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Public Input Needed – Where/How Should Growth Occur in Charleston County?

Public workshops will be held to gather input for the County's Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Review starting June 10

[Charleston County Government](#) will hold five public workshops in five different areas of the County next month to gather input on proposed amendments to the [Charleston County Comprehensive Plan](#).

The [Charleston County Planning Commission](#) completed the [five-year review](#) of the Plan on Oct. 14, 2013, and is now in the process of implementing the findings of their review. The purpose of the five-year review of the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan is to:

- Review/revise the location of the Urban Growth Boundary for consistency with the Urban Growth Boundaries adopted by the City of Charleston and Town of Mount Pleasant;
- Review/revise the future land use designations to reflect current demographic trends and community needs and desires;
- Update the existing conditions of all Plan elements, including updating demographic and statistical data;
- Review/revise the goals, needs and strategies of all Plan elements;
- Update the annual work program; and
- Update maps to include overlay zoning districts adopted since the 2008 Plan Update and to reflect current municipal boundaries and other applicable updated data.

The public will have an opportunity to give input on the proposed amendments to the Plan during the upcoming workshops. Each workshop will have a drop-in format where attendees can view the proposed amendments at their own pace and submit comments and suggestions before leaving the workshops. Citizens can also view and submit comments and suggestions on the County's website at

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/Planning/CompPlanUpdate/index.htm>.

"Public input in the comprehensive planning process provides valuable feedback on how the County should grow and prosper, what services the County should maintain and enhance, and how future policies should be made to improve the general welfare of all citizens and visitors to Charleston County," said [Charleston County Council Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.](#)

Details on the five public workshops:

- 1. Tuesday, June 10, 2014 (6 - 8 p.m.)**
Ravenel Community Hall
5700 Conner Street
Ravenel, SC 29470
- 2. Two options on Thursday, June 12, 2014 (1 - 3:30 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m.)**
Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building
1 - 3:30 p.m. in the 1st floor rotunda;
4 - 6 p.m. in the 2nd floor rotunda
4045 Bridge View Drive
North Charleston, SC 29405
- 3. Monday, June 16, 2014 (6 - 8 p.m.)**
James Island Elementary School Cafeteria
1872 Grimball Road
Charleston, SC 29412
- 4. Monday, June 23, 2014 (4 - 6:30 p.m.)**
John's Island Regional Library Auditorium

3531 Maybank Highway
Johns Island, SC 29455

5. Thursday, June 26, 2014 (6 - 8 p.m.)

Wando High School Media Room
1000 Warrior Way
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466

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 Apr. 20, 1999. The first five-year review was adopted on Nov. 18, 2003; the first ten-year update was adopted on Nov. 18, 2008; and the Charleston County Planning Commission adopted a resolution completing the second five-year review on Oct. 14, 2013.

Who is involved in the update process?

- The public;
- Stakeholders;
- [Charleston County Council](#);
- [Charleston County Planning Commission](#); and
- [Charleston County Zoning & Planning Department](#) staff

How does the process work?

- The Charleston County Planning Commission adopted a resolution completing the five-year review of the Comprehensive Plan on Oct. 14, 2013 and is in the process of implementing the findings of their review.
- Public workshops will be held in five locations to gather public input on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to implement the Planning Commission review.
- The Planning Commission will review the public input gathered from the public workshops and make a recommendation to Council regarding the Comprehensive Plan amendments to implement the five-year review. All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public.
- Charleston County Council will hold at least one public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and adopt the amendments after three readings. The hearing will be announced in advance, and all County Council meetings are open to the public.

Visit the Charleston County website at

<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/Planning/CompPlanUpdate/index.htm> for a direct link to public meeting notices, agendas, presentations, and up-to-date news and information about the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan Five Year Review.

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