

# *Guiding the Future for a Lasting Lowcountry*

**Comprehensive Plan Update**  
Charleston County, South Carolina

Public Workshop, Round 1

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# *Tonight's Agenda*

1. Welcome
2. Overview of the Planning Process
3. Ideas for the Future
4. Break-Out Groups
  - Ideas for the Future
  - Mapping Exercise
5. Exit Questionnaire



# *Overview of the Planning Process*

1. What is a Comprehensive Plan?
2. Why are we preparing a Plan?
3. How will the process be conducted?
4. What do we need to do tonight?



# *What is a Comprehensive Plan?*

1. An expression of the County's intent for where and how future growth and development should occur.
2. Identification of parts of the County that may or may not be appropriate for certain types of growth, given the Lowcountry's unique character and natural conditions.
3. NOT zoning!



# *Why are we preparing a Plan?*

1. Title 6, Chapter 29 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires that the Comprehensive Plan be updated at least once every ten years.
2. The original Comprehensive Plan was adopted by County Council on April 20, 1999.
3. It is good public policy.



# *Why are we preparing a Plan?*

## Elements of the Plan

Population

Economic Development

Natural Resources

Cultural Resources

Community Facilities

Housing

Land Use

Priority Investment\*

Transportation\*

Municipal Coordination

Implementation

\* *New elements*

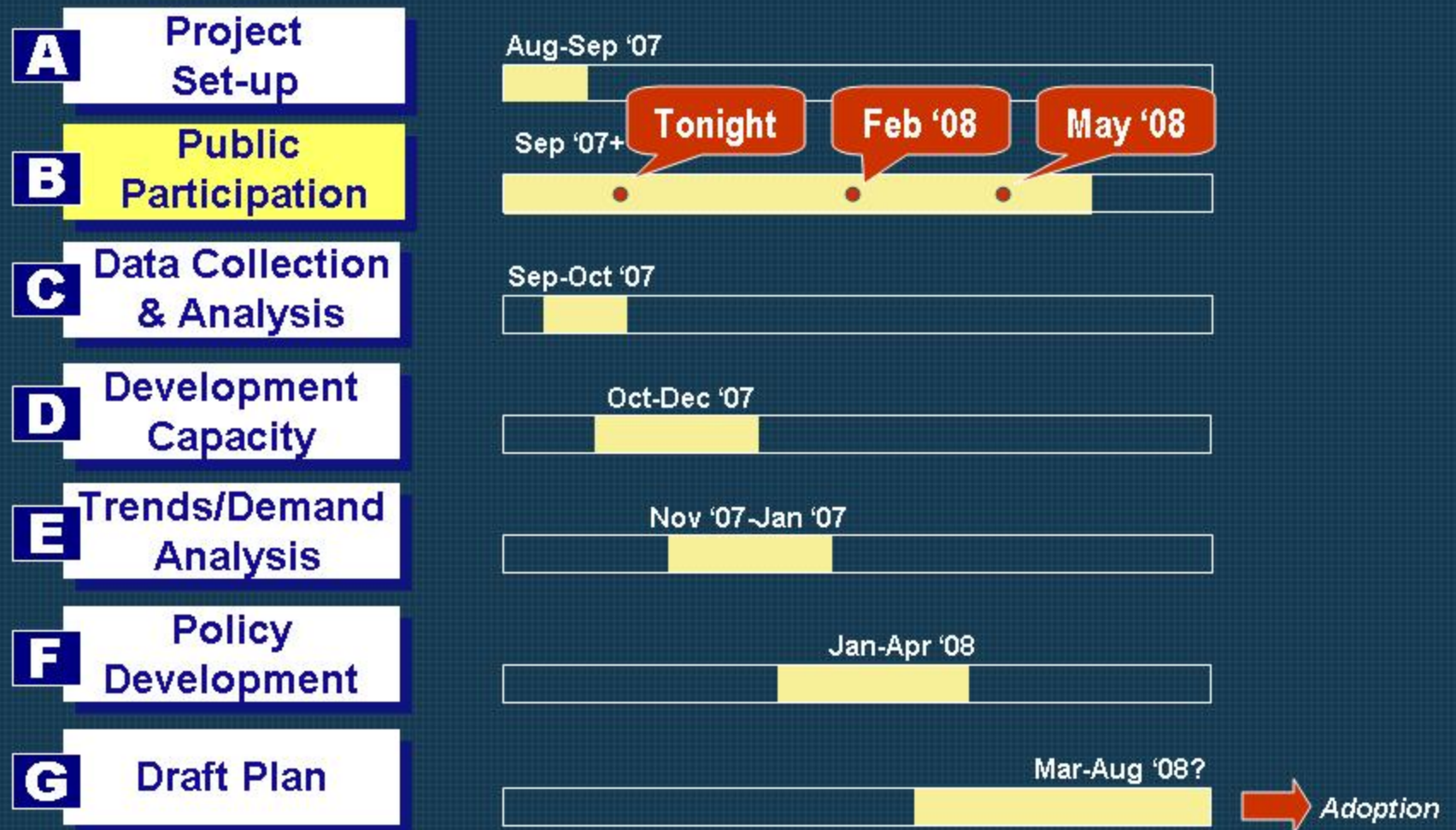


# *How will the process be conducted?*

1. Extensive opportunities for public involvement
2. Solid technical analysis
3. Coordination with other agencies, organizations and jurisdictions
4. Responsive policy development



# Major Phases and Timing



# *What do we need to do tonight?*

1. Think seriously and freely about the future of Charleston County, especially your area.
2. Listen carefully to what others have to say.
3. Follow the instructions of the facilitator.
4. Have fun!



# *What do we need to do tonight?*

## **Ideas for the Future**

1. Silent generation in assembly
2. Share and record ideas in small group

## **Mapping Exercise**

1. Silent identification of strong places/weak places
2. Identify top three strong places/weak places on group map
3. Discuss three strong places/weak places

## **Exit Questionnaire**





# *Key Question*

*What can we do to make  
Charleston County the best that it  
can be in the coming years?*



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