	City	SPLOST
Apply for grant funding for city wide Surface Drainage System	X	X	X	X	X	\$500,000	City	CDBG
<b>Land Use</b>								
Resurface City Streets based on priority	X	X	X	X	X	\$45,000	City	LMIG/General Funds
<b>Other Considerations</b>								
Apply for grant funding to increase pumping capacity of wells from 220 gpm to 1000 gpm	X	X	X	X	X	\$250,000	City	CDBG

DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM								
Work Items/Projects	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
Meet with and work with schools and other agencies to increase adult literacy programs and dropout prevention programs	X	X	X	X	X	None.	Decatur County	n/a
Meet with and work with educational institutions to increase the vocational education programs	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County	n/a
Provide limited financial support to support the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority Programs	X	X	X	X	X	\$200,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund/Dedicated millage rate
Identify and pursue industries that contribute to the county's tax base	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County/Development Authority	n/a
Provide funding to maintain and improve the industrial parks	X		X	X	X	\$400,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund/Enterprise Funds/SPLOST
Establish crossroad communities as "Community Designated Places" (US Census Bureau)					X	None	Decatur County	n/a
Limit the density and intensity over groundwater recharge areas	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County	n/a
Coordinate with city planning department through meetings in order to provide continuity of county land use objectives	X	X	X	X	X	None	Decatur County	n/a
Enforce the county's building code ordinance	X	X	X	X	X	\$60,000	Decatur County User Fees Enterprise Fees	General Fund
Continue to provide funding to pave and resurface secondary roads based on priority	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,500,000/yr.	Decatur County	SPLOST
Continue to provide funding to maintain bridges	X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund
Provide funding to build capability to service all types of general and corporate aviation	X	X	X	X	X	\$100,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund

## APPENDIX

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**Resolutions**

**Attendance Sheets**

**Public Hearing Advertisements**

**Future Land Use Map**

**Environmental Research Institute (ESRI)**

# RESOLUTIONS

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**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Decatur County, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizens input;

**WHEREAS**, in the development of the comprehensive plan, Decatur County examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Decatur County Commission that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

Commission Chair

  
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Pete Stephens

Witness

  
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Beverly King, County Clerk

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Attapulgus, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

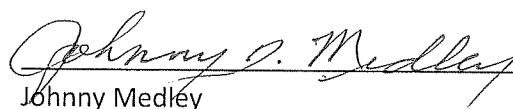
**WHEREAS**, the City Council held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizens input;

**WHEREAS**, in the development of the comprehensive plan, The City of Attapulgus examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;

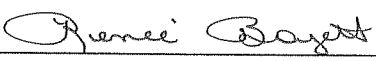
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Attapulgus, Georgia that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

Mayor

  
Johnny Medley

Witness

  
Renee Boyett, City Clerk



**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Brinson, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizens input;

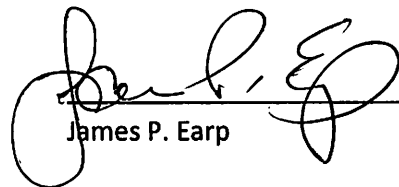
**WHEREAS**, in the development of the comprehensive plan, The City of Brinson examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Brinson, Georgia that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.



Mayor

  
James P. Earp

  
Ashley M. Miller, City Clerk

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Climax, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;


**WHEREAS**, the City Council held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizens input;

**WHEREAS**, in the development of the comprehensive plan, The City of Climax examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;


**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Climax, Georgia that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 15<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2017.

Mayor

  
Charles Hadsock

Witness

  
Glenda Worsham, City Clerk

# ATTENDANCE SHEETS

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**Decatur County & Cities of Attapulgus – Brinson - Climax ~ Comprehensive Plan**

Monday, September 12, 2016

Sign In Sheet

Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Agency or Organization
Pete Styler	229-221-1120	pete.styler@attapulgus.ga.gov	Comm: ss: va
Renee Boyett	229-465-3322	cityofattapulgus@tds.net	City of Attapulgus
Johnny Medley	229-465-3322	cityofattapulgus@tds.net	cityofattapulgus
Alan Thomas			
Barbara Rolfe	(229) 522-3552		

**Southwest Georgia Regional Commission**  
**Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax**  
**Joint Public Hearing**  
**September 8, 2015**  
**6:00 PM**

**Sign In Sheet**

Name	Agency	Telephone	E-mail
1. <u>Barbara Piddis</u>	<u>SWGARC</u>	<u>(229) 522-3537</u>	<u>briddis@swgrc</u>
2. <u>Kimberly Brooks</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>kbrooks@swgrc.org</u>
3. <u>Huddy Powell</u>	<u>Brinson</u>		
4. <u>Charles Hadsock</u>		<u>(229) 246-0467</u>	
5. <u>Johnny Medley</u>		<u>229 465-3544</u>	
6. <u>LT. Stafford, III</u>		<u>25525@yahoo.com</u>	<u>(229) 220-0780</u>
7. <u>Tommy &amp; Purnell</u>		<u>(229) 662-3010</u>	
8. <u>Alan R. Davis</u>		<u>229-400-1969</u>	<u>ardavis52@gmail.com</u>
9. <u>George Anderson</u>		<u>229-248-3030</u>	
10. <u>Gary Breedlove</u>		<u>229-400-5331</u>	<u>gpbreed@attapulgusga.gov</u>
11. <u>Beverly King</u>		<u>229-248-3030</u>	<u>beverly@decaturcountyga.gov</u>
12. <u>Russell Smith</u>		<u>229-248-3030</u>	
13. <u>Pete Stevens</u>		<u>229-248-3030</u>	
14. <u>Dennis Brinson</u>		<u>229-248-3030</u>	
15. <u>Alan Thomas</u>		<u>229-248-3030</u>	<u>Athomas@decaturcountyga.gov</u>
16. <u>Rusty Davis</u>		<u>229-248-3030</u>	
17. _____			
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**Southwest Georgia Regional Commission**  
**Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax Comprehensive Plan Kick Off**  
**Meeting**  
**October 5, 2015**  
**4:00 PM**

Sign In Sheet

Name	Agency	Telephone	Email
1. Russell Smith		229-416-7739	Russell Smith 2547@Gmail <sup>1 CBM</sup>
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3. Johnny Medley		465-3322	johnny.m@brinson.net
4. Ashley m miller		248 1752	townofbrinson@att.net
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6. George Anderson		<del>258-211</del> 205-1447	Captgeorgea96@yahoo.com, CCW
7. <del>Beta</del> Shiver	RC		
8. Barbara Redick	RC		
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Decatur Co. & Cities of Attapulgus – Brinson - Climax ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan  
 Tuesday, August 22, 2017  
Sign In Sheet

Name	Address or Phone Number
Ashley Miller Town of Brinson	179 Clifton St Brinson GA 39826 889 248 1788
Johnnie Mae Livingston	330 Bettstown Rd 302 354-1696
Beverly King	2006 Ashton Way Bainbridge Ga 39819 243-5908
Dennis Brinson	
Pete Stephens	
George Anderson	
Steve Brock	
Grey Murray	
Charles Hedrick	
Rusty Davis	
Bruce Finko	
Alan Thomas	
Dwight Cobb	
Dr. C. T. Stasford	

Decatur Co. & Cities of Attapulgus – Brinson - Climax ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan  
Tuesday, August 22, 2017  
Sign In Sheet

Name	Address or Phone Number
Gayle Boyer	
Dorell Cole	



# PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISEMENT

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Contributions from  
the Athletic Association  
also were used last fall  
to launch an innovative  
undergraduate research  
assistantship program  
through the Center for  
Undergraduate Research  
Opportunities, or CURO.  
This assistantship  
program provides \$1,000  
stipends to 300 outstanding  
undergraduate students to  
conduct research in close  
partnership with faculty  
and graduate students

as part of established  
research teams. CURO,  
which is open to all  
undergraduates at UGA  
regardless of major, grade  
point average or Honors  
Program status, has seen  
an increase in student  
participation due to this  
expanded support. During  
the 2014-15 school year,  
UGA students registered  
for 688 CURO courses for a  
total of 2,253 credit hours-a  
17 percent increase in  
courses from the 2013-14  
academic year and a 13  
percent increase in credit  
hours.

The Athletic Association

provided an additional  
\$1 million in fiscal year  
2015 to support students  
through the university's  
new experiential learning  
initiative, which will  
promote undergraduate  
research, study abroad,  
service-learning,  
internships and other  
high-impact experiences.  
UGA will become the  
largest public university  
to integrate experiential  
learning fully into the  
undergraduate curriculum  
when the program is  
implemented in fall 2016.

Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax are conducting a Public Hearing to begin the Decatur County Comprehensive Plan on September 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Decatur County Administration Building, 203 W. Broughton Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. The current plan will expire on October 31, 2017. In accordance with Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-12-1), each community must conduct a public hearing prior to the start of the planning process.

The purpose of the public hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the comprehensive plan and offer opportunities for public participation in development of the plan and to obtain input on the proposed planning process.

Copies of the current Comprehensive Plan are available for viewing at:

Decatur County  
203 West Broughton Street  
Bainbridge, Georgia 39817  
229.248.3030  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

City of Attapulgus  
115 North Main Street, #3  
Attapulgus, Georgia 39815  
229.465.3322  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

City of Brinson  
179 Clifton Street  
Brinson, Georgia 39841  
229.248.1752  
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

City of Climax  
105 Drane Street  
Climax, Georgia 39834  
229.246.0467  
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Questions should be directed to the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, Climax or the County Office listed above or alternatively call Barbara Reddick, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, 229.522.3552.

Memberships are now being sold, and those who become patrons will be invited to a Patron's Party sponsored by Mickey and Susan Shiver the end of October at The Firehouse Arts Center.

Membership application form and levels of season membership participation can be found on the theatre website: bainbridgelittletheatre@gmail.com

recognition event for high age Georgia 4-H'ers. It symbolizes the end of a year of hard work and dedication by Georgia 4-H. Coordinated by the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension Service.

## Bainbridge-Decatur County Humane Society



**HAPPY PAWS:** Meesha and Baxter are just two of the many great dogs waiting for someone to make them part of a family.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Decatur County, City of Climax, City of Attapulgus and City of Brinson are conducting a Public Hearing to present the Decatur County Comprehensive Plan on August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Board of Commissioners Board Room located at 203 W. Broughton Street, Bainbridge, Ga. The current plan will expire on October 31, 2017. In accordance with the Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-12-1), each community must conduct a public hearing prior to the start of the planning process and once a draft is completed before transmitting to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The purpose of this hearing is to accept input on the draft plan before transmittal to the DCA. The draft Comprehensive Plan is available by visiting [www.swgrcplanning.org](http://www.swgrcplanning.org). Questions should be directed to Barbara Reddick, Senior Planner, or Kimberly Brooks, Planner, with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission at 229.522.3552 ext. 1618 or 1615.

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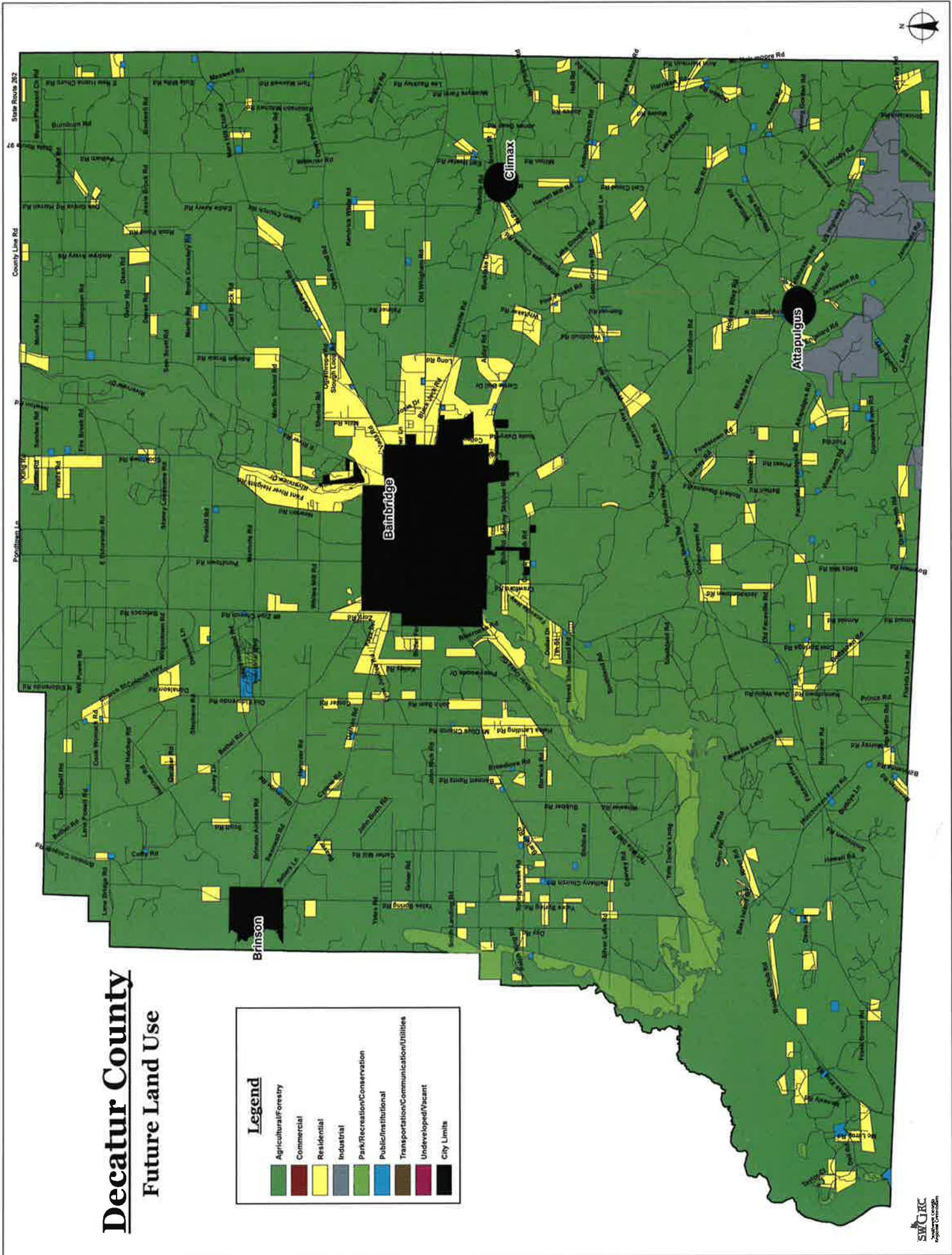
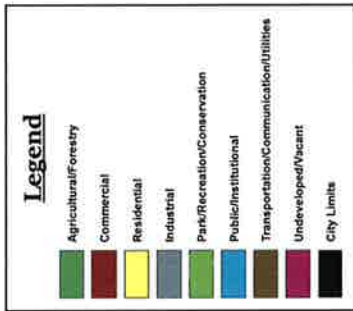
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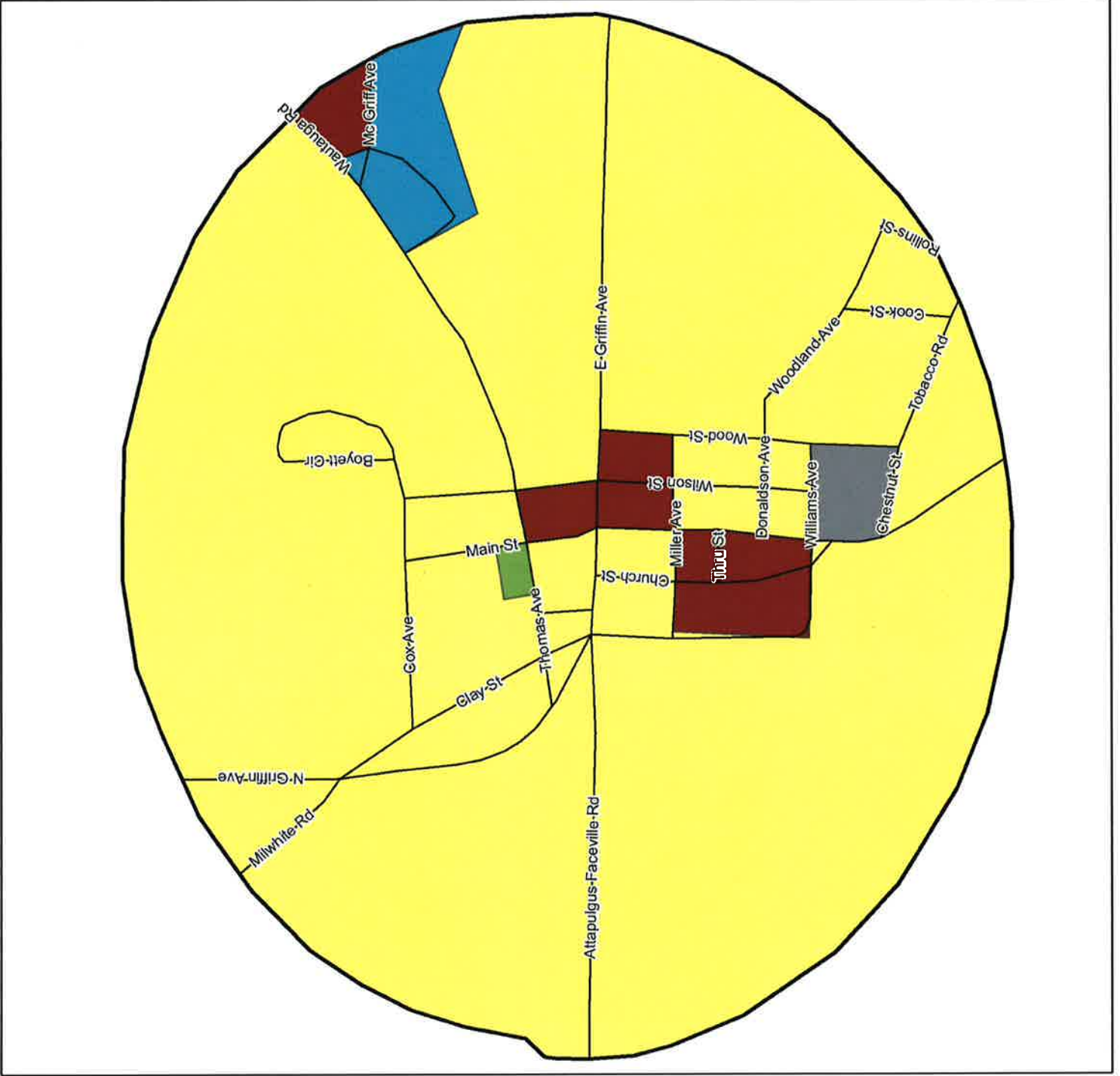
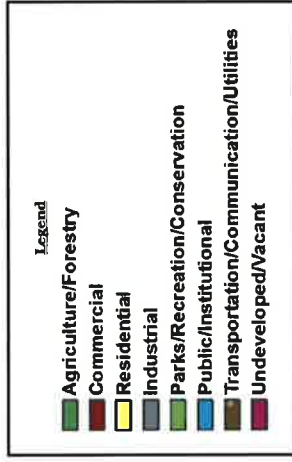
# Decatur County

## Future Land Use



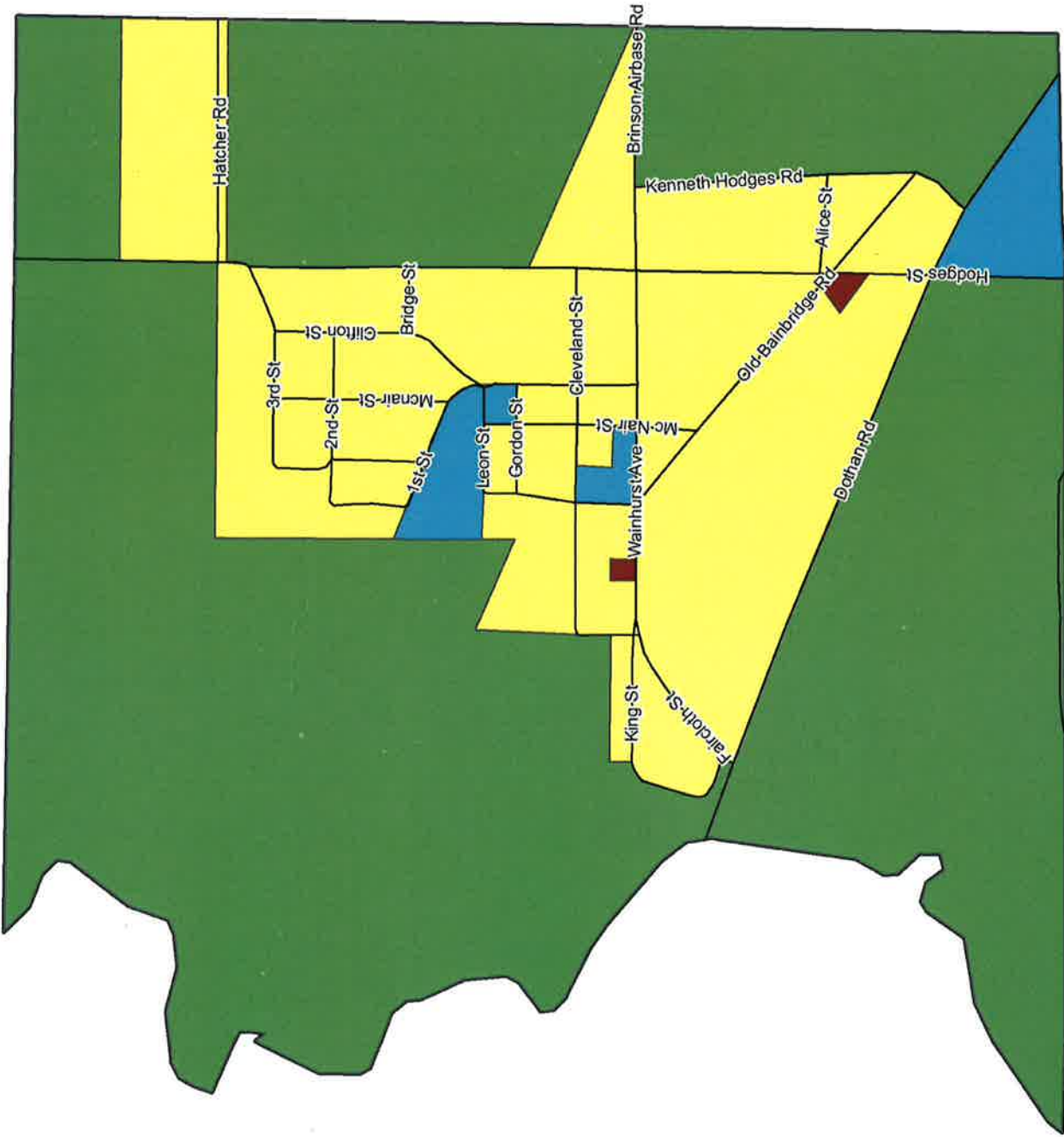
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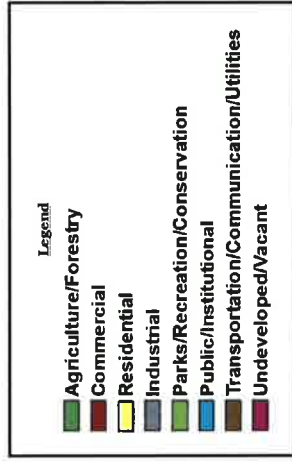
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# Climax

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## Population Summary

2000 Total Population	28,240
2010 Total Population	27,842
2015 Total Population	27,501
2015 Group Quarters	1,024
2020 Total Population	27,222
2015-2020 Annual Rate	-0.20%

## Household Summary

2000 Households	10,380
2000 Average Household Size	2.65
2010 Households	10,390
2010 Average Household Size	2.58
2015 Households	10,370
2015 Average Household Size	2.55
2020 Households	10,297
2020 Average Household Size	2.54
2015-2020 Annual Rate	-0.14%
2010 Families	7,255
2010 Average Family Size	3.10
2015 Families	7,162
2015 Average Family Size	3.09
2020 Families	7,063
2020 Average Family Size	3.09
2015-2020 Annual Rate	-0.28%

## Housing Unit Summary

2000 Housing Units	11,968
Owner Occupied Housing Units	62.9%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	23.9%
Vacant Housing Units	13.3%
2010 Housing Units	12,125
Owner Occupied Housing Units	56.5%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	29.2%
Vacant Housing Units	14.3%
2015 Housing Units	12,235
Owner Occupied Housing Units	53.1%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	31.7%
Vacant Housing Units	15.2%
2020 Housing Units	12,228
Owner Occupied Housing Units	52.6%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	31.6%
Vacant Housing Units	15.8%

## Median Household Income

2015	\$29,684
2020	\$33,898

## Median Home Value

2015	\$96,769
2020	\$132,761

## Per Capita Income

2015	\$16,694
2020	\$18,933

## Median Age

2010	37.6
2015	38.9
2020	40.4

**Data Note:** Household population includes persons not residing in group quarters. Average Household Size is the household population divided by total households. Persons in families include the householder and persons related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Per Capita Income represents the income received by all persons aged 15 years and over divided by the total population.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.



**2015 Households by Income**

Household Income Base	10,370
<\$15,000	25.9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	16.6%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	13.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	11.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	15.4%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	8.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	6.4%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	1.3%
\$200,000+	0.9%
Average Household Income	\$43,929

**2020 Households by Income**

Household Income Base	10,297
<\$15,000	24.5%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	14.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	12.5%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	10.9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	16.6%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	10.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	8.0%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	1.6%
\$200,000+	1.0%
Average Household Income	\$49,700

**2015 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value**

Total	6,492
<\$50,000	23.2%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	28.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	17.2%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	11.8%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	7.0%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	3.8%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	4.0%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	1.4%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	1.4%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	0.6%
\$1,000,000 +	0.9%
Average Home Value	\$141,085

**2020 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value**

Total	6,435
<\$50,000	14.3%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	23.4%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	18.8%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	16.1%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	11.0%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	5.6%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	4.9%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	2.0%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	2.1%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	0.7%
\$1,000,000 +	1.1%
Average Home Value	\$172,665

**Data Note:** Income represents the preceding year, expressed in current dollars. Household income includes wage and salary earnings, interest dividends, net rents, pensions, SSI and welfare payments, child support, and alimony.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.



**2010 Population by Age**

Total	27,842
0 - 4	6.7%
5 - 9	6.9%
10 - 14	7.4%
15 - 24	13.7%
25 - 34	12.0%
35 - 44	12.7%
45 - 54	14.6%
55 - 64	12.0%
65 - 74	7.7%
75 - 84	4.6%
85 +	1.6%
18 +	74.6%

**2015 Population by Age**

Total	27,501
0 - 4	6.4%
5 - 9	6.6%
10 - 14	6.6%
15 - 24	13.5%
25 - 34	12.4%
35 - 44	12.3%
45 - 54	13.4%
55 - 64	13.5%
65 - 74	9.0%
75 - 84	4.6%
85 +	1.8%
18 +	76.6%

**2020 Population by Age**

Total	27,222
0 - 4	6.1%
5 - 9	6.2%
10 - 14	6.5%
15 - 24	12.5%
25 - 34	12.4%
35 - 44	11.9%
45 - 54	12.5%
55 - 64	14.0%
65 - 74	10.7%
75 - 84	5.3%
85 +	1.8%
18 +	77.4%

**2010 Population by Sex**

Males	13,605
Females	14,237

**2015 Population by Sex**

Males	13,500
Females	14,001

**2020 Population by Sex**

Males	13,422
Females	13,800

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

## 2010 Population by Race/Ethnicity

Total	27,842
White Alone	54.2%
Black Alone	41.1%
American Indian Alone	0.4%
Asian Alone	0.5%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	2.5%
Two or More Races	1.2%
Hispanic Origin	5.0%
Diversity Index	58.2

## 2015 Population by Race/Ethnicity

Total	27,501
White Alone	53.1%
Black Alone	41.3%
American Indian Alone	0.5%
Asian Alone	0.6%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	2.9%
Two or More Races	1.5%
Hispanic Origin	5.8%
Diversity Index	59.7

## 2020 Population by Race/Ethnicity

Total	27,222
White Alone	51.8%
Black Alone	41.5%
American Indian Alone	0.6%
Asian Alone	0.7%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	3.4%
Two or More Races	1.9%
Hispanic Origin	6.8%
Diversity Index	61.4

## 2010 Population by Relationship and Household Type

Total	27,842
In Households	96.2%
In Family Households	83.1%
Householder	26.1%
Spouse	16.7%
Child	33.9%
Other relative	4.1%
Nonrelative	2.3%
In Nonfamily Households	13.1%
In Group Quarters	3.8%
Institutionalized Population	3.6%
Noninstitutionalized Population	0.2%

**Data Note:** Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. The Diversity Index measures the probability that two people from the same area will be from different race/ethnic groups.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

**2015 Population 25+ by Educational Attainment**

Total	18,429
Less than 9th Grade	6.5%
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	13.7%
High School Graduate	25.5%
GED/Alternative Credential	6.6%
Some College, No Degree	23.5%
Associate Degree	9.1%
Bachelor's Degree	9.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	6.0%

**2015 Population 15+ by Marital Status**

Total	22,135
Never Married	34.3%
Married	47.0%
Widowed	7.1%
Divorced	11.6%

**2015 Civilian Population 16+ in Labor Force**

Civilian Employed	95.8%
Civilian Unemployed	4.2%

**2015 Employed Population 16+ by Industry**

Total	10,112
Agriculture/Mining	5.8%
Construction	5.5%
Manufacturing	11.8%
Wholesale Trade	2.1%
Retail Trade	12.6%
Transportation/Utilities	5.0%
Information	1.1%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	5.3%
Services	44.2%
Public Administration	6.4%

**2015 Employed Population 16+ by Occupation**

Total	10,112
White Collar	49.6%
Management/Business/Financial	8.9%
Professional	17.0%
Sales	9.6%
Administrative Support	14.0%
Services	22.3%
Blue Collar	28.1%
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	3.0%
Construction/Extraction	3.6%
Installation/Maintenance/Repair	4.6%
Production	8.7%
Transportation/Material Moving	8.2%

**2010 Households by Type**

Total	10,390
Households with 1 Person	26.4%
Households with 2+ People	73.6%
Family Households	69.8%
Husband-wife Families	44.7%
With Related Children	18.6%
Other Family (No Spouse Present)	25.1%
Other Family with Male Householder	5.1%
With Related Children	3.0%
Other Family with Female Householder	20.0%
With Related Children	13.5%
Nonfamily Households	3.8%
All Households with Children	35.4%
Multigenerational Households	5.6%
Unmarried Partner Households	6.1%
Male-female	5.5%
Same-sex	0.6%

**2010 Households by Size**

Total	10,390
1 Person Household	26.4%
2 Person Household	32.3%
3 Person Household	17.4%
4 Person Household	13.0%
5 Person Household	6.7%
6 Person Household	2.6%
7 + Person Household	1.8%

**2010 Households by Tenure and Mortgage Status**

Total	10,390
Owner Occupied	65.9%
Owned with a Mortgage/Loan	38.6%
Owned Free and Clear	27.3%
Renter Occupied	34.1%

**Data Note:** Households with children include any households with people under age 18, related or not. Multigenerational households are families with 3 or more parent-child relationships. Unmarried partner households are usually classified as nonfamily households unless there is another member of the household related to the householder. Multigenerational and unmarried partner households are reported only to the tract level. Esri estimated block group data, which is used to estimate polygons or non-standard geography.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.



**Population Summary**

2000 Total Population	583
2010 Total Population	449
2015 Total Population	452
2015 Group Quarters	2
2020 Total Population	450
2015-2020 Annual Rate	-0.09%

**Household Summary**

2000 Households	190
2000 Average Household Size	3.05
2010 Households	170
2010 Average Household Size	2.63
2015 Households	174
2015 Average Household Size	2.59
2020 Households	174
2020 Average Household Size	2.57
2015-2020 Annual Rate	0.00%
2010 Families	120
2010 Average Family Size	3.18
2015 Families	122
2015 Average Family Size	3.13
2020 Families	121
2020 Average Family Size	3.14
2015-2020 Annual Rate	-0.16%

**Housing Unit Summary**

2000 Housing Units	207
Owner Occupied Housing Units	74.9%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	16.9%
Vacant Housing Units	8.2%
2010 Housing Units	193
Owner Occupied Housing Units	70.5%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	17.6%
Vacant Housing Units	11.9%
2015 Housing Units	199
Owner Occupied Housing Units	67.3%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	20.1%
Vacant Housing Units	12.6%
2020 Housing Units	199
Owner Occupied Housing Units	66.8%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	20.6%
Vacant Housing Units	12.6%

**Median Household Income**

2015	\$27,301
2020	\$29,865

**Median Home Value**

2015	\$64,706
2020	\$81,522

**Per Capita Income**

2015	\$15,467
2020	\$17,848

**Median Age**

2010	39.8
2015	42.1
2020	44.9

**Data Note:** Household population includes persons not residing in group quarters. Average Household Size is the household population divided by total households. Persons in families include the householder and persons related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Per Capita Income represents the income received by all persons aged 15 years and over divided by the total population.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

# CITY OF ATTAPULGUS

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**2015 Households by Income**

Household Income Base	174
<\$15,000	25.3%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	19.0%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	19.0%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	8.0%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	15.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	4.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	5.7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.3%
\$200,000+	0.6%
Average Household Income	\$40,336

**2020 Households by Income**

Household Income Base	174
<\$15,000	24.7%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	16.1%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	16.7%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	8.0%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	16.7%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	6.3%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	8.6%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.9%
\$200,000+	0.6%
Average Household Income	\$46,354

**2015 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value**

Total	134
<\$50,000	38.8%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	38.1%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	9.7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	5.2%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	2.2%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	0.7%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	2.2%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	0.7%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	1.5%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	0.0%
\$1,000,000 +	0.7%
Average Home Value	\$96,455

**2020 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value**

Total	133
<\$50,000	27.8%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	34.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	13.5%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	9.0%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	3.8%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	2.3%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	3.8%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	1.5%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	2.3%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	0.0%
\$1,000,000 +	0.8%
Average Home Value	\$124,621

**Data Note:** Income represents the preceding year, expressed in current dollars. Household income includes wage and salary earnings, interest dividends, net rents, pensions, SSI and welfare payments, child support, and alimony.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

**2010 Population by Age**

Total	452
0 - 4	4.9%
5 - 9	7.1%
10 - 14	7.7%
15 - 24	13.3%
25 - 34	10.4%
35 - 44	12.6%
45 - 54	15.7%
55 - 64	12.8%
65 - 74	8.6%
75 - 84	5.1%
85 +	1.3%
18 +	75.0%

**2015 Population by Age**

Total	451
0 - 4	4.9%
5 - 9	5.1%
10 - 14	6.9%
15 - 24	13.5%
25 - 34	10.9%
35 - 44	12.6%
45 - 54	14.9%
55 - 64	14.4%
65 - 74	10.4%
75 - 84	4.7%
85 +	1.8%
18 +	79.2%

**2020 Population by Age**

Total	447
0 - 4	4.7%
5 - 9	4.7%
10 - 14	5.4%
15 - 24	12.5%
25 - 34	11.6%
35 - 44	11.2%
45 - 54	13.4%
55 - 64	16.3%
65 - 74	12.3%
75 - 84	6.0%
85 +	1.8%
18 +	81.4%

**2010 Population by Sex**

Males	214
Females	235

**2015 Population by Sex**

Males	217
Females	235

**2020 Population by Sex**

Males	217
Females	233

**2010 Population by Race/Ethnicity**

Total	450
White Alone	35.1%
Black Alone	59.6%
American Indian Alone	0.4%
Asian Alone	0.2%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.2%
Some Other Race Alone	4.0%
Two or More Races	0.4%
Hispanic Origin	7.3%
Diversity Index	58.5

**2015 Population by Race/Ethnicity**

Total	451
White Alone	34.1%
Black Alone	59.9%
American Indian Alone	0.4%
Asian Alone	0.4%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.2%
Some Other Race Alone	4.4%
Two or More Races	0.4%
Hispanic Origin	8.4%
Diversity Index	60.0

**2020 Population by Race/Ethnicity**

Total	450
White Alone	33.1%
Black Alone	59.8%
American Indian Alone	0.7%
Asian Alone	0.4%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.2%
Some Other Race Alone	5.1%
Two or More Races	0.7%
Hispanic Origin	9.6%
Diversity Index	61.4

**2010 Population by Relationship and Household Type**

Total	449
In Households	99.6%
In Family Households	86.6%
Householder	26.7%
Spouse	16.3%
Child	36.3%
Other relative	5.8%
Nonrelative	1.6%
In Nonfamily Households	12.9%
In Group Quarters	0.4%
Institutionalized Population	0.0%
Noninstitutionalized Population	0.4%

**Data Note:** Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. The Diversity Index measures the probability that two people from the same area will be from different race/ethnic groups.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Summary File 1. Esri forecasts for 2015 and 2020. Esri converted Census 2000 data into 2010 geography.

**2015 Population 25+ by Educational Attainment**

Total	313
Less than 9th Grade	13.1%
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	17.9%
High School Graduate	36.4%
GED/Alternative Credential	4.2%
Some College, No Degree	15.7%
Associate Degree	4.8%
Bachelor's Degree	5.4%
Graduate/Professional Degree	2.6%

**2015 Population 15+ by Marital Status**

Total	376
Never Married	39.6%
Married	41.0%
Widowed	8.5%
Divorced	10.9%

**2015 Civilian Population 16+ in Labor Force**

Civilian Employed	96.8%
Civilian Unemployed	3.2%

**2015 Employed Population 16+ by Industry**

Total	120
Agriculture/Mining	12.5%
Construction	8.3%
Manufacturing	19.2%
Wholesale Trade	1.7%
Retail Trade	6.7%
Transportation/Utilities	6.7%
Information	0.0%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	0.8%
Services	35.0%
Public Administration	10.0%

**2015 Employed Population 16+ by Occupation**

Total	120
White Collar	31.7%
Management/Business/Financial	4.2%
Professional	9.2%
Sales	4.2%
Administrative Support	14.2%
Services	24.2%
Blue Collar	44.2%
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	14.2%
Construction/Extraction	5.0%
Installation/Maintenance/Repair	4.2%
Production	14.2%
Transportation/Material Moving	6.7%

**2010 Households by Type**

Total	169
Households with 1 Person	26.0%
Households with 2+ People	74.0%
Family Households	71.0%
Husband-wife Families	43.2%
With Related Children	17.2%
Other Family (No Spouse Present)	27.8%
Other Family with Male Householder	7.1%
With Related Children	3.6%
Other Family with Female Householder	21.3%
With Related Children	11.8%
Nonfamily Households	3.0%
All Households with Children	33.5%
Multigenerational Households	8.2%
Unmarried Partner Households	4.7%
Male-female	4.1%
Same-sex	0.6%

**2010 Households by Size**

Total	169
1 Person Household	26.0%
2 Person Household	32.0%
3 Person Household	16.6%
4 Person Household	13.6%
5 Person Household	5.3%
6 Person Household	3.6%
7 + Person Household	3.0%

**2010 Households by Tenure and Mortgage Status**

Total	170
Owner Occupied	80.0%
Owned with a Mortgage/Loan	37.6%
Owned Free and Clear	42.4%
Renter Occupied	20.0%

**Data Note:** Households with children include any households with people under age 18, related or not. Multigenerational households are families with 3 or more parent-child relationships. Unmarried partner households are usually classified as nonfamily households unless there is another member of the household related to the householder. Multigenerational and unmarried partner households are reported only to the tract level. Esri estimated block group data, which is used to estimate polygons or non-standard geography.

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**Population Summary**

2000 Total Population	212
2010 Total Population	215
2015 Total Population	213
2015 Group Quarters	1
2020 Total Population	211
2015-2020 Annual Rate	-0.19%

**Household Summary**

2000 Households	84
2000 Average Household Size	2.52
2010 Households	87
2010 Average Household Size	2.46
2015 Households	87
2015 Average Household Size	2.44
2020 Households	87
2020 Average Household Size	2.41
2015-2020 Annual Rate	0.00%
2010 Families	62
2010 Average Family Size	2.92
2015 Families	61
2015 Average Family Size	2.93
2020 Families	61
2020 Average Family Size	2.90
2015-2020 Annual Rate	0.00%

**Housing Unit Summary**

2000 Housing Units	94
Owner Occupied Housing Units	76.6%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	12.8%
Vacant Housing Units	10.6%
2010 Housing Units	98
Owner Occupied Housing Units	67.3%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	21.4%
Vacant Housing Units	11.2%
2015 Housing Units	98
Owner Occupied Housing Units	64.3%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	24.5%
Vacant Housing Units	11.2%
2020 Housing Units	98
Owner Occupied Housing Units	64.3%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	24.5%
Vacant Housing Units	11.2%

**Median Household Income**

2015	\$30,213
2020	\$34,104

**Median Home Value**

2015	\$85,714
2020	\$94,000

**Per Capita Income**

2015	\$16,908
2020	\$19,736

**Median Age**

2010	40.2
2015	40.6
2020	42.5

**Data Note:** Household population includes persons not residing in group quarters. Average Household Size is the household population divided by total households. Persons in families include the householder and persons related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Per Capita Income represents the income received by all persons aged 15 years and over divided by the total population.

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### 2015 Households by Income

Household Income Base	87
<\$15,000	16.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	21.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	20.7%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	13.8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	10.3%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	9.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	6.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.3%
\$200,000+	0.0%
Average Household Income	\$43,096

### 2020 Households by Income

Household Income Base	87
<\$15,000	14.9%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	18.4%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	17.2%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	12.6%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	11.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	12.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	9.2%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.3%
\$200,000+	0.0%
Average Household Income	\$49,835

### 2015 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value

Total	63
<\$50,000	27.0%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	33.3%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	15.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	9.5%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	4.8%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	3.2%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	1.6%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	1.6%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	1.6%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	1.6%
\$1,000,000 +	1.6%
Average Home Value	\$141,797

### 2020 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value

Total	63
<\$50,000	15.9%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	39.7%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	12.7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	9.5%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	7.9%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	4.8%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	3.2%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	3.2%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	1.6%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	1.6%
\$1,000,000 +	1.6%
Average Home Value	\$163,672

**Data Note:** Income represents the preceding year, expressed in current dollars. Household income includes wage and salary earnings, interest dividends, net rents, pensions, SSI and welfare payments, child support, and alimony.

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**2010 Population by Age**

Total	215
0 - 4	7.0%
5 - 9	6.0%
10 - 14	7.4%
15 - 24	12.6%
25 - 34	11.2%
35 - 44	12.6%
45 - 54	14.0%
55 - 64	14.0%
65 - 74	8.8%
75 - 84	4.7%
85 +	0.9%
18 +	75.3%

**2015 Population by Age**

Total	213
0 - 4	6.1%
5 - 9	7.0%
10 - 14	6.1%
15 - 24	12.2%
25 - 34	11.7%
35 - 44	11.7%
45 - 54	14.6%
55 - 64	14.1%
65 - 74	10.3%
75 - 84	5.2%
85 +	0.9%
18 +	77.5%

**2020 Population by Age**

Total	209
0 - 4	5.7%
5 - 9	6.2%
10 - 14	7.2%
15 - 24	11.5%
25 - 34	11.0%
35 - 44	11.5%
45 - 54	13.4%
55 - 64	13.9%
65 - 74	12.9%
75 - 84	5.3%
85 +	1.4%
18 +	78.9%

**2010 Population by Sex**

Males	109
Females	106

**2015 Population by Sex**

Males	107
Females	106

**2020 Population by Sex**

Males	106
Females	105

**2010 Population by Race/Ethnicity**

Total	214
White Alone	74.3%
Black Alone	22.4%
American Indian Alone	0.0%
Asian Alone	0.0%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	2.3%
Two or More Races	0.9%
Hispanic Origin	3.7%
Diversity Index	44.6

**2015 Population by Race/Ethnicity**

Total	214
White Alone	72.0%
Black Alone	22.9%
American Indian Alone	0.5%
Asian Alone	0.5%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	2.8%
Two or More Races	1.4%
Hispanic Origin	4.2%
Diversity Index	47.1

**2020 Population by Race/Ethnicity**

Total	212
White Alone	70.8%
Black Alone	23.1%
American Indian Alone	0.5%
Asian Alone	0.5%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Some Other Race Alone	3.3%
Two or More Races	1.9%
Hispanic Origin	5.2%
Diversity Index	49.6

**2010 Population by Relationship and Household Type**

Total	215
In Households	99.5%
In Family Households	86.5%
Householder	27.9%
Spouse	20.0%
Child	33.5%
Other relative	3.3%
Nonrelative	2.3%
In Nonfamily Households	13.0%
In Group Quarters	0.5%
Institutionalized Population	0.0%
Noninstitutionalized Population	0.5%

**Data Note:** Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. The Diversity Index measures the probability that two people from the same area will be from different race/ethnic groups.

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## 2015 Population 25+ by Educational Attainment

Total	148
Less than 9th Grade	5.4%
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	7.4%
High School Graduate	36.5%
GED/Alternative Credential	8.8%
Some College, No Degree	27.0%
Associate Degree	8.1%
Bachelor's Degree	5.4%
Graduate/Professional Degree	1.4%

## 2015 Population 15+ by Marital Status

Total	173
Never Married	33.5%
Married	50.3%
Widowed	5.8%
Divorced	10.4%

## 2015 Civilian Population 16+ In Labor Force

Civilian Employed	94.9%
Civilian Unemployed	5.1%

## 2015 Employed Population 16+ by Industry

Total	74
Agriculture/Mining	5.4%
Construction	17.6%
Manufacturing	5.4%
Wholesale Trade	2.7%
Retail Trade	16.2%
Transportation/Utilities	0.0%
Information	0.0%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	8.1%
Services	39.2%
Public Administration	4.1%

## 2015 Employed Population 16+ by Occupation

Total	74
White Collar	41.9%
Management/Business/Financial	4.1%
Professional	6.8%
Sales	20.3%
Administrative Support	10.8%
Services	27.0%
Blue Collar	31.1%
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	2.7%
Construction/Extraction	9.5%
Installation/Maintenance/Repair	8.1%
Production	2.7%
Transportation/Material Moving	8.1%

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**2010 Households by Type**

Total	87
Households with 1 Person	25.3%
Households with 2+ People	74.7%
Family Households	71.3%
Husband-wife Families	51.7%
With Related Children	21.8%
Other Family (No Spouse Present)	19.5%
Other Family with Male Householder	4.6%
With Related Children	3.4%
Other Family with Female Householder	14.9%
With Related Children	9.2%
Nonfamily Households	3.4%
 All Households with Children	 34.5%
 Multigenerational Households	 6.9%
Unmarried Partner Households	6.9%
Male-female	5.7%
Same-sex	1.1%

**2010 Households by Size**

Total	87
1 Person Household	25.3%
2 Person Household	33.3%
3 Person Household	17.2%
4 Person Household	13.8%
5 Person Household	6.9%
6 Person Household	2.3%
7 + Person Household	1.1%

**2010 Households by Tenure and Mortgage Status**

Total	87
Owner Occupied	75.9%
Owned with a Mortgage/Loan	43.7%
Owned Free and Clear	32.2%
Renter Occupied	24.1%

**Data Note:** Households with children include any households with people under age 18, related or not. Multigenerational households are families with 3 or more parent-child relationships. Unmarried partner households are usually classified as nonfamily households unless there is another member of the household related to the householder. Multigenerational and unmarried partner households are reported only to the tract level. Esri estimated block group data, which is used to estimate polygons or non-standard geography.  
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## Population Summary

2000 Total Population	310
2010 Total Population	280
2015 Total Population	286
2015 Group Quarters	0
2020 Total Population	288
2015-2020 Annual Rate	0.14%

## Household Summary

2000 Households	119
2000 Average Household Size	2.61
2010 Households	112
2010 Average Household Size	2.50
2015 Households	116
2015 Average Household Size	2.47
2020 Households	117
2020 Average Household Size	2.46
2015-2020 Annual Rate	0.17%
2010 Families	77
2010 Average Family Size	3.05
2015 Families	79
2015 Average Family Size	3.03
2020 Families	79
2020 Average Family Size	3.04
2015-2020 Annual Rate	0.00%

## Housing Unit Summary

2000 Housing Units	135
Owner Occupied Housing Units	75.6%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	12.6%
Vacant Housing Units	11.9%
2010 Housing Units	127
Owner Occupied Housing Units	70.1%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	18.1%
Vacant Housing Units	11.8%
2015 Housing Units	132
Owner Occupied Housing Units	67.4%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	20.5%
Vacant Housing Units	12.1%
2020 Housing Units	132
Owner Occupied Housing Units	67.4%
Renter Occupied Housing Units	21.2%
Vacant Housing Units	11.4%

## Median Household Income

2015	\$39,476
2020	\$44,387

## Median Home Value

2015	\$89,423
2020	\$120,000

## Per Capita Income

2015	\$21,349
2020	\$24,415

## Median Age

2010	42.6
2015	44.6
2020	45.8

**Data Note:** Household population includes persons not residing in group quarters. Average Household Size is the household population divided by total households. Persons in families include the householder and persons related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. Per Capita Income represents the income received by all persons aged 15 years and over divided by the total population.

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### 2015 Households by Income

Household Income Base	116
<\$15,000	18.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	17.2%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	7.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	18.1%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	13.8%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	9.5%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	11.2%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2.6%
\$200,000+	1.7%
Average Household Income	\$54,611

### 2020 Households by Income

Household Income Base	117
<\$15,000	17.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	12.8%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	6.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	18.8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	16.2%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	13.7%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	9.4%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	3.4%
\$200,000+	1.7%
Average Household Income	\$62,352

### 2015 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value

Total	89
<\$50,000	27.0%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	29.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	18.0%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	6.7%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	5.6%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	5.6%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	6.7%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	0.0%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	1.1%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	0.0%
\$1,000,000 +	0.0%
Average Home Value	\$121,629

### 2020 Owner Occupied Housing Units by Value

Total	89
<\$50,000	18.0%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	25.8%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	16.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	7.9%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	10.1%
\$250,000 - \$299,999	10.1%
\$300,000 - \$399,999	10.1%
\$400,000 - \$499,999	0.0%
\$500,000 - \$749,999	2.2%
\$750,000 - \$999,999	0.0%
\$1,000,000 +	0.0%
Average Home Value	\$156,944

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### 2010 Population by Age

Total	282
0 - 4	5.7%
5 - 9	8.5%
10 - 14	6.4%
15 - 24	12.1%
25 - 34	9.2%
35 - 44	11.3%
45 - 54	13.5%
55 - 64	13.8%
65 - 74	9.6%
75 - 84	6.4%
85 +	2.8%
18 +	74.5%

### 2015 Population by Age

Total	285
0 - 4	5.3%
5 - 9	8.1%
10 - 14	6.0%
15 - 24	11.6%
25 - 34	9.5%
35 - 44	10.2%
45 - 54	12.6%
55 - 64	15.4%
65 - 74	11.9%
75 - 84	6.3%
85 +	3.2%
18 +	77.9%

### 2020 Population by Age

Total	287
0 - 4	5.2%
5 - 9	7.3%
10 - 14	5.9%
15 - 24	10.8%
25 - 34	9.8%
35 - 44	10.1%
45 - 54	11.5%
55 - 64	15.3%
65 - 74	13.9%
75 - 84	7.0%
85 +	3.1%
18 +	78.4%

### 2010 Population by Sex

Males	139
Females	141

### 2015 Population by Sex

Males	141
Females	145

### 2020 Population by Sex

Males	142
Females	146

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### 2010 Population by Race/Ethnicity

Total	278
White Alone	65.1%
Black Alone	32.4%
American Indian Alone	0.4%
Asian Alone	0.0%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.4%
Some Other Race Alone	0.7%
Two or More Races	1.1%
Hispanic Origin	2.5%
Diversity Index	50.4

### 2015 Population by Race/Ethnicity

Total	285
White Alone	63.5%
Black Alone	33.3%
American Indian Alone	0.7%
Asian Alone	0.0%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.4%
Some Other Race Alone	0.7%
Two or More Races	1.4%
Hispanic Origin	2.8%
Diversity Index	51.7

### 2020 Population by Race/Ethnicity

Total	288
White Alone	61.8%
Black Alone	34.0%
American Indian Alone	1.0%
Asian Alone	0.0%
Pacific Islander Alone	0.3%
Some Other Race Alone	0.7%
Two or More Races	2.1%
Hispanic Origin	3.5%
Diversity Index	53.5

### 2010 Population by Relationship and Household Type

Total	280
In Households	100.0%
In Family Households	86.4%
Householder	26.4%
Spouse	20.0%
Child	33.9%
Other relative	3.2%
Nonrelative	2.5%
In Nonfamily Households	13.6%
In Group Quarters	0.0%
Institutionalized Population	0.0%
Noninstitutionalized Population	0.0%

**Data Note:** Persons of Hispanic Origin may be of any race. The Diversity Index measures the probability that two people from the same area will be from different race/ethnic groups.  
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**2015 Population 25+ by Educational Attainment**

Total	197
Less than 9th Grade	3.0%
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	15.7%
High School Graduate	14.7%
GED/Alternative Credential	3.6%
Some College, No Degree	34.0%
Associate Degree	4.6%
Bachelor's Degree	11.2%
Graduate/Professional Degree	13.2%

**2015 Population 15+ by Marital Status**

Total	232
Never Married	8.2%
Married	72.0%
Widowed	10.3%
Divorced	9.5%

**2015 Civilian Population 16+ In Labor Force**

Civilian Employed	97.4%
Civilian Unemployed	2.6%

**2015 Employed Population 16+ by Industry**

Total	75
Agriculture/Mining	5.3%
Construction	9.3%
Manufacturing	13.3%
Wholesale Trade	0.0%
Retail Trade	13.3%
Transportation/Utilities	1.3%
Information	1.3%
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	12.0%
Services	33.3%
Public Administration	10.7%

**2015 Employed Population 16+ by Occupation**

Total	76
White Collar	70.7%
Management/Business/Financial	26.7%
Professional	9.3%
Sales	14.7%
Administrative Support	20.0%
Services	13.3%
Blue Collar	17.3%
Farming/Forestry/Fishing	0.0%
Construction/Extraction	1.3%
Installation/Maintenance/Repair	4.0%
Production	12.0%
Transportation/Material Moving	0.0%

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**2010 Households by Type**

Total	113
Households with 1 Person	28.3%
Households with 2+ People	71.7%
Family Households	68.1%
Husband-wife Families	51.3%
With Related Children	19.5%
Other Family (No Spouse Present)	15.9%
Other Family with Male Householder	4.4%
With Related Children	3.5%
Other Family with Female Householder	11.5%
With Related Children	8.0%
Nonfamily Households	3.5%
 All Households with Children	 31.3%
 Multigenerational Households	 5.4%
Unmarried Partner Households	6.3%
Male-female	6.3%
Same-sex	0.0%

**2010 Households by Size**

Total	112
1 Person Household	28.6%
2 Person Household	33.9%
3 Person Household	12.5%
4 Person Household	12.5%
5 Person Household	7.1%
6 Person Household	2.7%
7 + Person Household	2.7%

**2010 Households by Tenure and Mortgage Status**

Total	112
Owner Occupied	79.5%
Owned with a Mortgage/Loan	47.3%
Owned Free and Clear	33.0%
Renter Occupied	20.5%

**Data Note:** Households with children include any households with people under age 18, related or not. Multigenerational households are families with 3 or more parent-child relationships. Unmarried partner households are usually classified as nonfamily households unless there is another member of the household related to the householder. Multigenerational and unmarried partner households are reported only to the tract level. Esri estimated block group data, which is used to estimate polygons or non-standard geography.

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