
MERIWETHER COUNTY

2014-2018

SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE



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Board of Commissioners**

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The Honorable J. Larry Whitlock, Sr.

Short-Term Work Program Update

The Short-Term Work Program (STWP) is designed for the purpose of scheduling specific actions that the local government intends to take to address the needs and goals identified in its local comprehensive plan. The Short-Term Work Program identifies specific implementation actions the local government intends to take during the first and second five-year time frames of the comprehensive planning period. This program highlights ordinances, administrative systems, community improvements or investments, financing arrangements or other programs or initiatives for plan implementation. For each action this subsection outlines the timeframe for undertaking the activity, responsible party for implementing the activity, estimated cost and funding source.

In order to maintain Qualified Local Government (QLG) status under the Georgia Planning Act, Meriwether County must have an approved and adopted Short Term Work Program (STWP) for implementation of their Comprehensive Plan. The STWP is a key implementation tool, which reflects those activities and strategies the local government has chosen to undertake in the current five-year period. The STWP must be updated periodically.

Report of Accomplishments

Each local government must submit a five-year update that includes a Report of Accomplishments which identifies the current status of each activity in the previous STWP. At a minimum, each activity should indicate whether the activity: has been completed; is currently underway--including a projected completion date; has been postponed, with an explanation of the

reason; or, has not been accomplished and will no longer be undertaken or pursued by the local government, with an explanation for the reason. A Report of Accomplishments immediately follows the Short-Term Work Program for Meriwether County. It provides an overview of the status of Short-Term Work Program goals that were established for the previous period 2008-2012.

Local Public Hearing

A public hearing was conducted on April 23, 2013, for the purpose of informing the public of the intent to update the Short-Term Work Program and to receive suggestions and comments on the proposed STWP update.

Transmittal Resolution

The governing body of the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners took official action to adopt a resolution authorizing transmittal of the draft STWP update to the Regional Commission for review and comment at its regularly scheduled Council meeting held on April 23, 2013. This resolution also certified that the required public hearing referenced above was held.

Adoption of Short-Term Work Program

A regional review hearing of the Meriwether Short-Term Work Program (STWP) update was conducted by the Three Rivers Regional Commission prior to submittal of the document to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Meriwether County Board of Commissioners officially adopted the STWP update as a working document on June 25, 2013.

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Report of Accomplishments to the 2008- 2012 STWP

Program Activity	Status				Explanation for Postponement or Not Accomplished
	Completed	Currently Underway	Postponed	Not Accomplished	
Plan and Develop a Meriwether County Recreation Park	✓				
Greenville North	✓				
Renovate County Office	✓				
Georgia Bureau of Investigations Office	✓				
Meriwether County Water Study	✓				
Meriwether County Water and Sewer	✓				
Various Road Projects	✓				
Administration Building	✓				The County purchased an existing building; County moved into existing building in 2012.

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Program Activity	Status				Explanation for Postponement or Not Accomplished
	Completed	Currently Underway	Postponed	Not Accomplished	
City of Manchester Streetscape (GDOT Project Number - 0006625)				See comments	This activity is not a Meriwether Project; See Manchester STWP.
Manchester Sidewalk Improvements				See comments	This activity is not a Meriwether Project; See Manchester STWP.
Countywide Demand Response System	✓				
Georgia Southwestern Trail Project - PE				✓	The project has been cancelled due to lack of funding and other priorities.
Warm Springs Truck Bypass Study				See comments	This project activity is not a Meriwether County project; See Warm Springs STWP.
Greenville Downtown Truck Bypass Study				See comments	This project activity is not a Meriwether County project; See Greenville STWP.
Priority Paving Projects	✓				
Bridge Repair on State Network	✓				

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	Completed	Currently Underway	Postponed	Not Accomplished	
Intersection Signalization SR 74/85 at Alvaton Road				✓ Cancelled	This project has been cancelled due to lack of funding and other priorities at this time.
Acquire open space for parks, conservation and recreation				✓ Cancelled	This project has been cancelled due to lack of funding and other priorities at this time.
Prepare a feasibility study for development of an Industrial Park				✓ Cancelled	This project has been cancelled due to lack of funding and other priorities at this time.
Create Intergovernmental Water/Sewer Infrastructure Committee	✓				Intergovernmental Public Infrastructure committee meets monthly.
Update Meriwether County Water Study in accordance with Comprehensive Plan				✓ Cancelled	Meriwether County does not have enough available water resources. The County is currently seeking to purchase water from surrounding areas.
Develop a planning based policy to address issues of closing unpaved roads	✓			✓	The County successfully established a method to address the closing of unpaved roads. However, a written policy was not developed.

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PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	START DATE	END DATE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE
Create a County Recreation Program	2014	2018	Meriwether County B.O.C.	\$1.0 Million	General Fund
Construct a New Ambulance Station in the Eastern Portion of the County	2014	2014	Meriwether County B.O.C.	\$400k	SPLOST
Construct a New Municipal Complex/Public Works Building	2014	2014	Meriwether County B.O.C.	\$2.6 Million	SPLOST
Pave Priority Roads	2014	2018	Meriwether County B.O.C.	\$5.0 Million	SPLOST
Purchase paving equipment for Public Works	2014	2014	Meriwether County B.O.C.	\$300k	SPLOST
Update E-911 CAD System	2014	2014	Meriwether B.O.C.	\$400k	SPLOST

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PROJECT OR ACTIVITY	START DATE	END DATE	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE
Industrial Land Acquisition	2014	2018	IDA	\$4.0 Million	Industrial Revenue Bonds
Broadband at the Industrial Park	2014	2018	IDA/Three Rivers/ USDA	\$12.7 Million	OneGeorgia Grant/USDA Grant
50,000 square foot Speculative Building at the Industrial Park	2014	2016	IDA/Developer	\$2.5 Million	Developer
Develop Water System from existing City Centers with existing water systems	2014	2018	Water and Sewerage Authority	Unknown	Water and Sewerage Bonds
Create an updated inventory of the County Water Supply	2014	2014	Water and Sewerage Authority	Staff Time	Not applicable

Resolution No. _____

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MERIWETHER COUNTY 2014-2018 SHORT TERM
WORK PROGRAM UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act encourages local governments to keep their comprehensive plans current and be used for policy guidance and as management tools for daily decisions;

WHEREAS, Meriwether County has completed the 2014-2018 Short-Term Work Program Update (STWP);

WHEREAS, the Short-Term Work Program Update was prepared in accordance with the "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning" adopted by the Board of Community Affairs pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989;

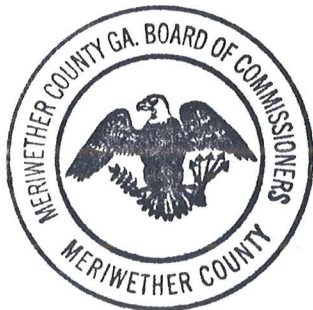
WHEREAS, a duly advertised Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 6:00PM in the Meriwether County Commission Chambers, (County Administration Building), located at 17234 Roosevelt Highway, Building B, Greenville, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the Three Rivers Regional Commission reviewed Meriwether County's 2014-2018 Short-Term Work Program update based on content and internal consistency and found that the plan meets the standards for completeness; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs found the 2014-2018 Short-Term Work Program update to adequately address applicable requirements under the Georgia Planning Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Meriwether County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2014-2018 Short-Term Work Program Update.

Adopted this 25th day of June 2013.



Attest:
(SEAL)

Beverly Thomas
Mrs. Beverly Thomas, County Clerk

Approved:

Nancy Jones
Mrs. Nancy Jones, Chairperson