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FOSTER FORSYTH IS IN FULL SWING, PARTICIPATE IN PERSON AND ONLINE IN MAY

Forsyth County, Georgia – The first round of public workshops for *Foster Forsyth*, the process of updating the Forsyth County Comprehensive Plan, sought input from the community about the long-term priorities and vision for the county. Community members are now invited to imagine what that vision will look like at design workshops this May. Five design workshops will be held between May 11 and May 21, on varying days and times, and at a variety of locations. Residents, businesses, property owners and community groups are encouraged to participate and help shape Forsyth County's future.

DESIGN WORKSHOPS

Help Design Forsyth's Future! What should Forsyth look like? Where should Forsyth grow?

Work collaboratively with planners and designers to help answer these questions for Forsyth County.

- Wednesday, May 11, 7 to 9 p.m.: Mashburn Elementary School, Cafeteria
- Thursday, May 12, 6 to 8 p.m.: Central Park Recreation Center, Banquet Room
- Monday, May 16, 7 to 9 p.m.: Forsyth Central High School, East Cafeteria
- Wednesday, May 18, 6 to 8 p.m.: Fowler Park Recreation Center, Community Room
- Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to noon: Fire Station 4 (Ducktown)

The Design Workshops will gather community input on character areas throughout the county. The workshops will be interactive in nature – participants will work collaboratively with the planning and design staff to identify appropriate land uses as well as future development character areas. While the Design Workshops will focus on refining the land use element of the plan, it is expected that topics related to other key elements, such as housing and economic development, will be integral to the conversation.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Participate in the Foster Forsyth community survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fosterforsyth>

The online community survey is an additional avenue for community members to provide input to the planning process. The survey asks about long-term vision and priorities for the county's future with a focus on future growth and development. The survey launched on April 25 and will be available through May 22. A link to the survey is also available at the project website, www.FosterForsyth.com.

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PROVIDE INPUT VIA INTERACTIVE MAP

Where should new development occur in Forsyth County? Where should new development not occur in Forsyth County? Do we need additional county services, such as fire stations, senior centers or schools? Show us where on an interactive map on www.FosterForsyth.com, available by clicking on the 'Contribute' tab on the website home page.

Foster Forsyth will result in a full update to the county's Comprehensive Plan, focused on community elements such as housing, transportation, zoning and other land use matters, as well as economic development. The Comprehensive Plan is the umbrella policy document for the county's future growth and development, which plays an important role in rezoning and development decisions. The plan also establishes community goals and priorities for the county's future.



The Comprehensive Plan update process is being conducted by Jacobs in collaboration with Kimley-Horn. For more information, please visit www.FosterForsyth.com or contact Audra Rojek, a member of the Jacobs consultant team, at (404) 978-7569 or contactus@fosterforsyth.com.

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