

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

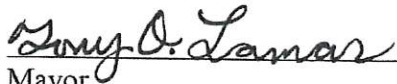
WHEREAS, said Act requires local governments to prepare, maintain and periodically update a state-approved local comprehensive plan to be eligible for certain state-issued grants, loans and permits, and

WHEREAS, the City of Talbotton 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 Talbotton City Council that the Talbotton Comprehensive Plan 2021 be adopted.

Duly considered and approved by the Talbotton City Council in session this **3rd** day of March 2021.

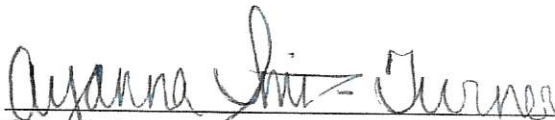
CITY OF TALBOTTON
CITY COUNCIL



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COVER SHEET FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING SUBMITTALS

Name(s) of Submitting Government(s): *CITY OF TALBOTTON*

RC: *RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION*

Submittal Type: *COMPREHENSIVE PLAN*

Preparer:

RC

Local Government

Consultant: Specify

Cover Letter Date: *JANUARY 16, 2021*

Date Submittal Initially Received by RC: *JANUARY 12, 2021*

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

Talbotton, working in conjunction with Talbot County and the Cities of Geneva, Junction City 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 Ayanna Smith-Turner, City Clerk, at 706-665-8542 or cityoftalbotton@outlook.com.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

Councilors: Knox Blackmar – LaShunda Ford – Annie Powell – Walter Wilson, Jr.

Talbotton City 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 also required as part of the process.

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 Talbotton 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 Talbotton Comprehensive Plan Update process is to encourage as much public participation, open dialogue and communication as possible; seeking to build consensus among Talbotton 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).



Public Group Work Sessions held for all communities.

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.

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 and cities over the next twenty plus years is expected to continue to decline. However, the current trends of industrial development in north-east 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 many 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: 1990-2030						
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	6,498	6,865	6,498	6,060	5,715	5,308
State of	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 Talbotton’s community facilities.

The city owns the following properties: City Hall and the building next to it, the water treatment facility, the sewer treatment facility, the water tower and adjacent well buildings, the fire department, an undeveloped lot on Jackson Avenue and the closed inert landfill property on Washington Avenue.

The number one priority for the City of Talbotton is to upgrade the sewer system. Phase One is complete.

The City of Talbotton maintains a public water system that serves over 400 customers. Everyone in the city limits is served. The system also serves a few houses outside the city limits. The system includes four deep wells. Wells are located on GA HWY 208 near the school, Jackson Avenue behind the jail, Dennis Creek Road and one is located approximately one-half mile outside of the city limits on the western side of town. The city’s only tank is located at the corner of Jackson Avenue behind the jail. The tank can hold up to 100,000 gallons per day. The average daily water usage is 116,667 gallons per day. Pumping capacity is 160 gallons per minute.

The City of Talbotton also operates a sanitary sewage system. The system serves approximately 90% of the city. The sewer system was installed in 1981. The city owns approximately 25 acres along Gorman Road across the railroad bridge where its sewage treatment facility is located. A three-acre oxidation pond has been constructed at the site. Raw sewage travels from the oxidation pond to a one-acre pond where four sand filters are located. Once the sewage travels through this process a lift station is used to pump the remainder into Edward's creek. Chlorine is also used as treatment at the site.

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	907
Woodland	58,000	17,890	50,000	N/A	Ground	40 gpm	426
TOTAL:	1,296,000	690,467	1,302,000	N/A	-	900 gpm	5045

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:

- City Hall needs improvements
- Update Water and Sewer Systems

Opportunities:

- Only community in Talbot County to have public water and sewer

Transportation

The City of Talbotton is located in the center of Talbot County. Georgia Highway 208 runs east and west through the city limits; GA HWY. 41 provides north-south access in the city. U.S. 80 is the principal east-west artery in the county and a portion of this roadway is located in the city limits of Talbotton. There are a total of 491 miles of roads in Talbot County. Approximately, 27 miles of these roads are city streets and 133 are state routes. The city of Talbotton has 6.24 miles of street.

Talbotton city streets are maintained by the city public works department. Many of the streets are in poor repair; the downtown area has undergone a revitalization effort, alleviating many problems within the business district. However, streets outside the business district area are in need of repair. The existing street network is capable of handling current and future traffic volumes. Sidewalks in downtown Talbotton have been repaired; sidewalks outside of the downtown area are still in need of repair however.

Rail service is provided by Norfolk Southern with piggyback service at Macon 50 miles to the west, and CSX with piggyback service in Atlanta 90 miles north.

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, no aircraft tie down, and no 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.

Talbot County operates a rural public transportation program which serves the entire county. Residents of Talbotton and the other municipalities make appointments to use this service. The county operates four vans, which are all handicap equipped.

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Maintaining existing paved roads and dirt roads.
- Bridge work on Gorman and Gibson Road
- Storm water management for SR 41/80 south under bridge trestle, and at Big Chick

Opportunities:

- Promote the Talbot Transit System.
- Availability of TIA Funds

Table 6: Freight Railroad Systems Operating in Talbot County

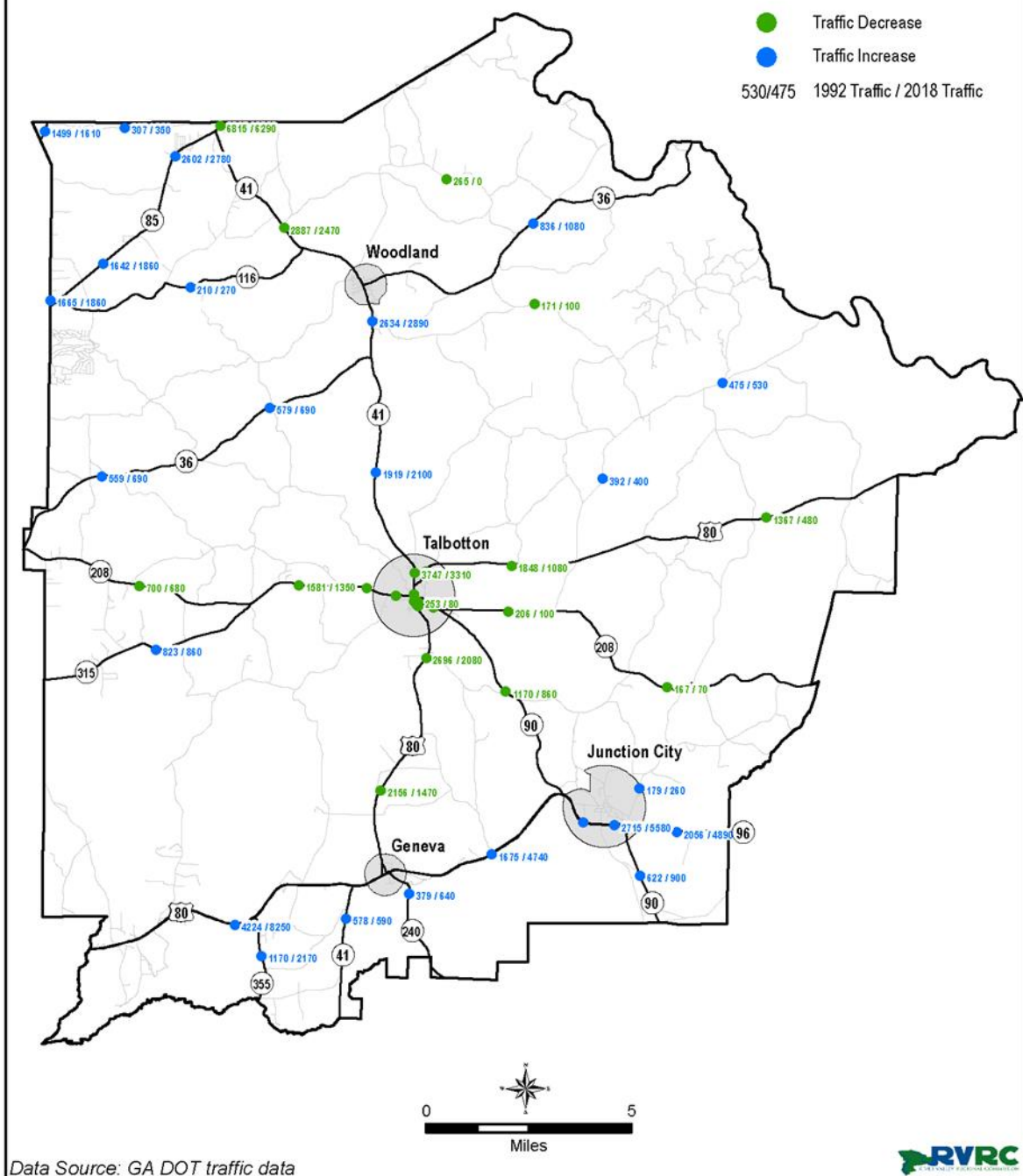
Freight Railroads	Rank	Length	Location	Operating
CSX Transportation	Class 1	33.62 miles	Junction City Talbotton Woodland	CSXT
Norfolk Southern	Class 1	21.30 miles	Geneva Junction City	Norfolk Southern Company

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



1992 / 2018 Traffic Counts for City of Talbotton



Data Source: GA DOT traffic data



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

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 and best information came from the 2014-2018 American Community Survey data. That level of data on housing was not available for the cities and ESRI Business Analyst estimates were used to access numbers in the cities.

The housing stock in Talbotton 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 also found within the city limits of Talbotton. Talbotton can support denser housing, because water and sewer is available. Talbotton has gained housing units in the past five years. The number of renter occupied units has decreased while the number of owner-occupied structures has grown. The vacancy rates have been climbing slightly, and with population losses, it will be reasonable to expect more vacancy in the future.



Manufactured or mobile home units continue to be an important source of affordable housing for many residents in Talbotton. 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.



Example: Historically Appropriate Affordable Housing

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: Talbotton Recorded and Projected Number Housing Units: 1990-2018

Talbotton: Types of Housing				
Category	1990	2000	2010	2018
TOTAL Housing Units				
Single Units (detached)	2,645	2,871	3,344	3,413
Single Units (attached)	1,754	1,620	2,342	2,085
Double Units	23	31	45	22
3 to 9 Units	79	42	58	53
10 to 19 Units	20	28	138	35
20 to 49 Units	11	15	20	62
50 or more Units	0	28	36	5
Mobile Home or Trailer	0	0	0	0
All Other	717	1,100	761	1,151

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

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

- Presence of dilapidated and abandoned structures that need remodeling or demolition
- Add residential density were feasible
- Increase home ownership opportunities

Opportunities:

- Numerous opportunities for infill development

Economic Development

The economic development data used for this section was only available for the county as a whole and not available for the individual cities.

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 infra- structure improvements.

Table 10: Workers by Employment Type

SIC Codes	Percentage of Workforce
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%
Government	3.5%

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

Table 11: 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

Table 12: 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: ESRI Business Analyst 2014-2018 ACS

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

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.

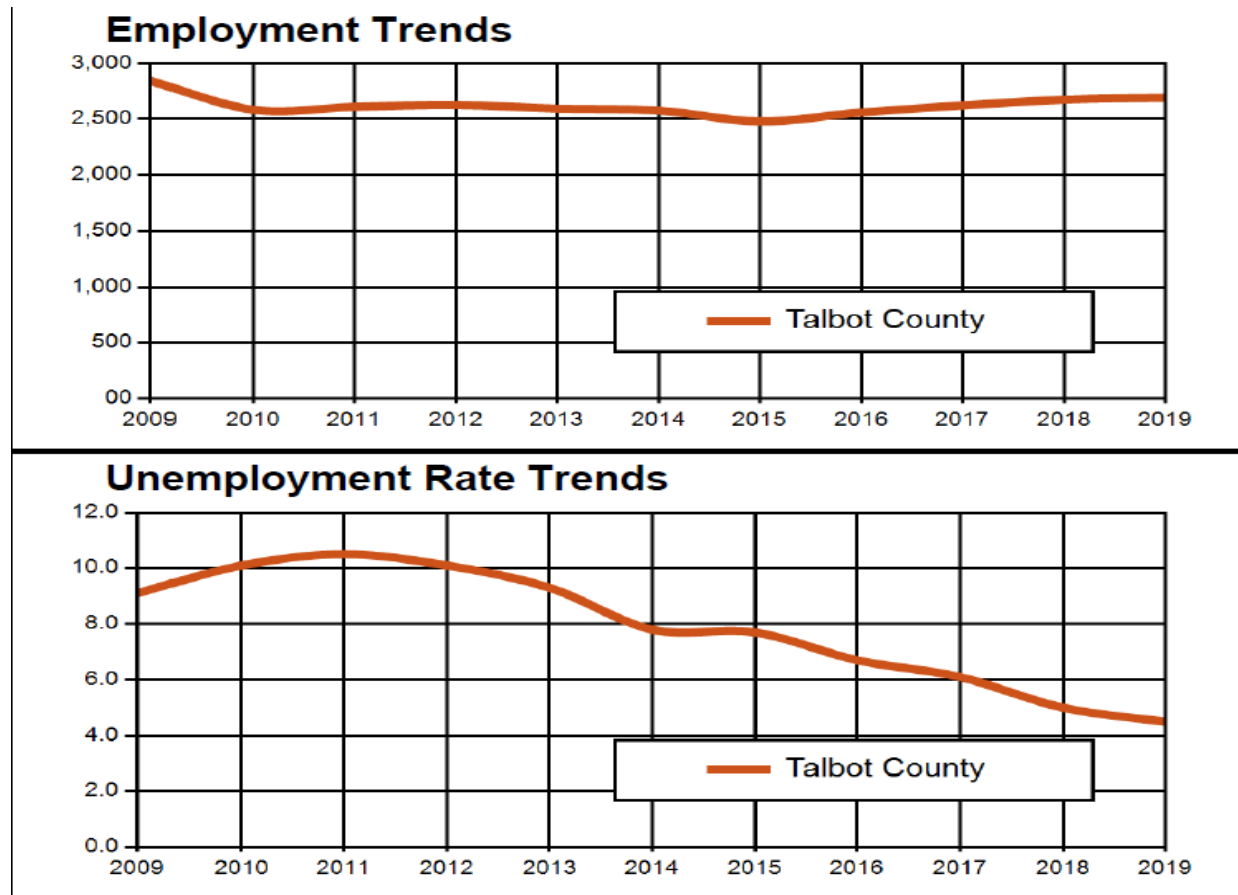
Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

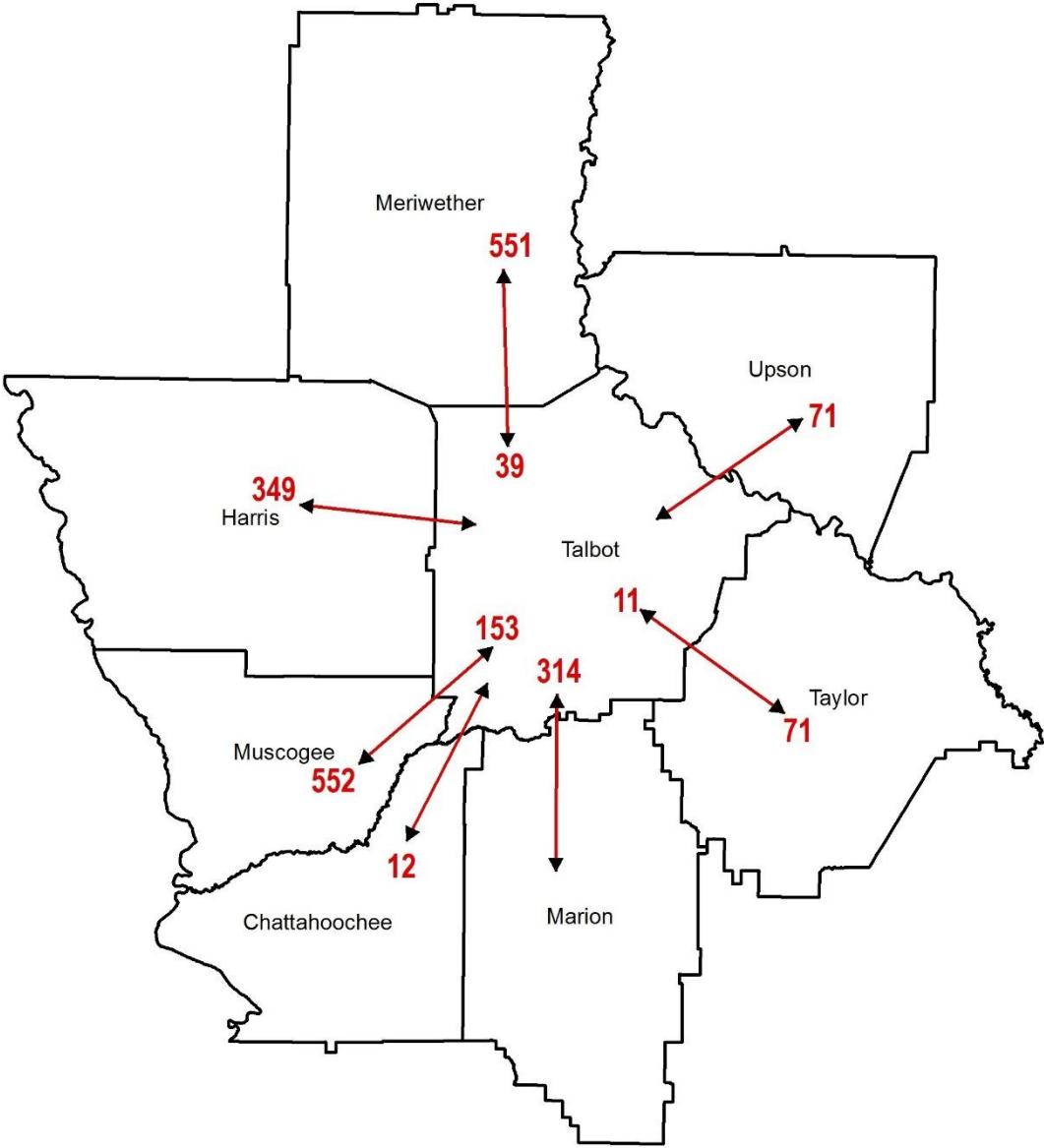
- Growth limited due to infrastructure in Talbotton (water, sewer, natural gas) needing repair.
- Promote the Talbot Transit System for transportation for job opportunities.
- Add to job base.

Opportunities:

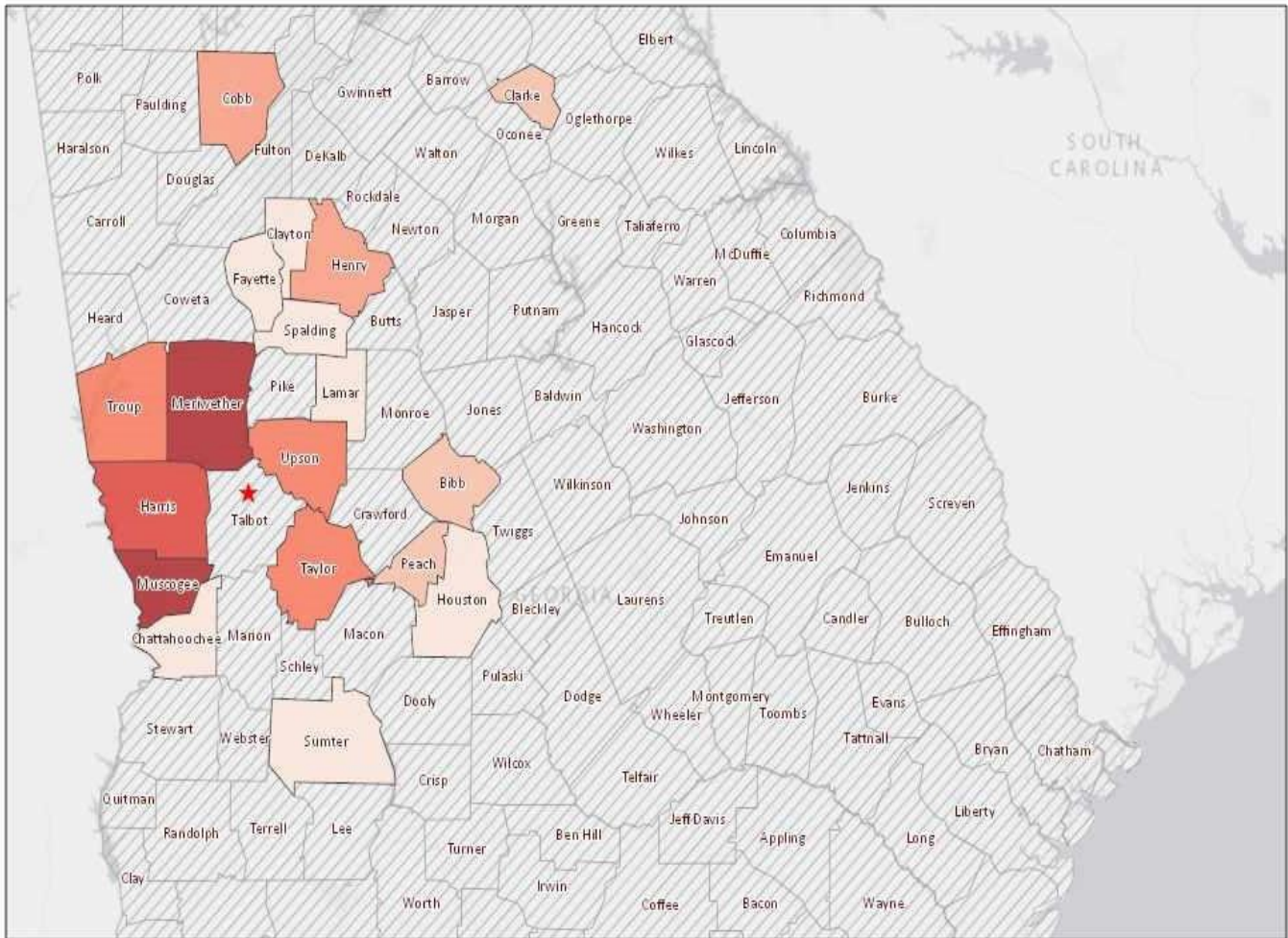
- Talbotton is the only community in Talbot County with both water and sewer
- Work with educational institutions' on job training and adult education programs.
- School system is improving every year
- Active Chamber of Commerce
- State and Federal funding is available for economic development projects



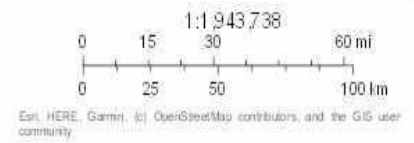
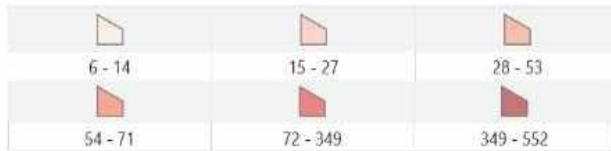
Talbot County in-migration and out-migration for work



Total Commuters Map



Commuters from Talbot Co.



Source: United States Census Bureau

Broadband Service

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.

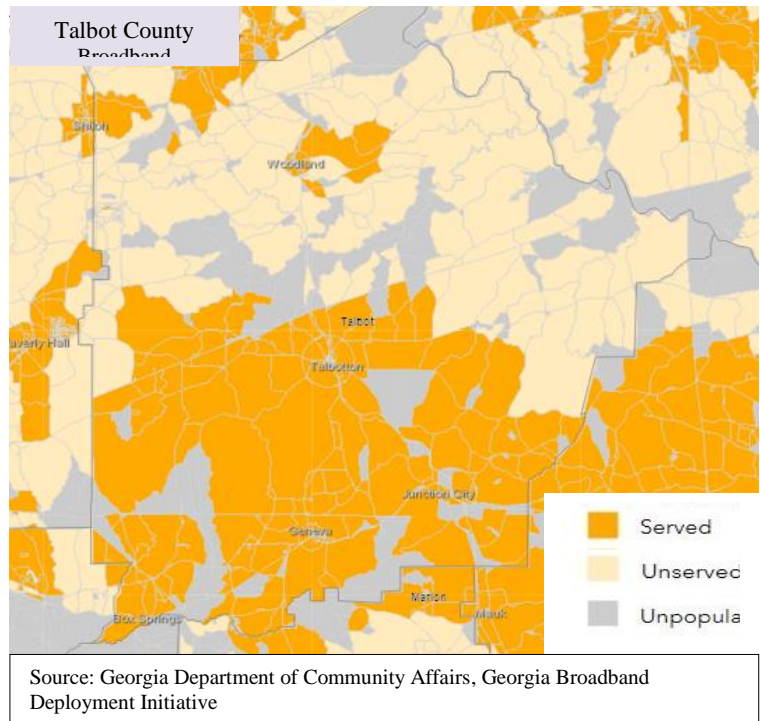
The Act gave rise to the Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative (GBDI), focused on partnerships and collaboration among government at all levels, and the private sector, to deploy fixed, terrestrial broadband services with minimum download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of at least 3 Mbps. The 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

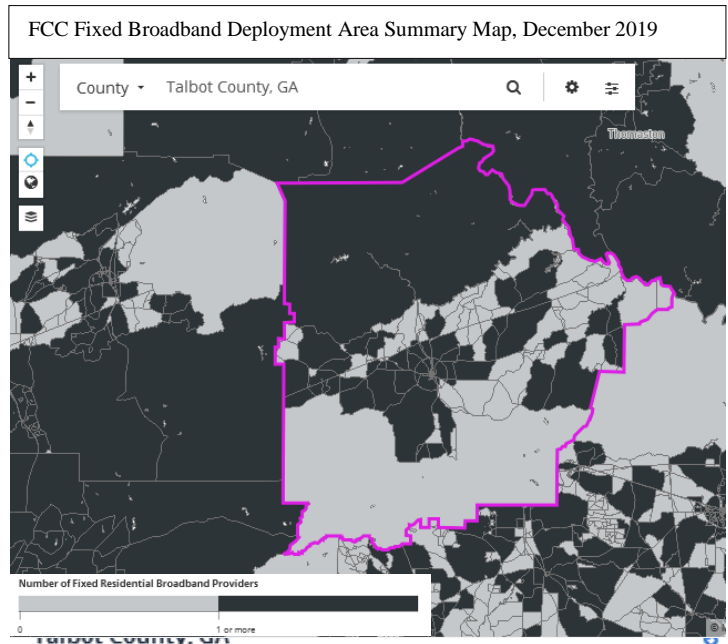
block as having service, even if there is only one internet consumer in the census block. By this standard, the graphic may very well over-estimate broadband service availability, particularly in areas with large census blocks. Nevertheless, this map depicts those areas of the county where fixed, terrestrial 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.



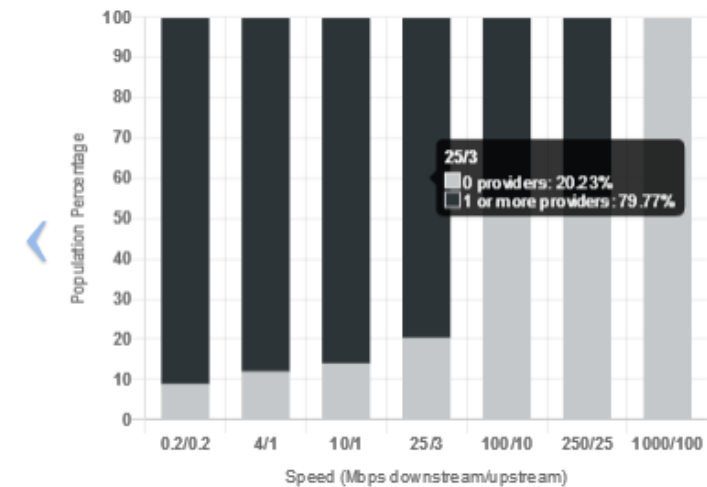
ADSL broadband service is available at the 25Mbps/3Mbps level to 58.61% of the population. However, 57.29% of the population has only a single ADSL service provider, and only 1.32% can choose between 2 providers. Cable service is available to 54.42% of the population at the minimum target speed, and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

Number of Fixed Residential Broadband Providers



Broadband

Technology ADSL, Cable, Fiber, Fixed Wireless
 Speed ≥ 25/3 Mbps
 Date Dec. 2019 (latest public release)



2014 data from the Georgia Broadband Initiative as cited in 2018 Annual State IT Report, Georgia Technology Authority, parenthesis added

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.

Natural Resources

Talbotton should expand appropriate infrastructures to meet development needs and minimize the effects on sensitive areas. The Natural and Cultural Resources of Talbotton are fundamental components in the development of the county and should be included in the planning process. Talbotton should develop educational programs to promote conservation and protection of important resources for all segments of society. The County, Talbotton and the other municipalities should also strengthen and improve existing regulations regarding development in sensitive areas.

Water Resources Planning

Talbotton 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. Talbotton through their Talbot County representative 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) Talbotton 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

Talbotton is located in the Lazer Creek Watershed. This watershed drains into the Flint River. This watershed provides habitat for an abundance of flora and fauna as well as areas critical for improving water quality (See Appendix for Maps).

Groundwater Recharge Areas

Talbotton is located over an area of thick soils. The Madison series of soils found in Talbotton are slows the percolation of water through it filtering out impurities before the water reaches the ground table. The Talbotton groundwater recharge area is considered to be a low pollution susceptibility area (See Appendix for Maps).

Talbotton, Talbot County and the Cities of Geneva and Junction City 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 in Talbotton. 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.

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



Sarracenia rubra: endangered flora in Talbot County



Shoal Spider Lilies along the banks of the Upper Flint River

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. Talbotton has been mapped for flood prone areas under the Federal Emergency Management Agency program. FEMA did not identify any flood prone areas in Talbotton, therefore, the city does not participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (See Appendix for Maps). (See Appendix for Maps).

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 primary soil classification for Talbotton is Madison. The Madison series consists of well drained, moderately permeable soils that formed in residuum weathered from felsic or intermediate, high-grade metamorphic or igneous rocks high in mica content (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. Talbotton is located in the Piedmont Plateau. (See Appendix for Map.)



Junction City Mining

Slopes

Characteristics of Talbotton's topography are broad valleys. Slopes within the city limits are generally less than 15%. 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 including 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.



Flint River

Prime Agricultural and Forest Land

There is no prime agricultural land in Talbotton. However, 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 the city and the county.

The forested areas of Talbotton and 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. Talbotton 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	Forestland Total	Acres of Harvested Timber
Talbot County	102	30,193	2,629	-	212,000	62,900
River Valley	2,688	1,123,445	443,161	-	2,370,000	551,000
State of Georgia	42,439	9,953,730	3,628,707	-	24,521,900	4,640,000

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

Plant and Animal Habitats

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources tracks endangered flora and fauna. This information is available only on a county level.

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.



Desmognathus aeneus: Endangered species in Talbot County.



Magnolia pyramid data: endangered flora in Talbot

Table 15: 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 arcata</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</i> sp. 1	Apalachicola Redhorse	fish
<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	Southeastern Myotis	mammal
<i>Necturus beyeri</i> complex	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>	Sharppnose 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

Table16: 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.



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

Major Park, Recreation and Conservation Areas

While there are no major park, recreation or conservation areas in Talbotton, 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.

The 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 cat-fish 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:

- Make sure the public has adequate access to regulatory guidelines and maps concerning natural resources.
- There are erosion, sedimentation, and stormwater runoff problems.

Opportunities:

- Improve, enhance, and promote Talbotton's natural resources
- River Valley Regional Commission's Regional Plan has development best management practices that RVRC communities can use.
- The River Valley Regional Commission has an active brownfield program



Red Cockaded Woodpecker: Endangered species with habitat in Talbot County

Cultural Resources

Talbotton is the largest community in Talbot County. It has a traditional courthouse square with single retail structures on the north and east sides. The majority of this community consists of single-family neighborhoods. 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 Biddy, Prattsburg, 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: the Frederick A. Bailey, House, the Newton P. Carreker House, the Lockhart--Cosby Plantation, the John Frank Mathews Plantation, the David Shelton House, the George W.B. Towns House, Weeks-Kimbrough House, The Elms, and the LeVert Historic District (Talbotton).

Talbotton understands the significance of cultural resources and place high importance on conservation of the area's history, tradition, and culture through preservation. However, Talbotton has not enacted a historic preservation ordinance or appointed a historic preservation commission; therefore, they are not eligible for the Certified Local Government program administered by the National Park Service nor are they eligible for the Historic Preservation Fund grant program offered through the State Historic Preservation Office. While an inventory of the historic sites, structures, and objects within the county's borders was completed in 2004-05, there is no government entity in Talbotton to sponsor National Register listings, oversee the application for survey funds, maintain an inventory of local historic resources, and attempt to preserve endangered resources in the city. At present, the Historic Talbotton Foundation (a county-wide not-for-profit) and individual, private citizens carry out these goals.



Antebellum Plantation Home in Talbotton



Zion Episcopal Church



Ford Building, Chamber of Commerce Office

Identified Needs and Opportunities

Needs:

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

Opportunities:

- The city of Talbotton has numerous historic structures to visit
- River Valley Regional Commission's regional plan has development best management practices that RVRC communities can use to address development around cultural resources

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, Talbotton should maintain open communication and dialogue with all neighboring jurisdictions.

Furthermore, Talbotton 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.

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

City 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 Fort Benning, Talbot County and the other jurisdictions in Talbot County jurisdictions

Opportunities:

- The Service Delivery Strategy update deadline is October 31, 2027 .
- Participate in the semi-annual Tribal Consultation facilitated by Fort Benning.



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 concerning 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 Talbotton 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 types of land uses exist and where they are but also how they interact. The purpose of this section is to map and review existing land use in Talbotton, look at areas in need of attention, areas in need of protection, and areas with development opportunities.

The City of Talbotton, located in the center of Talbot County, is the largest of all four municipalities. Talbotton is the most populated and developed area in the county. The 333 acres of residential land is centrally located, the roads leading into town are well developed with various types of housing. Much of the commercial land uses surround the county courthouse square. There are 26.9 acres of the commercial land occupied by various shopping areas, utilities companies, a hotel, and an auto parts store near the square. There are a few commercial establishments located on the outer limits of the city, on Highway 41. A courthouse, city hall, EMS office, fire and police stations and other public governmental offices represent the education/ public administration/health care/other institutional uses. A K-12 school is located in the northern section of Talbotton. Churches and cemeteries are included in the 46.1 acres of education/ public administration/ health care/other institution land uses. There are 1,302.3 acres of rural residential that occupy the outer borders of the city.

Table 17: Existing Land Use Definitions Table

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.) that have not been developed for a specific use or were developed for a specific use that has been abandoned.

Table 18: Existing Land Use Table City of Talbotton

Talbotton, Georgia	Acreage
Commercial	26.91
Public/ Institutional	46.13
Industrial	0
Mining/ Extraction	0
Residential	319.71
Multi-Family Residential	13.3
Rural Residential	1302.32
Transportation/ Communication/ Utilities	115.35
Parks/ Recreation/ Conservation	8.68
Undeveloped/Vacant	177.8
Total	2,010.20

Identified Needs and Opportunities

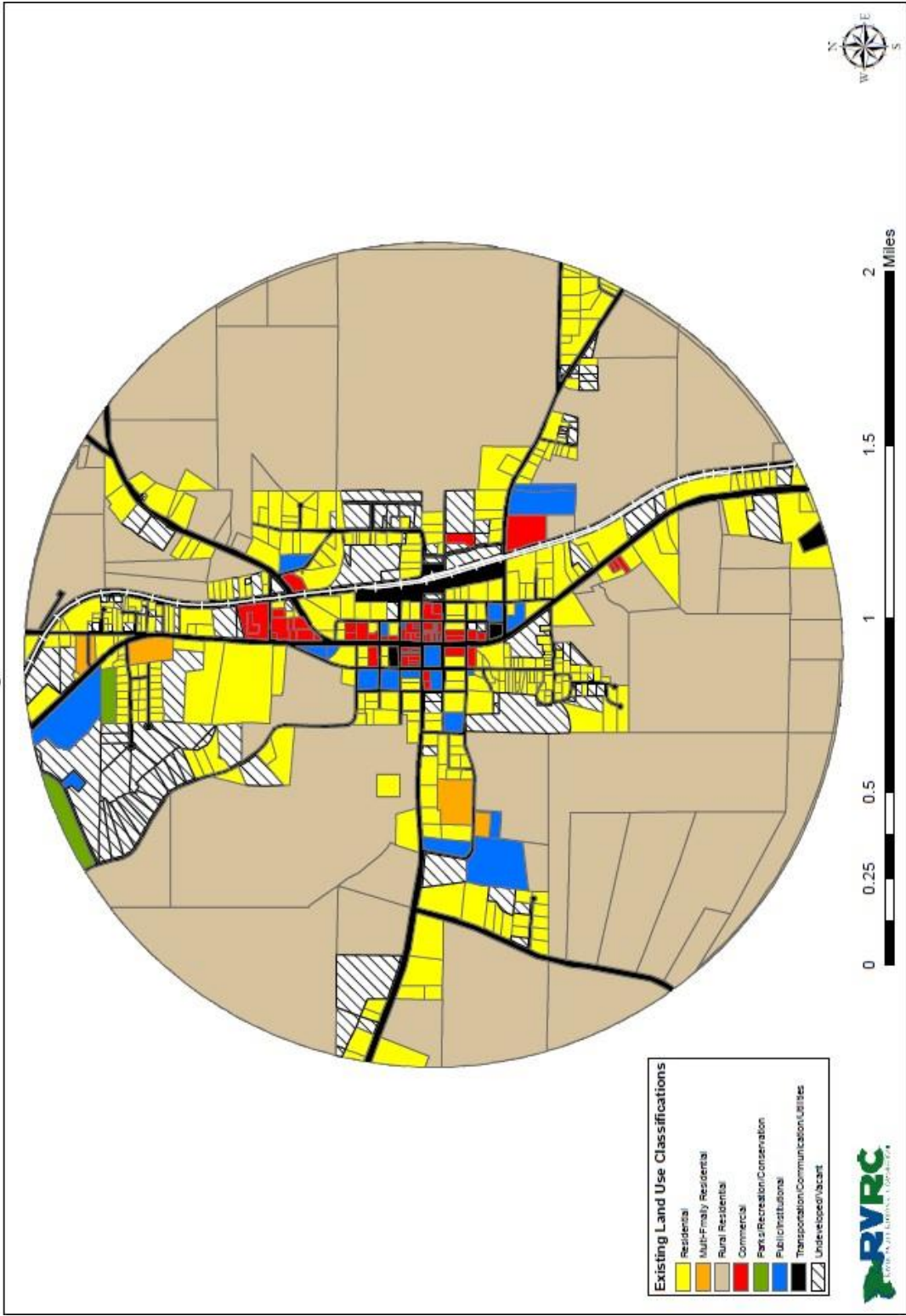
Needs:

- Aid to deteriorating areas in an effort to create opportunities for reinvestment and redevelopment in deteriorating areas.
- 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.
- With water and sewer Talbotton is in a good position to allow conservation/cluster subdivision development and thus add density.

Talbotton, Georgia Existing Land Use



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 Talbotton's infrastructure and public facilities caused by future development. Talbotton has the community facilities and infrastructure capacity to handle future needs.

This section will map and review proposed land use in Talbotton, 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.

Talbotton is located over an important groundwater recharge area. The area of thick soils is considered to have a medium risk of susceptibility to pollution. Talbotton, Talbot County and the Cities of Geneva and Junction City 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.

The Madison Series soil found in Talbotton is generally considered adequate for development.

Significant Cultural Resources

There are many cultural resources in Talbotton. These resources add to the quality of life for all Talbotton residents. 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.

Talbotton understands the significance of cultural resources and places high importance on conserving the area's history, tradition, and culture through preservation. The Talbotton City Council prioritizes the conservation of the area's history, tradition, and culture through preservation. 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.

Table 19: Future Land Use Definitions Table Talbotton

Future Land Use	Definition
Single-Family Residential	The objective of this category is to preserve land areas for single-family dwelling units 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.
Multi-Family Residential	The objective of this category is to promote and encourage duplexes and multi-dwelling unit structures in areas served by utilities, facilities and services necessary to result in efficient medium to high density residential development. Intensities of land development should be limited to avoid congestion of building and traffic and to provide adequate open space for a healthful environment.
Rural Residential	The objective of the rural residential land use category is to preserve land areas of large tracts for single-family residential living and accessory agricultural uses and to preserve the rural, open space character of certain areas.
Commercial	The objective of this district is to encourage unified groupings of commercial uses. This will include intensive commercial, financial, professional, government and cultural activities scaled to the pedestrian needs. It will also include clusters of retail and personal service outlets that provide for the daily needs and convenience of residents.
Industrial	This category is established to provide areas for the development of industrial and assembly plants and their related activities. It is the intent of this area that noise, odor, dust and glare associated with such uses permitted will be confined to minimize the effects upon adjacent development and uses. It is also the intent of this area that traffic generated by the uses including transportation of raw materials, finished products and employees be minimal while necessary facilities and routes be easily accessible.
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.

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

Talbot County and its cities have experienced population decline 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.

In Talbotton, development is most likely to occur in the existing downtown, along U.S. Hwy 80, and in the industrial park (See Appendix for Maps).

Areas with Significant In-fill Development Opportunities

These areas are portions of the city that are likely to experience infill development in the coming years. Within municipalities, infill development should 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 appropriate. 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).

In Talbotton, there are areas poised for potential development. First, the existing downtown has the potential to support new and expanding business. The industrial park, located on U.S. 80, is also in a good location to attract new businesses in the future.

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 include 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, utilize existing public infrastructure, and increase job opportunities and local tax revenues.



The City of Talbotton has one potential brownfield; an abandoned gas station, located at the intersection of U.S. 80 and Jackson Avenue.

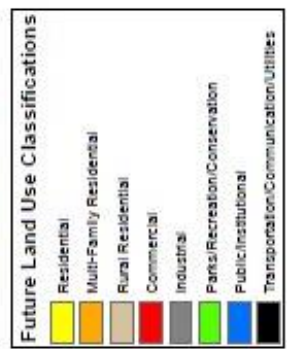
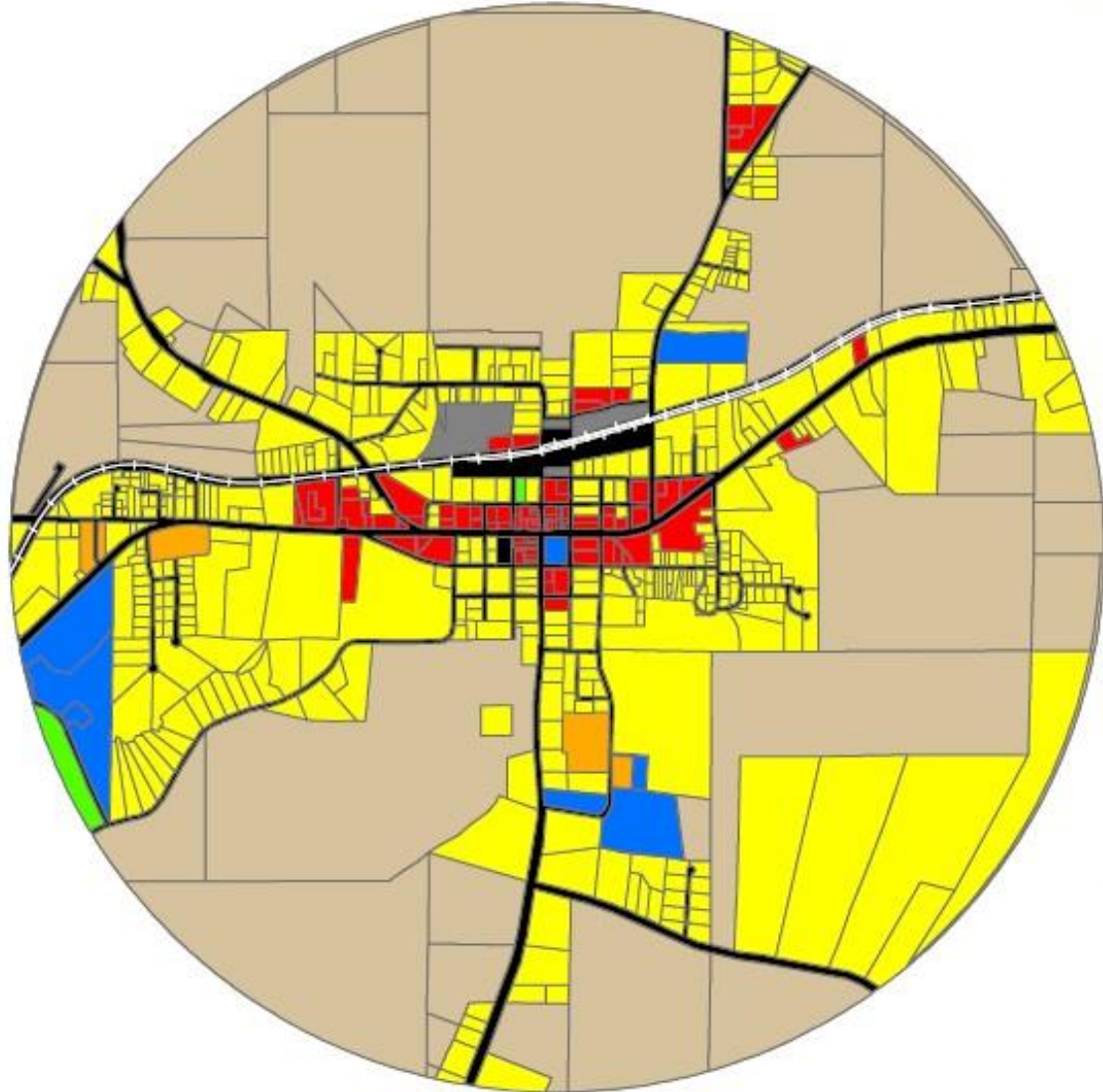
Areas of Disinvestment

All communities have areas of disinvestment or areas in need of improvement and Talbotton 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 Talbotton there are several areas that could benefit from growth. These are mostly residential areas that are characterized by manufactured or stick built homes in great need of rehabilitation. Overgrown vegetation and poor maintenance of the street and drainage conditions often exacerbate the perception of blight.

In the City of Talbotton there are several areas of disinvestment. The residential neighborhoods located off of North Washington Avenue and Dozier Street require particular attention. Because these areas are concentrated, the City would benefit greatly from clean-up and reinvestment efforts.

In addition to areas of physical 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, 39.3% of Talbotton'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 Talbotton and Talbot County.

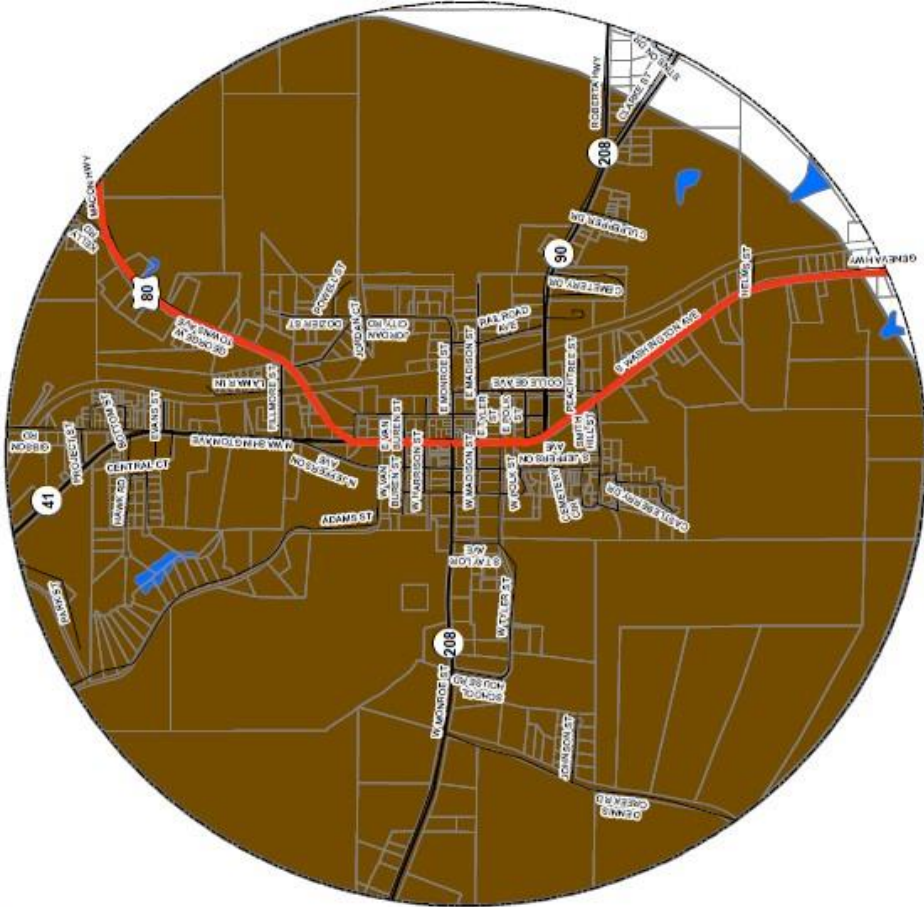
Talbotton, Georgia Future Land Use



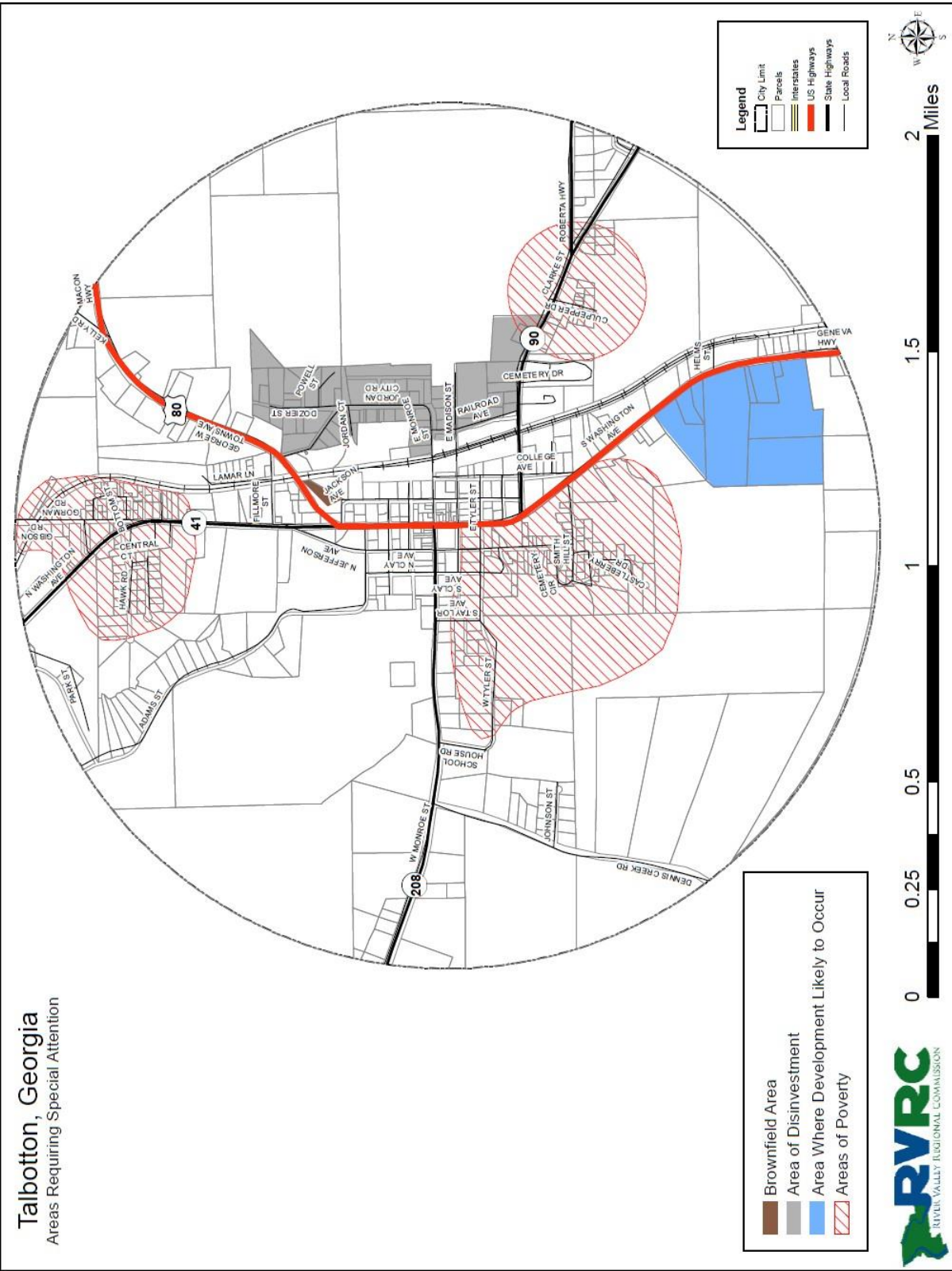
Talbotton, Georgia
 Natural Areas Requiring Special Attention

- Wetland Areas**
-  Open Water
- Groundwater Recharge**
-  Probable Areas of Thick Soils

*Entire City is in Lazer Creek Watershed area and outside any Floodplain areas.



Talbotton, 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

Talbotton Vision Statement

The vision for Talbotton is to be the heart of Talbot County. It will be a place where essential governmental and public services are offered and where economic opportunities are provided for its citizens. It will also be a place that preserves and promotes its natural resources, environment and unique historic character.

The dedicated leaders of the City of Talbotton shall provide its citizens a well-balanced community consisting of quality residential, commercial, institutional and recreational development with well-maintained, efficient utility infrastructure. There will be a diverse mix of housing types at a variety of affordability levels including single-family detached homes, single-family attached homes (duplexes and townhouses) and multi-family residences available for the citizens of Talbotton. A variety of commercial enterprises will also be available for shopping, dining, socializing and for providing employment opportunities. All development shall be connected, when feasible, by bike and pedestrian infrastructure and recreational areas will be readily available to everyone encouraging a healthy life-style for all citizens. This vision will be supported by the following planning goals:

- Maintain the desired character of the city through traditional neighborhood development, 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Preserve the city's historic and cultural resources 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 County and neighboring jurisdictions to complete projects, accomplish goals and promote fiscal responsibility that benefit the city, county and region.

Community Goals and Policies

Talbotton has adopted the following policies to provide ongoing guidance and direction to officials for making decisions consistent with achieving Talbotton’s Vision and addressing identified Needs and Opportunities. These policies will guide Talbotton in future development decisions. The framework for decisions to be made about the future development of Talbotton 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 Talbotton.

OBJECTIVE

Support and encourage the growth of existing business and industry in Talbotton.

POLICIES

- 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 Talbotton.

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 Talbotton policies and its resources to locate within the county.
- Partner 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 Talbotton.
- Encourage and support the creation of an Entrepreneur Program to develop additional locally owned businesses which are compatible with the resources of Talbotton are environmentally friendly and enhance the quality of life for Talbotton residents.
- Expand and support existing adult literacy programs available to Talbotton.
- Provide efficient transportation services to area jobs, technical colleges and universities.



Economic Development

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

OBJECTIVE

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

POLICIES (cont.)

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

OBJECTIVE

Develop and support training and educational programs to prepare the Talbotton 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 Talbotton (cont.).

OBJECTIVE

Increase tourism potential of Talbotton.

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 Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City and Woodland to develop a county-wide Tourism Plan.



Example: Mountain Bike Trail



Example: Family camping



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 Talbotton 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.

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.



Natural and Cultural Resources

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

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 historic preservation activities.
- Identify and protect historic properties.

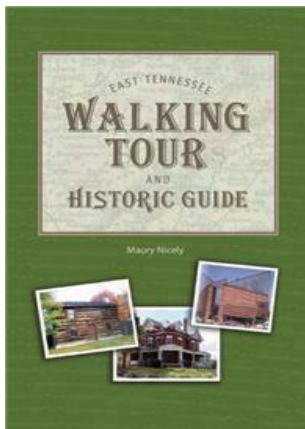
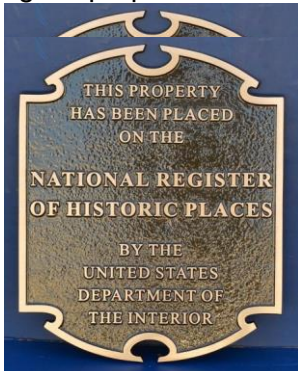
OBJECTIVE

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 of Historic Places.



Kids experiencing heritage education class.

Natural and Cultural Resources

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

OBJECTIVE

Identify historic resources and keep information current.

POLICIES

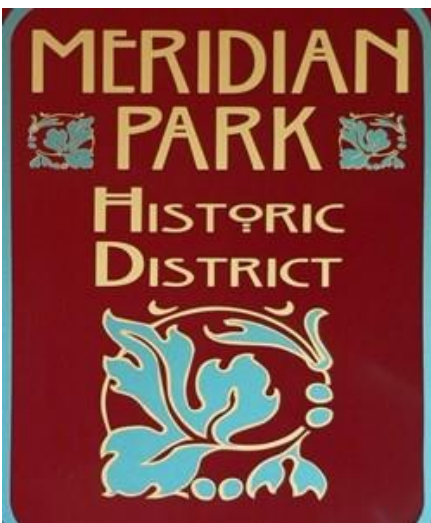
- Share information with state and regional agencies and organizations to ensure inclusion in planning activities..
- Nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Support retention of Regional Historic Planner Program.
- Consider designation of conservation districts.

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

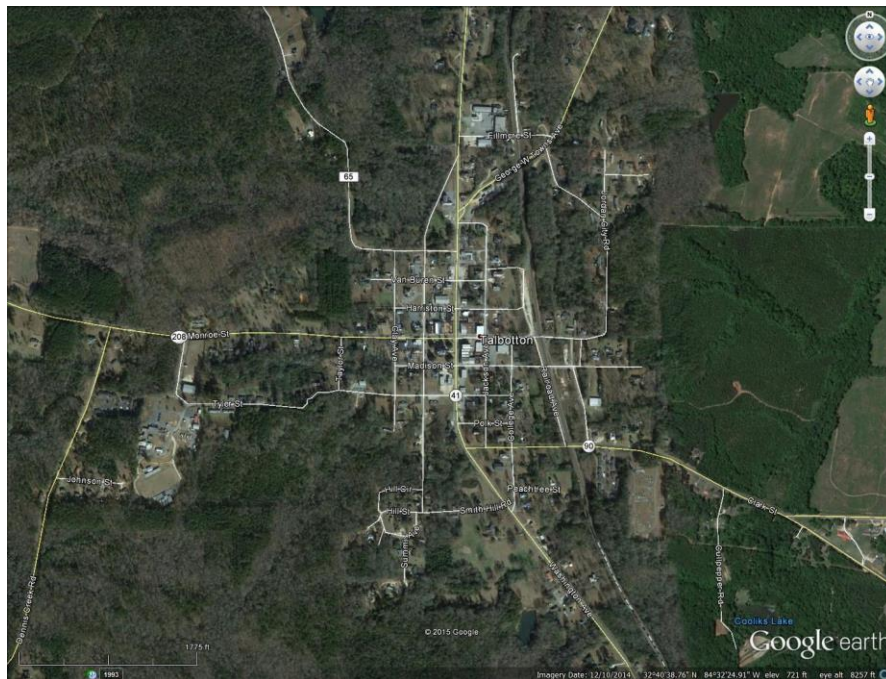
Goal: Maintain an efficient and reliable transportation system.

OBJECTIVE

Improve the street system to promote safe, efficient and well-maintained access to property in the city.

POLICIES

- Provide for the safe, efficient movement of people, goods and services in and around the City of Talbotton.
- Provide quality paved street access to all residents, businesses and industries in and around the city.
- Minimize conflicts between local and through traffic (especially 18-wheel trucks) using every available means.
- Plan for design and establish an appropriate landscaping system for public right-of-way citywide to reduce maintenance of street signs and power lines to create and maintain clear paths of vision and movement along all traffic arteries.
- Develop and enforce traffic sight distance and angle restriction requirements in the downtown area.



Aerial View of Talbotton

Community Facilities

Goal: Maintain an efficient, safe and reliable public water system.

OBJECTIVE

Provide a safe and environmentally sound water supply for the citizens of Talbotton.

POLICIES

- Maintain and improve the water system to increase efficiency and operational longevity.
- Encourage those water system extensions that would support or encourage new development in areas appropriate for such activities.
- Maintain water connection with the county water system in order to provide a reliable water supply.



Example of a water tower

Community Facilities

Goal: Maintain an efficient, safe and reliable public sewer system.

OBJECTIVE

Provide a safe and environmentally sound sewer system for the citizens of Talbotton.

POLICIES

- Coordinate with the county on expanding the sewer system outside the city limits of Talbotton.
- Maintain the existing oxidation ponds in a safe and sound manner.



Aerial View of Talbotton's Sewage Treatment Facility on Gorman Road.

Community Facilities

Goal: Provide for and maintain an efficient, reliable and environmentally sound solid waste collection and disposal program.

OBJECTIVE

Provide for an environmentally sound and reliable solid waste program.

POLICIES

- Continue to coordinate with Talbot County to follow the goals and objectives of the Talbot County Solid Waste Management 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: Provide essential public safety and emergency services to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Talbotton residents.

OBJECTIVE

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

POLICIES

- Coordinate with the Talbot County EMS to provide timely medical emergency services.
- Continue to support and maintain the volunteer fire department in Talbotton.
- Support and maintain the city police department.
- Implement a timely maintenance and replacement plan for all public safety equipment.



Talbotton Police Vehicle



Example of fire fighters at work

Community Facilities

Goal: Promote and conserve the cultural resources of Talbotton.

OBJECTIVE

Promote the community awareness of cultural resources in the city.

POLICIES

- Continue to encourage the topic of cultural resources to be discussed in area schools.
- Continue to promote the use of the Straus-Levert Hall as community meeting facility.



Straus-LeVert Hall Community Facility

Community Facilities

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

OBJECTIVE

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

POLICIES

- Maintain the existing city hall facility in good condition.
- Maintain the fire department in good condition.



Talbotton City Hall

Land Use

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

OBJECTIVE

Maintain and enhance the character of Talbotton 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.
- 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 Talbotton'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 city.



Code Enforcement Officer



Example: Residential Neighborhood



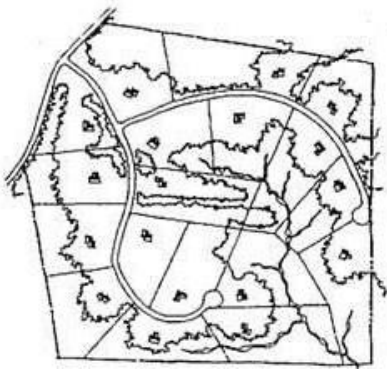
Neglected maintenance can lead to neighborhood blight

Land Use

Goal: Promote Talbotton 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 city as large lot residential or agricultural areas to maintain the rural character of the area.
- 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 Talbotton Subdivision Regulations to reflect the county's policy toward development and the design and the installation of utilities and other public facilities.
- Develop, adopt and enforce subdivision regulations to reflect the city's policy toward development and the design and the installation of utilities and other public facilities.
- Provide adequate land area for growth and development by implementing city policies and plans and constructing and maintaining public utilities and services.

Land Use

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

OBJECTIVE

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



POLICIES

- Create a repository for ordinances, such as a file for originals and a loose-leaf notebook for working copies.
- 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 Talbotton.
- 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 Talbotton, in accord with county policies and programs, to enhance mutual understanding and improve decision making.
- Continue to enforce building and housing codes within Talbotton.
- Fully and impartially enforce all applicable county codes and regulations throughout Talbotton.

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
Creating a capital improvements program to assess community facility project needs, cost and revenues.	Cancelled	City uses its normal budgeting process for addressing capital improvements.
Ensure that city staff has access to up-date technology and programs to allow effective communication between the city, its citizens and neighboring jurisdictions	Completed	
Construct a walking trail with lights	Cancelled	Trail exist but the lights are not considered feasible at this time
Upgrade the playground equipment at the City Park.	Underway	Complete in 2022
Make necessary improvements to the water and sewer systems.	Underway	Complete in 2024
Support monetarily through grants or general funds the training, equipping and operation of emergency services in Talbot 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.	Underway	Complete in 2021, with adoption of the Broadband access ordinance

Economic Development		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Provide updated images in the GA Camera Ready database.	Completed	
Disseminate information about educational opportunities related to business development provided by local and regional development organizations	Cancelled	Chamber of Commerce Function
Update driving/walking tour brochure of historic properties in the city	Underway	2025
Send one Talbotton representative to the Georgia Academy for Economic Development training.	Completed	

Housing		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Apply for affordable housing grants and housing redevelopment grants in to construct affordable quality housing.	Completed	

Land Use		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Identify contaminated properties (brownfield and greyfields). Develop land use plan and financial package for redevelopment.	Completed	No known brownfield or greyfield
Provide information to developers, land owners, and conservation groups regarding the importance of natural resources, green space, traditional neighborhood development and stream buffers	Underway	Complete in 2022
Continue to enforce zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations.	Completed	
Maintain an accurate land use map.	Underway	Complete in 2021
Review and update the zoning ordinance, building codes and other development regulations to create desirable development patterns and ensure compliance with state law.	Underway	Complete in 2024

Natural and Historic Resources		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Inventory historic resources in the city that need protection	Completed	
Develop local land conservation programs or work with state and national land programs to preserve environmentally important areas within Talbotton	Cancelled	Local and state environmental rules provide the city with a basic level of protection. Plus very little development has occurred in Talbotton over the last 30 years. Most new development is infill or the revitalization of existing structures.

Transportation		
Activity	Status	Explanation
		No projects Listed In Last Plan

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.	Postponed	Update is not due until October 31, 2027
Review and update the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.	Underway	Will complete in 2021. Currently making GEMA/FEMA corrections
Participate in the 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	

Talbotton Community Work Program 2021- 2026									
Community Facilities									
Activity	Time Frame						Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Upgrade the playground equipment at the City Park.		x					City of Talbotton	\$15,000	SPLOST
Make necessary improvements to the water and sewer systems				x			City of Talbotton RVRC	\$500,000	City Revenue CDBG USDA GEFA
City Hall needs remodeling						x	City of Talbotton	\$100,000	City Revenue
Get a generator for the High School and new gymnasium			x				City of Talbotton, Talbot County	\$50,000	City Revenue FEMA GEMA
Become a Broadband ready community 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						City of Talbotton Talbot County Board of Education Library System Service Providers	\$50,000	City Revenue GA Technology-Authority

Economic Development									
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Add a grocery store to Talbotton				x		City of Talbotton	\$500,000	City Funds DCA (RLF, RDF) Economic Development Grant	
Disseminate information about educational opportunities related to business development provided by local and regional development organizations.		x				City of Talbotton Chamber of Commerce Development Authority RVRC Valley Partnership	\$2,000	City Revenue EDA SBA	
Update driving/walking tour brochure of historic properties in the city.		x				City of Talbotton Chamber of Commerce RVRC	\$5,000	City Revenue DNR GDEcD	
Find space for an incubation 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	
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
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Housing								
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			
Apply again for affordable housing grants and housing redevelopment grants to construct affordable quality housing and eliminate blight					x	City of Talbotton RVRC	\$500,000	City Revenue CDBG USDA

Land Use								
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025			
Provide information to developers, landowners, and conservation groups regarding the importance of natural resources, green space, traditional neighborhood development and stream buffers.	X					City of Talbotton RVRC Chatt Fall Line Cons Partnership Nature Conservancy DNR	\$5,000	City Revenue Nature Conservancy DCA DNR
Finish updating the land use map	X					City of Talbotton RVRC	\$1,500	City Revenue
Review and update the zoning ordinance, building codes and other development regulations to create desirable development patterns and ensure compliance with state law.				X		City of Talbotton RVRC DCA	\$10,000	City Revenue

Natural and Historic Resources									
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Inventory historic resources in the city that need protection.				X		City of Talbotton RVRC DNR	\$15,000	City Revenue	

Transportation									
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Several Streets need repaving will do in phases		X				City of Talbotton	100,000	LMIG/City	
Gorman/Gibson Road Bridge needs replacing.						City of Talbotton	500,000	LMIG/City	

Intergovernmental									
Activity	Time Frame					Responsible Party/Partners	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025				
Begin Comprehensive Plan Update In 2025					X	City of Talbotton RVRC	\$0	DCA Contract	
Start SDS Update Process, due date 10/31/ 2027					X	Talbot County, RVRC	\$0	Talbot County and cities	
Update Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan					x	Talbot County, RVRC	20,000	Talbot County GEMA FEMA	

Appendix: ESRI Retail Market Potential Analysis



Retail Market Potential

Talbot County, GA 3
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 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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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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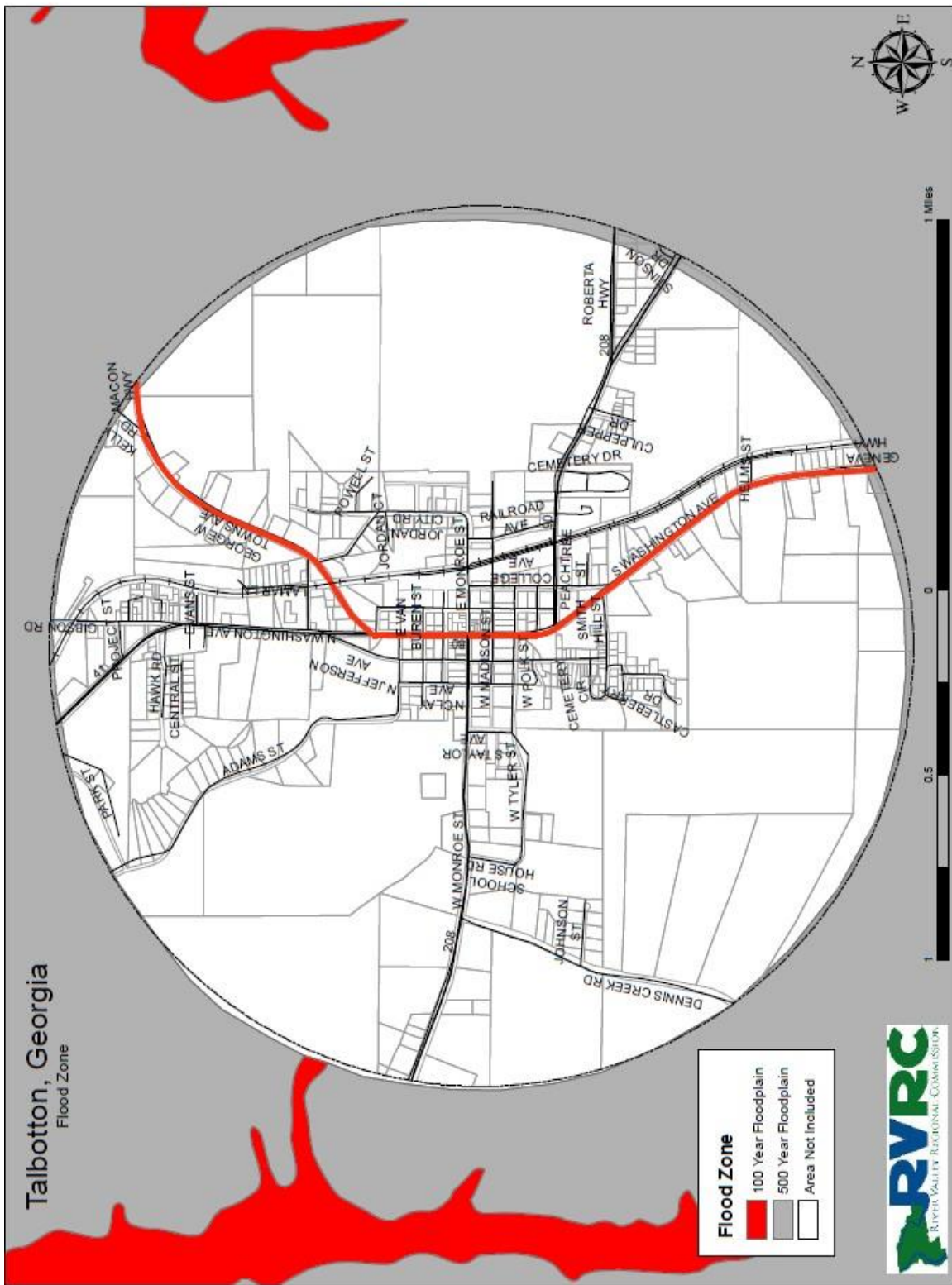
Product/Consumer Behavior	Expected Number of Adults or HHs	Percent of Adults/HHs	MPI
Restaurants (Adults)			
Went to family restaurant/steak house in last 6 months	4,062	66.7%	91
Went to family restaurant/steak house: 4+ times a month	1,582	26.0%	99
Went to fast food/drive-in restaurant in last 6 months	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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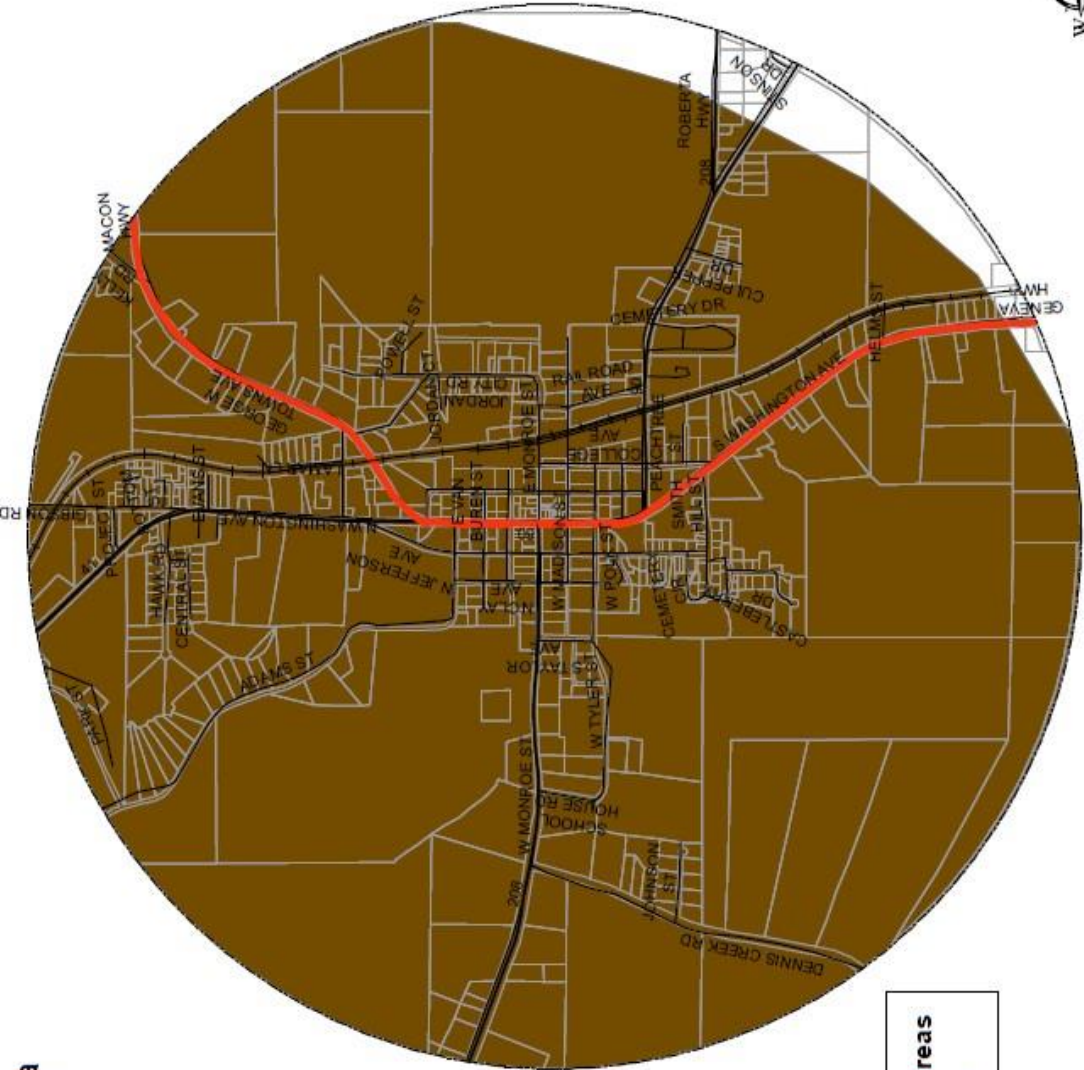
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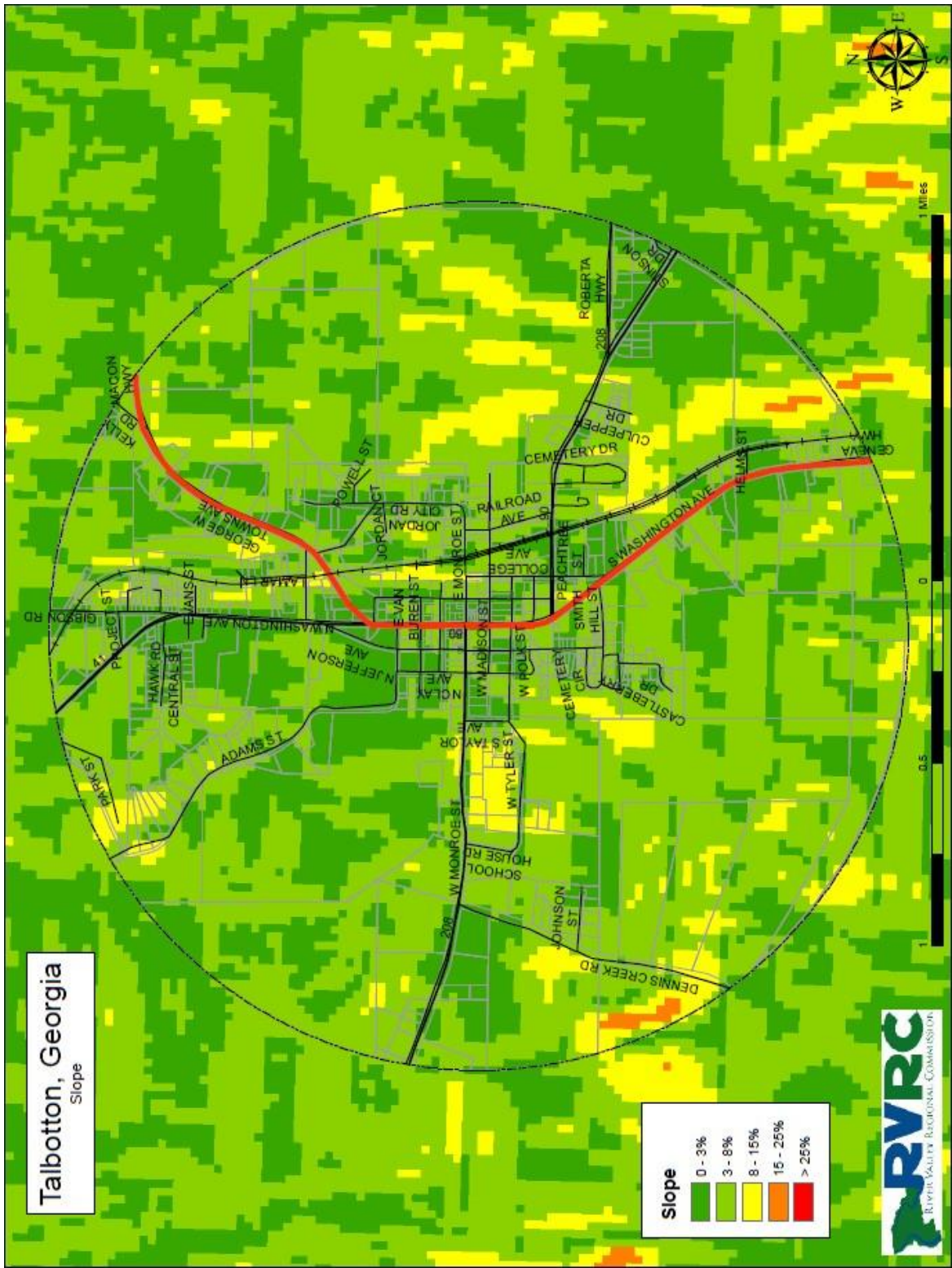


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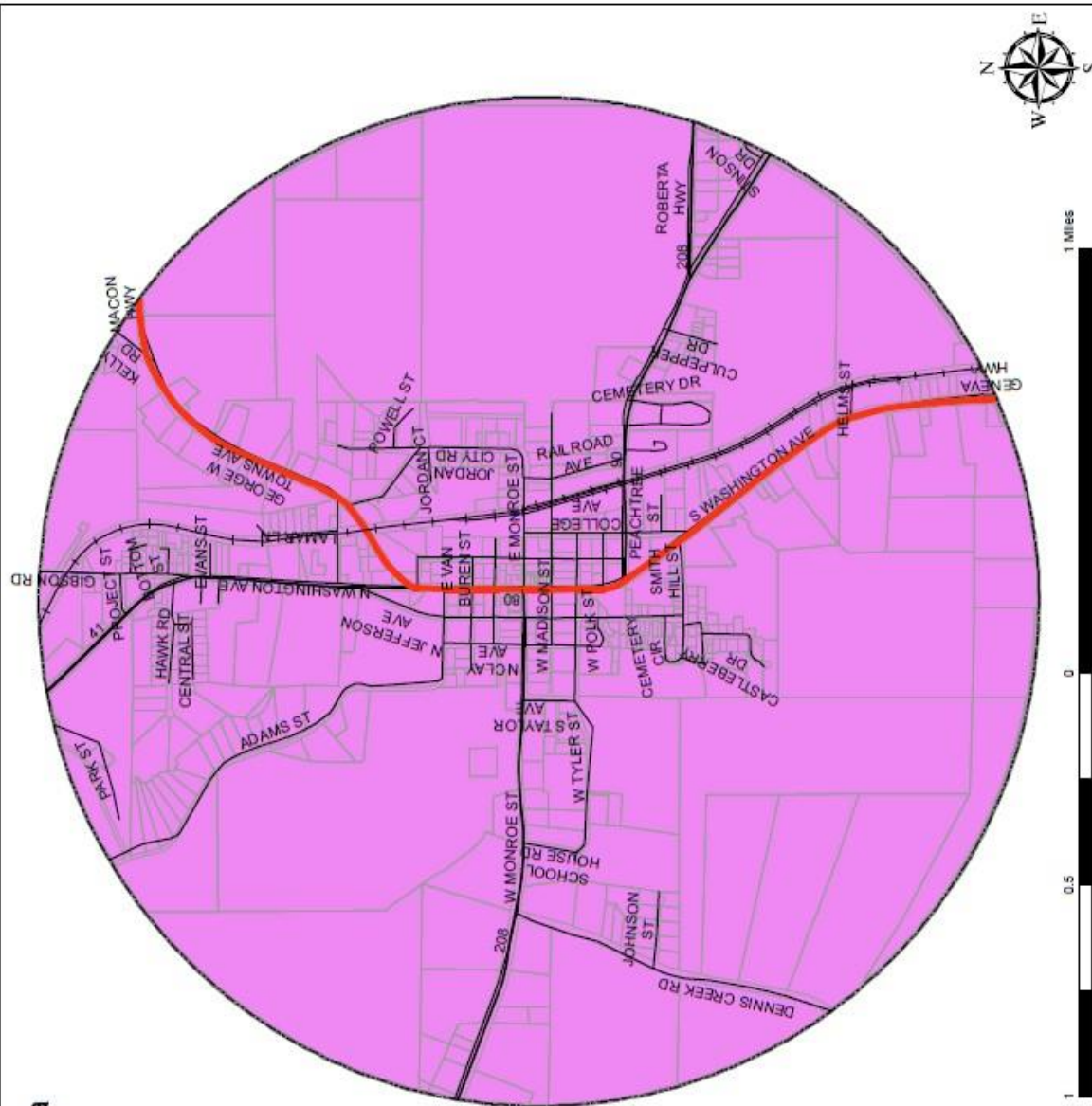


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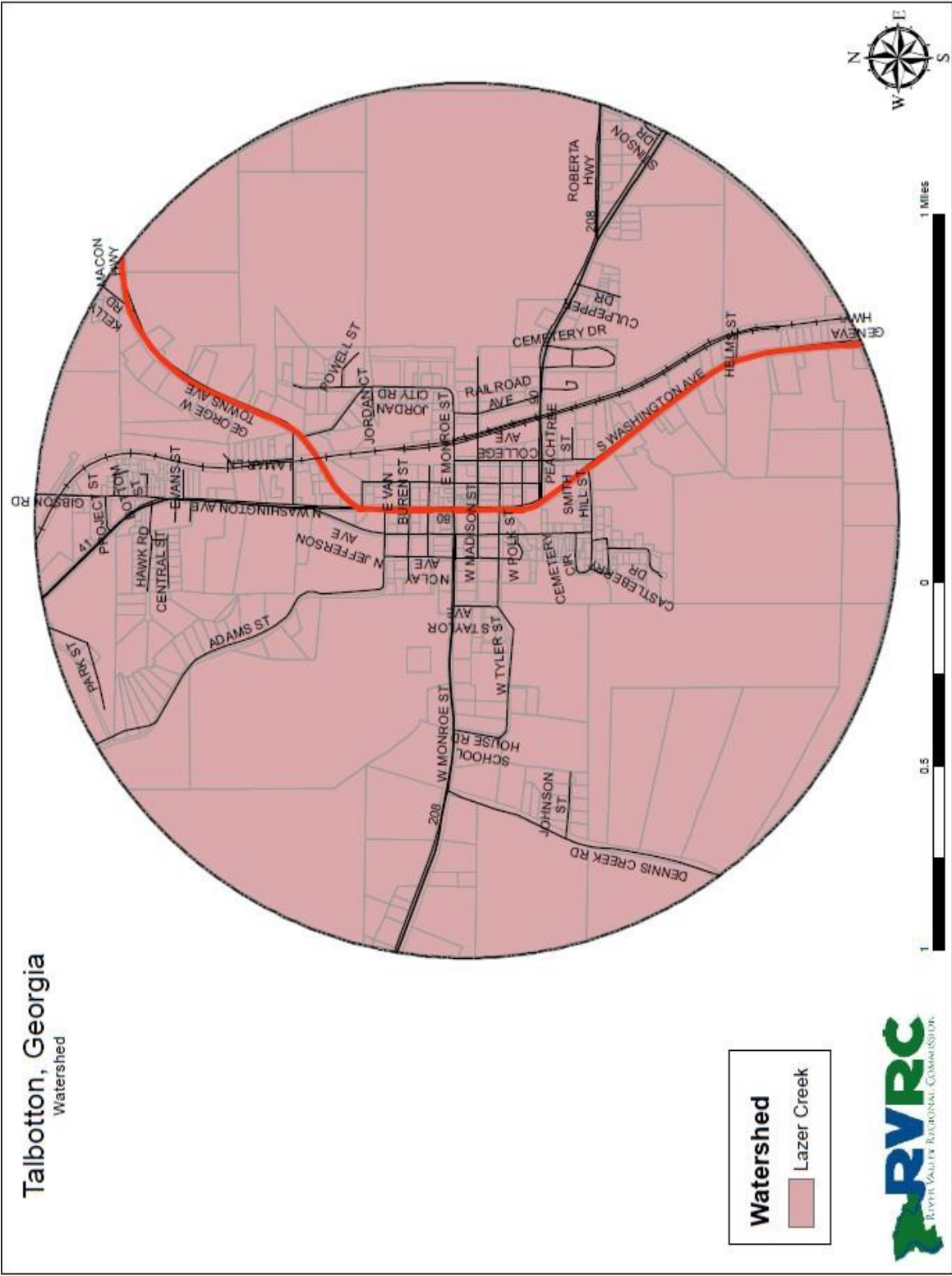
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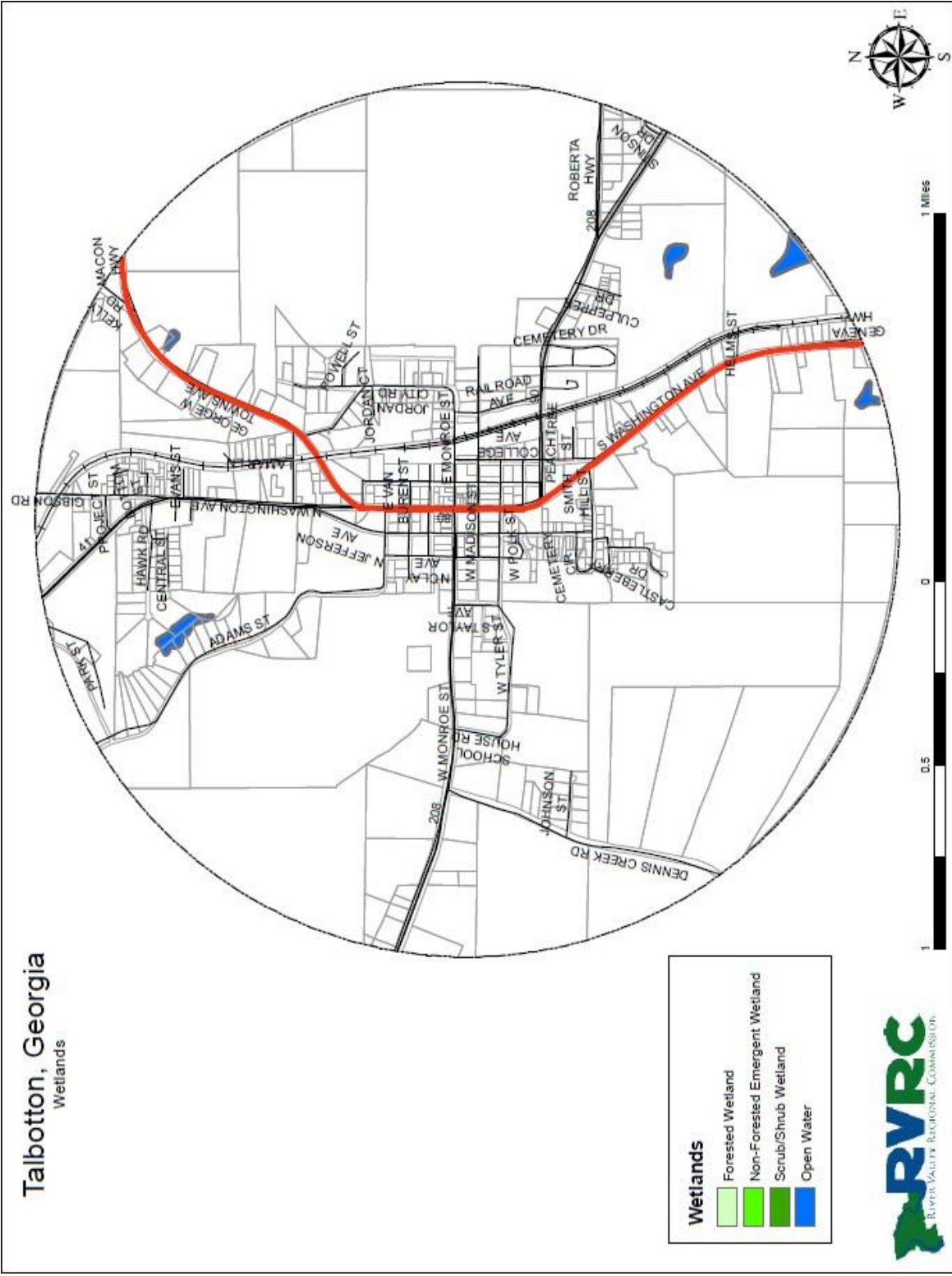


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Appendix: Leadership Team and Stakeholders

Name

Carol Ison
Tony Lamar
James Carter
Fred Burt
Nigelco Marshall
Johnnie Owens
Pam Jordon
Cynthia Powell

Title

Talbot County Manager
Talbotton Mayor, School Teacher
Woodland Mayor, School Teacher
Junction City Mayor, Business Owner
Geneva Mayor, Trucking/Warehousing
Geneva City Clerk, part-time
Citizen, Talbot County Chamber of Commerce
Citizen

Name	Community, Position
Leigh Ann Erenheim	Talbot, EMA
Russ Erenheim	Talbot, EMA
Tony Lamar	Talbotton, Mayor
Joe S. Johnson, Jr.	Talbot, Dev. Auth.
Raines Jordan	Talbot, BOC
Ben Brogdon	Talbot, Fire Chief
Pam Jordan	Talbot, Chamber
George Steuber	Ft. Benning
Knox Blackmar	Talbotton, City Council
Marjorie Howard	Talbot, Elect. Official
Thomas Whisnant	Geneva, Mayor
Vicky Weaver	Woodland, City Clerk
LuAnn Craighton	Chatt Fall Line Part.
Sandra Higginbotham	Talbot, County Mgr.
Carol Ison	Talbot, County Clerk
Joretha Ryles	Talbot, Planning Comm.
Barbara Jones	Junction City, City Council
Jennifer Findley	Talbotton, City Clerk
Dot Bass	Talbot Family Connections
Jennifer Rainey	Citizen
Kenneth Parker	Citizen
Tony Evans	Citizen
Anna Evans	Citizen
James Harris, Jr.	Citizen
Jim Friberg	Citizen
Larry Lee	Citizen
Lee Benefield	Citizen
Betty Jyockosky	Citizen
Linda Johnston	Citizen
Selena Johnes	Junction City, City Council
Pat Smith	Junction City, City Council
Johnnie Owens	Geneva, City Clerk
James Carter	Woodland, Mayor
Brenda Williams	Health Department
Charles Williamson	Citizen
Chris Williamson	Citizen
Sterling Williams	Citizen
Johnny Howard	Citizen
Willis Epps	Citizen
Paul Higginbotham	Talbot, Bldg Official
John Lamar	Talbotton, City Council
Sarah Lang	Valley Healthcare
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Public Meeting

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.

Talbot County, Geneva, Junction City, Talbotton and Woodland is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. Persons with special needs relating to handicapped accessibility or foreign language shall contact the Talbot County Manager. The phone number for the Talbot County Manager, Carol Is... is 706-365-3220. For more information about the public hearing, please contact Rick Mat... at the River Valley Regional Commission at 706-256-2910.

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PUBLIC MEETING

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

<u>Name & Title</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
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2. <u>Carol Ison</u>	<u>706-665-3220</u>	<u>cison@talbotcountyga.org</u>
3. <u>Pam Jordan</u>	<u>706-329-5931</u>	<u>pj456@aol.com</u>
4. <u>Tony O. Lamar</u>	<u>706-573-1917</u>	<u>tonylamar@yahoo.com</u>
5. <u>James Carter</u>	<u>706-674-2200</u>	<u>jcarter@talbot.k-12.com</u>
6. <u>Ined P. Burt (Mayor)</u>	<u>706-326-6497</u>	<u>FBURT@STEL.com</u>
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Talbot County Comprehensive Plan

The comprehensive plan is a vision for the future of Talbot County. The ultimate aim of the process is to develop a strong community, a resilient economy, a vibrant place to live, and a healthy environment. This updated plan for 2020 takes a snapshot of Talbot County today and charts a path into the next decade.



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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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Here you can read the latest updates on things like demographics, housing data, transportation, and more. We would love your feedback, comments, corrections and insights at the comment section below.

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 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	8,458	8,885	8,408	8,105	8.8% decrease

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Needs + Opportunities for Geneva

Geneva by Scott Berson on Scribd

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

Talbotton by Scott Benson on Scribd

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

Woodland by Scott Pearson on Scribd

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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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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Attached is a link to the Talbot County Comprehensive Plan. RVRC staff has updated all of the demographic data in the plan. The draft document can be accessed via the above link. Please review and comment. The attached web page allows you to make comments on the site. I also attached a PDF of the document just in case you have trouble accessing the link. Please send this information to anyone that you think might be interested. Also give me your thoughts on how to get the plan update process to as many people as possible. Given the Corona virus is still kicking I think it best that we

do all plan meetings virtually. Please give me your opinion on how to best conduct future meetings. All my contact information is below.

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To: swalker@aflac.com; Carol Ison; LEIGH ERENHEIM; russerenheim@msn.com; firecapt403@hotmail.com; mhoward.talbot@gmail.com; bass1951@gmail.com; pij456@aol.com; nigelco50@gmail.com; genevaga@aol.com; fburt@pstel.net; townjcity@pstel.net; Tony Lamar; cityoftalbotton@outlook.com; knox31827@charter.net; jcarterwoodland@gmail.com; cityofwoodland2014@gmail.com; lcraighton@TNC.org; jcatrett@talbot.k12.ga.us; cyeppps@talbot.k12.ga.us; Cc: Scott Berson; Scott DeClue
Subject: FW: Talbot County Comp Plan Update 2020
Attachments: Needs and Opportunities list for Talbot county and Cities 2015 Comp Plan.pdf

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Rick Morris

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
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cison@talbotcountyga.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
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Rick Morris

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Talbot-Cities-Comp-Plan>

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>
Subject: RE: Talbot County and Cities Comp Plan link

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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

706-665-8528

E-mail: cepps@talbot.k12.ga.us

Fax: 706-665-3620

From: Rick Morris [rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org]
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 12:01 PM
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Rick

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?

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> -----Original Message-----
> **From:** scanner@rivervalleyrc.org [mailto:scanner@rivervalleyrc.org]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2020 12:30 AM
> **To:** Rick Morris <rmorris@rivervalleyrc.org>
> **Subject:** Scanned image from River Valley Reg. Comm

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Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Tony Lamar; 'cityoftalbotton@outlook.com'
Subject: 2021 Comp Plan
Attachments: Talbotton ROA and CWP.pdf

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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 Chattahooc Water Plan.docx; Part Five Environmental 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.

Rick

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-chattahoochee-water-planning-region>

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Rick Morris

From: Rick Morris
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Carol Ison
Subject: Survey Results
Attachments: Talbot Survey Data_All_201216.pdf

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Survey Results

Rick

Rick Morris

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>
Subject: Talbot broadband draft

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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

Rick Morris

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

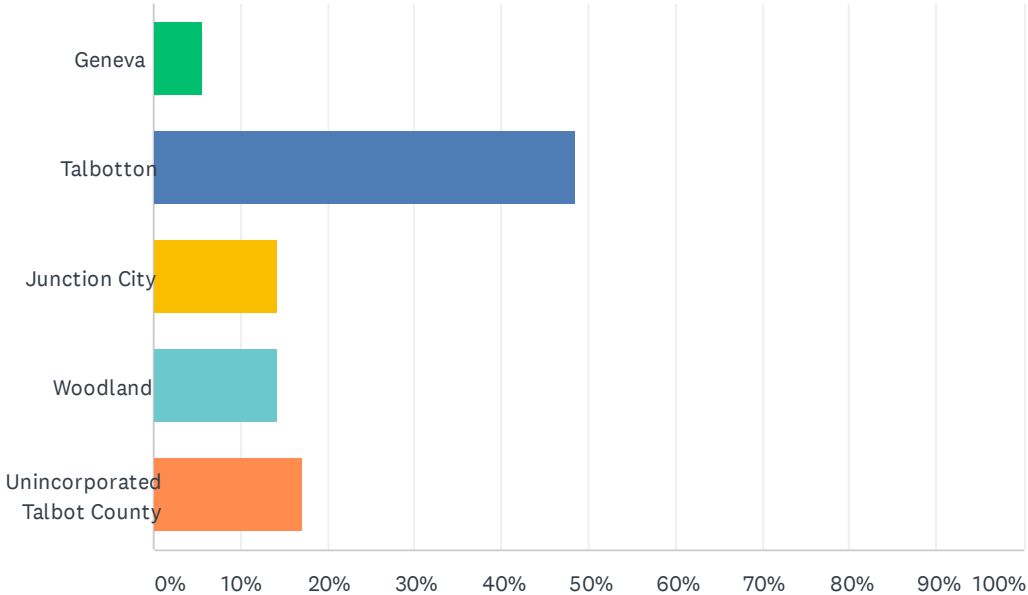
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Q1 Please choose the Talbot County community where you live.

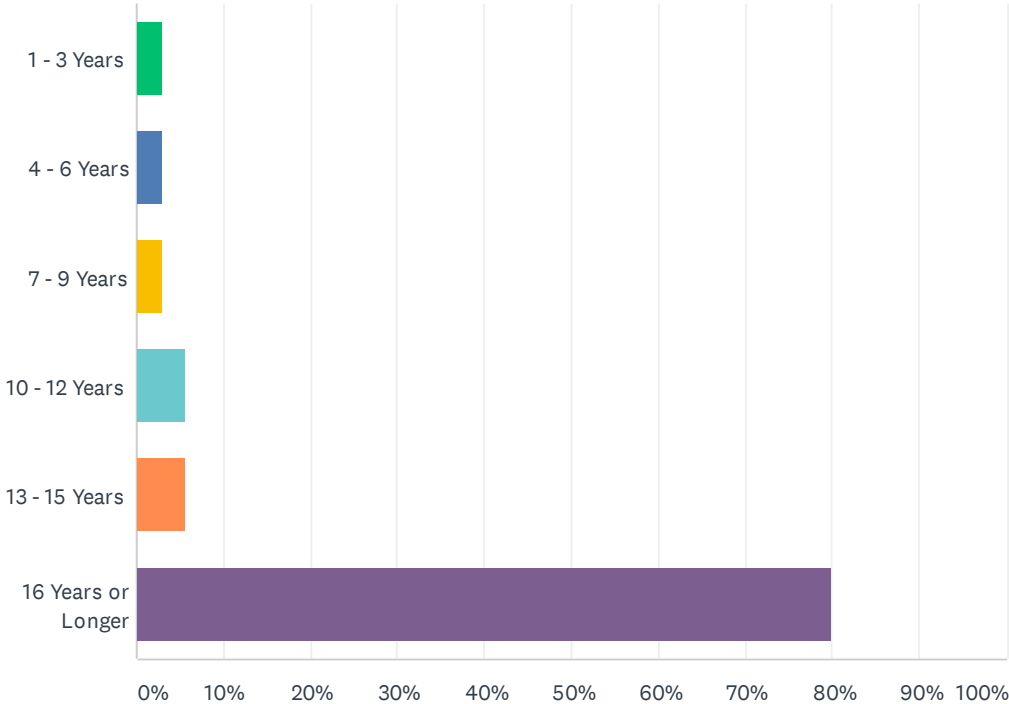
Answered: 35 Skipped: 0



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?

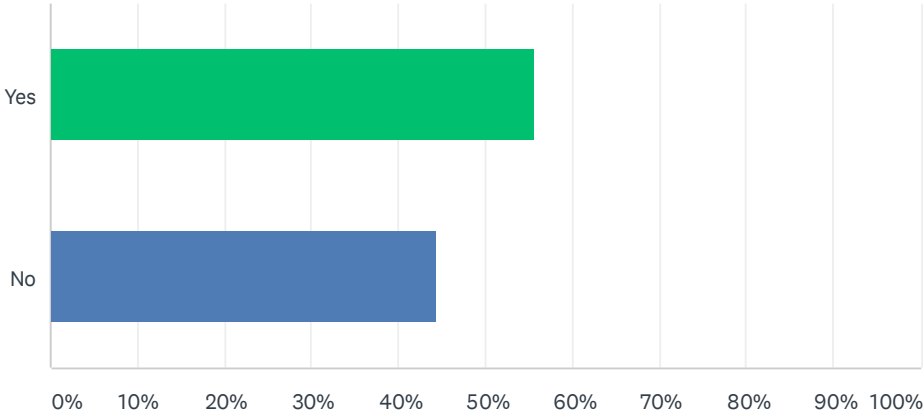
Answered: 27 Skipped: 8

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

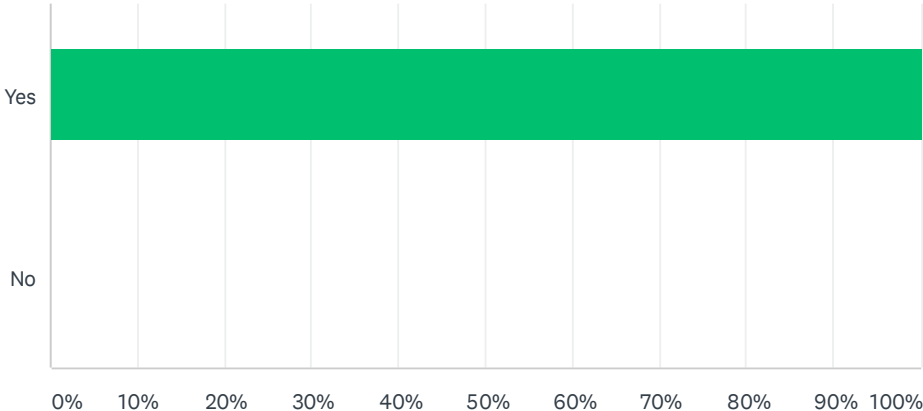
Q9 The most important problems facing my community are:

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

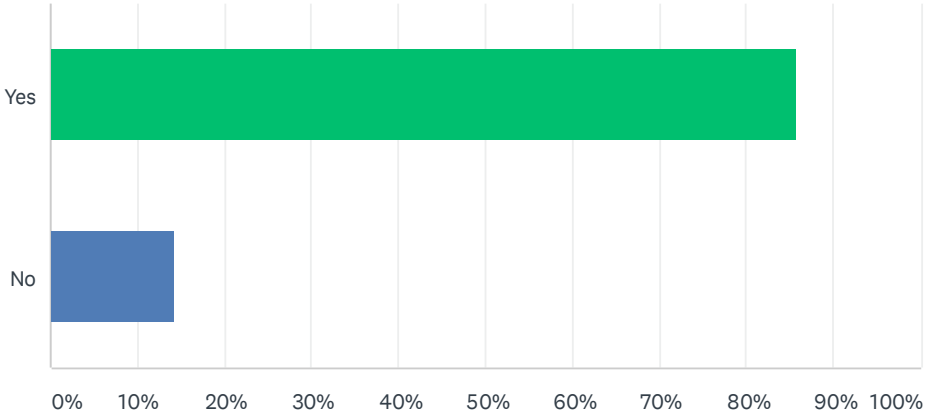
Q12 What things in your community should stay as they are? Please explain why.

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

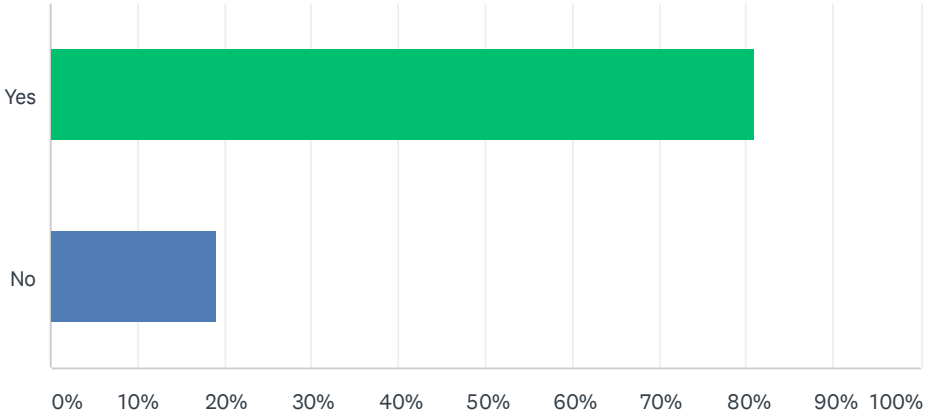
Q14 If you answered yes, please list the most important areas that you would change in your community.

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

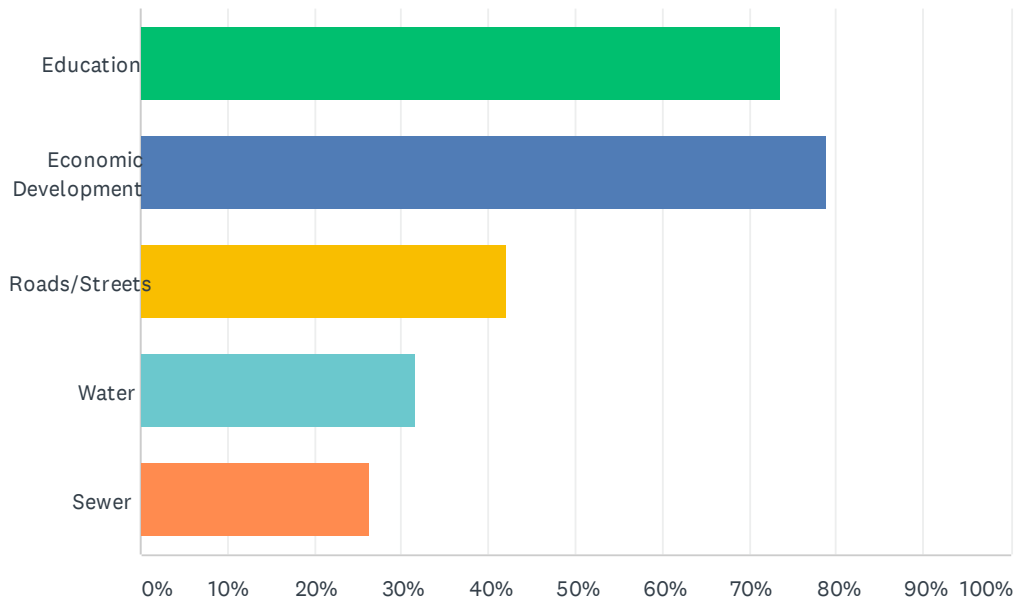
Q16 How could your neighborhood park or recreation center be improved?

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?

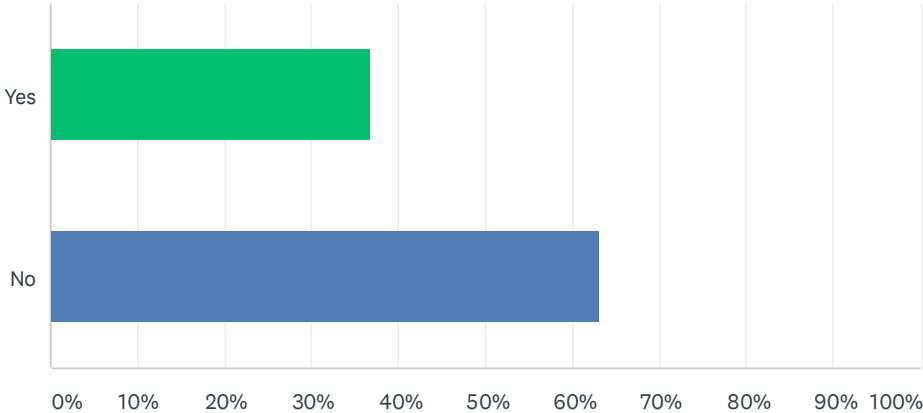
Answered: 19 Skipped: 16



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

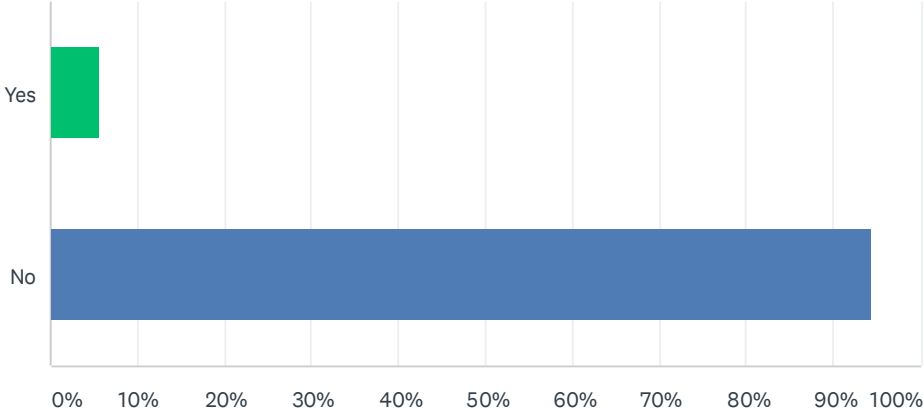
Q20 How would you like the county and cities to look in the next 30 years?

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

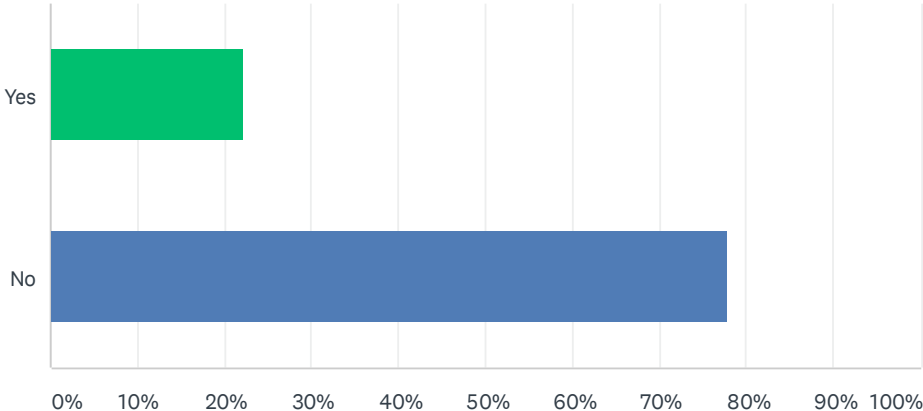
Q22 If no, why and when would you consider using it?

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

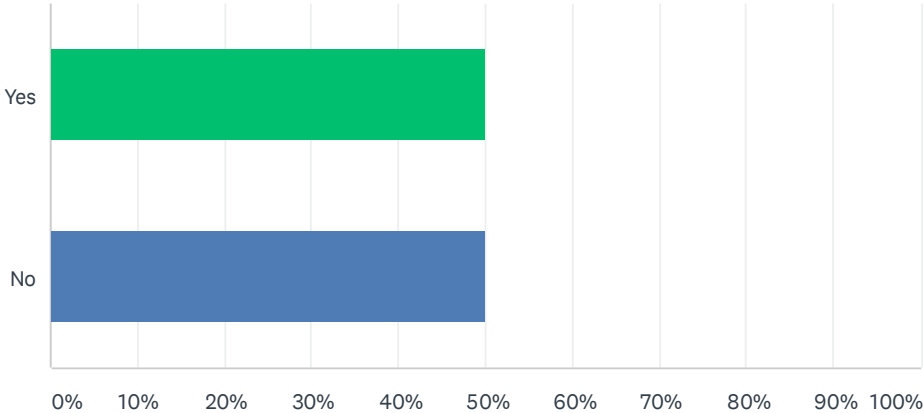
Q24 If not, please list the most important changes you would make to the downtowns?

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