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MEMORANDUM

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To: Coastal Resources Commission (CRC)
From: Charlan Owens, AICP, Elizabeth City District Planner
Date: January 24, 2017
Subject: Certification of the Gates County Comprehensive Plan

Recommendation: CERTIFICATION of the Gates County Comprehensive Plan based on the determination that the document has met the substantive requirements outlined within the 7B Land Use Plan Guidelines and that there are no conflicts evident with either state or federal law or the State’s Coastal Management Program.

Overview

Gates County is located south of the Virginia state line between Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Chowan counties to the east and Hertford County and the Chowan River to the west. NC 32 and US 13 are the major north/south roadways through the County and serve as the main connections to the Suffolk, Virginia area. US 158 is the main east/west roadway through the county. The County contains approximately 346 square miles. The comprehensive plan covers the entire county including the Town of Gatesville.

The 2014 population estimate for Gates County indicates a permanent population of 11,864 persons, which is 333 less than the 2010 permanent population of 12,197 persons. The county is classified as a “Tier 1” community by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Tier 1 communities are considered economically disadvantaged and “distressed” based on economic and demographic characteristics.

Gates County desires to remain a slow paced rural area and seeks to maintain its abundant charm and beauty by protecting its forest resources, agricultural lands, and natural environment systems.

The Gates County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the plan at their duly advertised public hearing on December 5, 2016. The public was provided the opportunity to submit written comments on the plan up to thirty (30) days after the date of local adoption (January 4th). No written comments or objections were received.

To view the Gates County Comprehensive Plan go to the following link:

<https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastal-management-land-use-planning/certified-lups/gates-county>

The document file includes plan policies and implementation actions on .pdf pages 110-129 and a future land use map and designation descriptions on .pdf pages 101-106.

