

Gordon County
2007 – 2011 Short Term Work Program
Report of Accomplishments

Activity	Completed	Currently Underway	Postponed	Not Accomplished	Explanation for Postponed or Not Accomplished
Economic Development					
Support the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Authority on economic development issues to retain and bring more industry to the county.		X (on-going)			
Prepare a comprehensive Economic Development Plan with the cities, the Chamber, and the Industrial Development Authority to identify desired industry and suitable locations, and to develop a marketing strategy.			X		Still an interest, slow economy, delayed work.
Schedule regular coordination meetings and planning sessions with the Industrial Development Authority.		X (on-going)			
Coordinate with the Calhoun Historic Preservation Commission, the Chamber, and the Georgia Historic High Country Travel Association to promote heritage tourism.		(on-going)			
Housing					
Adopt a Senior Housing Ordinance.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Adopt a Conservation Subdivision Ordinance	X				
Natural & Cultural Resources					
Prepare an educational/promotional packet on the benefits of conservation easements and the Georgia conservation tax credits program to help protect farmland, open space, and historically and environmentally sensitive properties.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Apply for funding from the Georgia Land Conservation Program to assist with property acquisition for a county greenway.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Adopt Georgia Storm Water Management Manual.	X				
Implement the Fort Wayne Civil War Historic Site Master Plan.		X (2014)			
Encourage the state to continue to develop the state-owned Resaca Battlefield site.		X (2014)			
Adopt a viewshed protection ordinance to protect views from Salacoa Creek Park.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Adopt a hillside development ordinance to address environmental issues associated with the development of steep slopes.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Participate in the Northwest Georgia Regional Water Resources Partnership's efforts to develop the Regional Comprehensive Water Resource Plan.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Create design guidelines to help protect the historical integrity of the New Echota area and other historic areas.	X				

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Adopt a zoning overlay district or a locally designated historic district for the New Echota area where design guidelines will apply.	X				
Identify protective measures for the Resaca Battlefield area including researching DCA's Regionally Important Resource (RIR) Program.	X				
Research the National Scenic Byways Program for its potential application in the county such as Highway 225/Trail of Tears.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Apply to the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program to qualify for historic preservation related grant money.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Community Facilities & Services					
Purchase additional land to expand the Senior Citizens Center.			X		This project is in the SPLOST-2012 capital improvement program; activity to be rewritten in new work program.
Plan for more senior citizens activities such as health care, nutrition, exercise, transportation options, emergency services, housing availability and codes, taxation, workforce development, volunteer opportunities, etc.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Develop Salacoa Creek Park to have more revenue producing activities while protecting its existing character (includes building cabins and a small visitor/conference center, re-aligning the campground road to accommodate RVs, upgrading the entrance, adding playgrounds and nature trails, and protecting the scenic vistas from development).			X		Lack of funding; activity to be rewritten in new work program.
Implement development impact fees and use the additional revenue for needed capital projects for new park land and recreational facilities, new library facilities and materials, new fire stations and apparatus, and new sheriff's office buildings.				X	Studied, but decided not to implement.
Construct a new DFACS building.	X				
Coordinate with Gordon County Family Connections to address community needs such as affordable daycare, after-school teen programs, teenage pregnancy, and domestic violence.		X (on-going)			
Assist in constructing a new Boys & Girls Club.	X				
Complete the construction of the new fire station in the Resaca area.	X				

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Completion of a county emergency operations center at the fire station headquarters including EOC software.	X				
Complete the construction of the new jail and sheriff administration building in the Resaca area.	X				
Determine the future of the old county jail once the new jail is in operation. Options could be demolition, renovation for storage space, renovation for office space, juvenile or other correctional space, or an additional downtown parking deck.	X				Demolished.
Begin the courthouse renovation project including selecting an architect, preparing construction documents for a new roof, wiring, plumbing, windows, façade, and plaza.	X				New roof and plaza completed. Major renovations in the SPLOST-2012 capital improvement program.
Prepare a five-year plan for land acquisition for future fire stations across the county.	X				
Ensure that the 911 Center becomes Phase II compliant.	X				
Determine the feasibility of installing a reverse 911 system.	X				Code Red implemented.
Evaluate the feasibility of private package sewage plants for use in new residential subdivisions and commercial areas.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Implement updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan.		X (on-going)			
Prepare a water and sewer expansion plan with Calhoun and Fairmount.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Make the Sonoraville Recreation Complex gym an official Red Cross Emergency Shelter with an emergency generator.	X				
Construct a new pavilion at the Sonoraville Recreation Complex.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Construct a walking trail between the Sonoraville Recreation Complex and Sonoraville School complex				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Perform a space needs study of all county facilities (to also address IT connectivity between all county buildings).		X (on-going)			
Transportation					
Complete and implement the 2007 Transportation Master Plan Update including the annual LARP paving program.	X				
Complete the Newtown Road/SR 156 intersection improvement project.	X				
Complete the Pinhook Road bridge replacement project.	X				

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Transportation					
Complete the SR 53/McDaniel Station Road intersection improvement project.	X				
Support the state DOT on the new Union Grove Road/I-75 interchange and the south Calhoun by-pass road projects.		X (2014)			
Prepare a county-wide pedestrian/bicycle plan.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Prepare a county-wide greenways plan.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Apply for Sidewalks to Schools funding.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Prepare a county-wide transit plan to determine ridership need and funding sources.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Intergovernmental Coordination					
Complete the Service Delivery Strategy Agreement with the five cities.	X				
Partner with the cities of Calhoun and Fairmount to install water and sewer infrastructure in unincorporated areas that are intended to grow and develop in accordance with the future land development map.				X	Lack of funding
Establish an intergovernmental coordinating committee to create regular communication between the jurisdictions/Board of Education, and to improve coordination on issues such as stormwater management, land use planning, water and sewer planning, and transportation planning.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Incorporate Board of Education comments as part of the rezoning review process to identify potential impacts to county schools.	X				On-going.
Coordinate with Calhoun on water infrastructure requirements in proposed developments to ensure compliance with fire safety needs.	X				On-going.
Land Use					
Update the zoning ordinance and the development regulations resulting in a Unified Land Development Code.	X				
Coordinate with Calhoun to annex "islands" into the city, making the boundary more square and streamlining service delivery, including road maintenance.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Investigate the feasibility of a transfer of development rights (TDRs) program to conserve agricultural and undeveloped land.				X	Not a priority / no interest
Adopt a traditional neighborhood development (TND) ordinance.				X	Not a priority / no interest.
Adopt a mixed use development ordinance	X				

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General Planning					
Complete the 2007 Solid Waste Management Plan Update.	X				
Establish and continue to build a county Community Development Department.				X	Lack of building activity.
Review and update HR policies and ordinances, including the personnel and purchasing ordinances, as well as employee training.	X				Purchasing policy updated. Others are on-going.
Continue to upgrade the county's Geographic Information System (GIS)	X				On-going.
Conduct an aerial fly-over of the entire county for GIS purposes, in conjunction with the City of Calhoun and surrounding counties.	X				
Prepare the next SPLOST referendum for Nov. 2011.	X				
Implement the 2007 county employee salary survey county-wide.	X				
Renegotiate the school nurse program agreement prior to the termination deadline of October 2007.	X				
Renegotiate the ambulance service agreement with Gordon Hospital prior to the termination deadline of July 2008.	X				
Renegotiate the cable TV franchise agreement with Comcast Cable prior to the April 2011 termination date.				X	Not needed.
Televise the county commission meetings and other public meetings.	X				Decided not to televise meetings any longer.
Continue to have Movie & Moonlight events three times per year sponsored by private companies as a free community event.	X				On-going.