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Sent: Friday, September 11, 2026 12:57 PM
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Cc: Andrew Smith; Lauren Blaszyk
Subject: FW: City of Jonesboro Comp Plan Update - Revisions Required

Hello,

Per the below, the DCA has responded with some required and advisory comments on the draft Update. Please let me know when the revised version is ready to be submitted to the DCA.

Thanks,

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Sent: Friday, September 11, 2026 10:03 AM

Subject: City of Jonesboro Comp Plan Update - Revisions Required

Andrew:

Our staff has reviewed the comprehensive plan update for the City of Jonesboro and determined that it does not adequately address the Minimum Standards for Local Comprehensive Planning. Our comments are listed below. Please assist the local government with addressing the comments and submitting a revised update. Additionally, we have provided advisory comments that we believe could assist the local government in making its plan more useful. Please review these comments with the local government before they move forward with the required revisions. If you have any questions about our comments, please contact us at [REDACTED]

Items that Must be Addressed

The issues noted below must be addressed before the plan update can be approved:

Required Plan Elements

- * This draft Plan Update must include the following elements that were apparently missing from this submittal:
 - * Needs and Opportunities

Report of Accomplishments

- * The Report of Accomplishments identifies the following activities as either “postponed” or “not accomplished” without providing the required explanation of why the activity was postponed or not accomplished:
 - Develop an economic development website
- * The Report of Accomplishments omits some items from the previous Work Program, including:
 - Work with MARTA on station locations within the City
 - Implement signage, landmarks, crosswalks for walking tour of Downtown Jonesboro developed through the LCI update

Community Work Program

- * The Community Work Program must cover the next five years, 2027-2031.
- * Items carried over into the next five-year planning cycle from the previous Work Program must be included in the new Community Work Program. Examples of items indicated as ongoing or postponed in the Report of Accomplishments that were not included in the new Community Work Program include:
 - * Conduct a code audit to compare plans with codes and make recommended zoning changes.
 - * Housing assessment of existing housing stock within the City
 - * Connect features in the City (hist. points, murals, art pieces, etc.) with wayfinding devices

Advisory Comments on the Plan Update

Please consider addressing these items before moving forward with adoption of the plan update. We believe they will improve the usability of the document and help maximize its potential benefits.

Community Work Program & Report of Accomplishments

- * Nearly all of the items from the previous Work Program were reported as “ongoing” or “postponed” in the Report of Accomplishments and were carried over to the new Community Work Program. If the community is struggling with implementing its plan, it may be advisable to seek help from the regional commission in setting priorities and identifying possible assistance resources.

Character Areas

- * While develop patterns have been included in the narrative section for each character area, the defining narrative for each character area could be improved by more clearly delineating allowed land uses and/or zoning categories for future development of the area.

Thanks,

Juli



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