



**BRYAN COUNTY
PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

Short Term Work Plan

**BRYAN COUNTY SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
2012-2016**

PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
		DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS						
Comprehensive plan update		CU				County	In house	GF
Continually review and update zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations		O	O	O	O	County	In house	GF
Continually Review and update Engineering Manual		O	O	O	O	County	In house	GF
Implement "Georgia Storm water Management Manual" (Blue Book) requirements for storm water management		O	O	O	O	County	\$1,000	GF, DCA, EPD, EPA
Modify existing ordinances to include references to ACUB to ensure new development is compatible with military activities	P			YI	YI	County	\$1,000	GF, DOD
Coordinate zoning districts with plans for water or sewer services in the unincorporated areas of the county and encourage new development in areas of proximity of existing infrastructure		CU	O	O	O	County	\$1,000	GF
Create educational materials to inform the public of land use regulations	P			YI	YI	County	\$1,000	GF
Install "Welcome to Bryan County" signs at appropriate entrances to the County	C	O	O	O	O	County	\$5,000	GF

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Utilize census data to support and enhance county growth and development and provide services to local residents and officials.		0	0	0	0	County	5,000	In House
Participate in the Community Rating System sponsored by the NFIP to help reduce flood damage to insurable property, increase understanding of insurance aspects and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.		0	0	0	0			
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
Bryan County should follow the strategies laid out in the report completed by Georgia Tech "Economic Diversification of Bryan County Georgia"	CU	CU	0	0	0	County and EDA	5,000 annually	GF & EDA
Promote higher-paying varieties of employment through the local marketing program	CU	CU	0	0	0	County and EDA	\$10,000 annually	GF
Promote tourism efforts by encouraging accessibility to attractions and outdoor activities, such as fishing, kayaking, coordinating day trips to places like Savannah and Ft. McAllister, float trips down the river, etc.	CU	CU	0	0	0	County	\$5,000 annually	GF
Explore the Opportunity of utilizing Old Bryan Co. Fisherman's Coop as a tourist attraction.	NA					County	\$2,000	GF, EDA
Continue to promote the growth surrounding the								

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Ports and the economic advantages that this brings	CU	CU	O	O	O	County	\$5,000 annually	GF,
Through the Development Authority, concentrate on business recruitment for the cities	CU	CU	O	O	O	DA, County and Cities	\$5,000 annually	GF
PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Prepare workforce for desired jobs through appropriate high-school and vocational-technical school programs, including work-study opportunities	CU	CU	O	O	O	DA, CC, County, Cities, BOE, DTAE		GF, School Taxes, US Dept. of Commerce
Take proactive measures to protect valued historic and natural resources through local inventories assessments and ordinances	NA							
			HOUSING					
Conduct a housing inventory of the County		O	O	O		County	\$10,000	USDA
Conduct a housing rehabilitation needs assessment. Explore the feasibility of applying for CDBG funding for Housing Rehabilitation.	NA					County-City	3,000	GF
Conduct a comprehensive review of zoning ordinance to consider reclassification of residential zones		O	O	O	O	County	\$3,000	GF
Maintain key data to support current and future development and focus on growth maintenance in the county.		O	O	O	O	County		GF
Maintain accurate structure information concerning location for departments such as 911 address, tax assessor, EMS, other county departments and outside agencies.		CU	O	O	O	County		GF

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		NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES						
		CU	O	O	O			
Nominate Historic Resources to National Register		CU	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	PF
Adopt local historic preservation ordinances	NA					County	\$2,000	GF
Develop Design Guidelines for Historic Districts	NA					County	\$5,000	GF, PF
Seek funding for Historic Preservation Projects	NA					County	\$1,000	DNR-HPD, DCA, PF
Review Zoning and Subdivision Regulations for compatibility with Historic Preservation Goals	NA					County	\$1,000	GF
Develop Historical and Ecological Heritage tourism Programs	NA					County	\$5,000	GF, PF, EPA
Adopt criteria for protection of Groundwater Recharge areas in accordance with Part V Environmental standards		CU	O	O	O	County	\$6,000	GF
Continue with watershed protection upgrades and drainage improvements		CU	O	O	O	County	\$4,000	GF
Adopt criteria for River Corridor protection in accordance with Part V Environmental standards		CU	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF
Adopt criteria for protection of Wetland areas in accordance with Part V Environmental standards		CU	O	O	O	County	\$8,000	GF
Continue to implement Community Green space Program - update as necessary		O	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF
Enhance and enforce existing tree management plan		CU	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF

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Adopt development guidelines for the protection of agricultural lands from unreasonable encroachment of commercial use.		O	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF	
Adopt a pollution ordinance to protect against unwanted noise, light and commercial signage.	NA								
Develop a "fishing village" overlay district or small area development plan for Kilkenny.	NA								
Work closely monitoring GIS activity with County Development and with the Department of Natural Resources, CRC and FEMA to meet environmental needs.		CU	O	O	O	County		GF	
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES									
Encourage and foster continuing education opportunities through collaboration among schools, senior centers and nearby institutions of higher education.	C	CU	O	O	O	County and EDA	\$5,000	University System; DTAE; B of Education	
Explore the feasibility of consolidating land use regulation and enforcement programs		CU	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF, Splost	
Assess the possibilities of generating revenue through use fees for each service provided by the County	C					County	\$2,000	GF, Splost	
Discourage the proliferation of new septic and septic repairs		CU	O	O	O	County	\$2,000		
Expand social services throughout the county and partner with other state and local organizations and the United Way.						County-Cities	unknown	GF	

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Continue working to achieve some nationally recognized standards such as Police Officer per population ratio and installing GPS in emergency vehicles	NA					County	\$2,000	GF, Splost
Complete Construction of remaining 2 new fire stations	C	CU	YI			County	\$225,000	
Continuously update the newly implemented E911 system and explore establishing an E911 Committee	C	CU	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF, Splost
Continue water/sewer expansion (Richmond Hill and Pembroke): Water/Wastewater projects		CU	O	O	O	County	9 million	GF, Splost
Continue with the County building construction projects (developing bid projects)		CU	O	O	O	County	1.3 Million	GF, Splost
Continue with construction of ball fields for the new park (currently being bid out)	C	CU	YI			County	200,000	GF, Splost
County will continue to evaluate future expansion in the mental health services through DFACS services and Fort Stewart.			YI	O	O	County	5,000	GF
Complete construction of new amphitheater		CU			YI	County	\$500,000	GF, Splost
County plans to build a new Gym, new library, splash parks, and a new animal control facility					YI	County-City	5 million	GF, Splost
Support more recycling initiatives and continue to work with Ft. Stewart and Republic on co-mingled waste		O	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF
Build, sustain and maintain core GIS infrastructure to sustain GIS operations and coordination with								

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all affected County Departments	O	O	O	O	County	\$5,000	GF
Develop GIS services in the GIS Server environment to have public, departmental and local access to county data as appropriate.	O	O	O	O	County	\$5,000	GF
Make all data accessible by website, mobile app., tablet, both internally and externally with appropriate levels of security and access.	O	O	O	O	County	\$5,000	GF
Map, digitize in creative ways existing data through scanning, obtaining GPS locations, streamline administrative efforts and make data more accessible.	O	O	O	O	County	\$5,000	GF
Support any internal effort with map products, special analysis, knowledge and resources to obtain funding, community relations, outreach, training for department needs.	O	O	O	O	County	\$5,000	GF
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
Explore forming a "Bryan County Intergovernmental Council" that would include mayors, councils, commissioners, BOE, etc. and would meet quarterly or bi-annually	CU	O	O	O	County & Cities	Staff time	GF
Better coordination with DNR and more strict enforcement on Marine Safety Regulations	CU	O	O	O	County & DNR	\$5,000	GF, DNR
Seek creative cost solutions through high school work study programs, college internships, shared local, county, state federal and professional sourcing for training, material and collective joint efforts	CU	O	O	O	County	10,000	GF

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Maintain and improve professional awareness and relationships with the local and regional communities		CU	O	O	O	County		GF
	TRANSPORTATION							
Continue to explore option of regional sales tax for Regional Transportation Plan	C	CU	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF, Splost, GDOT
Continue with Greenway trail improvements as approved in plan		O	O	O	O	County & Cities	\$5,000	GF
Continually gauge public support for need or demand for public transit		O	O	O	O	County	\$2,000	GF
Maintain road networks to support BOE busing activities, road maps, 911, post office and updating national databases.		CU	O	O	O	County	10,000	GF

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Report of Accomplishments

BRYAN COUNTY REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, 2007 - -2012

REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS						PLEASE LIST ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS THAT SHOULD APPEAR ON THE NEW STWP
PROJECT OR ACTIVITY FROM PREVIOUS STWP		Complete	Currently Underway	Postponed	Not Accomplished	
DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS						
Comprehensive Plan		X	X			
Zoning Ordinance Update			X			Constantly being revised; look to make more changes
Subdivision Regulation Update			X			Constantly being revised; look to make more changes
Engineering Manual			X			Constantly being revised; look to make more changes
Implement Ga. Storm water Management Manual			X			Constantly being revised; look to make more changes
Modify existing Ordinances to include references to ACUB to ensure new development is compatible with military activities				X		Currently the effects of the ACUB and military activities are considered on an individual basis
Coordinate zoning districts with plans for water or sewer services in the unincorporated areas of the county and encourage new development in areas of proximity of existing infrastructure			X			Ongoing process of re-zoning areas in proximity to existing infrastructure to allow for greater density.
Explore the possibility of infrastructure Development Districts for the area, to ensure infrastructure does not lag behind development		X				Infrastructure build-out coincides with water/sewer master plan in concert with development requirements for each specific area.

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PROJECT OR ACTIVITY FROM PREVIOUS STWP						
		Complete	Currently Underway	Postponed	Not Accomplished	
Create educational materials to inform the public of land use regulations					X	Will add to Future STWP
Install Welcome to Bryan County signs at appropriate entrances to County			X			County building signs purchased and installed in 2009 with landscaping to create entrance statement.
Develop corridor management plan for U.S. Highway 17 from Richmond Hill city limits to the Bryan Co. line, to provide a transition from residential to commercial uses.					X	Public hearing was held for all residents that would be affected. There were many objections so the proposal was defeated.
NEW ACTIVITY						Participate in the Community Rating System sponsored by the NFIP to help reduce flood damage to insurable property, increase understanding of insurance aspects and encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.
NEW ACTIVITY						Utilize census data to support and enhance county growth and development and provide services to local residents and officials.
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
Bryan Co should follow the strategies laid out in the report completed by Georgia Tech.			X			Development of Interstate Centre and Belfast Commerce Centre Underway giving Bryan County Industrial Parks on Both I-16 and I-95

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PROJECT OR ACTIVITY FROM PREVIOUS STWP							
		Complete	Currently Underway	Postponed	Not Accomplished		
Promote higher-paying varieties of employment through the local marketing program.			X				
Continue to promote and support Quick start program.		X					
Continue to support Savannah Tech in their job training		X					
Promote tourism efforts by encouraging accessibility to attractions and outdoor activities such as fishing, kayaking, coordinating day trips to places like Savannah and Fort McAllister, float trips down the river, etc.					X		
Explore opportunity of utilizing Old Bryan Fisherman's Co-op as a tourist attraction						Postponed to an unknown date. Property was rezoned but never developed.	
Continue to promote the growth surrounding the Ports and the economic advantages that this brings			X				
Through the Development Authority, concentrate on business recruitment for the cities.			X				

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Prepare workforce for desired jobs through appropriate high-school and vocational technical school programs, including work-study opportunities						
			X			
Take proactive measures to protect valued historic and natural resources through local inventories, assessments, and ordinances						Environmental, Zoning and Subdivision ordinances protect resources through specific regulations.
			X			
			HOUSING			
Conduct a Housing Inventory of the County						the County is in the process of identification of each house for purposes such as flood zones, 911 addressing, taxes and other such purposes.
			X			
Explore partnering with L.C. Vision and Associates, Inc. Mercy Housing, or other faith based non-profit organizations to provide comprehensive housing counseling services and opportunities for affordable housing.						Bryan County currently offers consumer credit counseling, budgeting and financial literacy.
			X			
Conduct a housing rehabilitation needs assessment. Explore the feasibility of applying for CDBG funding for Housing Rehabilitation						At this point the county is assisting the City of Pembroke with their housing rehabilitation needs.
Conduct a comprehensive review of zoning ordinance to consider reclassification of residential zones						This will be something that the county will work toward in the future.
					X	
NEW ACTIVITY						Mintain key data to support current and future development and focus on growth maintenance in the county
NEW ACTIVITY						Maintain accurate structure information concerning location for departments such as 911 address, tax assessor, EMS and other county depts.

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		NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES			
Nominate Historic Resources to National Register		X			The county currently has several historic resources accepted by the Historic National Register.
Adopt Local Historic Preservation Ordinances		X			The County would have to work toward this goal sometime in the future.
Develop Design Guidelines for Historic Districts		X			the County would have to work toward this goal sometime in the future.
Seek Funding for Historic Preservation Projects		X			the County would have to work toward this goal sometime in the future.
Review Zoning and Subdivision Regs for Compatibility with Historic Preservation Goals					The County would have to work toward this goal sometime in the future.
Develop Historical and Ecological Heritage Tourism Programs		X			The County would have to work toward this goal sometime in the future.
Adopt criteria for protection of Groundwater Recharge areas in accordance with art V environmental Standards		X			
Continue with watershed protection upgrades and drainage improvements		X			Continuous improvements coinciding with new Developments
Adopt criteria for River Corridor protection in accordance with Part V Environmental Standards		X			
Adopt criteria for protection of Wetland areas in accordance with Part V environmental Standards		X			
Continue to protect and conserve land, in perpetuity, according to the objectives of the Community Green space program (2001)		X			On going with development



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Enhance and enforce existing tree management plan.	X				On going with development
Adopt development guidelines for the protection of agricultural lands from unreasonable encroachment of commercial use	X				On going with development
Adopt pollution ordinance to protect against unwanted noise, light and commercial signage			X		
Develop a "fishing village overlay district or small area development plan for Kilkenny			X		
NEW ACTIVITY					
					Work closely monitoring GIS activity with Co. Development and with the DNR, CRC and FEMA to meet environmental needs.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES					
Encourage and foster continuing education opportunities through collaboration among schools, senior centers and nearby institutions of higher education	X				The county has partnered with the high schools and has students with work permits working part time in the county depts.
Explore the feasibility of consolidating land use regulation and enforcement programs	X				
Assess the possibilities of generating revenue through user fees for each service provided by the County	X				
Discourage the proliferation of new septic and septic repairs.	X				Use of county water and sewer systems are being encouraged



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Explore the option of the Recreational Association becoming a County-run organization in order to provide more accountability	X				Bryan Co. has a comprehensive recreational program which has recently brought the program under the county umbrella.
NEW ACTIVITY					Expand social services throughout the county and partner with other state and local organizations and the United Way.
Continue working to achieve some nationally recognized standards such as Police Officer per population ratio and installing GPS in emergency vehicles				X	
Complete construction of remaining two new fire stations		X			Two fire stations are being completed at the south end of the county.
Continuously update the newly implemented E-911 system and explore establishing an E-911 Committee for this purpose.		X			
Continue with Water/Sewer Expansion, Water/Wastewater projects (Richmond Hill&Pembroke)					
Continue with County building construction projects (developing bid package)		X			On going with development
Continue with expansion of County DFACS	X				County DFACS will continue to evaluate future expansion areas
Continue with construction of ball fields for the new park (project currently being bid out)		X			
Completion of new amphitheater		X			To be built with SPLOST funds within the next four years. New projects include Library, Splash park and new animal control.

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Support more recycling initiatives and continue to work with Ft. Stewart and Republic on a co-mingled waste plan						Bryan Co. recycling program which the customer is financially responsible. This program has been carried over to the city of Richmond Hill.
			X			
Continue to explore option of joint water/sewer authority						Joint water and sewer authority has been authorized and approved by legislature.
	X					
NEW ACTIVITY						County will continue to evaluate future expansion in the mental health services through DFACS services and Fort Stewart.
NEW ACTIVITY						County plans to build a new gym, new library, splash parks, and a new animal control facility.
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NEW ACTIVITY						Support any internal effort with map products, special analysis, knowledge and resources to obtain funding, community relations outreach, training for department needs.

**BRYAN COUNTY
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT**

September 30, 2013

WHEREAS, the County of Bryan has completed a five year Short Term Work Program Update for the period 2012 to 2016, and

WHEREAS, this Five Year Short Term Work Program update was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and was submitted to the Coastal Regional Commission and has met the requirements of the Department of Community Affairs.

a Public hearing was held on June the 11, 2013 at the Administrative Complex in Bryan County.

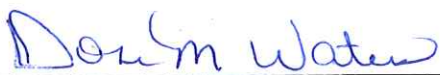
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Bryan County do hereby adopt the Short Term Work Program 2012 to 2016.

Adopted this 13 day of August, 2013.



Chairman, Bryan County Board of Commissioners

Attest



Donna Waters, County Clerk

**BRYAN COUNTY
TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION**

September 11, 2013

WHEREAS, the County of Bryan has prepared a five year update to the Comprehensive Plan entitled Short Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Short Term Work Program update was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and a Public hearing was held on June the 11, 2013 at the Administrative Complex in Bryan County.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Board of Commissioners of Bryan County hereby submit the Short Term Work Program covering the five-year period from 2012 to 2016 to the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center for regional review, as per the requirements of the Georgia Planning act of 1989.

Adopted this 12 day of Sept, 2013.


Chairman, Bryan County Board of Commissioners

Melinda Mungo

