



Comprehensive Plan Update

Guiding the future for a lasting Lowcountry.

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Planning Commission to Hear Overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update Process

Charleston County Government is beginning the process for the 10-year update to the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan. This process, which will extensively involve the public, will formally begin with an overview for the Charleston County Planning Commission on Monday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. in County Council Chambers (Lonnie Hamilton III Public Services Building; 4045 Bridge View Drive; N. Charleston, SC 29405).

During the meeting, which is open to the public, the Charleston County Planning Commission will be presented an overview from the County's Comprehensive Plan consultant on the process that will be undertaken to engage the public in formulating the County's Comprehensive Plan for the next 10 years.

The overview will include information on the events and meetings that will take place during the next 12 to 14 months, starting with a series of public workshops that will be held throughout Charleston County in October. These workshops will give citizens the opportunity to participate in "Guiding the future of a lasting Lowcountry," which is the County's theme for the Comprehensive Plan's update for the next 10 years.

BACKGROUND:

The primary purpose of the Comprehensive Plan update is to guide public decision-making that will affect the quality of life in Charleston County for the next 10 years. In 1994, the South Carolina General Assembly passed the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act that required counties and municipalities to adopt a comprehensive plan if they were going to have zoning and land development ordinances (S.C. Code Sections 6-29-310 through 6-29-1200). The act was amended this year (effective May 23, 2007) to expand the number of planning elements to be included in the comprehensive plan from seven to nine. The nine elements that will be addressed in this 10-year update of the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan are:

1. Population
2. Economy
3. Natural Resources
4. Cultural Resources
5. Housing
6. Community Facilities
7. Land use
8. Transportation
9. Priority Investment

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