


DATE: January 29, 2018
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Planning Director 
SUBJECT: 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update



SUGGESTED ACTION

Approval of resolution adopting the updated comprehensive plan.

DISCUSSION

Regional review was completed in January 2019 with no comments from Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Links to the final version of the plan can be found at the project page on the city's website: <https://cityofsugarhill.com/plan4thesweetlife/>.

Staff is presenting the plan to the City Council and requesting formal adoption. Upon approval of the resolution, the plan will be transmitted to the DCA satisfying all the requirements to maintain qualified local government status under the state's local planning program.

BACKGROUND

Local governments in Georgia are required to develop and maintain a long-range comprehensive plan in order to remain eligible for various state-administered funding, permitting, and incentive programs. A comprehensive plan is a policy guide that assesses current conditions, projects future trends, establishes goals, develops strategies, and sets up a short term work plan. State legislation mandates the plan must be updated every 10 years.

Planners from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) worked with city staff to prepare an update to our long-range plan with guidance from a steering committee made up of a strong group of community leaders with diverse backgrounds.

Residents, local business owners, elected officials, and city staff served on the committee and worked together to give direction and feedback at key points in the process. The committee organized monthly public meetings, and additional opportunities for public participation at other community meetings were advertised through local media outlets and on the city's social media sites. A project page on the city's website was also created with a link to all the available materials and a form to submit feedback to the planning department by email.

The last public meeting was conducted in October 2018 to gather community-wide feedback which was considered in preparation of the final draft. This meeting was open house format and citizens provided comments in writing and through one-on-one discussions with city and ARC staff. All comments were synthesized into a final draft plan which staff is requesting authorization to release for regional review and public comment upon conducting the required second public hearing.

**CITY OF SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT**

Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, the City of Sugar Hill Council has completed the Comprehensive Plan documents as part of the 10-year Comprehensive Plan Update.

WHEREAS, these documents were prepared according to the most current Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and all required public hearings being held.

WHEREAS, these documents adequately address the Local Planning Requirements as determined by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

WHEREAS, these documents have been reviewed by the Atlanta Regional Commission for potential conflicts with neighboring jurisdictions, opportunities for interjurisdictional/regional solutions to common issues, internal consistency with various planning elements, and consistency with the Regional Development Plan.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City of Sugar Hill Council does hereby adopt the Community Agenda.

Resolved this 11th day of February, 2019.

Mayor – Steve Edwards

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Jane Whittington