

I. Chapter 110-12-1. Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning

1. Introduction

The 2021 Comprehensive Plan for Lowndes County and the Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta was prepared in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Chapter 110-12-1, Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, effective October 1, 2018.

As required by the Local Comprehensive Planning Standards, this Plan consists of the following elements:

- Community Goals
- Needs and Opportunities
- Broadband Services Element
- Community Work Program
- Housing Element
- Land Use Element (as Lowndes County and the Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta are communities with zoning or equivalent land development regulations subject to the Zoning Procedures Law).
- Transportation Element

2. Community Involvement

All of the required elements have been developed with extensive opportunity for involvement and input from stakeholders throughout the community. The following steps were taken to ensure that this plan reflected the full range of needs and opportunities from the many stakeholders and residents in the community:

a) Stakeholders were identified. These included:

- The local governments' elected officials and staff
- Joint Planning Commission
- Local educational institutions (Lowndes County Board of Education, Valdosta State University, Wiregrass College)
- The Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce
- Lowndes County Development Authority
- Public safety departments, including police, fire, and the Lowndes County Emergency Management Agency
- WWALS Watershed Coalition
- Valdosta Regional Airport
- South Georgia Regional Library
- Local businesses and industries