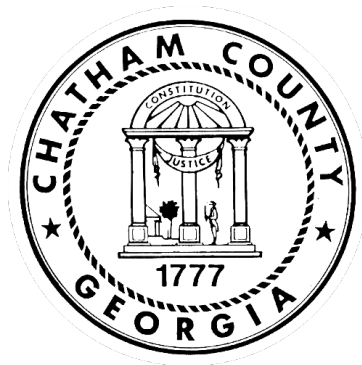




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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE





And the Answer is...

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ADVANCING TOGETHER
REDEFINING TOMORROW

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.

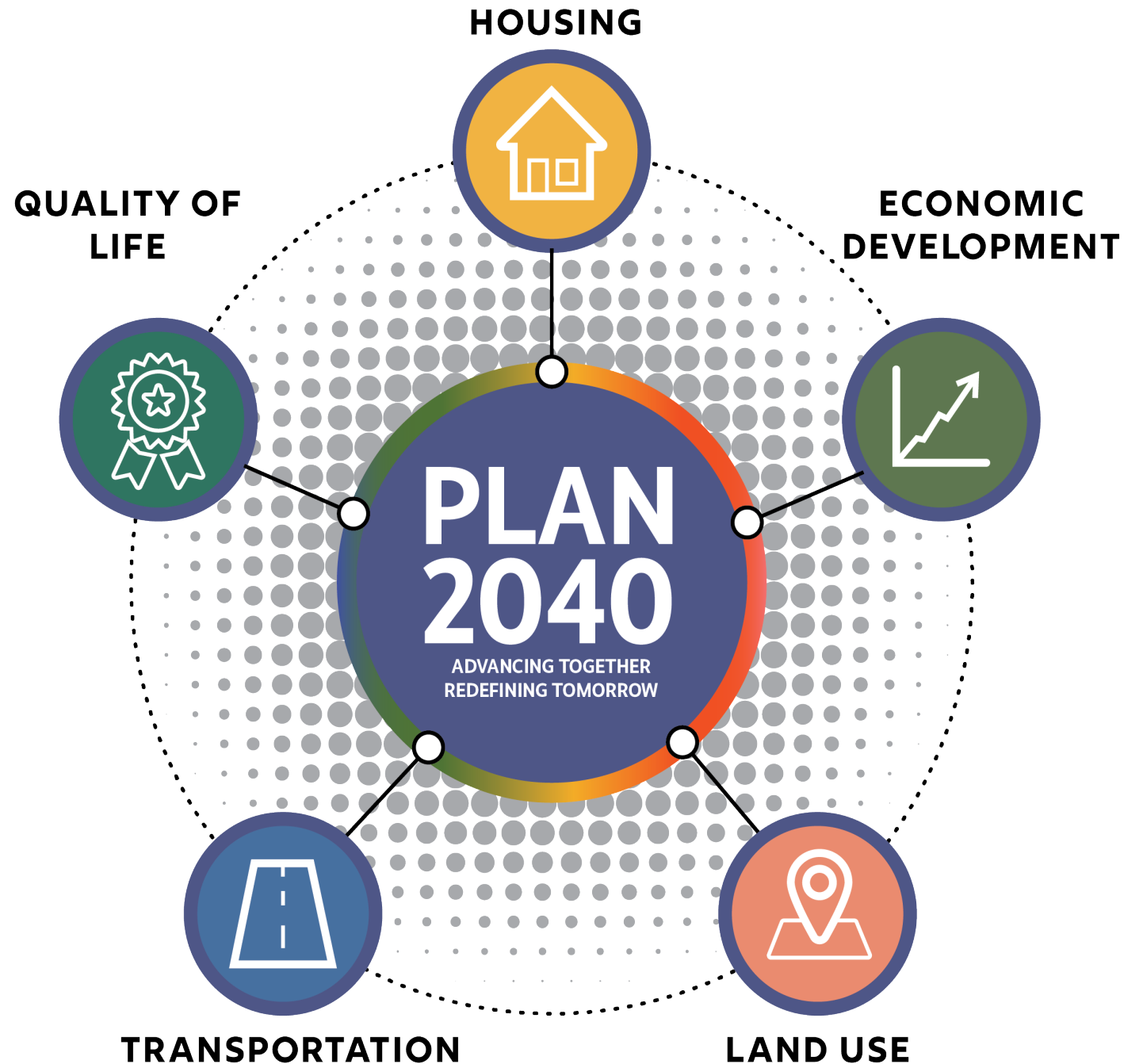
Most plans are written to provide direction for future activities over a 10-to 20 year period after plan adoption. However, plans should receive a review and possible update every five years.



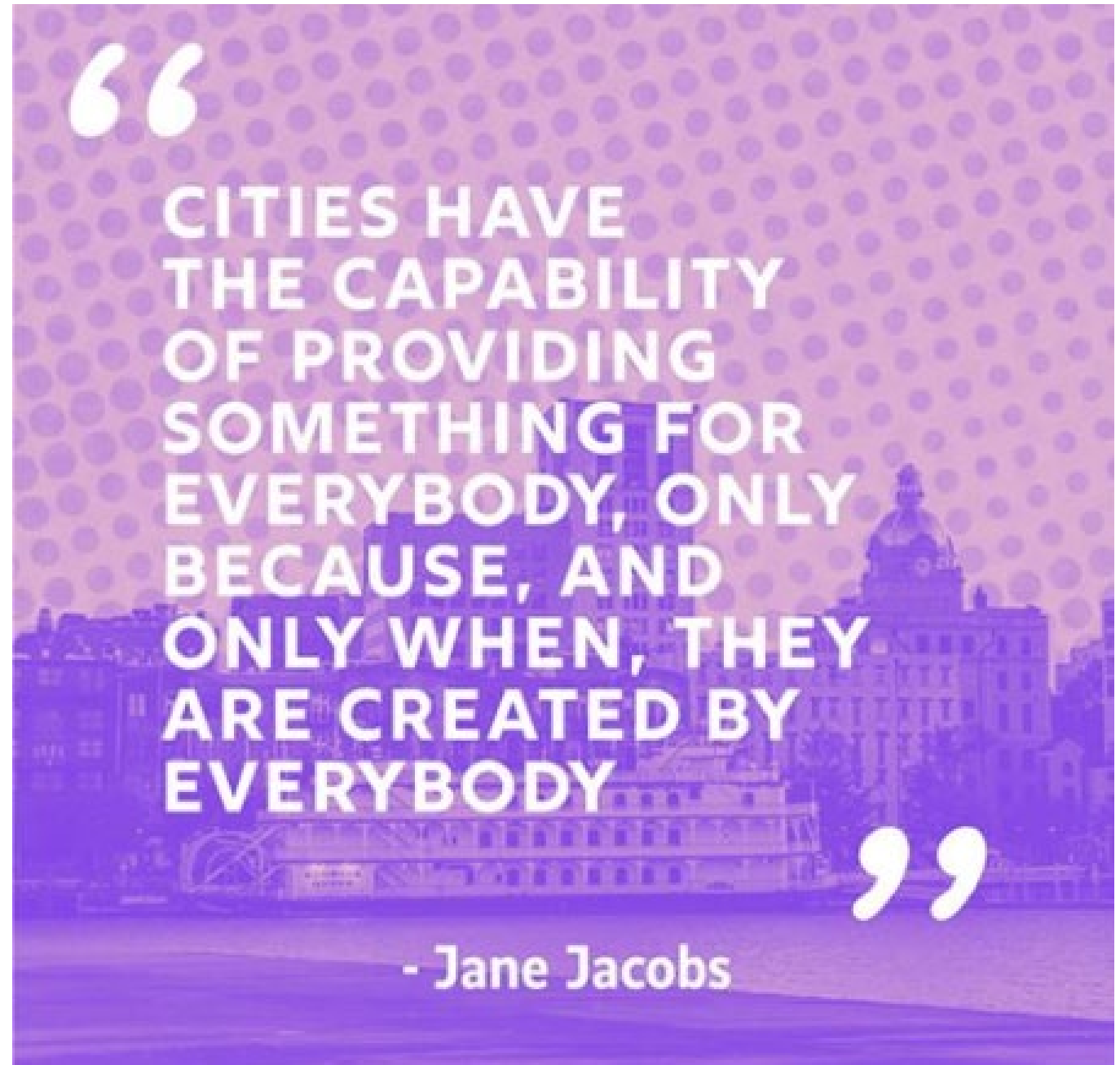
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WHAT *IS* A COMP PLAN?

- 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 lay out a road map for the community's future.



- Since the 1980's, the MPC has overseen the update and submittal of the joint Chatham County-City of Savannah Comprehensive Plan.
- Last full update of the Comp Plan was done in 2006 with minor amendments approved in 2012 and 2016.



- 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.
- Along with other pertinent studies and plans, the Comp Plan's Goals and Strategies consider the County's "Blueprint" and the City of Savannah's "Vision Savannah" Plan and priorities.
- 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 (STWP)	All Local Governments
Economic Development Element	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

DRAFT ELEMENTS OF *PLAN 2040*

- 1) Executive Summary
- 2) Community Profile
- 3) Community Vision and Goals
- 4) Economic Development
- 5) Land Use
- 6) Transportation
- 7) Housing
- 8) Natural Resources
- 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)

TRANSPORTATION FOCUS AREAS

- **Sustainability**
 - Three pillars: economy, society, and the environment
- **Climate Change**
 - Effects are driving changes in rainfall patterns, extreme weather, arrival of seasons, and more
- **Sea Level Rise**
 - Rising Tides
- **Resiliency**
 - Capacity to recover quickly (economy, society, and the environment)
- **Transportation Oriented Development (TOD)**
 - Integrating urban places designed to bring people, activities, buildings, and public space together, with easy walking and cycling connection between them and near-excellent transit service to the rest of the City



Did you know...



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation policy decisions and transportation project designs can have a profound effect on things like mode choice, land uses, economic development, the natural environment, health, and general quality of life.

Your input is valuable and important,
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TIMELINE

- The 2021 update must be approved and adopted by both Savannah City Council and Chatham 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 — March 2021	Work internally with staff on document content and data
August	Public Meeting for MPC to give background on Comprehensive Plan
August	Public Meeting for County to give background on Comprehensive Plan
August	Public Meeting for CORE MPO to give background on Comprehensive Plan
September	Public Meeting for City to give background on Comprehensive Plan
October	Plan 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update Kickoff
October — February 2021	Steering Committee and Subcommittee Meetings (5-6 Meetings)
November 2020 - February 2021	Public Open Houses and Community Engagement Activities

2021

April — May	Public Open House at the MPC and other community events to present the final draft and maps for public comment
July	MPC Meeting at the MPC to present final draft for comment (DCA requires 2 public hearings)
July	Present final draft to City Council
July	Present final draft to County Commission
August (45 Days)	Forward to DCA and CRC for review and comment
September	Make any changes to Plan 2040 as required by DCA and CRC
September	Present to City Council for final approval
September	Present to County Commission for final approval
October 31st	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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- Twitter and FB at [MPCNatResources](https://www.facebook.com/MPCNatResources)
- Going to the Plan's website at www.compplan2040.org
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- Or call us 912-651-1480

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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