

Needs

- ❖ Strengthen **transparency and communication between officials, staff, and the public**
- ❖ Improve **relationships between local governments and local for-profit and nonprofit organizations**

Opportunities & Existing Resources

- ❖ **Georgia's public meeting requirements** provide opportunities for local governments to engage residents through a variety of accessible public venues and outreach methods.
- ❖ Most of the local governments already use their **websites and social media platforms** to disseminate critical information and educational content.
- ❖ Community stakeholders supported the **Young Gamechangers** development of a plan that provides suggestions to improve intergovernmental coordination – **Final Recommendations for Valdosta/Lowndes County 2024.**
- ❖ The **Greater Lowndes Planning Commission** and **Southern Georgia Regional Commission** provide forums for coordination among local governments on planning and service delivery issues.
- ❖ **Existing planning efforts**, including the Comprehensive Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, and Service Delivery Strategy, provide

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