

TRANSPORTATION

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STRENGTHS	Interstate 85
WEAKNESSES	Abundance of auto-oriented development
OPPORTUNITIES	Public transportation: need to have more of a regional plan; should focus on concentrated growth areas, many groups are interested, but lack the motivation to be a unified voice for regional progress; experimentation has started (29 regional planning)
	Funding model: private/public partnerships for specific application
	Bicycle paths: adds to marketability/we may have enough; high difference in needs and priority; concentrate interests in urban areas
	Transportation options
THREATS	Funding model: lack of trust and credibility
	Transportation options
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 98% of people use cars/trucks & highways - the state needs a comprehensive on-going solution to maintain them - recognize that public private partnerships are needed to create communities in which people want to live, work, shop, dine, learn, heal, and play - GreenVillages developments that are attractive, livable, sustainable, & connected with multi-modal transport options - we also need to find innovative ways to get people to consider using alternatives to current options, including - electric powered vehicles (Proterra says in 10 years 100% of all buses will be electric - GV is cutting edge) - automated - remove driver caused accidents and you eliminate 90% - elevate / separate automated electric vehicles (AEV) route ways to protect from surface traffic & lights - increase safety/reduce accidents to zero (example of PRT at WVU-Morganton or Heathrow airport) - allow higher densities and require fewer spaces in urban multi-modal transportation corridors (that reduces urban sprawl and costs of infrastructure) - Regional connectivity - Largest communities as leaders - I-85 corridor 	
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ECONOMIC

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<p>STRENGTHS</p>	<p>Infrastructure support industrial development, agriculture, and tourism</p>
	<p>Quality higher education institutions</p>
<p>WEAKNESSES</p>	<p>Little mention of business expansion and retention; not many programs for entrepreneurs/small business</p>
	<p>Sprawl development</p>
<p>OPPORTUNITIES</p>	<p>Regional marketing of agriculture, tourism, and outdoor recreation</p>
	<p>Inter-jurisdictional partnerships</p>
	<p>Refocus development into municipalities-strengthen centers/nodes</p>
	<p>Home-based, small scale business development</p>
	<p>Strong regional growth is projected</p>
	<p>Funding mechanisms</p>
<p>THREATS</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BRE: support for cluster growth connecting industry and research and development needs with local solutions - Small business/entrepreneur programs-ID existing and reduce duplications - Regional tourism planning - Ongoing fix for infrastructure and funding needs 	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capitalize on university programming to support entrepreneurship – tie with university R&D efforts and cluster development (i.e. Clemson's research campus locations and cross curricular training, commercialization of technologies, etc. 2. BRE efforts engaged to encourage more Upstate companies to diversify and growth markets through exports-thus supporting cluster growth and global competitiveness. 3. ID and develop regional tourism draws within and outside the area, figure out how much to fund this cross-jurisdictional promotion. Includes natural resources and age-tourism opportunities. 4. Regional approach to workforce development-cooperation among colleges and universities on curriculum, standards, stacking credentials, etc. 	

POPULATION	The Comprehensive Plan Review study identifies SWOTs for each element. In regard to your specific comprehensive plan element, what are 2-3 of the biggest: strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities you see the Upstate currently facing or will likely face in the near future?	
	STRENGTHS	Range of diversity-especially aging population; involvement; knowledge capital
	WEAKNESSES	New demand for community needs (i.e. housing, transportation, recreation, etc.) not keeping up
		Connections between population centers
	OPPORTUNITIES	Providing a variety of housing options
		Coordinating between counties of marketing and benefits
		Capitalizing on diversity
	THREATS	Letting go of business interest because not keeping up community demand
		Natural resources – maintaining livability
		Maintaining and adding aging and young people accommodations
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connecting population centers, also with rural and natural areas working together to provide the facilities and services that are needed - Impacts of other elements effect population directly 		
What would you propose as a potential action plan for addressing the prospects for improvement you outlined in question #2?		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning coordination – subcommittees and people talking 2. Explore long range options - choices 		

CULTURAL RESOURCES

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STRENGTHS	SHPO/Palmetto Trust resources are available, but not well known.
WEAKNESSES	Weakness of marketing/advertising of resources available
	Funding; lack of resources
	Lack of support/knowledge about historic sites
	No uniform vision across the Upstate
	Lack or weakness of government controls
OPPORTUNITIES	Differentiating types of historical sites; abundance of sites
	Connections between rural and urban areas
THREATS	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support among municipalities to collaborate and promote events; unified marketing strategy - once central clearinghouse of information - Upstate calendar - promotion 	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing improvements 2. Promote available resources 3. Communicate among municipalities/jurisdictions 4. Access to funding 	

LAND USE	<p>The Comprehensive Plan Review study identifies SWOTs for each element. In regard to your specific comprehensive plan element, what are 2-3 of the biggest: strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities you see the Upstate currently facing or will likely face in the near future?</p>	
	STRENGTHS	
	WEAKNESSES	
	OPPORTUNITIES	Increasing consciousness of compact development patterns can be strengthened
	THREATS	Sprawling patterns/development outpacing community facilities
		Development pressure on prime farm land
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connectivity and people moving - Education on the impacts of current land development patterns 	
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NATURAL RESOURCES

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STRENGTHS	Abundance of water
WEAKNESSES	Drought management and interconnectivity of systems to have back up
OPPORTUNITIES	Organized planning effort for canopy protection and farmland
	Emphasis on beauty and preservation of our natural resources and plan to protect it
	Air quality – continued improvement
	Storm water management – learning from each other as some counties are far beyond others and could teach others
THREATS	Land use planning: no protection for trees or scenic byways (national or state)
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connecting protected natural resources through corridors - Equalize storm water management efforts in each county – educate what storm water is and impact (i.e. what you do at the lake next weekend causes [xyz]) - Regional approach or plan for storm water management 	
<p>What would you propose as a potential action plan for addressing the prospects for improvement you outlined in question #2?</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cooperation between municipalities and counties 2. Counties should identify corridors to protect and incorporate into ordinances 3. Plan for storm water management 	

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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STRENGTHS	The Upstate has an abundance of community facilities
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WEAKNESSES	
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OPPORTUNITIES	Improving facilities in the Upstate would not only increase quality of life, but also help economic development by attracting new businesses and people
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THREATS	Facilities need to be able to keep up with the increasing, aging, and diverse Upstate population
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- Anticipate where companies and people will be and plan to have facilities ready, this will allow businesses to move to our region; no sewer can deter a company from setting up in the Upstate

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HOUSING

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STRENGTHS	
WEAKNESSES	<p>Much of the Upstate region’s housing is old mill villages, many of these old homes are not properly maintained because public money cannot be used to improve or repair private properties</p>
OPPORTUNITIES	<p>Need housing for increasing senior population</p>
	<p>Mixed income housing</p>
THREATS	<p>Low amounts of subsidized/low income housing</p>
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<p>- More private/public partnerships to improve housing and increased housing options</p>	
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