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2026 Comprehensive Plan Update





City of Jonesboro

Initial Public Hearing

March 9, 2026



Agenda

-  Why plan?
-  State requirements
-  Approach and roles
-  Next steps

Why plan?

- Develop and refine community vision
- Promote understanding of local issues
- Preserve and improve quality of life
- Protect private property rights
- Strategically support community needs
- Coordinate decision-making and resource allocation
- Look beyond day-to-day services
- Guide growth and development

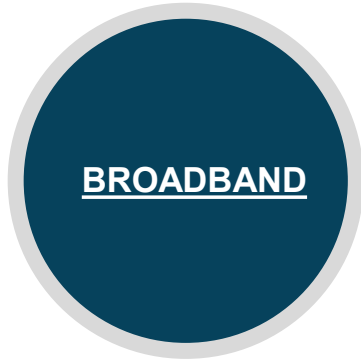
...and in Georgia...

- Because the state requires it
 - Compliance with DCA Local Planning Rules → Qualified Local Government (QLG) Status
 - QLG Status → Access to certain Funding and Assistance Programs



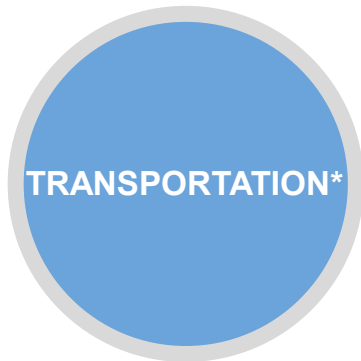
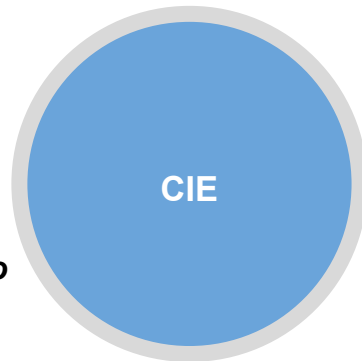
Required Plan Elements

Required for all plans



Required for some plans

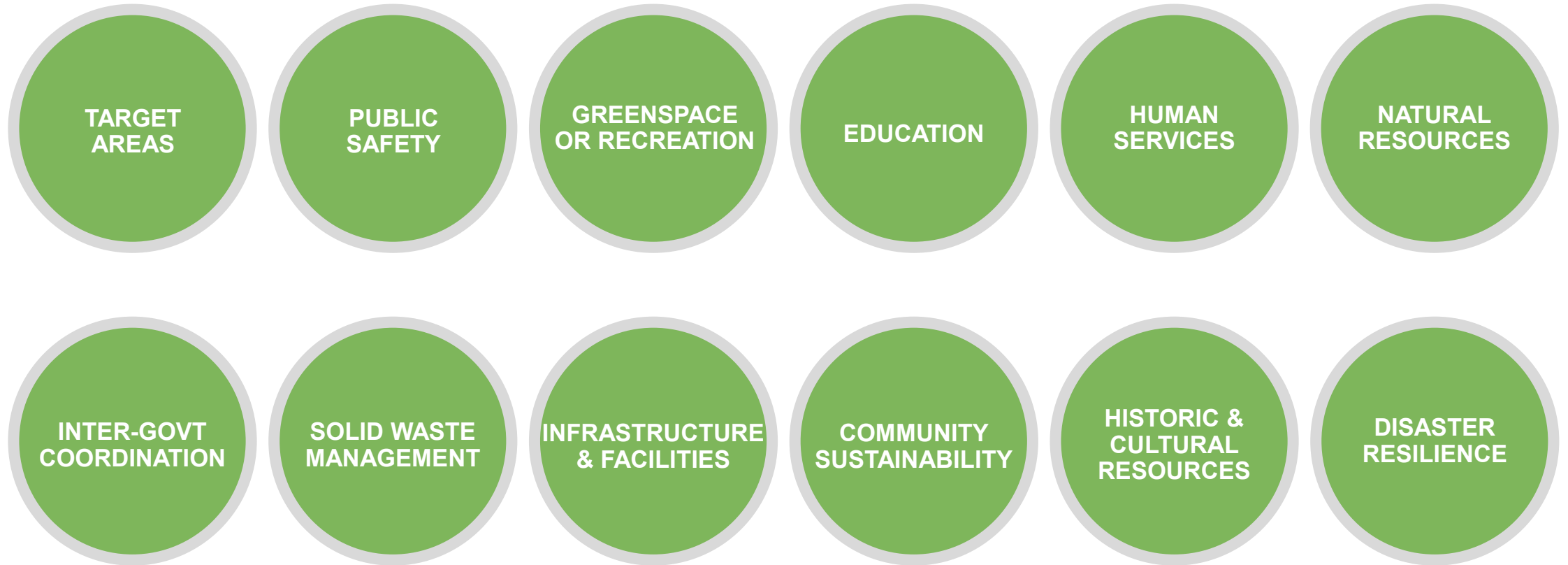
Asterisk = Required for Jonesboro*



Underlined = Required to be updated every 5 years

Per pp.7-12 of DCA rules at Chapter 110-12-1-.03

Optional Plan Elements



Elements RC is Required to Assist With*

- Needs and Opportunities
- Broadband
- Vision/Goals
- Report of Accomplishments (ROA)
- Community Work Program (CWP)

**Per p.6 of DCA rules at Chapter 110-12-1-.03(7)(b)*

**These items are required of the RC, but ARC's scope of work includes more*



Approach – ARC Roles

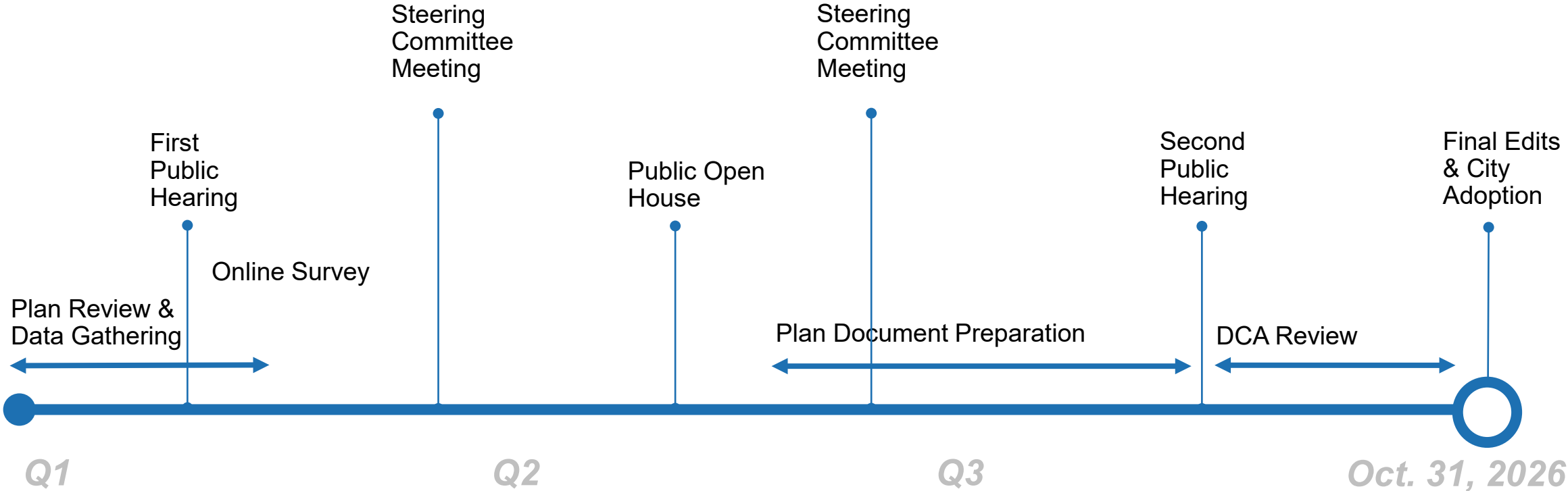
- Support DCA-required public hearings (like this one)
- Develop/manage online public engagement portal and survey
- Facilitate two Steering Committee meetings
- Facilitate one general public engagement event
- Use input gather to update key elements and produce draft plan
- Implement any revisions required by DCA following state review
- Provide final plan and other documents



Approach – City Roles

- ▮ Host ARC on tour of community – COMPLETED!
- ▮ Provide key information for plan development
- ▮ Manage Steering Committee
- ▮ Manage public awareness for events and meetings
- ▮ Provide locations for in-person meetings
- ▮ Conduct additional engagement beyond ARC scope, if desired

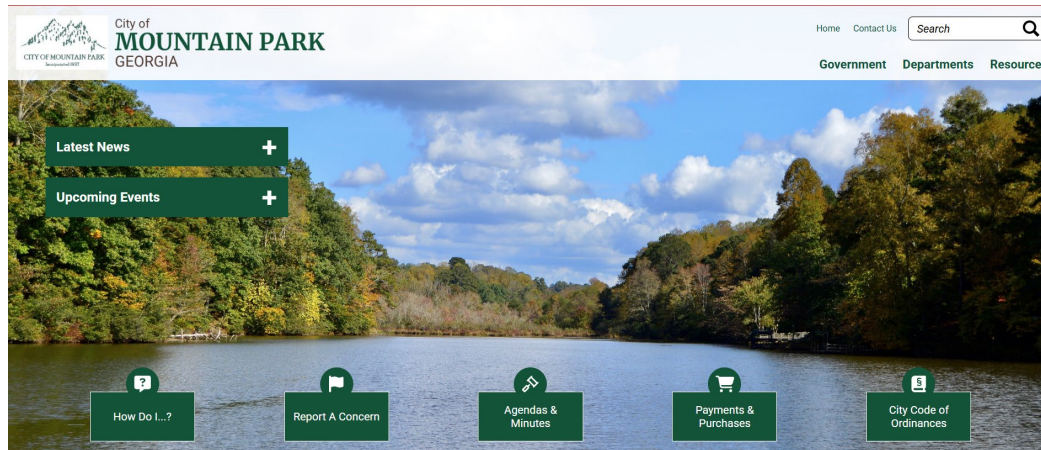
Next Steps – Tentative Schedule



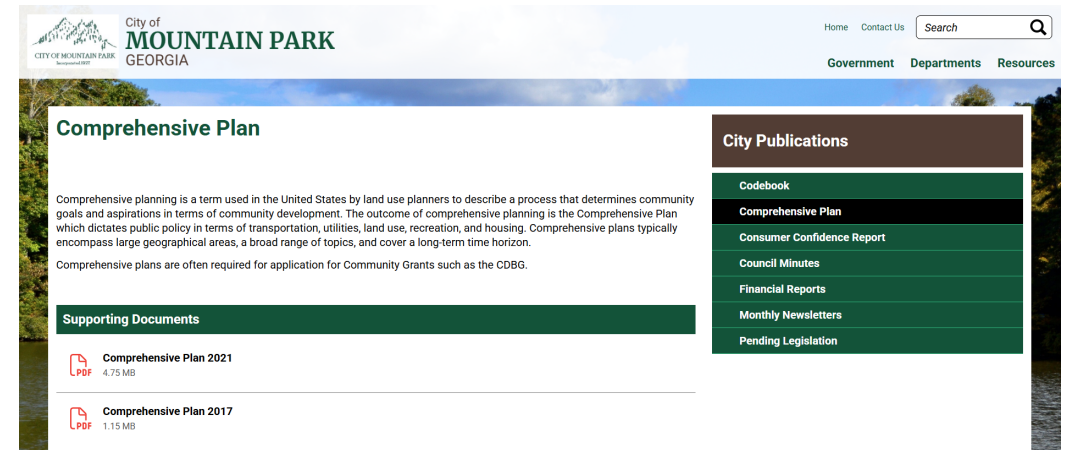
Note: All final dates will be publicized on Project Website (will link to City Website) as they are confirmed

Next Steps – Project Website

- Will be linked to City website – homepage and planning page
- Will include survey – later in 1st Quarter/early 2nd Quarter
- Will include all event/meeting dates as they are finalized



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Helpful Resources for Local Planning

DCA Coordinated Planning Page

<https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/coordinated-planning/local-planning>

DCA Governing Statutes and Regulations (including Local Planning Rules)

<https://dca.georgia.gov/community-assistance/coordinated-planning/governing-statutes-regulations-and-guidance>

DCA Due Dates, Status, and Other Resources

<https://apps.dca.ga.gov/dcacommunity/default.aspx/default.aspx>



Questions?

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