

Heard County – Short Term Work Program 2012-2016



Heard County - Short Term Work Program - 2006-2010 Report of Accomplishments

Economic Development		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Adopt limited Freeport in new industrial park	Underway	
Assist Heard County Development Authority in developing the new industrial park	Underway	
Expand WG Tech local services & construct workforce training center	Completed	
Implement Tourism Plan and develop marketing strategy	Not Complete	Plan not complete but effort to promote tourism is ongoing
Natural and Historic Resources		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Adopt/enforce Tree Ordinance	Not Complete	Postponed
Adopt overlay zone for Centralhatchee Creek water supply watershed and groundwater recharge areas	Not Complete	Postponed
Support rehabilitation of Heard History Center and Museum	Underway	
Participate in continued regional greenspace planning and development	Underway	
Develop public archeological awareness/heritage education program	Underway	
Prioritize NR multi-property nomination	Not Complete	No nominations
Encourage added historic overlay district designations	Not Complete	None considered
Market driving/bicycling tour of historic & cultural resources in Heard County	Complete	
Implement and conduct annual review of adopted Solid Waste Management Plan	Underway	
Community Facilities		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Construct additional courthouse/municipal parking	Not Complete	Funding/Logistics
Renovate courthouse & develop new county administration annex building	Not Complete	Funded in next SPLOST
Develop Recreational Complex and Arena design and construct new centralized recreational complex	Complete	
Upgrade Brush Creek Recreation facilities and heritage programs and market for tourism.	Underway	
Participate in regional solid waste facility and recycling planning	Underway	

Community Facilities: Continued		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Enforce anti-litter ordinance on an annual basis	Underway	
Construct new high school facility on existing site	Complete	
Cooperate with West Georgia Technical School to construct 20,000 sf satellite campus for adult education	Complete	
Participate in W.A.R.R.S. first response radio system	Complete	
Construct passing lane along SR 34	Not Complete	Funding
Cooperate with DOT in the widening of US 27	Complete	
Upgrade/improve roads and bridges on an annual basis	Underway	
Add classrooms, construct new facilities at Centralhatchee & Ephesus Elementary and Heard Middle Schools	Complete	
Expand water treatment facilities and distribution system	Not Complete	Waiting on funds and permitting
Construct new wastewater treatment facility and upgrade collection system	Complete	
Construct new EMA Headquarters	Complete	
Construct Roosterville Fire Station & upgrade equipment	Complete	
Upgrade Sheriff's Dept. programs and equipment	Underway	
Construct 911 Center at County Jail	Complete	Note: Constructed at the EMA Center not the Jail
Upgrade Codes Enforcement & Animal Control Program	Underway	
Housing		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Promote diverse housing development on an annual basis	Underway	
Promote incentive programs for affordable housing and homebuyer education	Underway	
Land Use		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Update zoning ordinance	Underway	
Develop GIS program integrating zoning & planning, tax offices and 911	Underway	
Update sign ordinance	Underway	

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Economic Development

Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Implement Tourism Plan and develop marketing strategy	2014-2016	Heard County, DAHC	\$10,000	County, SPLOST, EDA
Coordinate with the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper to market the river, develop a blueway trail and conduct river clean ups	2012-2016	Heard County, DAHC, Chamber, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	TBD	County, Riverkeeper
Promote the Chattahoochee River for ecotourism in cooperation with Heard County, the Development Authority of Heard County, Army Corps, and Chattahoochee Riverkeeper.	2012-2016	Heard County, DAHC, Chamber, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper	TBD	SPLOST, Recreational Trails, TE, City, Other Grants
Adopt limited Freeport in new industrial park	2014-2016	Heard County, DAHC	\$1,500	County, SPLOST
Assist Heard County Development Authority in developing the new industrial park	2012-2016	Heard County, DAHC	\$150,000	County, SPLOST

Natural and Historic Resources

Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Adopt Tree Ordinance	2013-2016	Heard County, Cities	\$5,000	County, Cities, Grants
Support rehabilitation of Heard History Center and Museum	2013-2016	Heard County, Historical Society	\$100,000	SPLOST
Adopt overlay zone for Centralhatchee Creek water supply watershed and groundwater recharge areas	2013-2016	Heard County, Water Authority	TBD	County, SPLOST
Prioritize NR multi-property nomination	2014-2016	Heard County, Heard Preservation Commission (HPC)	TBD	County
Encourage added historic overlay district designations	2014-2016	Heard County, HPC	TBD	County
Develop recreational trails at Brush Creek Park	2013-2016	Heard County, Army Corps of Engineers	\$150,000	County, Georgia RTP, Grants, Other

Natural and Historic Resources: Continued				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Water authority operations	2013-2016	Heard County, Water Authority	\$7,500,000	SPLOST
Implement and conduct annual review of adopted Solid Waste Management Plan	2012-2016	Heard County	UNK	County
Solid waste facility improvements	2013-2016	Heard County	\$101,000	SPLOST
Participate in continued regional greenspace planning and development	2013-2012	Heard County	UNK	County, State
Develop public archeological awareness/heritage education program	2014-2016	Heard County, HPC	\$5,000	County, State

Community Facilities				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Renovate courthouse & develop new county administration annex building	2013-2016	Heard County	\$6,000,000	County, SPLOST
Administrative equipment, facilities, and vehicles	2013-2016	Heard County	\$4,380,000	SPLOST
Construct additional courthouse/municipal parking	2013-2016	Heard County	\$40,000	County, SPLOST, Grants
Upgrade and maintain Snake Creek Park. Market the park for tourism	2012-2016	Heard County, Chamber of Commerce	\$18,000	County, SPLOST, DNR, Grants
Upgrade and maintain Brush Creek Recreation facilities. Continue heritage programs and market for tourism	2013-2016	Heard County, Chamber of Commerce	\$25,000	County, SPLOST, DNR, Grants
Participate in regional solid waste facility and recycling planning	2012-2016	Heard County	\$2,500	County
Enforce anti-litter ordinance on an annual basis	2012-2016	Heard County	\$10,000	County
Expand water treatment facilities and distribution system	2013-2016	Heard County	\$500,000	County, SPLOST
Animal control equipment, facilities, and vehicles	2013-2016	Heard County	\$350,000	SPLOST
Upgrade Codes Enforcement & Animal Control Program	2012-2016	Heard County	\$150,000	SPLOST

Community Facilities: Continued				
Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity
Sheriff's department equipment, facilities, and vehicles	2013-2016	Heard County	\$805,000	SPLOST
Fire-EMS equipment, facilities, and vehicles	2013-2016	Heard County	\$2,679,000	SPLOST
Parks and recreation equipment, facilities, and vehicles	2013-2016	Heard County	\$370,000	SPLOST
Cooperative extension facility renovations and additions	2013-2016	Heard County	\$200,000	SPLOST

Transportation				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Construct passing lane along SR 34	2014-2016	Heard County, GDOT	\$100,000	GDOT
Upgrade/improve roads and bridges on an annual basis	2012-2016	Heard County	UNK	SPLOST
Roads and bridges equipment, vehicles, resurfacing, improvements, facility renovations and additions	2013-2016	Heard County	\$8,625,000	SPLOST

Housing				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Promote diverse housing development on an annual basis	2012-2016	Heard County	N/A	County, SPLOST
Promote incentive programs for affordable housing and homebuyer education	2012-2016	Heard County	N/A	County, SPLOST

Land Use				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Update zoning ordinance	2012-2016	Heard County	\$10,000	County
Develop GIS program integrating zoning & planning, tax offices, and 911	2012-2016	Heard County	\$15,000	County, State
Update sign ordinance	2012-2016	Heard County	\$1,500	County

Heard County Board of Commissioners

ADOPTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Heard County has completed a Five Year Short Term Work Program for the period 2012-2016; and

WHEREAS, the Five Year Short Term Work Program was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on August 23rd 2012 at 5:00 PM at the Heard County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the Five Year Short Term Work Program was transmitted to the Three Rivers Regional Commission for Regional Review; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs has reviewed the Short Term Work Program and finds that it adequately addresses the Local Planning Requirements; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Heard County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts this Five Year Short Term Work Program 2012-2016, on this 24th day of January, 2013.

BY:

Lee Boone, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

Patty A. Giles