

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County

General Vision Statement

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County is a unique and growing community. Cusseta-Chattahoochee County's history is rich, its natural resources are bountiful, and its citizens are friendly. It is a family-centered residential community offering the life-style of a small rural county with all of the necessities of life, such as adequate housing, infrastructure, social and public services.

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County has many assets that can be capitalized upon by residents, investors, businesses and industries; such as, an industrial park, school system and water facilities. The county's proximity to the City of Columbus provides access to shopping, a State University, community colleges, technical colleges, employment opportunities and medical services and facilities. However, the county aspires to provide local retail and medical facilities and services which will effectively fulfill all of its citizens' needs. The county promotes and encourages commercial and industrial development while providing a quality living environment for all residents.

The future vision for Cusseta-Chattahoochee County may be summarized as a growing rural community with ease of access to the commercial, cultural and institutional resources of a metropolitan area. The county shall continue to capitalize on its consolidated government, which provides for more efficient and effective government services; its location next to and relationship with Fort Benning and Columbus, and the fact that Chattahoochee County serves as the gateway to Southwest Georgia with the presence of U.S. 27, SR 520/280 and SR 26. All of these factors allow Cusseta-Chattahoochee County to build upon, nurture and pursue residential, commercial and industrial development opportunities that add value to the economic and social fabric of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County while maintaining its rural, small town atmosphere.

Specifically, the vision includes;

- Maintaining the county's rich history, tradition and southern hospitality, recognizing diversity while seeking consensus.
- Promoting the unique historical and natural resources within the county.
- Providing an adequate and appropriate level of essential public and private community services and facilities in support of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County residents, commerce and industry.
- The Chattahoochee County School System shall serve as the foundation to building a brighter future for the residents of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County.
- Promoting and encouraging cooperative intergovernmental relations with the Fort Benning Military Installation and surrounding counties. In addition, the County will maintain its participation in various regional community based organizations such as the Valley Partnership Regional Development Authority and the Lower Chattahoochee Regional Development Center.
- The presence of local, adequate and appropriate job/career opportunities and job/professional development training for all citizens who desire them.
- Promoting and encouraging commercial development in order to attract active and retired military personnel and their families.
- Development will be encouraged where adequate infrastructure exists or can be economically provided.

- Substandard housing conditions in the county will be eliminated through appropriate community support and encouragement as well as direct and indirect actions of free market activities such as development spurred by population growth and through the use of Federal and State programs.
- Developments shall be design conscious in order to protect natural and cultural resources and Chattahoochee County's existing rural atmosphere.
- The Unified Government of Cusseta-Chattahoochee County will remain cost conscience by maintaining an efficient tax structure and considering the cost and benefit of new development or redevelopment in the County.
- Capitalize on transportation related businesses by promoting the three major arteries that tri-sect Chattahoochee County. These include U.S. 27, SR 520/280 and SR 26.