

# City of Porterdale Comprehensive Plan Input Meeting #4

October 13, 2020



FOR THE PEOPLE OF PORTERDALE

Assisted by the Planning & Government Services Division of the  
Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

# Agenda

1. Update on Surveys and Community Input
2. Housing
3. Financial Management
4. Local Government Transparency
5. Community Work Program

# Survey Responses

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Online Survey - 37 Responses total

- Closed on October 7<sup>th</sup>

Photo Contest – 3 submissions

# Survey Responses

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## Online Survey

1. Are the streets and sidewalks adequately maintained:
  - No = 85%
  - Yes = 15%
2. Are there any persistent public safety issues?
  - Sanitation / Trash Collection / Littering / Illegal Dumping / Open Hoarding
  - Plant overgrowth into ROW
  - Major lack of lighting after dark
  - Car Speeding / Drivers taking residential streets to avoid traffic lights

# Survey Responses

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## Online Survey

1. Rate Water/Sewer Service:
  - Poor = 29%
  - Average – Excellent = 71%
2. Rate Police Service:
  - Poor = 23%
  - Average – Excellent = 77%
3. Rate Internet Service:
  - Poor = 21%
  - Average – Excellent = 79%
4. Rate Leisure/Recreation Service:
  - Poor = 42%
  - Average – Very Good = 58%

# Survey Responses

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You should know \_\_\_\_\_ about this community:

- Issues with leadership
- Many delays in city addressing resident concerns
- Older residents feel unrepresented
- Angst toward how the city functions
- That there is much potential to be realized
- The city is progressing

# Survey Responses

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List three small actions the city could do to improve quality of life:

- Address poor water quality
- Code enforcement
- Facilitate local businesses
- Issues with City Council
- Issues with Police force
- Improve physical advertisements for public meetings and community events (e.g. marquee)
- Landscape maintenance
- Many stated the need for the public works department to be back
- Improve recreational opportunities
- More family friendly events

# Housing

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- **Maintenance**

- Clear Titles (property heirs)
- Grants available for rehabilitation (CHIP, CDBG)

- **Litter**

- Sidewalks, yards, wooded areas, etc.
- Community clean up day (use Social Circle as reference)





# Housing

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- **Historic Preservation**

- What is the status of the Historic Preservation Commission?
- Does the city have an active CLG status?
- How does the city determine if a project receives a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HPC?
- Are there any issues that need to be addressed regarding the processes of the HPC?

# Housing

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- **Zoning Amendments**

- Develop design guidelines for multi-family housing - 2023
- Determine which zoning ordinance revisions are needed for new development and infill, to ensure quality design and construction – 2021-2023
  - Conditional zoning ordinance to local code regarding rezoning applications to enable time limit on rezoning applications
  - Add steep slope ordinance to local code regarding new development
  - Consolidate zoning ordinance with development regulations to improve accessibility for staff and private sector

# Financial Management

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## **What is the city doing currently?**

- Is a 5 year financial plan being made to address the city's debt?
  - When will this be adopted?
  - How will this affect the city's annual budget regarding community projects?
- Does the city has a SPLOST?
  - How is it affected? How much does it generate annually?
- Does the city have a plan for how to address checks and balances regarding spending?

# Transparency

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Update on city website?

Reference Newton County website

What is the process for public meeting advertisement?

Does the city have any other efforts they are undergoing in improve transparency?



# Community Work Program

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- 5 year list of projects for the city to complete
- Several carry over projects from previous comprehensive plan
- Status updates are reported through the Report of Accomplishments section

# Community Work Program

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## Sections:

- Economic Development
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Natural Resources
- Community Facilities and Services
- Housing
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Intergovernmental Coordination
- **Broadband Services**
- **Financial Management**
- **Government Transparency**

# Comments

- Steering Committee Comments

# Questions

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