



# AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

## PLAN PROCESS UPDATE

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The Community Assessment and Community Participation Program components of the Augusta-Richmond County Comprehensive Plan were submitted to the CSRA Regional Development Center (RDC) in March. The RDC has verified the completeness of these documents and forwarded them to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review. The RDC will give other interested parties, including adjacent units of local government, an opportunity to review and provide comments on the two documents. Following receipt of any findings and recommendations from the RDC and DCA, additional public meetings will be scheduled to begin developing the Community Agenda component of the plan.

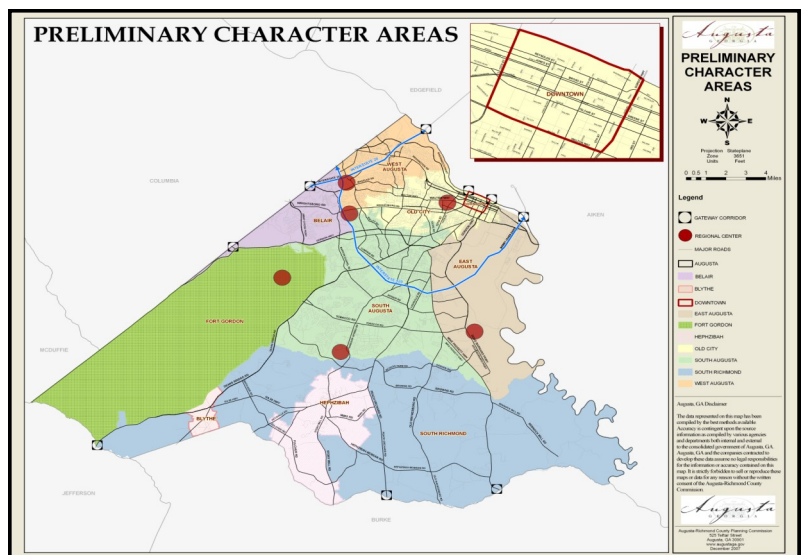
## PRELIMINARY CHARACTER AREAS IDENTIFIED

The Community Assessment identifies the following geographic areas within Augusta-Richmond County as character areas:

- Downtown
- Old Augusta Neighborhoods
- East Augusta
- South Augusta
- West Augusta
- Belair
- South Richmond
- Fort Gordon

These character areas were delineated based on a review of such characteristics as the mix of land uses, street design and layout, accessibility, building sizes and styles, the intensity of development and the way land uses interact with one another. Each of the character areas includes natural and / or cultural resources that are sensitive to development. Each character area requires special attention due to unique development pressures, the need for revitalization and / or the potential for influencing the character and location of future development.

The character areas will serve as planning sub-areas within the city. Based on additional public input, the Community Agenda



will include policies, strategies, projects, incentives, and / or regulations applicable to each of the character areas. The purpose of these actions will be to preserve, improve, or otherwise influence future development patterns in a manner consistent with the city's vision. This is a preliminary list of recommended character areas, and is subject to change based on input provided during the development of the Community Agenda.

Contact the Planning Commission for additional information or to provide comments about the preliminary character areas.

# THE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT



## PROJECT WEBSITE UPDATED

The project website has been updated to include the Community Assessment and Community Participation Program components of the Comprehensive Plan. Log on to the address below to view these documents and related information, or contact the Planning Commission for hard copies. Contact the Planning Commission with any comments or questions.

[http://www.augustaga.gov/departments/planning\\_zoning/comp\\_plan\\_update.asp](http://www.augustaga.gov/departments/planning_zoning/comp_plan_update.asp)

## ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

The first chapter of the Community Assessment includes the preliminary issues and opportunities identified thus far in the plan update process.

Issues and opportunities are grouped under the following categories:

- Population and Households,
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Community Facilities and Services
- Cultural Resources
- Natural Resources and Greenspace
- Land Use.

The issues and opportunities are a result of comments made during public meetings, written surveys completed by the general public and other stakeholders, the analysis of existing development patterns, demographic data and other information about the city.

The list of issues and opportunities is preliminary and additional input from the public is encouraged.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Your input is vital to the update of the Comprehensive Plan. You can become or stay involved in several ways:

- **Attend a Public Meeting or Hearing**
- **Complete a Survey**
- **Provide Feedback on Plan Documents**
- **Visit the project website**
- **Contact the Planning Commission**

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- **April / May** – RDC and DCA review of Community Assessment and Community Participation Program
- **May / June** – Hold second round of public meetings
- **June / July**—Prepare draft Community Agenda