

**IMAGINE SOCIAL CIRCLE – VISION 2040**  
**PUBLIC-PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 23, 2017 5 PM**  
**COMMUNITY ROOM**

**VISION**

Big City opportunity in a Small Town atmosphere  
All inclusive of Community  
Close to everything  
Rich history, respect past, embrace future  
Significant historic District, well preserved  
Still Georgia's Greatest Little Town (City?)  
Comfortable pace of growth, managed smart growth  
A sustainable, adaptable community which remains attractive over time with abundant natural resources nearby  
Urban Farming friendly  
Gateway to historic heartland  
Quality of life, a place to live, work, and play  
Adaptable to change  
A City that can embrace the future while respecting the past, A City that embraces industry

**STRENGTHS**

Social Circle Theater  
City Services, Public Safety especially  
Historic Register District  
Local Public Schools, Highly Ranked Independent School System  
Overall Safe Community  
City Transit Service  
Friendship Festival and other festivals  
Small Hometown Feel  
Civic Groups and Churches  
Cooperation between Churches  
Lots of Volunteer Participation in Boards and Committees  
Walkability  
Golf Cart Friendly  
Truck Route (Social Circle Parkway)  
Quality of Life  
Family Atmosphere  
Family History, lots of local families with roots in area still here  
Not Atlanta  
Lack of Sprawl  
No Traffic  
Low Crime  
Quiet  
Affordable Housing  
Access to Hartsfield Jackson Airport  
Blue Willow  
Tourism

Stephens Park is an Opportunity for more community recreation and activity

Geographic Location

Access to Interstate

Downtown ice Cream shop

Temperate Climate

Downtown prime for businesses

High level of local support for local shops

Open space

Parks, passive and active recreation

Opportunity for large public gathering space

Diverse demographics

High level of volunteerism

Junior ambassador program

### **WEAKNESSES**

Need a Dry Cleaners

Need a Farmers Market (maybe could start one day a month, needs to accept food stamps)

Too many restrictions on Urban Farming, keeping of chickens

Need to be more bicycle friendly (better signage, markings, wider lane for bikes or bike paths)

Need more running paths

Need to have a central site where local businesses could post job opportunities so residents in City could easily access job opportunities within the City

Need more inclusion of City diversity within City organizations such as boards and commissions, what are the barriers that need to be addressed?

Inadequate or missing walkways

Trails and Sidewalks that exist need maintenance

Trees and Bushes along walkways need to be trimmed

Limited number of restaurants in city, downtown

Limited stores, limited times of operation downtown

Need more youth opportunities (activities, education, entertainment, employment)

Need more technology in the schools (grant writer needed?)

Lack of parking for shoppers downtown. Parking is there, but the convenient spaces are being taken up by delivery trucks, employees...

Nay-sayers

Lack of Housing

Historic Buildings in disrepair

Infrastructure

Is Transit service adequate for demand?

Communication with citizenship

Code Enforcement

More internet service provider options are needed, better service is needed especially near City limits

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Awareness of public parking areas downtown (need better signage, and advertisement)

Need more access for residents to public parks and open space

Need to develop a plan for public green space throughout the City , so it is created as development occurs

Need more parks and playgrounds for upper elementary aged children

Water System