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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FOR
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE TO BE HELD AUGUST 25

Public invited to attend

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia –The Forsyth County Planning and Community Development Department invites the public to attend the final community workshop for the Comprehensive Plan update. The workshop will be held Thursday, August 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Suite 220 of the Forsyth County Administration Building, located at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming.

This final workshop will focus on the *Community Agenda* draft as determined by previous public meetings and Steering Committee input. Each component of the draft will be available for review in an open house format. Attention will be placed on how the components relate to each other and the ways in which the different sections of the plan fit together to express and implement the community vision.

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 10 years. The county is currently underway with the update process in order to meet the state-required adoption deadline of October 31, 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.

Forsyth County Senior Long Range Planner Vanessa Bernstein said public participation is a crucial part of this process.

“Forsyth County has sought public participation during the *Community Agenda* process during a series of workshops that began with the October 28, 2010 kick-off meeting and have continued in 2011,” she said. “We certainly encourage the public to participate again by attending this final workshop, as it is important we gather input from local individuals and institutions interested in the future direction of Forsyth County.”

To receive additional information and learn about further options for public input, access <http://compplan.forsythco.com> or call 678.513.5866.

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