

**CITY OF SPARTA
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE (DRAFT)
March 16, 2011**

Background

In 2008, the City of Sparta prepared and adopted a “partial” update of the City’s comprehensive plan in accordance with the recertification schedule established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). According to the recertification schedule, Sparta is required to have a “full plan” update prepared and adopted by June 30, 2011. In February of this year, DCA offered select local governments, including Sparta, a five year deferral option for completing the required full plan update. After consideration of the deferral option, the City decided that taking the deferral would be in the best interest of the City due to current budget constraints and the fact that the existing Comprehensive Plan remains relevant.

In lieu of completing a full plan update, DCA requires that cities choosing the deferral option simply prepare and submit updates to the *Short Term Work Program (STWP)* component of their plans in accordance with the *Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning*. The City of Sparta conducted a Public Hearing on March 16, 2011, for the purposes of obtaining public comment on the draft STWP. Following the Public Hearing, Mayor and Council approved a resolution to officially transmit the draft STWP to the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission for regional and state review. A copy of the transmittal resolution is included in the Appendix of this submittal. Table 1 presents the City of Sparta’s updated *Short Term Work Program*.

TABLE 1 CITY OF SPARTA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM 2012-2016				
<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>IMPLEMENTATION YEAR</i>	<i>RESPONSIBILITY</i>	<i>COST ESTIMATE</i>	<i>FUNDING SOURCE</i>
Plan, design, and construct downtown streetscape improvements	2012-2016	City/Consultant	\$1 Million	TE/General Fund
Review zoning ordinance and other development regulations	2012	City/Consultant	\$2,000	General Fund
Reestablish Downtown Development Authority (DDA)	2012-2012	City	Staff Time	General Fund
Continue working with Hancock County regarding economic development issues and programs	2012-2016	City	Staff Time	General Fund
Continue seeking grants for downtown improvements	2012-2016	City/Consultant/RC	Staff Time/Varies	General Fund

ACTIVITY	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR	RESPONSIBILITY	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE
Prepared mapped inventory of the city's stormwater system	2012-2013	City/Consultant	\$25,000	General Fund/Grants
Continue seeking grants for water and wastewater system improvements	2012-2016	City/Consultant	Staff Time/Varies	General Fund
Complete "Full Comprehensive Plan Update"	2015	City/Consultant	\$10,000	General Fund
Prepare and adopt DNR "Part V" environmental ordinances	2012	City/Consultant	\$2,500	General Fund
Work with Georgia DOT to address intersection issues	2012-2016	City/Consultant	Staff Time	General Fund
Prepare updated <i>Solid Waste Management Plan</i>	2014	City/Consultant	\$20,000	General Fund
Seek CDBG funds for various needed community improvements	2012-2016	City/Consultant	Staff Time/\$3,000/YR	General Fund
Infiltration/Inflow Corrections	2012-2014	City/Consultant	\$750,000	CDBG
Abandon old wastewater lagoon and replace lift station	2012	City/Consultant	\$1.5 Million	USDA (funded)
Complete water audit and leak study	2011	City/Consultant	\$50,000	USDA (funded)
Replace defective water meters	2012	City/Consultant	\$500,000	CDBG/GEFA
Upgrade land application system at wastewater plant	2012-2014	City/Consultant	\$2,000,000	USDA
Water distribution system upgrade	2014-2016	City/Consultant	\$2,000,000	USDA
<i>DOT-Georgia Department of Transportation</i> <i>TE-Transportation Enhancement Program (Georgia DOT)</i> <i>DNR-Georgia Department of Natural Resources</i> <i>RC-Regional Commission (Central Savannah River Area)</i> <i>CDBG-Community Development Block Grant Program (Georgia DCA)</i> <i>USDA-United States Department of Agriculture</i> <i>GEFA-Georgia Environmental Facilities Agency</i>				

Table 2 presents a *Report of Accomplishments* for the City of Sparta's previous Short Term Work Program (STWP). The majority of the projects contained in the 2008-2011 is currently underway and have been carried-over into the updated 2012-2016 STWP. Three projects were postponed due to budget limitations. These postponed projects remain important to the City and have been included in the updated STWP.

**TABLE 2
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS
CITY OF SPARTA 2008 PARTIAL PLAN UPDATE
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
2008-2011**

<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>IMPLEMENTATION YEAR</i>	<i>COMPLETED</i>	<i>CURRENTLY UNDERWAY</i>	<i>POSTPONED</i>	<i>NO LONGER CONSIDERED</i>
Plan & Design Downtown Streetscape Improvements	2008-2009	X			
Construct Streetscape Improvements	2010-2011		X		
Review & Amend Zoning Ordinance as Appropriate	2009			X (due to budget limitations)	
Re-establish Downtown Development Authority	2008-2009		X		
Continue Working Cooperatively with Hancock County Regarding Economic Development Issues & Programs	2008-2011		X		
Continue Seeking Grant Funds for Downtown Improvements	2008-2011		X		
Prepare GIS-Based Stormwater System Inventory	2011			X (due to budget limitations)	
Seek Grant Funding for Infrastructure Improvements	2008-2011	X	X		
Prepare Major Comprehensive Plan Update	2010-2011			X (deferred per DCA option)	
Develop a consistent and appropriate incentives package to offer prospective businesses and industries	2009		X		
Adopt Part V Environmental Ordinances	2010		X		

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Complete Wastewater Lagoon Project	2010			X (due to budget limitations)	
Complete Land Application System Upgrade	2011			X (due to budget limitations)	

**A RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT THE UPDATED SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM OF THE CITY
OF SPARTA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Sparta has opted to defer completion of an updated Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the requirements for such deferrals as stipulated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparta, Georgia, has prepared an updated *Short Term Work Program* in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Comprehensive Planning; and

WHEREAS, a *Report of Accomplishments* for the previous *Short Term Work Program* (2008-2011) has also been prepared to accompany the updated Short Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the current comprehensive plan and found that it still serves the City well, remains relevant, and is not in need of major updates at this time; and

WHEREAS, the required Public Hearing on the updated Short Term Work Program was held on March 16, 2011, at City Hall.

WHEREAS, the updated *Short Term Work Program* was approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on April 14, 2011;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council formally adopt the updated *Short Term Work Program* as required by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 29th day of June, 2011.

BY:



William Evans, Mayor



Virginia Brown, City Clerk

(SEAL)

**A RESOLUTION
TO TRANSMIT THE UPDATED SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM OF THE
CITY OF SPARTA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
TO THE CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA REGIONAL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Sparta is opting to defer completion of an updated Comprehensive Plan in accordance with the requirements for such deferrals as stipulated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sparta, Georgia, has prepared an updated Short Term Work Program in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Comprehensive Planning; and

WHEREAS, a Report of Accomplishments for the previous Short Term Work Program (2008-2011) has also been prepared to accompany the updated Short Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the current comprehensive plan and found that it still serves the City well, remains relevant, and is not in need of major updates at this time; and

WHEREAS, the required Public Hearing on the updated Short Term Work Program was held on March 16, 2011, at City Hall.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council formally approve the transmittal of the updated Short Term Work Program to the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission for review as required by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 16th day of March, 2011.

BY:



William Evans, Mayor



Virginia Brown, City Clerk

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