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**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT DURING UPCOMING
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE WORKSHOP**

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – The fifth of seven workshops scheduled as part of the *Community Agenda* portion of Forsyth County’s Comprehensive Plan update will convene Thursday, April 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in Suite 220 of the Forsyth County Administration Building.

This meeting will focus on character area narrative definitions and implementation strategies associated with the future development map.

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

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“The county is seeking public participation during the *Community Agenda* process through a series of workshops that began with the October 28, 2010 kick-off meeting and are continuing in 2011,” she said. “A central component of the process is hearing from local individuals and institutions interested in the future direction of Forsyth County.”

The Forsyth County Administration Building is located at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming.

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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