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SUBAREA PLAN OPEN HOUSE SET FOR MAY 14

Public feedback being sought for trail-related community needs

Forsyth County, Georgia – Forsyth County is asking for citizen input on a subarea plan designed to establish an integrated trail system in the northern portion of the county. The plan includes sidewalks, bicycle paths, multi-use trails and supporting facilities that foster community health through promotion of bicycle travel and increased walkability.

Building upon the *Forsyth County Bicycle Transportation & Pedestrian Walkways 2025 Plan*, the subarea plan also incorporates land-use connections between neighborhoods, county facilities and the county's natural resources including Lake Lanier, Sawnee Mountain and the Etowah River.

Citizens will have the opportunity to view the latest proposal and offer input prior to the plan moving forward for consideration and adoption. A community open house will be held for citizen feedback on Monday, May 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Forsyth County Administration Building located at 110 E. Main Street in Cumming (Suite 220).

“The subarea plan brings together the county’s emphasis on health and wellness, along with the focus on town centers and connectivity that were identified as a part of our recently adopted Comprehensive Plan,” said Mills. “Also, the community input received through the recent Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan showed that 75 percent of respondents ranked walking on nature trails as the outdoor activity of most interest to them. We are listening to our citizens and moving forward with initiatives like the subarea plan that address their input.”

As part of the engagement process, a Technical and Stakeholder Advisory Committee was formed to help guide the plan’s development. The most recent meetings were held in the fall of 2017 and in April 2018. The focus of the committee’s feedback is to assist with technical aspects of the project.

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