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## Georgia Mountains Regional Commission invites public input for update of the *Habersham Joint Comprehensive Plan*

**GAINESVILLE** – The Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (GMRC) is assisting with the update of the *Joint Comprehensive Plan* for **Habersham County** and the municipalities of **Clarkesville, Alto, Demorest, and Mount Airy**. The Comprehensive Plan is the State required document that helps shape and coordinate local work programs for the community. This planning process is designed to ensure that major projects and policies for the community are developed with public input, ensuring a level of coordination between local and State level interests.

As part of this process there will be multiple opportunities for public input, beginning with the public forums listed below. The first event will walk through the basics of the document, the planning process, and how the comprehensive plan is used to help guide community policies and programs. Subsequent meetings will review the needs and goals for the local governments and what can be done practically in preparation for the future.

In addition, there is also a brief online survey asking people to give their thoughts on select issues and priorities for the community. This survey will be accessible from May 8 through June 30, and is open to anyone with a vested interest in the area. A link to the survey will be posted on the local government web sites as of May 10, or you may use the link or QR codes provided.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LLFSLH>



We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the future of Habersham County and hope to see you at our public events. For any questions about the document or the process, please contact Adam Hazell at the GMRC as listed above.

### **Public Forum** for the Habersham Joint Comprehensive Plan

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**Dates:** Tue. – May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Habersham County Justice Center  
295 Llewelyn Street  
Clarkesville, GA