

ISSUES

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POPULATION

As the population continues to grow, existing facilities and services may become inadequate.		
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sugar Hill is a large residential city and there is a need for more retail and service commercial businesses to serve the population.		
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Additional financial and staff resources are needed to implement the Stormwater Management Plan.		
Though potential for change along the Chattahoochee River is somewhat limited, this resource is not fully taken advantage of by the City.		

FACILITIES & SERVICES

Development may be outpacing the City's services. The capacity of existing community facilities and utilities should be evaluated.		
Continue to manage and foster exceptional recreation services, efficient sanitation service, and low-cost gas utility.		
Sewer capacity has expanded in the last 10 years, but many households still rely on septic systems.		

HOUSING

Some houses in older areas of the City could be better maintained, particularly in neighborhoods without Homeowners' Associations.		
There is a need for greater diversity in housing types.		

LAND USE

Maintain the current low-density residential character of the City while encouraging new mixed-use development in areas that are designated as appropriate.		
More commercial development is desired along major roads identified as commercial corridors concentrated at nodes around major intersections. However, this development should be focused on a mixture of uses with smaller, local businesses.		
There is a lack of restaurants and shopping options in Downtown Sugar Hill.		

TRANSPORTATION

Individual neighborhoods are disconnected due to cul-de-sacs, which further contributes to congestion on arterial roads.		
Walkability is a great challenge due to major roads and the railroad. Many streets lack safe pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.		
There is a need for alternative transportation options, whether public transit or multi-use trails.		

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Sugar Hill could benefit from more effective coordination with other local, County, and State governments/agencies, regional agencies, private agencies, the business community, and the public.		
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Important historic and cultural resources may be threatened with damage or demolition in the face of increasing demand for new development.		
The community is unaware of the historic significance of resources that contribute to the cultural heritage of Sugar Hill and Gwinnett County.		
A wealth of local history exists in the experiences of community members, but this information could be lost without a system program to capture oral history.		

OPPORTUNITIES

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POPULATION

Ensure public services as well as recreational and educational facilities are adequate to provide for more residents.		
Encourage the location of a satellite campus or technical college to provide more educational and training opportunities.		
Provide support for language programs and cultural education initiatives.		

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Create an economic development plan that addresses appropriate business recruitment and retention for major corridors as well as neighborhood commercial areas.		
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Continue to identify and protect greenspace within the City, especially parks and plazas that are within walking distance to Downtown Sugar Hill.		
Provide access to and educational opportunities surrounding the Chattahoochee River.		
Develop a Parks & Recreation Master Plan.		

FACILITIES & SERVICES

Assess the capacity of existing and future planned services and facilities, and utilize this information when permitting new development.		
Ensure that there are adequate recreational, educational, and family-oriented facilities that appeal to families and youth.		

HOUSING

Identify residential areas that have older homes in need of better maintenance, as well as methods or programs to encourage regular maintenance.		
Encourage homeownership and maintain the stability of established single-family neighborhoods to ensure a high quality of life.		

LAND USE

Provide neighborhood commercial nodes for convenient use.		
Create mixed-use nodes at certain intersections along SR 20, Peachtree Industrial Blvd, and Buford Highway.		

TRANSPORTATION

Encourage transportation alternatives through the provision of sidewalks and multi-use trails, particularly the Sugar Loop Greenway.		
Design and implement streetscape projects to improve aesthetics, promote pedestrian activity, and slow traffic. In particular, streetscape improvements on SR-20 would help bring pedestrian activity to Downtown Sugar Hill.		

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Continue to work with local government to ensure the adequate provision of infrastructure and capacity to serve future development.		
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Identification and documentation of existing historic and cultural sites within the City will be an important first step in the preservation of significant resources.		
Encourage property owners to create voluntary preservation and conservation mechanisms for historic and cultural resources in the City.		
Undertake citywide initiatives to generate awareness of historic sites, including participation in festivals and celebrations, installation of signage and historical markers and maintenance of publicly accessible historic sites, such as cemeteries.		
Plan for the preservation of cultural landscapes, such as gardens and cemeteries, in addition to buildings, objects and engineering structures.		
Create opportunities for recording and archiving oral history interviews through local and national media outlets.		

WHAT ELSE

USE THIS SPACE TO SHARE ANY IDEAS THAT YOU DON'T SEE REFLECTED IN THE CURRENT ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES.