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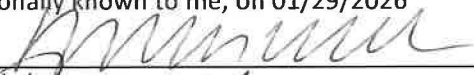
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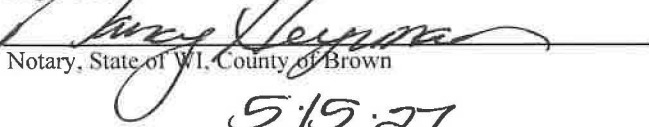
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Marion County Announces Public Comment Period for Updated Marion County HUD Citizen Participation Plan (CPP)

Marion County - January 29, 2026 - The Marion County Community Services Department is seeking public input on its updated Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), a document that governs how residents can participate in the development of federal funding strategies, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. The CPP provides information concerning the five (5) year Comprehensive Plan, Annual Action Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Additionally, the updated plan outlines how Marion County will engage with residents, particularly those with low-to-moderate incomes, to identify local housing and community development needs and the HOME Consortium participant(s).

Public Review and Comment Period:

The draft Citizen Participation Plan is available for public review for a 30-day period starting Monday, February 2, 2026, and ending Monday, March 2, 2026. The document can be viewed at:

Website: <https://www.marionfl.org/agencies-departments/departments-facilities-offices/community-services/reports-plans>

Physical Locations: 2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida (Community Services Dept.)

Public Hearing:

The Marion County will hold its final public hearing to discuss the proposed changes and receive testimony:

Public Hearing #1 (Draft Review): February 6, 2026, at 2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida 34471 in the Growth Services Main Training Room.

Public Hearing #2 (Final Draft Review): February 9, 2026, at 2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida 34471 in the Growth Services Main Training Room.

How to Submit Comments:

Residents may submit comments on the draft plan through **February 26, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.** by:

Email: charles.rich@marionfl.org

Mail: Charles Rich, (Community Services Dept.) 2710 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida 34471

Phone: 352-671-8783

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), accommodations for persons with disabilities or translation services can be provided upon request.

About the Citizen Participation Plan

The Citizen Participation Plan ensures that Marion County residents have an opportunity to influence decisions regarding the use of HUD funds to improve neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, and enhance community services.

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