

Introduction

Comprehensive plans are the most common plans used to guide development. They are a means of establishing long-term vision, typically looking 15 to 20 years into the future.

Like the 2007-2027 Comprehensive Plan for Lake Lure, the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update provides the framework for every planning effort that follows and serves as the foundation that connects other topic-specific plans and studies to each other.

The Comprehensive Plan and this 2015 Update is the basis for a number of strategic efforts aimed at addressing issues and opportunities. Once formally adopted, it will be utilized to provide necessary context for local officials who will make decisions regarding growth and development in the community, services and facilities to support development, and efficient allocation of public funds.

The Plan Update will also aid decisions of any group or individual who is concerned with growth and development as it serves to coordinate activities for a wide range of individuals, boards and other entities.

Although the Comprehensive Plan provides a broad vision and goals that the community has worked toward since 2007, it was always the objective to review it and update it. These periodic reviews, such as has been completed in 2015, allows for acknowledgement of changing circumstances.

Like the 2007-2027 Comprehensive Plan, the 2015 Plan Update still reflects the community's desires and serves as a policy guide that will aid decision makers over the coming years.

In order to be an effective guide, the plan and this update is comprehensive in the sense that it examines a number of key, interrelated factors simultaneously.

More importantly, it is strategic, identifying the most critical issues and defining short and long-term strategies for addressing those issues.

The information that follows details how the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update was facilitated and completed.

Sincerely,

Your 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee

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