

**Population Subcommittee
Community Agenda Worksheet**

Vision statement

Issues & Opportunities

Short-Term Work Plan

Long-Term Work Plan

Source: 1998 Comprehensive Plan Community Assessment Other _____

As is

Change

New

Delete

Existing text:

Vision Statement: To establish Athens-Clarke County as a community that supports life-long learning for its citizens.

A. We will recognize the importance of providing life-long learning opportunities for

Cultivating the strengths of our citizens

Enhancing our job skills

Understanding the environment

Increasing our cultural enjoyment

Exploring retirement interests

Affording personal enrichment

B. The neighborhood public school concept is the foundation of our community's long-term prosperity.

C. University and vocational education will continue to be life-long learning opportunities for our residents and visitors.

D. The long term prosperity of our community will be supported by the educational function of our parks and recreational services, public libraries, museums and other cultural amenities.

Potential Policies:

1. Establish and maintain an effective working relationship between Athens-Clarke County and the Board of Education to develop mutually beneficial

locations for schools and appropriate land uses adjacent to and/or near school property.

2. Promote the concept of neighborhood schools in future development, as well as, promote the same concept regarding the use of schools that are currently located near or in close proximity to existing neighborhoods.

3. Support other existing educational institutions and encourage development of new opportunities to educate Athens-Clarke County citizens.

4. Communicate with the University of Georgia to encourage commitment to accommodate the needs of non-traditional learners by providing access, services, and instruction, in accordance with the University of Georgia's Comprehensive Educational Plan.

Proposed text:

Vision Statement: To establish Athens-Clarke County as a community that supports and encourages life-long learning.

NOTE: Delete this section entirely as it was combined with your section D to be the new section A. A. University vocational education and public schools will be life-long learning opportunities for our residents and visitors.

NOTE: Change to "C" C. Quality of life will be supported and enhanced by the educational function of our parks and recreational services, public libraries, museum, other cultural amenities, other public and non-profit and faith-based entities.

NOTE: Change to "B," delete word "opportunities," delete "for", and add "preparation" B. We will recognize the importance of providing life-long learning in the following areas:

Job skills and work-force development

Environmental concerns

Arts and entertainment.

retirement interests

personal enrichment

Cultural exchanges

Adult Basic Education and GED preparation

Language skills, including additional languages

Health Education

NOTE: change to "A" A. Education {Early learning, pre-k through 12, University and vocational, and adult education - public, private and home} is the foundation of our community's long-term prosperity.

Policy

1. Establish and maintain an effective working relationship between the Athens-Clarke county and the Board of Education to develop mutually beneficial locations for schools and appropriate land uses adjacent and/or near school property.

2. (New) Establish and maintain an effective working relationship between the Athens-Clarke County government and the Board of Education to address the cultural diversity of county students while assuring equal access to educational opportunities and richness of educational choices.

3. (change number) Promote the concept of schools serving their neighborhoods as focal points for life-long learning.

4. (change number and eliminate last phrase from your copy) Support educational institutions and encourage development of new opportunities to educate Athens-Clarke County population.

5. (change number) Communicate with all institutions of higher learning in Athens-Clarke County to encourage commitment to accommodate the needs of non-traditional learners by providing access, services, and instruction.

6. (New - change number) Require inmates in Clarke County facilities to be involved in education, with a goal of acquiring a high school diploma.

Notes: Into Policies: Schools to be learning focal points for all of our population - adults as well as children.

Establish and maintain an effective working relationship between the Athens-Clarke County and the Board of Education to address the cultural diversity of

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Effectively teaching children

Address the diversity issue

Notes - for short term - uniforms / all girls, all boys schools.

Learning Disability - students should have opportunities to higher education - a question of addressing the diversity.

UGA - not friendly to retired, working, part-time students for classes (4 year).

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Justification:

This item pertains to the following Chapters of the Community Agenda:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Population | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities and Services/Intergovernmental Cooperation | | | |