



PLAN RUSSELL COUNTY

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

2050

Strong Roots. Bright Future.

Planning for Russell County's Future

The Comprehensive Plan serves as Russell County's long-term blueprint for growth. It reflects the community's vision for the future and guides topics such as land use and development, housing, infrastructure, public investment, and compatibility with Fort Benning over the next 10–20 years.

Under Alabama Code § 11-19-10(a), Russell County's Planning Commission is required to study existing conditions and plan for future growth in the county. The Commission has the authority to create a Comprehensive Plan to guide development. This updated Plan will provide Russell County with clear, community-driven guidance for future growth and development.

A Comprehensive Plan IS

- **Comprehensive**
Addresses land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, Fort Benning compatibility, and more
- **Long-Range**
Provides guidance for the next 10–20 years or more
- **Community-Driven**
Informed by residents, businesses, and stakeholders
- **Flexible**
Updated over time to respond to changing conditions

A Comprehensive Plan IS NOT

- A zoning map
- A tool to promote special interests
- A detailed policy for specific properties or areas
- A capital improvement program
- An unchangeable document

The Plan will be considered for adoption by the Russell County Commission following the public review and hearings.

Ways You Can Participate



Interactive
Project
Website



IDPlaces
Interactive
Mapping Tool



Community
Meetings



Online and
In-Person
Questionnaires



County Commission
and Planning
Commission
Workshops



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6 Major Planning Process Components

PLAN ELEMENTS

Russell County's Comprehensive Plan will be organized into a series of elements.

1

Community Engagement and Communication

Public participation and communication are essential for a successful Comprehensive Plan.

Residents, businesses, property owners, and other stakeholders will have opportunities to share input throughout the planning effort.

2

Community Assessment

To understand existing conditions and trends in Russell County, a comprehensive community assessment will be conducted to evaluate population and housing trends, land use patterns, infrastructure capacity, economic conditions, and public services and facilities.

3

Visioning

Residents and stakeholders will participate in engagement activities to shape a Vision Statement and guiding principles reflecting community identity, priorities, and challenges.

4

Scenario Modeling and Future Land Use Mapping

Different growth scenarios will be developed using data on land use, infrastructure, population, economic drivers, transportation, environmental considerations, public services, and compatibility with Fort Benning operations. The preferred scenario will inform a Future Land Use Map directing growth to infrastructure-served areas, protecting natural assets, and reducing noise and safety impacts near Fort Benning.

5

Plan Document Development

The Plan will include goals, policies, implementation strategies, and maps. A Public Draft with maps, charts, and graphics will be released for review and comment. All comments will be tracked and addressed before Planning Commission and County Commission consideration and public hearings.

6

Public Hearings and Adoption

The Final Plan will be presented at one Planning Commission hearing and one County Commission hearing, highlighting land use and transportation scenarios, implementation strategies, and public feedback. Once adopted, the Plan will serve as Russell County's official growth policy guide, supported by an implementation plan organizing actions by priority, timeframe, responsible parties, and funding to track progress and implementation.



Land Use
(with Future Land Use Map)



Public Facilities and Services



Transportation



Housing



Economic Development



Natural Resources,
Conservation, and Resilience



Military Compatibility



Implementation Framework

Project Timeline

The Plan will be developed over 18 months.

