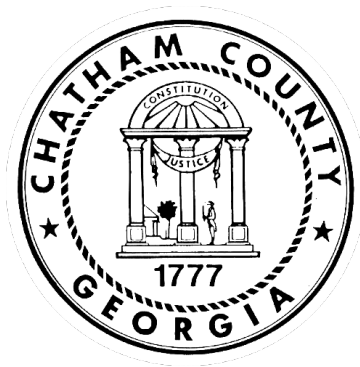




# PLAN 2040

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE





**And the Answer is...**

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A **Comprehensive Plan** presents a **vision for the future**, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect the local government such as Transportation, Landuse, Historic Preservation and Natural Resources.

Most plans are written to provide direction for future activities over a 10-to 20 year period after plan adoption. However, plans should receive a review and possible update every five years.



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# WHAT *IS* A COMP PLAN?

- Comprehensive Plan process overseen by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).
- Each local government must prepare, adopt, maintain, and implement an approved comprehensive plan as specified in the State of Georgia's standards to maintain "Qualified Local Government" (QLG) status.
- QLG status allows access to financial resources to aid in implementing their plans (ex. CDBG, GEFA, water/sewer loans, OneGeorgia Authority funds, etc.).
- The "Comp Plan" is intended to be a guide for the community's future.



# HIERARCHY OF POLICY DIRECTION IN A COMP PLAN

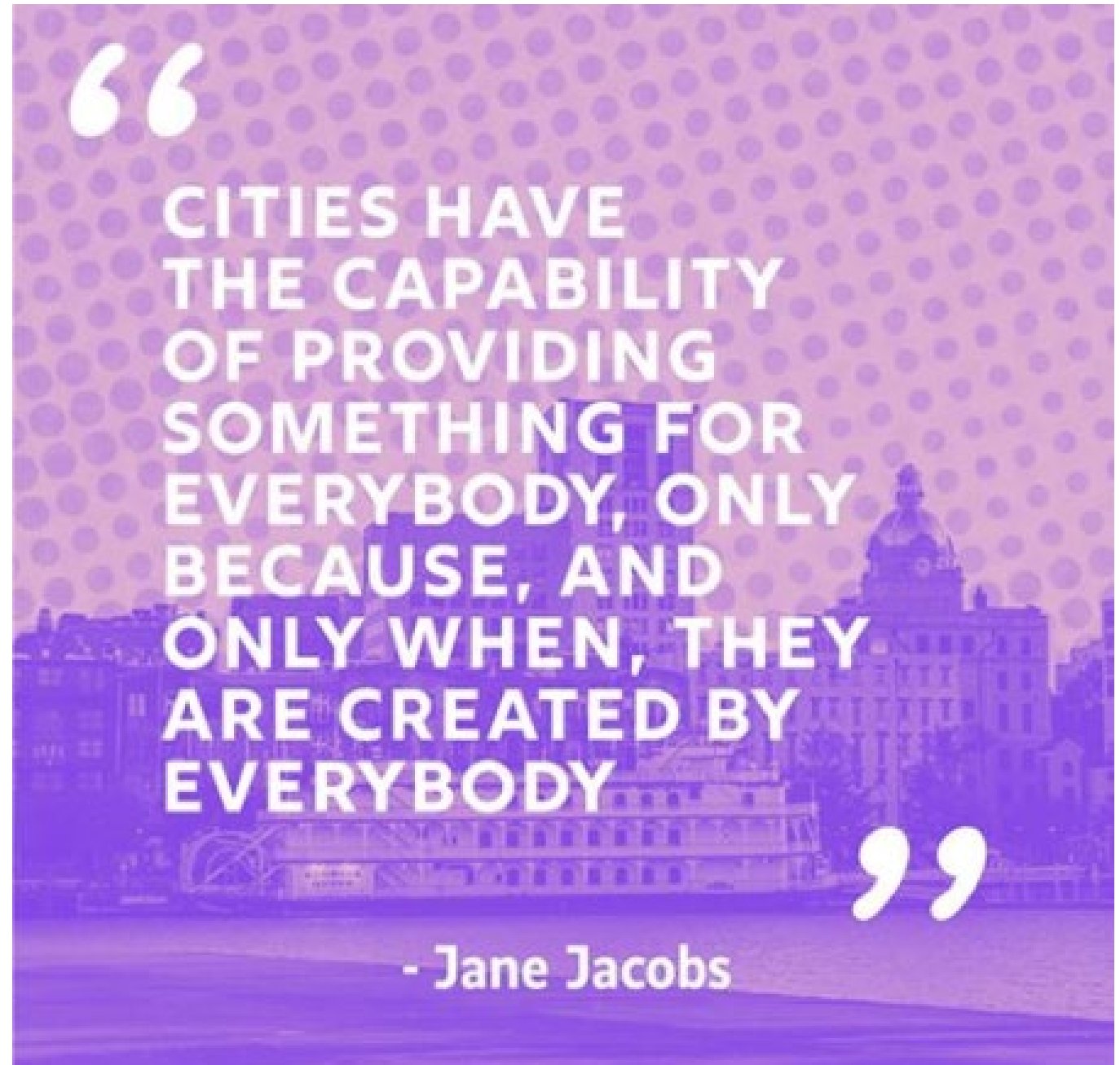
Goals, Objectives, and Policies are the typical framework for the overall policy direction established in the Plan

- **“Goals”** are general overarching, broad statements describing the direction that a community wants to go.
- **“Objectives”** are statements describing how those goals should be reached and are measurable and achievable.
- **“Strategies”** are statements of specific actions that should be taken, identifying the responsible party/parties, the time frame within which the action should occur, and other details for implementation to occur.





- Since the 1980's, the MPC has overseen the update and submittal of comprehensive plans.
- Last full update of the Comp Plan was done in 2016 with a partial update before that in 2008.
- The MPC also updates the City of Savannah and Unincorporated Chatham County's Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, we have contracted with Garden City and Pooler to update their Comp Plans as well.



- The Comp Plan's vision, goals and strategies is developed through a very public process of involving community leaders, stakeholders, and residents in making key decisions about the future of the community.
- The Comp Plan's Goals and Strategies consider other major plans, studies and reports when being developed.
- Intended to be a resource to track implementation of community-based policies as well as create an environment of predictability for local government, business and the general public.

**SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO LOOK  
BACK TO MOVE FORWARD...**

### **THE COMP PLAN 2016 UPDATE**

*Did you know that our last  
comprehensive plan update  
was completed in 2016?  
Check blo for link...*

Check out our previous plan  
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- The Comprehensive Plan must include the required plan elements specified in the “Required for” column to the right.
- However, the MPC goes beyond these minimum required elements and enriches the Comprehensive Plan with other elements to ensure the document is fully applicable to our community.

Plan Element	Required For
Community Goals	All Local Governments
Needs and Opportunities	All Local Governments
Community Work Program / Short Term Work Program	All Local Governments
Economic Development *(Chatham is a Tier 3)	Communities in Georgia Job Tax Credit Tier 1
Land Use Element	Communities with Zoning
Transportation Element	If included in a Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)
Housing Element	HUD CDGB Entitlement Communities (Metropolitan Areas (MAs) or other cities within MAs that have populations of at least 50,000 and meet other criteria)

# ELEMENTS OF *PLAN2040*

- 1) Executive Summary
- 2) Community Profile
- 3) Community Vision and Goals
- 4) Economic Development
- 5) Land Use
- 6) Transportation
- 7) Housing
- 8) Natural Resources
  - a) Resiliency
  - b) Sea Level Rise
- 9) Quality of Life
  - a) Community Health
  - b) Education
  - c) Public Safety
  - d) Broadband
  - e) Historic & Cultural Resources
- 10) Community Strategic Plan & Work Program (STWP)
- 11) Community Participation Program
- 12) Service Delivery Strategy (Current)



# TIMELINE

- The 2021 update must allow for community feedback and be approved and adopted by all City Councils/County Commission.
- Lastly, the plan must be approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs by October 31, 2021.
- Kickoff is set for October 2020!

## PLAN 2040

### TIMELINE

The following is a timeline for Plan 2040 — The Chatham County - Savannah Comprehensive Plan.

#### 2020

March 2020 — March 2021	MPC internal review of document and data
September	Public Meeting for MPC to give background on Comprehensive Plan history and update process
September	Public Meeting for CORE MPO to give background on Comprehensive Plan history and update process
October	Public Meeting for County to give background on Comprehensive Plan history and update process
October	Public meeting for Savannah City Council to give background on Comprehensive Plan history and update process
Late October	Comprehensive Plan Update Kickoff
November 2020 - February 2021	Plan Element Subcommittee Meetings (5-6 Meetings)
November 2020 - February 2021	Community outreach to gain public input, comments, and feedback

#### 2021

April — May	Community outreach to present final draft and maps for public comment
July	MPC Meeting to present final draft for comment (DCA requires 2 public hearings)
July	Present final draft to Savannah City Council
July	Present final draft to Chatham County Commission
August (45 Days)	Forward to DCA and Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) for review and comment
September	Make any changes to Comprehensive Plan as required by DCA and CRC
September	Present to Savannah City Council for Final approval
September	Present to Chatham County Commission for Final approval
October 31st	State deadline for adoption



# COMING SOON

## A Community Survey!

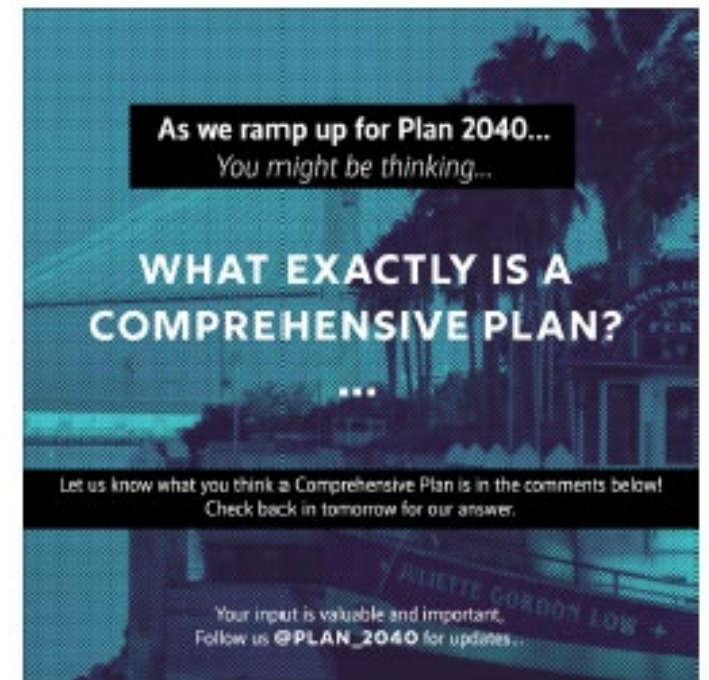
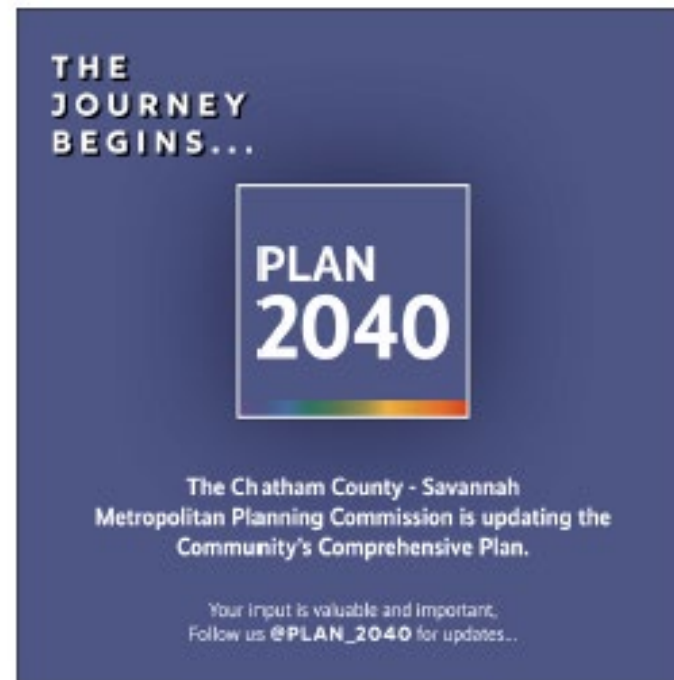
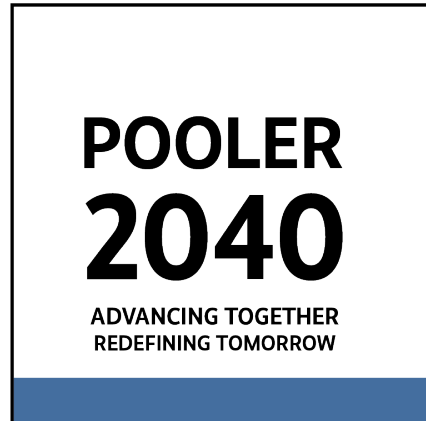
Including topics on:

- Land Use
- Transportation/Infrastructure
- Housing
- Climate Change & Sea Level Rise
- Education
- Public Safety
- Historic/Cultural Resources
- And others

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- Stay informed by following us on Instagram [@plan\\_2040](https://www.instagram.com/plan_2040) and
- Going to the Plan's website at [www.mpc.complan2040.org](http://www.mpc.complan2040.org)
- Forward any questions or comments to [plan2040@thempc.org](mailto:plan2040@thempc.org)
- Or call us on the dedicated Comp Plan feedback line at 912-651-1480

# Community Engagement & Social Media



# NEXT STEPS

Stay tuned for community outreach opportunities to gain input and feedback on goals and strategies for the next 20 years in Chatham County.

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**As we ramp up for Plan 2040...**  
*You might be thinking...*

**WHERE CAN I FIND  
MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT PLAN 2040?**

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Simple! Our website is up and running and will be updated daily!  
Feel free to give us comments, we look forward to hearing from you.

***Check bio for link...***

Your input is valuable and important,  
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