

**IMAGINE SOCIAL CIRCLE
VISION 2040
SOCIAL CIRCLE Elementary PTO
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Social Circle Elementary School**

Vision

Recreation facilities (such as Meridian Park or Felker Park)
No pollution with growth
DNR Headquarters with thriving fish hatchery and other facilities
A caring community
Well preserved historic fabric
Small town feel
Accessibility to highway, Atlanta, airport, state parks, major shopping areas
Healthy community atmosphere with trails, green space, parks, clean air and water
No ADF smell
Historic downtown with shops and also larger retail options at parkway or north end
Local community supporting local businesses
Multipurpose spaces and mixed uses together, such as nursing homes and schools together, retail and lofts, different ages and populations brought together
Sustainable community, in the forefront of technology
Cultural opportunities
Public Transit
Every downtown space full
Living wages paid in the community
People who live in the City have an opportunity to work in the City

Strengths

Friendly loving community
Strong School system
Strong faith community
Small town feel
Local downtown businesses, independent and locally owned, not full of franchises
Community leadership
Transit

Weaknesses

Infrastructure needs updating (water, sewer, roads, sidewalks, drainage)
Recycling program needs improvement, bins for recycling should be as big or bigger than trash bins
Beautification projects are needed, small efforts would yield huge impacts- such as flower vines on chain link downtown
Parkway 4 way stops are dangerous, trucks are running stop signs at E. Hightower and N. Cherokee
There are no running or bike trails in the community

The population may not be large enough to support a downtown full of businesses
A new K-5 school is needed, based on both condition and capacity of the school buildings
Does the City limit the hours that a business can be open? (Waffle House constraint?)

Opportunities

Covington Movie Production Facility and Town Center nearby
Athens Technical Campus in Social Circle
Shire Industry and Stanton Springs employment opportunities

Threats

If the population grows significantly the schools will need to be expanded
The zoning needs to be in place to be prepared to handle rapid growth
ADF Smell

Attendees:

Principal
2 Teachers
4 Parents