

## Oglethorpe County Short Term Work Plan

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### Economic Development

1	Continue cooperative relationship with local Chamber of Commerce for all economic development related activities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$27,000	Local	Board of Commissioners (BOC); Chamber of Commerce (COC)
2	Identify and market sites for industrial, commercial, and residential uses consistent with the Future Development Map.	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000 per year	Local	BOC; COC; Planning
3	Develop partnerships with local businesses to market the “Shop Oglethorpe First” program and get the word out.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	COC
4	Actively promote and market Oglethorpe County’s attractive economic resources through regional partnerships, state agencies, interstate clearinghouses, and local sources such as Chamber of Commerce website.	X	X	X	X	X	\$2,500 per year	Local	COC; BOC
5	Monitor the change in local economic conditions and assess the needs of local business and industry.	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000 per year	Local	BOC; COC
6	Develop a business retention and expansion program to help local businesses.	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000	Local	BOC; COC
7	Market Oglethorpe County as a destination for retirees.	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000 Per year	Local	BOC; COC
8	Develop and implement a brand for Oglethorpe County	X	X				\$10,000	Local	BOC; COC; Planning
9	Develop a formal economic development strategy that includes the work of the county’s Retirement Community Research & Tourism, and Planning Committees; define timing for reactivation of EDA	X	X				\$5,000	Local	BOC; COC

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### Natural and Cultural Resources

1	Conduct a long term water supply study that explores local, regional, and multi-jurisdictional solutions for a county wide water system.	X	X				\$25,000	Local, Regional, State	BOC
2	Protect agricultural, residential, and environmentally sensitive areas from the encroachment of incompatible uses by following the Future Development Map and zoning codes.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; Planning
3	Inventory natural and cultural resources suitable for inclusion in a countywide and regional tourism plan.	X	X				\$2,500	Local	COC
4	Seek National Register of Historic Places status for historic structures where appropriate.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local, Department of natural resources (DNR)	Historic Oglethorpe (HOC); BOC (buildings owned); private property owners; DNR
5	Provide information to interested property owners regarding available state and federal incentives for the rehabilitation of historic structures.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; HOC
6	Seek funding opportunities for the rehabilitation and reuse of historic resources.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; HOC

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### Community Facilities & Services

1	Explore opportunities for delivery redundancy and security in existing water systems within the county	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; municipalities; planning
2	Continue to support and assist with the expansion of the city of Crawford's sewer system	X	X	X	X	X	\$75,000	Local	BOC
3	Increase public education and awareness regarding the need to pump septic tanks on a regular interval.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	State, Local	Georgia Department of Public Health.
4	Continue to promote and monitor for effectiveness the existing recycling and waste reduction education programs.	X	X	X	X	X	\$15,000 per year	Local;	BOC; Joint Solid Waste Committee; Athens Clarke County (ACC)
5	Review recreational services and incorporate recommendations from the recreation plan in augmenting facilities and services to match existing and future needs.	X	X	X	X	X	\$50,000 per year;	SPLOST; Private and public foundations	BOC; Recreation

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### Transportation

1	Evaluate inclusion in the MACORTS (Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study) transportation planning committees that address regional issues.	X	X				Staff Time	Local	BOC
2	Develop an evaluation standard for the impact and limitations of development on county roads.	X	X				Staff Time	Local	BOC; planning; Roads Dept;
3	Develop a road improvement priority program based on current conditions and future uses.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local; GDOT	BOC; Planning; Roads Dept
4	If approved, prioritize opportunities created by TSPLOST funding, including resurfacing and paving projects.	X	X	X	X	X	TSPLOST	Local, State	BOC
5	Evaluate the need to replace or enhance deteriorating infrastructure such as bridges, culverts, and fords.	X	X	X	X	X	\$30,000 - \$100,000	Local, State	BOC; Roads Dept
6	Incorporate alternative transportation requirements (such as sidewalks, bike paths, etc.) in development codes for higher density subdivisions and commercial nodes.	X	X				Staff Time	Local	BOC; Planning
7	Review codes and update as necessary to require multiple access points in developments to increase interconnectivity and minimize traffic impacts on the road network	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; Planning

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### Land Use

1	Incorporate the goals and supportive policies of the Comprehensive Plan into all land use decisions.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; Planning
2	Coordinate the development review process to assess the impacts of all new developments on services and infrastructure, including roads.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; Planning
3	Update zoning ordinances as necessary to support and reflect the county comprehensive plan, including the Future Development Map and vision statements.	X	X	X	X	X	Staff Time	Local	BOC; Planning

## Oglethorpe County Short Term Work Plan Results

Project	Status	Notes
<b>Economic Development</b>		
Continue cooperative relationships with local COC for all economic development related activities.	Currently Underway	Included in new STWP
Address the potential for participating in a joint development authority with one or more adjacent counties	Completed and currently underway	Included in new STWP
Identify appropriate lands suitable for industrial development.	Currently underway	Included in new STWP
Develop partnerships with local businesses to market the "Shop Oglethorpe First" program.	Currently Underway	Included in new STWP
Actively promote and market Oglethorpe County's economic resources through state agencies and interstate clearinghouses.	Currently underway	Included in new STWP
Monitor the change in local economic conditions and assess the needs of local business and industry.	Currently underway	Included in new STWP
Develop a workforce training technical assistance program for the local business community.	Currently underway	Further expansion of existing program
<b>Housing</b>		
Require multiple access points to increase interconnectivity and minimize traffic impacts on the road network	Complete	Revision in new Land Use STWP
Develop incentives to set aside useable open space within new residential developments	Complete	
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>		
Delineate the water supply watershed of the proposed reservoir.	Not accomplished	No longer being considered. Revision in new Natural Resources STWP
Enforce all Environmental Protection criteria	Complete	
Protect agricultural and environmentally sensitive areas from the encroachment of incompatible uses by directing all new development to appropriate areas as defined on the Future Development Map.	Complete	Revision in new Natural Resources STWP
Inventory natural and cultural resources suitable for inclusion in a countywide and regional tourism plan.	Complete	Historic inventory complete.
Seek National Register of Historic Places status for historic structures where appropriate.	Complete	Revision in new Natural Resources STWP
Provide information to interested property owners regarding available state and federal incentives for the rehabilitation of historic structures.	Complete	Revision in new Natural Resources STWP
Seek funding opportunities for the rehabilitation and reuse of historic resources.	Complete	Revision in new Natural Resources STWP

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<b>Community Facilities</b>		
Assess the feasibility of implementing a county water system to complement the existing municipal networks	Complete	Revision in new Community Facilities STWP
Explore multi-jurisdictional opportunities implementing a regional water system.	Complete	Revision in new Natural Resources STWP
Increase public education and awareness regarding the need to pump septic tanks on a regular interval.	Complete	Revision in new Community Facilities STWP
Create and maintain up-to-date facility, equipment and staff requirements for emergency services.	Complete	
Identify sites for future school expansion and coordinate the site with existing and planned residential development.	Complete	
Coordinate the development review process with affected agencies.	Complete	
Increase public education and awareness regarding recycling and waste reduction.	Complete	Revision in new Community Facilities STWP
Incorporate recreation areas into new residential developments as a means of distributing park space within the vicinity of new residents.	Complete	Revision in new Land Use STWP
Assess the feasibility of implementing an impact fee program	Complete	Revision in new Land Use STWP
<b>Transportation</b>		
Pursue inclusion in the MACORTS (Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study) transportation planning committees addressing regional issues.	Complete	Revision in new Transportation STWP
Prepare a thoroughfare plan, either locally or through a regional collaboration	Complete	Regional TSPLOST
Develop a road improvement priority program in coordination with the location of new development.	Complete	Revision in new Transportation STWP
Continue to work with the Georgia Department of Transportation to address regional transportation needs along the U.S. 78 corridor and the construction of the Lexington-Crawford bypass.	Complete	U.S. 78 Corridor: TSPLOST, MACORTS, Federal project Bypass: Postponed indefinitely
Require inter-parcel connectivity within commercial developments along major transportation corridors.	Complete	
Incorporate alternative transportation requirements within higher –density subdivisions and commercial nodes.	Complete	Revision in new Transportation STWP

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<b>Land Use</b>		
Update the Comprehensive Plan at a minimum every five years, or otherwise as needed.	Complete.	Item is continuous.
Incorporate the goals and supportive policies of the Comprehensive Plan into all land use decisions.	Complete	Revision in new Land Use STWP
Coordinate the development review process to assess the impacts of all new development on county services.	Complete	Revision in new Land Use STWP
Develop and maintain a GIS-based inventory of county parcels and zoning and land use changes.	Complete	
Require appropriate buffers and landscaping between incompatible uses.	Complete	



## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the 1989 Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 215, the Georgia Planning Act, requiring all local governments to prepare a comprehensive plan in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Short Term Work Program (STWP) for Oglethorpe County, Georgia, were prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Oglethorpe County that the STWP 2012 - 2016 dated July 3, 2012, as approved by the Georgia Department Community Affairs is hereby adopted, and furthermore, that the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission shall be notified of said adoption within seven (7) days of the adoption of this resolution.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.



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Billy Pittard, Chairman  
Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



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Kelly R. Myers, County Clerk  
Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners

**Oglethorpe County**  
**RESOLUTION OF SUBMITTAL**

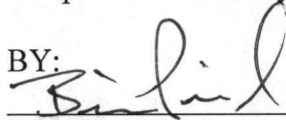
WHEREAS, the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners has completed a Five Year Short Term Work Program for the period 2012 to 2017.

WHEREAS, this 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 a Public Hearing was held on May 7, 2012.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners hereby submit the Five Year Short Term Work Program 2012 to 2017 to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for Regional review, as per the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

Adopted this 14th day of May, 2012.

BY:



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Billy Pittard

Chairman, Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Shonda Peterman

County Clerk, Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners