

Public Hearing
McDuffie County Joint Comprehensive Plan: 2021-2025
September 16, 2020 | 6:30PM

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Purpose of the hearing
3. Information on the comprehensive plan process and public input opportunities
4. Public comment period
5. Adjourn

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Information on the Plan and the Process

The purpose of this public hearing is to initiate the process for the McDuffie County Joint Comprehensive Plan. The Plan serves as an update to the 2015 Plan and will be the guiding document for the community's projects over the next five (5) years and a vision for 10+ years. The Plan will be due (adopted by the town of Dearing, City of Thomson, and McDuffie County) on or before February 28, 2021.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) provides the funding for a basic Plan. The CSRA Regional Commission (RC) in Augusta, GA, contracted with the town of Dearing, City of Thomson, and McDuffie County to help run the planning process and compose the final document.

The town of Dearing, City of Thomson, and McDuffie County established a steering committee to guide this planning process, providing information and feedback to RC staff. A kick-off meeting for the steering committee will be held in September 2020. The committee is composed of the following members: (1) Chairman of McDuffie County, (2) Mayor of Dearing, (3) Mayor of Thomson, (4) County Administrator, (5) City Administrator, (6) a Representative of Forward McDuffie, (7) a Representative of the Chamber of Commerce, (8) a Representative of the Board of Education, (9) a Representative of the Planning Commission, (10) a Representative of the McDuffie Archway. Additional meetings will be held between now and when the Plan is finished. Draft plan documents and other information will be available on the RC website (<https://csrarc.ga.gov/>) and (<https://www.thomson-mcduffie.com>). A community survey and other mechanisms for public input are currently being developed.

The final plan will include data, information in the areas of economic development, broadband, housing, community facilities, natural and cultural resources, and land use, as well as community goals, needs and opportunities, and a 5-year work program of activities.

There will be a second public hearing once the Plan is drafted to receive final public comments on the Plan. After steering committee approval, the Plan will be submitted to the RC and DCA for review. After the Plan is approved by DCA, it will be adopted by the local jurisdictions and made available to the public.

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