

**League of Women Voters**  
**Public Input Committee**  
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25-35 attendees

**GROWTH**

1950's mindset that "growth is good at any cost" needs to be changed. How actively do we need to promote growth in Macon County? Growth has caused many problems within Macon County.

Regulations could largely help to determine the kind of growth we get and how it affects us.

Preserving community character should be strongly addressed in this comprehensive plan. This character not only can be an economic driver but also can preserve the things citizens feel makes Macon County special.

We need to focus on public safety as growth comes to the area.

**LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT**

With Land Use and Environment contact LTLT and they will provide committees with sample plans. There are a lot of plans that are already available.

Land use will drive all the rest of the uses. Land use planning should include inappropriately sighted business both old and new. People need to understand that how they use their property affects other people's property around them.

People come to Macon County because it is so beautiful. The headwaters are extremely important and we must address them with a great degree of thoughtfulness. We must have thoughtful change.

Land Use and environment in the plan should be called Comprehensive Zoning. People need to be educated on this matter. We have to control such things as Wildflower, the commission could have controlled what happened with this situation through Comprehensive Zoning.

Some form of zoning is needed in Macon County. If you tell people they can build anywhere then you will never have a plan. We need to have density controls in place that regulate where business go, and land we feel should be preserved. This will help us tremendously.

The MLI toolbox needs to be used in the comprehensive planning process.

We need to establish urban growth boundaries. This will designate an area for intensive growth to take place. This area will coordinate water, sewer, transportation, commercial development and denser housing. In this area, one would expect more services and higher density. Outside of this area you will not extend infrastructure, creating less density and gearing these outlying areas more towards preservation. Outside of the growth boundary you would focus mainly on maintenance.

### **DISTASTE/ADVOCATION**

How are we to expect a different result this time than in the times past? Why are volunteers continuing to waste their time on a plan that is only going to get shot down?

County Commission has tended to represent big business interests that profit from growth, rather than the county as a whole.

People need to be involved; this plan is for the people!! The comprehensive plan is a wonderful opportunity.

“Your not from around here” mentality should be changed. We are all citizens of Macon County.

Fast track the plan by using other plans that have been successfully implemented in other counties.

One Citizen felt that she had been wronged by the Macon County Government who “stabbed her in the back” dealing with the construction of an asphalt plant in Macon County.

People need to be educated on zoning. Rumors started by small groups have ruined many good ideas and thought processes in the past.

People do not feel welcome to come before the town board or county commission. We have to do something to get people involved in local government.

The local government efforts of planning have historically been geared toward commercial rather than rural interests.

Citizen felt that voices are not heard when they speak to the commission on issues that concern them. This citizen suggested that we consolidate government in Macon County. Issues within the plan affect municipalities and the county as well. This citizen felt that the local government is becoming too vast.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

As the population grows, affordable housing is going to be an important issue. We need to create affordable housing in a way that is respectful to surrounding properties, while at the same time, addressing the need.

More housing for senior citizens that is affordable not just for super rich or those that are able to receive government subsidies, but all people.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Access Roads are needed on 441 south it is a death trap.