

A blurred photograph of a meeting or workshop, showing people sitting around a table in a room with a blue metal railing in the foreground.

Regional Comprehensive Planning

PLANNING GOALS

- Unify Regional Objectives
- Organize Resources
- Standardize Process and Procedures

Program Overview

Regional Plans are a guide for future decision making that address critical regional issues and opportunities and provide a framework for advancing the state's planning goals. They are wider in scope than local plans, and deal with broader issues that involve a variety of entities, including state and federal agencies, local governments, and private organizations. Each of Georgia's 12 Regional Commissions develops a regionally specific plan, which must be approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and adopted by its Regional Council. The Georgia Planning Act gives DCA the authority to establish standards and procedures for appropriate and timely regional planning by all Regional Commissions in Georgia. Those standards and procedures are embodied in the rules known as the regional planning requirements. To remain eligible for state funding programs, each Regional Commission must prepare, adopt, maintain, and implement a regional plan that meets these requirements.