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 Feb. 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 Bostwick that the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program Update to the Comprehensive Plan: City of Bostwick, 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 Bostwick, this 19th day of March, 2012.

City of Bostwick, Georgia, Mayor and Council

By: _____ Mayor

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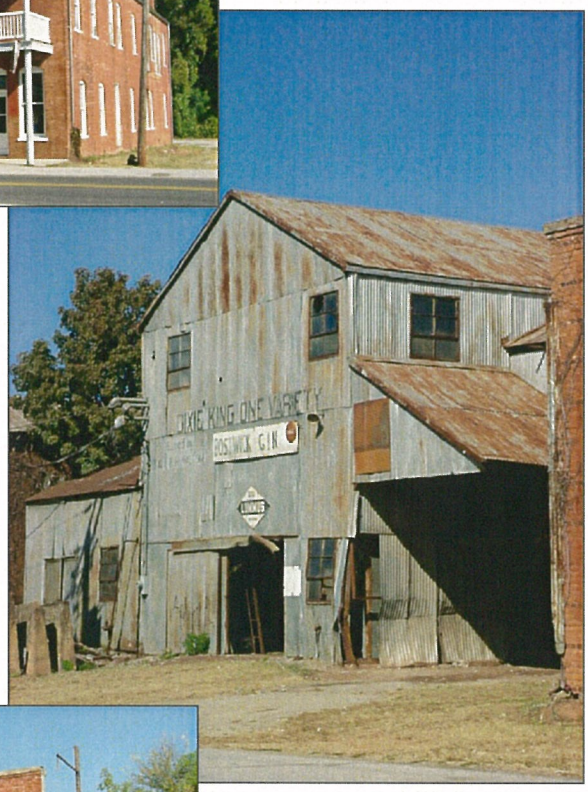
Attest: _____ Clerk

2013-2017 Short Term Work Program Update

City of Bostwick, Georgia



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Short Term Work Program

The Short Term Work Program (STWP) identifies specific implementation actions the City of Bostwick 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 Bostwick, 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	Comment
Economic Development 1 (also applies to Cultural Resources_	In conjunction with Morgan County and its municipalities, and the Madison-Morgan Chamber of Commerce, develop a strategic plan for implementing a heritage tourism program in the City of Bostwick	2013	2017	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Chamber of Commerce	General Funds or 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 and adopt regulations that promote conservation of water.	2013	2017	$2,000	City Staff/ Consultant/ NEGRDC Staff	General Funds	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP, with modified language.
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.	2013	2017	$10,000	County/ City Staff and/ or Consultant	General Funds, State Funds and Grants	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 4	Consider adopting a local Resource Conservation Ordinance and apply for Certified Local Government status	2013	Ongoing	$30,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	General Funds	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 5	Explore pursuing Better Hometown designation from DCA.	2013	2015	n/a	Chamber of Commerce and City Staff	n/a	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Natural and Cultural Resources 6	Work with property owners to develop a plan for the redevelopment of underutilized areas of the Bostwick Manufacturing Complex.	2013	2017	$10,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Citizens	Grants if Available	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Community Facilities 1	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.	2013	2017	$25,000	Consultant	SPLOST	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Community Facilities 2	Refurbish City facilities.	2013	2013	$50,000	City Staff/ Contractors	General Funds/ Grants	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Community Facilities 3	Improve city water system and add to existing facilities.	2013	2017	$500,000	City Staff	General Funds or Grants	

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Project Number	Description	Year Initiated	Projected Year of Completion	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Comment
Community Facilities 4	Improve city's pedestrian facilities, including parks, streets and sidewalks	2013	2017	$200,000	City Staff	General Funds or Grants	
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 towards the goal of permanently protecting 20% of the city's land area in farmland, natural areas, forests, or parks.	2013	2017	$1,000	City Staff/ County Planning Staff/ Consultant	General Funds or Grants	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP, with change in language.
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 within the County and its cities.	2013	2015	$2,000	County and City Staff and Consultant	General Funds and Grants	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP, with change in language.
Land Use 3	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, work to establish links between the important greenspaces in the County.	2013	2015	n/a	City and County Staff, Morgan County Conservancy, and other Local Environmental Organizations	Grants and Donation if funds are required for acquiring or developing land for greenspace connections	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Land Use 4	Review and revise as necessary existing ordinances and regulations to strengthen the protection of agricultural land and maintain the viability of agricultural activities.	2013	Ongoing	$2,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Consultants	General Funds or Grants if Available	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP.
Land Use 5	Explore process to designate Morgan County as the Local Issuing Authority for the City of Bostwick.	2013	2014	n/a	County and City Staff	n/a	

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Economic Development 1	Hold public forums (town hall meetings) periodically to re-evaluate the county's stated economic goals and policies and monitor their progress.	2009	ongoing	$100-$300 per meeting	Local Government/ Community Development Staff		NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Economic Development 2	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, develop a business recruitment and evaluation plan Morgan County.	2009	2005	$20,000	County/ Cities	General Funds and/or Grants if Available	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time, due to the economy.
Economic Development 3 (also applies to Cultural Resources_	In conjunction with Morgan County and its municipalities, and the Madison-Morgan Chamber of Commerce, develop a strategic plan for implementing a heritage tourism program in the City of Bostwick	2009	2013	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Chamber of Commerce	General Funds or Grants if available	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 1	Work with the County and other local governments to research and develop implementation plans for the use of innovative land conservation tools e.g. conservation subdivisions, transfer of development rights, conservation easements, wetlands banks.	2009	2013	$100,000	Consultant and/or Local City/County Staff and/or Local Environmental Organizations	General Funds and Grants if Available	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 2	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	UNDERWAY: City upgraded sidewalks in 2011, has applied for a T-Grant to upgrade city park. Carry over to 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 3	Work with the County and other local governments to develop a county-wide greenway to link important greenspaces in the County and provide habitats for native flora and fauna.	2009	Ongoing	Unknown	County/ City Staff, and Citizens and Citizens Organizations	Local Funds, Grants, Donated Labor	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 4	Work with the County and other local governments to develop and adopt regulations that promote conservation of water.	2009	2013	$2,000	City Staff/ Consultant/ NEGRDC Staff	General Funds	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP, with modified language that removes "Work with County and other local governments to."
Natural & Cultural Resources 5	Research the ramifications of water importing for accelerating or limiting development within the City.	2009	2013	n/a	Municipal Staff	Local	COMPLETED.

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Natural & Cultural Resources 6	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	POSTPONED: Move to 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 7	Explore the advisability of Bostwick becoming a bird sanctuary.	2009	2011	n/a	Planning Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 8	Review regulations related to open burning and limiting the size of controlled burns.	2009	2010	n/a	Planning Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 9	Work with the County and other municipalities to develop a permitting system for periodic special events with noise levels allowed in excess of what is normally allowed.	2009	2010	n/a	City Planning Staff/ County Planning Department	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 10	Work with the County and other cities to review and modify as necessary any sign ordinances.	2009	Ongoing	$3,000	City Planning Staff/ County Planning Department/ Consultant	General Funds and Grants	COMPLETED: This is a daily activity for the County Planning & Development Office and City of Bostwick Staff. As it is not a specific-term goal, this item will be removed from the STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 11	Consider adopting a local Resource Conservation Ordinance and apply for Certified Local Government status	2009	Ongoing	$30,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	General Funds	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 12	Participate on the Regional Development Council's Natural and Historic Resources Committee.	2009	Ongoing	n/a	Elected Officials	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 13	Explore pursuing Better Hometown designation from DCA.	2009	2010	n/a	Chamber of Commerce and City Staff	n/a	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural and Cultural Resources 14	Work with property owners to develop a plan for the redevelopment of underutilized areas of the Bostwick Manufacturing Complex.	2009	2013	$10,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Citizens	Grants if Available	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural and Cultural Resources 15	Continue to research and document previously undocumented Natural and Cultural Resources in Bostwick.	2009	Ongoing	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Interns	General Funds/ Grants if Available	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.

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Project Number	Description	Year Initiated	Projected Year of Completion	Cost Estimate	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources	Comment
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	2011	n/a	Local – County Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
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	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Community Facilities 3	Explore disposal options for municipal solid wastes other than landfills.	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	Refurbish City facilities.	2009	2013	$50,000	City Staff/ Contractors	General Funds/ Grants	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Housing 1 (also applies to Land Use)	Review and revise as necessary existing zoning ordinances in light of expansion of municipal water lines	2010	2011	$2,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Consultant	General Funds or Grants if Available	COMPLETED
Land Use 1	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, explore and adopt if appropriate ordinance allowing cluster-type development.	2009	2011	$5,000	City Staff/ County Planning Staff/ Consultant	General Funds and Grants	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 2	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, strengthen ordinances allowing for overlay districts for the development of mixed use villages and other mixed use developments.	2009	2011	$5,000	City Staff/ County Planning Staff/ Consultant	General Funds and Grants	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 3	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, review and amend as necessary ordinances allowing for the development of mixed-use developments implementing traditional neighborhood design within areas of the County designated for growth or "new towns" on the Future Land Use Map.	2009	2011	$10,000	City Staff/ County Staff/ Consultant	General Funds and Grants	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 4	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, revise existing ordinances and regulations to restrict industrial and commercial uses with nuisance characteristics to those areas where effects can be mitigated.	2009	2011	$2,000	City Staff/ County Planning Staff/ Consultant	General Funds and Grants	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.

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Land Use 5	Work with the Georgia Environmental Protections 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 6	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, work towards the goal of permanently protecting 20% of the county's land area in farmland, natural areas, forests, or parks.	2009	2013	$1,000	City Staff/ County Planning Staff/ Consultant	General Funds or Grants	POSTPONED: Moved to the 2013-2017 STWP with a change in language to modify the goal to protecting such areas within the city limits.
Land Use 7	Develop or revise existing regulations and ordinances to target at least 10% of the land designated for higher density growth as areas to be set aside for permanently protected green or open space.	2009	2013	$1,000	City Staff/ County Planning Staff/ Consultant	General Funds or Grants	COMPLETED
Land Use 8	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 9	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 within the County and its cities as identified in the GreenPrints plan.	2009	2011	$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 GreensPrints Plan." Although Morgan County adopted the Greensprints Plan, the City of Bostwick did not.
Land Use 10	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 practices.	2009	2011	n/a	County and City Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 11	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, work to establish links between the important greenspaces in the County.	2009	2013	n/a	City and County Staff, Morgan County Conservancy, and other Local Environmental Organizations	Grants and Donation if funds are required for acquiring or developing land for greenspace connections	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.

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Land Use 12	Review and revise as necessary existing ordinances and regulations to strengthen the protection of agricultural land and maintain the viability of agricultural activities.	2009	2013	$2,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Consultants	General Funds or Grants if Available	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.