

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia General Assembly did enact, and subsequently amend, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 to institute local comprehensive planning in communities throughout the state, and

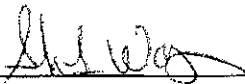
WHEREAS, said Act requires local governments to prepare, maintain and periodically update a state-approved local comprehensive plan to be eligible for certain state-issued grants, loans and permits, and

WHEREAS, Talbot County has been notified by appropriate cognizant authority that its most recent effort to update the local comprehensive plan did adequately address the minimum standards and procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to ensure compliance with said Act.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Talbot County Board of Commissioners that the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan 2021 be adopted.


Duly considered and approved by the Talbot County Board of Commissioners in session this 1st day of March, 2021.

TALBOT COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Chairman

ATTEST



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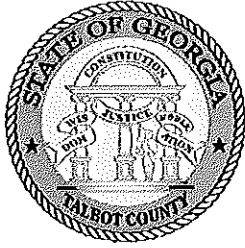
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RE: Talbot County – Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton, and Woodland
Comprehensive Plan 2021
Submittal of Draft

Talbot County, working in conjunction with the Cities of Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton and Woodland has completed the draft update of our comprehensive plan. In accordance with applicable Minimum Standards and Procedures for local Comprehensive Planning the draft is being submitted herewith to initiate review by the River Valley Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs.

I certify that we have held the required public hearings and have involved the public in development of the plan in a manner appropriate to our community's dynamics and resources.

I certify that appropriate staff and decision-makers have reviewed the Upper Flint Regional Water Plan and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria (O.C.G.A. 12-2-8) and taken both into consideration in developing our plan.

If you have any questions concerning this submittal do not hesitate to contact Carol Ison, County Manager, at 706-665-3220 or Cison@talbotcountyga.org

Sincerely,

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Chairman

Talbot County Comprehensive Plan



Prepared by the
Talbot County Board of Commissioners

With assistance from the
River Valley Regional Commission



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Organization of the Comprehensive Plan Update

The State of Georgia updated the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning in 2013 (O.C.G.A. 110-12-1). These updates included a list of required elements and optional elements each community was encouraged to use to supplement their comprehensive planning efforts.

Elements required by the state for each community include:

- Community Involvement--An initial and final public hearing;
- Community Goals—A review of the community’s vision and goals;
- Needs and Opportunities--A list of potential community needs and opportunities;
- Land Use—An analysis of the community’s existing development patterns; and
- Community Work Program--the community’s action plan for the next five years.

While not included in the Comprehensive Plan Update document, renegotiation of the community’s Service Delivery Strategy is not required until 10/31/2027.

Other elements encouraged by the state to supplement the community’s comprehensive planning efforts include:

- Economic Development—Encouraged for communities seeking to improve economic opportunities for their citizens (Only required for communities included in Georgia Job Tax Credit Tier 1);
- Capital Improvements—Only required for governments that charge impact fees;
- Transportation—Recommended for communities with automobile congestion problems, parking problems, or that are interested in adding alternative transportation facilities (Only required for governments that have a portion of their jurisdiction included in a Metropolitan Planning Organization); and
- Housing—Encouraged for communities with concentrations of substandard housing or a jobs-housing imbalance (Only required for HUD CDBG Entitlement Communities).

The Talbot County Comprehensive Plan Update consists of the following elements: Community Vision and Goals, Community Needs and Opportunities, Community Land Use, Community Economic Development and Community Work Program. The Comprehensive Plan is intended to be a policy guide relating to land use, community infrastructure, housing and economic development activities. This document should generate local pride and enthusiasm, engage interest in the implementation of the comprehensive plan, and become a handbook to guide daily decision making for the local government officials and community leaders.

Community Involvement

Purpose

The comprehensive planning process, at its inception and culmination, is a vision for the future. The ultimate aim of the process is to develop a strong community. In order to achieve that objective, a meaningful comprehensive planning process must solicit and integrate the input of community citizens, government officials, and staff. The result will be a well-balanced comprehensive plan addressing the issues of today, the opportunities of tomorrow, and outlining the steps necessary to bring about positive change over the next twenty (20) years. The intent of the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan Update process is to encourage as much public participation, open dialogue and communication as possible; seeking to build consensus among Talbot County residents that will result in better government decisions and greater community agreement with those decisions.

Identification of Stakeholders

Talbot County and the communities of Talbot County appointed a leadership team at the beginning of the process. This group consisted of a combination of elected officials, and local citizens. The leadership team developed a list of stakeholders from whom to solicit input regarding the comprehensive plan update (See Appendix for Leadership Team and Stakeholder Lists).



Citizen Notification and Public Meetings

Citizens were publicly notified on three separate occasions by public ads in the Talbotton New ERA newspaper. The first public hearing occurred on March 12, 2020, the second public notice occurred on August 20, 2020 notifying the public that the comprehensive plan is viewable on Wixsite at the following link:

<https://scoberson.wixsite.com/talbotcompplan> and to please comment. All five jurisdictions were available for review on the Wixsite site. In addition, a Talbot County Comprehensive Plan survey was developed and placed on Survey Monkey asking residents to respond to 25 questions about Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton, and Woodland. The answer to those questions then became the basis for the continued development of the needs and opportunities for each jurisdiction. The third public notice was advertised in the December 22, 2020 Talbotton New ERA notifying Talbot County Citizens of the final public hearing. Stakeholders, civic leaders, and other residents were contacted by email and by phone to assist in citizen involvement opportunities (See Appendix for Documentation).



Engaging Students

Due to COVID, we could not engage students in person. In order to get student comments, school administrators placed the Talbot County 2021 Comprehensive Plan survey on its website and asked students to reply.

Public Hearings

The State of Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning in 2018 (O.C.G.A. 110-12-1) require that two (2) public hearings be held in association with the development of a community's Comprehensive Plan Update. The initial public hearing was advertised for March 12, 2020 to inform the public that the planning process is underway; and to go over the plan's timeline, planning process and needs and opportunities. That meeting was cancelled due to COVID concerns. I went to Talbotton to see if any citizens showed for the meeting but none did. (See Appendix for Documentation).

The final public hearing was publicly advertised for January 4, 2020 at the Talbot County Board of Commissioners Office. The purpose of the meeting was to allow citizens to review and comment on the Comprehensive Plan Update. The public hearing was cancelled due to Talbot County Board of Commission members testing positive for COVID.

Top Priorities Based on Public, Staff, and Elected Officials Input

1. Economic Development (People want a grocery store as well as other retail establishments. Would especially like to see all the storefronts in downtown areas updated and occupied. Would like to see clean/non-trashy downtowns, neighborhoods, and commercial corridors)
2. Education (Add mentoring programs for students and continue public Involvement)
3. Roads Streets (Paved or resurfaced with landscaping placed along major traffic corridors).
4. Water/Sewer (Improvement/ maintenance and expansion of water/ sewer system)
5. Housing (Includes: Affordable/Quality Housing Mix, Demolition of dilapidated structures and Rehabilitation of structurally sound existing vacant structures as well as vacant lot over grown yard clean-up)

Community Data, Needs and Opportunities

The Comprehensive Plan is intended to be a policy guide relating to land use, community infrastructure, housing and economic development activities. An analysis of data is included in this document to assist with plan development. This section includes information regarding population, community facilities, transportation, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources and intergovernmental coordination. All planning documents included in the comprehensive plan were considered in the evaluation of the community policies and activities.

Population

The projected population for Talbot County over the next twenty plus years is expected to continue to decline. However, the current trends of industrial development in northeast Muscogee County and continued utilization of Fort Benning could stabilize or slightly increase the population. It is believed that as the State of Georgia's Metropolitan areas continue to grow some residents will choose to relocate to smaller communities to experience a better quality of life and escape the bustle of the larger cities.

Table 1: Talbot County and Cities Population: 2000-2019

Community	2000	2010	2015	2019	Percent Change Since 2010
Geneva	107	105	101	96	8.6% decrease
Junction City	180	177	169	164	7.3% decrease
Talbotton	1,033	970	902	861	11.2% decrease
Woodland	358	408	375	361	11.5% decrease
Talbot County	6,498	6,865	6,498	6,195	9.8% decrease
State of Georgia	8,186,453	9,687,653	10,178,447	10,617,423	9.6% increase

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, River Valley RC Staff

Table 2: Talbot County Total Population Projections 2000-2030

Population Projections: 2000-2040						
Community	2000	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Geneva	107	105	101	96	91	86
Junction City	180	177	169	164	159	154
Talbotton	1,033	970	902	861	822	785
Woodland	358	408	375	361	348	335
Talbot County	6,498	6,865	6,498	6,060	5,715	5,308
State of Georgia	8,186,453	9,687,653	10,178,447	10,895,213	11,538,707	12,173,406

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Georgia County Guide 2018, ESRI Business Analyst, River Valley RC Staff

Community Facilities

Community Facilities are the most direct connection between the citizens, the elected government, and the public servants. Often times, the loss or lack of service is the only time the public acknowledges the infrastructure exists.

Another aspect of community facilities is that new visitors often judge a community by the appearance or availability of services. An efficient system is both economical for existing residents and an incentive to attract new residents. If the public facilities are well-maintained and attractive, potential residents are encouraged to become part of the community and participate in the growth of the area.

Taxpayers also wish to have revenue utilized in the best possible way. They demand that the money is well spent and that they receive the services they demand. The following sections are a description of the Talbot County's community facilities.

The county owns the following buildings: the County Courthouse; the building which houses the County Agent, the Enrichment Services Program, the Soil and Water Conservation offices; the County Health Department, the Volunteer Fire Department buildings in Flint Hill, Box Springs, Woodland, and O'Neal districts; the Ford Building occupied by the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce; the Talbot County Development Authority maintains an office just off the square; the Peach Packing shed property; the Senior Citizens Center, the Weston House the EMS building; the sheriff's department; the county jail; and several voting precincts.

The county has a few facilities that are inadequate for the current users. However, the Talbot County Board of Commissioners is in the process of rectifying those situations. The number one priority, from the 2015 plan is to renovate the county courthouse and to use the courthouse only for judicial purposes. Talbot County completed that project in 2019.

Table 3: Water & Sewer Service by City and County

City/County	Services Provided	Water Source	Number of Water Connections
Talbot County	Water	Surface	1,400
Geneva	Water	Ground	100
Junction City	Water	Ground	76
Talbotton	Water & Sewer	Ground	410
Woodland	Water	Ground	187

Source: Local Government Survey 2020

Table 4: Water Usage & Storage Information

City/County	Water Plant Capacity (gal/day)	Consumption (gal/day)	Elevated Storage Capacity	Ground Storage Capacity	Water Source	Cumulative Pumping Capacity	Population Served by Public Supply
Talbot County	576,000	500,000	1,177,000	N/A	Surface	400 gpm	3250
Geneva	Unavailable	25,000	50,000	N/A	Ground	Unavailable	250
Junction City	432,000	17,000	25,000	N/A	Ground	300 gpm	177
Talbotton	230,000	116,667	100,000	N/A	Ground	160 gpm	1000
Woodland	58,000	17,890	50,000	N/A	Ground	40 gpm	426
TOTAL:	1,296,000	676,557	1,302,000	N/A	-	900 gpm	5,103

Source: Local Government Survey 2020

Table 5: Sewage Treatment System Capabilities

City/County	Sewage Plant Capacity (gal/day)	Load (gal/day)
Talbot County	N/A	N/A
Geneva	N/A	N/A
Junction City	N/A	N/A
Talbotton	100,000	45,000
Woodland	N/A	N/A
TOTAL:	100,000	45,000

Source: Local Government Survey 2020

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Provide adequate services (Water, Roads, Emergency Facility) to Talbot County residents
- Address localized water pollution problem
- Storm water management for a few roads and road intersections.
- Need to relocate registrar and election office.
- Need a use for the vacant museum

Opportunities:

- Existing community facilities, both public and private, provide a good foundation for existing and future populations in the area.
- Addition of new facility for the Boys and Girls Club

Transportation

Talbot County is bisected by the north-south route of Georgia Highway 41 and the east-west route of Georgia Highway 208 and U.S. Highway 80. Georgia Highways 22, 96, 36 and 85 also serve the county. Norfolk Southern and CSX provide freight rail service in Talbot County. A public airport is located 22 miles away in Butler, Georgia. This facility offers a 5,002 ft. asphalt runway with lights, a second 2,400 ft. turf runway with no lights, aircraft tie down, and hanger. The nearest commercial air service is at Columbus Metropolitan Airport which is served by Delta. There are several grass air strips in the county. These are all privately owned and are used primarily for agricultural purposes.

The county operates a rural public transportation program which serves the entire county. Residents of Talbot County and each municipality make appointments to use this service. The county operates four vans, which are all handicap equipped. In regards to alternative transportation, the city of Woodland would like to expand its existing pedestrian facility to add connectivity to downtown, while Geneva would like to construct a pedestrian/bicycle trail.

There are a total of 491.7 miles of roads in Talbot County; 173.1 miles of these roads are unpaved (35.2% of the total roads). Approximately, 26 miles of these roads are considered city streets and 134 are state routes. Several bridges in the county have failed the Department of Transportation inspection. Some of these have been closed while others have been recommended for increased tonnage limits. There are a few bridges in the county over which state agencies are debating the appropriate party responsible for maintenance. Some of these bridges have been closed, but some remain open. Several county roads have severe drainage problems throughout the county. Currently, there are no local road standards or regulations.

The existing street network is capable of handling current and future traffic volumes. The city needs to support the continuation of rail service for its jurisdiction.

Table 6: Freight Railroad Systems Operating in Talbot County

Freight railroads	Rank	Length	Location	Operating
CSX Transportation	Class 1	33.62 miles	Junction City Talbotton Woodland	CSXT
Norfolk Southern	Class 1	21.30 miles	Geneva Junction City	Norfolk Southern Company

Source: Georgia State Rail Plan 2015



Nancy Hanks Train in Talbot County (Courtesy of the Vanishing Georgia Collection, Georgia State Archives)

1992 / 2018 Traffic Counts for Talbot County

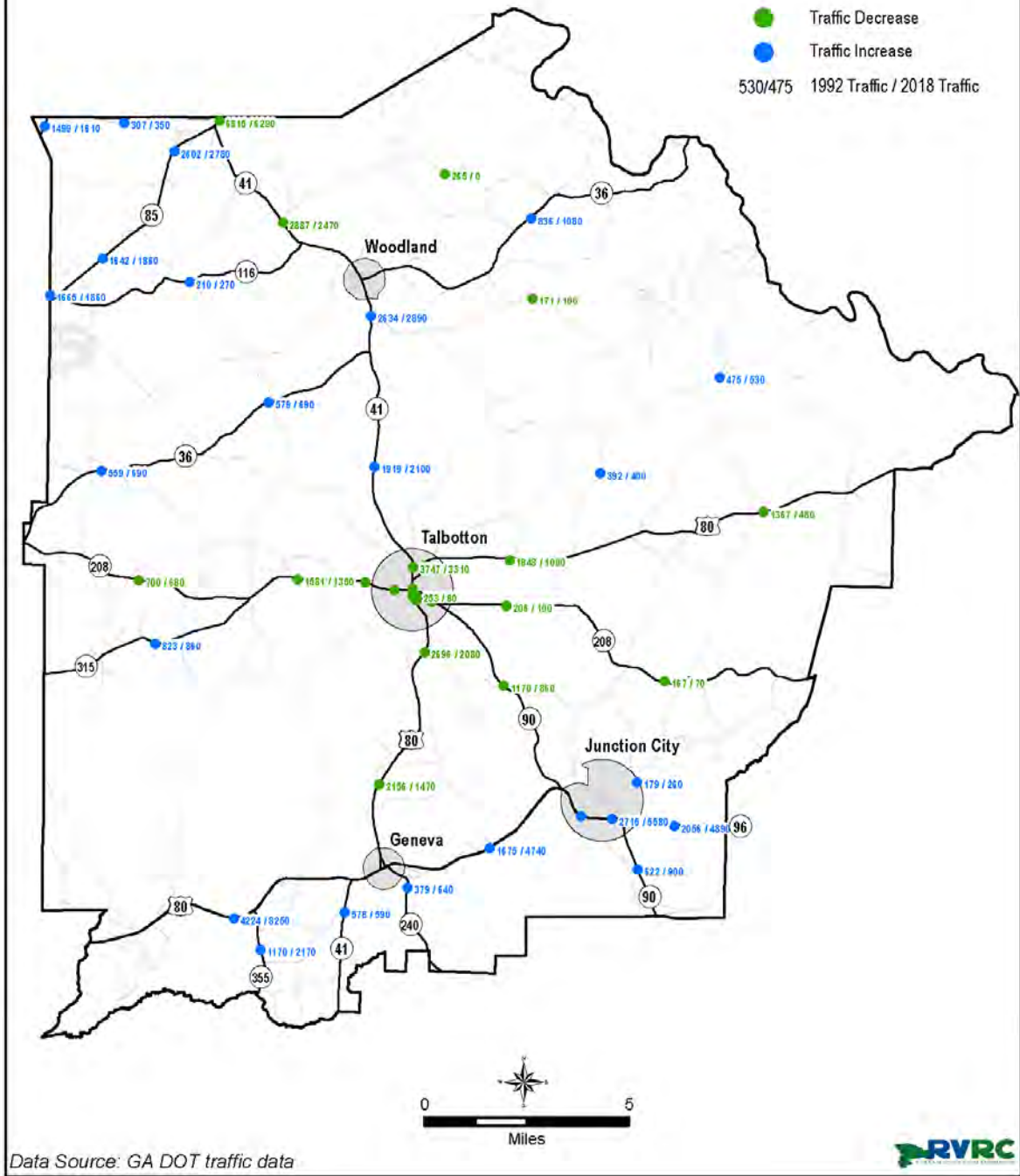


Table 7: Talbot County Road Data

ROADS BY FUNCTION	LINEAR MILES
Unpaved	31
Interstate	0
State Route	133
County Road	331
City Street	27
Total Mileage	491

Source: Georgia County Guide 2020

Selected Traffic Counts for Talbot County

Source: ESRI Business Analyst

Distance:	Street:	Closest Cross-street:	Year of Count:	Count:
0.47	Gibson Road	Buck Run Rd (0.28999999 miles S)	2018	60
0.91	George W Towns Avenue	Dozier St (0.19 miles SW)	2018	1,250
0.94	Washington Ave	Project St (0.0 miles S)	2005	3,640
1.04	Washington Avenue	Evans St (0.08 miles N)	2018	3,590
1.09	Boot Kelly Road	(0.0 miles)	2018	30
1.21	Kelly Rd	Huckaby Rd (0.63999999 miles E)	2016	10
1.50	Washington Ave	Van Buren St (0.03 miles N)	2005	4,840
1.56	Washington Avenue	Monroe St (0.02 miles S)	2018	3,990
1.61	Washington Ave	Madison St (0.02 miles S)	2005	2,510
1.62	Madison St	Washington Ave (0.03 miles W)	2016	120
1.63	Madison St	Washington Ave (0.02 miles E)	2005	270
1.65	Monroe Street	Taylor St (0.02 miles E)	2018	380
1.66	Washington Avenue	Tyler St (0.02 miles S)	2018	3,930
1.68	College Avenue	Tyler St (0.02 miles N)	2018	170
1.73	Clark Street	Railroad Ave (0.07 miles W)	2018	1,660
1.76	Clark Street	Jackson Ave (0.0 miles E)	2018	1,300
1.77	Clark St	Jackson Ave (0.02 miles E)	2016	1,790
1.84	Clarke St	Old Wire Rd (0.05 miles SE)	2005	1,680
1.85	College Ave	Peachtree St (0.02 miles N)	2016	200
2.05		Powell Church Rd (0.50999999 miles W)	2018	1,460
2.23		Gibson Rd (0.34999999 miles N)	2018	2,040
2.25		Beckman St (0.04 miles E)	2018	1,050
2.61		Maxwell Rd (1.21000004 miles E)	2018	160
2.66	US Hwy 80	Washington Ave (0.20999999 miles N)	2005	2,040
2.97	Powell Church Road	Birdsong Rd (0.30000001 miles SE)	2018	190
2.98		Bunkley Rd Exd (0.03 miles SW)	2018	2,020
3.36		Barker Mill Rd (1.05999994 miles SE)	2018	840
3.73		Willis Rd (0.04 miles W)	2018	1,350
3.85	Dennis Creek Road	Mitchell Rd (0.44 miles NE)	2018	130
3.92	Packing House Road	Taylor Rd (0.18000001 miles NW)	2018	70

1992 / 2018 Traffic Counts for City of Talbotton



Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Cost of maintaining existing paved county roads and dirt roads.

Opportunities:

- Talbot County transportation system
- TIA SPLOST Transportation Funds used to for road, bridge, sidewalk improvements



Aerial of Flint Hill Community



Aerial of Box Springs Community

Housing

Housing data was taken from several different sources, and it is important to recognize discrepancies in the data used. For the county, the most recent information came from the 2018 American Community Survey 5-year-estimate data.

Housing stock in Talbot County consists of a mixture of traditional single-family stick-built homes, multi-family units and manufactured and mobile home units. Higher density housing such as apartments are found within the city limits of Talbotton primarily, with a small multifamily housing community in Woodland. These communities that can support denser housing in the county are where water and sewer is more readily available. The 2010 housing inventory consisted of 3,344 total housing units, an increase over the 2000 number of 2,871. In 2018, the American Community Survey estimated the total number of houses in Talbot County to be 3,413.

It is noteworthy that this represents an increase in overall housing at the same time the county has seen a significant decrease in population, a trend that continues. This will likely lead to fewer persons per household (currently 2.3 persons per household in 2018, down from 2.5 persons per household in 2013 according to the American Community Survey) as well as an increased number of vacant units. The vacancy rates have been climbing slightly in some areas, like Geneva and Talbotton, but have declined slightly in Junction City, Woodland, and the county overall. With current population decreases, it remains reasonable to suspect moderate vacancy rate increases in the future.

The total housing stock consisted of 2,085 detached single family units, while multi-family units only comprised of 155 units of the total housing stock. Manufactured or mobile home units, totaling 1,151 units, continue to be an important source of housing for many residents in the County. A small, but growing number of the County's housing units (18%, up from 13% in 2008 but down 1% from 2013) are rental units, in comparison to the state of Georgia, whose housing stock was 37% renter occupied.

In Talbot County, as a whole, housing costs have been relatively low when compared to the region and the state. Talbot County's median housing value in 2018 was \$80,000, as compared to the State's median 2018 value of \$166,800. This 2018 housing value is up from \$76,600 in 2013.

From a cost burden standpoint, Talbot County has a significant percentage of its population, both homeowners and renters, who pay more than 30% of their income on housing. In Talbot County, 63% of home owners are cost burdened and 37% of renters are cost burdened. This is also a statewide issue with 39% of owners and 50% of renters cost burdened in Georgia.

Table 8: Talbot County and Municipality Characteristics

Occupancy Characteristics: 2014-2018										
Jurisdiction	Talbot County		Geneva		Junction City		Talbotton		Woodland	
Year	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018	2014	2018
Housing Units Vacant	691	647	8	23	20	14	98	144	67	50
Housing Units Owner Occupied	2,084	2,175	34	56	48	65	261	257	119	101
Housing Units Renter Occupied	604	591	2	3	13	18	223	151	48	29
Total	3,379	3,413	44	82	81	97	582	552	234	180

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census – 2014-2018 American Community Survey, ESRI Business Analyst, River Valley Regional Commission staff

Table 9: Talbot County Recorded and Projected Number Housing Units: 1990-2018

Talbot County: Types of Housing				
Category	1990	2000	2010	2018
TOTAL Housing Units	2,645	2,871	3,411	3,413
Single Units (detached)	1,754	1,620	2,342	2,085
Single Units (attached)	23	31	45	22
Double Units	79	42	58	53
3 to 9 Units	20	28	138	35
10 to 19 Units	11	15	20	62
20 to 49 Units	0	28	36	5
50 or more Units	0	0	0	0
Mobile Home or Trailer	717	1,100	761	1,151
All Other	41	7	11	0

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census – 2014-2018 American Community Survey, ESRI Business Analyst, RVRC staff

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Address dilapidated and abandoned structures
- Increase home ownership opportunities

Opportunities:

- Land and housing is still affordable
- Accessory units like garage apartments or mother-in-law units are allowed under existing regulations.



Example: Historically Appropriate Infill Housing



Example: Historically Appropriate Affordable Housing

Economic Development

Talbot County has a median household income of \$36,213 with 2,766 households and a population of 4,894 over the age of 18 (ACS, 2018).

Talbot County had a 2019 unemployment rate of 4.5% according to Georgia Department of Labor statistics. This is slightly higher than the 4.2% unemployment rate for surrounding counties, and significantly higher than the state and national rates of 3.4% and 3.7% respectively. The COVID-19 pandemic significantly increased the Talbot County unemployment rate, which peaked at 12.2% in April before declining.

There were a total of 2,819 people in the labor force in Talbot County. Most work in the service sector (66.2%), followed by the government sector (20.3%), retail trade (10.5%), manufacturing (8.7%) and mining (4.2%) (Georgia Department of Labor).

What is particularly unique about Talbot County is how many people migrate out of the county daily to work. According to ESRI Business Analyst Online, the daily net out-migration from the county is 1,522 people. Only 16.6% of the labor force in Talbot County actually works in Talbot County. The vast majority, 81.1%, work outside the county. The remaining 2.3% work outside the state. This statistic has profound planning implications indicating that 1- transportation to employment centers is critical and 2- more needs to be done to work on attracting employers to the county.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the River Valley region notes three projects for Talbot County to attract employment. These include a Technology and Workforce Development Center, a series of Infrastructure improvements to the existing Industrial Park, and the Development of the Fall Line Industrial Park, including site work and infrastructure improvements.

According to the Georgia Department of Labor, the top employers in Talbot County, Talbot County School Board, Junction City Mining, LLC; Junction City Quarry; Talbot State Bank; The Peoples Bank of Talbotton.

Table 10: Talbot County Workers

<i>Workers Age 16+ by place of work</i>	<i>2018 ACS Estimate</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Total	2,470	100%
Worked in State and County of Residence	284	11.5%
Worked in State and Outside County of Residence	2,159	87.4%
Worked Outside State of Residence	27	1.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census – 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Table 11: Workers by Employment Type

<i>SIC Codes</i>	<i>Percentage of Workforce</i>
Agriculture and Mining	2.2%
Construction	5.2%
Manufacturing	21.3%
Transportation	6.4%
Communication	1.4%
Utility	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	1.3%
Retail Trade	10.1%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	7.6%
Services	39.0%
Public Administration	3.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census – 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Table 12: Unemployment

Time Period	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
May, 2019	2,828	2,699	129	4.6%
June, 2019	2,883	2,682	151	5.3%
July, 2019	2,816	2,677	139	4.9%
August, 2019	2,810	2,680	130	4.6%
September 2019	2,791	2,692	99	3.5%
October, 2019	2,806	2,698	108	3.8%
November, 2019	2,797	2,700	97	3.5%
December, 2020	2,800	2,694	106	3.8%
January, 2020	2,800	2,691	109	3.9%
February, 2020	2,827	2,711	116	4.1%
March, 2020	2,797	2,660	137	4.9%
April, 2020	2,650	2,327	323	12.2%
May, 2020	2,665	2,423	242	9.1%

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Retail Market Potential Analysis

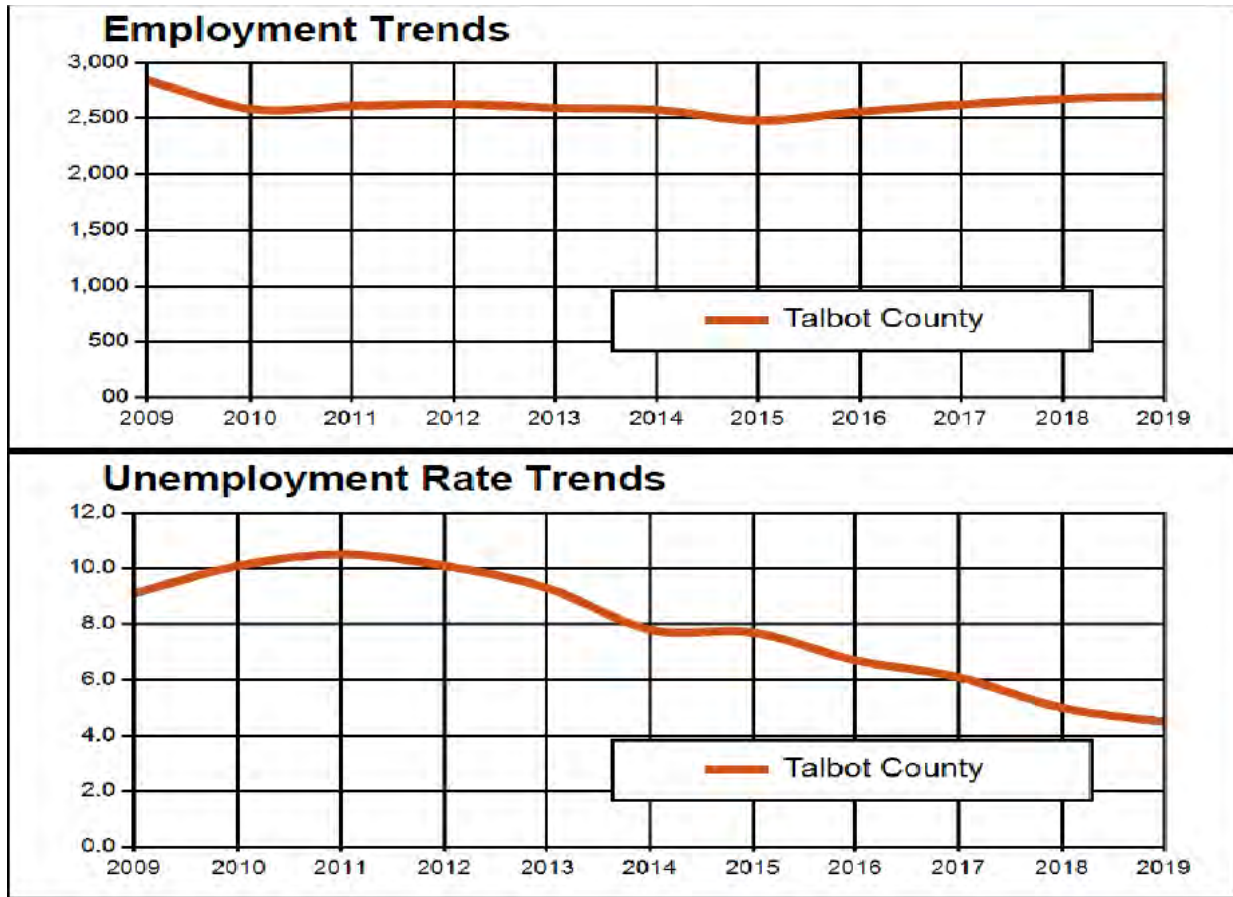
The ESRI Retail Market Potential Analysis for Talbot County depicts various consumption patterns and buying trends of the population. Spending categories in this report include the purchase of apparel, automobiles, groceries, beverages, etc. Every categorical expenditure is ranked by a Market Potential Index (MPI) number which portrays the “relative likelihood of adults in the specified trade area to exhibit certain consumer behavior or purchasing pattern compared to the U.S.” (ESRI Business Analyst Retail Market Potential, 2020). In this report, an MPI of 100 is considered the U.S. average. An index ranking below 100 indicates that Talbot County residents spend on average less on those items than other U.S. residents. An index ranking above 100 indicates the opposite; that Talbot County residents spend more on those items. With an MPI of 133, Talbot County residents spent more on regular cola in the last six months than the average U.S. resident. With an MPI of 171, Talbot County residents spent more on cigarettes at a convenience store in the last 30 days than the average U.S. resident. With an MPI of 60, fewer Talbot County residents spent money on home mortgages. With an MPI of 57, fewer Talbot County residents have a retirement savings plan than the average U.S. resident. The MPI for buying American products is 128. For the full ESRI Retail Market Potential Analysis for Talbot County, see the Appendix.

Job Tax Credit Programs

Talbot County is a Tier 1 county in regards to the Job Tax Credit Program as determined by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (See Appendix for Maps). The Job Tax Credit Program (O.C.G.A. § 48-7-40.1) provides additional benefits to specified census tracts or additionally designated areas which are considered to be less developed or have a higher rate of poverty.

The military zone designation was added in the 2004 Legislative Session through the passage of House Bill 984. This amendment provides for census tracts which are located adjacent to a military base and have pervasive poverty of at least a 15 percent poverty rate, as reflected in the most recent decennial census, to receive the highest benefit level allowed under the Job Tax Credit Program. It also provides for the credit to be available to any business of any nature, as long as all other program requirements are met. An amendment was made in the 2008 Legislative Session to provide for the job creation threshold to be reduced from 5 jobs to 2 jobs (www.dca.ga.gov/economic/DevelopmentTools/programs/militaryZones.asp). Two of Talbot's three census tracts were designated as Military Zones in 2012 making businesses in these geographic areas beneficiaries of the extended Job Tax Credit Program (See Appendix for Maps).

Table 13: Talbot County Employment Trends



Source: Georgia Department of Labor

Identified Needs and Opportunities

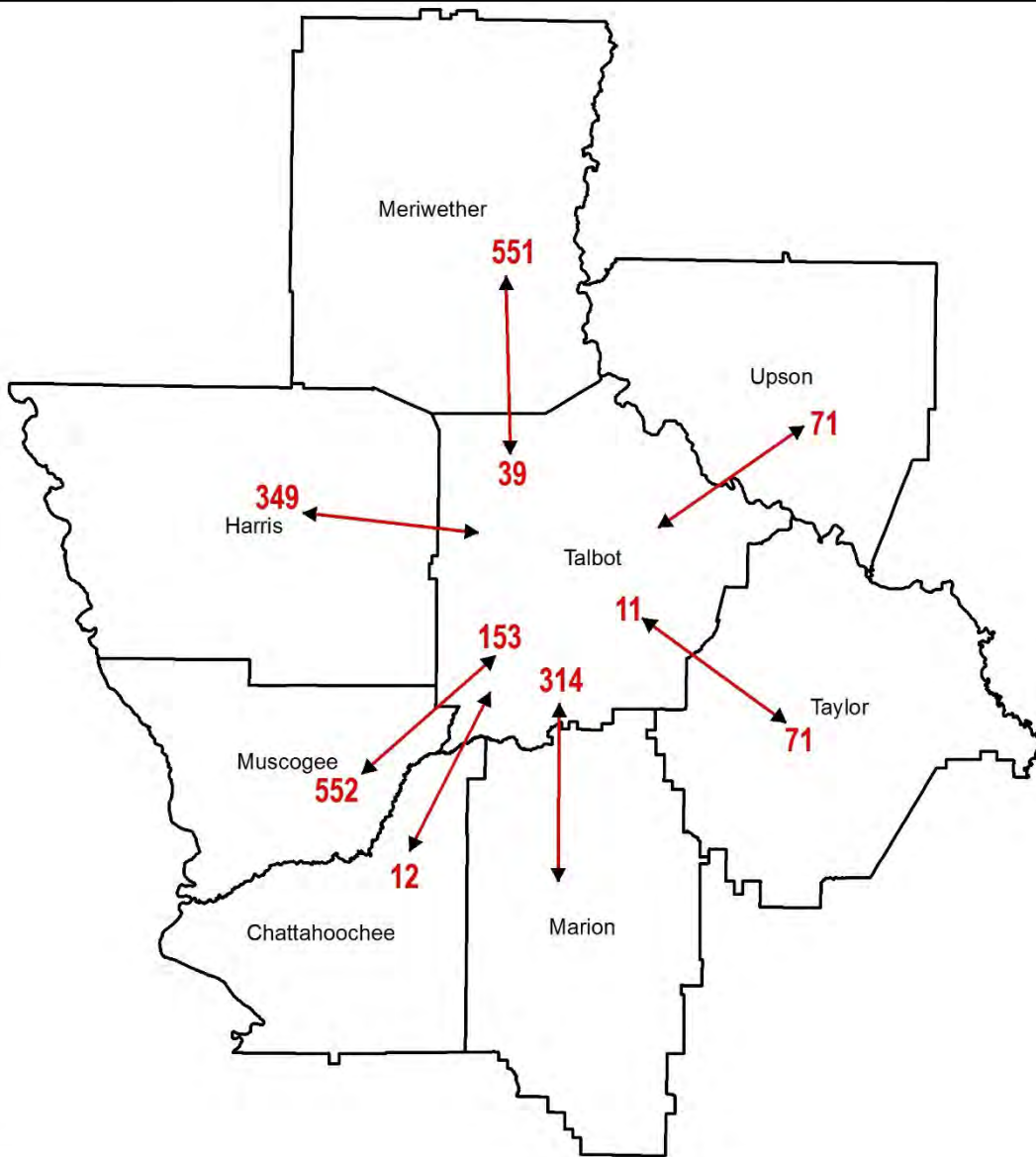
Needs:

- Expand job base.
- Work with educational institutions' on job training and adult education programs.

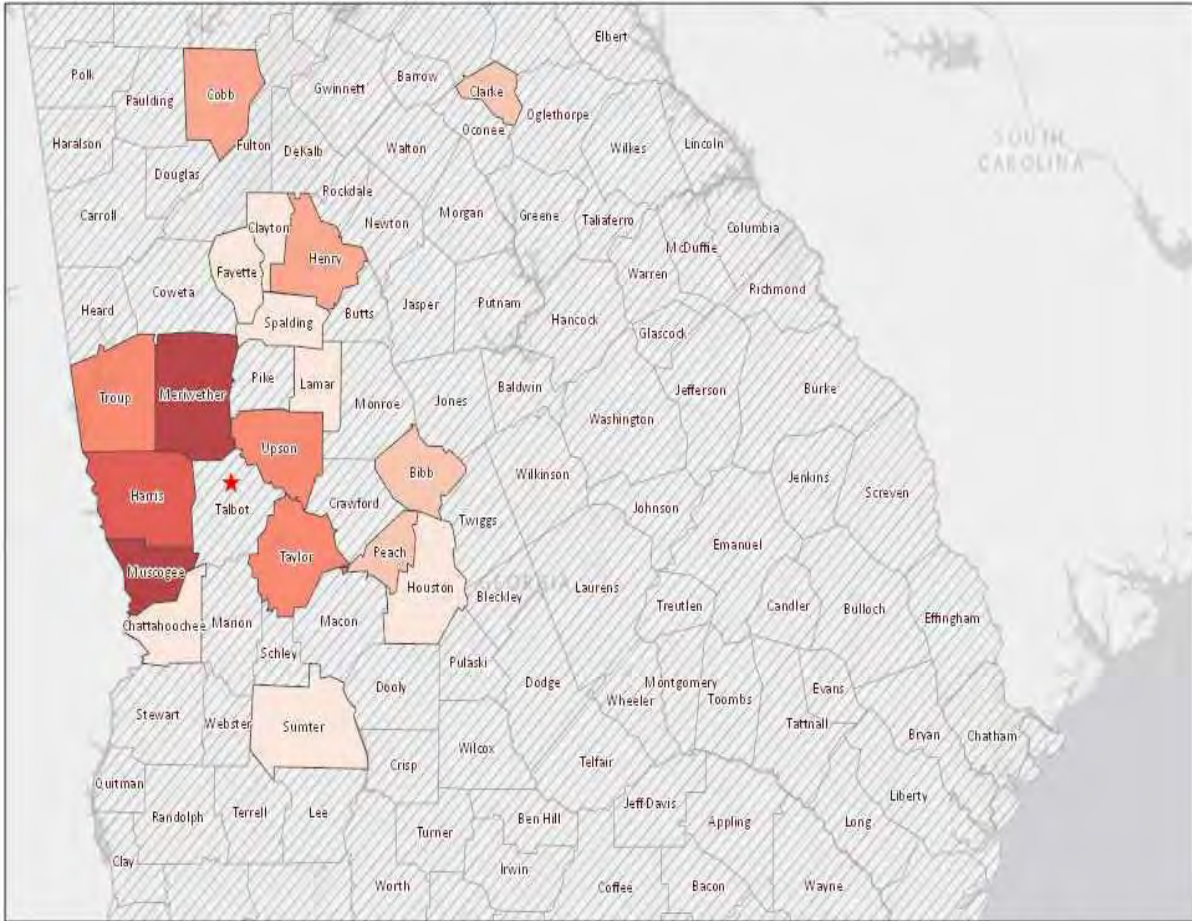
Opportunities:

- Economic development funds are available from government agencies
- Adequate water facilities in Talbot County for commercial, industrial and residential growth.
- Availability of Talbot County rural public transit system.
- Local education system is improving year by year.

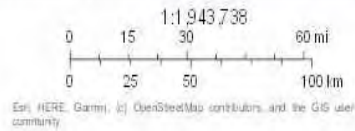
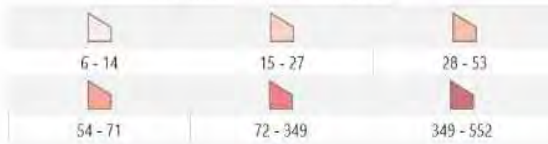
Talbot County in-migration and out-migration for work



Total Commuters Map



Commuters from Talbot Co.



Source: United States Census Bureau

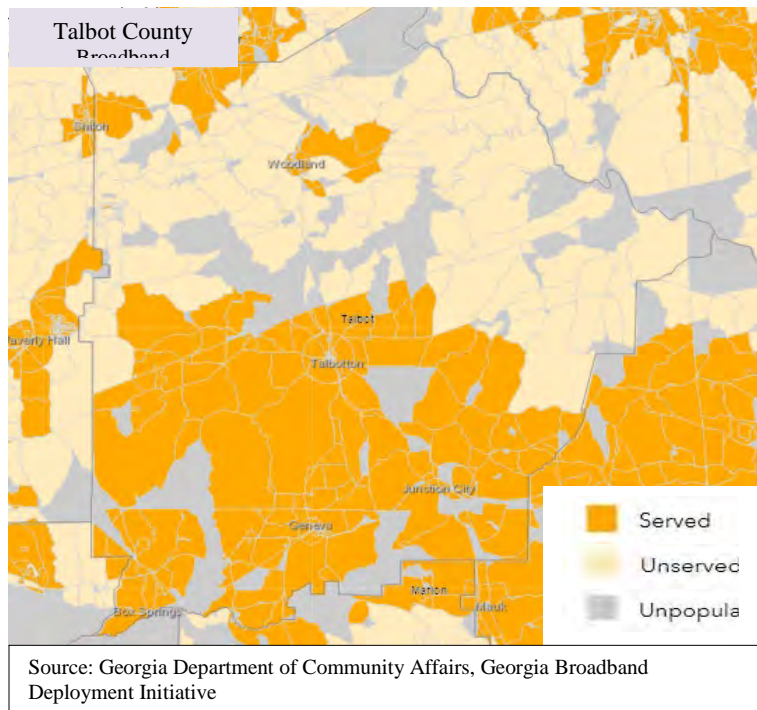
Broadband Internet Service Facilities

Broadband, or high-speed internet, has become essential to business, education, healthcare, agriculture, and overall quality of life for Georgians. Unfortunately, approximately 16% (±1.6 million), residing predominantly in rural communities, do not have access to broadband service. The General Assembly passed the Achieving Connectivity Everywhere (ACE) Act (SB 402) in 2018 to facilitate extension of broadband service to unserved/underserved areas; the purposes being to enable residents to participate fully in today’s society and enjoy the many benefits of the technology.

The Act gave rise to the Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative (GBDI), focused on partnerships and collaboration among government at all levels, and the private sector, to deploy fixed, terrestrial broadband services with minimum download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of at least 3 Mbps. The initiative will also assist communities apply for federal funding in support of broadband deployment.

Accurate mapping of broadband availability is critical to identifying unserved locations and implementing the initiative. This graphic represents areas of the county which are and are not served at the threshold speed. Populated census blocks that did not meet this definition (25 Mbps/3 Mbps service availability) are delineated as ‘unserved’. Population and location data are from the 2010 Census and commercially available business listings (2014) with at least 3 employees and \$150,000 annual sales.

The data used to create the map depict where broadband service is available to at least ONE consumer (whether residential or business) in a census block. The map presents every location in the census block as having service, even if there is only one internet consumer in the census block. By this standard, the graphic may very well over-estimate broadband service availability, particularly in areas with large census blocks. Nevertheless, this map depicts those areas of the county where fixed, terrestrial broadband services are available with minimum threshold download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of at least 3 Mbps, and where the minimum service level will be targeted. Talbot County has 758 Census Blocks with no broadband service, and 22% of the population lives in unserved areas. There are 2,659 locations with at least a single customer at the minimum service level.

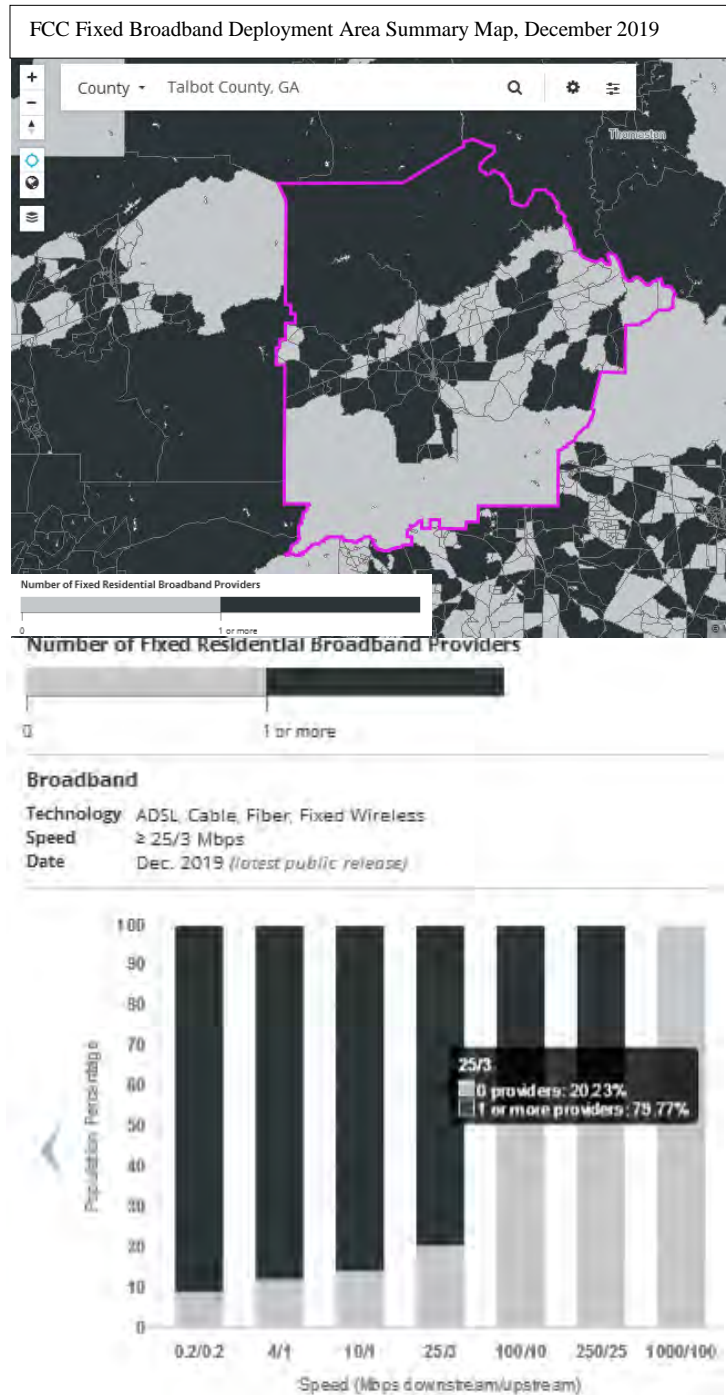


The FCC Fixed Broadband Deployment Area Summary Map (December, 2019) shows two satellite providers offer 25Mbps/3Mbps residential service to 100% of Talbot County. Fixed terrestrial broadband (ADSL, Cable, Fiber, and Fixed Wireless) service at the minimum level is available to 0.52% from 3 or more providers, to 23.94% from 2 providers, and 55.32% from a single provider. However, 20.23% of the population has no fixed wireless residential broadband service at the 25Mbps/3Mbps level. Fixed wireless is internet communication between two sites or buildings without satellite or telephone infrastructure.

ADSL broadband service is available at the 25Mbps/3Mbps level to 58.61% of the population. However, 57.29% of the population has only a single ADSL service provider, and only 1.32% can choose between 2 providers. Cable service is available to 54.42% of the population at the minimum target speed, and 44.81% have 100Mbps/10Mbps and 250Mbps/25Mbps service available, all from a single provider. Cable internet service is provided over cable television infrastructure.

One provider offers fiber service to 1.21% at the 250Mbps/25Mbps and 100Mbps/10Mbps level. and fiber-optic communication is the transmission of voice and data via pulses of light through an optical fiber. The chart shows the fraction of the population that has access to different numbers of residential broadband providers (the vertical axis) depending on the broadband speed (the horizontal axis) for the technologies selected to be displayed on the map. The majority of the county is rural and 78.65% of the rural area has at least one provider offering 25Mbps/3Mbps service. However, 21.35% of the rural population resides in areas that do not have even one provider.

With a so many of residents not served by the Initiative's minimum threshold service level or lacking a choice of providers, the community needs to be positioned to facilitate, and to take advantage of any opportunity to facilitate, enhanced service delivery. 2014 data from the Georgia Broadband Initiative as cited in 2018 Annual State IT Report, Georgia Technology Authority,



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Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

There is a critical need to expand broadband to unserved census blocks to maintain economic viability, educational attainment, employment opportunity and business development.

- Rural residents without highspeed internet are unable to access to information and educational opportunities
- Improved broadband capacity is needed to meet current and future needs of residents, businesses, and industry
- Coordination is needed between local broadband providers and local organizations to identify and address key issues
- Broadband infrastructure is needed along with all other utilities for industrial development

Opportunities:

Identify and address telecommunications deficiencies (Unserved or served below threshold)

- Coordinate efforts through public/private partnerships to provide comprehensive consistent, reliable and equitable broadband coverage
- Funding sources/partnerships to expand broadband access
- Broadband infrastructure can be incorporated in rights-of-way during road projects

Natural Resources

Talbot County should expand appropriate infrastructures to meet development needs and minimize the effects on sensitive areas. The Natural and Cultural Resources of Talbot County are fundamental components in the development of the county and should be included in the planning process. Talbot County should develop educational programs to promote conservation and protection of important resources for all segments of society. The County and its municipalities should also strengthen and improve existing regulations regarding development in sensitive areas. Talbot County has water supply sources, water supply watersheds, groundwater recharge areas, wetlands, flood prone areas, steep slopes and cultural resources that need protection.

Water Resources Planning

Talbot County realizes the importance of their location in the Upper Flint River Watershed and understands the significant role current and future development plays in water quality. Talbot County participated in the regional water planning efforts of the Upper Flint River Water Planning Council as mandated by state law in 2008 “to manage water resources in a sustainable manner to support the state’s economy, to protect public health and natural systems, and to enhance the quality of life for all citizens.” (*Upper Flint Regional Water Plan*, September 2011) Talbot County continues to support the regional water planning process by maintaining an active presence on the regional water council and by making water policy issues a priority in government decisions.

Water Supply Watersheds

Talbot County has a small water supply watershed, covering less than 100 square miles, in the

northwestern corner of the county. This watershed provides drinking water for both Talbot County and the City of Manchester in Meriwether County. Talbot County should adopt and enforce the water supply watershed protection criteria established by the Department of Natural Resources to include buffer, setback and impervious surface area coverage requirements (See Appendix for Maps).

Groundwater Recharge Areas

Talbot County has several areas which are considered to be Most Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas of Georgia. These areas are primarily located in the southern portion of the county; however, the City of Talbotton is built on a Most Significant Recharge area. The Talbotton groundwater recharge area is considered to be a low pollution susceptibility area. The recharge areas found in the southern portion of the county, on the other hand, are considered to be medium pollution susceptibility areas (See Appendix for Maps).

Talbot County and the Cities of Geneva, Junction City, and Talbotton should partner with one another to adopt and implement the environmental planning criteria developed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the protection of groundwater recharge areas.

Wetlands

The National Wetlands Inventory conducted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services discovered wetlands scattered throughout Talbot County and its municipalities. However, none of the wetlands identified are considered to be significant. As a result, special protection measures for these wetlands are not needed at this time.

Talbot County realizes the importance of wetlands and the many benefits of their protection provides including: flood protection, water quality improvement, and recreation. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has not required the municipalities within the county to adopt the Wetlands Protection Ordinance, and they have not done so (See Appendix for Maps).

Flood Plains

Flood plains are primarily found in the central section of the county and along the Flint River. Any development should be closely monitored in areas that are subject to flooding. All jurisdictions in Talbot County have been mapped for flood prone areas under the Federal Emergency Management Agency program. Only Talbot County and Woodland participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Geneva, Junction City, and Talbotton have not been mapped nor do they participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. Flood plains are primarily found in the central section of the county and along the Flint River (See Appendix for Maps).



Sarracenia rubra: endangered flora in Talbot County



Shoal Spider Lilies along the banks of the Upper Flint River

Soil Types

Talbot County's geology is unique in that it lies along the Fall Line: a transition zone between the Piedmont Crystalline Rock and the Coastal Plain Sedimentation Rocks. As a result, soil classifications found in the northern part of the county are completely different in permeability and usage than those found in the southern part of the county.

The central section of Talbot County's soil configuration is Madison and Pacolet. This soil association is suitable for all types of farming activities and for the construction of residences and industry. Areas considered to be poor for the development of light industries are found in the northern section of the county, a small section in the northwest section of the county, bands of areas in the central east section of the county and areas in the southwest and north-east sections of the county (See Appendix for Maps).

Mineral Resources

Talbot County's location on the Fall Line also indicates a wide variety of rocks and minerals. Talbot County straddles two of Georgia's five physiographic provinces: the Piedmont Plateau and the Atlantic Coastal Plain. The Piedmont Plateau is composed of metamorphic and igneous crystalline rocks while the Atlantic Coastal Plain is underlain by sedimentary rocks including limestone, clays of various kinds, sand and gravel.



Junction City Mining

Slopes

Characteristics of Talbot County's topography are broad valleys and steep rolling hills. Talbot County's land development is not affected by the terrain in the municipalities or in the county limits. Most of the slopes within the county are less than 20%. Areas with slopes over 20% are primarily located in the northern third of the county and a band in the southwestern corner of the county. Erosion and sedimentation control measures should be implemented on slopes that are suitable for development in order to minimize adverse impacts (See Appendix for Maps).

Protected River Corridors

The Flint River has been designated as a protected river corridor under the River Corridor Protection Act (O.C.G.A. 12-2-8). This river flows along the eastern boundary of the county. Land along the Flint River performs a variety of critical functions related to water resources: controlling floods, trapping sediments, filtering out toxins and excess nutrients, and supporting rich assortments of wildlife and plant species. Uncontrolled development along the Flint River Corridor could lead to contamination of the water, thus having an adverse impact on the fishing, recreation, and drinking quality of the water.

Talbot County will provide for the protection and preservation of the Flint River Corridor in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all its citizens.



Flint River

Prime Agricultural and Forest Land

Agricultural lands are primarily located in the northern section of the county. The prime farmland needs to be protected from encroachments. Although the farming sector is small, it does add to the local economy as well as the scenic quality of Talbot County.

The forested areas of Talbot County are both aesthetically and ecologically valuable in the provision of natural beauty, wildlife habitat, and the maintenance of water quality. The forestland provides a haven for wildlife. The hunting and fishing industries are increasingly important in the economic sector of the county. Talbot County should require that forestry activities be consistent with best management practices established by the Georgia Forestry Commission in order to ensure the scenic and environmental value of this large land area.

Table 14: Talbot County Agricultural Trends

	Number of Farms	Total Acreage	Acres of Harvested Cropland	Percent Crops Harvested	Forestland Total Acreage	Acres of Harvested Timber
Talbot County	102	30,193	2,629	-	212,000	62,900
River Valley Region	2,688	1,123,445	443,161	-	2,370,000	551,000
Georgia	42,439	9,953,730	3,628,707	-	24,521,900	4,640,000

Source: Georgia County Guide 2020 (farm and timber data is from 2017)

Plant and Animal Habitats

Talbot County has many areas that support rare or endangered plants and animals. According to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, there are several known endangered or threatened plant and animal species in Talbot County. State and federally designated endangered plant and animal species are listed in the following tables.



Red Cockaded Woodpecker: Endangered species with habitat in Talbot County

Table15: Talbot County Endangered Species

Animal Occurrences		
Scientific Name	Common Name	
<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake	reptile
<i>Cyprinella callitaenia</i>	Bluestripe Shiner	fish
<i>Desmognathus aeneus</i>	Seepage Salamander	amphibian
<i>Elimia boykiniana</i>	Flaxen Elimia	mollusk
<i>Elimia curvicastrata</i>	Graphite Elimia	mollusk
<i>Elliptio arctata</i>	Delicate Spike	mollusk
<i>Elliptoideus sloatianus</i>	Purple Bankclimber	mollusk
<i>Etheostoma parvipinne</i>	Goldstripe Darter	fish
<i>Eumeces anthracinus pluvialis</i>	Southern Coal Skink	reptile
<i>Eurycea chamberlaini</i>	Chamberlain's Dwarf Salamander	amphibian
<i>Gopherus polyphemus</i>	Gopher Tortoise	reptile
<i>Graptemys barbouri</i>	Barbour's Map Turtle	reptile
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	bird
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake	reptile
<i>Lithobates capito</i>	Gopher Frog	amphibian
<i>Lythrurus atrapiculus</i>	Blacktip Shiner	fish
<i>Micropterus cataractae</i>	Shoal Bass	fish
<i>Micrurus fulvius fulvius</i>	Eastern Coral Snake	reptile
<i>Moxostoma lachneri</i>	Greater Jumprock	fish
<i>Moxostoma sp. 1</i>	Apalachicola Redhorse	fish
<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	Southeastern Myotis	mammal
<i>Necturus beyeri complex</i>	Gulf Coast Waterdog	amphibian
<i>Notropis hypsilepis</i>	Highscale Shiner	fish
<i>Percina crypta</i>	Halloween Darter	fish
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	bird
<i>Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus</i>	Florida Pine Snake	reptile
<i>Plethodon websteri</i>	Webster's Salamander	amphibian
<i>Procambarus acutissimus</i>	Sharpnose Crayfish	crustacean
<i>Procambarus versutus</i>	Sly Crayfish	crustacean
<i>Pteronotropis euryzonus</i>	Broadstripe Shiner	fish
<i>Quadrula infucata</i>	Sculptured Pigtoe	mollusk
<i>Villosa villosa</i>	Downy Rainbow	mollusk

Source: NatureServe Explorer

Table15 (cont.): Talbot County Endangered Species

Plant Occurrences	
Scientific Name	Common Name
<i>Asclepias rubra</i>	Red Milkweed
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic White-cedar
<i>Croomia pauciflora</i>	Croomia
<i>Helenium brevifolium</i>	Bog Sneezeweed
<i>Hymenocallis coronaria</i>	Shoals Spiderlily
<i>Listera australis</i>	Southern Twayblade
<i>Magnolia pyramidata</i>	Pyramid Magnolia
<i>Myriophyllum laxum</i>	Lax Water-milfoil
<i>Nestronia umbellula</i>	Indian Olive
<i>Panax quinquefolius</i>	American Ginseng
<i>Pityopsis pinifolia</i>	Sandhill Golden-aster
<i>Sarracenia rubra</i>	Sweet Pitcherplant
<i>Silene polypetala</i>	Fringed Campion
<i>Smilax leptanthera</i>	Catbrier
<i>Stylisma pickeringii</i> var. <i>pickeringii</i>	Pickering's Morning-glory
<i>Tradescantia roseolens</i>	Rosy Spiderwort
<i>Triadenum tubulosum</i>	Broadleaf Marsh St. Johnswort
<i>Trillium reliquum</i>	Relict Trillium

Source: NatureServe Explorer



Asclepias rubra: endangered flora in Talbot County.



Magnolia pyramidata: endangered flora in Talbot County.

Major Park, Recreation and Conservation Areas

Talbot County has many recreational resources as a result of its location along the Pine Mountain Ridge and the Flint River. There are three Wildlife Management Areas (WMA's) and many scenic sites and viewsheds (See Appendix for Maps).

Wildlife Management Areas

The Big Lazer Creek WMA/PFA is located at the point the Big Lazer flows into the Flint River. The park totals 5,864 acres, with a 250-acre fishing lake on Gum Creek. The area is known for its deer, turkey, and small game populations as well as an abundance of bream, crappie and bass. Also located at the Big Lazer WMA are a 100-meter rifle and pistol ranges, and four primitive camping areas.

Sprewell Bluff Outdoor Recreation Area and WMA is a 1,372 acre park located along the Flint River. It offers a number of amenities including a boat ramp, picnic area and three mile hiking trail. Recreational access extends to hunting and fishing. Shoal bass and catfish are abundant.

The Chattahoochee Fall Line Wildlife Management Area opened in 2014. The 10,800 acre tract extends from southern Talbot County into northern Marion County. This WMA offers opportunities for hiking, camping and birdwatching. It will also serve as a demonstration site for longleaf pine ecosystem restoration providing habitat for both game and non-game species of wildlife and endangered species like the red-cockaded woodpecker and the gopher tortoise.

Scenic Sites and Viewsheds

The natural resources available in Talbot County, combined with its rural character, result in many scenic sites and viewsheds. In addition, the numerous creeks and streams that traverse the county create hills and valleys, providing beautiful views for the visitors and residents of the county to enjoy.

There are many highways and roads in Talbot County that are considered scenic resources. Northern Talbot is an area characterized by rolling farmland, historic farmhouses, and barns scattered throughout the area. Roadways such as Pleasant Valley, Chalybeate Springs, Bonnie Hawkins, Oak Mountain Ridge, Po Bidy, Ellison Pound, and Hwy 208 showcase the pleasant pastoral scenery offered in the county. South of the Fall Line, Juniper Pond Road also has a tranquil landscape.



Big Lazer WMA in Talbot County.



Sprewell Bluff Outdoor Recreation Area.

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- The public needs adequate access to regulatory guidelines concerning natural resources.
- Erosion, sedimentation, and storm water runoff problems.
- Develop a conservation subdivision ordinance or cluster development ordinance for possible use in the county
- Adopt appropriate site design guidelines for developing on sensitive areas such as steep slopes

Opportunities:

- Guide new development away from important resources
- Promote natural resources in Talbot County



Desmognathus aeneus: Endangered species in Talbot County.



Tradescantia roseolens: Endangered species (Photo courtesy of Mark Hutchinson)

Cultural Resources

In 2004-05 a comprehensive survey of Talbot County historic resources was completed. That survey identified 581 resources fifty years old or older in the county. From that survey, over 50% were identified as being individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The 2004-05 Survey also identified 10 areas with large concentrations of historic resources that would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as districts: Geneva, Junction City, Woodland, Ypsilanti, Po Bidy, Pratts- burg, O’Neal, Flint Hill, and Box Springs.

As of January 2005, there are ten individual historic properties and one historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places in Talbot County.

Eight of the Listed National Register Properties are residential resources: the Frederick A. Bailey, House, the Newton P. Carreker House, the Lockhart--Cosby Plantation, the John Frank Mathews Plantation, the David Shel- ton House, the George W.B. Towns House, Weeks- Kimbrough House, and The Elms. The LeVert Historic District also contains residential resources.

Proposed Eligible National Register Historic Districts in the Cities of Geneva, Junction City, and Woodland would contain residential resources. Prattsburg, Po Bidy, O’Neal, Flint Hill, Box Springs and Ypsilanti are unincorporated communities with concentrations of residential and agricultural resources.

Talbot County understands the significance of cultural resources and place high importance on conservation of the area’s history, tradition, and culture through preservation. The county and the cities of Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton, and Woodland make the conservation of the area’s history, tradition, and culture through preservation a priority. They also know the benefits of preservation are far-reaching, and can lead to increased heritage tourism, growth in small businesses because of available locations, and a sense of community and tradition.

While governmental support is present, the level of community support is low. An organization is needed to sponsor National Register listings; to oversee the application for survey funds; to maintain an inventory of local historic resources and attempt to preserve endangered resources. Also, steps need to be taken to steer development away from cultural resources within Talbot County and its cities.



Antebellum Plantation Home in Talbotton



Zion Episcopal Church



Ford Building, Chamber of Commerce Office

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- The public needs equate access to regulatory guidelines concerning cultural resources.
- Historic resource conditions are endangered and/or declining.

Opportunities:

- Improve, enhance, and promote Talbot County's cultural resources.
- Guide new development away from important cultural resources
- A review guide line for best management practices as listed in the RVRC Reginal Plan
- Best management practices are available to staff and the public for review in the regional plan

Intergovernmental Coordination

Coordination between jurisdictions provides local governments an opportunity to inventory existing communication mechanisms and processes that have profound impacts on the success of implementing local government's goals and objectives.

Opportunities exist between neighboring jurisdictions such as Harris County, Marion County, Chattahoochee County, Muscogee County, Taylor County and Fort Benning. In order to reduce issues and take advantage of the potential opportunities, Talbot County should maintain open communication and dialogue with all neighboring jurisdictions.

Furthermore, Talbot County should strongly consider the impact of regional environmental conservation issues related to the longleaf pine ecosystem and endangered habitats of the gopher tortoise and red cockaded woodpecker. Partnering with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure conservation of natural resources can spur growth in the outdoor recreation industry and be a powerful economic engine for local communities.

The County should also encourage the sharing of resources among local governments. This will foster fiscal responsibility and ensure proper execution of needed improvements.

County officials must be actively involved in regional planning activities with the River Valley Regional Commission and other regional organizations and entities. Confirming that all elected officials, government staff, authority members and other appointed officials are certified by the appropriate agencies according to state law will mean that local people have access to the latest information, tools and best management practices that benefit the community.

Lastly, the Service Delivery Strategy, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan and Comprehensive Plan should be updated regularly. The SDS update will be completed in conjunction with this update of the Comprehensive Plan. The current Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan is also underway with an estimated completion date of October 2015.

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Important to keep line of communication open with Harris, Marion, Muscogee, and Taylor Counties.
- Actively participate in regional planning efforts.
- Update intergovernmental/mutual aid agreements when needed

Opportunities

- The Service Delivery Strategy update is to be completed by October 31, 2027



River Valley Regional Council Meeting

Existing Land Use

The proper mix of land uses ensures that a community is both viable and sustainable. It is a daunting task to limit new development in order to maintain a certain type of lifestyle. No one really wishes to limit growth at the expense of potential income. At the same time, no one desires to have a scene of the old west boomtowns, based solely on the production of certain products and wealth, without regard for tomorrow. Many difficult decisions must be made about how a community desires to encourage and improve the economic environment while creating a safe, healthy living environment for the citizens.

Often times, the balance between the residents and business community are at odds. The community decision makers are asked to weigh the past, present, and future desires and demands when making choices about the uses of the land within a jurisdiction, neighborhood, or even a parcel.

The following section includes the results of how the decision makers of Talbot County would like to see their communities use the land. The information reflects zoning decisions, ordinances, and public input.

Existing Development Patterns

An analysis of existing development patterns provides an understanding of how land is used at a specific point in time. An existing land use map is the first step in gaining an understanding of not only what land uses exist and where they are but how they interact. The purpose of this section is to map and review existing land use in Talbot, look at areas in need of attention, areas in need of protection, and areas with development opportunities.



Much of Talbot County is planted in timber

Table 16: Talbot County Existing Land Use Definitions

Existing Land Use	Definition
Residential	The predominant use of land within the residential category is for single-family dwelling units organized into general categories of net densities.
Multi-Family Residential	The predominant use of land within the residential category is for duplex and multi-family dwelling units organized into general categories of net densities.
Agriculture/ Forestry	This category is for land dedicated to farming (fields, lots, pastures, farmsteads, specialty farms, livestock production, etc.), agriculture, commercial timber or pulpwood harvesting.
Commercial	This category is for land dedicated to non-industrial business uses, including retail sales, office, service and entertainment facilities, organized into general categories of intensities. Commercial uses may be located as a single use in one building or grouped together in a shopping center or office building. Communities may elect to separate office uses from other commercial uses, such as retail, service or entertainment facilities.
Industrial	This category is for land dedicated to manufacturing facilities, processing plants, factories, warehousing and wholesale trade facilities or other similar uses. This category includes landfills.
Mining	This category is for land dedicated to mining or mineral (solids, liquids, and gases) extraction activities or other similar uses.
Parks/ Recreation/ Conservation	This category is for 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, land in a land trust or similar uses.
Public/ Institutional	Community facilities excluding utilities. This category includes certain state, federal or local government uses and institutional land uses. Examples include government building complexes, police and fire stations, libraries, prisons, post offices, schools, military installations, colleges, churches, cemeteries, hospitals, etc.
Transportation/ Communication/ Utilities	This category includes such uses as major transportation routes, public transit stations power generation plants, railroad facilities, radio towers, cell towers, telephone switching stations, airports, port facilities or other similar uses.
Undeveloped/ Vacant	This category is for 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 been abandoned.

Table 17: Existing Land Use Table Talbot County

Talbot County, Georgia	Acreage/ Percent of Acres
Agriculture/Forestry	212,667/ 87.51%
Commercial	122 .05%
Public/Institutional	122/ .05%
Industrial	146/ .06%
Mining/Extraction	5,225/ 2.15%
Residential	7,022/ 2.89%
Multi-Family Residential	0
Transportation/ Communication/Utilities	437/ .18%
Parks/Recreation/ Conservation	14,824/ 6.10%
Undeveloped/Vacant	2,455/ 1.01%
Total	243,020/100%

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Aid to deteriorating areas in an effort to create opportunities for reinvestment and redevelopment
- Land use mix is heavily favored towards agricultural use and residential use. There is a need to add commercial and industrial use.
- Identify and promote infill development opportunities.

Opportunities:

- Reserve land for industrial and commercial growth. Include adequate space for the growth of employment-related uses, within the Future Land Use Plan/ Development Maps.
- Promote the use of the conservation/cluster subdivision development. .

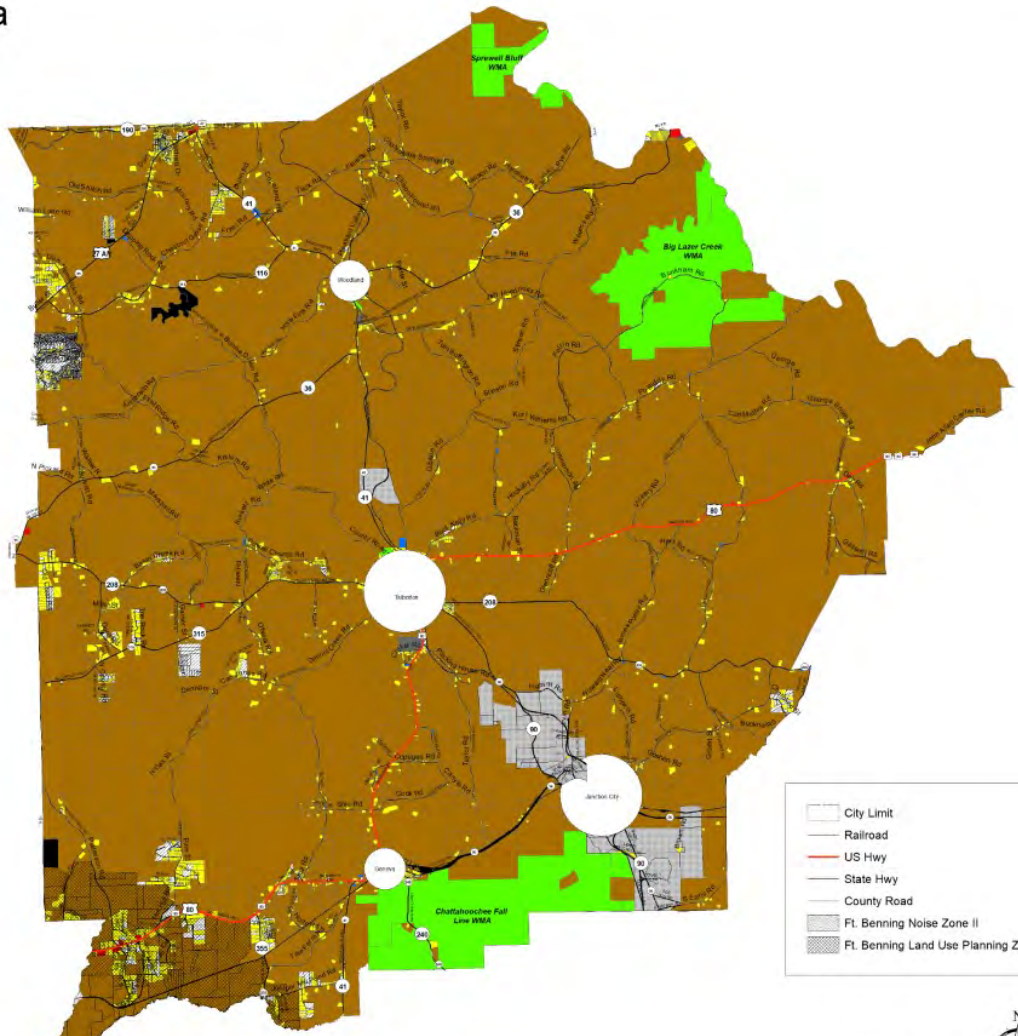
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Existing Land Use

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Existing Land Use Classifications

- Residential
- Multi-Family Residential
- Agriculture/Forestry
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Mining/Extraction
- Parks/Recreation/Conservation
- Public/Institutional
- Transportation/Communication/Utilities
- Undeveloped/Vacant



- City Limit
- Railroad
- US Hwy
- State Hwy
- County Road
- Ft. Benning Noise Zone II
- Ft. Benning Land Use Planning Zone



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Future Land Use

An analysis of probable future development patterns is based on an understanding of how local officials and citizens want land used. The first step in this process is the development of a future land use map. Such a map allows analysis of existing and potential resources, current and possible land uses and where and how they may interact. Due to the decrease in population, there should be only limited pressure placed on Talbot County's infrastructure and public facilities caused by future development. Talbot County has the community facilities and infrastructure capacity to handle future needs.

This section will map and review proposed land use in Talbot County, look at areas in need of attention, areas in need of protection, and areas with development opportunities.

Areas Requiring Special Attention

Significant Natural Resources

The natural environment places certain opportunities and constraints on the way land is used. Soil conditions, slopes, flood frequency and wetlands all affect where development can safely and feasibly occur. Talbot County contains several significant environmental features including floodplains, groundwater recharge areas and a protected river corridor.

The most significant environmental features in Talbot County are related to and result from the Flint River. Designated as a protected river corridor under the River Corridor Protection Act (O.C.G.A. 12-2-8), this river flows along the eastern boundary of the county. Land along the Flint River performs a variety of critical functions related to water resources: controlling floods, trapping sediments, filtering out toxins and excess nutrients, and supporting rich assortments of wildlife and plant species. Uncontrolled development along the Flint River Corridor could lead to contamination of the water, thus having an adverse impact on the fishing, recreation, and drinking quality of the water. Talbot County will provide for the protection and preservation of the Flint River Corridor in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all its citizens.

Talbot County has several areas which are considered to be Most Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas of Georgia. These areas are primarily located in the southern portion of the county; however, the City of Talbotton is built on a Most Significant Recharge area. The Talbotton groundwater recharge area is considered to be a low pollution susceptibility area. The recharge areas found in the southern portion of the county, on the other hand, are considered to be medium pollution susceptibility areas. Talbot County and the Cities of Geneva, Junction City, and Talbotton should partner with one another to adopt and implement the environmental planning criteria developed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for the protection of groundwater recharge areas.

Soil types within Talbot County and its cities are mostly comprised of Madison, Vaucluse, and Norfolk soil associations and were generally considered adequate for development.

Significant Cultural Resources

There are many cultural resources in Talbot County. These resources add to the quality of life for all Talbot County residents. The county library in Talbotton provides the citizens of Talbot County with an accessible, modern facility, thus furthering the educational benefits of the facility. Talbot County residents also enjoy many of the cultural resources and experiences avail-

Table 18: Talbot County Future Land Use Definitions

Future Land Use	Definition
Residential	This category is established to preserve land areas for single dwelling unit structures and to promote residential areas with low densities. These areas are intended to be geographically defined and protected from the encroachment of uses not performing a function necessary to a residential environment. Certain nonresidential uses which are more compatible with residential uses may be permitted on review by the planning commission. Public water is required.
Multi-Family Residential	The predominant use of land within the residential category is for duplex and multi-family dwelling units organized into general categories of net densities.
Agriculture/ Forestry	The agricultural/forestry category is established to maintain those areas with land characteristics, such as soil moisture, temperature and content suitable for farming, forestry operations and other agricultural uses from encroachment by untimely and unplanned residential, commercial or industrial development; to permit the continuation of agricultural uses in areas where development is anticipated, but where the present application of zoning controls for future, more intensive uses would be unreasonable and premature; to prevent the subdivision of land for residential development that requires public services such as paved roads, water and sanitary sewer; and to preserve the rural, open space character of certain areas. Certain agricultural uses are referred to as a conditional use and are subject to approval by the planning commission.
Commercial	The commercial category is established to provide suitable areas for a broad range of retail, wholesale and service uses. General compatibility with abutting different uses is required, this may be achieved through buffering, screening and/or development plan review. Development in these districts should be located on major thoroughfares, arterial streets or collector streets and the associated street network. The location and development of these commercial activities shall be encouraged so as to minimize traffic hazards and interference with adjacent uses.
Industrial	The industrial category is established to provide areas for the development of industrial and assembly plants and their related activities. It is also the intent of this district that noise, odor, dust and glare associated with uses permitted in this district be confined as much as possible. It is also the intent of this district that traffic generated by uses permitted including raw materials, finished products and employees, be minimal but that transportation facilities and routes be easily accessible. Development in these districts should be served by sanitary sewer or have provision for on-site disposal.
Mining	This category is for land dedicated to mining or mineral (solids, liquids, and gases) extraction activities or other similar uses.
Parks/ Recreation/ Conservation	This category is for 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, land in a land trust or similar uses.
Public/Institutional	Community facilities excluding utilities. This category includes certain state, federal or local government uses and institutional land uses. Examples include government building complexes, police and fire stations, libraries, prisons, post offices, schools, military installations, colleges, churches, cemeteries, hospitals, etc.
Transportation/ Communication/ Utilities	This category includes such uses as major transportation routes, public transit stations power generation plants, railroad facilities, radio towers, cell towers, telephone switching stations, airports, port facilities or other similar uses.

able in surrounding jurisdictions, such as the City of Columbus, Meriwether County, Harris County and Taylor County without the added tax burden. These resources should be supported by the local government whenever possible.

Talbot County is also rich in historic resources, which add to the cultural richness of the county. A survey completed in 2005 identified 581 resources fifty years old or older in the county. From that survey, over 50% were identified as being individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The 2004-05 Survey also identified 10 areas with large concentrations of historic resources that would be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as districts: Geneva, Junction City, Woodland, Ypsilanti, Po Bidy, Prattsburg, O'Neal, Flint Hill, and Box Springs.

Talbot County understands the significance of cultural resources and place high importance on conserving the area's history, tradition, and culture through preservation. All jurisdictions in Talbot County make the conservation of the area's history, tradition, and culture through preservation a priority. They also recognize the benefits of preservation are far-reaching, and can lead to increased heritage tourism, growth in small businesses because of available locations, and a sense of community and tradition.

Areas Where Development is Likely to Occur or Areas Where Development May Outpace Availability of Facilities and Services

Talbot County and its Cities have been losing population over the last thirty years. Thus, growth pressures are currently minimal. Growth in Talbot County is most likely to occur in the municipalities and on the fringes of the municipalities with access to water and direct access to state routes.

Areas of anticipated development include Box Springs, which is located between the Muscogee County line and the City of Geneva; Flint Hill, which is located in the northwestern corner of Talbot County along State Route 85; and the area along State Route 315 between the Harris County line and the intersection of State Route 208. In addition to direct access to state highways, these areas have Talbot County water available and are adjacent to growing jurisdictions. These locations are ideal for families and individuals seeking lower land and housing prices that still have access to employment opportunities within a short commute to Muscogee, Harris and Troup Counties. All these areas are experiencing modest development. However, it is not believed that the development will outpace the availability of Talbot County community facilities (See Appendix for Maps).

Areas with Significant In-fill Development Opportunities

These areas are portions of the county that are likely to experience infill development in the coming years. Within the municipalities, infill development will be concentrated in the existing downtowns. This development will be in the form of new businesses and additional retail development. Prominent intersections also provide prime areas in which vacant lots could be developed into new businesses. Infill development in established neighborhoods is also very likely. Building homes on vacant lots within existing neighborhoods will increase the density of the area, saving the cities the cost of expanding and maintaining infrastructure often associated with new neighborhood developments (See Appendix for Maps).

Brownfields

In general terms, brownfields are abandoned or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination. There is no requirement on size, location, age or past use for brownfields. Some examples of brownfields include abandoned gas stations and unused former manufacturing plant.

Some issues involving brownfields are the potential to cause harm to the population and the environment, reduction in employment opportunities and tax revenue, increase illegal dumping and graffiti and reduction in the property value for the surrounding area. Redeveloping brownfields can restore property to productive use, increase property values, improve public health and the environment, and utilize existing public infrastructure, and increase job opportunities and local tax revenues.



Example of a Brownfield

Areas of Disinvestment

All communities have areas of disinvestment or areas in need of improvement and Talbot County is no different. As these areas grow and develop, market forces will usually lead to improvements within them. However, in some cases, a public/private partnership will be needed to facilitate the necessary improvements. Within the county there are several areas that could benefit from growth. These residential areas are characterized by manufactured or stick built homes that are in great need of rehabilitation. Overgrown vegetation and poor maintenance of the street and drainage conditions often exacerbate the perception of blight.

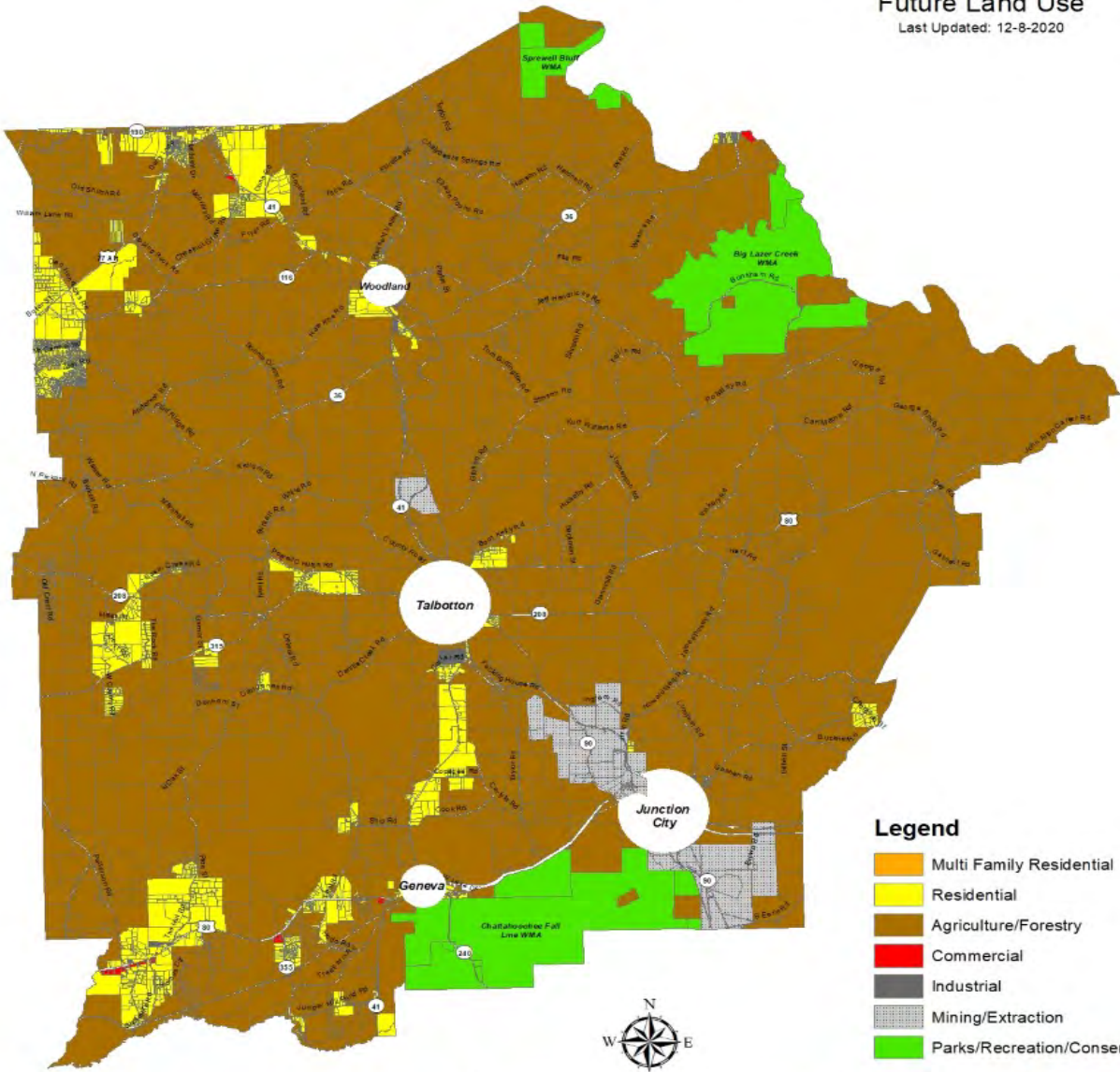
One area, located in the southwestern portion of the county, is within very close proximity of the Muscogee County line. This proximity could be beneficial in allowing this portion of the county to attract new residents looking for more affordable land and home prices coupled with a shorter commute. The second area, located just outside of Talbotton could also benefit from the growth that could occur in the county's seat. The final area, located in Flint Hill, is currently undergoing several redevelopment efforts including street and drainage improvements, as well as housing rehabilitation. Talbot County should aim to capitalize on the potential increase in population to engage the public in redevelopment efforts that would benefit the community as a whole (See Appendix for Maps).

In addition to physical areas of disinvestment, the county as a whole, along with the municipalities suffer from poverty levels all above the national average, some significantly so, as indicated by figures taken from the 2010 Census. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's American Factfinder, 21.8% of Talbot County's residents are living below the poverty level, compared to the state's average of 18.2%. By reinvesting in communities and creating a better quality of life through jobs, educational opportunities and recreational options these numbers can be reduced, and help promote the long term development of Talbot County.

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Legend

- Multi Family Residential
- Residential
- Agriculture/Forestry
- Commercial
- Industrial
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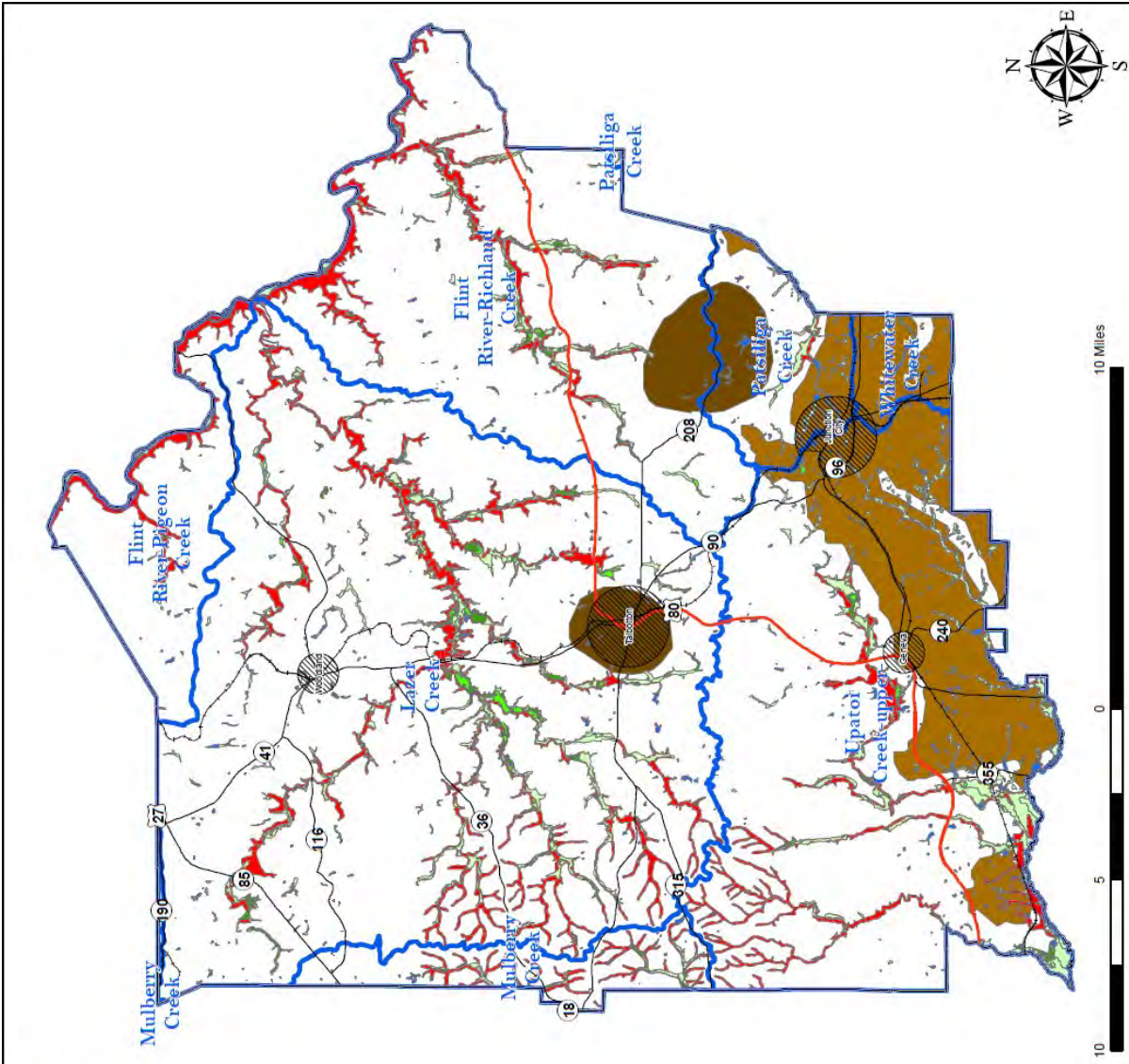
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 Natural Areas Requiring Special Attention

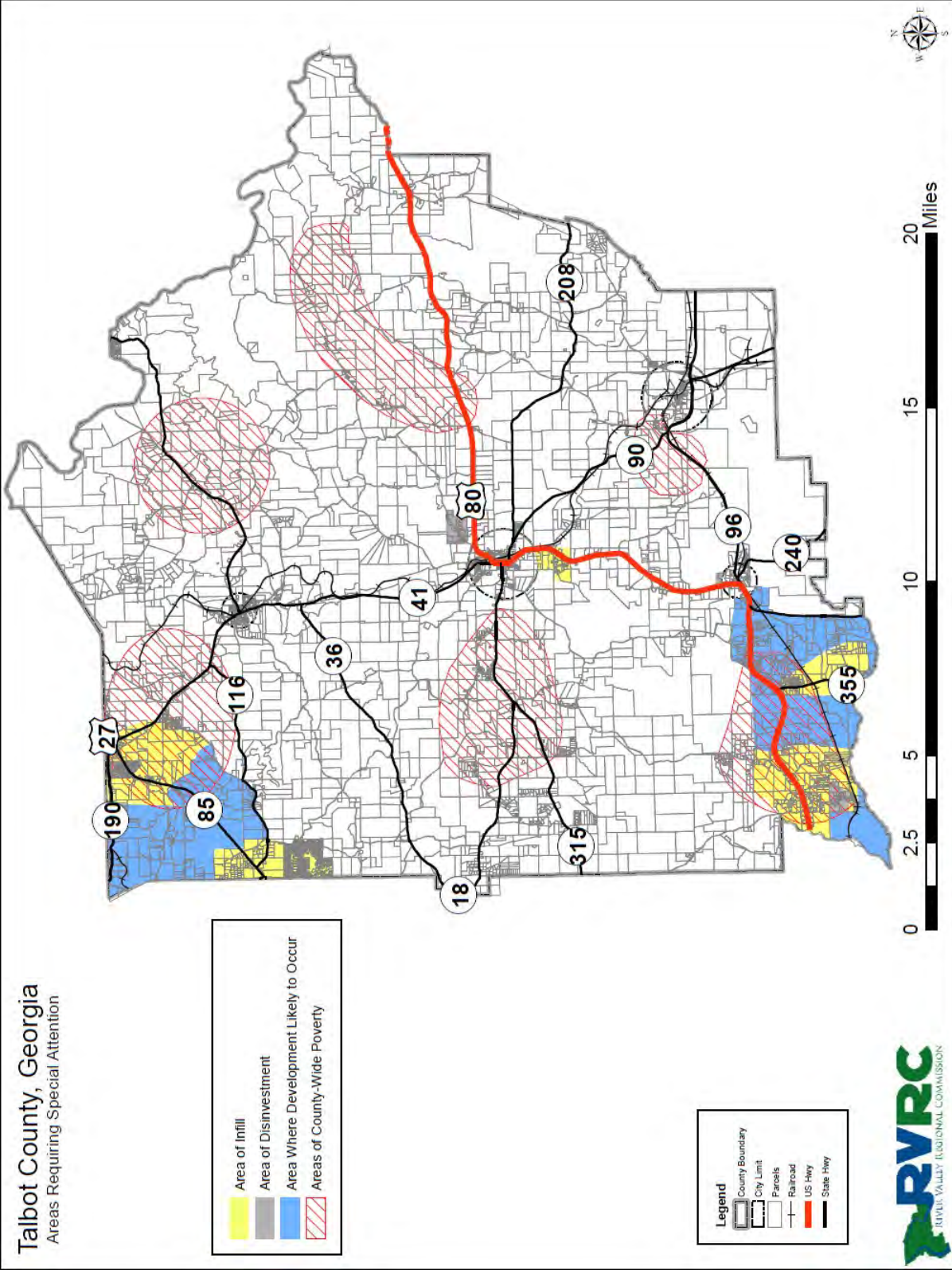
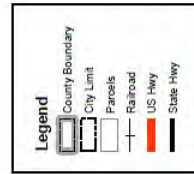
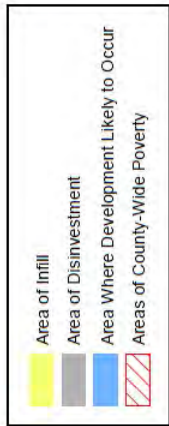
- Flood Hazard Areas**
 - 100 Year Floodplain
- Watershed Areas**
 - Watershed Boundary
- Wetland Areas**
 - Forested Wetland
 - Non-Forested Emergent Wetland
 - Scrub/Shrub Wetland
 - Open Water
- Groundwater Recharge**
 - Cretaceous-Tertiary
 - Probable Areas of Thick Soils

Legend

- County Boundary
- City Limit
- Railroad
- US Hwy
- State Hwy



Talbot County, Georgia
Areas Requiring Special Attention



Community Needs and Opportunities

Quality Community Objectives

Talbot County has reviewed the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Quality Community Objectives. These objectives were adopted to guide this Comprehensive Plan Update and the future growth, development and redevelopment of Talbot County. These objectives will assist community leaders in making local government decisions that affect the county's future land use patterns, environmental and historical resources, and economic development. These objectives will provide the framework needed in order to make well-informed decisions.

Economic Prosperity

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.

Resource Management

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.

Efficient Land Use

Maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This may 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.

Local Preparedness

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.

Sense of Place

Protect and enhance the community's unique qualities. This may be achieved by maintaining the downtown as focal point of the community; fostering compact, walkable, mixed-use development; protecting and revitalizing historic areas of the community; encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community; or protecting scenic and natural features that are important to defining the community's character.

Regional Cooperation

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.

Housing Options

Promote an adequate range of safe, affordable, inclusive, and resource efficient housing in the community. This may 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.

Transportation Options

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.

Educational Opportunities

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.

Community Health

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.

Community Vision and Policies

Talbot County Vision Statement

The vision for Talbot County is to promote a balanced economy combining the agricultural community with compatible industrial development while providing a quality living environment for its residents. The Talbot County Board of Commissioners will ensure a fiscally sound government that is responsive to the needs of its residents and businesses while maintaining tax rates at a responsible level. This vision will be supported by the following planning goals:

- Maintain the desired rural character of Talbot County through open space preservation while providing sufficient designated growth areas to accommodate expected demand for business and residential growth.
- Seek sufficient and desirable growth by attracting businesses that will balance employment needs with retail and service offerings to meet the needs of citizens.
- Ensure that a fiscal balance is maintained between residential and commercial development and available public services and facilities to include utilities, recreational areas, and general government services needed to accommodate planned growth.
- Encourage residential development that meets the housing needs of citizens as well as providing a range of housing types and styles.
- Ensure that development is done in a manner that serves to preserve environmentally sensitive features such as floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, streams, view sheds, and natural topography.
- Develop a well-planned, efficient, effective and safe transportation system that meets local, regional and interstate transportation needs.
- Preserve Talbot County's historic and cultural that provide valuable information about the proud history of the city and a sense of place for its residents. Use the history, beauty, charm, and recreational opportunities in the city to attract visitors.
- Partner with the cities and neighboring jurisdictions to complete projects, accomplish goals and promote fiscal responsibility that benefit the city, county and region.

Community Goals and Policies

Talbot County has adopted the following policies to provide ongoing guidance and direction to officials for making decisions consistent with achieving Talbot County's Vision and addressing identified Needs and Opportunities. These policies will guide Talbot County in future development decisions. The framework for decisions to be made about the future development of Talbot County by investors and public officials will be provided by these policies. This section is organized with a broad community goal statement followed by policies for guidance.

Economic Development

Goal: Promote and maintain a stable economic environment for Talbot County.

OBJECTIVE

Support and encourage the growth of existing business and industry in Talbot County.

POLICIES

- Partner with the County Extension Office in encouraging, promoting and aiding the farming community.
- Continue to endorse support programs for timber and farming enterprises.
- Partner with the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce in conducting periodic checks with local business and industry to track trends in business growth, reduction or changes.

OBJECTIVE

Encourage and support the diversification of the economic base in the county.

POLICIES

- Support the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce and Talbot County Development Authority through active participation and financial contributions.
- Support efforts of Talbot County Chamber of Commerce to work with developers to construct additional housing that will support expansion of the economic base.
- Identify and encourage those businesses that are compatible with Talbot County policies and its resources to locate within the county.
- Work with the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce and Talbot County Development Authority to attract clean industries and businesses that are environmentally friendly and enhance the quality of life for all residents of Talbot County.
- Encourage and support the creation of an Entrepreneur Program to develop additional locally owned businesses which are compatible with the resources of Talbot County and are environmentally friendly.
- Expand and support existing adult literacy programs available to Talbot County.
- Provide efficient transportation services to area jobs, technical colleges and universities.



Economic Development

Goal: Promote and maintain a stable economic environment for Talbot County (cont.).

OBJECTIVE

Encourage and support the diversification of the economic base in the county.

POLICIES (cont.)

- Develop and enforce land use controls to provide for better utilization of the county's economic development potential.
- Continue development of necessary infrastructure to enable local business and industry to expand and to market to out-of-county enterprises.
- Develop a tourism program to attract tourist related industry enterprises.

OBJECTIVE

Develop and support training and educational programs to prepare the Talbot County population for the work environment.

POLICIES

- Support the continued expansion of the vocational and technical programs offered at the local high school.
- Cooperate and support the workforce development initiatives promoted by the Valley Partnership and the River Valley Regional Commission.
- Encourage increased frequency of computer and Adult Education/Vocational Education classes.
- Expand broadband infrastructure and access to technology.



LPN student training



Technical College student learning HVAC repair

Economic Development

Goal: Promote and maintain a stable economic environment for Talbot County (cont.).

OBJECTIVE

Increase tourism potential of Talbot County.

POLICIES

- Support and encourage the establishment of tourist related businesses, such as antique shops, “bed and breakfast” inns, retail shops with locally grown and made merchandise and farm-to-table restaurants in the community.
- Support expansion of the Fall Line Festival to encourage agri-tourism, eco-tourism and outdoor recreation enthusiasts.
- Promote and expand cultural heritage driving tours around the county.
- Encourage eco-tourism and outdoor recreation pursuits in conjunction with the Flint River and the WMA's.
- Partner with Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton and Woodland to develop a county-wide Tourism Plan.



Example: Mountain Bike Trail



Example: Antique Store



Example: Local Farmer's Market

Natural and Cultural Resources

Goal: Increase Public awareness of natural resources and conservation.

OBJECTIVE

Broaden efforts to educate public and elected or appointed officials.

POLICIES

- Partner with the Chattahoochee Fall Line Conservation Partnership and other organizations that focus on natural resources conservation to develop educational programs for property owners and local schools.
- Inform elected and appointed officials of local conservation activities.
- Identify and protect significant natural resources.
- Recognize developers who present projects incorporating conservation efforts with incentives.
- Encourage and assist the formation of private citizens groups into conservation monitoring / promotion organizations.
- Identify conservation organizations and establish lines of communication / education.

OBJECTIVE

Market significant natural resources through a tourism program.

POLICIES

- Identify and enhance natural resources and scenic views.
- Coordinate efforts with other organizations with shared interests
- Designate and/or acquire those natural resources considered to be significant.



Example of signage for significant natural resources and sites

Natural and Cultural Resources

Goal: Protect and enhance Talbot County natural places so they may exist into the future.

OBJECTIVE

Identify natural resources and keep information current.

POLICIES

- Share information with state and regional agencies and organizations to insure inclusion in planning activities.
- Consider designation of conservation districts.
- Develop alternative subdivision regulations that encourage and reward land conservation projects.

OBJECTIVE

Support the conservation of natural resources.

POLICIES

- Assist in securing grant funds.
- Make property owners aware of state and federal financial incentives for natural resource conservation.
- Develop local/regional financial incentives for conservation such as grant funds, land trust, revolving loan funds, and tax abatements.
- Develop local designation and award programs to encourage good conservation practices.



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Natural and Cultural Resources

Goal: Increase public awareness of historic preservation and historic resources.

OBJECTIVE

Broaden efforts to educate public and elected/appointed officials.

POLICIES

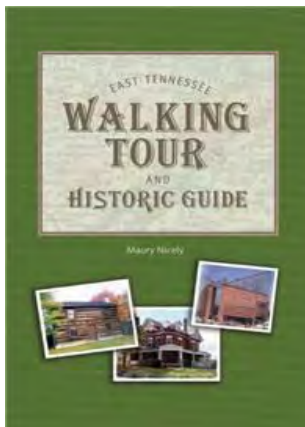
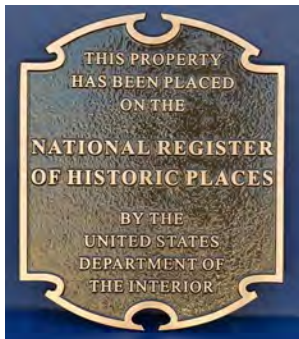
- Develop heritage education program in local schools.
- Inform elected and appointed officials of local HP activities.
- Identify and protect historic properties.

OBJECTIVE

Market historic places in heritage tourism program.

POLICIES

- Protect and enhance historic properties.
- Coordinate efforts with other organizations with shared interests.
- Nominate eligible properties to National Register.



Kids experiencing heritage education class.

Natural and Cultural Resources

Goal: Protect and enhance Talbot County's historic places so they may exist into the future.

OBJECTIVE

Identify historic resources and keep information current.

POLICIES

- Share information with state and regional agencies and organizations to ensure inclusion in planning activities.
- Nominate eligible properties to National Register.
- Support retention of Regional Historic Planner Program.
- Consider designation of conservation districts.

OBJECTIVE

Support rehabilitation of historic properties.

POLICIES

- Assist in securing grant funds for eligible properties.
- Make property owners aware of state and federal financial incentives for rehabilitation of buildings on the Georgia Register and the National Register of Historic Places.
- Develop local/regional financial incentives for preservation such as facade grants, land trust, revolving loan funds, and tax abatements.



Example of identification signage for historic areas



Workers Restoring Historic Windows

Community Facilities

Goal: Improve and extend the street and highway system to promote safe, efficient and well-maintained access to property in the county and through- routes for local and regional travelers.

OBJECTIVE

Maintain road components for safe, all-weather access.

POLICIES

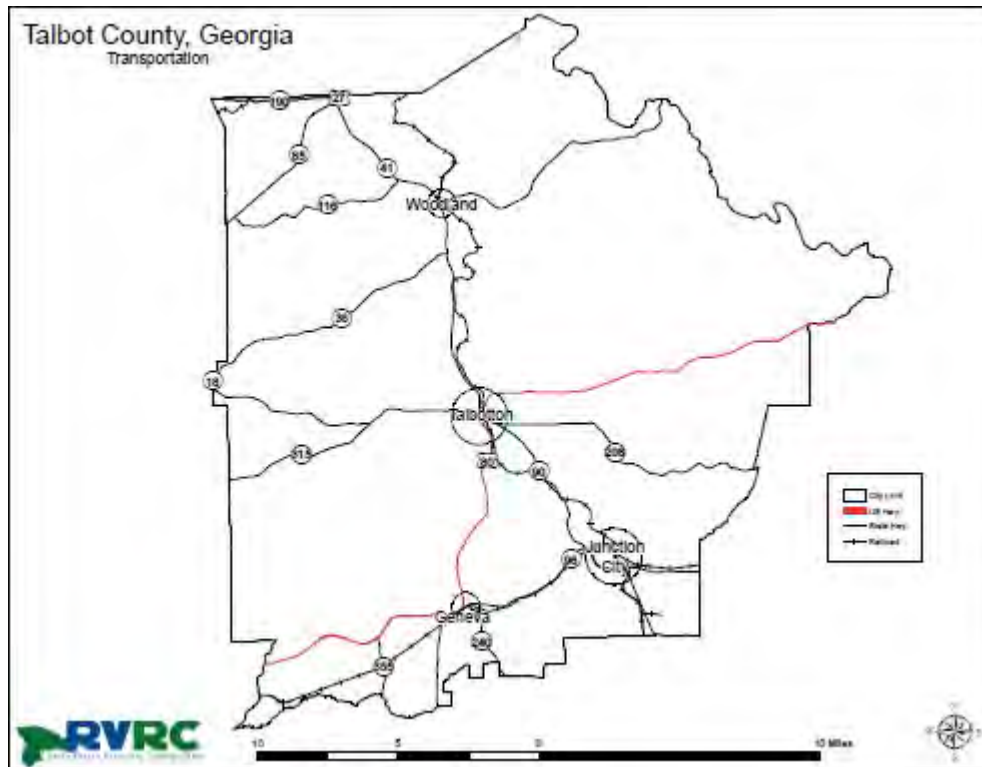
- Continue to cooperate with the Georgia Department of Transportation officials in the design and implementation of proposed projects on state and federal routes.
- Continue to alleviate drainage problems on county roads.
- Provide necessary improvements for roadways to handle current and future usage.

OBJECTIVE

Pave densely populated county roads.

POLICIES

- Continue to update the roadways and prioritize local road paving based on the number of households and severity of need.



Community Facilities

Goal: Provide an environmentally sound and economically feasible means of solid waste collection and disposal.

OBJECTIVE

Review and maintain the solid waste management plan.

POLICIES

- Continue efforts to follow the goals and objectives laid out in the solid waste plan.
- Continue efforts to recycle in order to meet the state mandated 25% per capita reduction of solid waste.



Example of park clean up volunteers



Example of recycle bins at public park

Community Facilities

Goal: Maintain an environmentally sound water and sewerage system program to protect the public safety, health and welfare.

OBJECTIVE

Protect the public safety, health and welfare by insuring the appropriate means of providing water and sewer to residents of Talbot County.

POLICIES

- Expand and improve on existing water systems throughout the county in areas with appropriate population densities.
- Work with local health agencies to insure that all residential and commercial establishments meet the minimum requirements for individual septic systems.
- Consider approving package Treatment System in areas with appropriate population densities.



Septic system diagram



Example of a water tower

Community Facilities

Goal: Provide essential public safety and emergency services to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Talbot County residents.

OBJECTIVE

Provide residents with expedient, reliable, and professional public safety and health care centers.

POLICIES

- Continue to support and maintain volunteer fire departments.
- Continue to support law enforcement.
- Continue to support the EMS facility and personnel.
- Continue to support the Count Health Department, the Mental Retardation Center and the Senior Citizens Center.



Example of fire fighters at work

Community Facilities

Goal: Provide essential recreational facilities that are well-maintained and accessible to all residents.

OBJECTIVE

Provide Talbot County residents with well-designed and maintained public recreational facilities in appropriate places, designed to meet recreational needs.

POLICIES

- Develop, construct and maintain public campgrounds for Talbot County residents and WMA users.
- Continue to develop and construct outdoor recreational facilities.
- Continue to promote the use and development of the Big Lazer Wildlife Management Area, Sprewell Bluff Outdoor Recreation Area and the Chattahoochee Fall Line Conservation Wildlife Management Area.
- Continue to develop and construct indoor recreation facilities for Talbot County residents.



Example of a family camping

Community Facilities

Goal: Provide essential governmental facilities that are well-maintained and accessible to all Talbot County residents.

OBJECTIVE

Provide residents with well-designed and maintained governmental buildings and facilities in appropriate places that meet the needs of local residents.

POLICIES

- Provide for handicap accessible buildings and public meeting spaces, where economically feasible, or provide alternative arrangements for public services and meetings locations.
- Implement a maintenance program for the general upkeep of governmental facilities.
- Preserve the character and integrity of the National Register listed, historic Talbot County Courthouse.
- Maintain the renovated Talbot County Courthouse.



Talbot County Courthouse

Broadband Internet Service Facilities

Goal: Facilitate the extension of reasonable and cost-effective broadband to unserved and underserved census blocks

OBJECTIVE
Obtain Broadband Ready Designation

POLICIES

- Adopt Broadband Model Ordinance
- Evaluate potential Broadband Ready Sites and Identify deficiencies

OBJECTIVE
Prepare to meet eligibility standards for potential funding partnerships

POLICIES

- Pursue funding and/or provide services to facilitate enhanced broadband service availability



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Land Use

Goal: Promote Talbot County as a healthy, attractive and efficient community.

OBJECTIVE

Maintain and enhance the character of Talbot County as an attractive area in which to live and invest.

POLICIES

- Prohibit the systematic neglect of structures that leads to blight and decay of the county.
- Encourage all land uses to be located, sited and designed to carefully fit local surroundings, protect and enhance the quality of the environment and maintain the character of the area.
- Maintain and protect Talbot County's residential neighborhoods from non-residential traffic and competing incompatible land uses.
- Improve sign visibility and use, promote safety and enhance the positive image of the county.



Code Enforcement Officer



Example: Residential Neighborhood



Neglected maintenance can lead to neighborhood blight

Land Use

Goal: Promote Talbot County as a healthy, attractive and efficient community (cont.).

OBJECTIVE

Make balanced and efficient use of land appropriate with the county's public policy system, resource base, and the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.



Example: Typical Subdivision Site Plan



Example: Conservation Subdivision Site Plan

POLICIES

- Encourage and promote land use and development that respects natural limitations of flood plains, steep slopes, wetlands and limiting soil types.
- Encourage the use of flood prone areas for extensive recreation and other appropriate open space uses.
- Promote areas of the county as large lot residential or agricultural areas to maintain the rural character of the county.
- Conserve and maintain shared green spaces for recreation and natural resources preservation in expanding residential neighborhoods.
- Review all proposed transportation rights-of-way, utilities extensions and land uses and development to assure they are consistent with overall county policies and will fulfill the express function, purpose and character for which they are proposed and planned.
- Enforce the Talbot County Subdivision Regulations to reflect the county's policy toward development and the design and the installation of utilities and other public facilities.
- Provide adequate land area, through implementation of county policies, plans and the construction and maintenance of public utilities and services, for growth and development in accord with county policy.

Land Use

Goal: Promote Talbot County as a healthy, attractive and efficient community (cont.).

OBJECTIVE

Operate and maintain a sound and efficient system to plan for, guide and assist Talbot County's continued development in accord with county plans and policies.



POLICIES

- Support and encourage modern and compatible residential, commercial and industrial development and the efficient use of local land resources through appropriate application of county ordinances and regulations for subdivision of land and control of use and development within Talbot County.
- Continue to pursue, promote and encourage formal relationships with the cities of Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton, and Woodland regarding growth and development concerns, including but not limited to: Comprehensive planning, subdivision regulations, public works standards, building and occupancy permits, extension of public water, storm drainage, annexation, the implementation of a city and/or county sewage system, and other related matters.
- Pursue, promote and encourage coordination of the plans of all public boards, agencies, commissions and other authorities in Talbot County, in accord with county policies and programs, to enhance mutual understanding and improve decision making.
- Continue to enforce building and housing codes within Talbot County.
- Fully and impartially enforce all applicable county codes and regulations throughout Talbot County.

Intergovernmental Coordination

Goal: Maintain an open and cooperative relationship with surrounding jurisdictions and concerned entities.

OBJECTIVE

Encourage more communication and participation with various adjacent jurisdictions and entities.

POLICIES

- Continue to execute service provisions agreements in a timely manner.
- Continue to settle any disputes or disagreements in a cordial and organized manner.
- Partner with the cities and neighboring jurisdictions to complete projects, accomplish goals and promote fiscal responsibility that benefit the county, the cities and the region.
- Participate in the semi-annual Tribal Consultation process facilitated by Fort Benning.
- Participate in regional planning efforts promoted by the River Valley Regional Commission and other regional organizations.



Public group work session for comprehensive plan

Report of Accomplishments

Community Facilities		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Assess County space needs and determine what buildings or properties need expansion, renovation or closure.	Completed	
Assess the county water infrastructure to determine the condition of the systems and prioritize maintenance needs.	Completed	
Utilize county website and local newspaper to disseminate notices and community information increasing cooperation among local leaders, volunteers, civic organizations, health agencies and neighborhood groups.	Completed	
Create a capital improvements program to assess community facility project needs, cost and revenues.	Cancelled	No longer activities that Talbot BOC want to undertake. All capital projects are handled via the regular budget process
Develop a community center that will host community programs such as health programs for seniors and programs for youth.	Completed	
Maintain and improve roadways in the county. Provide surface aggregate and drainage, pave, stripe, provide necessary improvements for roadways to handle current and future usage.	Completed	
Construct a new County Jail.	Completed	
Renovate the Health Department.	Completed	

Community Facilities (continued)		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Replace the Courthouse roof and make other repairs as necessary.	Completed	
Build a park in Geneva	Completed	
Construct an EMS Station in Woodland	Postponed	County is still assessing the need for the EMS Station in Woodland. Will Keep activity in the CWP. Project decision will be made in 2022.
Support monetarily through grants or general funds the training, equipping and operation of emergency services in the county.	Completed	
Partner with neighboring jurisdictions and service providers to ensure last mile access to broadband infrastructure and adequate capacity for businesses, schools, medical facilities and residents.	Currently Underway	2021

Economic Development

Activity	Status	Explanation
Promote Tourism in Talbot County and its Cities	Currently Underway	Talbot County participates in the Camera Ready program. This item will be added to the Community Policies and Goals.
Support small business enterprise in the county.	Currently Underway	The Talbot County Chamber of Commerce has sponsored small business workshops with SBA and DCA. This item will be added to the Community Policies and Goals.
Continue to support Talbot County Chamber of	Currently Underway	This item will be added to the Community Policies and
Support the Talbot County Development	Currently Underway	This item will be added to the Community Policies and
Partner with the Chamber of Commerce to offer small business workshops for entrepreneurs.	Cancelled	No longer an activity wishes to take. All events are handled by the Chamber of Commerce
Provide updated images in the GA Camera Ready data base	Completed	
Partner with the Talbot County Chamber to disseminate information about the economic benefits of the Military Zone in areas abutting Fort Benning.	Complete	
Create an economic development strategy to attract business and industry.	Complete	
Partner with state universities and technical colleges to offer literacy programs and work force training for all ages	Cancelled	No longer an activity the Talbot BOC intends to take, better left to the schools to develop programs
Send one Talbot County representative to the Georgia Academy for Economic Development training.	Completed	
Partner with the Talbot County Chamber to implement the "Partners in Education" program in the school system.	Completed	

Housing		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Apply for grants for housing rehabilitation and affordable housing construction.	Completed	
Continue to employ a code enforcement officer/building official.	Completed	

Land Use		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Continue to enforce zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations.	Completed	
Maintain an accurate land use map.	Underway	Finish update in 2021

Natural and Historic Resources		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Inventory historic resources in Talbot County that need protection.	Completed	
Partner with state, regional and local land conservation organizations to preserve environmentally important areas in Talbot County.	Completed	

Intergovernmental

Activity	Status	Explanation
Ensure all elected officials, government staff, authority members, and other appointed officials are certified by the appropriate agencies according to state law.	Completed	
Review and update the local government Service Delivery Strategy.	Completed	
Review and update the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.	Underway	Will adopt in 2021
Participate in Plan Assessment meetings between all local governments in Talbot County.	Completed	
Partner with the School Board either through monetary donation or personal participation by local elected officials or government staff to implement a youth leadership class.	Completed	

Community Work Program

Talbot County Community Work Program 2021- 2025										
Community Facilities										
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source		
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025					
Address O'Neal Road water tank maintenance needs			X			Talbot County	\$65,000	County Revenue		
Address Carlisle Road Bridge cost Improvements or replacement		X				Talbot County	\$10,000	County Revenue		
Address water distribution leaks				X		Talbot county	\$1,000,000	County Revenue CDBG Grant		
Find an occupant for the museum in Woodland		X				Talbot County	\$5,000	County Revenue		
Build a park including a pavilion and Playground and benches in Flint Hill		X				Talbot County	\$35,000	County Revenue DNR / LWCF		

Construct a new Boys and Girls Club Facility in Talbotton		X					Talbot County	\$900,000	County Revenue CDBG
Construct an EMS Station in Woodland.		x					Talbot County	\$250,000	County Revenue
Partner with neighboring jurisdictions and service providers to ensure last mile access to broadband infrastructure and adequate capacity for businesses, schools, medical facilities and residents.	x						Talbot County City of Talbotton Board of Education Library System Service Providers	\$25,000	County Revenue Service Providers GA Technology Authority

Economic Development								
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			
Adopt Broad Band Ordinance as suggested by the State of Georgia to become broadband ready.	X					Talbot County	\$2,000	County Revenue
Place a link to the DCA Economic Development Programs on the Talbot County web site and Chamber of Commerce Website		X				Talbot County Chamber of Commerce Development Authority	\$250	County and Chamber Revenue
Partner with state universities and technical colleges to offer literacy programs and work force training for all ages.						Talbot County Colleges & Universities	\$2,500	County Revenue
Technology workforce and data center					X	City of Talbotton, Talbot County, Talbot County Chamber, Talbot County Industrial Development Authority	Cost Unknown	City of Talbotton, Talbot County, Chamber, Industrial Development Authority

Infrastructure improvements to the existing industrial park (Extension of sewer line to the existing site)		X					City of Talbotton, Talbot County, Talbot County Chamber, Talbot County Industrial Development Authority	Cost Unknown	City of Talbotton, Talbot County, Chamber, Industrial Development Authority
Development of the Fall Line Industrial Park, including site work and infra- structure improvements						X	Talbot County, Talbot County Chamber, Talbot County Industrial Development Authority	Cost Unknown	Talbot County, Chamber, Industrial Development Authority
Partner with the Talbot County Chamber to implement the "Partners in Education" program in the school system.							Talbot County Chamber of Commerce Development Authority	\$1,000	County Reve-

Housing

Activity	Time Frame						Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Continue Efforts to Up- grade Housing in Talbot County. Apply for a CDBG in				X			Talbot County RVRC	\$500,000	County Revenue CDBG USDA
Link DCA's housing program information to the Talbot County Web					X		Talbot County	\$250	County Reve-

Land Use								
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			
Develop draft conservation subdivision regulations					X	Talbot County RVRC	\$3500	County Revenue
Maintain an accurate land use map.	X					Talbot County RVRC	\$1,500	County Revenue

Natural and Historic Resources								
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			
Partner with state, regional and local land conservation organizations to preserve environmentally important areas in Talbot County.					X	Talbot County RVRC Chatt Fall Line Cons Partnership Nature Conservancy DNR		County Revenue Nature Conservancy DCA DNR

Intergovernmental									
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Begin Comprehensive Plan Update In 2025					X	Talbot County RVRC	\$0		
Start SDS Update Process, due date 10/ 31/ 2027					X	Talbot County RVRC	\$0		
Review and update the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.					X	Talbot County RVRC GEMA	\$20,000	County Revenue GEMA FEMA	

Appendix: ESRI Retail Market Potential Analysis



Retail Market Potential

Talbot County, GA 3
 Talbot County, GA (13263)
 Geography: County

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Demographic Summary	2020	2025
Population	7,480	7,696
Population 18+	6,094	6,258
Households	3,135	3,239
Median Household Income	\$38,947	\$41,678

Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected Number of Adults or HHs	Percent of Adults/HHs	MPI
Apparel (Adults)			
Bought any men's clothing in last 12 months	2,607	42.8%	89
Bought any women's clothing in last 12 months	2,540	41.7%	95
Bought clothing for child <13 years in last 6 months	1,730	28.4%	108
Bought any shoes in last 12 months	2,911	47.8%	91
Bought costume jewelry in last 12 months	1,080	17.7%	104
Bought any fine jewelry in last 12 months	1,175	19.3%	107
Bought a watch in last 12 months	932	15.3%	100
Automobiles (Households)			
HH owns/leases any vehicle	2,475	78.9%	92
HH bought/leased new vehicle last 12 months	156	5.0%	53
Automotive Aftermarket (Adults)			
Bought gasoline in last 6 months	5,203	85.4%	100
Bought/changed motor oil in last 12 months	3,414	56.0%	120
Had tune-up in last 12 months	1,426	23.4%	96
Beverages (Adults)			
Drank bottled water/seltzer in last 6 months	4,352	71.4%	99
Drank regular cola in last 6 months	3,526	57.9%	133
Drank beer/ale in last 6 months	1,560	25.6%	62
Cameras (Adults)			
Own digital point & shoot camera/camcorder	281	4.6%	55
Own digital SLR camera/camcorder	284	4.7%	61
Printed digital photos in last 12 months	1,020	16.7%	76
Cell Phones (Adults/Households)			
Bought cell phone in last 12 months	2,050	33.6%	100
Have a smartphone	4,131	67.8%	78
Have a smartphone: Android phone (any brand)	2,401	39.4%	96
Have a smartphone: Apple iPhone	1,525	25.0%	56
Number of cell phones in household: 1	1,178	37.6%	124
Number of cell phones in household: 2	1,094	34.9%	91
Number of cell phones in household: 3+	647	20.6%	71
HH has cell phone only (no landline telephone)	1,789	57.1%	94
Computers (Households)			
HH owns a computer	1,642	52.4%	71
HH owns desktop computer	849	27.1%	77
HH owns laptop/notebook	1,174	37.4%	65
HH owns any Apple/Mac brand computer	203	6.5%	34
HH owns any PC/non-Apple brand computer	1,503	47.9%	79
HH purchased most recent computer in a store	793	25.3%	72
HH purchased most recent computer online	273	8.7%	62
HH spent \$1-\$499 on most recent home computer	431	13.7%	94
HH spent \$500-\$999 on most recent home computer	287	9.2%	57
HH spent \$1,000-\$1,499 on most recent home computer	152	4.8%	50
HH spent \$1,500-\$1,999 on most recent home computer	76	2.4%	54
HH spent \$2,000+ on most recent home computer	58	1.9%	46

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Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected Number of Adults or HHs	Percent of Adults/HHs	MPI
Convenience Stores (Adults)			
Shopped at convenience store in last 6 months	3,811	62.5%	100
Bought brewed coffee at convenience store in last 30 days	629	10.3%	78
Bought cigarettes at convenience store in last 30 days	1,092	17.9%	171
Bought gas at convenience store in last 30 days	2,923	48.0%	129
Spent at convenience store in last 30 days: \$1-19	284	4.7%	69
Spent at convenience store in last 30 days: \$20-\$39	491	8.1%	87
Spent at convenience store in last 30 days: \$40-\$50	497	8.2%	102
Spent at convenience store in last 30 days: \$51-\$99	384	6.3%	116
Spent at convenience store in last 30 days: \$100+	1,757	28.8%	127
Entertainment (Adults)			
Attended a movie in last 6 months	2,693	44.2%	75
Went to live theater in last 12 months	292	4.8%	42
Went to a bar/night club in last 12 months	500	8.2%	48
Dined out in last 12 months	2,137	35.1%	69
Gambled at a casino in last 12 months	516	8.5%	62
Visited a theme park in last 12 months	762	12.5%	67
Viewed movie (video-on-demand) in last 30 days	518	8.5%	51
Viewed TV show (video-on-demand) in last 30 days	276	4.5%	39
Watched any pay-per-view TV in last 12 months	363	6.0%	67
Downloaded a movie over the Internet in last 30 days	361	5.9%	59
Downloaded any individual song in last 6 months	780	12.8%	68
Watched a movie online in the last 30 days	819	13.4%	45
Watched a TV program online in last 30 days	582	9.6%	47
Played a video/electronic game (console) in last 12 months	336	5.5%	61
Played a video/electronic game (portable) in last 12 months	186	3.1%	71
Financial (Adults)			
Have home mortgage (1st)	1,116	18.3%	60
Used ATM/cash machine in last 12 months	2,060	33.8%	64
Own any stock	206	3.4%	48
Own U.S. savings bond	154	2.5%	60
Own shares in mutual fund (stock)	235	3.9%	54
Own shares in mutual fund (bonds)	172	2.8%	60
Have interest checking account	926	15.2%	53
Have non-interest checking account	1,558	25.6%	88
Have savings account	2,317	38.0%	67
Have 401K retirement savings plan	559	9.2%	57
Own/used any credit/debit card in last 12 months	3,680	60.4%	75
Avg monthly credit card expenditures: \$1-110	455	7.5%	66
Avg monthly credit card expenditures: \$111-\$225	404	6.6%	92
Avg monthly credit card expenditures: \$226-\$450	196	3.2%	47
Avg monthly credit card expenditures: \$451-\$700	264	4.3%	70
Avg monthly credit card expenditures: \$701-\$1,000	164	2.7%	46
Avg monthly credit card expenditures: \$1,001+	322	5.3%	43
Did banking online in last 12 months	1,232	20.2%	52
Did banking on mobile device in last 12 months	790	13.0%	46
Paid bills online in last 12 months	1,865	30.6%	60

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Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected Number of Adults/HHs	Percent of Adults/HHs	MPI
Grocery (Adults)			
HH used beef (fresh/frozen) in last 6 months	2,084	66.5%	97
HH used bread in last 6 months	3,000	95.7%	103
HH used chicken (fresh or frozen) in last 6 months	1,954	62.3%	92
HH used turkey (fresh or frozen) in last 6 months	485	15.5%	103
HH used fish/seafood (fresh or frozen) in last 6 months	1,573	50.2%	91
HH used fresh fruit/vegetables in last 6 months	2,468	78.7%	94
HH used fresh milk in last 6 months	2,628	83.8%	99
HH used organic food in last 6 months	468	14.9%	62
Health (Adults)			
Exercise at home 2+ times per week	886	14.5%	53
Exercise at club 2+ times per week	209	3.4%	24
Visited a doctor in last 12 months	4,112	67.5%	89
Used vitamin/dietary supplement in last 6 months	2,958	48.5%	90
Home (Households)			
HH did any home improvement in last 12 months	683	21.8%	80
HH used any maid/professional cleaning service in last 12 months	287	9.2%	61
HH purchased low ticket HH furnishings in last 12 months	431	13.7%	79
HH purchased big ticket HH furnishings in last 12 months	608	19.4%	85
HH bought any small kitchen appliance in last 12 months	653	20.8%	92
HH bought any large kitchen appliance in last 12 months	347	11.1%	84
Insurance (Adults/Households)			
Currently carry life insurance	2,837	46.6%	107
Carry medical/hospital/accident insurance	4,049	66.4%	90
Carry homeowner insurance	2,628	43.1%	93
Carry renter's insurance	279	4.6%	53
HH has auto insurance: 1 vehicle in household covered	1,042	33.2%	110
HH has auto insurance: 2 vehicles in household covered	727	23.2%	84
HH has auto insurance: 3+ vehicles in household covered	543	17.3%	77
Pets (Households)			
Household owns any pet	1,808	57.7%	107
Household owns any cat	789	25.2%	110
Household owns any dog	1,536	49.0%	119
Psychographics (Adults)			
Buying American is important to me	2,862	47.0%	128
Usually buy items on credit rather than wait	679	11.1%	82
Usually buy based on quality - not price	882	14.5%	79
Price is usually more important than brand name	1,832	30.1%	107
Usually use coupons for brands I buy often	1,046	17.2%	108
Am interested in how to help the environment	973	16.0%	81
Usually pay more for environ safe product	917	15.0%	102
Usually value green products over convenience	698	11.5%	101
Likely to buy a brand that supports a charity	2,041	33.5%	94
Reading (Adults)			
Bought digital book in last 12 months	596	9.8%	75
Bought hardcover book in last 12 months	720	11.8%	59
Bought paperback book in last 12 month	1,295	21.3%	76
Read any daily newspaper (paper version)	769	12.6%	79
Read any digital newspaper in last 30 days	1,368	22.4%	54
Read any magazine (paper/electronic version) in last 6 months	5,155	84.6%	93

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Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected Number of Adults or HHs	Percent of Adults/HHs	MPI
Restaurants (Adults)			
Went to family restaurant/steak house in last 6 months	4,062	66.7%	91
Went to family restaurant/steak house: 4+ times a month	1,582	26.0%	99
Went to fast food/drive-in restaurant in last 6 months	5,274	86.5%	96
Went to fast food/drive-in restaurant 9+ times/month	2,562	42.0%	108
Fast food restaurant last 6 months: eat in	1,828	30.0%	84
Fast food restaurant last 6 months: home delivery	197	3.2%	38
Fast food restaurant last 6 months: take-out/drive-thru	3,000	49.2%	107
Fast food restaurant last 6 months: take-out/walk-in	776	12.7%	61
Television & Electronics (Adults/Households)			
Own any tablet	2,205	36.2%	72
Own any e-reader	330	5.4%	56
Own e-reader/tablet: iPad	998	16.4%	56
HH has Internet connectable TV	538	17.2%	54
Own any portable MP3 player	692	11.4%	71
HH owns 1 TV	750	23.9%	112
HH owns 2 TVs	754	24.1%	91
HH owns 3 TVs	737	23.5%	112
HH owns 4+ TVs	370	11.8%	70
HH subscribes to cable TV	796	25.4%	61
HH subscribes to fiber optic	50	1.6%	25
HH owns portable GPS navigation device	491	15.7%	77
HH purchased video game system in last 12 months	142	4.5%	53
HH owns any Internet video device for TV	474	15.1%	55
Travel (Adults)			
Took domestic trip in continental US last 12 months	2,257	37.0%	70
Took 3+ domestic non-business trips in last 12 months	389	6.4%	53
Spent on domestic vacations in last 12 months: \$1-999	505	8.3%	77
Spent on domestic vacations in last 12 months: \$1,000-\$1,499	256	4.2%	67
Spent on domestic vacations in last 12 months: \$1,500-\$1,999	159	2.6%	67
Spent on domestic vacations in last 12 months: \$2,000-\$2,999	188	3.1%	70
Spent on domestic vacations in last 12 months: \$3,000+	239	3.9%	61
Domestic travel in last 12 months: used general travel website	192	3.2%	48
Took foreign trip (including Alaska and Hawaii) in last 3 years	680	11.2%	39
Took 3+ foreign trips by plane in last 3 years	89	1.5%	25
Spent on foreign vacations in last 12 months: \$1-999	128	2.1%	42
Spent on foreign vacations in last 12 months: \$1,000-\$2,999	178	2.9%	68
Spent on foreign vacations in last 12 months: \$3,000+	146	2.4%	36
Foreign travel in last 3 years: used general travel website	144	2.4%	40
Nights spent in hotel/motel in last 12 months: any	1,903	31.2%	69
Took cruise of more than one day in last 3 years	384	6.3%	68
Member of any frequent flyer program	262	4.3%	23
Member of any hotel rewards program	628	10.3%	54

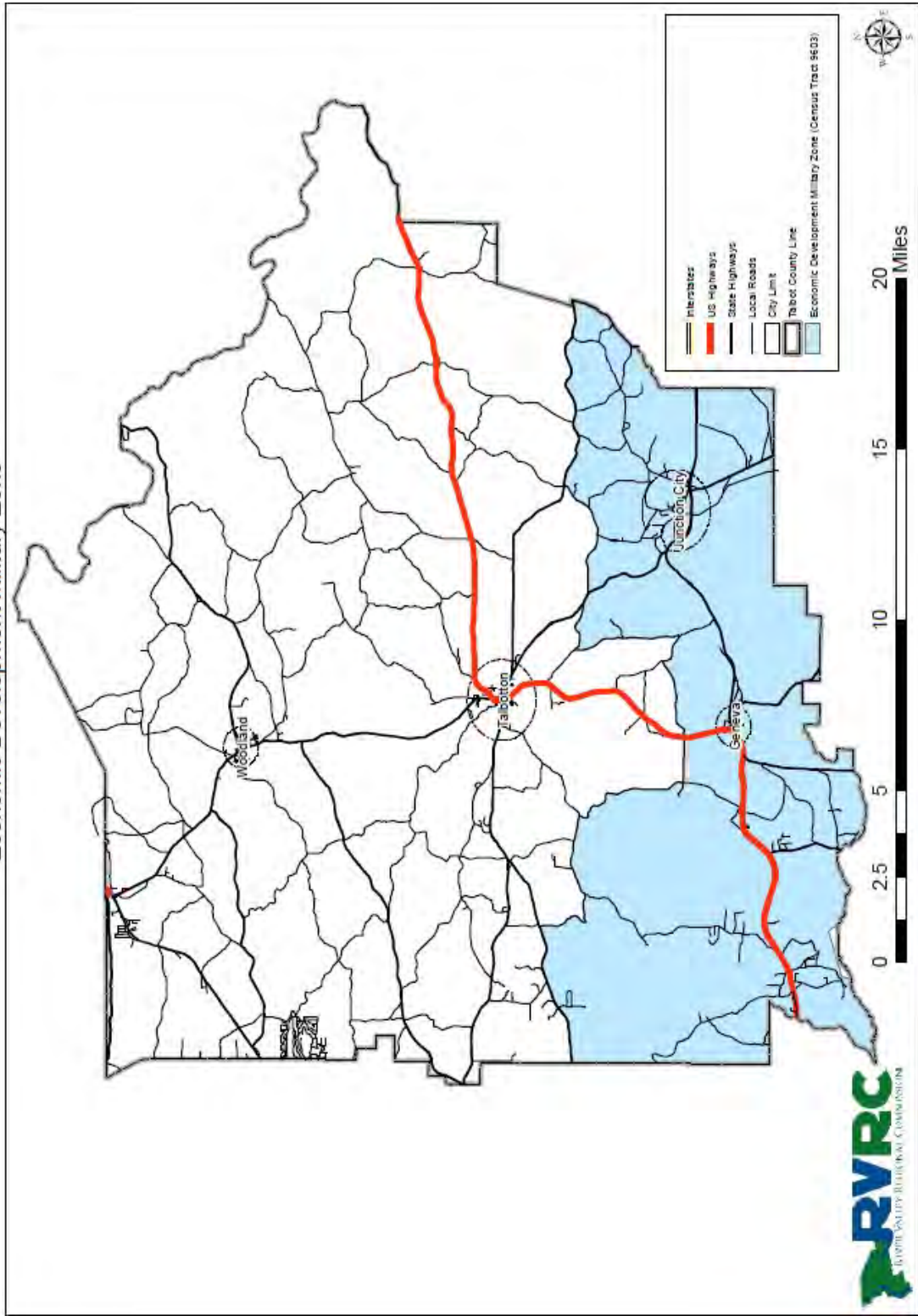
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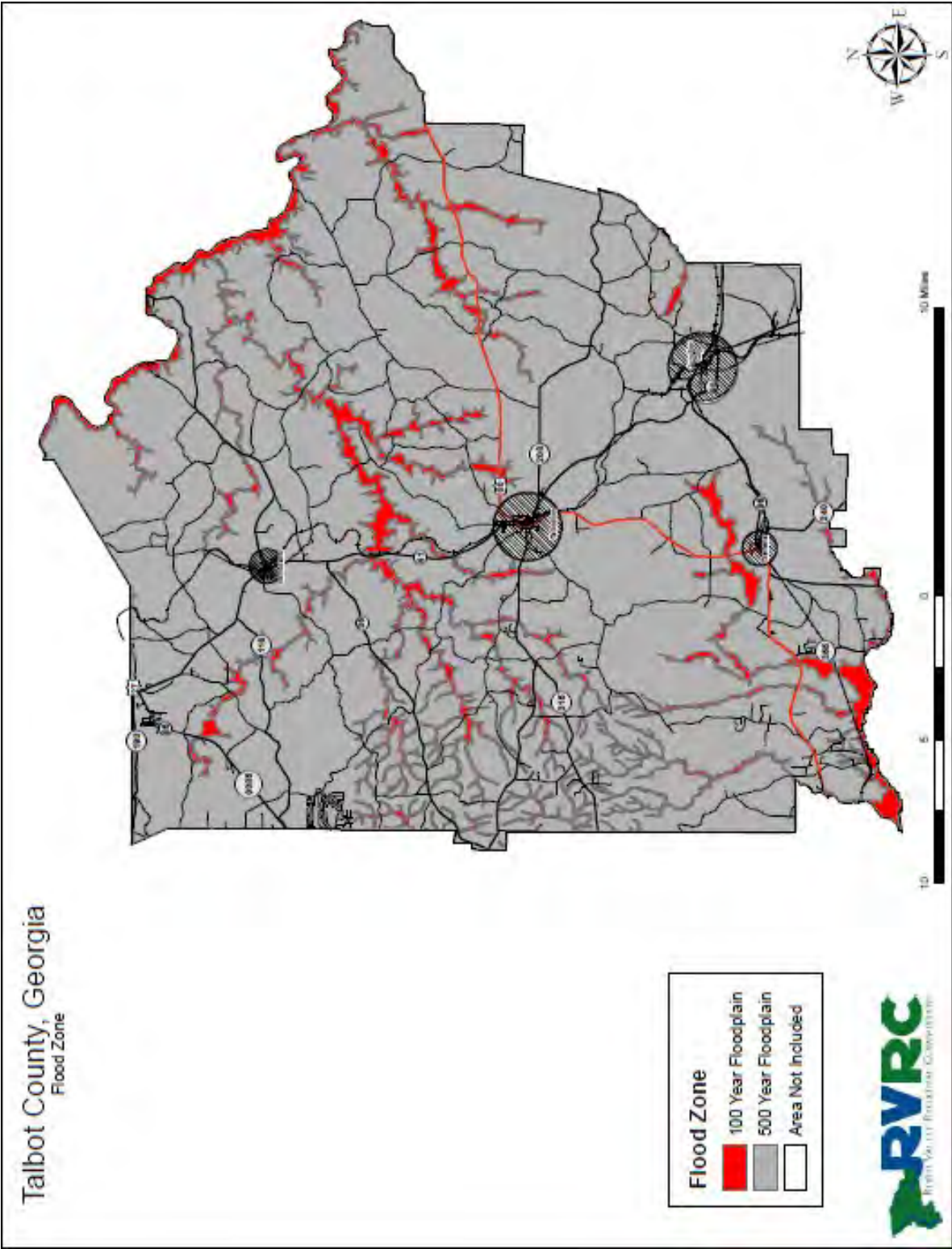
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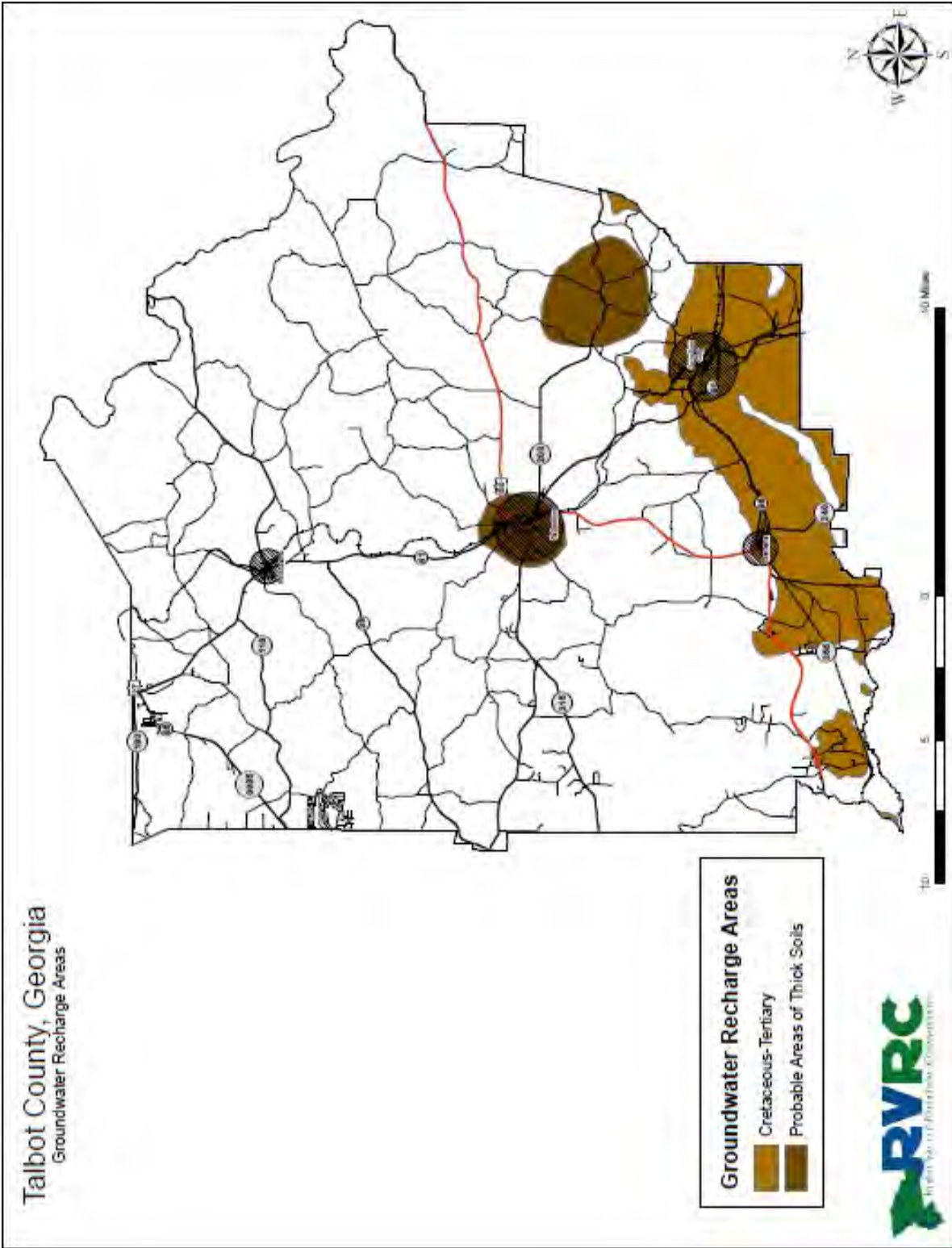
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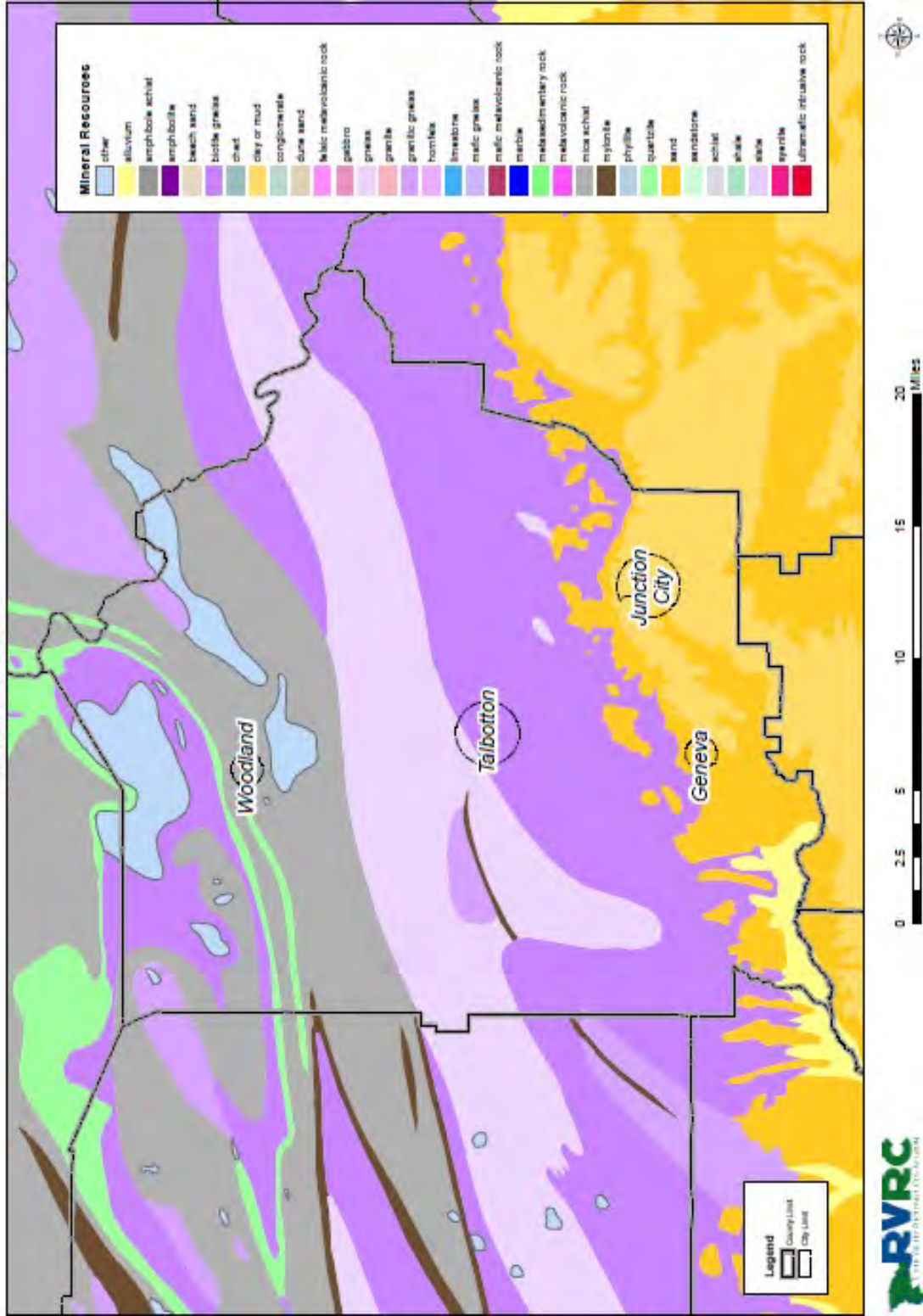
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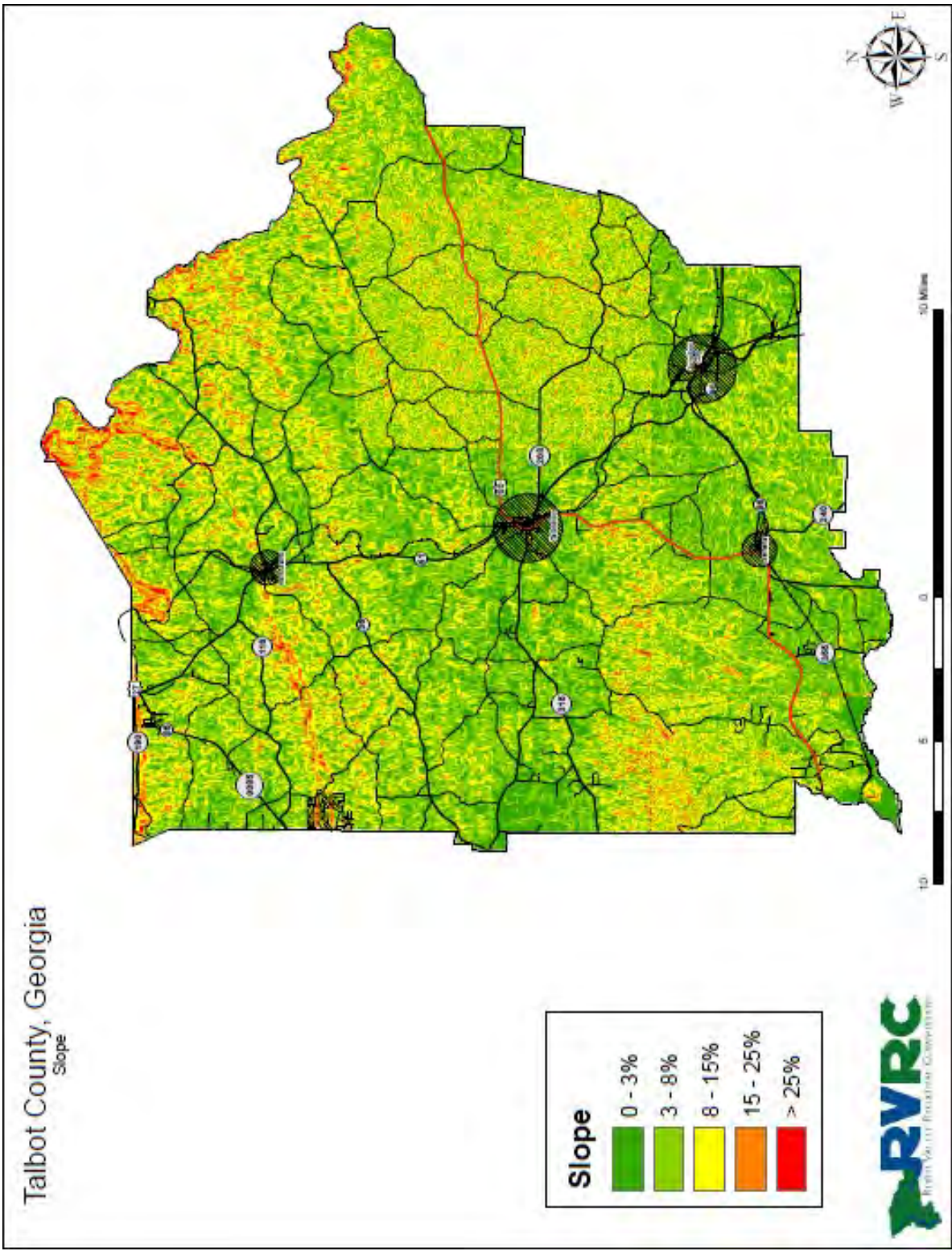




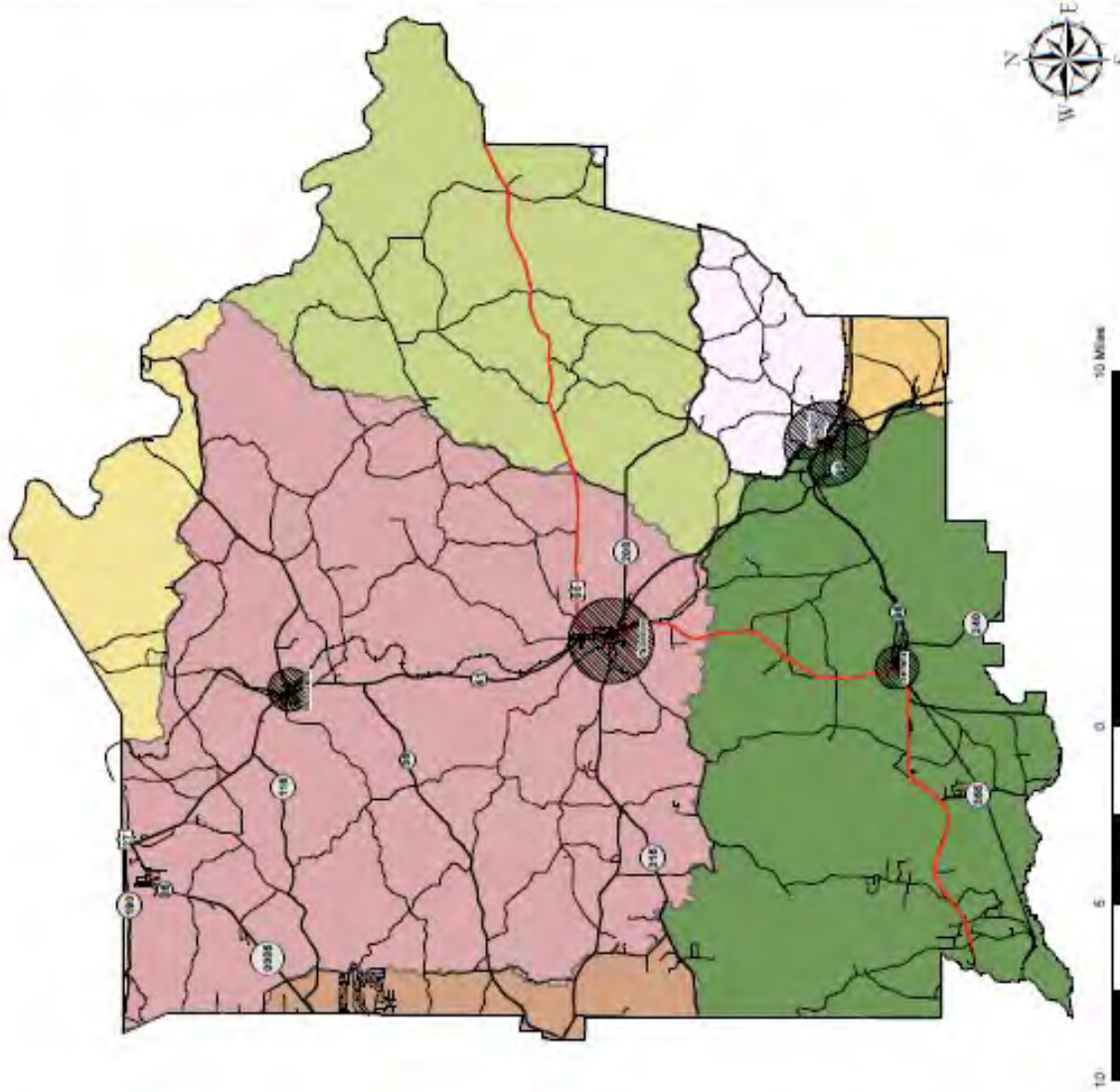









Talbot County, Georgia Mineral Resources





Talbot County, Georgia
Watershed Classifications



Watershed Classifications	
	Pigeon Creek
	Richland Creek
	Lazer Creek
	Mulberry Creek
	Patsiliga Creek
	Upatoi Creek
	Whitewater Creek



Appendix: Leadership Team and Stakeholders

Leadership Team

Name	Title
Carol Ison	Talbot County Manager
Tony Lamar	Talbotton Mayor, School Teacher
James Carter	Woodland Mayor, School Teacher
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Nigelco Marshall	Geneva Mayor, Trucking/Warehousing
Johnnie Owens	Geneva City Clerk, part-time
Pam Jordon	Citizen, Talbot County Chamber of Commerce
Cynthia Powell	Citizen

Stakeholders

Name	Community, Position	Name	Community, Position
Leigh Ann Erenheim	Talbot, EMA	Carlton Mahomes	Citizen
Russ Erenheim	Talbot, EMA	Raines Jordan	Citizen
Ben Brogdon	Talbot, Fire Chief	Wayne Braddy	Citizen
Marjorie Howard	Talbot, Elected Official	Jennifer Rainey	Citizen
Joe S. Johnson, Jr.	Talbot, Development Authority	Kenneth Parker	Citizen
Carol Ison	Talbot, County Manager	Tony Evans	Citizen
Shequlia Willis	Talbot, Deputy Clerk	Anna Evans	Citizen
Paul Higginbotham	Talbot, Building Official	James Harris, Jr.	Citizen
Pam Jordon	Talbot, Chamber of Commerce	Jim Friberg	Citizen
Dot Bass	Talbot Family Connections	Lee Benefield	Citizen
		Betty Jyockosky	Citizen
		Linda Johnston	Citizen
Nigelco Marshall	Geneva, Mayor	Charles Williamson	Citizen
Johnnie Owens	Geneva, City Clerk	Chris Williamson	Citizen
		Sterling Williams	Citizen
		Johnny Howard	Citizen
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Barbara Jones	Junction City, Clerk	Kenneth Parker	Citizen
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Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton, and Woodland Joint Comprehensive Plan Update Public Meeting

Talbot County and the cities of Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton, and Woodland will hold a joint public meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Commission office located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, GA 31827 to review Comprehensive Plan Update activities and a schedule of completion.

The purpose of this meeting is to brief the community on the contents of the plan, provide opportunity for residents to make suggestions, additions, or revisions, and notify the community of the plan submission date to the River Valley Regional Commission for review. We will receive community comments on the contents of the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan. Plan contents include the future land use map, community work program report of accomplishments, the development of a new community work program, a final list of issues and opportunities, goals and objectives as well as any other portion of the plan to be submitted to the River Valley Regional Commission and the state of Georgia.

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Talbot County and the cities of Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton and Woodland will hold a joint public meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Board of Commission office located at 74 West Monroe Street, Talbotton, GA 31827 to review a final draft Comprehensive Plan Update.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to brief the community on the contents of the plan and provide opportunity for residents to make suggestions, additions or revisions to the draft final Comprehensive Plan Update. We will receive community comments on the contents of the Comprehensive Plan which includes the Future Land Use Map, Community Work Program Report of Accomplishments, a new Community Work Program and a final list of Issues and Opportunities and Goals and Objectives as well as any other portion of the plan to be submitted to the Regional Commission and the state.

Formal written comments on the draft Comprehensive Plan Update will be accepted until January the 7, 2020 at the following address:

**River Valley Regional Commission
ATTN: Talbot County and Cities Comprehensive Plan
P.O. Box 1908
Columbus, GA 31902-1908**

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Talbot County 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update Meeting Agenda
Talbot County Board of Commissioners Office
Talbotton, Ga.
February 14, 2020
3:30 P.M. Sign-In Sheet

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We need your ideas, feedback, thoughts, corrections and suggestions to make sure the comprehensive plan reflects the Talbot County you know and the path you want it to take. We will thoroughly review every comment and make changes to the plan to ensure the plan expresses the vision of Talbot County residents.



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These sections describe the goals and opportunities for Talbot County as a whole, and for each community within Talbot County. Click "View Plan" to review the documents for that area, and leave your feedback in the comment section or use the contact form. Click "Other Plan Updates" to review the larger plan.



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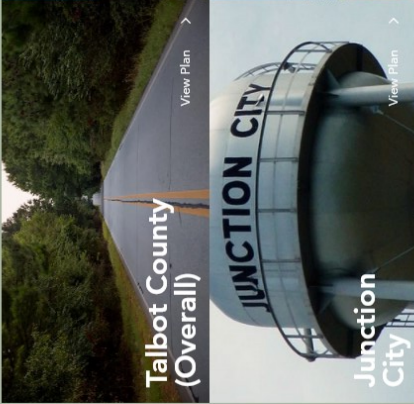

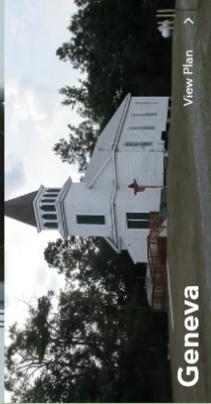



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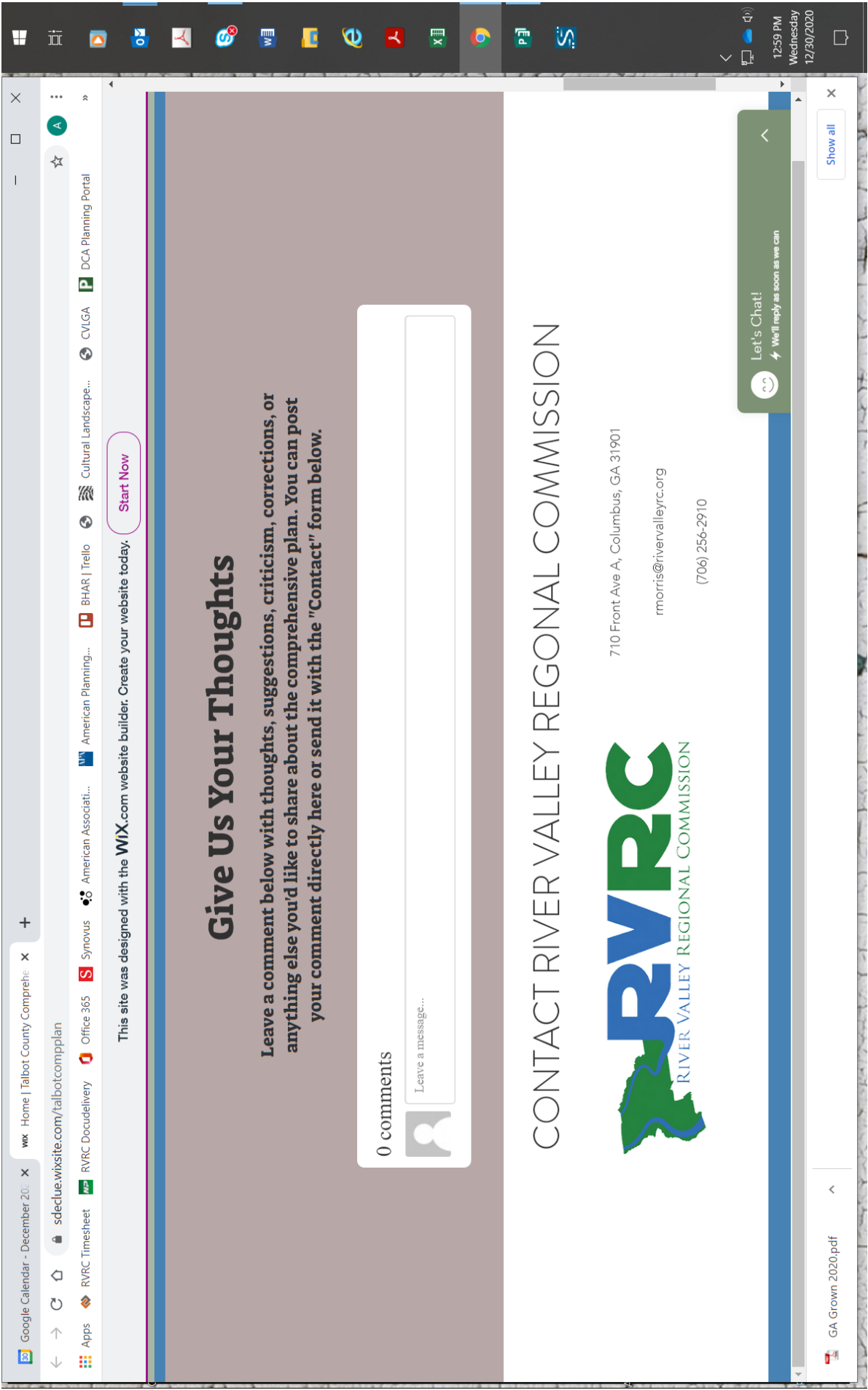
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Other Updates

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Latest Plan Updates by Scott Eason on Scribd

Community Data, Needs and Opportunities

The Comprehensive Plan is intended to be a policy guide relating to land use, community infrastructure, housing and economic development activities. An analysis of data is included in this document to assist with plan development. This section includes information regarding population, community facilities, transportation, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources and intergovernmental coordination. All planning documents included in the comprehensive plan were considered in the evaluation of the community policies and activities.

Population

The projected population for Talbot County over the next twenty plus years is expected to continue to decline. However, the current trends of industrial development in northeast Muscogee County and continued utilization of Fort Fleming could stabilize or slightly increase the population. It is believed that as the State of Georgia's Metropolitan areas continue to grow some residents will choose to relocate to smaller communities to experience a better quality of life and escape the bustle of the larger cities.

Table 1: Talbot County and Cities Population: 2000-2019

Community	2000	2010	2015	2019	Percent Change Since 2010
Geneva	107	105	101	96	8.6% decrease
Junction City	180	177	169	164	7.3% decrease
Talbotton	1,033	970	902	861	11.2% decrease
Woodland	358	408	375	361	11.5% decrease
Talbot County	8,458	8,885	8,408	8,105	8.8% decrease

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Needs + Opportunities for Geneva

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City of Geneva

Community Facilities

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Uneven levels of development need of redevelopment (Downtown/Surrounding Neighborhoods)
- Growth limited due to infrastructure in Geneva (water).
- Diversify job base.

Opportunities:

- Develop adequate water facilities in Geneva for commercial, industrial, and residential growth.
- Increase of local job opportunities, which will less access to transportation.
- Work with educational institutions on job training and adult education programs.
- Continued development of local education system.

Transportation

Identified Needs and Opportunities

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Needs + Opportunities for Junction City

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Junction City

Community Facilities

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Careful planning will be required to ensure adequate services are available to Junction City.
- Anticipated failure of individual septic tanks. The majority of city residents use septic tanks and many of these tanks will fail during the planning period.
- Stormwater management.
- Lack of local public facilities and services including medical and ambulance services, after school programs and activities for older children, and critical utility infrastructure.
- Lack of knowledge of community programs, cooperation between local leaders, and small number of local volunteers.

Opportunities:

- Junction City needs to review and update/maintain their current water system, as needed.
- Assess available public space and determine what needs expansion, renovation or closure.
- Existing community facilities, both public and private, provide a good foundation for existing and future populations in the area.

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Needs + Opportunities for Talbotton

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City of Talbotton

Community Facilities

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Careful planning will be required to ensure adequate services are available to Talbotton citizens.
- Anticipated failure of individual septic tanks. The majority of county residents use septic tanks and many of these tanks will fail during the planning period.
- Stormwater management.
- A few County buildings are operating at capacity and are in need of expansion.
- Lack of local public facilities and services including medical and ambulance services, after school programs and activities for older children, and critical utility infrastructure.
- Lack of knowledge of community programs, cooperation between local leaders, and small number of local volunteers.

Opportunities:

- Talbotton needs to review and update/maintain their current water system, as needed.
- Growth provides an opportunity to look at various fees, (Impact fees, Subdivision Review fees or Service Tax Districts) to compensate for new growth.
- Maintain and improve upon existing community facilities, both public and private.

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Needs + Opportunities for Woodland

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City of Woodland

Community Facilities

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Careful planning will be required to ensure adequate services are available to Woodland.
- Anticipated failure of individual septic tanks. The majority of city residents use septic tanks and many of these tanks will fail during the planning period.
- Stormwater management.
- Lack of local public facilities and services including medical and ambulance services, after school programs and activities for older children, and critical utility infrastructure.
- Lack of knowledge of community programs, cooperation between local leaders, and small number of local volunteers.
- No street tree ordinance that requires new development to plant shade-bearing trees appropriate to area climate
- No sidewalk ordinance that requires all new development to provide user-friendly sidewalks.

Opportunities:

- Woodland needs to review and update/maintain their current water system, as needed.
- Assess available public space and determine what needs expansion, renovation or closure.
- Maintain and improve upon existing community facilities, both public and private.

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Subject: Talbot County Comp Plan Update 2020

Hello to all!

Talbot County is beginning the process to update its comprehensive plan. All receiving this email are comprehensive plan stakeholders. On March 19, 2020 at the Talbot County BOC office the first comprehensive plan public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. The public hearing will last one hour. Please let me know if you can attend the public hearing. This meeting date may be rescheduled if the Coronavirus is a concern.

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Subject: October Community Planning Deadline Variances : COVID-19 Response (RV)

Good afternoon,

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs continues to closely follow news and information about COVID-19. While the situation remains dynamic, our agency's leadership team endeavors to ensure the agency is prepared to 1) take care of our people, 2) take care of the communities we serve, and 3) maintain the programs that are so vital to our mission. Our leadership team has embraced a philosophy that combines a British axiom and the Boy Scout motto: "Keep Calm and Be Prepared."

Cases of COVID-19 continue to be found in nearly every part of Georgia and across the nation, and as more individuals are being tested, the number continues to rise. Accordingly, work is ongoing to reduce the spread of the disease, and state officials are working closely with the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. More detailed information can be found at www.dph.georgia.gov. With all of this in mind, local governments across the state are continuing to responsibly cancel their meetings, reschedule public hearings, and postpone community involvement in their planning processes.

Local and regional leaders are rightly concerned about the impact of the cancellation and postponement of community involvement activities on their planning processes. DCA understands that a high-quality community planning process relies on involvement from a variety of stakeholder groups and via a variety of informational channels. While, in many cases, only one or two official public hearings may be required, a meaningful level of public participation relies on the opportunity to participate in a range of community involvement meetings, charrettes, surveys, directed outreach to interested parties and other activities that are typically ongoing throughout the planning process. While it may be possible to shift some of these activities to the virtual world using tools like Zoom, Skype, Go-To Meeting and WebEx, or even streaming on Facebook and YouTube, those media are not full replacements for valuable face-to-face human interaction. Even if fewer people actually choose to involve themselves in those activities, the validity of a community's plan is founded upon the opportunity for involvement.

OCTOBER 31, 2020 DEADLINE.

We are contacting you today about the pending October 31, 2020 deadline for your local governments to complete and get DCA approval/verification for a variety of community planning updates. Since DCA acted in March to allow variances for communities with June deadlines, we have continued to monitor the situation. Considering the continuing trajectory of the impacts of the COVID-19 response, we believe local governments are likely to experience disruptions in their planning processes and unusually low attendance at community involvement opportunities well into the summer. It is likely that those communities with October 31, 2020 deadlines will find it very challenging or impossible to comply with applicable requirements. Georgia's standards governing local comprehensive planning include an option to provide variances for deadlines when communities are facing a situation beyond their control that creates abnormal stress on their operations and makes it impossible to comply with some state-issued requirements [Note: Local governments that collect development impact fees have an additional Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of their comprehensive plan. Variances under this section of the planning standards also apply to mandatory annual updates of the CIE.]. In the past, this option has only been exercised in response to tornados, hurricanes, and fires when a community has suffered significant and overwhelming damage. However, considering the impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we believe it is appropriate in this case, as well. In recognition of the gravity of the current situation, consistent with the instructions provided by Governor Kemp's Executive Order declaring a Public Health Emergency, DCA Commissioner Christopher Nunn has issued an order (attached) allowing your communities to seek a deadline variance.

VARIANCE REQUEST STEPS.

Taking advantage of the variance opportunity is simple. A local government's Chief Elected Official (mayor or chairperson) or administrator/manager should send a written request for the variance following the template attached to this message. That template provides a letter which includes all the necessary language and information necessary for DCA to grant a deadline variance. Great detail is not necessary when "filling in the blanks," but be as descriptive as you can. DCA will accept hardcopy letters sent through the mail as well as scanned pdfs of letters sent to us by email to planning@dca.ga.gov. Upon receipt of an acceptable variance request, DCA will immediately update the community's comprehensive planning and/or CIE update deadlines and send the community and its RC an acknowledgement of the variance by email. Understand that **the variance request must be received by our office before the local government's October 31, 2020 deadline has passed to take advantage of this opportunity.**

SDS QUESTIONS.

Where a community also has a pending Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) Update deadline triggered by a county's local comprehensive plan update, the concurrent SDS deadline will also be automatically shifted when the county's plan deadline is shifted. Communities that have self-imposed SDS

deadlines (either as a result of a previous SDS Extension or some other local agreement) will still need to follow the standard SDS Extension process to change their deadlines.

Presently, this variance will only allow communities with an October 31, 2020 deadline to shift to a February 28, 2021 deadline. It will not impact deadlines falling in future years--future deadlines will return to October 31. It also does not impact communities with deadlines currently falling on February 28, 2021. DCA is sensitive to the concerns of communities that currently have February 2021 deadlines. Any local government already anticipating difficulty meeting their February deadline as a result of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic should reach out to planning@dca.ga.gov, directly or call our office at 404-679-5279 to discuss your concerns. The information you provide may assist us in assessing the potential need for any further variances.

Warm regards,

--J.A. West



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From: Rick Morris
Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: Needs and Opportunities Talbot County
Attachments: Identified Needs and Opportunities Talbot County 2020 Comp Plan Review Update10-1- 2020.docx

Please find attached a copy of the Needs and Opportunities based on our conversation. Please review when you get a chance. I will send to the group once you review. Thanks and stay safe. An issue or a opportunity in red means that I need you take a closer look at that particular item. Or thjat I need to check that particular item.

Ricky L. Morris

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: RE: Needs and Opportunities Talbot County

I will send out the mass email then for people to look at the needs and opportunities. Will send you the Vision Statement to look at today. Hope you are well!

Rick

From: Carol Ison [mailto:Cison@talbotcountyga.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
Subject: RE: Needs and Opportunities Talbot County

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Good morning Rick,

I apologize for the delayed response. Everything appears to be in order.

Thanks!

Carol Ison
Talbot County Manager
Office: (706) 665-3220
cison@talbotcountyga.org

From: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
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Ricky L. Morris

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: Comp Plan Report of Accomplishments
Attachments: Talbot County 2015 CWP ROA.pdf

Attached is the Report of Accomplishments concerning your 2015 Community work Program. Anything you wish to carry over to the new CWP we can. The attached packet explains what we need to do. Talk to you in the morning 10:30?

Rick

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: CWP Update
Attachments: New 2020 Talbot Co CWP work info Include Needs and Opps.pdf

FYI 2nd Package for tomorrow.

Rick

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: FW: Scanned image from River Valley Reg. Comm
Attachments: scanner_20201119_053747.pdf

Report of Accomplishments based off our conversation today. Will send new community work program tomorrow.

Rick

-----Original Message-----

From: scanner@rivervalleyrc.org [mailto:scanner@rivervalleyrc.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 5:38 AM
To: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
Subject: Scanned image from River Valley Reg. Comm

Reply to: scanner <scanner@rivervalleyrc.org> **Device Name:** River Valley Reg. Comm **Device Model:** MX-3050N
Location: Not Set

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Resolution: 200dpi x 200dpi

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From: Rick Morris
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Carol Ison; Tony Lamar; fburt@pstel.net; jcarterwoodland@gmail.com; nigelco50@gmail.com; 'genevaga@aol.com'; 'swalker@aflac.com'; 'LEIGH ERENHEIM'; 'russerenheim@msn.com'; 'firecapt403@hotmail.com'; 'mhoward.talbot@gmail.com'; 'bass1951@gmail.com'; 'pij456@aol.com'; 'townjcity@pstel.net'; 'cityoftalbotton@outlook.com'; 'knox31827@charter.net'; 'cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com'; 'lcraighton@TNC.org'; 'jcatrett@talbot.k12.ga.us'; 'cyepps@talbot.k12.ga.us'
Subject: Talbot County and Cities Comp Plan link

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Please distribute to as many organization and citizens as you can. Survey Deadline is December 10.

Rick

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Cynthia Epps
Subject: RE: Talbot County and Cities Comp Plan link

Thank You!

Great Idea

-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia Epps [mailto:cyepps@talbot.k12.ga.us]
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
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Hi Rick,
I have requested for this link to be added to our school website.
cepps

Cynthia Epps

Assistant Superintendent

Talbot County School District

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Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: Comp Plan

In the 2015 Plan your #1 project is to rehab the courthouse which I know was completed. It also read to only have judicial services in the building. Were you all able to do that?

What is your current #1 project?

Rick

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2020 5:04 PM
To: 'LEIGH ERENHEIM'; 'russerenheim@msn.com'; 'firecapt403@hotmail.com'; 'mhoward.talbot@gmail.com'; 'bass1951@gmail.com'; 'nigelco50@gmail.com'; 'genevaga@aol.com'; 'fburt@pstel.net'; 'Tony Lamar'; 'townjcity@pstel.net'; 'cityoftalbotton@outlook.com'; 'knox31827@charter.net'; 'cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com'; 'lcraighton@TNC.org'; 'jcatrett@talbot.k12.ga.us'; 'Cynthia Epps'; 'Carol Ison'
Subject: Community Work Program Draft
Attachments: Talbot County CWP.PDF

FYI,

Please review and comment!

Rick

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Pam Jordan
Subject: RE: Scanned image from River Valley Reg. Comm

I will add those. Which ones need to be taken out.

-----Original Message-----

From: Pam Jordan [mailto:pj456@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
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Yes I would add this. However, the biggest employers in the county are the County and the Board of Education. Also, Oliver Logging Co. And Martin Marietta Aggregates. Shouldn't they be added? I didn't even recognize some of those companies.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 8, 2020, at 11:33 AM, Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org> wrote:
>
> Should I add any of the underlined projects to the community work program?

> -----Original Message-----

> From: scanner@rivervalleyrc.org [mailto:scanner@rivervalleyrc.org]
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To: Tony Lamar; 'cityoftalbotton@outlook.com'
Subject: 2021 Comp Plan
Attachments: Talbotton ROA and CWP.pdf

Attached is the Report of Accomplishments from the previous work plan and the new 2021 community work plan. Please give to the city council members for review. Do not need to review at tonight's meeting. If they have changes just please let me know.

Rick Morris

Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Carol Ison; Tony Lamar; 'genevaga@aol.com'; nigelco50@gmail.com; fburt@pstel.net; 'townjcity@pstel.net'; 'cityoftalbotton@outlook.com'; 'jarterwoodland@gmail.com'; 'cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Water Planning Region Links
Attachments: Vision and Goals Upper Flint.docx; Vision and Goals Middle Chatthahooce Water Plan.docx; Part Five Enviromental Standards.pdf

FYI

Below are the links to the regional water plans that cover the RVRC area. Talbot County is in the Upper Flint Regional Plan. Attached are the vision and goals for each plan and the implementation activities for the Upper Flint Plan. The Georgia Part Five Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria are also included for review and consideration. Please call me at 706-256-2910.

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From: Laura Schneider
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
Subject: Water Planning Region Links

<https://waterplanning.georgia.gov/water-planning-regions/middle-chattahoocee-water-planning-region>

<https://waterplanning.georgia.gov/water-planning-regions/upper-flint-water-planning-region>

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To: Carol Ison
Subject: Survey Results
Attachments: Talbot Survey Data_All_201216.pdf

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Survey Results

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From: Rick Morris
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: FW: Talbot broadband draft
Attachments: Broadband Element for Talbot 12-17-2020.docx

I will insert this into the Plan for you and the cities.

From: Camille Bielby
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>; Gerald Mixon <gmixon@rivervalleyrc.org>
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From: Rick Morris
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Carol Ison; john@star-mercury.com; news@star-mercury.com
Subject: Final Comp Plan Ad
Attachments: 2nd Public meeting ad (003).doc

For a display ad! Carol please review the date and time.

Rick Morris

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From: Rick Morris
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Tony Lamar
Subject: RE: 2021 Comp Plan

Thank You Mr. Mayor!

From: Tony Lamar [mailto:tonylamar@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
Subject: Re: 2021 Comp Plan

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Mr. Morris,

Good morning, no changes to the city's end as it relates to the comp plan.

Tony O. Lamar
Mayor, City of Talbotton, Georgia
706-573-1917

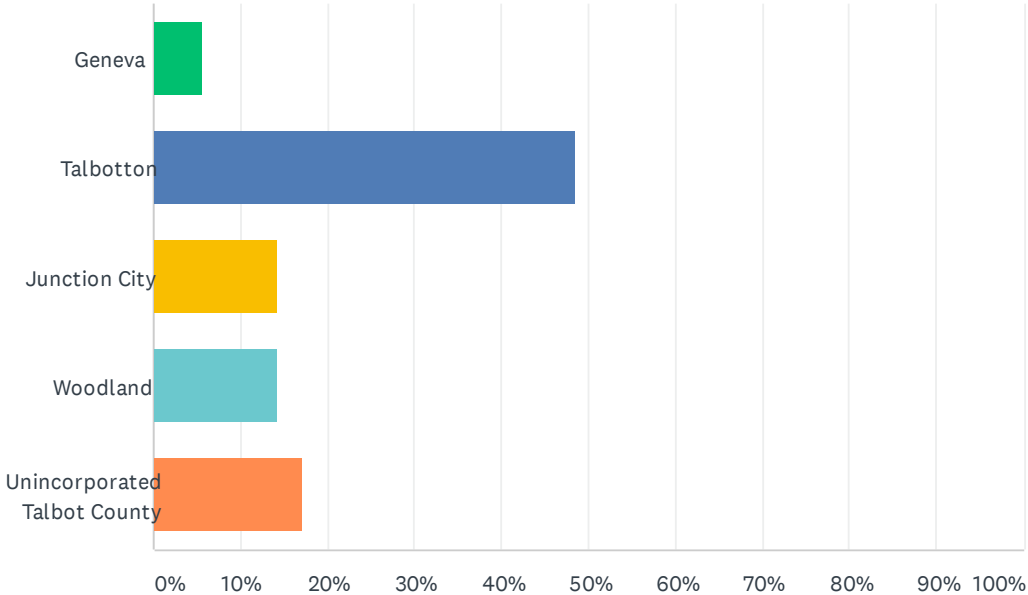
On Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 03:32:11 PM EST, Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org> wrote:

Attached is the Report of Accomplishments from the previous work plan and the new 2021 community work plan. Please give to the city council members for review. Do not need to review at tonight's meeting. If they have changes just please let me know.

Rick Morris

Q1 Please choose the Talbot County community where you live.

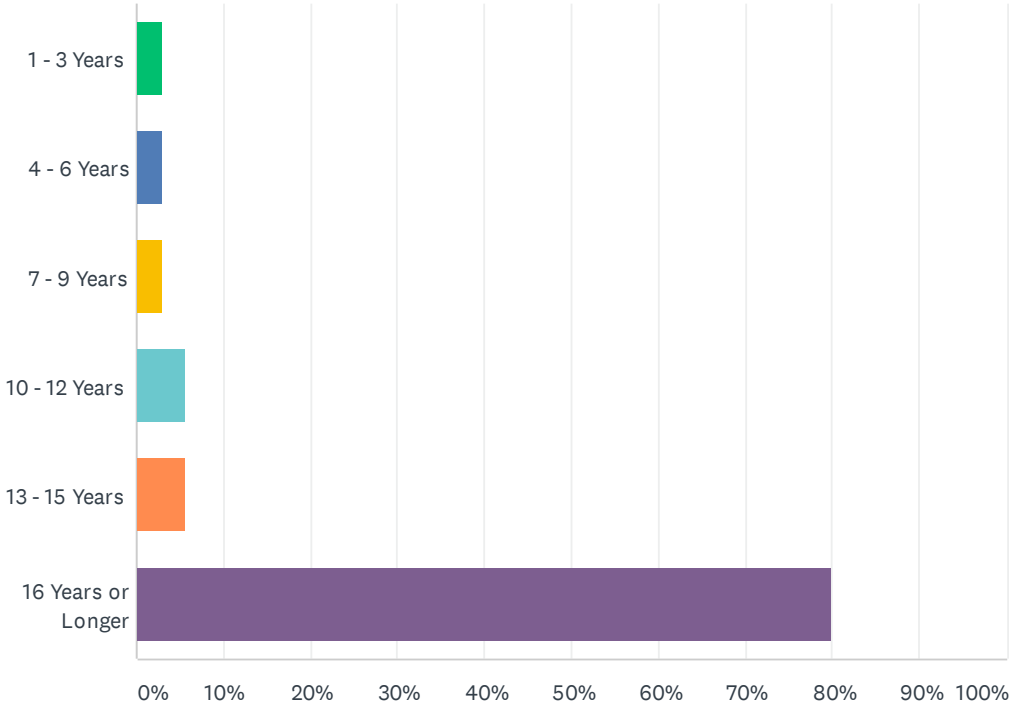
Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Geneva	5.71%	2
Talbotton	48.57%	17
Junction City	14.29%	5
Woodland	14.29%	5
Unincorporated Talbot County	17.14%	6
TOTAL		35

Q2 How long have you lived here?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1 - 3 Years	2.86% 1
4 - 6 Years	2.86% 1
7 - 9 Years	2.86% 1
10 - 12 Years	5.71% 2
13 - 15 Years	5.71% 2
16 Years or Longer	80.00% 28
TOTAL	35

Q3 How has Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton or Woodland changed over the time you have lived there?

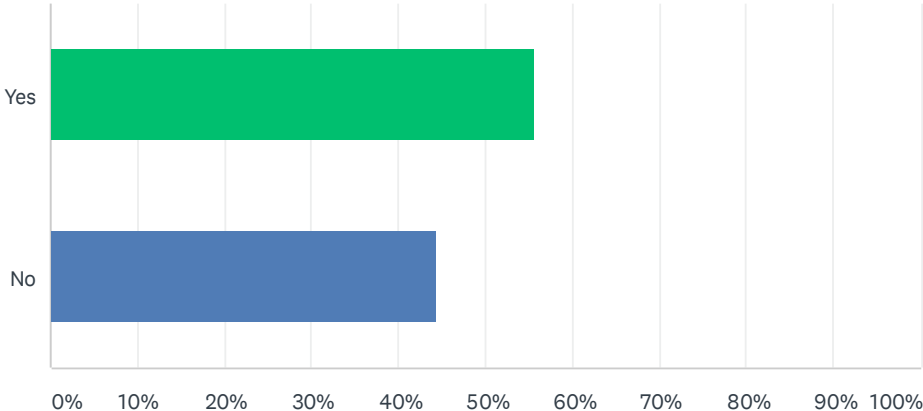
Answered: 27 Skipped: 8

Comprehensive Plan Survey for Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton and Woodland

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It changed a lot	12/14/2020 6:47 PM
2	Little, if any.	12/13/2020 8:48 AM
3	Talbot County has poorly declined in every area from population to no area jobs and/or no retail outlets (grocery stores).	12/4/2020 10:22 AM
4	Not much. Less business	12/3/2020 9:59 AM
5	There are no grocery store and medical serve is very limited.	12/2/2020 5:33 PM
6	Population has declined, businesses have closed, young people do not come back after college, it is not the thriving small county that we once had.	12/2/2020 2:16 PM
7	Poor. Nothing for the children	12/1/2020 4:40 PM
8	actually it has declined	12/1/2020 9:35 AM
9	Not much	11/30/2020 10:21 PM
10	My property taxes has increased a lot.	11/30/2020 9:03 PM
11	There is now a 4 Lane highway 2 Dollar General stores a new doctors office	11/30/2020 7:41 PM
12	We have not had a grocery store in over 10 years in Talbotton. No jobs are coming to the area. We have too many convenience stores for Talbotton. We need better leaders in our communities, not just family and friends. We need someone whom is going to improve our county from city council to county commissionners. We have too many police officers and not a jail!! We need improvements so our city will grow being the county seat.	11/30/2020 4:27 PM
13	It's not as much here now like it use to be	11/30/2020 3:14 PM
14	No local grocery store	11/30/2020 12:51 PM
15	No change! Looks rundown definitely needs some updates on buildings and roads	11/30/2020 12:42 PM
16	Alot of stores have closed down.	11/30/2020 11:43 AM
17	Talbot County/Talbotton has declined drastically during my lifetime of living here. Very few jobs for young people to stay here. The population has aged and is projected to decrease in the coming years. The student enrollment in the local school system is now down to less than 500 students. We do not have a grocery or drug store. We are a prime example of what has happened to small rural counties all over Georgia.	11/30/2020 11:21 AM
18	No change	11/30/2020 10:48 AM
19	It hasnt	11/30/2020 10:28 AM
20	Resources has seemed to become more scarce. As far as places to shop for essentials.	11/30/2020 7:56 AM
21	Less local opportunity	11/26/2020 9:34 AM
22	It hasnt	11/26/2020 2:58 AM
23	Very little changes	11/26/2020 1:59 AM
24	Fewer businesses, people seem less engaged, community seems to be eroding.	11/26/2020 1:04 AM
25	Vet little	11/25/2020 7:40 PM
26	It has changed very little.	11/23/2020 1:56 PM
27	Not too much	11/20/2020 3:11 PM

Q4 Do you walk around your neighborhood or community?

Answered: 27 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.56%	15
No	44.44%	12
TOTAL		27

Q5 If you do walk around your neighborhood or community, where do you walk to?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 20

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Walk around the neighborhood, to recreational parks and down the streets.	12/4/2020 10:24 AM
2	Around town, bank & Post Office mainly.	12/3/2020 10:00 AM
3	I walk to the post office, the bank, when I am in town. I actually live between Geneva and Talbotton.	12/2/2020 2:17 PM
4	Around my neighborhood	12/1/2020 4:40 PM
5	N/A	11/30/2020 9:04 PM
6	To the park and back	11/30/2020 7:42 PM
7	I walk through town and back street.	11/30/2020 4:28 PM
8	Around my neighborhood	11/30/2020 12:52 PM
9	Around the water Department	11/30/2020 12:43 PM
10	To the store or around the block for exercise.	11/30/2020 11:45 AM
11	Library walking track	11/30/2020 10:49 AM
12	I walk to relatives that live by and in the public park on the trail.	11/30/2020 7:57 AM
13	Around my own property. I live in a rural area outside of town.	11/26/2020 1:06 AM
14	Walking Trail -Talbot Co. Library	11/23/2020 1:57 PM
15	Walking Trail and around city blocks	11/20/2020 3:12 PM

Q6 I think the best place in Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton or Woodland is:

Answered: 27 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Junction City park	12/14/2020 6:47 PM
2	Scenic farms, like those along highway 315	12/13/2020 8:50 AM
3	maybe Junction City. I know they are in need of way more that any other city in Talbot County, but the cost of living is probably lower as well.	12/4/2020 10:34 AM
4	Talbotton	12/3/2020 10:02 AM
5	The community center in Geneva.	12/2/2020 5:35 PM
6	I like where I live, in the country.	12/2/2020 2:18 PM
7	None	12/1/2020 4:41 PM
8	the school	12/1/2020 9:36 AM
9	ldk	11/30/2020 10:22 PM
10	The Sports Complex	11/30/2020 9:05 PM
11	The park	11/30/2020 7:42 PM
12	Talbotton. Entertainment venue is Junction City or Geneva. We have no entertainment in Talbotton.	11/30/2020 4:29 PM
13	Talbotton	11/30/2020 3:14 PM
14	Nothing	11/30/2020 12:53 PM
15	Big chic	11/30/2020 12:43 PM
16	The park in Geneva.	11/30/2020 11:45 AM
17	North and West Talbot County outside the municipalities	11/30/2020 11:22 AM
18	Talbotton	11/30/2020 10:49 AM
19	Geneva & Junction City park	11/30/2020 10:29 AM
20	The school.	11/30/2020 7:57 AM
21	The woods	11/26/2020 9:34 AM
22	Home	11/26/2020 2:59 AM
23	The Flint Hill, and Oak Mountain Estates area	11/26/2020 2:01 AM
24	My own backyard.	11/26/2020 1:06 AM
25	Talbot County	11/25/2020 7:41 PM
26	Talbotton	11/23/2020 1:57 PM
27	Junction City	11/20/2020 3:13 PM

Q7 My least favorite place in the community is:

Answered: 26 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Downtown Talbotton	12/13/2020 8:51 AM
2	The City of Talbotton.. it has really gone down over the years and with it being the county seat it could look better.	12/4/2020 10:35 AM
3	?	12/3/2020 10:02 AM
4	none	12/2/2020 5:36 PM
5	Areas where the homes are abandoned and run down.	12/2/2020 2:25 PM
6	All	12/1/2020 4:41 PM
7	the town	12/1/2020 9:36 AM
8	ldk	11/30/2020 10:22 PM
9	N/A	11/30/2020 9:05 PM
10	Nowhere	11/30/2020 7:42 PM
11	Woodland.	11/30/2020 4:30 PM
12	Home	11/30/2020 3:14 PM
13	Nothing	11/30/2020 12:53 PM
14	School system	11/30/2020 12:44 PM
15	Looking at all the empty stores.	11/30/2020 11:46 AM
16	Talbotton	11/30/2020 11:22 AM
17	Junction city	11/30/2020 10:49 AM
18	Dont have one	11/30/2020 10:29 AM
19	The rundown vacant buildings and shops.	11/30/2020 7:58 AM
20	Churches	11/26/2020 9:36 AM
21	County seat	11/26/2020 2:59 AM
22	Talbotton	11/26/2020 2:01 AM
23	No answer	11/26/2020 1:08 AM
24	Downtown Talbotton	11/25/2020 7:42 PM
25	Junction City	11/23/2020 1:57 PM
26	Talbotton	11/20/2020 3:13 PM

Q8 If I were Mayor or County Commission Chairman, the first thing I would do to make my community a better place for young people is:

Answered: 22 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Clean up downtown and recruit mentors to participate in a monthly empowerment program at the school.	12/13/2020 8:55 AM
2	Build more recreational sites, community buildings, youth programs and bring in grocery chains for jobs to instill good working habits early.	12/4/2020 10:38 AM
3	Work with the School Board on improving the school system.	12/3/2020 10:03 AM
4	Have more opportunities for them.	12/2/2020 2:27 PM
5	Pool and transportation	12/1/2020 4:41 PM
6	i will have a well managed recreational center	12/1/2020 9:39 AM
7	More businesses for more jobs and opportunities	11/30/2020 10:23 PM
8	Build workshops to advance in the youth skills.	11/30/2020 9:07 PM
9	Find out what they are interested in and try to put something together	11/30/2020 7:44 PM
10	Build a boys or girls club. Get mentors involved with the young people.	11/30/2020 4:30 PM
11	Get a YMCA for the kids find thing for them to do after school	11/30/2020 3:15 PM
12	Add a recreation center	11/30/2020 12:53 PM
13	Open a bowling ally or skating rink	11/30/2020 12:45 PM
14	Bring jobs so people can work.	11/30/2020 11:47 AM
15	Better law enforcement	11/30/2020 11:23 AM
16	Grocery store or a place to be active	11/30/2020 10:50 AM
17	A recreational Department	11/30/2020 10:29 AM
18	To figure out how to provide more affordable housing for families.	11/30/2020 7:58 AM
19	Cut taxes to invite new residents in to the county. Then improve school system, also wipe clean all elected officials to include appointed with term limits .	11/26/2020 3:02 AM
20	Clean up the abandoned houses. Increase law enforcement to reduce theft and shoplifting so there could be a grocery store and maybe more businesses would come into the area.	11/26/2020 2:04 AM
21	Improve opening new businesses. Preferable start would be a grocery store.	11/23/2020 1:58 PM
22	Better Education	11/20/2020 3:14 PM

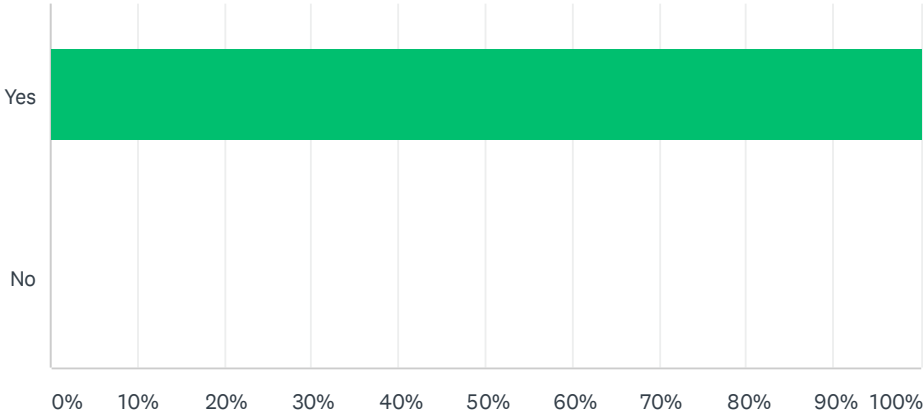
Q9 The most important problems facing my community are:

Answered: 22 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Whites apparent decision to let the town die	12/13/2020 8:58 AM
2	Housing and Health Care	12/4/2020 10:42 AM
3	Jobs & School System	12/3/2020 10:04 AM
4	Lack of jobs, no grocery store, no pharmacy, and many of our residents don't hVe cars. Also, for the kids, the lack of good and affordable internet.	12/2/2020 2:29 PM
5	Poor	12/1/2020 4:41 PM
6	no grocery stores	12/1/2020 9:39 AM
7	Poverty, drugs	11/30/2020 10:24 PM
8	Lack of cleaning up the community and half patching up street roads when water pipes are placed down.	11/30/2020 9:08 PM
9	No grocery store and housing	11/30/2020 7:44 PM
10	The corrupted chief of police.	11/30/2020 4:31 PM
11	We don't have nothing	11/30/2020 3:15 PM
12	Lack of jobs	11/30/2020 12:54 PM
13	Run down neighborhoods	11/30/2020 12:45 PM
14	No places to shop for food.	11/30/2020 11:48 AM
15	Ineffective government . No moral vision for the future. No jobs.	11/30/2020 11:24 AM
16	There's nothing to do	11/30/2020 10:50 AM
17	A grocery store	11/30/2020 10:30 AM
18	Food desert and housing options	11/30/2020 7:58 AM
19	High taxes	11/26/2020 3:02 AM
20	Poor, low income. Our county doesn't appreciate what is most important. Pay for EMS is way too low and we have only one ambulance and need at least two full time.	11/26/2020 2:07 AM
21	Lack of venues to purchase fresh vegetables, fruits, and meats. Additionally, lack of jobs.	11/23/2020 1:59 PM
22	Drugs and police protection	11/20/2020 3:15 PM

Q10 Are there any things you would change in your community?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		100.00%	22
No		0.00%	0
TOTAL			22

Q11 If you answered yes, please list the most important changes you would make.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Change the mayor Educate the citizens	12/13/2020 8:59 AM
2	Local Government decisions to bring more businesses and housing (apartments and or building homes). We need both attractions in our community.	12/4/2020 10:44 AM
3	County Wide Water	12/3/2020 10:05 AM
4	Number one is have a consolidated government. Of the 4 towns only one is in the black. I think it would make the county thrive better if we were one. Second we need to clean up our community and make it more presentable to people passing through. Talbot County is a great place to live, but first impression is it is dying!	12/2/2020 2:32 PM
5	Trash man. Actually come on the scheduled days. Drug dealers get busted	12/1/2020 4:42 PM
6	clean the city up	12/1/2020 9:43 AM
7	Try and bring more positive opportunities for work	11/30/2020 10:24 PM
8	I think that we need more leaders to take a stand and run for some of these people in office that's not doing anything for our community.	11/30/2020 9:11 PM
9	Try to get more grants to help with housing in the unincorporated areas	11/30/2020 7:46 PM
10	I would start off with the removal of the mayor and 3 city council members.	11/30/2020 4:57 PM
11	Find things for the kids and then build stores and restaurants	11/30/2020 3:16 PM
12	Jobs	11/30/2020 12:54 PM
13	Have people clean up their properties and keep trash cleaned up on streets. A better school system especially for children that need special education	11/30/2020 12:47 PM
14	I would bring a grocery store back to the community.	11/30/2020 11:49 AM
15	Improve law enforcement	11/30/2020 11:25 AM
16	Grocery store or amusement place for kids	11/30/2020 10:51 AM
17	Get a grocery store	11/30/2020 10:30 AM
18	The lack of housing	11/30/2020 7:59 AM
19	Lower taxes, elect people who care to improve to county and not fall for local politics	11/26/2020 3:03 AM
20	Move the park out from behind the fire department in the Flint Hill area. It is too hidden from the public eye so illegal activities go on.	11/26/2020 2:09 AM
21	Improve the # of businesses in the county and provide a grocery store.	11/23/2020 2:00 PM
22	Clean up delapatated houses	11/20/2020 3:16 PM

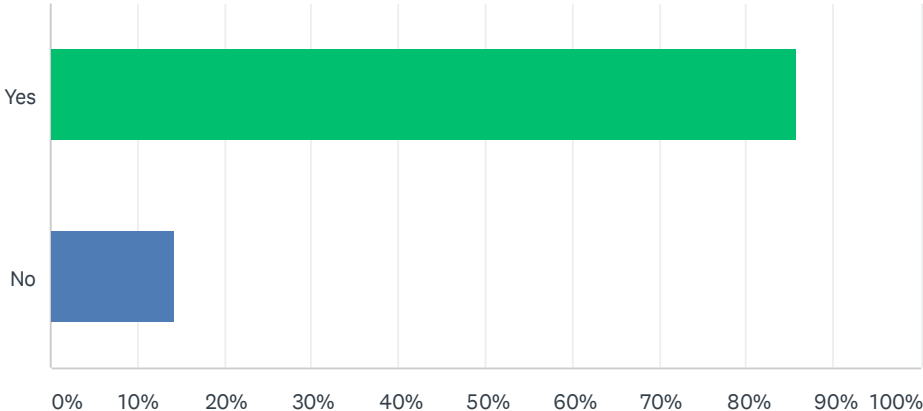
Q12 What things in your community should stay as they are? Please explain why.

Answered: 21 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nothing	12/13/2020 9:00 AM
2	Nothing, change is ALWAYS good.	12/4/2020 10:44 AM
3	Slow country life, most live here to get away from the rush of the big city life.	12/3/2020 10:08 AM
4	I don't want Talbot County to become a Columbus, I like the small town atmosphere, but we need more businesses and jobs.	12/2/2020 2:35 PM
5	None	12/1/2020 4:42 PM
6	n/a	12/1/2020 10:28 AM
7	Closeness of people	11/30/2020 10:25 PM
8	N/A	11/30/2020 9:11 PM
9	Nothing	11/30/2020 7:46 PM
10	None! It's like a deserted town with only convenience stores.	11/30/2020 4:58 PM
11	Nothing	11/30/2020 3:16 PM
12	Nothing	11/30/2020 12:54 PM
13	Nothing	11/30/2020 12:47 PM
14	NA	11/30/2020 11:50 AM
15	Almost everything needs improvement.	11/30/2020 11:29 AM
16	Dollar general	11/30/2020 10:51 AM
17	Nothing everything need changing	11/30/2020 10:30 AM
18	The small town feel. I love the sense of community and how safe the county is.	11/30/2020 7:59 AM
19	Peace and quiet	11/26/2020 3:03 AM
20	The school should remain in the county. We have only one.	11/23/2020 2:01 PM
21	Great water system in county Quality of water unsurpassed	11/20/2020 3:17 PM

Q13 Are there areas in your community that need improving?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		85.71%	18
No		14.29%	3
TOTAL			21

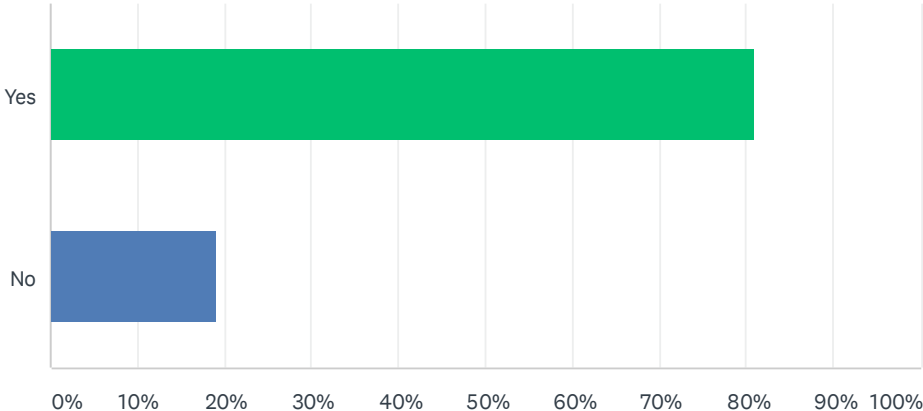
Q14 If you answered yes, please list the most important areas that you would change in your community.

Answered: 17 Skipped: 18

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	School involvement Recruit jobs	12/13/2020 9:01 AM
2	Roads, improve access to health services, more area jobs, restaurants, grocery/retail stores	12/4/2020 10:57 AM
3	Talbotton as you drive in on Highway 80 and 41. There are abandoned houses, buildings falling in, and it just does not give a good first impression.	12/2/2020 2:38 PM
4	All	12/1/2020 4:42 PM
5	the scenery	12/1/2020 10:29 AM
6	The Roads and decrease in property taxes	11/30/2020 9:12 PM
7	There are many empty houses/mobile homes that need to be torn down & replaced	11/30/2020 7:47 PM
8	We need an area for industrial.	11/30/2020 4:58 PM
9	Talbotton the only city that don't have a park like everybody else	11/30/2020 3:17 PM
10	Jobs	11/30/2020 12:55 PM
11	Everywhere	11/30/2020 12:47 PM
12	Better law enforcement. Local governments committed to the long term improvement of our community.	11/30/2020 11:30 AM
13	Talbotton needs to be cleaned up	11/30/2020 10:52 AM
14	Tear down all the old buildings	11/30/2020 10:31 AM
15	curb appeal	11/30/2020 8:00 AM
16	Improve the # of businesses. Provide a grocery store.	11/23/2020 2:01 PM
17	Better housing and eradicating drugs	11/20/2020 3:19 PM

Q15 Is there a park or recreation facility in your community?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.95%	17
No	19.05%	4
TOTAL		21

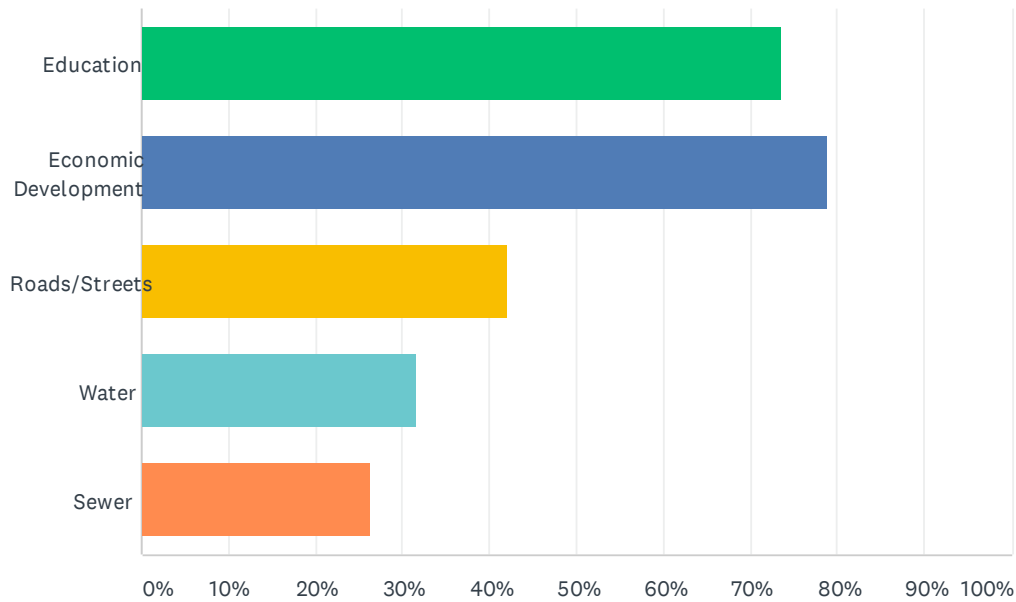
Q16 How could your neighborhood park or recreation center be improved?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 21

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Do not know	12/13/2020 9:02 AM
2	Better restroom area, lighting and bring exercise equipment or classes.	12/4/2020 10:58 AM
3	kids to use it.	12/3/2020 10:09 AM
4	You can hardly call it a park. There is one swing set. Junction City, Geneva, and Woodland have much nicer parks.	12/2/2020 2:39 PM
5	Actually be open at times	12/1/2020 4:43 PM
6	Nothing	11/30/2020 7:48 PM
7	We need to revamp the park period!!	11/30/2020 4:59 PM
8	Make it look more welcoming instead of etch feeling	11/30/2020 12:48 PM
9	Basketball court	11/30/2020 10:52 AM
10	Better lighting and free activities and classes for citizens	11/30/2020 8:00 AM
11	Close it and run the dealers out of town	11/26/2020 3:04 AM
12	It could be moved to a better location out from behind the fire department	11/26/2020 2:10 AM
13	We need to add a tennis court, basketball court, up-dated play grounds, and build a community center building.	11/23/2020 2:02 PM
14	Top Notch	11/20/2020 3:19 PM

Q17 What kind of projects would you like your local government to address?

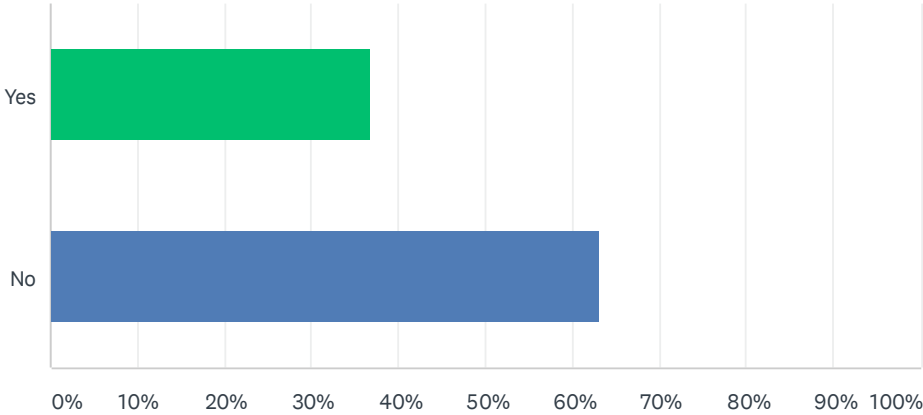
Answered: 19 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Education	73.68%	14
Economic Development	78.95%	15
Roads/Streets	42.11%	8
Water	31.58%	6
Sewer	26.32%	5
Total Respondents: 19		

Q18 Are you aware of the vision for Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton and Woodland?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.84%	7
No	63.16%	12
TOTAL		19

Q19 If no, what do you envision in Talbot County and its cities?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 23

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Continued poverty	12/13/2020 9:03 AM
2	No	12/1/2020 4:43 PM
3	N/A	11/30/2020 9:12 PM
4	A grocery store	11/30/2020 7:48 PM
5	A whole new outlook!!	11/30/2020 4:59 PM
6	Idk	11/30/2020 3:18 PM
7	Jobs	11/30/2020 12:55 PM
8	Continued decline	11/30/2020 11:32 AM
9	N/A	11/30/2020 10:53 AM
10	Jobs	11/30/2020 10:33 AM
11	N/A	11/30/2020 8:01 AM
12	At the current state I do not see much for the better because you must have good support of public safety, water, schools to bring jobs into Talbot.	11/26/2020 2:13 AM

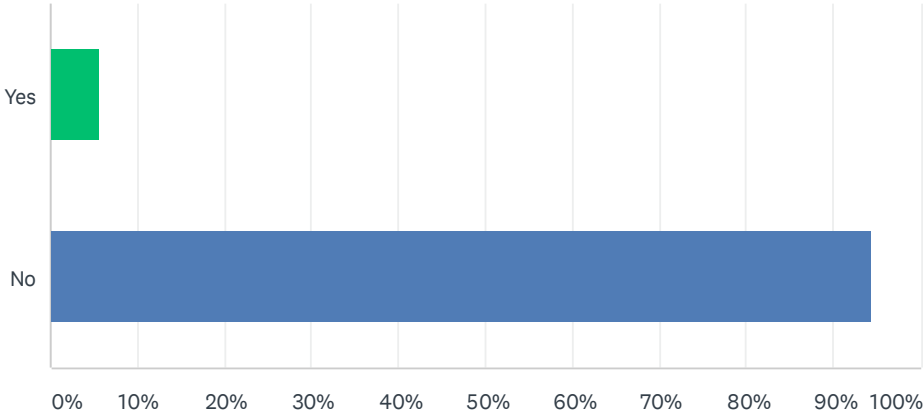
Q20 How would you like the county and cities to look in the next 30 years?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 17

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Clean and progressive, like Thomas to	12/13/2020 9:05 AM
2	Like a big city and more/better amenities.	12/4/2020 11:01 AM
3	Alive, but in a quite respectable way that keeps them a rural country town.	12/3/2020 10:14 AM
4	I would love to see all the store fronts in the downtown area occupied, more people living in the county, some industry, and a better quality of education available.	12/2/2020 2:41 PM
5	Profit	12/1/2020 4:43 PM
6	Advanced	11/30/2020 9:13 PM
7	More businesses	11/30/2020 7:49 PM
8	Better than Columbus again!!	11/30/2020 5:00 PM
9	Build up better for the kids	11/30/2020 3:18 PM
10	Growing with businesses	11/30/2020 12:56 PM
11	Lively, welcoming happy friendly	11/30/2020 12:49 PM
12	Safe and clean	11/30/2020 11:33 AM
13	Not so deserted	11/30/2020 10:33 AM
14	Housing developments not just low income but for those who want a small town feel but with housing that suits them.	11/30/2020 8:01 AM
15	We need a grocery store and more restaurants. Also a county wide consolidated fire service.	11/26/2020 3:06 AM
16	I like the rural part of our county but would love to see more jobs in the county. I would also like to see better support of our emergency services, public safety and better school system.	11/26/2020 2:14 AM
17	Vibrant and clean	11/23/2020 2:03 PM
18	Better Housing and more economic development. More Jobs	11/20/2020 3:22 PM

Q21 Are you using the Talbot County Transit Service?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	5.56% 1
No	94.44% 17
TOTAL	18

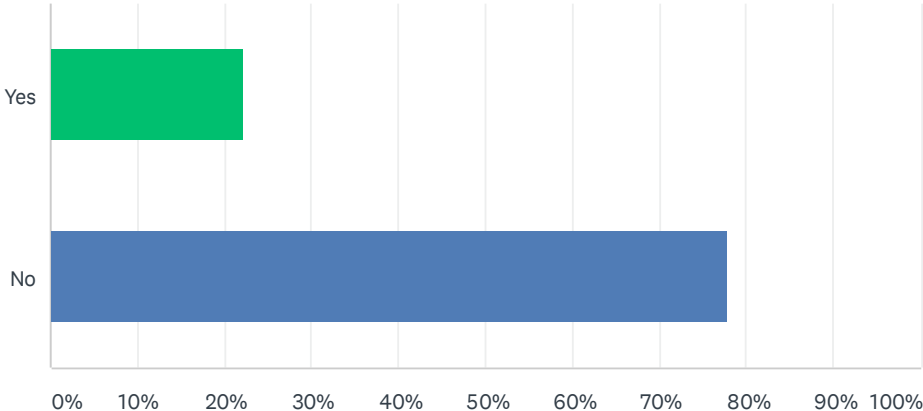
Q22 If no, why and when would you consider using it?

Answered: 17 Skipped: 18

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I have not needed it.	12/13/2020 9:06 AM
2	I have my own personal vehicle. I would consider using the service if I'm ever in need.	12/4/2020 11:02 AM
3	Still able to do for myself.	12/3/2020 10:14 AM
4	I have a car and can drive. If I was disabled and couldn't drive I would use it.	12/2/2020 2:42 PM
5	Never	12/1/2020 4:43 PM
6	N/A	11/30/2020 9:13 PM
7	I have my own personal vehicle	11/30/2020 7:49 PM
8	I have my own vehicle. I have used it in the pass. Great service.	11/30/2020 5:00 PM
9	I have my own transportation	11/30/2020 12:56 PM
10	Because I don't need to	11/30/2020 12:50 PM
11	N/A. Have my own transportation	11/30/2020 11:33 AM
12	I wont be using it	11/30/2020 10:33 AM
13	I have my own transportation and I would consider it if needed.	11/30/2020 8:02 AM
14	I would never use it. Shut it down and save the money. People could use Uber	11/26/2020 3:07 AM
15	I would not	11/26/2020 2:15 AM
16	I would consider using it if I did not have my own personal transportation.	11/23/2020 2:03 PM
17	Do not need it	11/20/2020 3:22 PM

Q23 Do you like the look of downtown Talbotton and Woodland?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.22%	4
No	77.78%	14
TOTAL		18

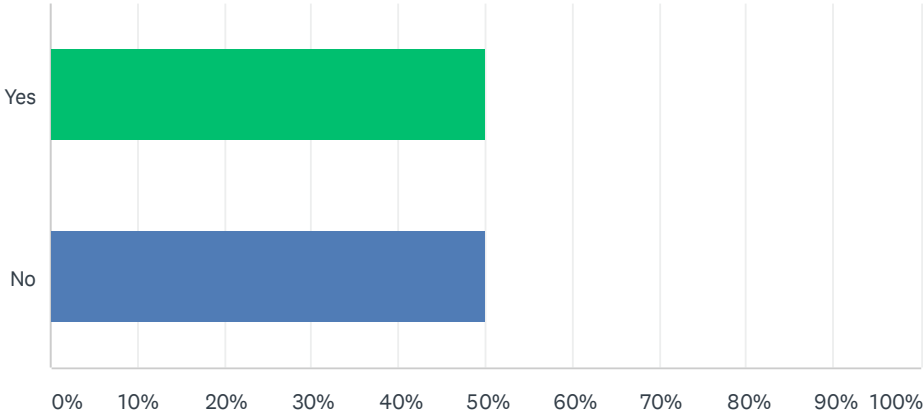
Q24 If not, please list the most important changes you would make to the downtowns?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Dilapidated. Too few commercial outlets	12/13/2020 9:07 AM
2	Too many sore eyes, ran down buildings and houses.	12/4/2020 11:02 AM
3	The vacant stores filled with businesses.	12/2/2020 2:43 PM
4	We need business. It looks run down.	12/1/2020 4:44 PM
5	More businesses and there is still damage from the hurricane	11/30/2020 7:50 PM
6	Deserted towns!!	11/30/2020 5:00 PM
7	Add store and places for the kids	11/30/2020 3:19 PM
8	More businesses	11/30/2020 12:57 PM
9	Clean it up! Updates	11/30/2020 12:50 PM
10	Tear down all the old buldings	11/30/2020 10:34 AM
11	Buildings need updating. Both towns are looking old and tired	11/26/2020 3:08 AM
12	Woodland looks fine it would just be nice to have some businesses in the buildings not just facades. Talbotton needs a whole update and education for the area as to what they cost due to the shoplifting and other issues around the area. There is a major problem when the busiest store in town is the liquor store. Talbotton could be such a pretty little town if it could be cleaned up.	11/26/2020 2:19 AM
13	I suggest more businesses, lights, and landscaping.	11/23/2020 2:05 PM

Q25 Do you like the look of the commercial areas located along U.S. 80 and S.R. 96 in Geneva, Junction City and Talbotton?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 17



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	50.00% 9
No	50.00% 9
TOTAL	18

Q26 If not, please list the most important changes you would make to the commercial areas?

Answered: 8 Skipped: 27

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Clean up and modernize buildings	12/13/2020 9:08 AM
2	There's a lot of area to build and bring businesses. Build.. if you build it, they will come.	12/4/2020 11:04 AM
3	Too much litter	12/1/2020 4:44 PM
4	The only commercial is the sheriff office.	11/30/2020 5:01 PM
5	Not sure	11/30/2020 10:34 AM
6	There really aren't much of commercial areas there.	11/26/2020 2:19 AM
7	They could be cleaner and landscaping can be improved.	11/23/2020 2:05 PM
8	Clean up. Too trashy	11/20/2020 3:24 PM

Q27 What kind of new developments do you think need to take place in Talbot County and its cities?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 19

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Grocery store Restaurants	12/13/2020 9:09 AM
2	New home/apartment developments, grocery/restaurant chains, community buildings	12/4/2020 11:10 AM
3	Our Largest resources are Wood, Sand and Gravel. Something along those lines.	12/3/2020 10:17 AM
4	We need to have a grocery store in order to attract people to our community and a better education system. We have available housing, but a lot of them need a lot of repairs.	12/2/2020 2:46 PM
5	We need businesses. We only have big chic. We don't have anywhere to really food shop. No retail at all.	12/1/2020 4:45 PM
6	More business	11/30/2020 7:51 PM
7	Jobs which can help instead of convenience stores.	11/30/2020 5:02 PM
8	Stores and places for the kids	11/30/2020 3:20 PM
9	Jobs	11/30/2020 12:57 PM
10	Grocery store	11/30/2020 12:52 PM
11	Forestry related jobs	11/30/2020 11:36 AM
12	Grocery store and more jobs	11/30/2020 10:35 AM
13	Walmart	11/26/2020 3:09 AM
14	There needs to be better housing for people, especially in Talbotton.	11/26/2020 2:20 AM
15	Economic development on a large scale.	11/23/2020 2:06 PM
16	More grocery stores	11/20/2020 3:24 PM