

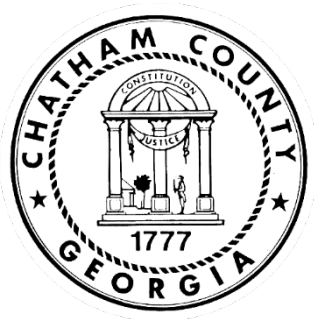


# TOWN Talks

SAVANNAH + UNINCORPORATED CHATHAM



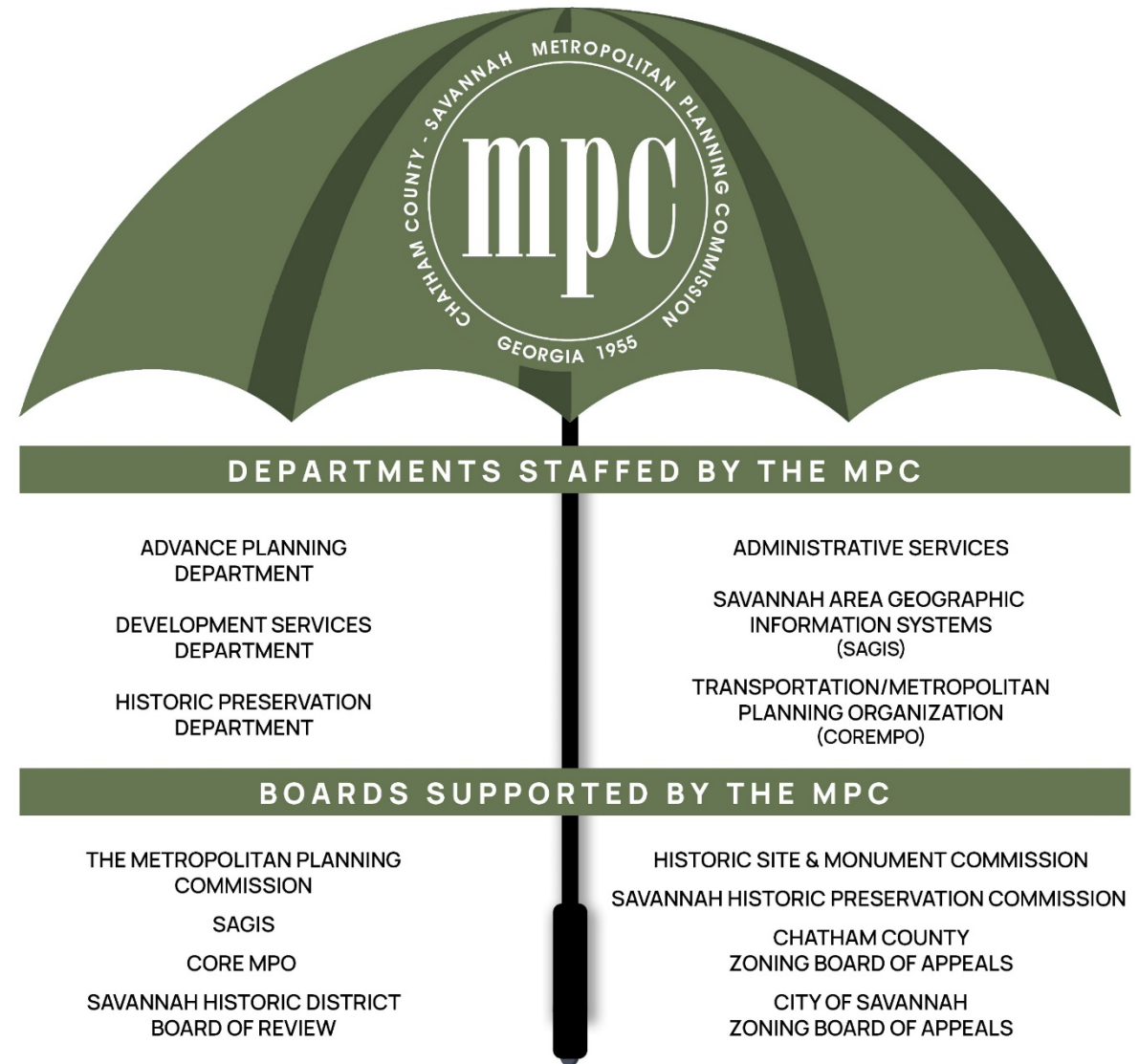
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Engage Neighborhoods



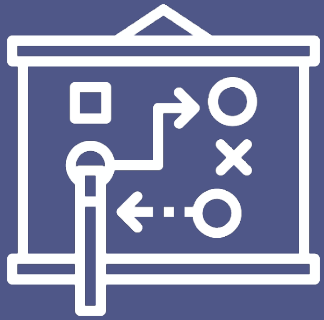
# Who We are

**Our Vision** – The MPC will be the leader in planning, development, and preserving a greater community through partnerships and an open process.

**Our Mission** – It shall be in the mission of the MPC to provide an accessible planning process, sound professional planning products, and recommendations to ensure a greater quality of life for all to enjoy a community that is historic, sustainable, mobile, and prosperous.”



# Our services



Advance  
Planning



Development  
Services



Historic  
Preservation



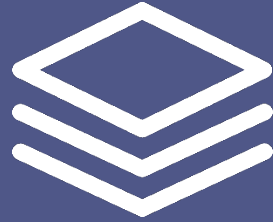
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CORE MPO



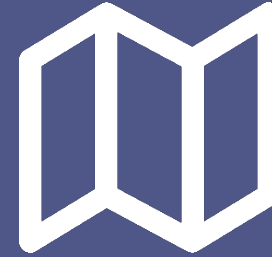
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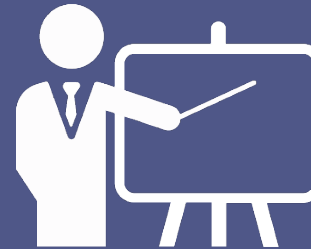
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a p p e a l s

# Historic Preservation

- Responsible for the preservation Savannah's historic resources.
- Staff reviews and approves Certificate of Appropriateness (COAs) for exterior building changes within Local Historic Districts and other Historic Properties through Chatham County and Savannah.
- Staff multiple MPC Commissions and Boards, coordinate historic resource identification, assists in drafting National Register nominations, draft ordinances.
- Performs Section 106 Reviews for the City's Housing Departments.



Maridon (Eureka Club)



Pennyworth Island

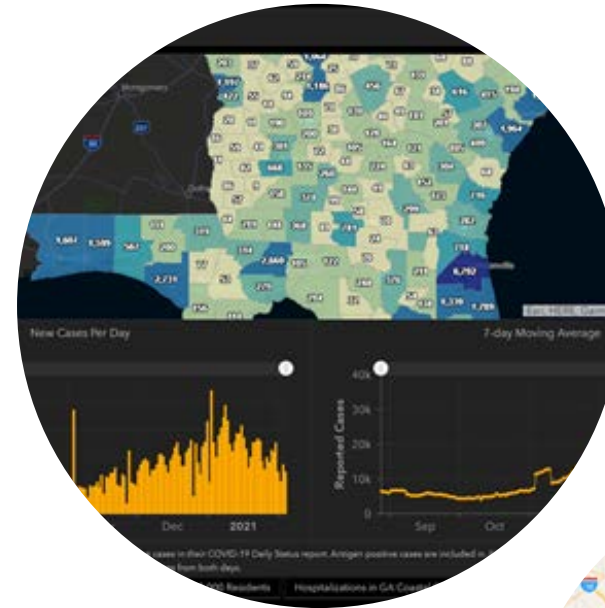


New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church

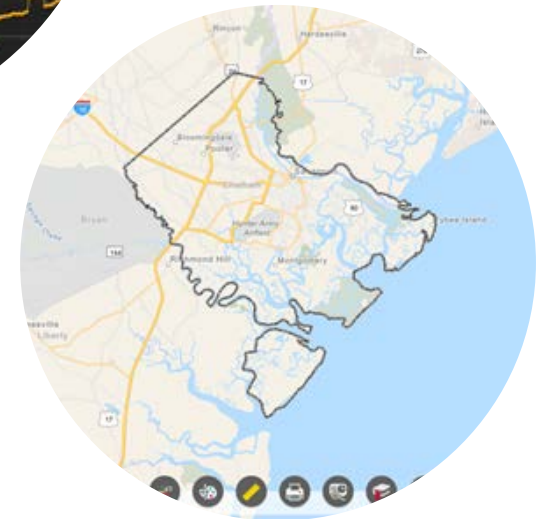


# SAGIS

- SAGIS is a cooperative enterprise Geographic Information System between Chatham County, City of Savannah, and the Metropolitan Planning Commission, along with other regional jurisdictions.
- Consolidates GIS database administration, data distribution, and data sharing under one department, providing a cost share to Chatham County and the City of Savannah for the applications, hardware, and professional expertise.
- Supports Public Safety GIS by leading the GIS and Mapping Subcommittee for the E911 Advisory Board and providing GIS data editing, administration, and analysis for 911 Dispatch.



COVID-19 Hub & Dashboard




SAGIS Map Viewer

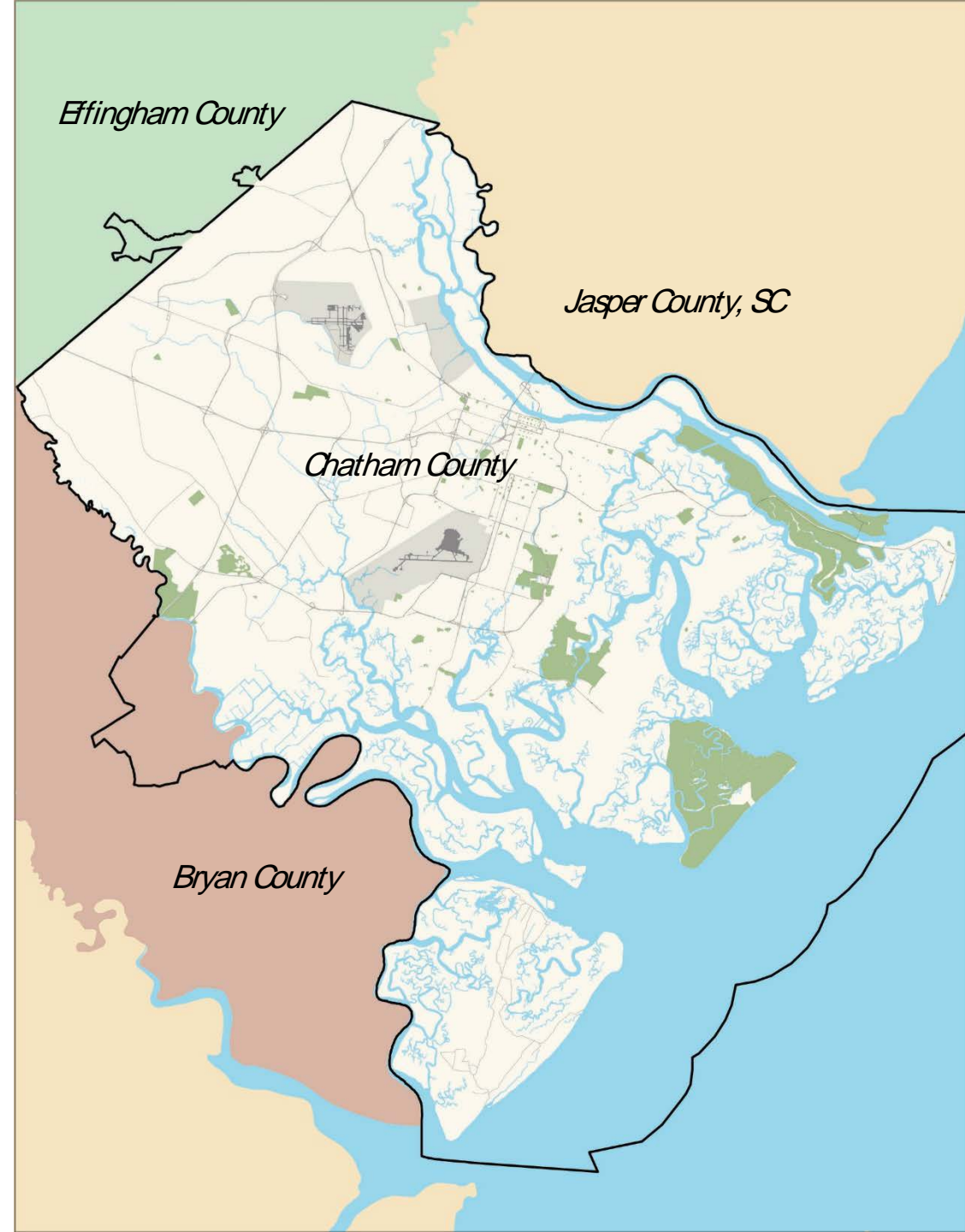
# CORE MPO

Coastal Region (CORE) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- CORE MPO coordinates Transportation...
  - Policies
  - Plans
  - Studies
  - Programs
- Through coordination the CORE MPO address issues such as...
  - Congestion
  - Funding Resources & Allocation
  - Transit
  - Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
  - Project Planning & Prioritization



CORE MPO Planning Area 



# Advance Planning

- Oversees specially requested projects, analysis, and evaluations for the City and County.
- Drafts and facilitates the updates on the **Comprehensive Plan** for Chatham County, Savannah, and most recently Garden City and Pooler.





# Planning team



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Kait Morano



- Since the 1980's, the MPC has been the entity overseeing the update and submittal of Comprehensive Plans throughout the County.
- Last full update of each City's Comp Plan was done between 2006 and 2008 with minor amendments approved in 2016.
- We are updating Comprehensive Plans for Unincorporated Chatham County, Garden City, Pooler, and the City of Savannah.

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CITIES HAVE  
THE CAPABILITY  
OF PROVIDING  
SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYBODY, ONLY  
BECAUSE, AND  
ONLY WHEN, THEY  
ARE CREATED BY  
EVERYBODY

”

- Jane Jacobs



# What *is* a comp plan?

And the Answer is...

**PLAN  
2040**  
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.

Make sure your opinion is heard,  
Follow us **@PLAN\_2040** for updates...

- Comprehensive Plan process is 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 cities and counties access to financial resources to aid in implementing their plans (ex: CDBG, GEFA, CIG, water/sewer loans, OneGeorgia Authority funds, etc.).





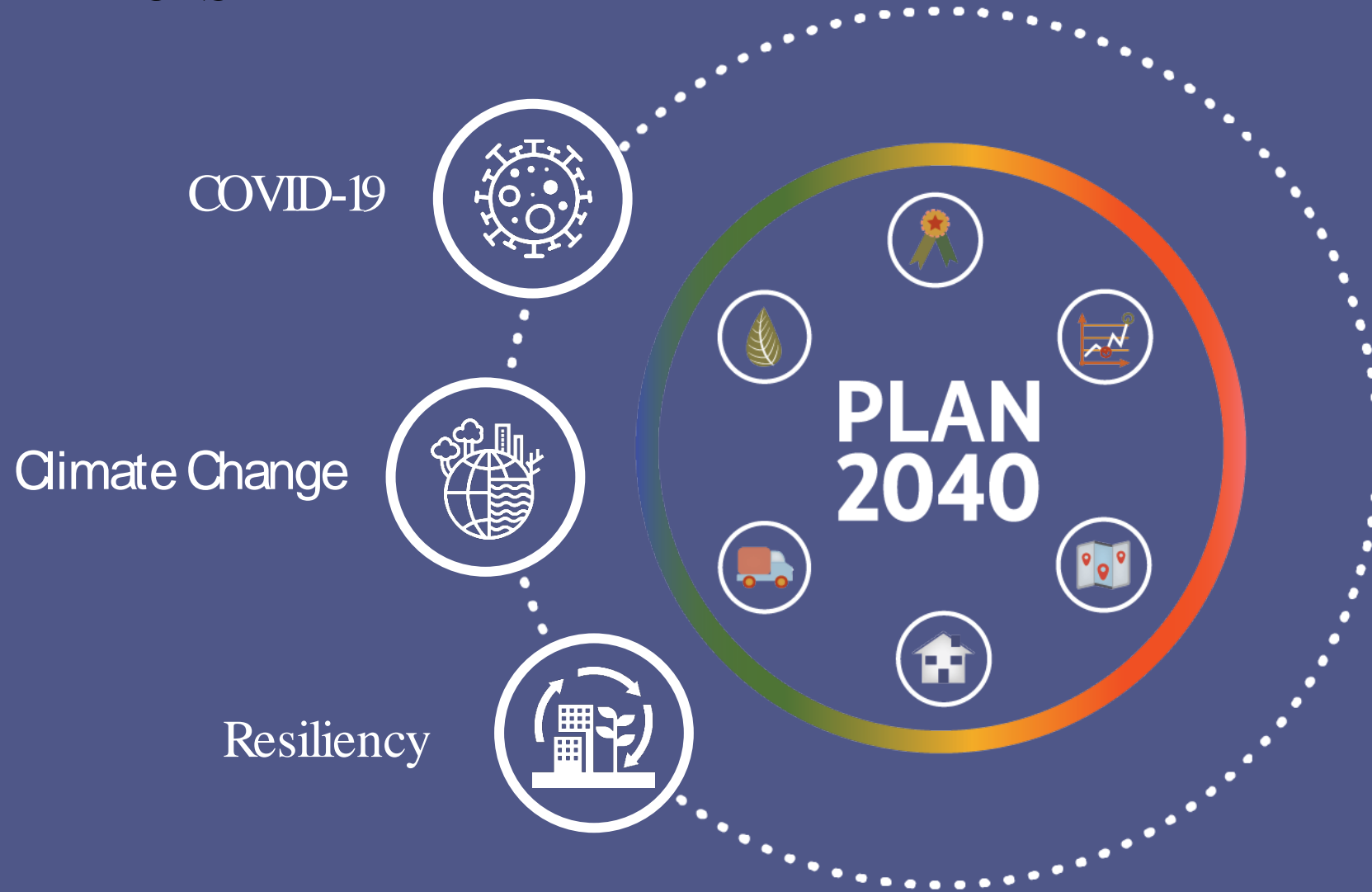
# Plan Elements

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)

■ = Required by the Georgia DCA



# Themes



# Plan Implementation

Goals and strategies are the framework for the policy directions established in the Plan.

- “**Goals**” are general overarching, broad statements describing the direction that a community wants to go.
- “**Strategies**” are statements with actions that should be taken, identifying how much, who and when the action should occur.



Together, the overarching **goals** are achieved by implementing the **strategies** within the Comprehensive Plan

# P r o j e c t   t i m e l i n e



# Meetings & Pop-up events

Community input opportunities allowing input and feedback on goals and strategies will continue through the spring.

- **October 21** – Starland Yard Mini Market
- **October 24** – County Recycling Event
- **November 21** – Forsyth Farmers' Market
- **November 24** – Garden City Senior Center
- **December 9** – Garden City Gym
- **December 12** – Forsyth Farmers' Market
- **December 15** – Garden City City Hall Meeting
- **January 12** – Garden City City Hall Meeting
- **January 22** – Pooler City Hall Meeting
- **January 26** – 5:30 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **January 27** – 10:30 A.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **January 27** – 3:00 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **February 22** – 5:30 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **February 23** – 10:30 A.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **February 26** – Pooler City Hall Meeting
- **March 30** – 10:30 AM & 3:30 P.M. Countywide Virtual Meeting
- **April 2021** - TOWN Talks
- Various Neighborhood Assns.



# Next Steps

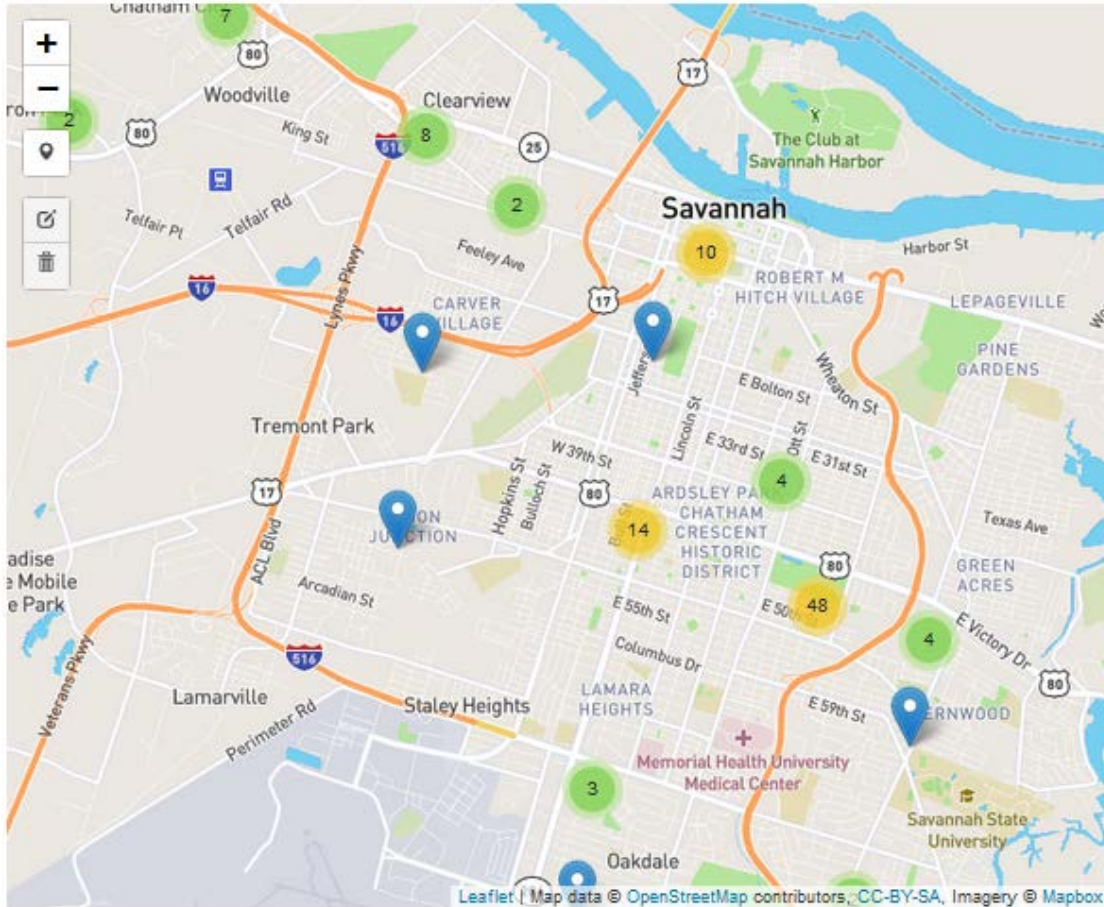
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## GET INVOLVED!

Chatham County, Garden City, Pooler, and Savannah are asking residents to share their ideas and visions for the future of our communities.

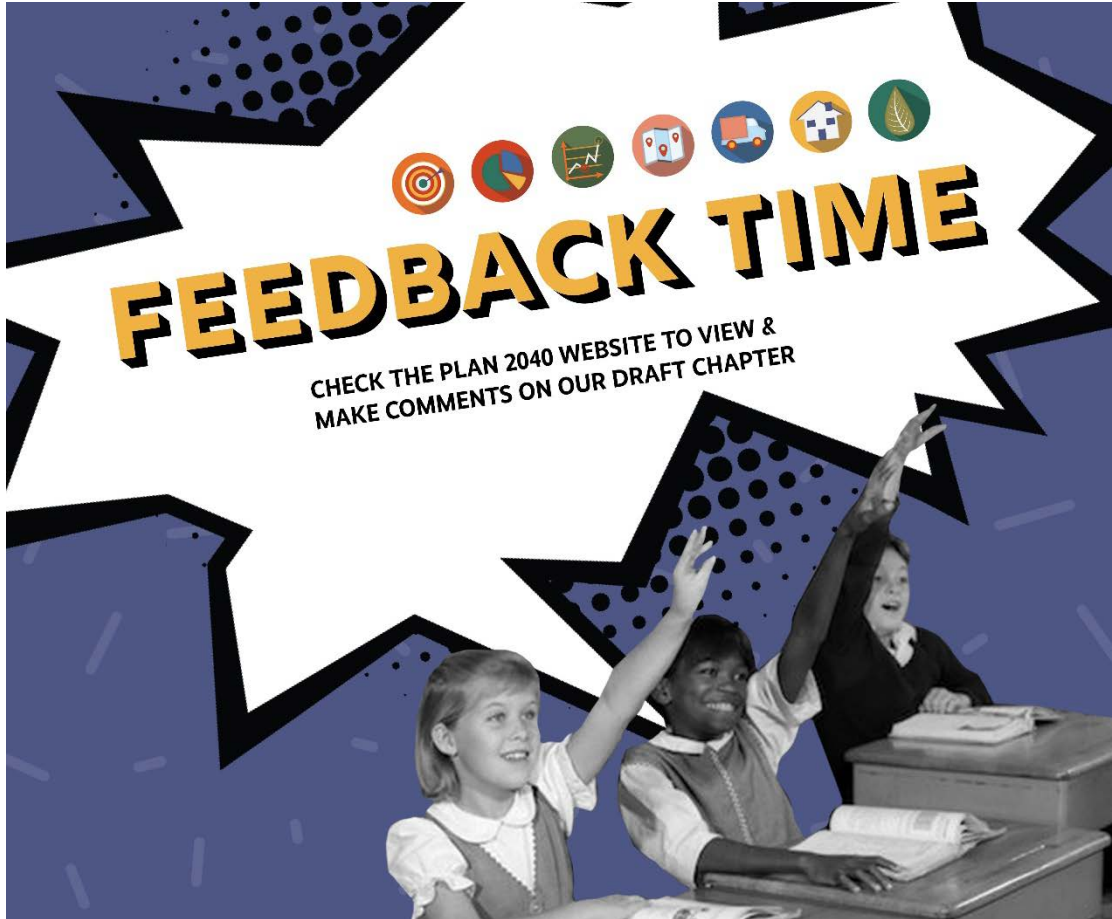
As the plan continues to take shape, the MPC will engage with as many community members as possible. Check out the various ways you can be involved in the plan below.

PUT YOUR IDEAS ON THE MAP 





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**GET INVOLVED!**

Check out our website to view & make comments on our draft chapters.

To comment, click the “Provide Comments” link under the specific chapter you want to comment on. It’s that easy!!



# Town Talks

Additional community input opportunities for neighborhoods and faith-based community organizations allowing input and feedback on goals and strategies.



The MPC Presents...

## TOWN Talks

Virtual Meetings

**Express Your Vision for Your Neighborhood!**

As part of the Plan 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update we are engaging neighborhoods and the faith based community.

Are you a neighborhood or faith based leader?

Are you interested in having Plan 2040 speak at your meeting?

**If so...**

1. Please send an email to [plan2040@thempc.org](mailto:plan2040@thempc.org)
2. Let us know the date and time of your meeting in April.
3. If you would like to call and set-up a virtual meeting over the phone, you can reach us at (912) 651.1480

After the MPC reviews your request, you will receive a confirmation email.



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# Questions?

