

2017-2027 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



MILLER COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COLQUITT

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Introduction

This comprehensive plan is a long-range statement of a community's vision for development and redevelopment. By addressing the entire physical environment of the county and city the multitudes of functions, policies and program 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 Miller County and the City of Colquitt.

The development of the Miller County Comprehensive Plan was mandated by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. The plan represents joint participation in Georgia's coordinated planning process by Miller County and the City of Colquitt. The purpose of the Miller County Comprehensive Plan is to provide the elected and advisory officials of Miller County and the City of Colquitt with a guidance tool with which to manage, guide, and promote community growth and development in an organized fashion.

Georgia's comprehensive planning process requires the development of a short term work program outlining specific strategies by which the communities will strive to meet their needs and goals in the following five years. In addition, the comprehensive plan will serve as the foundation for long term decision making regarding the future land use pattern, economic development strategies, housing improvements, and environmental and historic resource protection.

By meeting Georgia's Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures established as part of the Georgia Planning Act, each participating community will retain their Qualified Local Government status. This status enables Georgia communities to remain eligible for state loans and grants.

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Role

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission's Planning Department facilitated the 2017 Comprehensive Plan update for Miller 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.

Miller County: Past and Present

Miller County, the state's 117th county, was created by the state legislature in 1856 out of portions of Early and Baker counties. The county was named for attorney Andrew Miller, who served in the state senate and later became president of the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Colquitt was designated as the county seat in the same year as the county's founding. The city was named after Walter T. Colquitt, a clergyman, attorney, and judge, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1843 to 1848. The county's first courthouse, built in Colquitt, was replaced once and then burned twice before the current structure was completed in 1977. Colquitt is Georgia's first Mural City. Several beautiful murals are visible around the city. One of the most astonishing murals is the one that tribute the American Farmer and is the gateway to the city. It can be seen from miles away.

At the turn of the twenty-first century, cotton, peanuts, and corn for grain were the top crops in Miller County, which today ranks fourth in total peanut production in Georgia.

Miller County is home to Georgia's official folk life play, Swamp Gravy. The ever-changing play is regularly scheduled at the historic Cotton Hall in Colquitt, which also houses the Museum of Southern Cultures. Storytelling circles are also popular because of the play. The Swamp Gravy Institute, an arts service organization formed as an outgrowth of the play, is a consulting and training unit of the Colquitt-Miller Arts Council. A storytelling festival is held in Colquitt in August, and the May-Haw Festival, honoring the tart South Georgia fruit, is held in April at Spring Creek Park, which also contains ecologically fragile wetlands.

The ongoing Millennium Murals Project, funded by public and private sources, has become a community beautification project. Using walls on area schools and business establishments, project designers pair artists with local middle and high school students, teachers, and community members. The murals depict stories told by locals about community happenings.

According to the 2010 U.S. census, the population of Miller County is 6,125 (69.6 percent white, 28.1 percent black, and 1.5 percent Hispanic).



Public Involvement

On September 26, 2015, the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and Miller and Colquitt County officials and citizens held a daylong meeting to begin the planning process. The planning team was focused and a lot was accomplished that day. Additional community meetings are planned as the plan moves forward. A community survey was developed and is available online, at the City and County Office, local schools and business. The survey was made available throughout the duration of the comprehensive planning process. Unsuccessful efforts were made through Facebook, Survey Monkey, Constant Contact and Instagram with no results. A copy of the survey is included in the appendix. The draft version of the Miller County Comprehensive plan is available for public view on the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission’s website at: www.swgrc.org/planning.

Community Profile

Quick Look: This section examines the demographics of Miller County and the City of Colquitt. The following is a more detailed profile on the count and city. The information below was obtained from the U.S. Census (2010-2015 American Community Survey 5 year estimates).

Miller County & Colquitt

Miller	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Population	6,128	6,140	6,094	6,054	6,017	5936
Median Income	33,196	33,248	32,432	32,260	33,224	33,983
Housing	2,802	2,796	2,789	2,771	2,766	2,766
Individuals Below Poverty Level	18.2%	18.3	21.6%	23.0%	26.2%	27.9%
Colquitt	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Population	1,992	1,982	1,949	1,925	1,924	1,889
Median Income	30,952	31,379	31,740	30,729	28,333	22,813
Housing Units	1,017	1,064	1,017	1,014	929	931
Individuals Below Poverty Level	20.7%	22.9%	25.1%	28.5%	34.8%	41.8%

Source: 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

Steering Committee

Miller County

Kreg Freeman – County Chairman

Frankie Phillips – County Commissioner

G.C Jinks – County Commissioner

Allen Worsley– County Commissioner

Jerry Bush– County Commissioner

Deborah Pearce- County Clerk

City of Colquitt

James C. Phillips - Mayor

Algin Merritt– City Council

ReCarlos Williams– City Council

George Williams– City Council

KaCee Holt – City Council

Kesha Lavette – City Clerk

Corey Thomas – City Manager/Administrator

Chamber of Commerce

Kalee Holt

Issues and Opportunities

The list of needs and opportunities below are a priority for the county and city. This list was developed from the identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing Miller County and the City of Colquitt.

- We have a strong tourism component focused on the arts but we need to diversify the local economy and also our tax base.

- We need to continue to protect and preserve Spring Creek and other natural resources
- We need to support local businesses and provide incentives for growth and expr
- We need to increase recreational and leisure opportunities for all ages.
- We need to continue to support agritourism
- We have good schools but need to work with the educational system to increase and expand vocational opportunities to prepare students for the workforce.
- We have affordable housing but need to continue to work and provide affordable housing for residents.
- We need to improve transportation options and support alternative means (i.e. bicycling walking) for everyone including the disabled.
- Both the City and county need to continue to work together to maximize efficiency and improve services.

SWOT Analysis

STRENGTHS

- Good Recreation (Golf)
- EMS & Fire
- Healthcare Facility-Dialysis
- Good Schools (Good School Pride)
- Tourism; Arts (Swamp Gravy)
- Murals-Mayhaw
- Country Music Concert on Halloween
- Young Business Owners
- HWY 27

WEAKNESSES

- School (Job Ready, Work Ready)
- Communication
- Signage (Especially Truck Routes)
- Need more Rental Properties
- Walking, Biking(sidewalk/bike lanes)
- Vacant business buildings
- Night Life/Social Life
- Land Lock
- No land for development

- High Taxes
- Job Opportunities
- Handicap accessibility around town

OPPORTUNITIES

- Increase vocational opportunities at schools
- Potential Technical School Site
- Increase Signage
- Increase communication between City and County
- Offer incentives to business owners (New and Existing)
- Improve Spring Creek Park Facilities & Milford Street
- Increase leisure opportunities and entertainment activities for young families and individuals
- Agri-Tourism
- Annexation
- Combine Services
- ADA Complaint

THREATS

- Funding
- Lack of communication and collaboration
- Awareness and knowledge
- Apathy and lack of interest
- Neighboring Communities
- Lack of land for development
- Large businesses
- Lack of support for change





Vision Statement

Miller County and the City of Colquitt will create a small town environment that provides quality of life through the enhancement of economic and social vitality and the integration of a cooperative, creative and innovative spirit.

Goals and Policies

- 1. Economic Prosperity:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will encourage development, expansion or retention of businesses and industries that are suitable for the community.
 - a. 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.
 - b. We will target reinvestment to declining, existing neighborhoods, vacant or underutilized sites or buildings and downtown area.
- 2. Resource Management:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community.
 - a. The protection and conservation of our community's resources will play an important role in the decision-making process when making decisions about future growth and development
 - b. We will minimize inefficient land consumption.
- 3. Efficient Land Use:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will maximize the use of existing infrastructure.
 - a. We will encourage the development of downtown as a vibrant center of the community in order to improve overall attractiveness and local quality of life.

- b. We support new land uses that contribute to protecting the environment and preserving meaningful open space.
- 4. **Local Preparedness:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will identify and put in place the prerequisites for the type of future the community seeks to achieve.
 - a. 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.
 - b. Our community will use planned infrastructure expansion to support development in areas identified (in the comprehensive plan) as suitable for such development.
 - c. 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.
- 5. **Sense of Place:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will protect and enhance the community's unique qualities.
 - a. We will encourage redevelopment in suitable locations in order to protect natural resources, environmentally sensitive areas, or valuable historic, archaeological or cultural resources from encroachment.
 - b. We will ensure safe and adequate supplies of water through protection of ground and surface water sources.
- 6. **Regional and Local Cooperation:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will cooperate with neighboring jurisdiction to address shared needs.
 - a. We will seek opportunities to share services and facilities with neighboring and local jurisdictions when mutually beneficial.
 - b. We will work jointly with neighboring and local jurisdictions on developing solutions for shared regional issues (such as growth management, watershed protection).
 - c. We will pursue joint processes for collaborative planning, tourism and decision-making with neighboring and local jurisdictions.
- 7. **Housing Options:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will promote an adequate range of safe, affordable, inclusive, and resource efficient housing in the community.
 - a. We will increase opportunities for low-to-moderate income families to move into affordable owner-occupied housing.
 - b. We will seek to balance the supply of housing and employment in our community and consider their location in relation to each other.
 - c. We will stimulate infill housing development in existing neighborhoods.
- 8. **Transportation Options:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will address the needs, challenges and opportunities of all community residents.

- a. We will take into account access to housing and impacts on transportation when considering economic development projects.
 - b. We will make decisions that encourage walking, biking, car-pooling, and other alternative transportation choices.
 - c. We will target transportation improvements to support desired development patterns for the community (recognizing that ready availability of transportation creates demand for land development in adjacent areas).
- 9. Educational Opportunities:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt 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.
- a. We will work with the local school board to encourage school location decisions that support the community’s overall growth and development plans.
 - b. We will consider the employment needs and skill levels of our existing population in making decisions on proposed economic development projects.
- 10. Community Health:** Miller County and the City of Colquitt will ensure that all community residents, regardless of age, ability or income, have access to goods and services, safe and clean neighborhoods, and good work opportunities.
- a. We are committed to providing pleasant, accessible public gathering places and parks throughout the community.
 - b. We will invest in parks and open space to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.
 - c. We are committed to provide access to affordable healthcare and other goods and services.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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 Miller County and the City of Colquitt.

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.

Colquitt, Georgia is the county seat of Miller County and home to Swamp Gravy, Georgia's official folk life play and annual Mayhaw Festival that attracts nearly 20,000 visitors. Since 1992, Swamp Gravy has toured all over the United States and South America. It has a permanent home in a cotton warehouse which has been converted to a 284 seat theater. According to the 2010 Census, there are 6,125 residents in Miller County. It is one of the least populated counties in the region.

Like most counties in the region, it is heavily dependent on agriculture and has a number of industries related to agricultural products. Residents often think of Colquitt, the county seat, as the "Mayhaw Capital of the World".

A mayhaw is a small, red berry often used for jams and jellies. Colquitt is the sites of a 23-foot Red Oak tree that sculptor Peter Toth carved into the head of an Indian brave. Also in memory of Native American Indian culture is the Native American and Early Pioneer Museum that houses more than 100,000 artifacts. Colquitt has become the region's leader in tourism and is heavily invested in cultural activities to attract visitors and increase the tax base.

As far as we can determine at this time, Colquitt, Georgia has one of the largest hand painted murals in the United States. The 27,000 square foot structure is owned by Birdsong Peanut Company and is used to store peanuts. It serves as a gateway of sorts to the City and is breathtakingly beautiful. Miller County like other counties is facing economic issues. Most of

the residents work outside of the County. Nearly 70 % of the population has completed high school or GED; and a 25.2 % level of poverty according to the 2010 Census.

Miller County has capitalized on the arts and the historic city square. Hwy 27 runs through the center of the county which attracts substantial traffic going from Florida to Tennessee and returning. The highway has been designated as a freight highway for Georgia. The Georgia Department of Transportation will expand this highway to four lanes. The 31 million dollar project has been in the making for more than 25 years and included 46 counties at the table. These counties expect to self-generate \$1.8 billion in new revenue dedicated to local transportation improvements.



TRANSPORTATION

Miller County is approximately fifty miles from Interstate 10, seventy-five miles from Interstate 75, and approximately 75 miles from the Interstate connector 185 in Columbus. These are the closest interstate routes. The County is served by one federal route: U.S. 27. U.S. Highway 27 (GA. 1) ascends through the County from Decatur County moving through the City of Blakely and veering North West toward the City of Blakely in Early County. U.S. 27 is a major artery linking Florida (I-10) and Indiana.

State routes account for a majority of the County's total roadway. Five major state routes provide access to and within Miller County. These include Georgia Highway 91, which runs west to east connecting the Cities of Donalsonville to Colquitt to Newton. Georgia Highway 273 runs east west from Miller County to southern Early County. Georgia Highway 39 connects Donalsonville to the City of Blakely via the south west corner of Miller County. U.S. highway 310 runs from Decatur County through Colquitt to connect with Highway 45 to the City of Arlington.

Maintenance and paving of County roads will be needed throughout the planning period. To this effort, the County will continue to work with the DOT on the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) throughout the planning process. The completion of the four lane extension of U.S. Highway 27 will be an economic catalyst. In the longer term planning period the County is interested in improving it's paved to dirt ratio and will continue to support developmental highway programs.

Colquitt's road system basically conforms to the gridiron pattern, with most roads oriented in a north-south pattern or east-west pattern. All traffic has to take a mini tour of the downtown area by way of its design. The square in Colquitt is a two-lane, one way counter clockwise route with parallel and angle parking on the right hand side. Traffic must yield on all routes before entering square. Traffic control around the courthouse square in Colquitt is necessary to maintain a viable downtown Central Business District and to minimize congestion and traffic hazards. The completion of widening U.S. Highway 27 may increase traffic flow around the square.

Major collectors in Colquitt include Georgia Routes 91, 273 and 45. Minor collector routes, the next classification of thoroughfares, are community feeder routes designed primarily to carry residential traffic and occasional trucks onto the main arterials. These roads are generally city maintained roads which provide access to a specified sector of the community. Minor collector routes in Colquitt include the following streets or portions thereof:

1. First Street

2. Main Street
3. Milford Road/Philipsburg Road
4. College Street
5. Twilight Church Road
6. Perry Drive

The next category of streets is local collectors, which serve residential and other areas by dispersing traffic from the arterials and conversely, by collecting and channeling traffic from local streets to arterial routes. These local collectors provide for both land access service and local traffic movement within residential neighborhoods, commercial areas or industrial areas. The local collector streets in Colquitt include the following streets or portions of those streets:

1. Pine Street
2. Cuthbert Street
3. Fourth Street
4. Second Street
5. Third Street
6. Dancer Street

All other streets in the City are classified as local streets which primarily provide access to abutting land and to the higher order systems. They are proposed to be purely residential neighborhood streets serving the immediate abutting property.

The majority of the streets in Colquitt are paved; however, there are some streets needing resurfacing.

Parking improvements are desired in the downtown square area but are adequate at the present time. U.S. 27 is the major north-south route through Colquitt and the most heavily traveled route in the urban area. Most truck traffic will continue to utilize U.S. 27. State Route 91 is the major north east-south west route through Colquitt.

Average Daily Traffic

The average daily traffic in Colquitt is light to moderate on the majority of the routes. According to the recent DOT Coverage County Report, the most heavily traveled areas include U.S. 27 where it merges into College Street, Hwy. 91 NE of GA 45, GA 91 S of CR 542 and GA 45 S of GA

91. Also, traffic around the square is relatively high. Another traffic problem noted by the stakeholders, are trucks traveling through downtown around the square. Large trucks, such as logging trucks, cannot make the turns around the square and often damage landscape as well as obstruct traffic flows. There are alternative route signs posted and warning tickets issued, but the problem still exists.

Miller County and Colquitt are not served by a public transportation system. Transportation services are provided through a contract with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission with funding from the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR). The program is not an on demand system but meets the transportation needs of the elderly and those persons with disabilities and also the general public. Last year alone nearly 10,000 trips were provided to Miller County and Colquitt, Georgia residents.

FUTURE LAND USE

(Please see Appendix for larger rendering of the maps)

Land use for small communities must maintain rural character 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

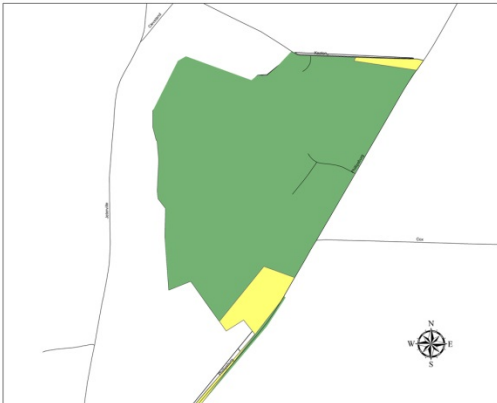
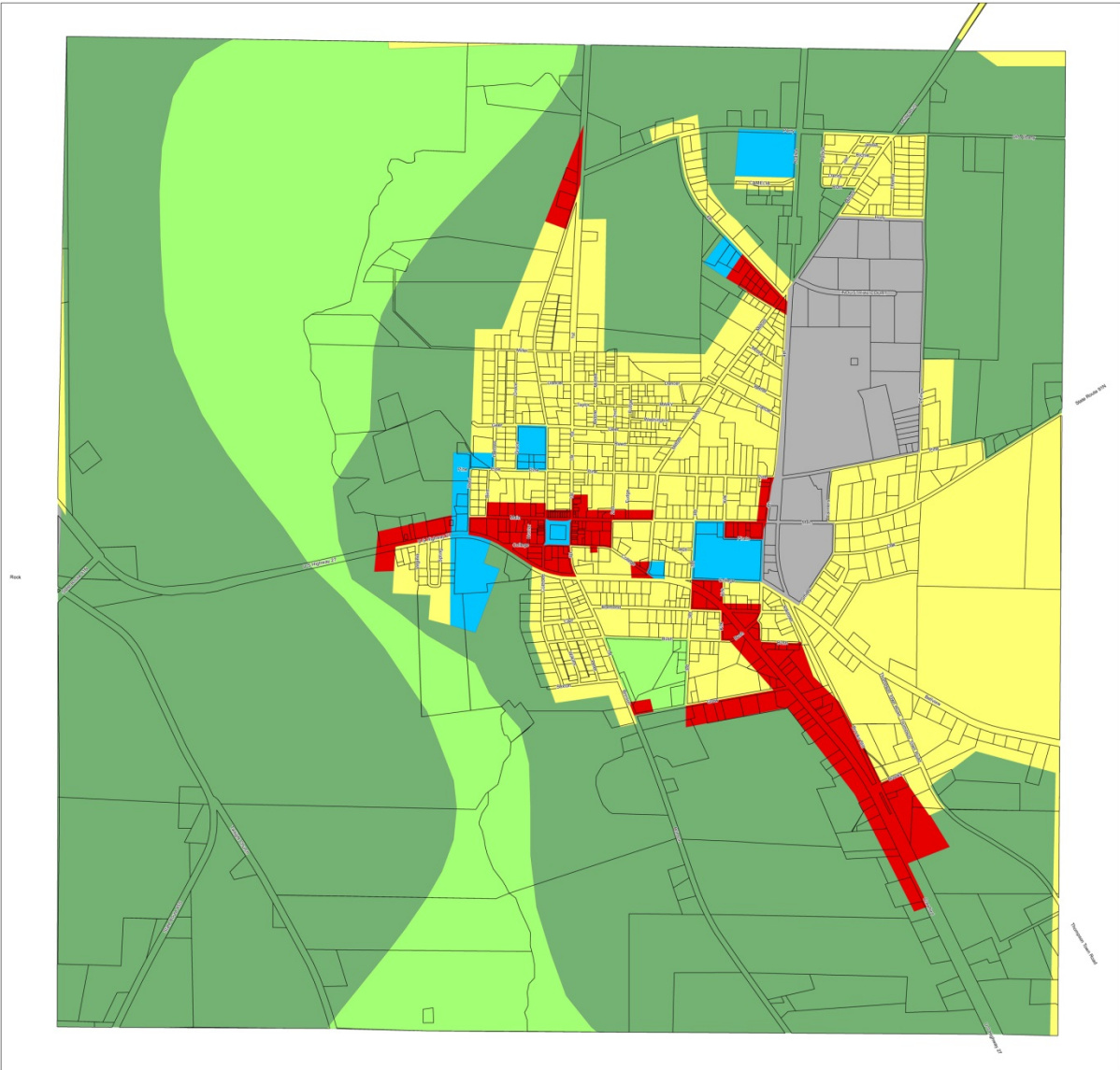
Miller County Future Development Map



Legend

- AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY
- COMMERCIAL
- RESIDENTIAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- PARK/RECREATION/CONSERVATION
- PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL
- TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATIONS/UTILITIES
- UNDEVELOPED/VACANT





Legend

	AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY
	COMMERCIAL
	RESIDENTIAL
	INDUSTRIAL
	PARK/RECREATION/CONSERVATION
	PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL
	TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATIONS/UTILITIES
	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT

City of Colquitt

Future Development Map



REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Miller County Report of Accomplishments									
Work Program	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Status Update
Element: Housing									
CDC will work with local communities to develop the recommended strategies	X	X	X	X	X	Industrial Development Authority	N/A	Operating Budget	No longer being considered; CDC No longer active
Study the need for recreation sites to be located in specific County neighborhoods	X	X				County	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway Completion Date 2021
Adopt Development Management regulations and inclusionary zoning ordinances	X	X				County	\$1,000	Operating Budget	No longer being considered; Low Priority
Work with city to identify annexation locations	X	X	X	X	X	County, City	N/A	Operating Budget	No longer being considered; Low Priority
Element: Natural Resources									
Continue clean up and preservation	X	X				County, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion Date 2021

of Spring Creek									
Continue support of Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related ordinances.	X	X	X	X	X	County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway Completion Date 2021
Promote use of conservation easements to protect sensitive natural environments , plants and animals.	X	X	X	X	X	County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion Date 2021
Appoint local representatives, as needed, to attend the River Basin Management Plan meetings		X	X			County	N/A	Operating Budget	Completed
Element: Historic/Archaeological									

Resources									
Work with economic development organizations by participating in preservation activities designed to protect historic and archaeological resources.		X	X	x	X	County, Chamber, IDA, DDA, City	not known	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion Date 2021
Element: Economic Development									
Study County wide Zoning Regulations		X	X			County	\$7,000	General	No longer being considered; Low Priority
Develop a Capital Improvement Element for Comprehensive plan	X	X	X	X		County/City	N/A	General Funds	No longer being considered; Low Priority
Attend quarterly meetings of Arts Council, City and Chamber of Commerce to discuss current issues	X	X	X	X	X	County, City, Miller County Arts Council	N/A		Complete
Help develop ancillary mentoring/educational programs focused on	X	X	X	X	X	County, City, Miller County Arts Council, Miller County Schools, SWG Film	N/A	Operating Funds	Underway Completion Date 2021

Antiques, historical preservation and media production						Commission			
Element: Community Facilities									
Complete resurfacing, paving and bridge improvements according to priority list adopted annually by County Commission	X	X	X	X	X	County, DOT	\$50,000	Department Budget	Underway Completion Date 2021
<u>Sheriff's Dept.</u>									
Continue annual equipment purchases	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$2 million	SPLOST, DOT, General Funds	Complete
Expand staff (deputies) as needed	X		X		X	County	\$3000-\$20,000	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion Date 2021
Element: Land Use									
Adopt building permit requirements, and begin enforcement of Standard Building and Housing Codes to unify code enforcement		X	X	X	X	County	\$20,000-\$30,000	Operating funds, fees	Underway Completion Date 2021

throughout county									
Adopt progressive Subdivision Ordinance	X					County, RDC	unknown	Operating funds, fees	Underway Completion Date 2021
Establish County Planning Commission	X					County, RDC	unknown	DCA Contract	Underway Completion Date 2021
Provide financial support for planning commission chairman or members to attend GAZA workshops	X	X	X	X	X	County	unknown	DCA Contract	Postponed; Pending the establishment of Planning Commission Completion Date 2022
Planning Commission to work with RC to develop zoning ordinance tailored to the needs of Miller County basically protecting against undesirable and incompatible land uses		X				County, RDC	\$500	General funds	Postponed; Pending the establishment of Planning Commission Completion Date 2022
Establish Nuisance Ordinance	X					County	\$3,000	DCA Contract	Underway Completion Date of 2022

City of Colquitt Report of Accomplishments

Work Program	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Status Update
Element: Housing									
Support activities of County Housing Task Force.	X	X	X	X	X	Industrial Development Authority, City and County	N/A	Operating Budget	Complete
Annually prioritize demolition program to abolish substandard structures	X	X	X	X	X	City	Variable	General funds	Underway Completion date of 2021
Study the need for recreation sites to be located in specific neighborhoods	X	X				Recreation Department /City	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway Completion date of 2021
Support activities of the Community Development Corporation and Jinks Foundation	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, CDC, Jinks Foundation	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway Completion date of 2021
Element: Natural Resources									
Continue clean up and preservation of Spring Creek	X	X				County, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion date of 2021

Continue support of Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related ordinances.	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway Completion date of 2021
Promote use of conservation easements to protect sensitive natural environments, plants and animals.	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion date of 2021
Appoint local representatives, as needed, to attend the River Basin Management Plan meetings		X	X			City	N/A	Operating Budget	Postponed Lack of Funding Completion date 2021
Element: Historic/Arc									

haeological Resources									
Work with economic development organizations by participating in preservation activities designed to protect historic and archaeological resources.		X	X	X	X	County, Chamber, IDA, DDA, City	not known	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion date of 2021
Historic Preservation Commission will continue issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness	X	X	X	X	X	Historic Preservation Commission	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway Completion date of 2021
Conduct a Historic Structures Survey for the city		X				City	\$3,000	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion date of 2021
Continue nomination of National Register eligible properties	X	X	X	X	X	City, Historic Preservation Commission, RDC	\$3,000	Grant and general funds	Underway Completion date of 2021
Element: Economic Development									
Continue support of DDA and	X	X	X	X	X	City	Variable	Grant and general	Underway Completion date of 2021

Better Hometown programs								funds	
Promote cooperative educational ventures with South West Georgia Film Commission, Henny Penny studios and local educational establishments	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, SWG Film Commission , Miller County School District	Variable	General Funds, Grants	No longer being consider; Lack of Funding
Promote the development of entrepreneur education focusing on Antique valuation and marketing, historic preservation and Retiree service industries	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, Miller County School District	Variable	General Funds, Grants	Postponed Low Priority Completion date 2021
Continue developing City's brand around Mayhaw Festival and Swamp Gravy	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, Miller County Arts District	N/A	General Funds, Grants	Underway Completion date of 2021
Meet quarterly to discuss current	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, Miler County Arts	N/A	General Funds, Grants	Underway Completion date of 2021

issues with representatives of the County and Miller County Arts District						District			
Identify facilities and businesses that attract retiree's	X	X	X			City, County Health Dept., Chamber of Commerce	N/A	General Funds, Grants	Underway Completion date of 2021
Promote expansion of medical and assisted living facilities	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, Health Dept.	N/A	General Funds, Grants	Postponed; Lack of Funding
Element: Community Facilities									
<u>Police Dept.</u>									
Continue annual equipment purchases	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$3000 - \$20,000	Grant and general funds	Complete
<u>Government Buildings</u>									
<u>Renovate Movie Theater</u>	x	x	x	x	x	City, County, Arts Council	N/A	General Funds, Grants	Postponed; Lack of Resource
<u>Fire Department</u>									
<u>Sewer System</u>									
<u>Recreation</u>									
Complete all phases of Spring Creek Park	X	X				City, County	\$800,000	Jinks Foundation, DOT Assistance	Underway Completion date of 2021
Develop county-wide		X				City/County	Variable	Operating	Underway Completion

park development plan								Budget	date of 2021
<u>Colquitt-Miller - Miller Arts Council Projects</u>									
Develop Heritage Village	X	X	X	X	X	Arts Council	\$45,000	Arts Budget & Grants	Postponed lack of resource
Element: Land Use									
Establish and continue joint building department, as feasible		X	X	X	X	County, City	\$20,000-\$30,000	Operating funds, fees	Underway Completion date of 2021
Provide financial support of Council members attendance at training programs	X	X	X	X	X	City	Variable	General Funds	Complete
Provide financial support for planning commission chairman or members to attend GAZA workshops	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$500	General funds	Complete
Update existing Land Use Ordinances including Sub Division Regulations	X	X				City	\$4,000	General Funds	Underway Completion date of 2021

and historic district overlays									
Identify land adjacent to City limits for residential development and create an annexation plan.	X	X	X			City/County	\$1,000	General Funds	Underway Completion date of 2021
Identify businesses suitable for Hwy 27 corridor and those ideal for the city center	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	General Funds	Underway Completion date of 2021

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM

Miller County Community Work Program								
Work Program	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Element: Housing								
Provide funding to study the need for recreation sites to be located in specific County neighborhoods	X	X				County	N/A	Operating Budget
Element: Natural Resources								
Provide funds to clean up and preservation of Spring Creek	X	X				County, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds
Provide funds to support the Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related ordinances.	X	X	X	X	X	County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Operating Budget
Provide funding to promote the use of conservation easements to protect sensitive natural environments, plants and animals.	X	X	X	X	X	County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds
Element: Historic/Archaeological Resources								
Work with economic development organizations by participating (through meeting) in preservation activities designed to protect historic and archaeological resources.		X	X	x	X	County, Chamber, IDA, DDA, City	not known	Grant and general funds
Element: Economic Development								
Attend monthly meetings of Arts Council, City and Chamber of Commerce to discuss current issues	X	X	X	X	X	County, City, Miller County Arts Council	N/A	

Provide funding to help develop ancillary mentoring/educational programs focused on Antiques, historical preservation and media production	X	X	X	X	X	County, City, Miller County Arts Council, Miller County Schools, SWG Film Commission	N/A	Operating Funds
Element: Community Facilities								
Complete resurfacing, paving and bridge improvements according to priority list adopted annually by County Commission	X	X	X	X	X	County, DOT	\$50,000	Department Budget
<u>Sheriff's Dept.</u>							\$2 million	SPLOST, DOT, General Funds
Prioritize & provide funding for Community Facility needs & equipment	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$2 million	SPLOST, DOT, General Funds
Provide funding to expand staff (deputies) as needed	X		X		X	County	\$3000-\$20,000	Grant and general funds
Element: Land Use								
Adopt building permit requirements, and begin enforcement of Standard Building and Housing Codes to unify code enforcement throughout county		X	X	X	X	County	\$20,000-\$30,000	Operating funds, fees
Adopt progressive Subdivision Ordinance	X					County, RDC	unknown	Operating funds, fees
Establish County Planning Commission	X					County, RDC	unknown	DCA Contract
Provide financial support for planning commission chairman or members to attend GAZA workshops	X	X	X	X	X	County	unknown	DCA Contract
Planning Commission to work with RC to develop zoning ordinance tailored to the needs of Miller County basically protecting against undesirable and incompatible land uses		X				County, RDC	\$500	General funds
Provide funding to develop Nuisance Ordinance	X					County	\$3,000	General funds

City of Colquitt Community Work Program

Work Program	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Element: Housing								
Support activities of County Housing Task Force.	X	X	X	X	X	Industrial Development Authority, City and County	N/A	Operating Budget
Annually prioritize demolition program to abolish substandard structures	X	X	X	X	X	City	Variable	General funds
Study the need for recreation sites to be located in specific neighborhoods	X	X				Recreation Department/ City	N/A	Operating Budget
Support activities of the Community Development Corporation and Jinks Foundation	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, CDC, Jinks Foundation	N/A	Operating Budget
Element: Natural Resources								
Continue clean up and preservation of Spring Creek	X	X				County, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds
Continue support of Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related ordinances.	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Operating Budget
Promote use of conservation easements to protect sensitive natural environments, plants and animals.	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, RDC, NRCS	N/A	Grant and general funds
Appoint local representatives, as needed, to attend the River Basin Management Plan meetings		X	X			City	N/A	Operating Budget
Element: Historic/Archaeological Resources								
Work with economic development organizations by participating in preservation		X	X	X	X	County, Chamber, IDA, DDA,	not known	Grant and general funds

activities designed to protect historic and archaeological resources.						City		
Historic Preservation Commission will continue issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness	X	X	X	X	X	Historic Preservation Commission	N/A	Operating Budget
Provide funding to conduct a Historic Structures Survey for the city		X				City	\$3,000	Grant and general funds
Provide limited funding to continue nomination of National Register eligible properties	X	X	X	X	X	City, Historic Preservation Commission, RDC	\$3,000	Grant and general funds
Element: Economic Development								
Continue work with DDA and Better Hometown to develop programs	X	X	X	X	X	City	Variable	Grant and general funds
Promote the development of entrepreneur education focusing on Antique valuation and marketing, historic preservation and Retiree service industries	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, Miller County School District	Variable	General Funds, Grants
Provide funding to continue developing City's brand around Mayhaw Festival and Swamp Gravy	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, Miller County Arts District	N/A	General Funds, Grants
Meet quarterly to discuss current issues with representatives of the County and Miller County Arts District	X	X	X	X	X	City, County, Miler County Arts District	N/A	General Funds, Grants
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<u>Police Dept.</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Continue to provide funding for annual equipment purchases	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$3000 - \$20,000	Grant and general funds
<u>Government Buildings</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>Seek funding to Renovate Movie Theater</u>	x	x	x	x	x	City, County, Arts Council	N/A	General Funds, Grants
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Appendix

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RESOLUTIONS

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WHEREAS, in the development of the comprehensive plan, The City of Colquitt 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 Colquitt, Georgia that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 10th day of October 2017.

Mayor


James C. Phillips

Witness


Kesha Lavette, City Clerk

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Adopted on the 9th day of October 2017.

Commission Chair

Kreg Freeman
Kreg Freeman

Witness

Deborah Pearce
Deborah Pearce, County Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING ADVERTISEMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

Miller County and the City of Colquitt are conducting a Public Hearing to begin the Miller County Comprehensive Plan on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the Miller County Board of Commissioners' Office, 179 South Cuthbert Street, Colquitt, GA. The current plan will expire on October 31, 2017. In accordance with Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-22), 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. Once public comments have been addressed, the community will begin the process of developing the plan.

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

Miller County Commissioners

179 South Cuthbert St.
Colquitt, Georgia 39837
229-758-4104

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

City of Colquitt

154 West Street
Colquitt, Georgia 39837
229-758-1000

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The first meeting to address the issues and opportunities will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Miller County Board of Commissioners' Office, 179 South Cuthbert Street, Colquitt, GA. The purpose of this meeting is to identify and outline issues and opportunities facing Miller County and the City of Colquitt and to develop community goals that will encourage growth and development. Please join us and share your concerns about your community. The City and County are also offering an online survey that will be available on September 21, 2015. The survey will be available online at www.millercountyga.org through December 31, 2015.

Questions should be directed to the City of Colquitt or the County Office listed or alternatively call Barbara Reddick, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, 229-522-3552 ext. 1618.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING

The Miller County Commissioners and the City of Colquitt invites you to attend a community meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ways the community can prepare and plan for future growth and development. The meeting will be held on October 17, 2016 from 4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Questions should be directed to the City of Colquitt or the County office or alternatively call Barbara Reddick, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission at 229-522-3552.

HELP WANTED

The Miller County Board of Education is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Central Office Secretary.

Interested applicants should submit an application, which can be found on the website, www.miller.k12.ga.us, or picked up from the Board Office, to:

Miller County Board of Education
Kay Fleet
96 Perry Street
Colquitt, GA 39837

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

Aug 16, 2017 Edition

NOTICE

The Miller County Board of Commissioners and the Mayor and Council of the City of Colquitt are conducting a Public Hearing to present the Miller County Comprehensive Plan on August 24, 2017, 6:00 PM at the Courthouse Annex located at 179 S. Cuthbert Street, Colquitt, 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. 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.

They can either "go high" (as Hillary would disingenuously declare of herself and the fake news would disingenuously report as the truth) and begin to honestly and accurately report the news or they can double-down on their usual tactics and hope to defeat Trump with twice their usual hysteria and demagoguery.

The problem for CNN (et al.) with the former is that, if they were to start honestly reporting the news, that would be the end of the Democratic Party they serve. It is nothing but the incessant use of fake news (read: propaganda) that keeps the Left alive.

Imagine, for example, if CNN had honestly and accurately reported then-candidate Barack Obama's close ties to foreign terrorists (Rashid Khalidi), domestic terrorists (William Ayers), the mafia (Tony Rezko) or the true evils of his spiritual mentor, Jeremiah Wright's, church.

Imagine if they had honestly and accurately conveyed

Notice is hereby given on Tuesday, November District #1 and City C

Qualifying for these d 21, 2017, and end on W a.m. to 12:00 noon and qualifying fee for City election and to vote f you must reside withi

Persons desiring to so through the close October 10, 2017.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MILLER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Miller County Board of Education, does hereby announce that the millage rate County Board of Education on August 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., and pursuant to the presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy along with the history of the t

COUNTY SCHOOL	2012	2013
Real & Personal	\$175,746,815	\$184,564,715
Motor Vehicles	15,717,230	25,869,240
Mobile Homes	2,733,043	2,917,559
Timber - 100%	2,449,195	1,000,977
Heavy Duty Equipment		
Gross Digest	196,646,283	214,352,491
Less M & O Exemptions	33,548,714	35,746,349
Net M & O Digest	163,097,569	178,606,142
State of Georgia		
Forest Land Assistance	1,556,767	1,818,758
Grant Value	164,654,336	180,424,900
Adjusted Net M & O Digest	15,570	17,971
Gross M & O Millage	0.099	0.000
Less Rollbacks	15.471	17.971
Net M & O Millage	2,547,203	3,242,416
Net Taxes Levied	130,272	695,213
Net Taxes \$ Increase	5.4%	27.3%
Net Taxes % Increase		



MILLER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Allen Worsley, Vice-Chair, District 3
Frankie Phillips, Commissioner, District 1

Jerry Bush, Commissioner, District 5
C. Jinks, Jr., District 4
Deborah Pearce, County Clerk
William Mills, County Attorney

August 24, 2017

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
PO Box 346
Camilla, GA 31730

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Submittal

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If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Deborah Pearce, County Clerk at [229-758-4104](tel:229-758-4104)/bocclerk@millercountyga.com.

Sincerely,

Kreg Freeman
Miller County Commission Chairman
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ReCarlos Williams, District Two
Algin Merritt, District Three
George Williams, District Four



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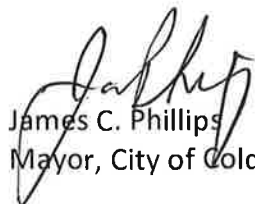
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Sincerely,



James C. Phillips
Mayor, City of Colquitt

Enclosures

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Miller County & Colquitt, GA ~ Comprehensive Plan
Monday, October 17, 2016
Sign In Sheet

Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Agency or Organization
Barbara Redded	(706) 522-3552	brredded@swgvc.org	SW GA RC
Kerena A. Gunk	229 758 6166		Miller Co. Comm.
Dorothy Pace	758-4104	booclerk@millercountyga.com	Miller County BOC
Levy Stone	758-1000	c.thomas@colquittga.org	City of Colquitt

Miller County & City of ~~Quit~~ Comprehensive Plan
 Saturday, September 26, 2015
Sign In Sheet



Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Agency or Organization
Wendy Pearce	229-758-4104	boeclerk@millercountyga.com	MCEC - Clerk
Jonny Bush	229-758-6166		MCEC - Commissioner
Kathleen Holt	229-758-3400	Kimberly Brooks colquittmillercoe@gmail.com	Chamber
Cory Thomas	229-254-5060	C.Thomas@colquittga.com	City
Kimberly Brooks	229-522-3552	kbrooks@swgrc.org	SWGA RC
Barbara Reddick	229-522-3552	breddick@swgrc.org	SWGA RC

Miller County & Colquitt, GA ~ Comprehensive Plan
Thursday, August 24, 2017 - 6:00 PM
Sign In Sheet

Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Agency or Organization
Cory Thomas	229-758-1000	c.thomas@colquittga.org	City of Colquitt
Jeremy A. Bush	229-758-6166		Co. of Miller
Dr. C. Jimba Jr	229-758-5355		Miller County, Ga.
Francis Phillips	229-758-8821		Miller County, Ga.
Salvador Ponce	229-758-4104	boeclerk@millercountyga.com	Miller County Board
Barbara Reddick	(229) 522-3552	brreddick@sugrc.org	RC
Zong Keasth	229-522-3552	trossilker@sugrc.org	RC

SURVEY

Miller County and the City of Colquitt Comprehensive Plan

* 1. Where do you live?

Miller County

Colquitt, GA

Other (please specify)

* 2. How long have you lived in the City or County?

Less than a year

1-5 years

6-10 years

11-15 years

16-20 years

20-25 years

26+ years

* 3. What things would you like to see stay the same?

* 4. What things would you like to see changed?

5. Is there adequate access to programs for youth where you live or nearby?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

6. Is there adequate access to programs for seniors where you live or nearby?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

* 7. Where should residential development occur?

Within existing neighborhoods

In undeveloped land on the city's periphery

Decatur County

Want no more development

* 8. What type of housing is needed where you live?

Traditional single family homes

Two or three family homes

Apartments

Condos/townhouses

Senior living facilities

* 9. Where (describe as best as possible), and at what scale (small, medium, large), should commercial development occur where you live?

* 10. What should be the three major priorities for Miller County and the City of Colquitt?

Housing (ie. New Stick Built Homes, rehabilitation, apartments)

Economic Development (ie. jobs, job training, new businesses, retention of businesses)

Land Use(ie. zoning, ordinances, future land use maps)

Transportation (Roads, alternatives modes of transit, parking)

Natural and Cultural Resources (ie. historic districts, flint rivers, parks)

Community Facilities (ie. Hospitals, police and fire stations, schools)

* 11. How would you rate the education & schools where you live? Why?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor

Other (please specify)

* 12. How would you rate the other educational enrichment opportunities (Arts, Culture, Tourism)? Why?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor

Other (please specify)

* 13. What types of transportation is available in your area?

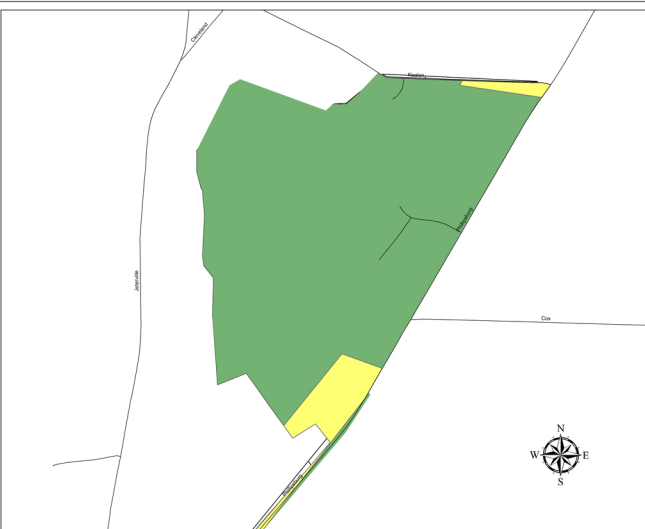
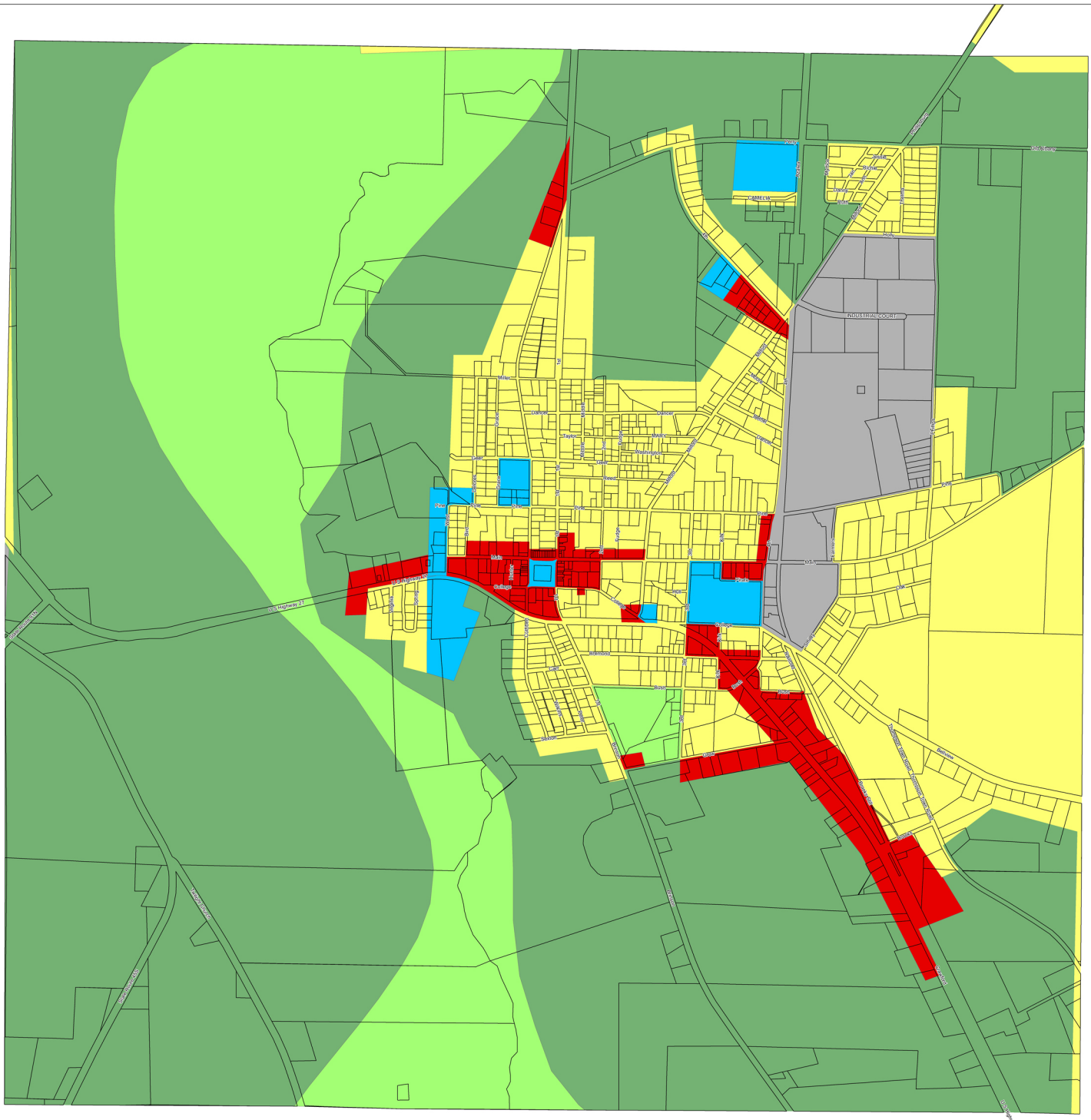
* 14. How would you rate the transportation? Why?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor

Other (please specify)

15. Please share any other thoughts or comments regarding future development where you live (or things you like or dislike about Miller County/Colquitt, GA).

FUTURE LAND USE MAP



Legend

■	AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY
■	COMMERCIAL
■	RESIDENTIAL
■	INDUSTRIAL
■	PARK/RECREATION/CONSERVATION
■	PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL
■	TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATIONS/UTILITIES
■	UNDEVELOPED/VACANT

City of Colquitt

Future Development Map

