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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Regional Commission Preparing Regional Plan and Requests Public Input
November 27, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 p.m., Appling County Commissioners
Meeting Room, Baxley**

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission (HOGARC) is a regional planning agency organized by state law, but governed by its member counties, which include Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, and Wilcox. The HOGARC is currently preparing a regional plan update in compliance with state law and Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) rules. HOGARC wants to hear from you at a regional listening session **November 27, 2018 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.** The session will be held at the **Appling County Commissioners Meeting Room in the County Annex at 69 Tippins Street, Baxley, Georgia 31513.** Additional regional listening sessions are planned to be held in Vidalia and Eastman over the next several months. The first regional listening session was held in Dublin in late October. The current plan, *Green with Greener Days Ahead*, showed the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region to be a growing rural region with a number of issues, but with much cause for optimism and great opportunities for future growth and development. Planning documents and the public events schedule may be viewed on the Regional Commission website, www.hogarc.org and the regional plan specific website bit.ly/hogarc2019regionalplan.

The HOGARC is now in preparation of an update to the regional plan, which is a guide to making the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region an improved place to live, work, recreate, and do business for all concerned. This updated Regional Plan will include a Regional Vision, a list of regional priority needs and opportunities appropriate for action, and recommended implementation strategies for improvement and action. All concerned with the future improvement of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region and its growth and development are invited to submit their thoughts and ideas on the Region's future, its vision, needs and opportunities, or needed actions to the HOGARC. Those wishing to comment may complete a Regional Vision Survey online at bit.ly/hogarc2019regionalplan. You may also send comments to baxley@hogarc.org, or mail them to the Regional Commission at 331 West Parker Street, Baxley, Georgia 31513. Please submit comments by February 28, 2019.