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Public Input Needed: Growth in Charleston County

Public workshops will be held to gather input for the County's Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Review starting June 7. Online public workshop available June 5 <u>https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/zoning-planning/comp-plan.php</u>

<u>Charleston County Government</u> will hold six public workshops in the coming months to gather input on proposed amendments to the <u>Charleston County Comprehensive Plan</u> as part of the five-year review of the plan.

Details on the six public workshops:

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Johns Island Community Room 1135 Main Road, Johns Island

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Baxter-Patrick James Island Library, Community Room A 1858 S. Grimball Road, James Island

Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wando Mount Pleasant Library, Community Room A 1400 Carolina Park Boulevard, Mount Pleasant

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Bee's Ferry West Ashley Library, Community Room A 3035 Sanders Road, Charleston

Wednesday, July 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce Building, Second Floor Board Room 4922 O'Hear Avenue, North Charleston

Monday, August 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Jane Edwards Elementary, Cafeteria 1960 Jane Edwards Road, Edisto Island

The draft is a compilation of public input, staff recommendations, and amendments added by the Charleston County Planning Commission. The public will now have a chance to provide feedback on the changes. "Public participation in the comprehensive planning process is critical to ensure County growth is consistent with the community's vision. Public input also helps guide the provision of County services and impacts future policy decisions that improve the general welfare of all citizens and visitors to Charleston County," said Planning Director Joel Evans.

What is the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan?

• Charleston County's Comprehensive Plan is an expression of the County's intent for where and how future growth and development should occur. The Plan also identifies 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.

Why does the Comprehensive Plan need to be reviewed?

• Title 6, Chapter 29 of the South Carolina Code of Laws requires that the Comprehensive Plan be reviewed at least once every five years and updated at least once every ten years. The original Comprehensive Plan was adopted by County Council on April 20, 1999. The first Five-Year Review was adopted in 2003 and the first Ten-Year Update was adopted in 2008. The second Five-Year Review was adopted in 2013 and the subsequent Ten-Year Update was adopted in 2018.

Residents can view the plan and submit comments at <u>https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/zoning-plan.php</u> beginning Monday, June 5, 2023. The deadline to submit them is August 30, 2023.

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