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Staff Report Planning and Zoning

To: Mayor and Council
Through: Danny Roberts
From: Tim Prater
Robbie Schwartz
Date: May 6, 2022
Subject: NEGRC Letter

Recommendation: To authorize the mayor to sign a transmittal letter. This is a letter required by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission of each municipality acknowledging that we were a part of the Walton County Comprehensive Plan process and agreeing to have the plan reviewed by the state.

Background: Georgia law requires local governments to complete a Comprehensive Plan every 10 years and five years later an update to that plan. Work began on the 5-year update to the Walton County Comprehensive Plan last year. In addition to serving as a guiding document for planning purposes, these plans are necessary for the City to maintain its Qualified Local Government status, a requirement for most loans and grants offered by federal and state governments.

Representatives from each municipality were part of a steering committee that held meetings virtually over several months to discuss different areas of focus for the study. Walton County held an open house on Sept. 16th and offered an online survey for residents to actively participate in the development of this document. A final public meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 12th.

Discussion: After each local government has submitted their respective letters, the plan will go to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review to ensure compliance with state law. Once the state has signed off on the plan, it will come back before the city council for a formal adoption.



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May 13, 2022

Eva Kennedy
Director, Planning & Government Services
Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
305 Research Dr.
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RE: Comprehensive Plan Submittal

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

Please accept the transmittal of the City of Loganville's comprehensive plan for review. As required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, I hereby certify that we have held the required public hearings, involved the public in development of the plan, and considered both the Regional Water Plan and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria.

I look forward to the completion of this review and to our adoption of the comprehensive plan.

Skip Baliles, mayor,
City of Loganville