

2009 Partial Update

Why a Partial Update?

A partial update is suggested as an intermediate step between full Character Area - based planning, and an older method of planning around topical elements that apply citywide

Highlights:

- An interim document and policy guide for the city between Comprehensive Plan full updates (2004 and this effort)
- Assessed Quality Community Objectives (development patterns, resource conservation, social & economic development, government relations), issues, and opportunities
- Identified Areas Requiring Special Attention, to be studied further during this planning process:
 - *Midtown Gainesville & historic neighborhood areas*
 - *Limestone Parkway / White Sulphur Road corridors*
 - *Athens Highway corridor*
 - *Browns Bridge Road / Atlanta Highway corridor*
 - *Dawsonville Highway corridor*
- Included short-term work program that will be the basis of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan implementation strategy

Vision 2030

Sponsored by the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, Vision 2030 was a broad-based community visioning effort that grew out of a leadership summit in 2005. It was modeled on a similar effort in Greenville, South Carolina and engaged hundreds of individuals in creating a set of themes and 15 "Big Ideas" for long-term growth in Gainesville - Hall County:

1. *State-of-the-art hotel / conference center in Downtown*
2. *Creating a "Culture of Wellness" through health expos and events*
3. *Educational collaboration for Life-Long Learning*
4. *Relocate Green Street post office to Midtown*
5. *Lead the state in protected green space*
6. *Center for healthcare education, employment, and life sciences companies*
7. *"Harbor Town" mixed-use community on Lake Lanier*
8. *Regional visitor's center as first stop for tourists*
9. *Senior Leadership program that is a national model*
10. *Host the Southeastern Community Theater Festival*
11. *High-speed rail linking Gainesville to Atlanta and Athens*
12. *Highway bypasses around Gainesville to ease congestion*
13. *Community of Towns that preserve tradition building scale*
14. *Unique arts districts across Hall County*
15. *"One Hall" Intercultural Arts / Conference Center to break down cultural barriers*

Vision 2030 Themes

- Create a culture of community wellness
- Support and sustain life-long learning
- Build an economy around emerging life sciences
- Encourage innovative growth and infrastructure development
- Promote cultural integration

Other Plans

- 2040 Gainesville-Hall MPO Master Transportation Plan
- Gainesville Parks Vision 2014 Master Plan

- Gainesville Historic Resources Structural Survey
- Gainesville Consolidated (Housing) Plan
- Lee Gilmer Airport Master Plan
- Midtown Greenway Plan / Project
- Central Hall Recreation / Multiuse Trail
- TAD Redevelopment Plan - The Renaissance of Midtown Gainesville