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**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT DURING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
WORKSHOP DECEMBER 13**

Workshop will generate inventory of county's strengths, challenges

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The public is invited to provide input during an upcoming community workshop hosted by the Forsyth County Planning and Development Department as part of the ongoing Comprehensive Plan update process. The workshop will be held Monday, December 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Forsyth County Administration Building.

The meeting will be a continuation of the assessment of the potential *Issues and Opportunities* list in an effort to create a community generated inventory of the county's strengths and challenges.

The community generated inventory is crucial in the Comprehensive Plan process as it forms the foundation for the community vision from which other components of the *Community Agenda* are established.

Forsyth County's Comprehensive Plan serves as a policy guide as decisions are made in relation to growth and land use change. The plan addresses critical issues and opportunities through the incorporation of a shared vision for the community's future. The Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires a local government's comprehensive plan be updated at least once every ten years. The county is currently underway with the update process in order to meet the state-required adoption deadline of June 30, 2012.

A comprehensive plan is a result of public planning processes that involve members of the community who work together to visualize the desired shape and distribution of growth through a collaborative dialogue. This part of the plan update is referred to as the

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Community Agenda, which incorporates the community’s vision for the county and how it will be achieved. Since this component of the comprehensive plan provides guidance for future decision-making, it is essential that the public participates as this part of the plan is being created.

Forsyth County has been fortunate to have crucial public participation during this process, said Forsyth County Senior Long Range Planner Vanessa Bernstein.

“We appreciate all the local residents who have taken time out of their busy schedules to be a part of this process,” Bernstein said. “Forsyth County is continuing to seek public participation during this *Community Agenda* process through a series of workshops that will continue into 2011. The input we have received and will continue to receive is important to the public planning process and will impact the future of this county.”

The December 13 meeting will be held in Suite 220 of the Forsyth County Administration Building, located at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming. To receive additional information, access <http://compplan.forsythco.com> or call 678.513.5866.

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