



Dear Community Member,

To properly guide The City of Milton's growth and future development, a Comprehensive Plan process has been initiated. The City's Comprehensive Plan provides policies and guidance on many areas related to growth and development including: land use, transportation, economic development, natural & cultural resources, community facilities and services to mention a few. These become the key factors in determining, directing and maintaining the quality of life and values for Milton's residents.

The goals, policies and strategies in the Comprehensive Plan will be confirmed over a 12 month process working with the citizens and a 16 member steering committee comprised of community and business representatives along with City staff. Regular Steering Committee meetings will be held with presentations by experts in the field of long range planning.

At several key points in the development of the Comprehensive Plan, there will be opportunities for community input. Community meetings will be scheduled, with each meeting providing an opportunity for your input. The following survey is the first step in this Community Participation process. A series of questions are presented for each section of the Plan. Your answers will help the planning process by determining and assuring the direction accurately represents the community's interest and desires for the City at large.

Before you begin answering the survey questions, we ask that you provide a bit of demographic data that will help us better analyze the results of the survey. Please be assured that this information will NOT allow your individual input to be identified as coming from you. All responses will be aggregated so that no individual inputs can be attributed to a particular resident.

Please take a moment to share your vision of Milton's future by answering this questionnaire and returning it in the enclosed envelope within two weeks.

As an extra incentive, a raffle drawing will be held on March 28 2008. Each ticket returned with a completed questionnaire will be entered in a raffle to win one of many prizes donated by local businesses. Businesses who donated are listed on our website www.cityofmiltonga.us. To enter the drawing, simply return one half of the ticket along with your completed questionnaire. Keep the other half for your record. The winning ticket numbers will be posted on our web site March 28 – April 15 2008.

Thank you in advance for your valuable input in making Milton a better place to live.

George Ragsdale
Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee Chair



Demographic Data

1. Indicate the area of Milton in which your residence is located (refer to the attached map and check the correct area number).
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (outside the city)
2. Do you (check one)?
 Rent Own
3. Do you live in (check one)?
 Single Family Detached home in a development (i.e., part of a Home Owners' Association)
 Single Family Detached home NOT in a development (i.e., not part of a Home Owners' Association)
 Townhouse/Condominium/Cluster home
 Apartment
4. If you own a business in Milton in which area of the City is your business located (refer to the attached map and check the correct area number).
 1 2 3 4 5 6
5. Please indicate your age group:
 Under 25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65 Over 65
6. Please indicate the number of children living in your home in each of the following age groups:
 Under 3 3-6 7-10 11-14 15-18
7. How long have you been a resident of Milton?
 Under 3 yrs. 4-7 yrs. 8-12 yrs. more than 12 yrs.
8. How many adults in your household travel to work each day **IN** Milton?
 0 1 2 3 4
9. How many adults in your household travel to work each day **OUTSIDE** of Milton?
 0 1 2 3 4
10. Do you drive your children to school most school days?
 Yes No

Survey Questions

1. Following is the present Mission Statement that has been adopted by the Milton City Council for the City of Milton.

Mission Statement:

The City of Milton is committed to maintaining the unique quality of life for our constituents while efficiently delivering essential services to residents and businesses in a community interactive environment.

Do you agree with this Mission Statement? Yes No

2. Following is the present Vision Statement that has been adopted by the Milton City Council for the City of Milton.

Vision Statement:

Milton is a distinctive community embracing small-town life and heritage while preserving and enhancing our rural character.

Do you agree with this Vision Statement? Yes No

3. Milton encompasses 25,000 acres of which over 20,000 acres zoned for private septic systems which require one acre or more.

- a. Public sewer systems would likely result in higher density development.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

- b. Milton should continue to rely on private septic systems to ensure low density development and maintain one acre or larger residential lots.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

4. There are currently five areas with defined retail, office, and mixed residential/commercial use – Birmingham, Crabapple, Highway 9, Arnold Mill, and Deerfield. Milton should identify additional areas for defined commercial and/or mixed-use development?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

5. Milton should encourage development of: (in the appropriate areas of Milton):

Independent, "Non-Chain" Restaurants

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Professional Offices (e.g., Doctor, Dentist, Attorney)

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Service Businesses (e.g., dry cleaners, nail salon, mailbox store)

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree



Retail Businesses (e.g., gift, clothing, sporting goods, hardware)

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Fast Food Restaurants (e.g., McDonalds, Arbys, etc.)

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Chain Restaurants (e.g., Chili's, Olive Garden, etc.)

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

"Big Box" Retail (e.g., Target, WalMart, etc.)

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

6. Milton should proactively market the city and encourage corporations to locate here in order to bring more professional jobs to the city

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

7. Milton should support mixed-use development (areas where you find Retail, Commercial and Residential condensed into one development)

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

8. Milton should adopt a growth management strategy to ensure that new development does not exceed the capacity of public infrastructure

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

9. Does Milton have adequate single family detached housing options for:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Starter homes	_____	_____	_____
Families	_____	_____	_____
Estate homes	_____	_____	_____
Active Adults	_____	_____	_____
Seniors	_____	_____	_____

10. Milton should support additional housing developments including:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Single Family Homes	_____	_____	_____
Townhomes/Condos	_____	_____	_____
Apartments	_____	_____	_____

11. Milton should have an adequate supply of housing options to allow for the local workforce to live near their place of work.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

12. All housing developments should contain land designated as usable greenspace for their residents.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

13. I am retired or plan on retiring **IN** the City of Milton.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Maybe

15. Along Milton's primary roadways (eg. Birmingham, Freemanville, Providence, Bethany, Hopewell), which do you prefer (pick one)?

- _____ a. soft gravel shoulders
- _____ b. paved asphalt shoulders
- _____ c. curbs with gutters

16. The current Focus Fulton 2025 Comprehensive Plan identifies intersection improvements in the following areas (Providence Road/Bethany Road, Providence Road/Freemanville Road, New Providence Road/Birmingham Highway); what additional intersections do you feel need improvement (list your top 3)?

17. The current Focus Fulton 2025 Comprehensive Plan identifies a road expansion project along Arnold Mill/SR140; what additional roads do you feel need improvement (list your top 3)?

Roadway #1: _____

Roadway #2: _____

Roadway #3: _____

18. Milton should join neighboring cities (Johns Creek, Roswell, Alpharetta) to provide a fee-based transportation service within North Fulton, which serves the needs of all age groups and those individuals with limited abilities?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Agree

19. How should Milton rank spending on transportation (Choose top 5 answers)?



- _____ a. maintaining existing roads (paving, re-striping, berms)
- _____ b. widening existing roads
- _____ c. improving existing intersections
- _____ d. developing bike routes/lanes
- _____ e. developing pedestrian/equestrian pathways
- _____ f. provide fee-based transportation service for all age groups and those individuals with limited abilities.
- _____ g. replacing/improving existing bridges
- _____ h. expanding network of sidewalks

20. Milton should have a "downtown" area and/or Central Business District?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

21. If your answer to number 20 was "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" in which geographic area should it be located. (Select one of the numbered geographic areas on the map provided)

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____ 6

22. (Rank the following in order (1 – 12) which you feel Milton should focus its financial resources?)

- _____ City Hall
- _____ Police Services
- _____ Police Station (stand-alone)
- _____ Fire/EMS Services
- _____ Fire Stations (additional to existing locations)
- _____ Purchasing Parkland
- _____ Active Recreational Facilities (baseball, Soccer, tennis, etc.)
- _____ Passive Recreational Facilities (walking, horse trails, picnic areas, etc.)
- _____ Equipping parks
- _____ Adult education programs/services
- _____ Senior citizen programs/services
- _____ Community/Recreation Center
- _____ Other: _____

23. Currently, AG-1 (Agricultural) zoning designation applies to over 85% of Milton's developable land. AG-1 zoning permits raising livestock (horses, chickens, goats, pigs, etc), growing of agricultural products, special use businesses such as landscape services, dog kennels and equestrian facilities. A large portion of the AG-1 zoning has been developed into single-family subdivisions which may experience some conflicts with adjacent agricultural operations, specific to odors, noises and visual impacts.

23a. The current AG-1 designation should be modified to assure that permitted uses may appropriately coexist with residential uses?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

24. For AG-1 developments along main thoroughfares, homes should be built at least 100 feet or more from those thoroughfares.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

25. Scenic Views, Byways and Vistas along Milton's roadways should be protected and preserved?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

26. Milton should afford the additional expense to assure that all capital improvements be made in a fashion that would be considered aesthetically characteristic to its historical era, including: bridges, sidewalks, street lighting, pedestrian crossing areas, etc?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

27. Milton should promote the preservation of structures and sites that have historical significance?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

28. Milton should consider development incentives for the preservation of natural/environmental resources that exceeds minimum requirements/standards?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree

Consider the following in answering the remaining questions:

30. IF Milton required more revenue in order to provide the infrastructure (roads, facilities, etc.) improvements you would like to have, from which of the following sources would you like to see the funding provided? Rank the following, with 1 being highest:

- _____ An increase in property taxes that would go into the general fund
- _____ Allowing an increase in commercial density to increase the tax base
- _____ A bond referendum (it be repaid through increased property taxes), targeted at a specific project or set of projects
- _____ Development impact fees



_____ Don't spend a dollar more than what is generated from our present tax base and tax rate

31. **IF** Milton required more revenue in order to provide improvements in the quality of life in Milton (e.g., improved traffic, more seniors programs, more parks, etc.), from which of the following sources would you like to see the funding provided? Rank the following, with 1 being highest:

- _____ An increase in property taxes that would go into the general fund
- _____ Allowing an increase in commercial density to increase the tax base
- _____ A bond referendum, targeted at a specific project or set of projects
- _____ Development impact fees
- _____ Don't spend a dollar more than what is generated from our present tax base and tax rate

32. Rank the following areas in which you feel any additional tax revenue should be spent (1 being highest):

- _____ Transportation
- _____ Community Facilities and Services
- _____ Parks and Recreation
- _____ Greenways and Trail System
- _____ Other: _____

33. **If your answer to questions 30 or 31 was to increase taxes**, how much more would you be willing to pay in property taxes per year?

- ___ \$100
- ___ \$250
- ___ \$500
- ___ \$1000

34. **If your answer to questions 30 or 31 was to increase density**, how much more would you be willing to allow density to increase?

How much more commercial density should be allowed?

- ___ Double the limits as they exist
- ___ Increase by one-half of current density
- ___ Increase by up to 50% the current density allowed
- ___ Increase by 10% or less the current density allowed
- ___ Do not increase the current allowed density

If your answer is to increase commercial density, check all of those areas where you feel this should apply:

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ Crabapple | ___ Arnold Mill Road |
| ___ Birmingham | ___ Deerfield |
| ___ Highway 9 | ___ Create new commercial centers |

35. If you visited Milton City Hall this year, would you rate the experience as helpful?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree N/A

36. Are you satisfied with the sanitation services (garbage pick-up) provided within the City of Milton?

Strongly Disagree Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly agree