

# New Urbanism in the Savannah Region

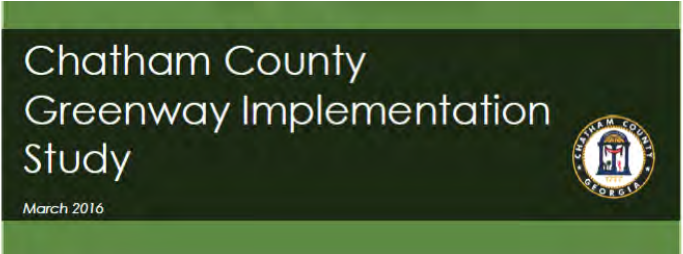
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# Outline

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2. Noteworthy Regional Efforts
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# Planning Context



# The Plan & The Charter, I

## Comp. Plan - Land Use Goals

- Ensure that expansions to the downtown area match the scale and urban design of the Oglethorpe Plan.
- Incorporate multi-modal transportation options including walking, bicycling, and transit, into land use patterns

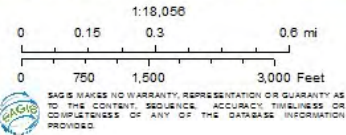
## Charter of the New Urbanism

- *(5) Where appropriate, new development contiguous to urban boundaries should be organized as neighborhoods and districts, and be integrated with the existing urban pattern. ...*
- *(8) The physical organization of the region should be supported by a framework of transportation alternatives. Transit, pedestrian, and bicycle systems should maximize access and mobility throughout the region while reducing dependence upon the automobile.*

# Downtown Expansions



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# The Plan & The Charter, II

## Comp. Plan - Transportation Goals

- Extend neighborhood connectivity through development of a safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation system that serves all modes of travel including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists.
- Offer a regional public transportation system that provides all residents access to employment centers, institutions, commercial areas, recreational facilities, and other destinations regardless of their age, income, or disability.

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- *(12) Many activities of daily living should occur within walking distance, allowing independence to those who do not drive, especially the elderly and the young. Interconnected networks of streets should be designed to encourage walking, reduce the number and length of automobile trips, and conserve energy.*
- *(14) Transit corridors, when properly planned and coordinated, can help organize metropolitan structure and revitalize urban centers.*



## 12. SECOND READINGS

1. Adopt the revisions to the combined Savannah-Chatham County Speed Zone Ordinance.
2. Request Board of Commissioners adopt an ordinance to amend an ordinance to create a special district for transit service pursuant to Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VI of the Constitution of the State of Georgia and pursuant to section 3 of that act sometimes referred to as "Chatham County Transit Services Act" (Ga. L. 1986, p. 5315 et seq.), and as contemplated by section 3.2 of the Chatham Area Transit Authority Act (Ga. L. 1986, pg. 5082 et. seq.), so as to amend a special transit service district to encompass all land and areas within Chatham County's legal boundaries as created and enacted by the Georgia General Assembly; to provide for on a reasonable basis county wide transit services, to include fixed transit routes and paratransit services; to adopt a feasibility study for cost of expansion; to adopt the recommendation of the Chatham Area Transit Authority concerning expansion; and to provide for method of taxation as permitted by law.

# The Plan & The Charter, III

## Comp. Plan - Other Goals

- Integrate environmental design elements which discourage criminal behaviors into the planning and construction of public space.
- Preserve culturally and historically significant buildings, landscapes and sites throughout Chatham County.

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- *(23) Streets and squares should be safe, comfortable, and interesting to the pedestrian. Properly configured, they encourage walking and enable neighbors to know each other and protect their communities.*
- *(27) Preservation and renewal of historic buildings, districts, and landscapes affirm the continuity and evolution of urban society.*



# Regional Main Street Efforts



## TYBEE ISLAND, GA

<i>Year Designated</i>	2010
<i>Population:</i>	3,044
<i>Public &amp; Private</i>	\$\$18,346,959
<i>Investment:</i>	
<i>Net New Jobs Created:</i>	370
<i>GA Main Street Tier</i>	Tier 3: Georgia's Exceptional Main Streets

<http://www.cityoftybee.org/BetterHometownProgram.aspx>

# On The Horizon

- Transit Development Plan
- Truman Linear Park
- CNU Legacy Projects



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