



Joint Comprehensive Plan

5 YEAR UPDATE

Kick-off Meeting & Public Hearing

July 26, 2022

Oconee County

Bishop, Bogart, North High Shoals and Watkinsville

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

A community-driven policy document that:

- **Guides** decisions related to the future development of Oconee County
- Establishes a **community vision** for growth over the next 20 years
- **Coordinates** local planning efforts
- Fulfills State of Georgia **requirement**



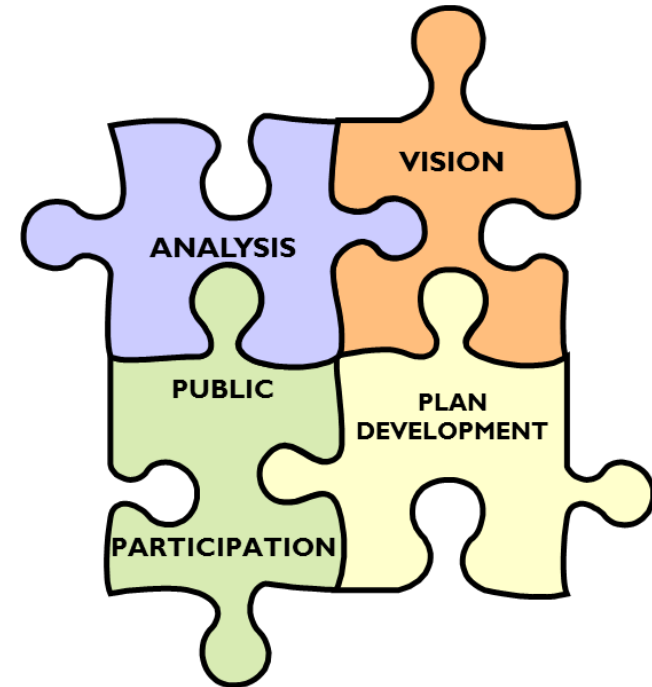
What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- Main Components

- Needs & Opportunities
- Supporting Goals & Strategies
- Future Development Guide
- 5-Year Action Plan for Implementation

- Public Input

- Prioritize needs & opportunities
- Establish community vision for growth
- Identify desired development patterns

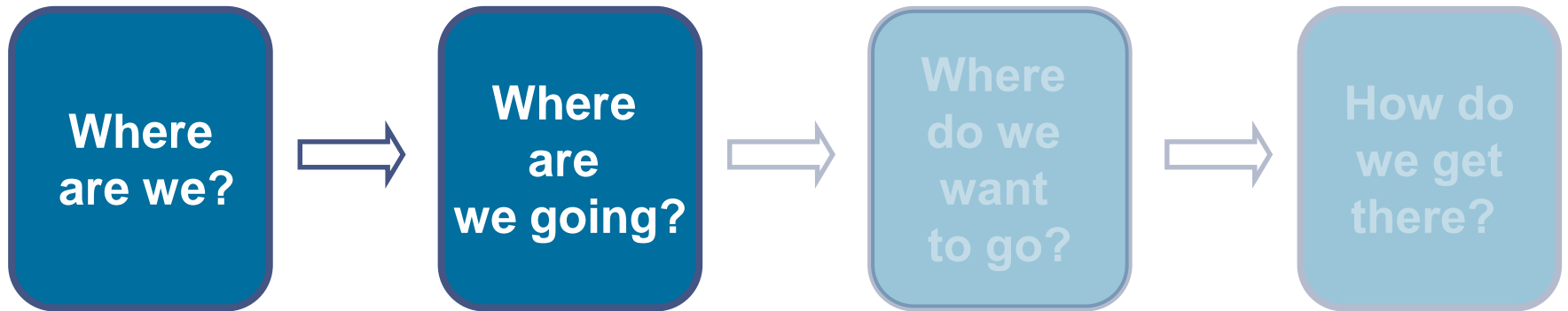


How Often is the Plan Updated?

- 10 Year Plan full revision with intermediate 5 Year Plan Update
- Previous planning efforts:
 - 2018 Oconee County Joint Comprehensive Plan
- Current planning effort:
 - Intermediate 5 Year Plan Update to be approved by DCA and adopted June of 2023.
- Other plans and factors to consider during this update:
 - Oconee County Strategic Plan
 - Oconee County UDC Amendments
 - Watkinsville Vision/Strategy
 - Various Transportation Plans, Capital Improvements Plans, etc.



What is the 5 Year Update Planning Process?

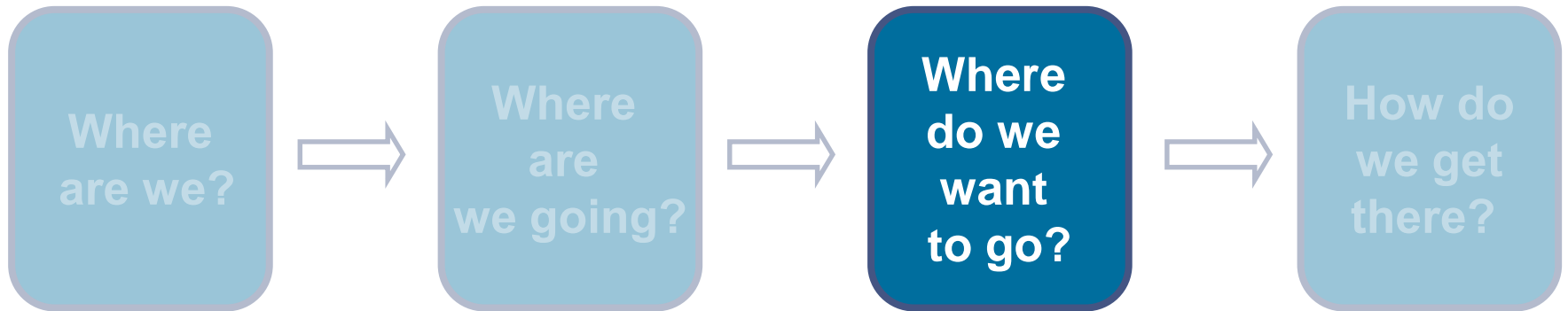


- **Community Assessment**

- Review local/Census data, plans & development patterns over the last 4 years
- Review land use, housing, economic development, transportation, natural & cultural resources
- Highlight areas that may need special attention



What is the 5 Year Update Planning Process?



- Public Participation

- Survey
- Focus Groups
- Draft Plan Reviews/
Open House



Finally, at the end...

Where are we?



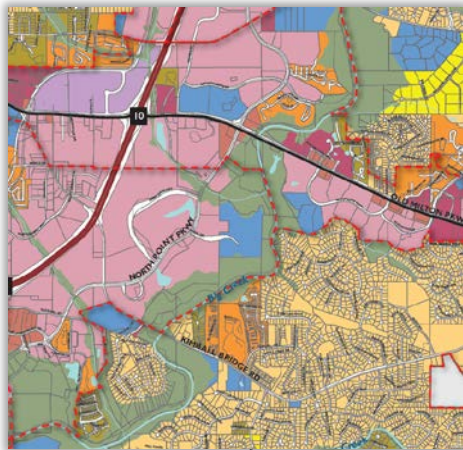
Where are we going?



Where do we want to go?



How do we get there?



ACTIVITY CENTER

buildings and
ity and a
ivities, shopping,
ntent to
ation that creates
center.

UNIQUE ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Must find/maintain balance between preservation of historic qualities and need for new investment and activity
- Traffic congestion
- Enhancement needed facilitate for walking, biking and transit
- Civic spaces and enhanced connections to Wills Park needed
- Residential development to support retail, restaurant, and entertainment
- Develop special design standards to accommodate unique signage, murals, street furniture and outdoor art

APPLICATION

- Downtown Activity Center is centrally located within Alpharetta with Main Street/GA-7 passing north to south through the center of the character area, as shown in the Future Development Map. It is primarily zoned for a mix of residential, office, commercial and mixed use and is envisioned to evolve as a compact, walkable mixed-use town center with a mix of office, commercial, residential and civic uses.



- **Final Update** with amendments to:
 - Goals & Strategies
 - Future Development Guide
 - 5 Year Implementation Program



Schedule

Summer
Survey
Public Hearing
Data Analysis

Fall
Focus Groups
Community Assessment

Winter
Draft Update Review
Open House

Spring
DCA Review

Summer
Plan Update Adoption



How Can You Participate?

- Take the **community survey** online!
- Over 1100 respondents have completed the survey
- **Community Survey:** www.oconeecounty.com/compsurvey

Also...

- Express interest in **focus groups**
 - Email OCPlanning@Oconee.ga.us
- Look out for upcoming **notices**
- Contact us with **questions or opinions**

