



Press Release

Augusta Planning and Development Department Announces the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update

The Augusta Planning and Development Department, on behalf of the Augusta Planning Commission, initiated the 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update for Augusta-Richmond County on Monday, March 5, 2018. The Planning and Development staff began an eight-month comprehensive planning process that will cover Richmond County, Hephzibah and Blythe. The current Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2008 and focused on growth and land development through 2030. This 2035 Comprehensive Plan Update will set a vision and goals for growth and land development that will serve as a holistic blueprint to guide how and where growth will occur through 2035.

The plan will answer the following questions:

1. Where are we now?
2. What is the vision and goals for the future?
3. How do we achieve the vision and goals?

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs requires local governments to update their comprehensive plans every five years.

The 2018 Planning Schedule updates are as follows:

Planning Topic	Planning Objective
Kick-off meeting and project initiation with Planning Commission March – April 2018	Begin with Kick-off meeting and project initiation with Planning Commission. Present Planning Process
Discovery & Review Existing Conditions; Public Meeting - Tentative 4 th week in April 2018 and 1 st week of May 2018	Define Vision and Goals Workshop and community collaboration listening sessions
Develop Draft Comp Plan and recommendations: July 2018	Discuss what we have learned and collaborate on planning principles, strategies and recommendations.
Public Meetings: July – August 2018	Review Draft Comp Plan
Planning Commission Adopt and Recommend Draft Final Plan for review by	Review Draft Final Comp Plan and recommendations

Planning Topic	Planning Objective
Augusta-Richmond County Commission Public Hearing: August 2018	
Augusta Richmond County Commission Review for Submittal to Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs and Central Savannah River Area RC September 2018	Review final plan and approve resolution to submit plan to CSRA-RC and GA DCA review.
Submit Final Comprehensive Plan to Augusta-Richmond County Commission for Adoption: October 9, 2018	Publish Final 2035 Comprehensive Plan Develop Marketing Strategy for Future Development

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