RESOLUTION
Joint Comprehensive Plan
Short Term Work Program Update

Whereas, the 1989 Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 215, the Georgia Planning Act, requiring all local Governments to prepare a Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

Whereas, the Partial Plan Update to the Comprehensive Plan for Morgan County, Bostwick, Buckhead, Madison, and Rutledge, Georgia, adopted April 20, 2009, was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures; and

Whereas, the Short Term Work Program Update for the Comprehensive Plan is due to be submitted and approved by the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs no later than June 2012; and

Now, therefore be it resolved by the City of Rutledge that the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program Update to the Comprehensive Plan: City of Rutledge, dated March 2012, shall be transmitted to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission to facilitate the process of Review by the Regional Commission and Review by the Department of Community Affairs in accordance with the standards adopted by the Department of Community Affairs in their Guide to Preparing Short Term Work Program (STWP) Updates for Local Governments (March 2001).

Approved by the City of Rutledge, this 19th day of March, 2012.

City of Rutledge, Georgia, Mayor and Council

By: _____
Mayor

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Council

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Brenda Thompson
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Attest: _____
Clerk

2013-2017 Short Term Work Program Update

City of Rutledge, Georgia

Prepared by Morgan County Planning and Development

March 2012

Short Term Work Program

The Short Term Work Program (STWP) identifies specific implementation actions the City of Rutledge intends to take in the next five years (2013-2017).

Many projects in the 2009-2013 Short Term Work Program have been abandoned. As the previous Short Term Work Program relied heavily on anticipated economic growth, several projects have been deemed unfeasible in the current economy. In some instances, the project is anticipated to take place in later years and will be reevaluated for the future Short Term Work Program. In at least one instance, the task is an ongoing responsibility of a local government office and is therefore not appropriate to include it in a Short Term Work Program.

Each project in the Short Term Work Program includes an initiation year and a projected completion year, a responsible party, and a cost estimate. Also, potential funding sources are identified for each project number. The Short Term Work Program for the City of Rutledge, 2009-2013, with an update on the current status of each project, is provided in the List of Accomplishments. Those items not yet accomplished have been moved to the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program.

2013-2017 Short Term Work Program

Project Number	Description	Year Initiated	Projected Year of Completion	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Notes
Economic Development 1	Explore options for the development of recreational tourism opportunities to take advantage of the City's proximity to Hard Labor Creek State Park.	2013	2015	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ State Park Staff	General Funds and Grants if Available	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Natural & Cultural Resources 1	Identify and pursue funding sources for protection of green and open space, viewscapes, greenways/ corridors, and gateways	2013	Ongoing	unlimited	County/ City Staff	Grants/ State Funds/ Donations	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Natural & Cultural Resources 2	Develop a plan for a trail system between Rutledge and Hard Labor Creek.	2013	2015	$5,000	City Staff/ County Planning Department/ GA DNR/ Citizen organizations/ Consultant	General Funds/ State Funds/ Grants	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Natural & Cultural Resources 3	Identify and document those cultural resources, including public art, that create a sense of place for the community.	2013	2015	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Consultants/ Interns	General Funds or Grants if Available	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Natural & Cultural Resources 4	Expand the opportunities for the development and display of public art in the community.	2013	2017	N/A	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	N/A	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Community Facilities 1	Formally designate scenic routes as identified in the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.	2013	2015	n/a	City Staff	N/A	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP, with modified language.
Community Facilities 2 (also applies Land Use)	Implement a survey of existing conditions of street trees in the City of Rutledge and develop a plan for regular maintenance.	2013	2013	$10,000	City Staff/ Consultants	N/A	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Community Facilities 3	Continue to redevelop and improve amenities in both city parks.	2013	2015	$25,000	Elected Officials/ Consultants	General Funds/ Grants if Available/ SPLOST	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Community Facilities 5	Create an American Disabilities Act review and compliance plan for all city facilities.	2013	2014	N/A	County and City Staff	General Funds	
Land Use 1	Work to acquire fee simple title or development rights to key gateways into the City as a means of protecting viewsheds.	2013	2017	Unknown	City Staff and Local Environmental Organizations	General Funds, Grants, and Donations	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP

2013-2017 Short Term Work Program

Project Number	Description	Year Initiated	Projected Year of Completion	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Notes
Land Use 2	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, develop regulations and ordinances to establish appropriate setbacks, landscaping, tree-removal and curb cut requirements for the important corridors and gateways with the County and its cities.	2013	2017	$2,000	County and City Staff and Consultant	General Funds and Grants	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Land Use 3	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, explore the adoption of appropriate setbacks and vegetative buffers for timber harvesting and other land intensive agricultural uses.	2013	2017	n/a	County and City Staff	n/a	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Land Use 4	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, work to establish links between important greenspaces in the County.	2013	2017	n/a	City and County Staff, Morgan County Conservancy, and other Local Environmental Organizations	Grants and Donations if funds are required for acquiring or developing lands for greenspace connections	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP
Land Use 5	Complete process to designate Morgan County as the Local Issuing Authority for the City of Rutledge.	2013	2013	n/a	County and City Staff	n/a	

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Economic Development 1	Assess existing commercial and industrial businesses inside the City of Rutledge and given consideration to creating an economic development strategy to expand existing businesses and recruit new businesses appropriate for the community.	2009	2013	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Chamber of Commerce	General Funds and Grants if Available	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time, due to the economy.
Economic Development 2	Explore options for the development of recreational tourism opportunities to take advantage of the City's proximity to Hard Labor Creek State Park.	2009	2011	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ State Park Staff	General Funds and Grants if Available	UNDERWAY: Currently upgrading one of the city parks. Carry over to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 1	Identify and pursue funding sources for protection of green and open space, viewscapes, greenways/ corridors, and gateways	2009	Ongoing	unlimited	County/ City Staff	Grants/ State Funds/ Donations	POSTONED: Moved to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 2	Explore participation in Water First, Adopt-A-Watershed, the Georgia SWAP and similar programs.	2009	2013	n/a	County/ City Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 3	Explore the need for a County-wide water authority or advisory board with representation from each city as well as the county as a whole.	2009	2013	$10,000	County/ City Staff and/ or Consultant	General Funds, State Funds, and Grants	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 4	Explore the advisability of Rutledge becoming a bird sanctuary.	2009	2011	n/a	City Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 5	Review regulations related to open burning and limiting the size of controlled burns.	2009	2010	n/a	City Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 6	Work with the County and other municipalities to develop a permitting system for periodic special events with noise levels in excess of what is normally allowed.	2009	2010	$2,000	County Planning Staff/ Consultant	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 7	Develop a plan for a trail system between Rutledge and Hard Labor Creek.	2009	2013	$5,000	City Staff/ County Planning Department/ GA DNR/ Citizen organizations/ Consultant	General Funds/ State Funds/ Grants	POSTPONED: Moved to the 2013-2017 STWP.

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Natural & Cultural Resources 8	Identify and document those cultural resources, including public art, that create a sense of place for the community.	2010	2012	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Consultants/ Interns	General Funds or Grants if Available	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 9	Expand the opportunities for the development and display of public art in the community.	2010	2012	N/A	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	N/A	UNDERWAY: City added 2 new murals to the downtown area in 2010. Carry over to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Community Facilities 1	Formally designate scenic routes as identified in the County's GreenPrints Plan and the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.	2009	2013	n/a	City Staff	n/a	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP, with modified language to remove "County's GreenPrint Plan and the." Although Morgan County adopted the GreenPrint Plan, the City of Rutledge did not.
Community Facilities 2	Participate with county in a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a County-wide water system to gain economies of scale with cities and reduce operating costs.	2009	2013	$25,000	Consultant	SPLOST	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time. Rutledge has a water system separate from the county.
Community Facilities 3	Explore disposal options for municipal and solid waste that do not indefinitely landfill wastes.	2009	2013	n/a	County/ City Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Community Facilities 4	Implement a mulching program for yard waste that provides the products back to the citizens of Morgan County and its municipalities.	2009	2013	n/a	County/ City Staff and Private Service Provider	Self supporting program	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Community Facilities 5	Conduct a study of the current waste management in Morgan County to establish which activities are best handled by public or private entities and to evaluate the feasibility of a County-wide waste authority.	2009	2013	$25,000	County/ City Staff and/ or Consultant	General Funds	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Community Facilities 6	Renovate and restore the old City Hall building.	2010	2013	$100,000	Elected Officials/ Consultants	General Funds/ Grants if Available	COMPLETED: Renovation/restoration completed 2011.
Community Facilities 7	Inventory existing conditions of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks and prioritize repair and improvements of these areas.	2009	2010	N/A	Planning Staff/ City Staff	N/A	COMPLETED: This is a daily activity for the City of Rutledge Staff. As it is an ongoing responsibility and not a specific-term goal, this item will be removed from the STWP.
Community Facilities 8 (also applies Land Use)	Implement a survey of existing conditions of street trees in the City of Rutledge and develop a plan for regular maintenance.	2010	2012	$10,000	City Staff/ Consultants	N/A	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.

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Community Facilities 9 (also applies to Land Use)	Research and adopt an appropriate tree ordinance to protect existing trees and preserve tree canopy inside the city limits.	2010	2012	N/A	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	N/A	COMPLETED.
Community Facilities 10	Continue to redevelop and improve amenities in both city parks.	2009	2012	$25,000	Elected Officials/ Consultants	General Funds/ Grants if Available/ SPLOST	UNDERWAY: City updated one city park in 2011.
Housing 1 (also applies to Land Use)	Consider the development and adoption of design guidelines, if suitable, to insure compatibility between existing development and new development for residential and non-residential construction. Consideration should be given to specific character areas within the city limits.	2009	2011	N/A	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	N/A	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Housing 2	Inventory existing building stock in the city limits to analyze type and quality of housing options available.	2009	2010	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Consultants	General Funds/ Grants if Available	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 1	Work with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to develop "safe yield" data for all hydrologic conditions in the City and to limit withdrawals to established levels.	2009	2013	n/a	City Staff/ EPD	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land use 2	Work together with the County and other municipalities to establish a permanent program for the perpetual management and protection of land set aside for conservation.	2009	2013	n/a	County and City Staff and Local Environmental Organizations	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 3	Work to acquire fee simple title or development rights to key gateways into the City as a means of protecting viewsheds.	2009	2012	Unknown	City Staff and Local Environmental Organizations	General Funds, Grants, and Donations	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Land Use 4	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, develop regulations and ordinances to establish appropriate setbacks, landscaping, tree-removal and curb cut requirements for the important corridors and gateways with the County and its cities as identified in the GreenPrints Plan.	2009	2012	$2,000	County and City Staff and Consultant	General Funds and Grants	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP, but without the language "as identified in the Greenprints Plan." Although Morgan County adopted the Greenprints Plan, the City of Rutledge did not.

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Land Use 5	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, explore the adoption of appropriate setbacks and vegetative buffers for timber harvesting and other land intensive agricultural uses.	2009	2010	n/a	County and City Staff	n/a	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Land Use 6	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, work to establish links between important greenspaces in the County.	2009	2013	n/a	City and County Staff, Morgan County Conservancy, and other Local Environmental Organizations	Grants and Donations if funds are required for acquiring or developing lands for greenspace connections	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Land Use 7	In conjunction with the County, develop an annexation boundary for the City of Rutledge that anticipates the expansion of municipal services and future growth pressure.	2010	2012	n/a	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.