

Cultural Resource Element

On April 9, 2009 the Planning Department held a stakeholders meeting to discuss to elements of the comprehensive plan. At the meeting we discussed the Cultural characteristics of Oconee County. The following comments/issues came out of stakeholder discussion:

1. Look to identify cultural resources on public and private land. The county should look at undertaking a study to document cultural resources.
2. Document Native American sites and promote this aspect of our heritage by partnering with Native American groups, the State Archeological Office, and the Forest Service
3. Continue to find and catalog historical maps for Oconee County
4. Newry Community is a cultural resource as the first textile mill in the County is there
5. Look for opportunities for the utilization of the rails to trails program
6. Partner with unincorporated villages and towns to promote small town growth by encouraging business to locate there
7. Expand the public park system to include equestrian trails and camps
8. Partner with Municipalities to expand parks and recreation
9. Consider ways to promote those activities that teenagers would be interested in other than just sports
10. Look for opportunities to promote the rail road through histories, the creation of destinations, and possibly offering train tours.