



CHATHAM COUNTY—SAVANNAH
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The Comprehensive Plan—*Plan 2040*, is meant to be a guide for growth, redevelopment, and preservation of the municipality. It reflects the community's values and goals, and lays out strategies to achieve them. The benefits of planning include maintaining and improving quality of life, protecting private property rights, establishing a community vision, and providing more certainty about where development will occur, what it will look like, and when it will happen.

The MPC is responsible for updating the Comprehensive plans for Chatham County –Savannah. Garden City and Pooler has engaged MPC to update their Comprehensive Planning document. As a part of this process, your input to help guide the rewrite of the comprehensive plans is very important. Now is your opportunity to help create a vision for the community in which you want to live and work. To access the online survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPCPlan2040>

As you are well aware of from seeing new neighborhoods and retail establishments pop up overnight (or at least so it seems) and having to share the road with more and more vehicles on your daily commute, the region has grown considerably since the last Comprehensive Plans were adopted almost five years ago.

For the areas to remain desirable places to live and work, our communities must follow a strategic approach in dealing with future development that balances economic development, natural resources, transportation options, and a high quality of life for all of our residents. With your help, *Plan 2040* will establish such a framework that will be used by local officials as a guide to help make policy decisions regarding the community's growth and development for the next twenty years.

Currently the MPC is seeking input in the form of a survey (see page 5 for information about how to get a survey). Several public virtual meetings will be held in the near future as well. Check out the MPC's website for dates and registration links <https://www.thempc.org>

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Water Restrictions are Still in Effect



It is important to remember that there are permanent outdoor watering restrictions for all of Chatham County. These restrictions remain in effect during both declared drought and non-drought periods.

The following outdoor watering schedules apply for all of Chatham County:

- The use of outdoor water is not allowed between **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**;
- No watering is allowed on **Fridays**;

Outdoor watering allowed between 4:01 PM– 9:59 AM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Even/Un-numbered addresses	Odd addresses	Even/Un-numbered addresses	Odd addresses	X	Even/Un-numbered addresses	Odd addresses



The City of Savannah is excited to kick off public engagement for the 100% Savannah Renewable Energy Plan!

In March of 2020 the Savannah City Council took a major first step in addressing the issue of climate change in our region by unanimously adopting a resolution committing that 100% of electricity consumed in the City of Savannah be generated from safe, clean and renewable energy by 2035, and all other energy needs to be generated from safe, clean, and renewable energy by 2050. The resolution committed the City to developing a clean-energy action plan- the 100% Renewable Energy Plan.

Below is the link to the City’s Facebook post and the public notice of upcoming virtual meetings for the Plan.

Please share widely with your friends, neighbors and networks!! This is the first opportunity for Savannahians to learn about the 100% Savannah goals, share their voice, and learn how to plug in.

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/cityofsavannah/posts/10164595828030525>

MPC AWARDED GRANT Coastal Empire Resilience Network

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division (GADNR CRD) has announced that the MPC has been awarded a grant to aid in the formation of the Coastal Empire Resilience Network (CERN) that will ultimately benefit local jurisdictions within the coastal empire by actively improving the resilience of the area.

This project is meant to engage regional community partners, municipal staff, and policy-makers to share resources and coordinate strategies to address the physical, economic, and social challenges the Chatham County region faces due to climate change.

Additionally, the proposed project will strengthen the ability of the region to be more resilient, allowing the community to prepare, adapt, and respond to both short-term and long-term complex climate and weather-related challenges.

Stay tuned for future opportunities to be engaged and follow the process!

Grease Disposal

As you prepare to cook your holiday meals, remember don't pour grease of any kind down drains or into stormwater inlets. While grease or cooking oil may be liquid at first, it quickly hardens in pipes. Pour enough, and it will completely block the sewer pipe. Backups can fill your home with raw sewage, pollute nearby waterways, or cause a mess on your neighbor's property, and may require costly repairs.

Place kitchen grease in a container and put it in the trash. Or better yet, put it in a sealable container and when the container is full, recycle it with the City of Savannah. The City works with a local company to convert grease into environmentally friendly bio-fuel. Yellow (kitchen) grease is accepted free of charge at the City of Savannah's President Street Water Reclamation facility.



Sea Level Rise Impacts on Stormwater Systems in Chatham County

Chatham County recently completed a study of the impacts of sea level rise on the drainage system in the County and the City of Savannah. The study was funded under a grant award to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources from the Office for Coastal Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Some of the goals of the project were to assess impacts of sea level rise on stormwater infrastructure and critical facilities, identify potential best management practices to address vulnerable drainage systems, and update drainage the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) based on the results from the study.

The results of the study found that up to 3% of inland stormwater drainage structures in Unincorporated Chatham County are currently vulnerable to daily tidal inundation, while 8% are currently vulnerable to inundation at least once a year during the year's highest annual tide (HAT). Results for the City of Savannah found that approximately 0.3% of stormwater inlets are vulnerable to daily tidal inundation, with 1% vulnerable at least once a year during the year's HAT.

Phase 2 of the project, which includes a sea level rise impact analysis for roads, a Green Infrastructure Plan for mitigating flooding from extreme high tide, and a tide gate best management plan manual, has been funded as well.

Contact the Chatham County Engineering Department for more information about the study.



FARM TRUCK 912

2020 Schedule

Sunday

West Broad Street YMCA / 1110 May St.

12:00-2:00pm

Jewish Educational Alliance / 5111 Abercorn St.

2:30-4:30pm

Monday

Union Mission - Yamacraw / 120 Fahm St

12:30-2:30pm

WW Law/ 909 E Bolton Street

3:00-5:00pm

Tuesday

Skidaway Island / 1 W Ridge Road

2:00-5:00pm

Wednesday

Daffin Park - Salvation Army / 3000 Bee Road

12:00-2:00pm

Lady Bamford- Fellwood / 1410 Richards St.

3:30-5:15pm

Thursday

Good Samaritan and Sheppard's stops are temporarily closed.

Friday

Sisters Court Apartments / 222 E 37th St

2:00-4:00pm

FOR NOW, THIS STOP ONLY DELIVERS TO THE RESIDENTS OF SISTERS COURT.

Saturday

PARC / 425 Pennsylvania Ave

11:00am-1:00pm

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Forsyth Farmers' Market

Every Saturday at the south end of Forsyth Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with safety precautions in place.

Support local farmers, and improve your health by shopping at the Forsyth Farmers' Market. Select from a variety of fresh, regional produce sold by farmers, and take advantage of nutritional information and demonstrations offered at the health pavilion. EBT cards are accepted. Please visit:

www.forsythfarmersmarket.org





We Need Your Input on Plan 2040!

Now is your opportunity to help shape the future of our communities. Please take a few minutes to complete our [online survey](#) to help the MPC better understand what the citizens of our communities would like to see more or less of and where we should focus our efforts in the future. All responses will remain anonymous.

The questions cover housing, land use, quality of life, natural resources, transportation, and economic development. The survey ends with a few demographic questions that will be used internally to ensure we are reaching a representative sample of the community.

To access the online survey go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPCPlan2040>

The following methods are also available to provide feedback:

- Email your comments to the MPC staff at plan2040@thempc.org.
- Call (912) 651-1480
- A hard copy of the survey can be requested by calling (912) 651-1480 and leaving a message with a name and address where to mail the survey.
- Mail comments to:
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Attn: Comp Plan Comments
110 East State Street Savannah, 31401
- In-person feedback can be made onsite at the MPC by making an appointment 24 hours in advance. Please call (912) 651-1480 to request an appointment.
- Virtual Meetings will be held on the following dates and times:
 1. Tuesday, January 19th 5:30 pm
 2. Wednesday, January 20th 10:30 a.m.
 3. Wednesday, January 20th 3:00 p.m.

Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/88021814294757391>