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## 2010 Census Urban and Rural Classification and Urban Area Criteria

The Census Bureau's urban-rural classification is fundamentally a delineation of geographical areas, identifying both individual urban areas and the rural areas of the nation. The Census Bureau's urban areas represent densely developed territory, and encompass residential, commercial, and other non-residential urban land uses.

For the 2010 Census, an urban area will comprise a densely settled core of census tracts and/or census blocks that meet minimum population density requirements, along with adjacent territory containing non-residential urban land uses as well as territory with low population density included to link outlying densely settled territory with the densely settled core. To qualify as an urban area, the territory identified according to criteria must encompass at least 2,500 people, at least 1,500 of which reside outside institutional group quarters. The Census Bureau identifies two types of urban areas:

- Urbanized Areas (UAs) of 50,000 or more people;
- Urban Clusters (UCs) of at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people.

"Rural" encompasses all population, housing, and territory not included within an urban area.

What is a Rural Community?

Is it cultural?



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# What is a Rural Community?

## Do we know it when we see it?





Population – 454,901

2010 U.S. Census

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Columbia County – 124,053

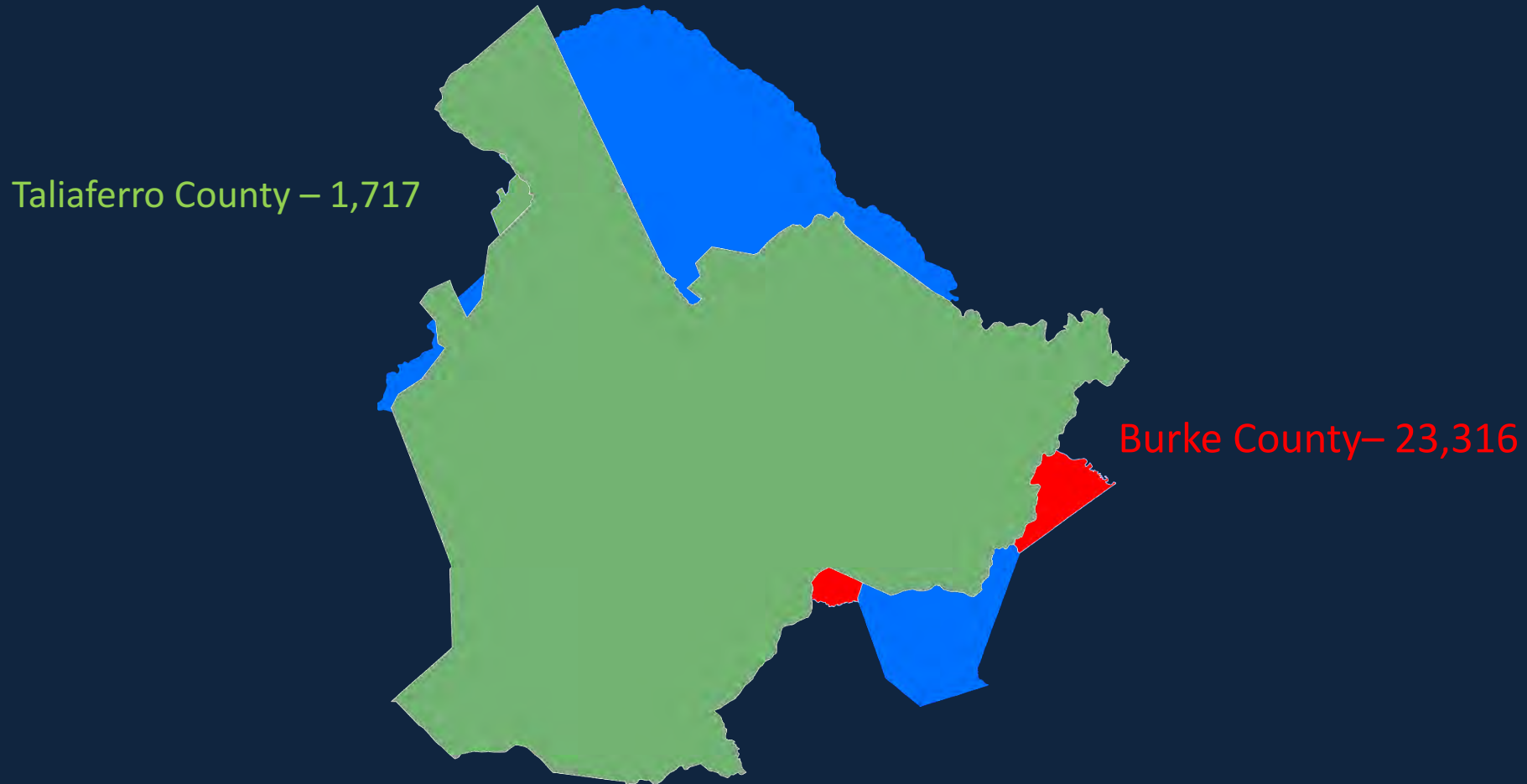
Augusta-Richmond County – 200,549

11 Counties – 130,299

4 counties with populations over 15,000

6 counties with populations less than 11,000

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## Taliaferro County Chicken Ordinance

Goal: Create an Ordinance to address potential influx of industrial chicken houses





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### EXHIBIT A

#### Amendment to Taliaferro County Zoning Ordinance

##### II. Definitions

**(REPLACE) Agriculture:** means the raising of soil crops, livestock, fish, fowl, and commercial timber in a customary manner on tracts of land at least one (1) acre in size, including all associated activities. Retail selling of products raised on the premises is permitted provided that space necessary for the parking of customer's vehicles is provided off of the public right-of-way.

**(ADDITION) Buffer Zone:** means a unit of required space and plantings and/or structures designed to reduce conflicts between adjacent land uses by eliminating or minimizing potential nuisances such as light, odor, noise, pests, dust, or unsightly buildings

**(ADDITION) Chicken coop:** means any structure, building, shelter or other facility used for raising, feeding, sheltering or maintaining 500 or less fowl (chickens or other poultry animals). A chicken coop is not a "major livestock enclosure."

**(ADDITION) Chicken house:** livestock enclosure or other facility used for raising, feeding, sheltering or maintaining fowl (chickens or other fowl) containing more than 500 (chickens or other poultry animals). A chicken house is a "major livestock enclosure."

**(ADDITION) Farm:** means any lot devoted to uses in agriculture, forestry, horticulture, or the raising of livestock, poultry, or small animals as a source of income for the owner or the farm living on the lot on which the farm is located or adjacent to the lot containing the farm.

**(ADDITION) Farm - major commercial:** Any poultry use for the purpose of raising for sale any type of agriculture products, nursery stock, or livestock, but not limited to, soil crops, fish, fowl, silviculture, or livestock. Major commercial farming shall be considered to have more than 1,000 poultry animals

**(ADDITION) Farm - limited commercial:** Any primary use of a lot for the purpose of raising for sale any type of agriculture products, nursery stock, or livestock, but not limited to, soil crops, fish, fowl, silviculture, or livestock. Limited commercial farming shall not exceed 1,000 poultry animals, 500 livestock animals, and silviculture up to 100 acres.

**(ADDITION) Livestock:** livestock shall include but not be limited to, definitions under O.C.G.A. § 4-4-1.1 for "livestock" which means swine, equines, poultry, sheep, goats, etc. and O.C.G.A. § 4-4-80 further defines "poultry" as including, but not limited to, geese and ducks; birds which are bred for meat and egg production, exhibition, or competition, game birds such as pheasants, partridge, quail, etc.

**(ADDITION) Livestock enclosure:** means any structure, building, shelter, or other facility used for keeping, raising, feeding, sheltering or otherwise maintaining 1000 or less poultry animals or less than livestock. Fenced grazing land and fenced pasture for horses, cattle and other grazing animals shall not be included in this definition.

**(ADDITION) Livestock enclosure - Major:** means any structure, building, shelter, or other facility used for keeping, raising, feeding, sheltering or otherwise maintaining more than 1000 poultry animals or 500 livestock. Fenced grazing land and fenced pasture for horses, cattle and other grazing animals shall not be included in this definition.

1. Met with stakeholder group
2. Created a draft "Chicken House Ordinance"
3. Reviewed "Chicken House Ordinance with Stakeholders
4. Present to Public For Input



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### Issues

1. People felt threaten about their ability to use their property
2. Concerns were voiced regarding fees for potential owners
3. There was a perception that the ordinance did not take into account the issues of local farmers
4. There were certain individuals who just wanted to throw a “Spanner in the works”

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## Issues & Solutions

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1. People felt threaten about their ability to use their property  
Education of a larger stakeholder group regarding the ordinance

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## Issues & Solutions

2. **Concerns were voiced regarding fees for potential owners**  
Helping individuals understand that companies who wish to place these types of facilities in jurisdictions are aware of fees and are willing to pay reasonable amounts

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3. There was a perception that the ordinance did not take into account the issues local farmers had  
Working with local farmers to gain insights on how they perceive their needs.

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4. There were certain individuals who just wanted to throw a “Spanner in the works”  
Have strong advocates by your side



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## Takeaways

1. When Planners are outsiders, we must take steps to make our clients (those rural residents comfortable with us)
2. People and connection
3. Inclusion
4. Always be Nice....