



Summerfield Comprehensive Plan

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Our Town
Our Plan



Summerfield Comprehensive Plan Presentation Outline

1. How the Plan Came to Be
2. Parts of the Plan
3. How to Use the Plan
4. What's Next?



Key Meetings

July 2008	Joint Board Meeting
Sept 2008	Special Town Meeting
Oct 2008 to Jan 2010	Committee Meetings for Policy Development
Jan 2010	Open House for Draft Plan



Joint Board Meeting

July 15, 2008

- Town Council, Zoning Board & Committee
- Growth Issues and Priorities Identified
- Direction to Steering Committee
- Input to Common Objectives



Special Town Meeting

September 29, 2008



- 170+ residents attended

- 600+ growth issues identified

- 12 policy areas created



Steering Committee Meetings



- Met monthly for 18 months +
- All meetings open to the public
- Objectives, policies & actions developed



Open House & Walk Around Survey

January 26, 2010



- Well publicized



- Excellent turnout
- Broad support for plan



Parts of the Comprehensive Plan

1. Growth Factors Analysis
2. Map Atlas
3. Objectives and Policies
4. Action Agenda
5. Executive Summary



Growth Factors Analysis

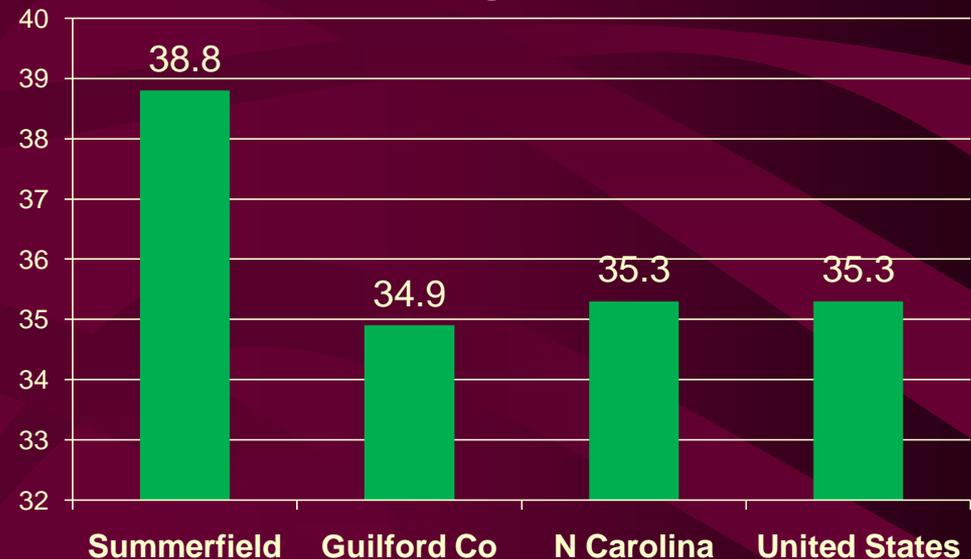
What It Is:

- Factual research to better understand the population, housing and economic context of the Town.

How To Use It:

- As a source of information on social and economic factors influencing growth and development.

Median Age (2000)



Common Objectives

What They Are:

- Each of the 12 common objectives describes a desirable condition the way residents would like to see their town.

How To Use Them:

- Use to evaluate whether a policy or action will help or hinder the achievement of a desired condition.



Example: Objective 12: **Summerfield as a Limited Services Local Government**

The Town of Summerfield shall continue to control its own destiny—the Town shall remain an independent community, carefully managing its own finances and its own growth and development. Town government should be small and accessible, citizen-engaged, with services limited and taxes kept low. Town government should continue to focus on the highest priorities of area residents—managing growth and preserving and enhancing the area’s quality of life.



Policies

What They Are:

- Policy preferences of the Town with regard to growth and development.

How To Use Them:

- Use to guide decisions on zoning, subdivisions, community appearance, infrastructure, parks and greenways, etc.

Example: Sidewalk, Bikeway, and Trail System

Policy 2.2: The use of (1) NATURAL GREENWAY CORRIDORS, such as streams and floodplains, and (2) MAN-MADE GREENWAY CORRIDORS, such as utility and transportation rights of way and easements, should be secured as the backbone of the Town's off-road trail system.



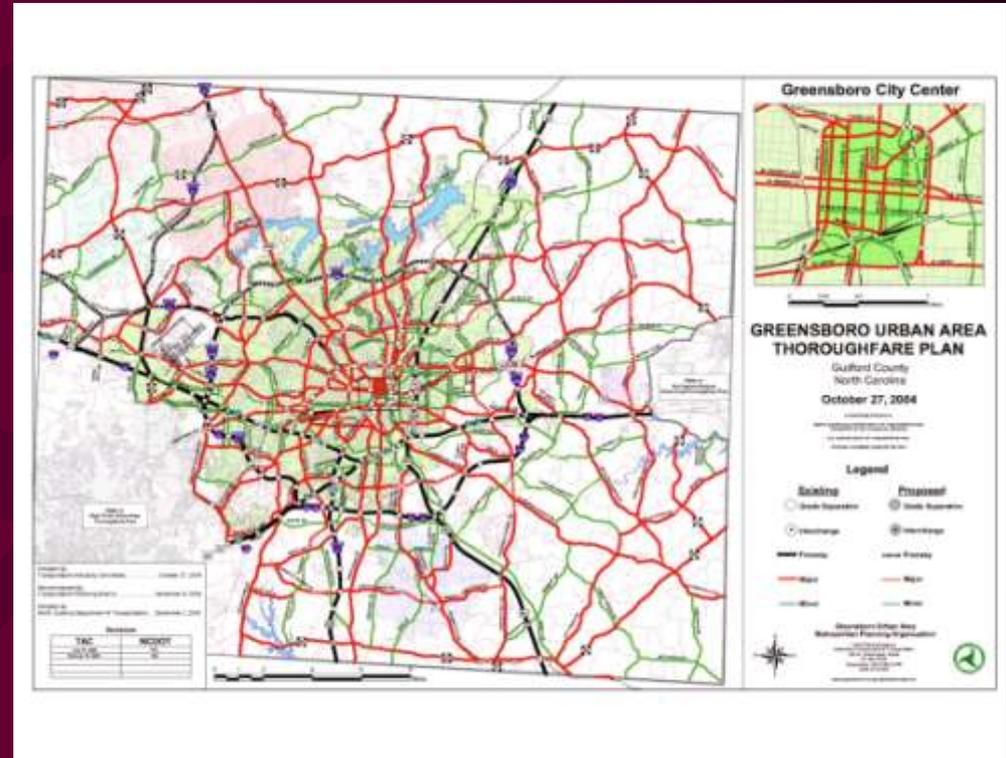
Map Atlas

What It Is:

- A series of maps showing important natural and man-made features of the land that influence growth and development.

How To Use It:

- Use these maps to guide decisions about infrastructure investments and suitability of land for development.



Implementation Actions

What They Are:

- A to-do-list of actions that may be taken in support of the Objectives and Policies.

How To Use Them:

- Use to set work program priorities for Town government. Best if revisited at least once per year, during the Town's budget process.

Example: Sidewalk, Bikeway, & Trail System

Action 2.5: Step up efforts to secure the use of the abandoned railroad bed for an off-road trail.



How the Plan Works

Summary

Actions

A to-do list

Policies

A decision guide

Common Objectives

A desirable town

Citizen Issues and Ideas

Drivers of the plan



What's Next?

1. Post plan to Town website.
2. Hold public hearing.
3. Revise plan as appropriate.
4. Adopt plan.
5. Use policies in monthly meetings.
6. Begin carrying out priority actions.



Thank you.

Questions, Answers, and Discussion

