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GMP 2025 *Update*

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE COLUMBIA COUNTY GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE 2025

Community Workshops

The public is invited to attend the Community Workshops for the Growth Management Plan Update 2025. The workshops will be held at three different locations around the county. Everyone is invited to attend each Workshop.

The Harlem Community Workshop will be Thursday June 23rd at 6 PM at Harlem High School on 1170 Appling-Harlem Highway.

The Appling-Leah Community Workshop will be Thursday, June 23rd at 6 PM at the Board of Education building on 6430 Pollards Pond Road.

The Evans-Martinez Community Workshop will be Tuesday June 28th at 6 PM at the Evans Government Center on 630 Ronald Reagan Drive.

Attendees will see how Columbia County has grown in the last 20 years and where we expect to be in the next 20 years.

Issues and Opportunities for the entire county will also be addressed. Appointed members of the Growth Management Plan Steering Committee will be present to listen to all questions and concerns about growth for Columbia County.

Take this opportunity to mold the future of Columbia County! See where we've come from and where we're going.



Timeline for Planning

This update to the Growth Management Plan is part of the mandated comprehensive planning process for all governments in the state of Georgia. Information gathered from the Community Workshops will be included in the Community Assessment Plan required by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

The final plan will be presented to the public during an Open House in the fall. Afterwards, the Board of Commissioners must transmit the plan to the DCA and adopt it by February 2006



Public Participation

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Public participation is the key component of any comprehensive planning process. The Growth Management Plan Update 2025 strives to gather public input using some of the following methods:

30-Person Steering Committee This group represents many different voices from the community including neighborhood associations, the banking industry, the Board of Education, the Development Authority and many more. They meet once a month with county staff and the consultant.

Public Hearings At least two public hearings are required by state law. The first public hearing was held in January as a kick-off for the planning process. The second public hearing will be in the fall as an Open House.

Community Workshops Three Community Workshops will be held at various locations around the county. See the top article for information on these workshops.

Website You can visit the county website at any time of the day. View agendas and minutes for the Steering Committee meetings. Presentations and draft documents are also available online for viewing.

Comment Cards Comment cards are available for written input at all Public Hearings, Community Workshops, Open Houses and Steering Committee meetings. County staff can be contacted at 706-312-7166.

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Get Involved!

How do you want to see Columbia County grow? What opportunities exist in your neighborhood?

Get involved and share your knowledge of the county to guide our future.



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