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 3, 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 Town of Buckhead that the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program Update to the Comprehensive Plan: Town of Buckhead, 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 Town of Buckhead, this 19th day of March, 2012.

Town of Buckhead, Georgia, Mayor and Council

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TOWN OF BUCKHEAD SEAL MORGAN COUNTY, GEORGIA

2013-2017 Short Term Work Program Update

Town of Buckhead, 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 Town of Buckhead 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.

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 Town of Buckhead, 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 (also applies to Cultural Resources)	Work with property owners to encourage the redevelopment of vacant commercial spaces in downtown Buckhead.	2013	2017	Unknown	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Citizens	Grants if available	Carried over from 2009-2013 STWP.
Economic Development 2	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 for the Town of Buckhead.	2013	2017	$5,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Chamber of Commerce	General Funds, Grants if available	Carried over from 2009-2013 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 1	In conjunction with the county and other municipalities identify and pursue funding source for protection of green and open space, viewscapes, greenways/ corridors, and gateways.	2013	2017	Unlimited	County/ Town Staff	Grants/ State Funds/ Donations	Carried over from 2009-2013 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 2	Research the ramifications of water importing for accelerating or limiting development within the Town.	2013	2017	n/a	Planning Staff	Local	Carried over from 2009-2013 STWP.
Community Facilities 1	Develop a Master Plan for the town, incorporating utilities, streets, pedestrian facilities, parks and public buildings.	2013	2017	$5,000	Town Staff, Consultant	General Funds, Grants	
Community Facilities 2	Create an American Disabilities Act review and compliance plan for all city facilities.	2013	2014	n/a	County and Town Staff	General Funds	
Community Facilities 3	Identify and pursue funding sources to improve Town cemetery	2013	2017	Unknown	Town Staff	Grants, if available	
Community Facilities 4	Develop a plan for the renovation and enlargement of Buckhead Town Hall and Fire Station.	2013	2017	$2,000	Town Staff	General Funds, Grants	
Land Use 1 (also applies to Housing and Cultural Resources)	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, review and where appropriate strengthen codes and ordinances in order to preserve the high quality and integrity of the built environment.	2013	2017	$10,000	County Planning Staff, Municipal Staff and Consultants	General Funds and Grants	Carried over from the 2009-2013 STWP, with modified language.

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 (also applies to Natural and Cultural Resources)	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, develop or revise existing regulations and ordinances to protect view sheds along important corridors and gateways to the city.	2013	2017	$2,000	County and Municipal Staff and Consultant	General Funds and Grants	Carried over from 2009-2013 STWP, with modified language.
Land Use 3	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, work to establish links between the important greenspaces in the County.	2013	2017	n/a	Municipal and County Staff, Morgan County Conservancy, and other Local Environmental Organizations	Grants and donations of funds are required for acquiring or developing lands for greenspace connections	Carried over from 2009-2013 STWP.
Land Use 4	Complete process to designate Morgan County as the Local Issuing Authority for the Town of Buckhead.	2013	2013	n/a	County and Town Staff	n/a	
Land Use 5	Research feasibility of annexing Town Cemetery.	2013	2015	n/a	Town Staff	n/a	

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Economic Development 1 (also applies to Cultural Resources)	Work with property owners to encourage the redevelopment of vacant commercial spaces in downtown Buckhead.	2009	2013	Unknown	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Citizens	Grants if available	UNDERWAY: Town has contacted one of the commercial building owners. Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Economic Development 2	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 for the Town of Buckhead.	2009	2013	$5,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Chamber of Commerce	General Funds, Grants if available	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Economic Development 3 (also Community Facilities)	Work with Morgan County, homeowners on Lake Oconee, and others to identify ways in which the Town may enhance economic development opportunities by focusing on regional interests unique to the Lake Oconee area.	2009	2011	N/A	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Citizens	N/A	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 1	In conjunction with the county and other municipalities identify and pursue funding source for protection of green and open space, viewscapes, greenways/ corridors, and gateways.	2009	2013	Unlimited	County/ City Staff	Grants/ State Funds/ Donations	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Natural & Cultural Resources 2	Continue to work with Morgan County and members of the Saffold family to develop the potential of the site as a cultural resource and heritage tourism destination; find and secure funding to restore the Saffold House for a museum of the old stagecoach which ran from Philadelphia to New Orleans.	2009	2013	$100,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Consultants, and RDC	Local Funds, Donation, Grants from DCA & DNR	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Natural & Cultural Resources 3	Designate a local historic district in the Town of Buckhead and provide appropriate mechanism for design review for material changes to designated properties.	2009	2011	N/A	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	N/A	COMPLETED: Local designation was considered by the Town Council and was not approved.
Natural & Cultural Resources 4	Explore the possibilities for future exploration and development of mineral resources in the area so long as the existing character and quality of life of the Town are not threatened.	2009	2013	$5,000	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials/ Consultants	Grants if available	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.

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Natural & Cultural Resources 5	Research the ramifications of water importing for accelerating or limiting development within the Town.	2009	2013	n/a	Planning Staff	Local	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
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/ Municipal 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 7	Maintain Certified Local Government status	2009	2011	$30,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials	Local Funds	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: Buckhead does not have Certified Local Government status to maintain. There is no support to pursue status at this time.
Natural and Cultural Resources 8	Continue to research and document previously undocumented Natural and Cultural Resources in Buckhead.	2009	Ongoing	$5,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials	General Funds/ Grants if Available	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: Officials are certain all resources have been documented. There is no support to continue research at this time.
Community Facilities 1	Develop and implement a sidewalk improvement plan within the town limits of Buckhead; also develop a master plan for streetscape improvements between downtown Buckhead and the Town Park, including sidewalks, cross walks, landscape amenities, public furniture, street lighting, etc.	2009	2013	$30,000	Buckhead Staff, Consultants, RDC and volunteers	Local Funds, SPLOST, Donations, Grants from DCA	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP, as part of new goal to create Master Plan, which will address sidewalk improvements (pedestrian infrastructure).
Community Facilities 2 (also applies to Natural Resources)	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.
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	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/ Municipal Staff and/ or Consultant	General Funds	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.

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Housing 1 (also applies to Community Facilities)	Consider adopting design standards for new residential development projects to preserve the existing character of the Town of Buckhead.	2009	2010	N/A	Planning Staff/ Elected Officials	N/A	COMPLETED: Design standards were considered by the Town Council and were not approved.
Land Use 1 (also Housing)	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	2010	$5,000	County Planning Staff, Municipal Staff and Consultants	General Funds and Grants	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 2 (alsoapplies to Housing and Cultural Resources)	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, review and where appropriate strengthen codes and ordinances related to construction and design (design guidelines) in order to preserve the high quality and integrity of the built environment.	2009	2010	$10,000	County Planning Staff, Municipal Staff and Consultants	General Funds and Grants	POSTPONED: Move to 2013-2017 STWP, but without language related to design guidelines (see Housing 1).
Land Use 3	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 Municipal Staff and Local Environmental Organizations	n/a	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, develop or revise existing regulations and ordinances to make available and provide incentives for the use of innovative land management tools such as conservation subdivisions, conservation easements, purchase of development rights and transfer of development rights.	2009	2013	$10,000	County and Municipal Staff and Consultant	General Funds, Grants if Available, and Donations	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 5 (also applies to Natural and Cultural Resources)	Formally designate important gateways and scenic roads in the City as identified in the GreenPrints Plan.	2009	2011	n/a	Municipal Staff	n/a	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 6 (also applies to Natural and Cultural Resources)	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, develop or revise existing regulations and ordinances to protect view sheds along important corridors and gateways to the city as identified in the GreenPrints Plan.	2009	2011	$2,000	County and Municipal 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 Greensprints Plan, the Town of Buckhead did not.

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Land Use 7	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 ad identified in the GreenPrints Plan.	2009	2010	$2,000	County and Municipal Staff and Consultant	General Funds and Grants	NO LONGER BEING CONSIDERED: There is no support for this project at this time.
Land Use 8	In conjunction with the County and other municipalities, work to establish links between the important greenspaces in the County.	2009	2013	n/a	Municipal and County Staff, Morgan County Conservancy, and other Local Environmental Organizations	Grants and donations of funds are required for acquiring or developing lands for greenspace connections	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP.
Land Use 9 (also applies to Community Facilities)	Develop pedestrian infrastructure in conjunction with all new projects or development to provide safe routes for pedestrians, recreational opportunities, and alternatives to the automobile for transportation.	2010	2012	$10,000	Planning Staff, Elected Officials, Consultants	General Funds/ Grants if Available	POSTPONED: Move to the 2013-2017 STWP, as part of new goal to create Master Plan, which will address pedestrian infrastructure.