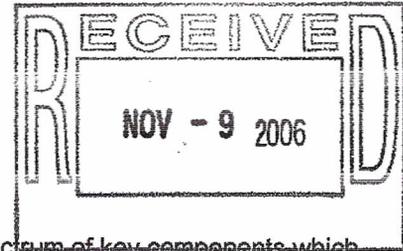


City of Mountain Park, GA
2006 Minimal Plan
Vision Statement



In preparing this "minimal plan," the city has identified a comprehensive spectrum of key components which shape our vision of the future. These fall into two key types:

1. Initiatives which are likely to form part of any vision because they are embedded in state or county policy, or because they are, to some extent, outside of local control. However, discussion as to priority will be given to these components as implemented.
2. Initiatives which we have most choice and which may be subject of vigorous debate in the preparation of a long term, comprehensive future strategy.

While located in the rapidly growing North Fulton County area of Metro Atlanta, the City of Mountain Park is somewhat stabilized as a very small family-oriented city at around its current size of 320 homes, within an extremely unique, generously natural and prime setting of woods, lakes and wildlife.

The city is widely accepted by both its citizens and surrounding populations of Roswell, Alpharetta and Woodstock as a true area "treasure" that is challenged by peripheral expansion. The city's size, unique environment of a generous green setting and total lack of commercial development, as well as its geographic location represent factors that must be considered as the future is considered. As it relates to this "minimal plan," the projects and initiatives presented in the Short Term Work Program" submitted here are intended to highlight the distinct ways in which Mountain Park might adapt to the challenges of the future, while preserving its extreme uniqueness.

In preparation of this "minimal plan," the city has conducted two public hearings on the future of Mountain Park and completed a city-wide survey of citizens' opinion and vision.

Both the public hearings and city-wide survey were guided by a set of core values and assumptions:

- People working together can solve problems in their community
- By working together on problem-solving activities, people build relationships that benefit the long-term health of the city
- Mountain Park challenges, as well as solutions, should be inclusive and that any effect is strengthened by engaging citizens of different backgrounds and life experiences.

The hearings and survey demonstrated many of the values and assumptions of the community and opinions about the city's future. For example, the topic of increased future revenue sources, since the city collects no commercial taxes, resulted in a large number of creative solutions including marketing a city-branded product and generating saleable power from the city's dams.

The "Short Term Work Program" that follows involves projects of both key component types. It covers nine crucial goals for our city over the next three to five years.

1. Preserving and protecting community assets
2. Moving from talk to action
3. Managing challenges created by change
4. Building strategic community relationships
5. Managing the interests of diverse citizen groups for common good results
6. Wider citizen communication and participation
7. Valuing evaluations
8. Making meetings work better
9. Finding and developing future leaders within

The City of Mountain Park is committed to an effective community involvement process that will help clarify values and attitudes, allow opportunity for citizens to express opinions and priorities, create alternative proposals and approaches, and give direction and confidence to decision makers to move forward with implementation. The City of Mountain Park's "minimal plan" Short Term Work Program, we believe, will achieve those desired results.