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March 31, 2025

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Office of Planning and Environmental Management
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA

**RE: Coastal Regional Commission Regional
Plan Annual Report**

The Coastal Regional Commission has completed an update of its regional plan and is submitting it with this letter for review by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

I certify that we have held one required public hearing on March 31, 2025, and, at a minimum, have involved regional stakeholders in development of the plan in accordance with the Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning (Chapter 110-12-6), and in a manner appropriate to our region's dynamics and resources. Evidence of this has been included in our submittal.

I certify that appropriate regional staff and decision-makers have, at a minimum, reviewed the following planning documents and taken them into consideration in formulating our plan:

- Georgia's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan,
- Coastal Georgia Regional Water Plan,
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS),
- Chatham and Glynn County MPO Transportation Plans
- Regional Plans for Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, and Central Savannah Area Regional Commission.

If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Aaron Carpenter, Planning and Assistant Executive Director, at (912) 223-9258 or acarpenter@crc.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Dionne Lovett
Executive Director

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION
REGIONAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

March 31, 2025

4:00 p.m.—5:00p.m.

Coastal Regional Commission
1181 Coastal Drive SW
Darien, GA 31305

A public hearing will be held at the Coastal Regional Commission to present the Coastal Regional Plan Annual Report, which includes the Regional Work Program Report of Accomplishments and any updates to the Regional Work Program.

The purpose of this hearing is present progress made on accomplishing the vision and goals of the regional plan. In addition, this gives the public an opportunity to provide feedback to CRC staff. All persons are invited to attend.

A complete copy of the report can be found here: <https://www.coastalrc.ga.gov/regional-plan>

Those who are unable to attend but would like to provide comments regarding the report can contact Aaron Carpenter, Planning and Assistant Executive Director, at acarpenter@crc.ga.gov.

Coastal Georgia Regional Plan

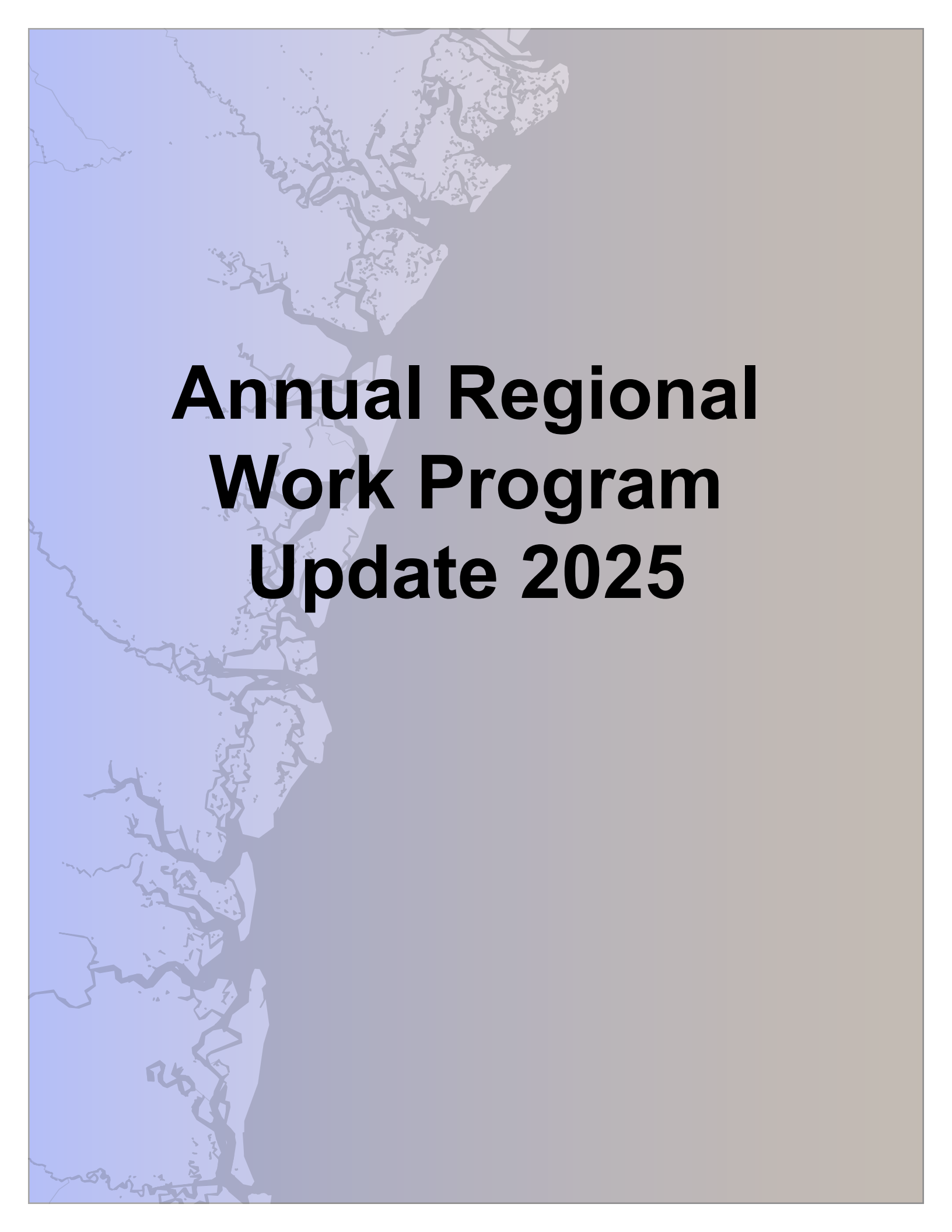
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Local Government Minimum Performance Standards

The following table reports the CRC's local governments compliance with the Regional Plan's Minimum Performance Standards.

Local Government	Minimum Performance Standard(s) Not Met	Specific Action Steps taken to Assist Government
Bryan County	All minimum performance standards met	
Pembroke	All minimum performance standards met	
Richmond Hill	All minimum performance standards met	
Bulloch County	All minimum performance standards met	
Brooklet	All minimum performance standards met	
Portal	Not Met: QLG Status	Technical Assistance
Register	All minimum performance standards met	
Statesboro	All minimum performance standards met	
Camden County	All minimum performance standards met	
Kingsland	All minimum performance standards met	
St. Marys	All minimum performance standards met	
Woodbine	Not Met: QLG Status	Technical Assistance
Chatham County	All minimum performance standards met	
Bloomington	All minimum performance standards met	
Garden City	All minimum performance standards met	
Pooler	All minimum performance standards met	
Port Wentworth	All minimum performance standards met	
Savannah	All minimum performance standards met	
Thunderbolt	All minimum performance standards met	
Tybee Island	All minimum performance standards met	
Vernonburg	Not Met: QLG Status	Technical Assistance
Effingham County	All minimum performance standards met	
Guyton	All minimum performance standards met	
Rincon	All minimum performance standards met	
Springfield	All minimum performance standards met	
Glynn County	All minimum performance standards met	
Brunswick	All minimum performance standards met	
Liberty County	All minimum performance standards met	
Allenhurst	All minimum performance standards met	
Flemington	All minimum performance standards met	
Gumbranch	All minimum performance standards met	
Hinesville	All minimum performance standards met	
Midway	All minimum performance standards met	
Riceboro	All minimum performance standards met	

Walthourville	All minimum performance standards met	
Long County	All minimum performance standards met	
Ludowici	All minimum performance standards met	
McIntosh County	All minimum performance standards met	
Darien	All minimum performance standards met	
Screven County	All minimum performance standards met	
Hiltonia	All minimum performance standards met	
Newington	All minimum performance standards met	
Oliver	All minimum performance standards met	
Rocky Ford	All minimum performance standards met	
Sylvania	All minimum performance standards met	



Annual Regional Work Program Update 2025

Coastal Georgia Regional Report of Accomplishments - 2025

Strategy	Action	Timeframe (Cost Estimate)	Status/Comments												
1. Sustainable Natural and Cultural Resources															
Provide mapping and planning services to the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor to assist in the protection and preservation of culturally significant resources.	Collect information on cultural sites, stories, and services to store as feature layers on ESRI web applications	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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	Maintain and update the produced ESRI applications as updates are released and implement minor design and structural changes at the request of The Marine Extension	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$3,800 total)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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Develop the Regional Legacy Program to memorialize the heritage of the region.	Interview and collect stories and oral histories that would otherwise be lost	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$10,000 total)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X		Year 4	Year 5					Postoned due to a lack of staff resources
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	Develop an online tool to properly market the region and its heritage resources	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>X</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$2,500)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3		X		Year 4	Year 5					Completed
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1. Sustainable Natural and Cultural Resources															
Incorporate principles of sustainability into local comprehensive plans.	For every comprehensive plan the CRC assists with, ensure at least one meeting of the stakeholder committee has a primary focus dealing with strategies for sustainable growth	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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Provide local governments with the education, resources, and services to secure and implement green infrastructure projects.	Host at least two workshops over the next five years that educates regional leaders on the importance of water management - produce summary of meeting minutes	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$500/workshop)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X		X	Year 4	Year 5					Completed
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	Check federal and state funding agencies monthly and actively identify sources of funding for green infrastructure to include in the CRC newsletter provided to local governments	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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Revive the Coastal Training Program to cover basic environmental training for local government officials.	Partner with DNR to host at least one training session per year - produce summary of meeting minutes	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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2. Healthy Livable Communities									
Assist local governments with developing modern websites that expand civic participation options and offer online service payment.	Review all local government websites and identify which are not effectively communicating information crucial to civic participation, public safety, and city services	<table><tr><td>Year 1 X</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1 X	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		Postponed due to lack of staff time
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	Propose, develop, and implement web solutions for those government websites identified as not effectively communicating information about civic participation, public safety, and city services	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2 X</td><td>Year 3 X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4 X</td><td>Year 5 X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$3,000 per year)</p>	Year 1	Year 2 X	Year 3 X	Year 4 X	Year 5 X		Ongoing
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Provide yearly bicycle and pedestrian safety trainings and analyses.	Host two safety-focused trainings per year - produce PowerPoint and sign-in sheet of trainings	<table><tr><td>Year 1 X</td><td>Year 2 X</td><td>Year 3 X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4 X</td><td>Year 5 X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$500 per training)</p>	Year 1 X	Year 2 X	Year 3 X	Year 4 X	Year 5 X		Ongoing
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Provide mapping to assist GDOT in identifying and expanding existing sidewalk infrastructure.	Develop a comprehensive and accessible inventory of the region’s existing sidewalk infrastructure and a mapping application to identify critical facilities without sidewalk access	<table><tr><td>Year 1 X</td><td>Year 2 X</td><td>Year 3 X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4 X</td><td>Year 5 X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$3,000 per year)</p>	Year 1 X	Year 2 X	Year 3 X	Year 4 X	Year 5 X		Ongoing
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2. Healthy Livable Communities									
Analyze the existing healthcare infrastructure in the region and assess whether it is sufficient.	Create a travel time map for partnering healthcare facilities to identify potential gaps in coverage	<table><tr><td>Year 1 X</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$5,000)</p>	Year 1 X	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5		Postponed due to a lack of staff resources
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Maintain the AARP’s Age-Friendly designation for counties in the region and incorporate the Domains of Livability into the CRC’s planning process	Host at least three “Wellness Workshops” per year focusing on chronic diseases, family caregivers, and fall prevention for members of the public - produce summary of meeting minutes	<table><tr><td>Year 1 X</td><td>Year 2 X</td><td>Year 3 X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4 X</td><td>Year 5 X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$1,600 per workshop)</p>	Year 1 X	Year 2 X	Year 3 X	Year 4 X	Year 5 X		Ongoing
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	Hold one public hearing each year to identify service gaps and to survey clients on emerging issues that impact CRC delivery services - produce summary of meeting minutes	<table><tr><td>Year 1 X</td><td>Year 2 X</td><td>Year 3 X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4 X</td><td>Year 5 X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1 X	Year 2 X	Year 3 X	Year 4 X	Year 5 X		Ongoing
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Host workshops on “Smart Growth” principles for local leaders and officials.	Host at least two workshops over the next five years - produce summary of meeting minutes	<table><tr><td>Year 1 X</td><td>Year 2 X</td><td>Year 3 X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4 X</td><td>Year 5 X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$1,500 per workshop)</p>	Year 1 X	Year 2 X	Year 3 X	Year 4 X	Year 5 X		Two workshops have been hosted
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3. Prosperous Economy															
Hold annual meetings with regional economic development organizations to assess needs and identify projects for partnership.	Host at least one meeting per year - produce summary of meeting minutes	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$5,000)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Postponed due to a lack of staff resources
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Provide planning services to assist in identifying and analyzing workforce trends.	Partner with local technical colleges to create a workforce development strategy	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$1,600 per workshop)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3				Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Postponed due to a lack of staff resources
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Provide grant services to secure funding for future development.	Capture and store in a database current and upcoming projects from the Development Authorities and Chambers of Commerces in the region to cross reference with funding opportunities as they come available	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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Develop, implement, and continuously update a robust Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).	Update the existing CEDS to account for new changes in the economic and labor markets	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(\$1,500 per workshop)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X			Year 4	Year 5					Completed
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	Form a regional CEDS Steering Committee that meets twice a year to track CEDS implementation progress	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X			Year 4	Year 5					Ongoing
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4. Enhanced Infrastructure															
Collaborate with the Water and Sewer Authorities and others to assess existing water and sewer supply as well as developing plans regarding future needs.	Develop a regional study to assess existing water and sewer supply as well as future needs	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3			X	Year 4	Year 5		Postponed due to a lack of staff resources		
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Collaborate with the Water and Sewer Authorities and others to assess existing water and sewer supply as well as developing plans regarding future needs.	Develop a Coastal Regional Water Plan to prepare for future needs and identify solutions to limited supply	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>X (Staff Time)</p>		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3				Year 4	Year 5		Postponed due to a lack of staff resources		
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Collaborate with the Water and Sewer Authorities and others to assess existing water and sewer supply as well as developing plans regarding future needs.	Conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a regional water authority	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>X (Staff Time)</p>		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3				Year 4	Year 5		Postponed due to a lack of staff resources		
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Collaborate with GDOT to analyze current ridership data and assess the feasibility of different sustainable transit opportunities.	Conduct a comprehensive public transit study that examines ridership, peer transit system analysis, and transit feasibility for small urban communities	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3			X	Year 4	Year 5		Ongoing		
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Collaborate with GDOT to analyze current ridership data and assess the feasibility of different sustainable transit opportunities.	Perform a feasibility analysis of creating a regional Transportation Coordinating Committee and subsequent Regional Transportation Plan that incorporates existing transportation plans and land use transportation integration while exploring alternative and more stable financing sources	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>X (Staff Time)</p>		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		Completed		
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Use the Georgia Broadband Map to identify unserved areas of the region and assist communities in providing access to those areas.	Incorporate broadband access data into local comprehensive plans through the use of visuals such as maps and charts	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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Provide cybersecurity technical assistance to local governments to strengthen regional resiliency against cyberattacks.	Draft a model cybersecurity plan outlining threats and mitigation techniques that can provide guidance for local governments to develop their own cybersecurity plans	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Postponed due to a lack of staff resources
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Provide oversight and technical assistance to GDOT and local communities looking to expand development of the East Coast Greenway.	Create a mapping application detailing progress of the East Coast Greenway in the region and identify areas where improvements can be made	<table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>Year 3</td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>X</td></tr><tr><td>Year 4</td><td>Year 5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>X</td><td>X</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>(Staff Time)</p>	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	X	X	X	Year 4	Year 5		X	X		Ongoing
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