

Town of Bluffton Town Council Workshop

Southern Beaufort County Regional Plan

April 18, 2017
6:00 p.m.



Meeting Outline

- Background
- History and Timeline
- Plan Contents
- Implementation of the Plan
- Workshop Discussion
- Next Steps



How it Began...

When

- As a result of the joint review of Beaufort County's 1997 Comprehensive Plan.
- September 2004 Steering Committee kick off meeting.
- June 2005, meetings began with the elected officials from the participating local governments.



How it Began...

Who

Steering Committee

- Beaufort County
- Town of Bluffton
- Town of Hilton Head Island



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Who

Ex-officio Representatives

- Beaufort County School District
- Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority
- Greater Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
- Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce
- Lowcountry Council of Governments
- City of Hardeeville
- Jasper County
- South Carolina Department of Transportation



Plan Contents...

What

- Natural Assets
- Land Use Patterns
- Cost of Growth
- Transportation
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Schools
- Plan Implementation



Natural Assets

- Inventory of natural assets;
- Challenges and threats to the preservation of these assets;
- How they are being protected and what gaps exist in protection; and
- Regional approaches to planning management of the assets.



Land Use Patterns

- Review and analysis of historic growth patterns;
- Inventory of existing land use;
- Estimates of existing and future population through 2020;
- Summary of comprehensive plans, land management ordinances, and other land use management tools; and
- Identification of common goals and objectives.



Cost of Growth

- Provides a common framework and point of reference for which the cost of growth issue is addressed, and
- Capital improvement costs associated with growth primarily include, roads, parks, and schools.



Transportation

- Inventory of the regional road network;
- Level of Service (LOS) standard of 'D';
- Existing conditions and future road demands;
- Potential revenue sources to address funding gap;
- Coordinated policies to preserve capacity and reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMTs); and
- Environmental and aesthetic concerns.



Parks and Recreation

- Inventory of the regional park network;
- Level of Service (LOS) Standard (13 acres of parks per 1,000 residents for the Town of Bluffton);
- Existing and projected needs for regional park network; and
- Potential revenue sources.



Public Schools

- The magnitude of the regional need for public schools and the regional impact;
- Current and projected student enrollment versus capacity; and
- School facility needs.



Implementation Committee

- Representatives from Town of Bluffton, Town of Hilton Head Island, Jasper County, City of Hardeeville, School District, Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authority; and the Lowcountry Council of Governments.
- Three staff level working groups:
 - Land use working group,
 - Natural assets working group, and
 - Southern Beaufort County Transportation Planning Team.



Implementation Committee

The committee is charged with the following:

- Prioritize implementation actions of the plan; and
- Oversee and advocate the implementation of the plan.



Northern Beaufort County Implementation Committee

Last meeting was March 24, 2017

Agenda topics included;

- Sea Island Parkway Transportation Study;
- Summary of Lady's Island Community Planning Forum;
- Status of Lady's Island Area Plan;
- Joint Land Use Study; and
- Sea Level Rise Preliminary Infrastructure Assessment.



Discussion

<http://www.townofbluffton.sc.gov/pdfs/southern-beaufort-county-regional-plan.pdf>

