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RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Submittal

The City of Climax has completed an update of its comprehensive plan and is submitting it with this letter for review by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission and the Department of Community Affairs.

I certify that we have held the required public hearings and have involved the public in the development of the plan in a manner appropriate to our community's dynamics and resources. Evidence of this has been included with our submittal.

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If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Joseph Kelly, Mayor, at 229.246.0467.

Sincerely,

Joseph Kelly
Mayor, City of Climax

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Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please contact Mayor Johnny Medley at 229-465-3322 if you have any questions regarding our submittal.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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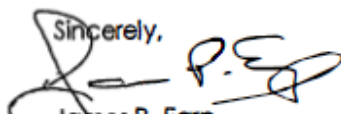
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If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact James P. Earp, Mayor, at 229.248.752.

Sincerely,



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Decatur County Joint Comprehensive Plan

2022

Five-Year Update

Cities:

Attapulgus

Brinson

Climax



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Prepared by Decatur
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Attapulgus, Brinson
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INTRODUCTION

The comprehensive plan is a long-range (20-year) statement of a community's vision for development (and redevelopment). By addressing the entire physical environment of the local government and the multitudes of functions, policies, and programs that comprise their day-to-day workings, the plan seeks to guide what, when, where, why, and how of future physical changes to the landscape of Decatur County and its municipalities.

The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to provide a guide for local government officials and other community leaders for making everyday decisions that are supportive of the community's stated goals for its future. The plan should serve as the local government's guide for assessing development proposals, including rezoning applications and redevelopment plans. For residents, business owners, and members of the development community, the plan provides insight into what types of land uses and development are appropriate at various locations throughout the city and county. Finally, evaluating various local government functions and services, the plan is a point of reference for government staff in preparing capital improvement programs and associated budgets.

The last full comprehensive Plan for Decatur County and the cities of Attapulgus, Climax, and Brinson was completed and adopted in 2017 with assistance from the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC). The City of Bainbridge is included in Decatur County but elected to have a separate



Comprehensive Plan. Although not a lot has changed since 2017, however, Decatur County experienced an increase in population based on the United States Census 2020. This positive change in the population is updated in the comprehensive plan five-year

update required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The DCA oversees and provides guidance for local comprehensive planning in Georgia. The department's Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning, as updated on October 1, 2018. The required planning elements include Community Goals, Needs and Opportunities, Community Work Program, Broadband Services, Capital Improvement, Economic Development, Land Use, Transportation, and Housing. Decatur County is a Tier 1 job Tax Credit community and therefore according to the DCA's rules will be required to do an economic development element.

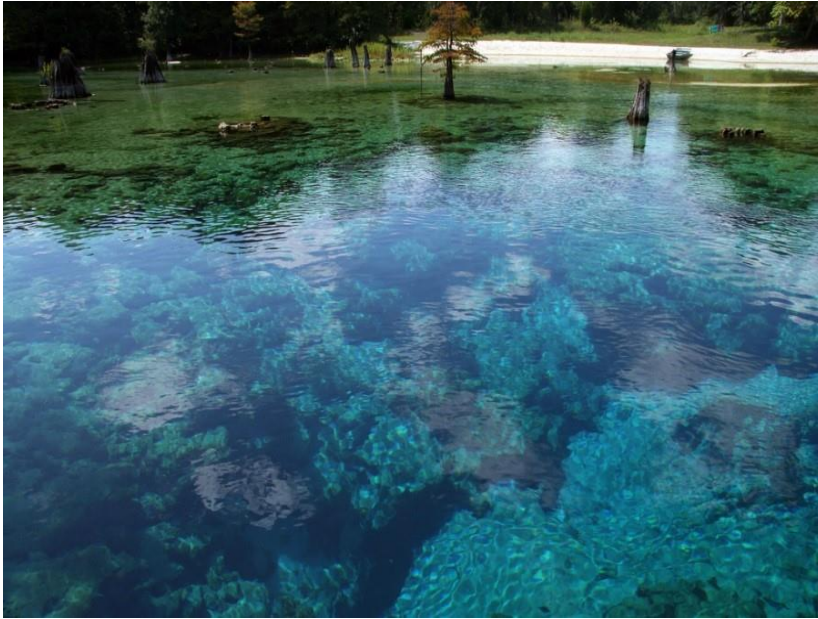
Located in Southwest Georgia, Decatur County is home to some 29,367 citizens and is within easy driving distance of four major cities: Dothan, Alabama, Albany, and Thomasville, Georgia, and the Capital of Florida, Tallahassee. Rich in cultural, historic, and recreational amenities, Decatur County is a family-friendly county offering plenty of activities and resources to accommodate the community's interests.

With its deep agricultural roots and extensive waterways, Decatur County was formed by Georgia Legislature in 1823 and named for Commodore Stephen Decatur a naval hero during the War of 1812.

Even before that, in 1765, the present site of Bainbridge was an Indian village known as Pucknawhitla and held many names throughout the centuries.

The waterways surrounding Decatur County were instrumental in the early growth and development of the region. Access to the Flint River and Lake Seminole has been long held as natural commodities for the county and brings in extra tourism and leisure visitors.





Sustaining the Decatur County workforce are some of the largest employers from ABAC and Southern Regional Technical College, Decatur County School System, Bainbridge Memorial Hospital, Flint River Mills, and Elberta Crate & Box Company. Additionally, Decatur County has one of the lowest unemployment rates in region

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The population of Decatur County is equally spread from old to young and male to female. The racial makeup of the county is around 55 percent of citizens described as white and 40 percent as Black or African American. Five percent of the population claim to be of another race with the highest percentage of those as Hispanic or Latino.

Table 1: Decatur County and Cities Population Estimates

Regions	Population Estimates (2020)
County	29,367
Bainbridge	14,468
Attapulgus	454
Climax	276
Brinson	217

Source: U. S Census Bureau 2020

DECATUR COUNTY AND CITIES POPULATION PERCENTAGE ESTIMATES

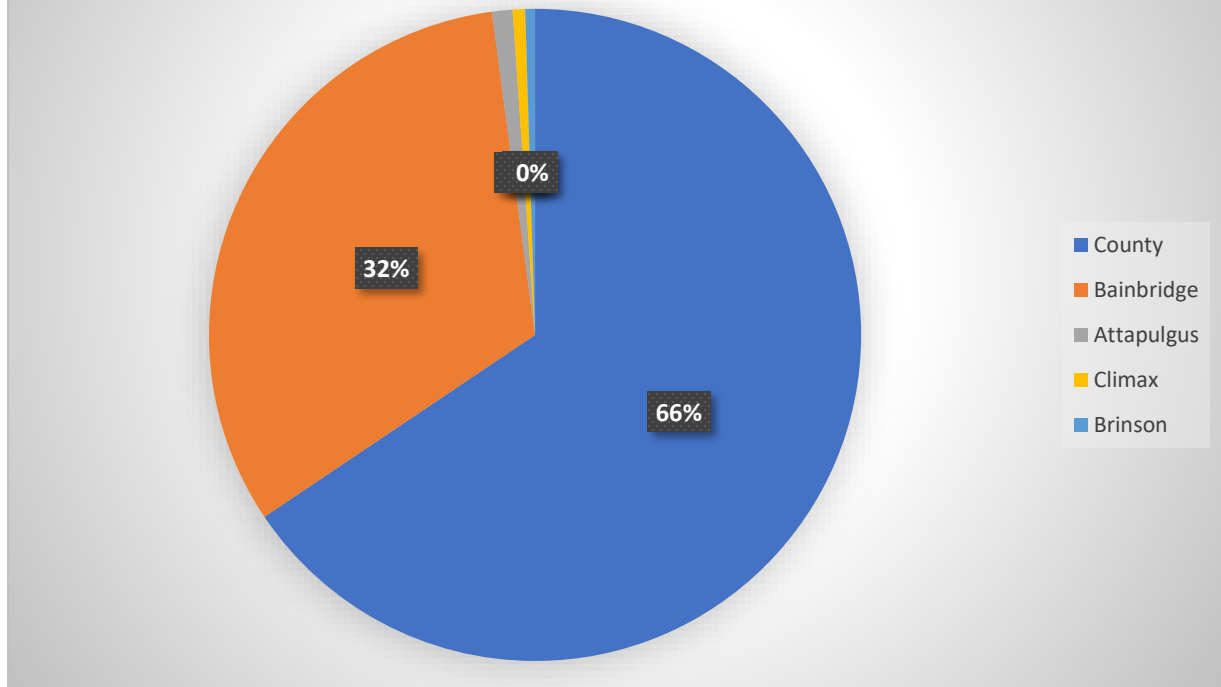


Figure 1: A Pie Chart showing the Population Percentages in Decatur County and the Cities Bainbridge, Attapulgus, Climax, and Brinson

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission's Role

The SWGRC's Planning Department facilitated the 2022 Comprehensive Plan update for Decatur County and the cities of Attapulgus, Climax, and Brinson. The planning process began with initial public hearings at the Decatur County Commission's office located at 203 W. Broughton St. Bainbridge, Georgia, and city council meetings on April 27, 2021. Twenty-four people participated in Decatur County's first public hearing including the City of Attapulgus. However, two local governments (Cities of Climax and Brinson) were absent at the initial public hearing, and the cities were met separately on May 11, 2021, and September 13, 2021, respectively. Six people attended the City of Climax's first public hearing, and nine people attended the City of Brinson. The second hearing was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. At the initial hearings, plan requirements were discussed and an overview of the comprehensive planning process as well as various ways the public

could participate. The timeline for the activities to effectively complete the plan update was discussed at the initial meeting. A traditional advertised meeting was conducted to review the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT). The steering committee and stakeholders list was reviewed, and the newly elected members were composed of representatives from the county and cities based on evaluation of the existing members and recommendations from the participants. Although some of the existing committee's member positions have changed, still of value to the updated committee's members. At the second public meeting, twelve people participated to review the SWOT, Goals and Opportunities, Land use maps, and Community Work Programs at the public meeting session. The participants include Decatur County Council members, county and city residents, clerks, county administrator, and elected officials from the cities (Mayors and County Chairman) Comments include the change in position of committee members, county commissioners, SWOT, need for broadband services, grants application, rephrasing of sentences, and additional projects to the community work program. The planner also received comments via email sent by the clerks representing the local governments. All the comments received were incorporated into the plan update. Some of the comments provided through the comment sheets distributed can be found in the appendix. At the second advertised public hearing, all the local governments were present, and the draft plan was presented for final input and comments. Nine people attended the second public hearing and comments were received. Some of the comments are additional projects to the community work program, corrections on dates in the report of accomplishments, and rephrasing of sentences. All the changes were made and incorporated into the plan updated. In addition, the final draft plan was sent to contiguous counties and cities for comments and no comments were received.

SWGRC team gathered feedback and guidance from the public and used this information to assemble the Comprehensive Plan and made recommendations that are reflective of the community's desires. The elected officials of each local government hold ultimate responsibility and authority to approve and direct the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan documents.

Equal opportunities were given to the public to take part in the plan update. Public announcements of Comprehensive Plan update meetings were made in the local newspapers, community newsletters and flyers, and on social media websites.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

See more detailed information from Environmental Research Institute (ESRI) in the appendix. ESRI is an international supplier of Geographic Information System (GIS) software and provides this information in a variety of formats (data sets, maps) that can be

integrated into nearly every type of organization. We have used ESRI data to examine demographic information about Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax. We have examined population, race, education, housing, and employment. ESRI information is based on the most recent U.S. Census information and can be found in the appendix.

STEERING COMMITTEE AND STAKEHOLDERS (Decatur County and the cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax)

Dennis Brinson Vice Chair	Pete Stephens Chair	George Anderson Commissioner	Steve Brock Commissioner	Rusty Davis Commissioner	Bobby Barber Jr. Commissioner
Michelle West County Clerk	Renee Boyett City Clerk	Johnny Medley Mayor	Stephen Vines, Jr City Council	John Hall II City Council	Tommy Johnson
B. Lamar Maxwell City Council	James Earp Mayor	Ashley Miller City Clerk	H.L. Monty Bullock City Council	Joe Belvin City Council	Randy Williams
Hardy Powell City Council	Alan Thomas County Manager	Glenda Worsham City Clerk	Dennis Bishop City Council	Joseph Kelly Mayor	Robert Jones City Council
Vanessa Martin City Council	Charlie McCann	Jamie Earp	Wendell Cofer	Anita Johnson	Dennis Medley

ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

In July 2022 community members and government officials met to address issues with their respective districts. The identification of needs and opportunities is an important step in the development of strategies to address those needs and opportunities. Public and community input was a vital part of this process. The list of issues and opportunities listed below represent the ones that the City and County feel rise to the level of priority.

- We have a strong agricultural economy but need to diversify for economic growth and development.
- We need to continue to utilize Lake Seminole and Flint River as recreational and tourist attractions.
- We need to make better use of our airport facilities
- We need to invest and support local businesses and seek opportunities to expand business development.
- We need to continue to support and explore the expansion of Solar Farms for economic development.

- We need to provide recreational opportunities for all ages.
- We need to balance jobs and affordable housing.

STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES & THREATS

Strengths

The presence of Lake Seminole
 The presence of Flint River
 The presence of Water Supply Infrastructure
 Available Land for the Industrial Park
 The presence of a Local Airport facility
 Agriculture
 Race Relations (Attapulgus)
 Low Crime Rate
 Good Infrastructure availability
 Road Access – 4 Lane US highways New High School
 The presence of State College and Technical School
 County and City Communication
 The establishment of a Solar Farm (Georgia Power)
 The availability of a Fire Protection Joint 911 facility
 New Recreation Authority with Dedicated Funding
 Available Buildings
 The presence of Walmart and Tractor Supply
 Small Businesses availability
 Landfill availability
 Fishing and Hunting (Bass Tournament)
 Wildlife Management

Weaknesses

Lack of Funding
 Road Improvement
 Jobs Leaving County
 Shaw Closure
 Lack of shopping mall or center
 Few Restaurants availability
 Lack of Recreation in Unincorporated Areas
 25 % of the Population at or below High School Graduate
 Unemployment Rate
 Drugs related issues
 Employable People
 Lack of Job Skill Training

Opportunities

Available Space Industry and Development
Better use of Airport
Expanding and Developing Airport
Schooling – Employing People
Investment Opportunities with Businesses
New Businesses and Restaurants
Marketing – “Spend a Day in Decatur County”
Build on Lake and River events and resources
Recreation and Events for Youth and Young
Adults/Families friendly environment
Wildlife Management Area
Solar Farm's availability for the economic development

Threats

The occurrences of natural disasters
Politics/Communication
Inadequate Funding for projects execution
Available Land Capacity
Landfill
Job Loss, possible leading to crime
Environment
High cost of commodities
Reduction in the size of the population
The crime rate on drugs
The presence of housing available for foreclosures

GOALS & POLICIES

Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax

Economic Prosperity:

We will encourage the development or expansion of businesses and industries that are suitable for the community. Factors to consider when determining suitability include job skills required; long-term sustainability; linkages to other economic activities in the region; impact on the resources of the area; or prospects for creating job opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse local workforce.

POLICY

- **We will support programs for retention, expansion, and creation of businesses that are a good fit for our community's economy in terms of job skill requirements and linkages to existing businesses.**

Resource Management:

We will promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community. This may be achieved by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; encouraging green building construction and renovation; utilizing appropriate waste management techniques; fostering water conservation and reuse; or setting environmentally sensitive areas aside as green space or conservation reserves.

POLICIES

- **We will protect and conserve our community's resources and will play an important role in the decision-making process when making decisions about future growth and development.**
- **Our infrastructure networks will be developed to steer new development away from sensitive natural resource areas.**
- **We will encourage new development to locate suitable locations to protect natural resources, environmentally sensitive areas, or valuable historic, archaeological, or cultural resources from encroachment.**
- **We will work to redirect development pressure away from agricultural areas to conserve farmland to protect and preserve this important component of our community.**
- **We will ensure safe and adequate supplies of water through the protection of ground and surface water sources.**

Efficient Land Use:

We will maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This will be achieved by encouraging the development or redevelopment of sites closer to the traditional core of the community; designing

new development to minimize the amount of land consumed; carefully planning the expansion of public infrastructure; or maintaining open space for agricultural, forestry, or conservation uses.

POLICIES

- **Our community will use land efficiently to avoid the costs and problems associated with urban sprawl.**
- **We will support new land uses that contribute to protecting the environment and preserving meaningful open space.**

Local Preparedness:

We will identify and put in place the prerequisites for the type of future the community seeks to achieve. These prerequisites might include infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) to support or direct new growth; ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired; leadership and staff capable of responding to opportunities and managing new challenges or undertaking an all-hazards approach to disaster preparedness and response.

POLICIES

- **Our community will seek ways for new growth to pay for itself (in terms of public investment in infrastructure and services to support the development) to the maximum extent possible.**
- **Our community will use planned infrastructure expansion to support development in areas identified (in the comprehensive plan) as suitable for such development.**
- **Our community will make efficient use of existing infrastructure and public facilities to minimize the need for costly new/expanded facilities and services.**

Regional and Local Cooperation:

We will cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to address shared needs. This may be achieved by actively participating in regional organizations; identifying joint projects that will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer; or developing collaborative solutions for regional issues such as protection of shared natural resources, development of the transportation network, or creation of a tourism plan.

POLICIES

- **We will seek opportunities to share services and facilities with neighboring and local jurisdictions when mutually beneficial.**
- **We will work jointly with neighboring jurisdictions on developing solutions for shared regional issues (such as growth management, and watershed protection)**
- **We will pursue joint processes for collaborative planning and decision-making with neighboring jurisdictions**

Housing Options:

We will promote an adequate range of safe, affordable, inclusive, and resource-efficient housing in the community. This will be achieved by encouraging the development of a variety of housing types, sizes, costs, and densities in each neighborhood; instituting programs to provide housing for residents of all socioeconomic backgrounds; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure the availability of adequate workforce housing in the community.

POLICIES

- **We will increase opportunities for low-to-moderate income families to move into affordable owner-occupied housing.**
- **We will seek to balance the supply of housing and employment in our community and consider their location about each other.**

Transportation Options:

We will address the transportation needs, challenges, and opportunities of all community residents. This may be achieved by fostering alternatives to transportation by automobile, including walking, cycling, and transit; employing traffic calming measures throughout the community; requiring adequate connectivity between adjoining developments, or coordinating transportation and land use decision-making within the community.

POLICY

- **We will make decisions that encourage walking, biking, carpooling, and other alternative transportation choices.**

Educational Opportunities:

We will make educational and training opportunities readily available to enable all community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technological advances, or pursue life ambitions. This can be achieved by expanding and improving local educational institutions or programs; providing access to other institutions in the region; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure an adequately trained and skilled workforce.

POLICIES

- **We will work with the local school board to encourage school location decisions that support the community's overall growth and development plans.**
- **We will consider the employment needs and skill levels of our existing population in making decisions on proposed economic development projects.**

Community Health:

We will ensure that all community residents, regardless of age, ability, or income, have access to critical goods and services, safe and clean neighborhoods, and good work opportunities. This may be achieved by providing services to support the basic needs of disadvantaged residents; instituting programs to foster better health and fitness; or providing all residents the opportunity to improve their circumstances in life and to fully participate in the community.

POLICY

- **We will encourage the development of a national network of commercial nodes (villages, or activity centers) to meet the service needs of citizens while avoiding unattractive and inefficient strip development along major roadways.**

Broadband Option

Provide and expand high-speed internet service to the underserved and unserved areas for quick access to the World Wide Web.

POLICIES

- We will apply for grants for the provision of high-speed internet connectivity and accessibility
- We will amend the Land-use policies to accommodate broadband installation without jeopardizing the safety of the citizens and the environment.
- We will develop a Broadband ordinance that will guild the installation and provision of internet services.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as developed by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission under a grant from the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration is hereby incorporated by reference into this Comprehensive Plan to serve as the Economic Development Element for Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission's (SWGRC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy. The SWGRC CEDS analyses the regional economy and serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, a regional plan of action, and investment priorities and funding sources.

Policies, issues and opportunities, and Community Work Program implementation strategies located in the current Comprehensive Plans for each of our 14 county regions were used extensively to develop the CEDS Goals and Objectives, Vital Projects, and Problems and Opportunities. Portions of the CEDS are included in the plan element and are listed below.

Decatur County has experienced an economic recession over the past years due to the loss of several manufacturers. There have been several manufacturers too close in the area eliminating jobs, including PROPEX (loss of 250 jobs), and TRACO (loss of 180 jobs). However, there have been small, scaled factories to commence business in Bainbridge employing 12 to 25 jobs. They have recruited retail businesses to downtown Bainbridge creating approximately 60 jobs. Also, A-1 industries and Taurus have expanded the economic buoyancy and created several jobs in Decatur County.

The population of Decatur County is 29,367, which is a population increase of 1525 from the 2010 Census. Other municipalities in Decatur include Attapulcus, Brinson, and Climax. Attapulcus has a population of 454 and is the 2nd largest city in Decatur County. Brinson is a small town in Decatur County and has a population of 217. The town of Climax has a population of 276, located at the highest point of the railroad between Savannah Georgia, and the Chattahoochee River. Decatur County is the nation's leader in the production of Fuller's Earth, a type of clay with varied chemical uses. Once used for bleaching petroleum and cleaning grease out of wool, Fuller's Earth is currently used as cat litter and as an additive to insecticides and cement.

The City of Bainbridge, Georgia's first inland port has a facility that supports barge transportation. Forested land in Decatur County accounts for 255,000 acres. Forested land is found throughout Decatur County, with a large concentration on either side of the Flint River. The Industrial Park has an airport and several industries including DaniMer Scientific and Brazils Waxing Center. All these industries have plants that are located within the overall park. The surrounding uses are mostly agricultural.

Decatur County is divided by the Flint River, which flows to meet the Chattahoochee. Together they form the Apalachicola River which flows to the Gulf of Mexico. At the junction of the two rivers, the Jim Woodruff Dam forms Lake Seminole. Seminole State Park, in Bainbridge, is located on the banks of Lake Seminole. This 37,500-acre lake attracts sports fishing, national tournament fishing, and deer and duck hunting. The park is home to the gopher tortoise, the only native tortoise in Georgia.

Other area attractions include Cheney Griffin Park, the Boat Basin which includes lengthy, scenic walking trails and a campground, and Willis Park. Lake Seminole is widely regarded as one of the nation's best lakes for largemouth bass fishing. A system of locks at the dam allows barge traffic to travel between the inland port at Bainbridge and the Gulf of Mexico.

Decatur County is home to several annual festivals. The River Town Days are held in the middle of March, July 4th Celebrations, and many other annual events. The Town of Climax plays host to the annual Swine Time Festival each November. This lighthearted event

recognizes the contribution of pork products to the region's economy. There is also the Decatur County Fall Festival and Fair in October in Bainbridge. These festivals bring in thousands of people into Decatur County each year and contribute positively to the economy.

Bainbridge is also home to Southern Regional College and Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College (ABAC) in Tifton, Georgia. The consolidation of the two colleges is an economic boost to Decatur County. The Board of Regents hopes to better serve students and broaden academic programs for students in South Georgia and ultimately improving student success.

TRANSPORTATION

Road Network

Decatur County is served by a good and improving network of state and federal highways, including U.S. 27 and 84 and State Routes 97, 253, 262, 309, 310, and 311. Although significant progress has been made in recent years, Decatur County is in an area of Georgia that has not historically benefited from major state expenditures on transportation infrastructure. Consequently, economic development efforts have been hampered. U.S. Highway 27 is 4-lane south to I-10 and Florida. U.S. Highway 84 is 4 lanes west and east. U.S. Highway 84 west takes to Alabama and U.S. Highway 84 east to I-75 and I-95. U.S. Highway 84 and Highway 27 both serve as important routes and these two routes will become major routes for I-10 and I-75 traffic.

Public transportation is provided by Decatur County Transit. They also provide contracted transportation for Medicaid and Department of Human Resource clients. In FY 2016, nearly 30,000 trips were provided to residents of Decatur County and the cities of Attapulgus, Bainbridge, Brinson, and Climax.

The highest traffic volumes are found on the city's main arterials: US 84/27 Bypass, Shotwell Street, Tallahassee Hwy, Scott Street, West Calhoun Street, and Dothan Road (US 84).

Railroads

CSX offers mainline rail service into Bainbridge. Southwestern Railroad provides shoreline services to portions of the county including the Decatur County Industrial Park. Decatur County is not served by a public transportation system, but transportation is provided by a rural transit on-demand system that handles non-emergency transportation. Rural communities face unique challenges with the growing populations of elderly and disabled residents and the lack of physicians and other health care providers.

Decatur County owns over 14,000 feet of rail spurs in the Decatur County Industrial Park. The

Georgia Southwest Railroad has multiple rail lines across Southwestern Georgia and Southeastern Alabama with one of the lines running from Bainbridge, Georgia to Columbus, Georgia, and another line that runs directly to the port of Panama City Florida.

The Decatur County Airport is located five miles northwest of Bainbridge near the Industrial Park. There is a double hangar terminal located to the east of the airport that is currently rented for private plane storage. Both these facilities are considered adequate.

BROADBAND ELEMENT

Broadband is the latest technology infrastructure that delivers high-speed internet connectivity to access the World Wide Web. It connects people to the internet with high-speed transmission access from home, business, school, and other places that people visit for their daily activities. In 2018, the General Assembly passed SB402 also known as Achieving Connectivity Everywhere creating the Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative (Georgia Department of Community Affairs 2021). A good internet speed is at or above 25 Mbps and 3 Mbps upload speeds (DCA Broadband Deployment Initiative, 2021). It can be delivered via fiber, wireless, satellite, digital subscriber line (DSL), or cable (Pew Charitable Trusts 2021) However, some internet providers offer speeds lower than 25 Mbps as a cost-saving internet option. Even though broadband technology delivers high-speed internet, the technology is still underutilized. Studies show a positive, causal relationship between broadband infrastructure and gross domestic product in both economic development and education. (Purdue University 2018). Also, the lack of broadband access for K-12 and higher education students affects their performance and can result in low grades based on the study.

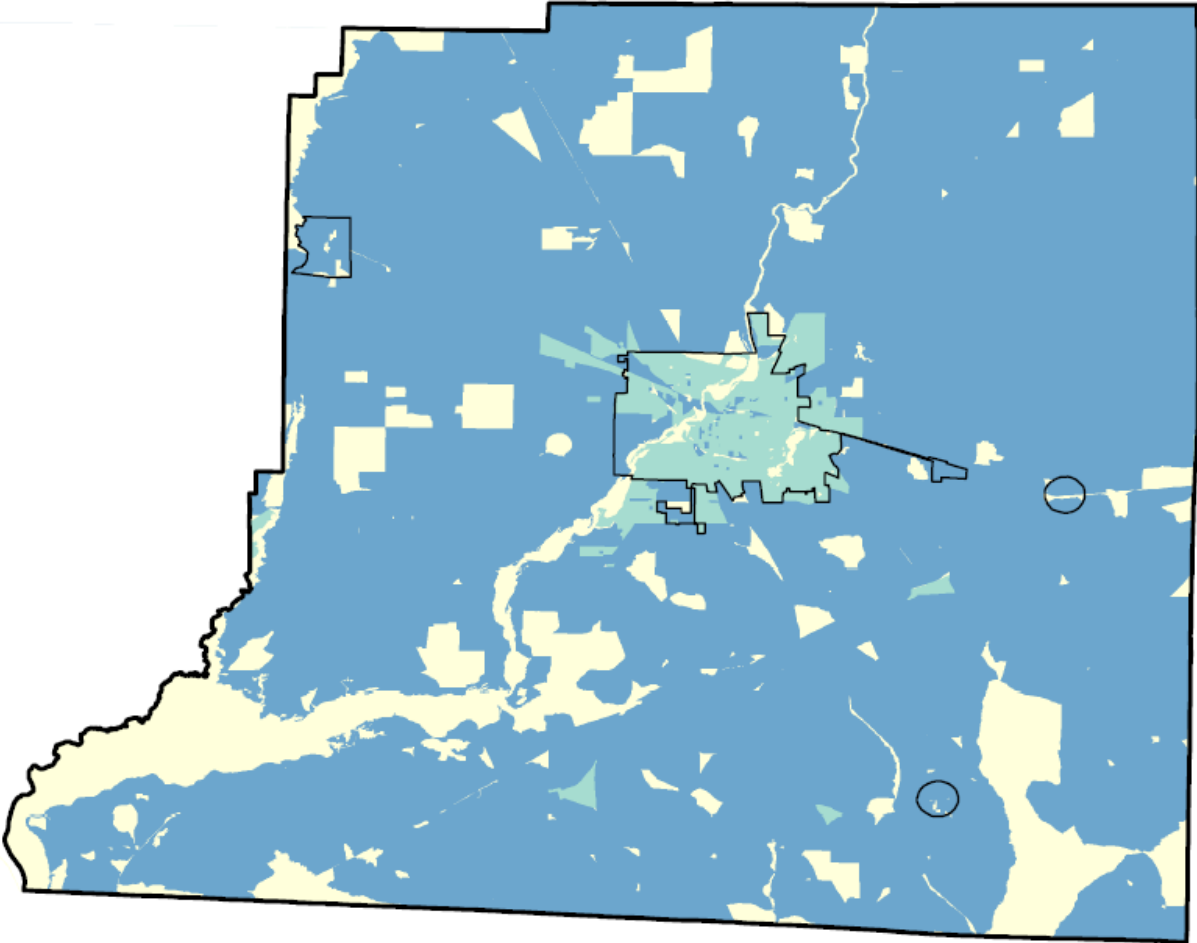
The intrusion of COVID-19 has revealed the importance of internet connectivity, and accessibility as schools, healthcare, businesses, and individuals practice social distancing and transition to a virtual world. It is a greater challenge to transition into the new virtual world in rural communities since most lack a reliable high-speed connection. According to the Pew Institute, nearly 21 million Americans, mostly in rural areas, still lack reliable high-speed connections. This can present its own set of challenges with so many people working from home. Access is essential when we work, learn, and socialize from home.

59.9% of households are with a broadband internet subscription in Decatur County, 28.7% in Attapulgus, 17.6% in Climax, and 33.3% in Brinson's households have a broadband internet subscription (U.S Census Bureau 2020). However, according to Georgia Broadband Availability Map 2022, 43% of Decatur County is unserved with seven thousand one hundred and sixty-seven (7,167) unserved locations and 9,365 served locations in Decatur County, Georgia based on the Georgia Department of Community Affairs broadband deployment initiative, 2022. The Broadband map below shows the unserved locations in Decatur County, and the cities of Climax, Attapulgus, and Brinson.

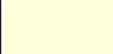


Broadband Maps

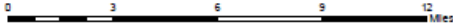
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Broadband Map



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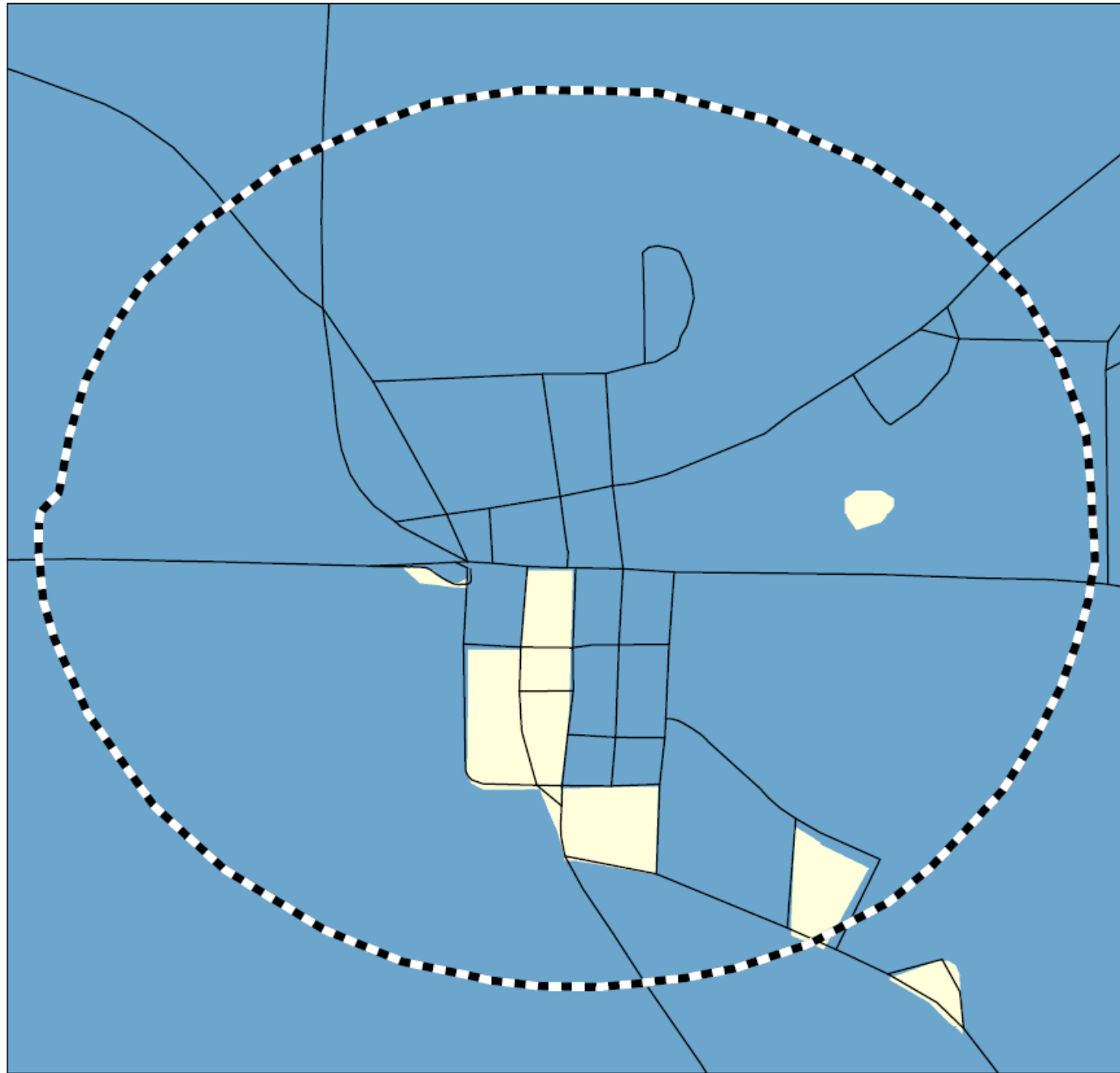
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Attapulgus Broadband Map



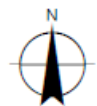
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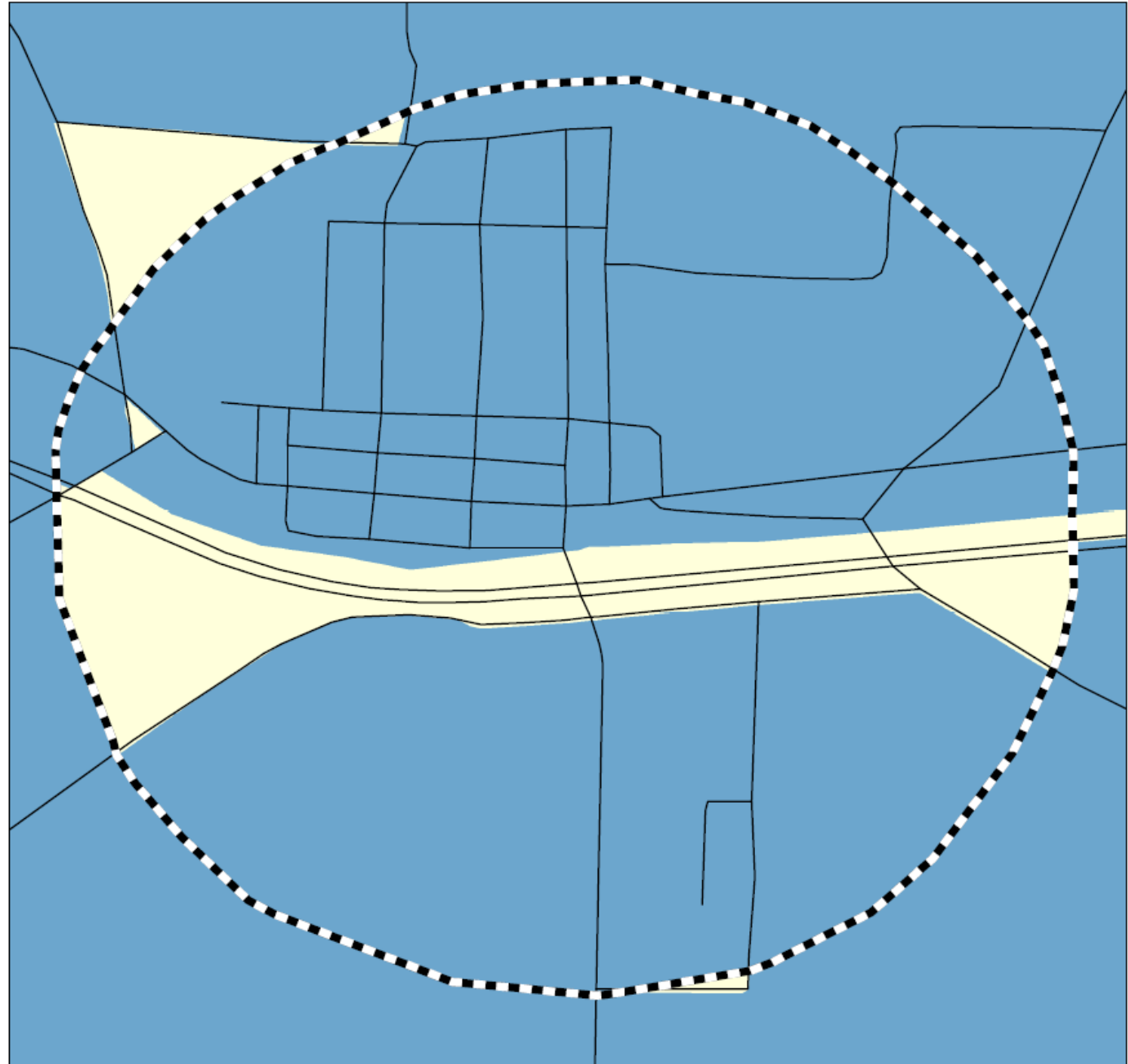
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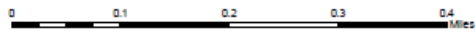
Climax Broadband Map

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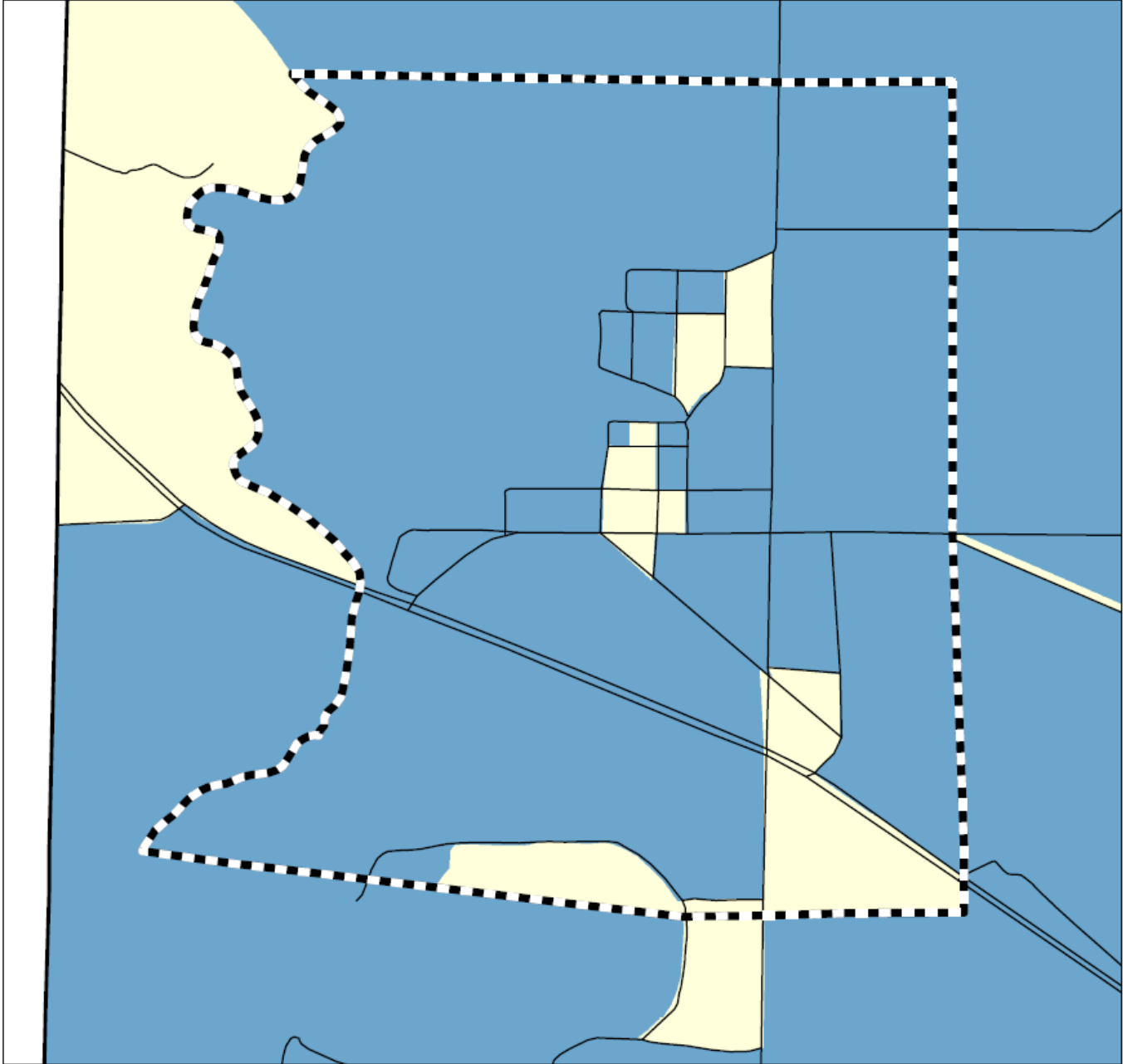
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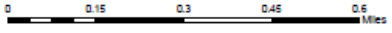
Brinson Broadband Map

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FUTURE LAND USE

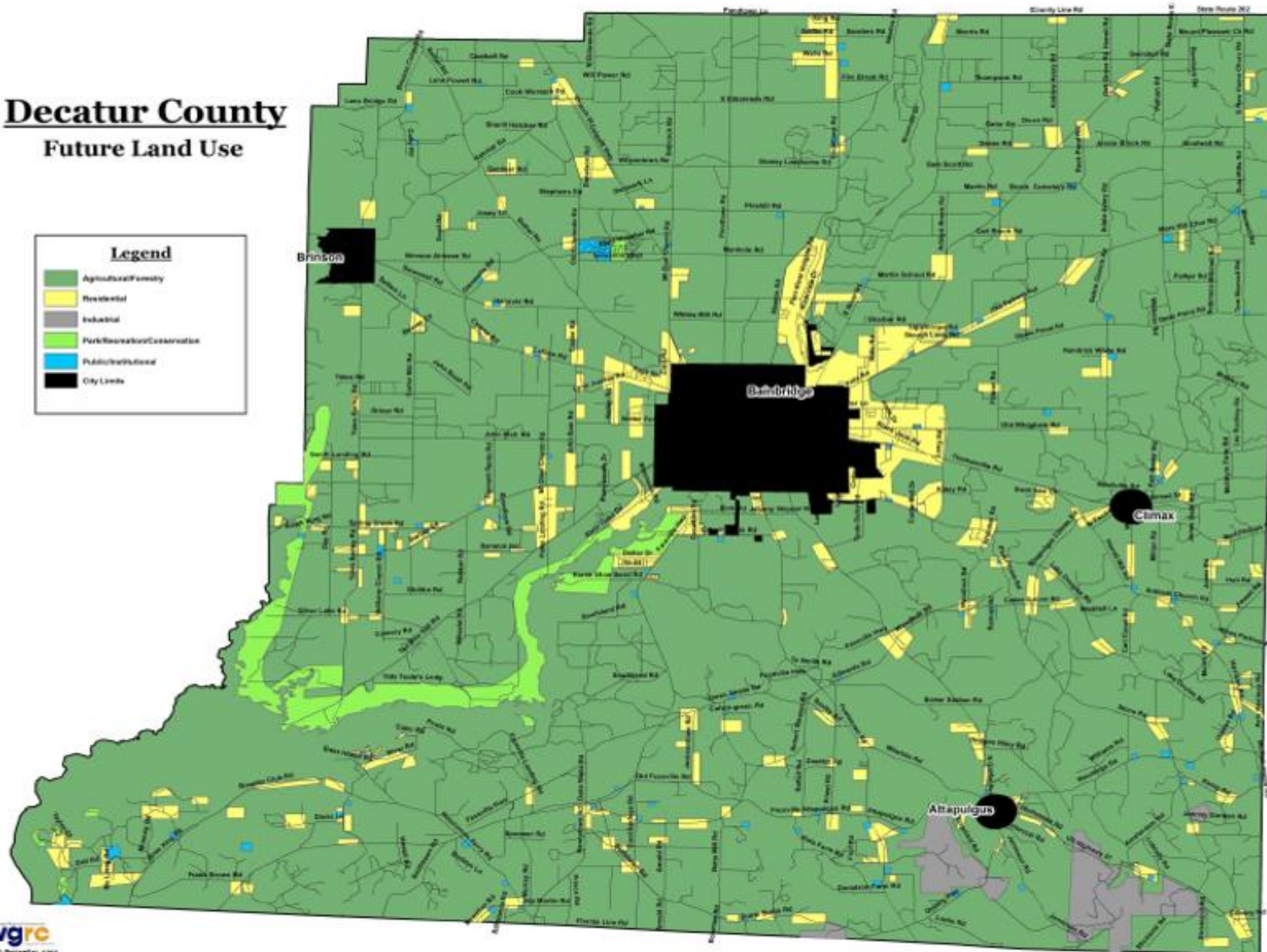
Land use for small communities must maintain rural characteristics to strengthen economic potential. Rural Communities need to identify strategies that they can implement with their limited resources. Appropriate land use supports the establishment of agricultural activities and non-agriculture activities that encourages sustainable rural development while respecting the rights of the rural community and residents.

The future land use categories are not zoning classifications. Instead, they act to inform leaders on decisions regarding rezoning and development. They will identify the specific use that is proposed for a parcel. The future land use categories are defined below:

Land Use Classifications	
Residential	The predominant use of land is residential, single-family, and multi-family dwelling units
Commercial	Non-industrial business uses, including retail sales, office, service, and entertainment facilities, are organized in one building or grouped in a shopping center or office building.
Industrial	Land dedicated to manufacturing facilities, processing plants, factories, warehousing and wholesale trade facilities, mining or mineral extraction activities, or other similar uses.
Public/Institutional	Includes certain state, federal or local government uses, and institutional land uses. Government uses include government building complexes, police and fire stations, libraries, prisons, post offices, schools, military installations, etc.
Transportation/Communication/Utilities	Includes such uses as major transportation routes, public transit stations, power generation plants, railroad facilities, radio towers, telephone switching stations, airports, port facilities, or other similar uses.
Parks/Recreation/Conservation	Land dedicated to active or passive recreational uses. These areas may be either publicly or privately owned and may include playgrounds, public parks, nature preserves, wildlife management areas, national forests, golf courses, recreation centers, or similar uses.
Agriculture/Forestry	Land dedicated to farming (fields, lots, pastures, farmsteads, specialty farms, livestock production, etc.), agriculture, or commercial timber or pulpwood harvesting.

FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Decatur County Future Land Use

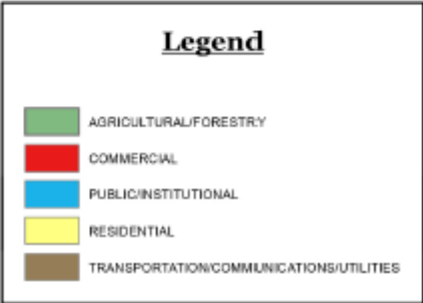
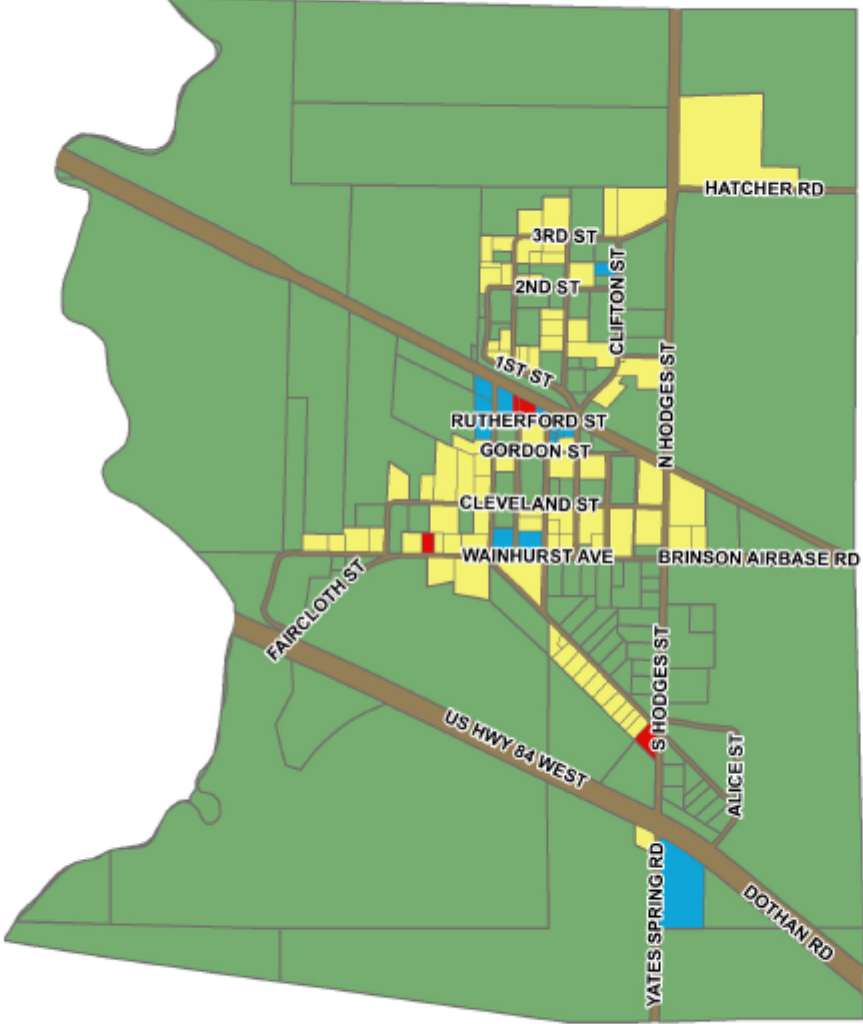


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- PUBLIC/INSTITUTIONAL
- RESIDENTIAL
- TRANSPORTATION/COMMUNICATIONS/UTILITIES

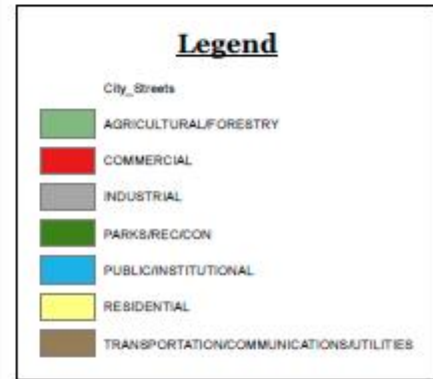
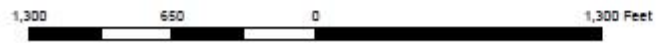


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CLIMAX

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REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In this section, the projects listed within the ROA are evaluated by the municipalities and assessed. The status of each project was assessed and classified. Four classification responses were used to determine the project's status. These classifications are:

- Completed
- Currently Underway (Include a projected completion date)
- Postponed (Include an explanation of the reason)
- Not Accomplished and will no longer be undertaken or pursued by the local government (Include an explanation for the reason)

Any projects that are not completed and active are moved to the new community work program (2023-2027).

ATTAPULGUS REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS					
Work Items/Projects	Year 2018-2022	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Status
Explore the pros and cons of installing fire hydrants where necessary	2018-2022	\$1,000 each	City	Enterprise Funds/ Grants	Currently Underway Completion date: May 2023
Increase businesses in the downtown area	2018-2022	n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues	Not Accomplished. Beyond our scope. Delete from the list.
Work with RC Historic Preservation Planner to upgrade streetscape; benches, planters, trash receptacles, etc.	2018-2022	n/a	City/RC	Part of RC dues	Currently Underway. Added sidewalk was completed Dec 2021 and Flowers will be planted in the spring of 2023
Make improvements to the outdoor recreational facility when necessary	2018-2022	n/a/varies	City	SPLOST	Postponed due to COVID. Additional playground equipment will be added spring/summer
Review and update ordinances as necessary	2018-2022	\$3,000	City/RC	General Funds	Postponed due to COVID. No new ordinances are needed at this time. Reviewing them
Update Community Work Program	2021-2022	n/a	City	General Funds	Currently underway- 2022

BRINSON REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Work Items/Projects	Year 2018-2022	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Status
Work with Chamber of Commerce and Decatur County through meetings to market and promote the Development of U.S. Hwy. 84	2018-2022	N/A	City/Chamber	General Funds	Currently Underway. 2027
Implement Georgia Municipal Association’s Georgia Cities Week each year and plan projects for the event in Brinson – participate in this project	2018-2022	None	City	N/A	Not Accomplished and will no longer be undertaken due to lack of participation
Review, and amend, if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it encourages green space preservation	2020	None	City	N/A	Completed and will continue
Conduct a survey to determine what type of recreational facilities are needed and amend STWP to outline projects and costs	2019, 2021	\$1,000	City	General Funds	Not Accomplished and will no longer be undertaken due lack of resources
Enforce Existing ordinances and codes	2018, 2020, 2021, 2022	None	City	N/A	Completed and will continue
Form a Housing Committee that will report monthly to the City Council	2020	None	City	N/A	Not Accomplished and will no longer be undertaken due to lack of participation
Provide funding for the development of a city-wide beautification program	2021	None	City	N/A	Completed and will continue
Review, and amend, if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it remains up to date	2018-2022	None	City	N/A	Completed and will continue

CLIMAX REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS									
Work Items/Projects	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Status
General Planning									
Develop zoning ordinance	X					\$4,000	City	General Fund	Underway Dec. 2024
Economic Development									
Paint Parker Park gazebo	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,500	City	General Fund	Completed
Paint Parker Park pavilion	X	X	X	X	X	\$2,500	City	General Fund/Grants	Completed
Paint Parker Gates	X	X	X	X	X	\$500	City	General Fund	Completed
Repair and paint Parker Park bathrooms	X		X	X	X	\$3,500	City	General Fund/Grants	Underway July 2024
Resurface Parker Park walking track		X	X	X	X	\$20,000	City	SPLOST	Underway Dec. 2026
Install fence in children's park	X	X	X	X	X	\$20,000	City	SPLOST	Completed
Install water pipes citywide	X	X	X	X	X	\$500,000	City	CDBG/SPLOST	Completed
Install a city-wide surface water drainage system	X	X	X	X	X	\$500,000	City	CDBG/SPLOST	Postponed for CDBG Grant
Resurface Broad Street	X	X	X	X	X	None	City	LARP	Completed
Install metal Roof – Climax Depot	X	X	X	X	X	\$40,000	City	SPLOST	Completed
Paint Climax Depot	X	X	X	X	X	\$4,000	City	General Fund/Grants	Completed
Purchase Road and Street Equipment						\$70,000	City	SPLOST	Postponed due to lack of funding
Purchase Fire Dept. Equipment						\$12,000	City	SPLOST	Completed
Apply for grant funding for city-wide Surface Drainage System						\$500,000	City	CDBG	Postponed for CDBG Grant
Land Use									
Resurface City Streets based on priority	X	X	X	X	X	\$45,000	City	LMIG/General Funds	Underway. Dec. 2024
Other Considerations									
Apply for grant funding to increase the pumping capacity of wells from 220 gpm to 1000 gpm	X	X	X	X	X	\$250,000	City	CDBG	Underway. Dec. 2025

DECATUR COUNTY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Work Items/Projects	2018-2022	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Status
Meet with and work with schools and other agencies to increase adult literacy programs and dropout prevention programs	2018-2022	None	Decatur County	n/a	Currently Underway 2024
Meet with and work with educational institutions to increase the vocational education programs	2018-2022	None	Decatur County	n/a	Currently Underway 2024
Provide limited financial support to support the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority Programs	2018-2022	\$200,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund/Dedicated millage rate	Currently Underway 2023
Identify and pursue industries that contribute to the county's tax base	2018-2022	None	Decatur County/ Development Authority	n/a	Currently Underway 2025
Provide funding to maintain and improve the industrial parks	2018, 2020, 2021, and 2022	\$400,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund/Enterprise Funds/SPLOST	Currently Underway 2023
Establish crossroad communities as "Community Designated Places" (US Census Bureau)	2022	None	Decatur County	n/a	Currently Underway 2025
Limit the density and intensity over groundwater recharge areas	2018-2022	None	Decatur County	n/a	Currently Underway 2024
Coordinate with city planning department through meetings to provide continuity of county land-use objectives	2018-2022	None	Decatur County	n/a	Currently Underway 2024
Enforce the county's building code ordinance	2018-2022	\$60,000	Decatur County User Fees	General Fund	Currently Underway 2025
Continue to provide funding to pave and resurface secondary roads based on priority	2018-2022	\$1,500,000/yr.	Decatur County	SPLOST Grants/LMIG	Currently Underway 2025
Continue to provide funding to maintain bridges	2018-2022	\$25,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund SPLOST/Grants	Currently Underway 20225
Provide funding to build capability to service all types of general and corporate aviation	2018-2022	\$100,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund TSPLOST Grants	Currently Underway 2025

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM

CITY OF ATTAPULGUS COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM 2023-2027				
Work Items/Projects	Year 2023-2027	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
General Planning				
Participate in the development and updating Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.	2023-2027	\$25000	City	GEMA, FEMA, Grants
Participate in the development and updating of the Joint Comprehensive Plan	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund
Partner with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to develop Age Friendly activities that support the Age-Friendly designation.	2023-2027	RC Staff-Time	Southwest Regional Commission/ City	Grants
Review and update ordinances as necessary	2023-2027	\$3,000	City/RC	General Funds
Update Community Work Program	2022	Staff-Time	City/ RC	General Funds
Community Facilities				
Explore the pros and cons of installing fire hydrants where necessary	2023-2027	\$1,000 each	City	Enterprise Funds/ Grants
Work with RC Historic Preservation Planner to upgrade streetscape; benches, planters, trash receptacles, etc.	2023-2027	N/A	City/RC	Part of RC dues
Make improvements to the outdoor recreational facility when necessary	2023-2027	N/A and varies	City	SPLOST, Grants
Purchase Police Vehicle and Equipment	2023-2027	\$60,000	City	SPLOST, Grants
Purchase Chipper for Yard Debris	2023-2027	\$35,000	City	SPLOST, Grants
Purchase Tractor	2023-2027	\$23,000	City	TSPLOST, Grants
Resurface Streets Based on Priority	2023-2027	\$130,000	City	TSPLOST, LMIG, Grants
Purchase Dump Truck	2023-2027	\$85,000	City	TSPLOST, Grants
Install Arsenic Filters on Wells	2023-2027	\$1Million	City	ARPA, USDA, City Funds, Grants
Complete Installation of New Well and related equipment	2023-2025	\$1Million	City	CDBG, GEFA, City Funds, Grants
Move Existing Generator to New Well	2023-2027	\$30,000	City	CDBG, GEFA, City Funds, Grants
Install Back Flow Valves	2023-2027	\$20,000	City	SPLOST, City Funds
Broadband Element				
Review and amend land-use policies to accommodate a broadband installation.	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund/Grants
Collaborate with broadband service providers for the provision of high-speed internet services to unserved and underserved areas	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund/Grants

CITY OF BRINSON COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM				
Work Items/Projects	Year 2023-2027	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
Economic Development				
Work with Chamber of Commerce and Decatur County through meetings to market and promote the Development of U.S. Hwy. 84	2023-2027	N/A	City/Chamber	General Fund
Replace the primary electrical feeder	2023-2027	\$600,000	City	Grants
Work with developers to build a convenient store on Highway 84	2023-2027	\$500,000	City	Grants
General Planning				
Review, and amend, if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it encourages green space preservation	2023-2027	None	City	General Fund
Enforce Existing ordinances and codes	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026	None	City	General Fund
Provide funding for the development of a city-wide beautification program	2023-2027	None	City	Grants
Review, and amend, if necessary, the zoning ordinance to ensure that it remains up to date	2023-2027	None	City	General Fund
Participate in the development and updating Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.	2023-2027	\$25000	City	GEMA, FEMA, Grants
Participate in the development and updating of the Joint Comprehensive Plan	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund
Partner with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to develop Age Friendly activities that support the Age-Friendly designation.	2023-2027	RC Staff-Time	Southwest Regional Commission/ City	Grants
Broadband Element				
Review and amend land-use policies to accommodate a broadband installation.	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund/Grants
Collaborate with broadband service providers for the provision of high-speed internet services to unserved and underserved areas	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund/Grants

CITY OF CLIMAX COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM 2023-2027				
Work Items/Projects	Year 2023-2027	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
General Planning				
Develop zoning ordinance	2023, 2024	\$4,000	City	General Fund
Participate in the development and updating Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.	2023-2027	\$25000	City	GEMA, FEMA, Grants
Participate in the development and updating of the Joint Comprehensive Plan	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund
Partner with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to develop Age Friendly activities that support the Age-Friendly designation.	2023-2027	RC Staff-Time	Southwest Regional Commission/ City	Grants
Partner with the ROTC and Bainbridge High School for the annual clean-up of Walking track	2023-2027	Volunteer Service	City	Volunteer Service
Economic Development				
Repair and paint Parker Park bathrooms	2023, 2024	\$3,500	City	General Fund/Grants
Resurface Parker Park walking track	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026	\$20,000	City	SPLOST
Install a city-wide surface water drainage system	2023-2027	\$500,000	City	CDBG/SPLOST
Purchase Road and Street Equipment	2023-2027	\$70,000	City	SPLOST, Grants
Purchase Fire Dept. Equipment	2023-2027	\$12,000	City	SPLOST, Grants
Apply for grant funding for city-wide Surface Drainage System	2023-2027	\$500,000	City	CDBG, Grants
Land Use				
Resurface City Streets based on priority	2023-2027	\$45,000	City	LMIG/General Funds/ Grants
Other Considerations				
Apply for grant funding to increase the pumping capacity of wells from 220 gpm to 1000 gpm	2023-2025	\$250,000	City	CDBG, Grants
Broadband Element				
Review and amend land-use policies to accommodate a broadband installation.	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund/Grants
Collaborate with broadband service providers for the provision of high-speed internet services to unserved and underserved areas	2023-2027	Staff-Time	City	General Fund/Grants

DECATUR COUNTY COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM 2023-2027

Work Items/Projects	2023-2027	Estimated Cost	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
Meet with and work with schools and other agencies to increase adult literacy programs and dropout prevention programs	2023-2024	Staff-Time	Decatur County	Staff-Time
Meet with and work with educational institutions to increase the vocational education programs	2023-2024	Staff-Time	Decatur County	Staff-Time
Provide limited financial support to support the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority Programs	2023-2024	\$200,000/yr	Decatur County	General Fund/Dedicated millage rate
Identify and pursue industries that contribute to the county's tax base	2023-2025	Staff-Time	Decatur County/ Development Authority	Staff-Time
Provide funding to maintain and improve the industrial parks	2023, 2025, 2026, 2027	\$400,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund/Enterprise Funds/TSPLOST
Establish crossroad communities as "Community Designated Places" (US Census Bureau)	2023- 2025	Staff-Time	Decatur County	Staff-Time
Limit the density and intensity over groundwater recharge areas	2023-2024	Staff-Time	Decatur County	Staff-Time
Coordinate with city planning department through meetings to provide continuity of county land-use objectives	2023-2025	Staff-Time	Decatur County	Staff-Time
Enforce the county's building code ordinance	2023-2025	\$60,000	Decatur County User Fees	General Fund
Continue to provide funding to pave and resurface secondary roads based on priority	2023-2027	\$1,500,000/yr.	Decatur County	TSPLOST, Grants/LMIG
Continue to provide funding to maintain bridges	2023-2027	\$25,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund TSPLOST/Grants
Provide funding to build capability to service all types of general and corporate aviation	2023-2027	\$100,000/yr.	Decatur County	General Fund, TSPLOST, Grants
Participate in the development and updating Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan.	2023-2027	City	\$25000	GEMA, FEMA, Grants
Participate in the development and updating of the Joint Comprehensive Plan	2023-2027	City	Staff-Time	General Fund
Partner with Southwest Georgia Regional Commission to develop Age Friendly activities that support the Age-Friendly designation.	2023-2027	SWGRC/ City	RC Staff-Time	Grants
Broadband Element				
Apply for a broadband-ready community and adopt a broadband ordinance	2023-2025	Staff-Time	County	General Fund/Grants
Collaborate with broadband service providers for the provision of high-speed internet services to unserved and underserved areas	2023-2027	\$1.5 M	County	General Fund/Grants
Review and amend land-use policies to accommodate a broadband installation.	2023-2027	Staff-Time	County	General Fund/Grants

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council of Climax, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

WHEREAS, the City Council held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizen's input;

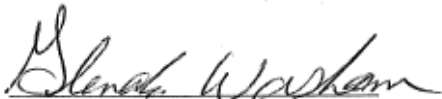
WHEREAS, in the development of the comprehensive plan, The City of Climax examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Climax, Georgia that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 10th day of October 2022.

Witness




Glenda Worsham, City Clerk

Mayor


Joseph Kelly

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, DECATUR COUNTY, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

WHEREAS, the County Commission held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizen's input;

WHEREAS, in the development of the comprehensive plan, DECATUR COUNTY examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the DECATUR COUNTY Commission that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

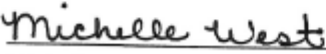
Adopted on the 11th day of October 2022.

**DECATUR COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS:**



Pete Stephens, Chairman

Attest:



Michelle West, County Clerk

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council of Attapulgus, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint Comprehensive Plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

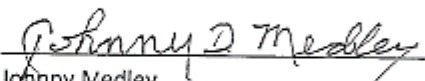
WHEREAS, the City Council held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizens input;

WHEREAS, in the development of the Comprehensive Plan, The City of Attapulgus examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Attapulgus, Georgia that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 18th day of October 2022.

Mayor


Johnny Medley

Witness


Renee' Boyett, City Clerk

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DECATUR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council of Brinson, Georgia found it necessary to update their joint comprehensive plan as part of the requirements to maintain its Qualified Local Government Status;

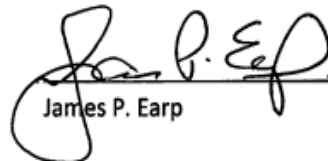
WHEREAS, the City Council held public meetings and hearings to allow private citizens to review the Comprehensive Plan and gathered citizens input;

WHEREAS, in the development of the comprehensive plan, The City of Brinson examined, evaluated, and where applicable, incorporated considerations of both the Flint River Basin Regional Water Development and Conservation Plan and the Environmental Planning Criteria pursuant to O.C.G.A. 12-2-8, and;

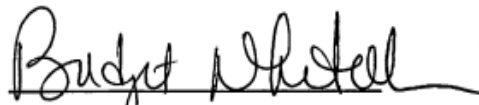
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Brinson, Georgia that the Comprehensive Plan shall be adopted, hereby certifying that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 13th day of February ~~2022~~
2023

Mayor


James P. Earp

Witness


Bridget Whitaker
City Clerk

APPENDIX

List of Steering Committee

1.	Dennis Brinson	Decatur County Vice Chair
2.	Pete Stephens	Decatur County Chairman
3.	George Anderson	Decatur County Commissioner
4.	Steve Brock	Decatur County Commissioner
5.	Rusty Davis	Decatur County Commissioner
6.	Bobby Barber Jr.	Decatur County Commissioner
7.	Michelle West	Decatur County Clerk
8.	Renee Boyett	City of Attapulgus Clerk
9.	Johnny Medley	City of Attapulgus Mayor
10.	Stephen Vines, Jr.	City of Attapulgus Council Member
11.	John Hale II	City of Attapulgus Council Member
12.	B. Lamar Maxwell	City of Attapulgs Mayor Pro-Tem
13.	James Earp	Mayor city of Brinson
14.	Kaylynn Tubbs	City Clerk Brinson
15.	H.L. Monty Bullock	City of Brinson Council Member
16.	Joe Belvin	City of Brinson Council Member
17.	Hardy Powell	City Council of Brinson Council Member
18.	Alan Thomas	Decatur County Manager
19.	Glenda Worsham	Climax City Clerk
20.	Joseph Kelly	City of Climax Mayor
21.	Tonya Griffin	Decatur E-911 Director
22.	Vanessa Martin	City of Brinson Mayor Pro-Tem
23.	Randy Williams	Operations Manager
24.	Tommy Johnson	Airport Manager
25.	Charlie McCann	Fire Chief
26.	Jamie Earp	Asst Fire Chief
27.	Wendell Cofer	Chief Deputy
28.	Dennis Medley	Public Works Director
29.	Anita Johnson	Deputy Warden

Public Hearing Advertisements

Attendance Sheets

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice

Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax are conducting a Public Hearing to update the Decatur County Joint Comprehensive Plan on April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Decatur County Administration Office located at 203 W. Broughton Street, Bainbridge, Georgia 39817. The current plan will expire on October 31, 2022. In accordance with the Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-12-1), each community must conduct a public hearing before the start of the planning process.

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Decatur County
203 W. Broughton Street
P.O. Box 728
Bainbridge, GA 39818
229.248.3030
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

City of Attapulgus
115 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 99
Attapulgus, GA 39815
229.465.3322
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Town of Brinson
179 Clifton Street
P.O. Box 728
Brinson, Ga 39825
229.248.1572
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

City of Climax
105 Drane Street
Climax, GA 39834
229.246.0467
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Questions should be directed to the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, Climax, or the Decatur County Office listed above or call Kay Olubowale, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, 229.522.3552 ext.112.

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COMP PLAN

PUBLIC NOTICE

a.m. until 5:00 p.m., exclusive of holidays. A free copy shall be available to the parents. Upon request, the copy will be mailed to the requester. The child is presently in the custody of the Decatur County Department of Family and Child Services.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that while responsive pleadings are not mandatory, they are permissible and you are encouraged to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, Pete Emmons, Special Assistant Attorney General, 113 W. Water Street, Bainbridge, Georgia 39817, an answer or other responsive pleading by the hearing date fixed above.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE Joshua C. Bell, Judge of said court, this 5th day of March, 2021.

/s./ Debbie Harter
Deputy Clerk, Decatur County Juvenile Court

Post-Searchlight: Mar. 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2021
D.J.C.CASE #17-JV-238

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF DECATUR
STATE OF GEORGIA
IN RE: ESTATE
OF DOROTHY J. WILLIAMS
DECEASED
ESTATE NO. 2021-PC-61
PETITION FOR LETTERS
OF ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE**

EMILY SMITH has petitioned to be appointed Administrator of the estate of DOROTHY J. WILLIAMS, deceased of said County. (The petitioner has also applied for waiver of bond and/or grant of certain powers contained in O.C.G.A. §53-12-261.) All interested parties are hereby notified to show cause why said petition should not be granted. All objections to the petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds of any such objections, and must be filed with the court on or before **APRIL 5, 2021**.

BE NOTIFIED FURTHER: All objections to the Petition must be in writing, setting forth the grounds for any such objections. All objections should be sworn to before a notary public or before a Probate Court Clerk, and filing fees must be tendered with your objections, unless you qualify to file as an indigent party. Contact Probate Court personnel for the required amount of filing fees. If any objections are filed, a hearing will be scheduled at a later date. If no objections are filed, the petition may be granted without a hearing.

**Civil Action File No.
21CV00122
NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME**

I, Janice Lynn Armstrong, filed a petition in the Superior Court of Decatur County, Georgia on the ___ day of ___, 2021 to change my name from Janice Lynn Armstrong to Janice Lynn Canova. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed. Signed this 25th day of March, 2021

Janice Lynn Armstrong,
Petitioner
2995 Dothan Rd
Brinson, GA 39825
320-333-9959

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21CV00122

Put your ad here
call 229-515-1134.

Prepared by the Court

HON. J. KEVIN CHASON Chief
Judge of Superior Courts South
Georgia Judicial Circuit

Post Searchlight: Mar. 31, Apr. 7
and 14, 2021
21CV00068

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**Notice of Suspension
To: Jermicheal A. Gordon
Case No: CD20200245/D
1925404**

A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for the same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 5708, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-5708. If a request for a



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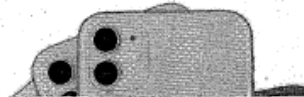
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To the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the property is Clinton Stubbs, Sr or a tenant or tenants.

Pursuant to O. C. G. A. §44-14-162.2, the name, address and telephone number of the individual or entity who shall have the full authority to negotiate, amend, or modify all terms of the above described mortgage is as follows: Ameris Bank 3811 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island, GA 31522, or call 912-261-4794, ext. 14794. The foregoing notwithstanding, nothing in O. C. G. A. §44-14-162.2 shall be construed to require Ameris Bank to negotiate, amend or modify the terms of the Deed to Secure Debt described herein.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U. S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

This 22nd day of April, 2021.

Ameris Bank AS ATTORNEY IN FACT FOR Clinton Stubbs, Sr. Wolfson & Osmus LLC Attorneys at Law 1010 Williams Street Valdosta, GA 31601 (229) 257-0080 State Bar No. 578435

The Post-Searchlight: May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2021
FC/STUBBS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing Notice

The City of Climax is conducting a Public Hearing to update the Decatur County Joint Comprehensive Plan on **Tuesday, May 11th, at 7:00PM** at Climax City Hall located at 105 Drane Street, Climax, Georgia. The current plan will expire on October 31, 2022. In accordance with the Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-12-1), each community must conduct a public hearing before the start of the planning process.

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105 Drane Street
Climax, GA 39834
229.246.0467
Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Questions should be directed to the Cities of Atapulgus, Brinson, Climax, or the Decatur County Office listed above or call Kay Olubowale, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, 229.522.3552 ext.112.

The Post-Searchlight:
May 5, 2021
PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF BRADLEY COUNTY,
TENNESSEE**
**Lakeysha D. Henry-Feaster
PLAINTIFF
VS
George Feaster, JR
DEFENDANT**
DOCKET NUMBER V-20-542

IT APPEARING FROM THE COMPLAINT IN THIS CAUSE, WHICH IS SWORN TO, THAT THE DEFENDANT, George

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Feaster, Jr. WAS A LAST KNOWN RESIDENT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, AND IT FURTHER APPEARING THAT HIS/HER WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN SO THAT ORDINARY PROCESS CANNOT BE SERVED UPON THE DEFENDANT IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT SAID DEFENDANT WILL APPEAR AND MAKE DEFENSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS TO THE COMPLAINT OR THE SAME WILL BE TAKEN AS CONFESSED AS TO HIM/HER AND SET FOR HEARING EX PARTE, AND THAT A COPY OF THIS ORDER BE PUBLISHED FOR FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS IN A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN CLEVELAND, BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE. WITHIN THAT TIME, DEFENDANT IS ALSO REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF HIS/HER PLEADING UPON LAKEYSHA A D. HENRY-FEASTER WHOSE ADDRESS IS 118 CRYSTAL SPRINGS RD SE CLEVELAND TN 37323

GAYLA H. MILLER, CLERK

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Public Hearing Notice

The **City Brinson** is conducting a Public Hearing to update the Decatur County Joint Comprehensive Plan on **07/13/2021 at 7:00 pm 179 Clifton Street Brinson, GA 39825**. The current plan will expire on October 31, 2022. In accordance with the Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-12-1), each community must conduct a public hearing before the start of the planning process.

The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to update the comprehensive plan and offer opportunities for public participation in the development of the plan and obtain input on the proposed planning process.

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City of Brinson

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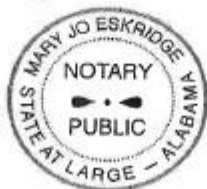
John Wells

John Wells, General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
20th Day of July, 2022

Mary Jo Eskridge

Mary Jo Eskridge, Notary Public
State of Alabama at Large
My commission expires 03-02-2026



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DECATUR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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BAINBRIDGE GA 39818

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Decatur County and the cities Attapulgus, Climax and Brinson are conducting a public meeting to review Goals/Policies, SWOT (Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), and Needs and Opportunities for the Decatur County Joint Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update. The meeting will be held on July 26, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Commissioners Meeting Room located at the Decatur County Administration Building, 203 W. Broughton Street, Bainbridge, Georgia.

The Public is encouraged to attend and provide input on what it views as needs and opportunities and potential future goals and policies for Decatur County and the cities. The input will be utilized in updating the Decatur County Joint Comprehensive Plan. For more information regarding the Comprehensive Plan please visit: https://www.swgrcplanning.org/uploads/6/1/8/4/61848693/decatur_county_comprehensive_plan_2022_update_draft_7-11-22.pdf

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Public Hearing Notice

Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax are conducting a Public Hearing to present a draft of the Decatur County Joint Comprehensive Plan on **Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Commissioners Meeting Room** located at the Decatur County Administration Building, 203 W. Broughton Street, Bainbridge, Georgia. The current plan will expire on October 31, 2022. In accordance with the Georgia Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Chapter 110-12-1), each community must conduct a public hearing once an update of the plan is drafted and made available for public review, but before transmittal to the Regional Commission for review.

The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the contents of the plan, provide an opportunity for residents to make final suggestions, additions, or revisions, and notify the community of when the plan is submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review.

Copies of the draft Comprehensive Plan are available for viewing and downloading at https://www.swgrcplanning.org/uploads/6/1/8/4/61849693/decatur_county_comprehensive_plan_2022_update_final_draft_without_land_use_map_update_08-11-2022.pdf
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Attendance Sheets



Decatur County and the City's Comprehensive Plan Five-Year Update SWOT Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Sign in Sheet

Name	Phone Number	Email Address	Agency or Organization
Michelle West	229-248-3030	michelle@decaturcountygga.gov	Decatur County
Alan Thomas	229-248-3030	athomas@decaturcountygga.gov	Decatur County
Randy Williams	229-248-3030	rwilliams@decaturcountygga.gov	Decatur County
Renee Boyett	229-465-3322	cityofattapulgus@tds.net	City of Attapulgus
Johnny Medlen	229-465-3322	↓	↓
Kay Bullock	729-522-3552	SWGRC	SWGRC
James Farr	229-220-4453	James.Farr@att.com	Brinson
Pete Stephens	229-248-3030	petestephensdistrict@gmail.com	Decatur County
Steve Brock	229-248-3030	sbrc78@msn.com	Decatur County
Bobby Barber	229-248-3030	bhbarberjr@gmail.com	Decatur County
Joseph Kelly	229-726-8200	jokelly@alchae.com	City of Clifton
Dennis Brinson	229-248-3030	dennisbrinson@bellsouth.net	Decatur County

COMMENTS AND CORRECTIONS RECEIVED

DECATUR COUNTY AND CITIES JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SWOT REVIEW COMMENT SHEET

Date: July 26, 2022

Name:

Joseph Kelly

Organization:

City of Climax

We could use more info
on applying for grants.

DECATUR COUNTY AND CITIES JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SWOT REVIEW COMMENT SHEET

Date: July 26, 2022

Name:

Steve Brock

Organization:

Decatur County

Broadband Needed Urgently!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as developed by the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission under a grant from the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration is hereby incorporated by reference into this Comprehensive Plan to serve as the Economic Development Element for Decatur County and the Cities of Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission's (SWGRC) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen the regional economy. The SWGRC CEDS analyses the regional economy and serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, a regional plan of action, and investment priorities and funding sources.

Policies, issues and opportunities, and Community Work Program implementation strategies located in the current Comprehensive Plans for each of our 14 county regions were used extensively to develop the CEDS Goals and Objectives, Vital Projects, and Problems and Opportunities. Portions of the CEDS are included in the plan element and are listed below.

Decatur County has experienced an economic recession over the past years due to the loss of several manufacturers. There have been several manufacturers too close in the area eliminating jobs, including Shaw Industries (loss of 186 jobs), PROPEX (loss of 250 jobs), and TRACO (loss of 180 jobs). However, there have been small, scaled factories to commence business in Bainbridge employing 12 to 25 jobs and ~~Bainbridge Manufacturing is growing and will ultimately add additional jobs.~~ They have recruited retail businesses to downtown Bainbridge creating approximately 60 jobs. *Remove*

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A-1 Ind Taurus The population of Decatur County is 29,367, which is a population increase of 1525 from the 2010 Census. Other municipalities in Decatur include Attapulgus, Brinson, and Climax. Attapulgus has a population of 454 and is the 2nd largest city in Decatur County. Brinson is a small town in Decatur County and has a population of 217. The town of Climax has a population

The City of Bainbridge, Georgia's first inland port has a facility that supports barge transportation. *??*

Forested land in Decatur County accounts for 255,000 acres. Forested land is found throughout Decatur County, with a large concentration on either side of the Flint River. ~~The Industrial Park~~ *Coca-Cola* has an airport and several industries including DaniMer Scientific and ~~Coca-Cola~~ *Coca-Cola*. All of these industries have plants that are located within the overall park. The surrounding uses are mostly agricultural. *Coca-Cola moved & Brazil's Waxing Center is has moved into that building.* *Brazilian bays*

Decatur County is divided by the Flint River, which flows to meet the Chattahoochee. Together they form the Apalachicola River which flows to the Gulf of Mexico. At the junction of the two rivers, the Jim Woodruff Dam forms Lake Seminole. Seminole State Park, in Bainbridge, is located on the banks of Lake Seminole. This 37,500-acre lake attracts sports fishing, national tournament fishing, and deer and duck hunting. The park is home to the gopher tortoise, the only native tortoise in Georgia.

From: michelle@decaturcountyga.gov <michelle@decaturcountyga.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 7:51 AM

To: Olukayode Olubowale <oolubowale@swgrc.org>

Subject: RE: Decatur County Comprehensive Plan 2022 Five-Year Update (Second Public Hearing)

Good Morning Kay,

I was looking over the draft and noticed on page 5, Bainbridge State College is mentioned. That probably needs to change, since it's ABAC and Southern Regional Technical College now.

Thank you,

Michelle B. West

County Clerk

Decatur County Board of Commissioners



229-248-3030



DECATUR COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS DATA

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Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	29,038
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Population Estimates, July 1 2021, (V2021)	29,038
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2021)	29,387
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2021, (V2021)	-1.1%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	29,387
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	27,842
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent	6.9%
Persons under 18 years, percent	24.3%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	16.7%
Female persons, percent	51.5%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent	54.2%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	42.7%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	0.8%
Asian alone, percent (a)	0.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	0.2%
Two or More Races, percent	1.5%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	6.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	49.4%
Population Characteristics	
Veterans, 2016-2020	1,309
Foreign born persons, percent, 2016-2020	3.1%
Housing	
Housing units, July 1, 2021, (V2021)	13,089
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2016-2020	61.3%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2016-2020	\$115,000
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$1,085
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2016-2020	\$392
Median gross rent, 2016-2020	\$681
Building permits, 2021	142
Families & Living Arrangements	
Households, 2016-2020	9,684
Persons per household, 2016-2020	2.62
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2016-2020	82.5%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2016-2020	3.5%
Computer and Internet Use	
Households with a computer, percent, 2016-2020	74.1%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2016-2020	59.9%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2016-2020	82.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2016-2020	14.0%

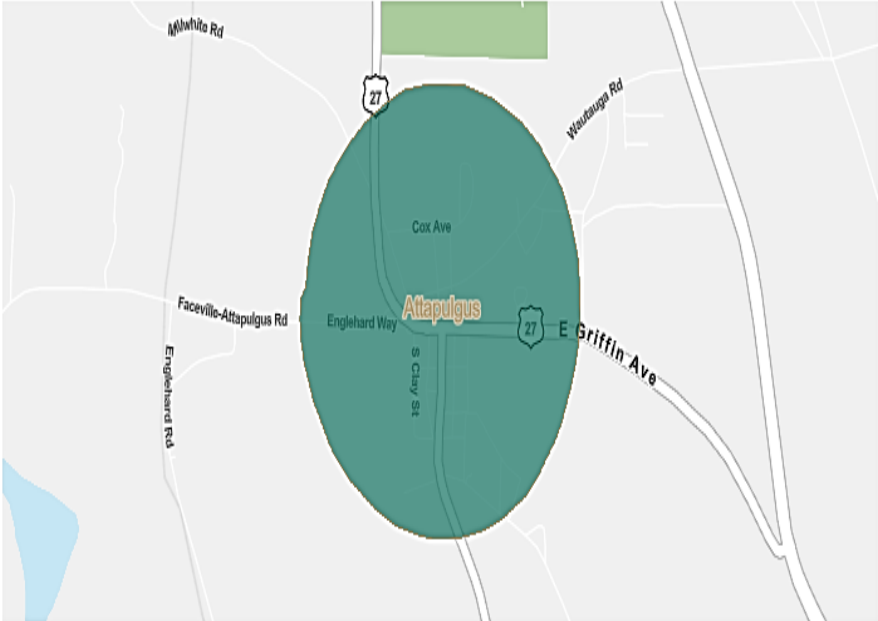
DECATUR COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS DATA (Cont'd)

Health	
📍 With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2016-2020	10.8%
📍 Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	△ 18.3%
Economy	
📍 In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2016-2020	53.6%
📍 In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2016-2020	50.9%
📍 Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	D
📍 Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	D
📍 Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	D
📍 Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	324,740
📍 Total retail sales per capita, 2012 (c)	\$11,805
Transportation	
📍 Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2016-2020	22.1
Income & Poverty	
📍 Median household income (in 2020 dollars), 2016-2020	\$40,587
📍 Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2020 dollars), 2016-2020	\$21,810
📍 Persons in poverty, percent	△ 25.6%
 BUSINESSES	
Businesses	
📍 Total employer establishments, 2020	604
📍 Total employment, 2020	7,287
📍 Total annual payroll, 2020 (\$1,000)	265,873
📍 Total employment, percent change, 2019-2020	4.6%
📍 Total nonemployer establishments, 2018	1,838
📍 All firms, 2012	2,634
📍 Men-owned firms, 2012	1,314
📍 Women-owned firms, 2012	958
📍 Minority-owned firms, 2012	887
📍 Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	1,838
📍 Veteran-owned firms, 2012	225
📍 Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	2,218
 GEOGRAPHY	
Geography	
📍 Population per square mile, 2010	46.6
📍 Land area in square miles, 2010	597.14
📍 FIPS Code	13087

CITY OF ATTAPULGUS DEMOGRAPHICS DATA

Attapulgus city, Georgia

Place in Georgia



Attapulgus city, Georgia is a city, town, place equivalent, and township located in Georgia.



Total Population
454



Median Household Income
\$39,583



Bachelor's Degree or Higher
3.1%



Employment Rate
59.0%



Total Housing Units
194



Without Health Care Coverage
22.7%



Total Households
209



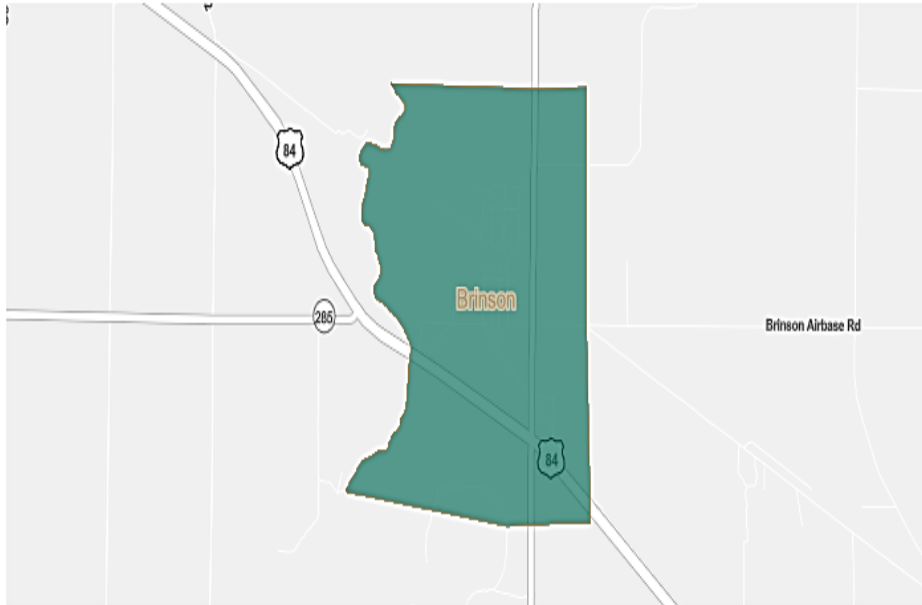
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
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Populations and People

CITY OF BRINSON COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS DATA

Brinson town, Georgia

Place in Georgia



Brinson town, Georgia is a city, town, place equivalent, and township located in Georgia.



Total Population
217



Median Household Income
\$58,438



Bachelor's Degree or Higher
22.1%



Employment Rate
39.2%



Total Housing Units
104



Without Health Care Coverage
14.2%



Total Households
69



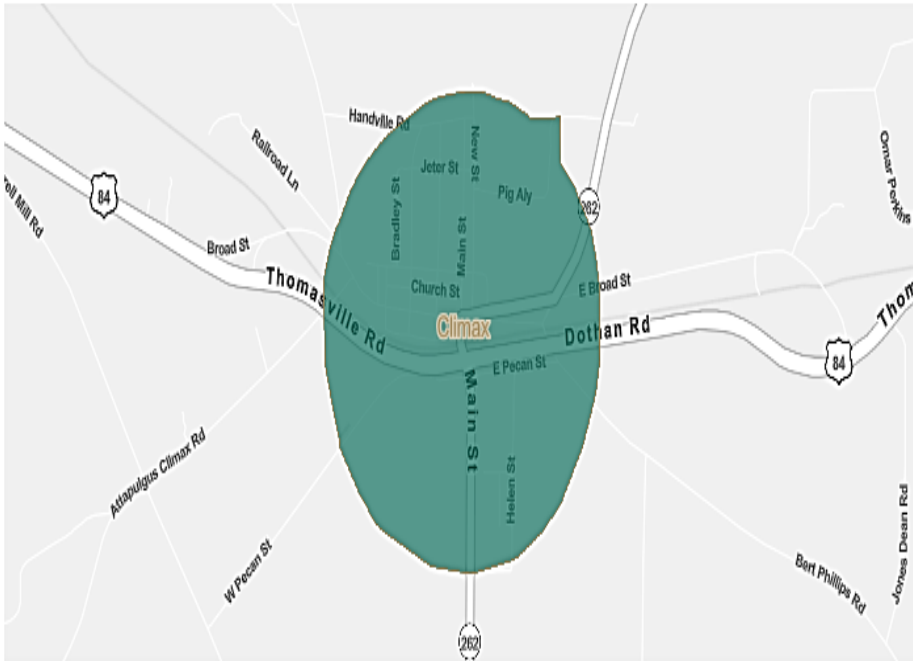
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
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Populations and People

CITY OF CLIMAX COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS DATA

Climax city, Georgia

Place in Georgia



Climax city, Georgia is a city, town, place equivalent, and township located in Georgia.



Total Population
276



Median Household Income
\$32,083



Bachelor's Degree or Higher
8.6%



Employment Rate
43.5%



Total Housing Units
135



Without Health Care Coverage
7.1%



Total Households
85



Hispanic or Latino (of any race)
13

Populations and People