

July 3, 2018

Honorable Rebecca Hood  
Chair, Gordon County Commission  
P.O. Box 580  
Calhoun, GA 30703

Dear Commissioner Hood:

Congratulations on the recent adoption of your Comprehensive Plan Update! In recognition of Gordon County's impressive achievement, the Department of Community Affairs is honored to award Qualified Local Government (QLG) status to your community.

Please note that this award has no effect upon your community's compliance with the Service Delivery Act (O.C.G.A. 36-70-20). Please visit our website at: <http://www.georgiaplanning.com/DCACommunity/> to keep abreast of upcoming planning deadlines for your community.

Now begins the challenging work of implementing this plan. We believe that the plan should provide a framework for making sound decisions for the County's long-term growth and development. We hope that you and other decision makers will refer to the plan in the day-to-day decisions you make concerning the community.

Further rewards await your community for effectively implementing the comprehensive plan. Please consider seeking PlanFirst designation if your community has established a consistent track record of plan implementation. This program offers substantial financial incentives as well as recognition for Georgia's best planning communities of all sizes. For more information, visit: <http://www.dca.ga.gov/development/PlanningQualityGrowth/programs/PlanFirst.asp>.

Please don't hesitate to contact DCA's Office of Planning and Environmental Management or your Regional Commission with any questions or assistance needs you may have. Best wishes for the successful implementation of your plan!

Sincerely,



Brian Johnson, Director  
Office of Planning and Environmental Management

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cc: Lloyd Frasier, Executive Director, Northwest Georgia RC  
Julianne Meadows, Director of Regional Planning, Northwest Georgia RC