

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE

Overview

Habersham County is updating its Unified Development Code (UDC) to ensure development codes are aligned the community vision and address the community needs identified in the recently adopted 2024 Comprehensive Plan (CP). Focus areas for this UDC Update will include improving housing choice, supporting economic growth, addressing traffic and mobility issues, protecting sensitive natural resources and scenic vistas, and preserving farmland and Habersham’s rural character. The revised UDC will be a streamlined, user-friendly document that makes land use, site design, subdivision, and permitting standards easier to find, understand, and implement. The updated UDC will be used to support thoughtful development that respects the county’s rural heritage, fosters sustainable growth, and enhances quality of life and economic vitality. The final UDC draft is planned to be released for public review on the project website and submitted for Board of Commissioner consideration in Summer 2025.

Project Goals

- Simplify and restructure the document to make it more accessible, searchable, and user-friendly
- Integrate graphics to clarify desired design standards
- Consolidate and update definitions to ensure consistent use of terms across the document
- Update dimensional standards to reflect desired land use and development patterns

Commonly Asked Questions

Where can I view a copy of the existing UDC?

The UDC is available online on Municode. Link to site: https://library.municode.com/ga/habersham_county/codes/code_of_ordinances.

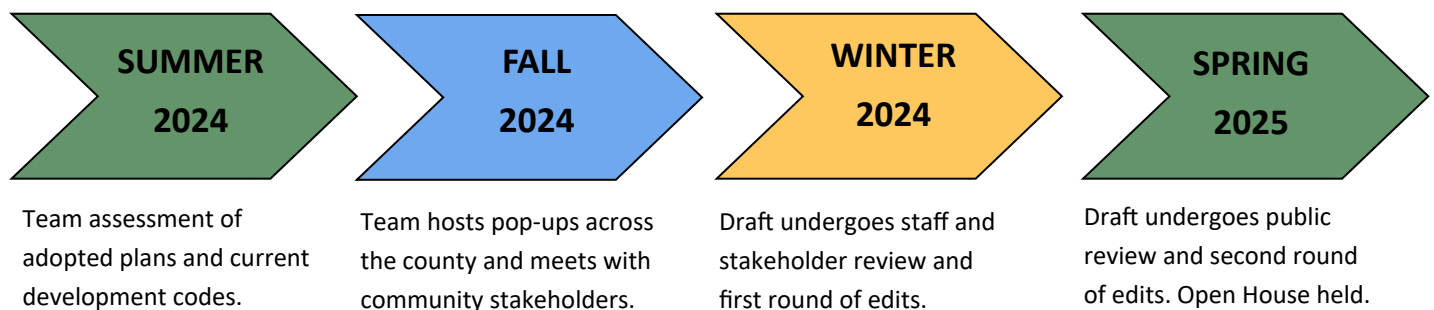
Does private property need to comply with the UDC ?

Yes, all property (except federal or state owned sites) in unincorporated Habersham County is required to comply with UDC.

How can stay connected or learn more about this?

Visit the project website! Link to site: <https://cplteam.mysocialpinpoint.com/habersham-udc>

Project Schedule



MEET US AND LEARN MORE:

Thursday, October 17 - 5pm to 8pm
Habersham E-911 Children’s Fun Festival
Habersham Fair Grounds
4325 Toccoa Highway