



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

**Meeting Type:** Mayor & Council Meeting

**Meeting Date:** 09/18/2023

**Agenda Item:** Public Hearing for Draft Comp Plan Update

**Department:** NWGRC

**Requested By:** Ethan Calhoun

**Reviewed/Approved  
by City Attorney?**

**Cost:**

**Funding Source if Not  
in Budget**

**Please Provide A Summary of Your Request, Including Background Information to  
Explain the Request:**

Whitfield County, Cohutta, Dalton, Tunnel Hill, and Varnell have prepared a draft Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for 2024-2028 according to the 2018 Minimum Planning Standards set by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. This draft plan was prepared with public participation and with guidance from Steering Committees of public and private sector individuals, including representatives from local government, economic development, and community leadership.

Accordingly, a joint public hearing is scheduled for the County and Cities to accept comments on the Draft Joint Comprehensive Plan. After the public hearing and receipt of public comment, the draft plan will be submitted for review by the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Plan approval by October 31, 2023 is required to maintain Qualified Local Government (QLG) status for each local government per the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 allowing continued eligibility for State loans, grants, or permits for another five years.