Public Participation Program

A. Identification of Stakeholders
The county and the respective cities have identified the following stakeholders in the Bartow County 2006 Comprehensive Plan. Members of these groups will be included in the public participation component of planning process.

Local Governments
Mayor of Adairsville
Mayor of Cartersville
Mayor of Emerson
Mayor of Euharlee
Mayor of Kingston
Mayor of Taylorsville
Mayor of White
Bartow County (County Commissioner)

Other Local Officials
Jerry Milan (Cartersville – Community Infrastructure)
Gary Riggs (Cartersville - Community Infrastructure)
Jim Stafford (Cartersville – Community Infrastructure)
Ped Alday (Cartersville – Preservation)
Mjr. Robert Bishop (Cartersville Police Dept.)

State Government
Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Coosa Valley Regional Development Center
Georgia Environmental Protection Division
Georgia Department of Transportation
North Georgia – Metro Water Planning District
Department of Family and Children Services

Federal Government
Corps of Engineers
Education
Bartow County School Superintendent
City of Cartersville School Superintendent
Excel Christian Academy
Georgia Highlands College – Bartow Campus
North Metro Technical College
First Presbyterian Church
Economic Development Groups/Local Business/Tourism
Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce
Cartersville-Bartow County Joint Development Authority
Cartersville Downtown Development Authority
Cartersville-Bartow County Convention and Visitors Bureau
Bartow County Economic Development Director
Adairsville Downtown Development Authority
Kingston Downtown Development Authority
Shaw Industries
Georgia Commercial Realty
IBBS Call Center
Toyo Tire
Komatsu America Corp.
Cartersville Career Center
Raintree Properties
Barnsley Gardens
D. Morgan’s
Housing
Market Square Mortgage
Greg Bennett Homes
Century Bank
Cope Builders
Steve Hatley Homes
Greatwood Construction
Temples Construction
Ethowah Valley Housing Authority
Community Health Care
Bartow County Health Department
Cartersville Medical Center
Public Utilities
Georgia Power
MEAG Power
Other Community Groups
Hands of Christ
Etowah Valley Historical Society
Keep Bartow Beautiful
Covered Bridge Players
Euharlee Historical Commission
Euharlee Senior Citizens Representative
Beyond Excellence & Innovations Think Tank
Cultural Arts Alliance
Kingston Women’s History Club
New Frontier Club
B. Public Participation Methods

The county-wide public participation component of the Comprehensive Plan will include the following:

Stakeholder Input Meetings: Stakeholder meetings will be held in order to review the specific goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan to seek their input on specific strategies for achieving those goals. These meetings will be held at the Frank Moore Government Center.

Focus Group Meetings with Other Community Leaders: Focus groups with individuals representing other useful perspectives on local development will be held in order to obtain their input on the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan. These individuals will not be drawn from public officials; instead they will represent other individual interests from around the county. Officials from each local government will be asked to recommend a number of representatives from their locality.

Open Forum for General Citizenry: An open forum will be held at the Civic Center where members of the general public can review the Comprehensive Plan, ask questions of local officials and voice their concerns about the Plan. Written feedback forms will be provided at the venue. The open forum will be held on a weeknight to maximize opportunities for public participation.

Bartow County Website Feedback: The Comprehensive Plan will be made available on the Bartow County website for download by interested parties. The website will include a link to a county email address that will allow for the submission of comments and questions.

Review at local government offices: The Comprehensive Plan will be available at local government offices for review by local citizens.

Advertising the Comprehensive Plan

Public notification of the Open Forum for the General Citizenry and of the availability of the Plan at local government offices will be satisfied by:

Public notices in the local newspapers serving each of the respective communities.
Public service announcements on local radio stations.
Written notices to be posted in local government offices and other public buildings.
Announcements at public meetings of respective city councils.
Notices to be posted on the county website.