

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	2023 Comprehensive Plan Update
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested for the approval of the 2023 Columbus Plan Update. This mid-decade (also done in 2003, 2013, and now) update includes an updated Needs & Opportunities, the accomplishments from the 2019-2023 Community Work Program, and the new 2024-2028 Community Work Program (CWP). The CWP is used to guide the development and growth in Columbus over the next 5 years.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

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Background: Comprehensive plans are fully overhauled every 10 years (latest was 2018). Five-year updates are required by Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). This is the 5-year update.

Analysis: The CWP is used to guide the development and growth in Columbus over the next 5 years. DCA would prefer our future land-use maps to be updated but our growth has stayed consistent with the current maps. The pandemic slow down held back growth that would have happened in 2020 and 2021 but is just now picking up.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

Legal Considerations: No legal considerations.

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A RESOLUTION

NO.

WHEREAS, the 1989 Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 219, the Georgia Planning Act, requiring all local governments to prepare a Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Planning Department prepared the required 5-year Comprehensive Plan Update Report of Accomplishment, updated Needs and Opportunities, and 5-year Update of its Community Work Program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the Columbus Council, acting on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government, does hereby submit the Comprehensive Plan update to the River Valley Regional Commission for review, comments, and recommendations.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held the _____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Begly	voting	_____
Councilor Cogle	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor