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PUBLIC INVITED TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORKSHOP
NOVEMBER 16

Community invited to participate in workshop

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The Forsyth County Planning and Development Department will host a community workshop as part of the ongoing Comprehensive Plan update process on Tuesday, November 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Forsyth County Administration Building. The meeting will assess the potential *Issues and Opportunities* list in order 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. The November 16 workshop will produce the first half of the inventory.

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 *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

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for future decision-making, it is essential that the public participates as this part of the plan is being created.

Forsyth County Senior Long Range Planner Vanessa Bernstein said public participation is an important part of the process.

“Forsyth County is seeking public participation during the *Community Agenda* process through a series of workshops that began with the October 28 kick-off meeting and will continue into 2011,” she said. “A crucial component of the process is hearing from local individuals and institutions interested in the future direction of Forsyth County. Their input is invaluable to the public planning process as they will ultimately be affected by the plan’s recommendations.”

The November 16 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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