

RESOLUTION

Habersham County, Georgia

WHEREAS, Habersham County and municipalities made a decision in 2006 to create a Joint Comprehensive Plan to manage future growth; the county's previous Comprehensive Plan was dated 1992 with Land Use content and was followed by the current Comprehensive Land Use Development Resolution for the county;

WHEREAS, state Comprehensive Plan requirements of 2005 are based on a new policy of Quality Growth and encompass the elements needed to plan and sustain communities—population, economic development, housing, natural and cultural resources, intergovernmental coordination, community services and facilities, transportation, and land use;

WHEREAS, the initial step in the process, the Community Assessment, revealed that our current course would result in sprawling growth and diminish the very characteristics that appeal to us and others—rural character, scenic beauty, farms and a special quality of life;

WHEREAS, the Community Assessment information was presented to the community in the second step of the process, Community Participation, and resulted in a strong consensus among citizens from meetings, completed surveys, and interviews to change course toward a vision of 2029 and manage growth with the steps and changes necessary to achieve that vision;

WHEREAS, the Community Agenda was the final step in the process of completing the plan and constitutes the county government's response to the vision and direction of the community and is reflected in short term work plans to implement the necessary steps to achieve the vision;

WHEREAS, the Habersham County/Cities Joint Comprehensive Plan was developed by a steering committee composed of government officials from the county and municipalities, boards, authorities commissions civic organizations citizen groups and interested citizens trained and assisted by the Department of Community Affairs;

WHEREAS, the plan was adopted in October 2008 according to the rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a Community Agenda which provides a vision for the community's sustainable quality growth and a plan to implement that vision was prepared according to said rules including community participation; and

WHEREAS, one of the basic requirements for a community agenda is community involvement in the implementation program for achieving the joint community vision identified within the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the implementation plan will involve the joint coordination among the county and various municipalities through projects and programs outlined in the plans short-term work program; and

WHEREAS, the Habersham County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the proactive involvement of Habersham County community members is essential to accomplishing the implementation of the elements of the Comprehensive Plan to include economic development, housing, natural and cultural resources, intergovernmental coordination/community services and facilities, transportation and land-use; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has offered assistance and advice on plan implementation procedures and activities; as well as group training on community involvement in comprehensive plan implementation activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Habersham County, Georgia that a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Advisory Committee be created for the purpose of advocacy for implementation progress, providing advice and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners as to actions needed to implement plan objectives and review current and/or future policies, ordinances, and/or regulations being considered for adoption by the County Board of Commissioners for compliance with said comprehensive plan. The Committee will coordinate efforts with DCA and participate in training opportunities that they offer.

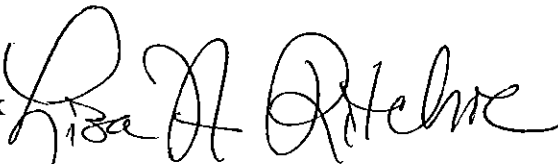
This Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Habersham County for terms of three years each. A member will be appointed by each district commissioner and should be a resident of the respective commission district; two members will be appointed by the commission at large and shall be a resident of Habersham County. The initial appointment for the at large positions shall be for a term of three years; district two and three appointments will be for one year; and the remaining appointments will be for two years; after which appointments will occur on a three year cycle.

The Implementation Advisory Committee is further empowered to appoint sub-committees to address each element of the Comprehensive Plan. Such sub-committee members shall include, but are not limited to, citizens, members of the local planning commissions, elected officials, city/town staff, members of major authorities, and other cities representing key agencies in the county who contain the expertise and knowledge necessary to implement the element of the Comprehensive Plan to which they are assigned.

ADOPTED, this 15th day of February, 2010.

Chairman 

Attest:

County Clerk 
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