

**GORDON COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES OF CALHOUN,
FAIRMOUNT, PLAINVILLE, RANGER, & RESACA
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
DUE DATE: JUNE 30, 2023**

Required Elements

- 1) Goals
- 2) Needs & Opportunities
- 3) Community Work Program
- 4) Report of Accomplishments
- 5) Broadband Services Element
- 6) Land Use Element (For Communities with Zoning)

Optional Elements

- A) Econ. Develop. Element (Tax Credit Tier 3)
- B) Housing
- C) Transportation

The Process

- A) Required Joint Public Hearing #1 talks about the process and what is to be done – *August 30, 2022.*
- B) Each Element of the Plan is developed with Public Participation. Gordon County, Calhoun, Fairmount, Plainville, Ranger, and Resaca create a Steering Committee that meets as often as needed; each meeting is open to the public. Stakeholders are selected to identify needs and opportunities for the community. Broad stakeholder meetings, open houses, and a community survey provide more opportunities for public input. The planning staff works with the Steering Committee, stakeholders, and the general public to prepare the plan. *Draft ready by March 2023.*
- C) Once the Draft is Complete, a Second Required Joint Public Hearing is Held. *March 2023*
- D) Local Governments Prepare a Transmittal Letter to Send the DRAFT to the Regional Commission.
 - 1) Must certify that the Regional Water Plan was considered;
 - 2) Must certify that Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria were considered (water supply watershed protection; wetland protection; groundwater recharge area protection; river corridor protection; and mountain protection).
- E) RC notifies Interested Parties
-Surrounding governments; contiguous Regional Commissions, affected state agencies – GDOT, DNR, GEFA, & DCA.
- F) RC Reviews all Paperwork for Compliance with Planning Rules.
- G) DCA Reviews all Paperwork for Compliance with Planning Rules.
- H) RC prepares a Findings and Recommendation Report and sends to local government.
- I) Adoption Resolution is Executed by the Local Governments; the Plan is Publicized- *June 30, 2023*