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**To:** Hall County Board of Commissioners

**From:** Beth Garmon, Director of Planning and Zoning

**Date:** August 26, 2024

**Subject:** Comprehensive Plan Update and Unified Development Code (UDC)

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Dear Board of Commissioners,

For the past two years, Planning staff has worked alongside the consultant team of TSW as well as Hall County stakeholders and other county agencies to develop a policy document that will guide the county's long-range vision for growth and development. The comprehensive plan balances population, economic, and employment growth with the desire to maintain rural character, greenspace, and natural resources. The plan also addresses the need to coordinate new development with infrastructure capacity. This guide will be used as a guide for developers, county staff, and the board when considering new development.

In addition to the comprehensive plan, Planning staff has also worked with TSW to develop a Unified Development Code (UDC). The UDC provides the regulations and standards for development within the county, and supports the vision of the comprehensive plan. This draft of the UDC is focused on addressing outdated language within the code, making information easier to find within the document, and includes the addition of new zoning districts and uses.

At the September 10, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting, staff will present a summary of the process and highlight the changes in both updates. With your approval, the documents will be made available to the public as well as transmitted to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) and the Department for Community Affairs (DCA) for review and comment.

Sincerely,

Beth Garmon  
Director of Planning and Zoning