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City of Demorest Short Term Work Program 2013-2017

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Year	Action	Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Responsibility
2013	EDR – Develop a strategic plan for creating downtown leisure facilities, programs, or events	2,000	City, GF	City
2013	H – Initiate a municipal code enforcement program of partner with Habersham County or other municipalities for these services	N/A	N/A	City
2013	HP – Add eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.	TBD	City, HPD	City, GMRC
2013	CFS – Develop a neighborhood watch system throughout the city's residential and commercial areas.	1,000	City	City
2013	CFS – Implement measures identified in the County's 50-year Comprehensive Water Development Plan to meet the City's long-term water supply needs.	TBD	City	City
2013	CFS – Add an additional 6.9 MGD of capacity for water treatment to serve demand in 2030.	TBD	City	City
2013	CFS – Implement or participate in the implementation of water conservation programs.	TBD	City	City
2013	CFS – Review available sewerage capacity when permitting new developments within the City's limits.	3,000	City	City
2013	CFS – Develop a master plan for expanding the City's sewer system.	5,000	City	City
2013	CFS – Community Beautification and	2,000	City	City

	Enhancement – complete downtown streetscape improvements.			
2013	CFS – Develop an official city website.	2,000	City	City
2013	CFS – Develop a streamlined system for community members to report alleged code violations.	2,000	City	City
2013	IGC – Reconsider, revise and readopt existing intergovernmental agreements, as appropriate.	N/A	N/A	City
2014	EDR – Conduct an inventory and prepare a list of vacant and developable sites within the city	2,000	City, GF	City
2014	H – Develop a housing search program with Piedmont College to help connect off-campus students with available housing in the community	N/A	N/A	City
2014	H – Participate in the development of a homebuyer education program in partnership with other agencies and private groups.	N/A	N/A	City
2014	CFS – Develop a partnership or secure an agreement with the campus security at Piedmont College to coordinate the effective protection of residents and students alike.	N/A	City	City
2014	CFS – Review existing communication strategies with residents, and develop a plan for better connecting with community members.	2,000	City	City
2014	IGC – Develop an annexation policy to define when annexation is or is not in the best interest and to define its expectations for prospective developers.	TBD	TBC	City
2014	T – Complete a walkability audit to determine the most effective locations for investing	3,000	GDOT, City	GMRC, GDOT, City

	in sidewalk infrastructure.			
2015	ED-10 Extend Freeport exemption to all jurisdictions	TBD	City, GF	City
2015	EDR – Develop a plan to motivate new businesses to locate downtown	2,000	City, DED	City
2015	H-1 Revise Subdivision regulations re. housing preferences	1,000	General Fund, City	City
2015	HP – Update the survey of historic resources in Demorest.	1,000	City, HPD	City, GMRC
2015	CFS – Identify facility-sharing possibilities with Piedmont College and create a formal procedure for reserving and using those facilities to City and community-led events.	1,000	City	City
2015	LU – Revise development regulations with an eye toward the preservation of natural resources.	3,000	DCA, City	GMRC, DCA, City
2015	T – Develop a sidewalk installation and repair program and secure funding for its implementation.	2,000	GDOT, City	GMRC, GDOT, City
2015	T – Prepare and implement a local street intersection improvement program to reduce intersection safety hazards.	10,000	GDOT, City	GDOT, City
2015	Develop plan for county wide trail system	\$5,000	GDOT, City	County, Cities, GMRC, GDOT
2015	T-1 365/441 corridor master plan	\$10,000	GDOT, DCA	County, Cities
2016	HP – Historic Preservation Ordinance	2,000	City, HPD	City, GMRC
2016	HP – Prepare, adopt, and implement historic district design guidelines to insure appropriate scales, setbacks, materials, and signage are achieved	5,000	TBD	City, GMRC
2016	CFS – Identify and acquire additional land for festivals and green spaces.	N/A	City	City
2016	CFS – Community Beautification Enhancement –	N/A	City	City

	Identify public spaces and rights of way that could benefit from additional trees or vegetation.			
2016	CFS – Develop a plan to work with Piedmont College to beautify Lake Road	1,000	DNR, City	City
2016	LU – Develop a streamlined system for community members to report alleged code violations.	TBD	DCA, City	GMRC, DCA, City
2016	LU – Prepare and adopt a zoning ordinance replacing the city's land use ordinance.	5,000	GMRC, DCA, City	GMRC, DCA, City
2016	LU-5 Develop unified zoning / land use ordinances	5,000	N/A	GMRC, DCA, City
2017	CFS – Hire additional police staff to meet the need for increased patrolling in the area.	TBD	TBD	City
2017	CFS – Plan and install improvements to downtown park.	TBD	City	City
2017	LU-1 Establish Council of Planning Depts.	N/A	N/A	GMRC, DCA, City
2017	T – Conduct an analysis and provide recommendations for improved access management along Historic 441 as new development occurs.	TBD	GDOT, City	GDOT, City
2017	T – Participate in the planning and construction of the Tullulah Falls Railroad Multi-use trail, and plan and provide connections to other bike/pedestrian facilities in the city.	5,000	GDOT, City	County, Cities, GMRC, GDOT
2017	Update Comprehensive Plan	TBD	DCA	GMRC
2018	CFS – Community Beautification Enhancement – Install gateway improvements.	TBD	TBD	City
2018	CFS-12 Develop and adopt a joint sign ordinance	TBD	DCA	City
2018	CFS – Consider needs for police and fire departments	N/A	N/A	City
2018	CFS – Consider need for a community center	N/A	N/A	City
2018	CFS – Repair old sewer lines	TBD	GEFA	City

2018	CFS – Upgrade county water meters to the cities radio read system	20,000	GEFA, City	City
2018	T – Traffic Calming Program – monitor performance of existing measures and revise or add calming features where appropriate.	3,000	GDOT, City	GDOT, City

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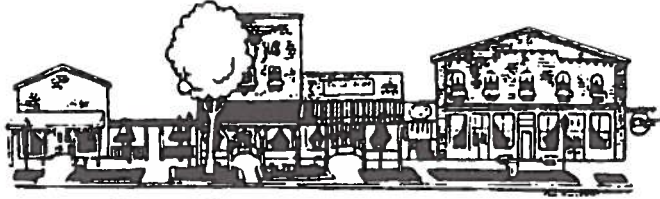
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Action	Status	Comment
EDR – Conduct an inventory and prepare a list of vacant and developable sites within the city	Currently Underway	
EDR – Survey Piedmont College students and area residents on leisure/entertainment offering in the community	Completed	
EDR – Develop a strategic plan for creating downtown leisure facilities, programs, or events	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
EDR – Advertise City festivals and activities in local newspapers, flyers, and other appropriate media as deemed appropriate by event/festival planners	Complete	
EDR – Consider establishing a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to spearhead downtown improvement efforts.	Complete	
H – Develop a housing search program with Piedmont College to help connect off-campus students with available housing in the community	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
H – Develop and disseminate standards for housing units that ensure accessibility for seniors and the disabled, including, for instance, "no-step" entrances and at least one bathroom on the ground floor.	Complete	
H – Initiate a municipal code enforcement program of partner with Habersham County or other municipalities for these services	Currently underway	
H – Participate in the development of a homebuyer education program in partnership with other agencies and private groups.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
H – Apply for CDBG funds or private funds to improve neighborhood conditions and housing in low-and-moderate-income areas.	Complete	
HP – Update the survey of historic resources in Demorest.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
HP – Add eligible properties to the National Register of	Postponed	This task has been

Historic Places.		postponed until funding becomes available.
HP – Historic Preservation Ordinance	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
HP – Prepare, adopt, and implement historic district design guidelines to insure appropriate scales, setbacks, materials, and signage are achieved	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Hire additional police staff to meet the need for increased patrolling in the area.	Postponed	Not needed currently. Subdivision where additional patrol expected was not built due to economy.
CF – Develop a neighborhood watch system throughout the city’s residential and commercial areas.	Currently Underway	
CF – Develop a partnership or secure an agreement with the campus security at Piedmont College to coordinate the effective protection of residents and students alike.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Complete the removal of the unsafe dam at Demorest Lake.	Complete	
CF – Implement measures identified in the County’s 50-year Comprehensive Water Development Plan to meet the City’s long-term water supply needs.	Currently Underway	
CF – Add an additional 6.9 MGD of capacity for water treatment to serve demand in 2030.	Currently Underway	
CF – Implement or participate in the implementation of water conservation programs.	Currently Underway	
CF – Review available sewerage capacity when permitting new developments within the City’s limits.	Currently Underway	
CF – Develop a master plan for expanding the City’s sewer system.	Currently Underway	
CF – Identify facility-sharing possibilities with Piedmont College and create a formal procedure for reserving and using those facilities to City and community-led events.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Identify and acquire additional land for festivals and green spaces.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Plan and install improvements to downtown park.	Currently Underway	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.

CF – Community Beautification and Enhancement – complete downtown streetscape improvements.	Currently Underway	Working on Phase II
CF – Community Beautification Enhancement – Identify public spaces and rights of way that could benefit from additional trees or vegetation.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Community Beautification Enhancement – Install gateway improvements.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Review existing communication strategies with residents, and develop a plan for better connecting with community members.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Develop an official city website.	Currently Underway	
CF – Develop a streamlined system for community members to report alleged code violations.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
CF – Consider long-range needs for municipal administrative space, and plan for construction of a new city hall.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
IC – Participate in the development and revision of the County Service Delivery Strategy.	Complete	
IC – Reconsider, revise and readopt existing intergovernmental agreements, as appropriate.	Currently Underway	County conducts election and animal control, negotiating other agreements.
IC – Develop an annexation policy to define when annexation is or is not in the best interest and to define its expectations for prospective developers.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
LU – Revise development regulations with an eye toward the preservation of natural resources.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
LU – Develop a streamlined system for community members to report alleged code violations.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
LU – Prepare and adopt a zoning ordinance replacing the city's land use ordinance.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
T – Complete pedestrian overpass between Piedmont College and the historic downtown commercial area.	Complete	

T – Install a traffic signal at the intersection of Central Avenue and Georgia Avenue.	Complete	
T – Complete a local parking study.	Complete	
T – Complete a walkability audit to determine the most effective locations for investing in sidewalk infrastructure.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
T – Develop a sidewalk installation and repair program and secure funding for its implementation.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
T – Prepare and implement a local street intersection improvement program to reduce intersection safety hazards.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
T – Participate in the planning and construction of the Tullulah Falls Railroad Multi-use trail, and plan and provide connections to other bike/pedestrian facilities in the city.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available (SPLOST 6).
T – Traffic Calming Program – monitor performance of existing measures and revise or add calming features where appropriate.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.
T – Conduct an analysis and provide recommendations for improved access management along Historic 441 as new development occurs.	Postponed	This task has been postponed until funding becomes available.



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Dear Commissioner Corbin:

We are pleased to report the adoption of the updated Short Term Work Program for the City. The program was adopted unanimously at our Council meeting of August 6, 2013.

A copy of the program is enclosed. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Malcolm Hunnicutt

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Enclosure

cc: Danny Lewis, GMRDC