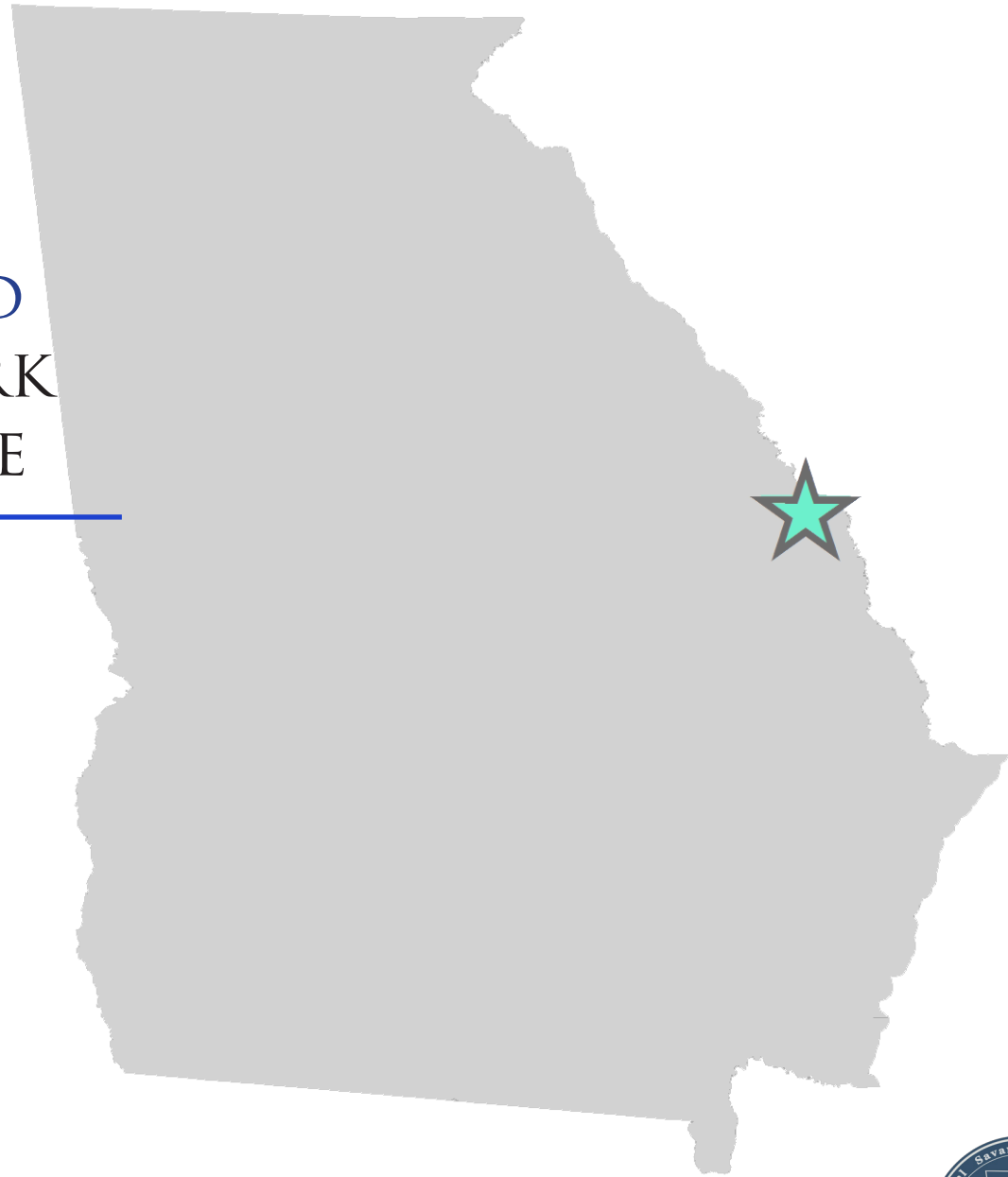


TOWN OF GIRARD SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

2014-2018



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A note on the process

In 2007, Girard took part in the development of the the Burke County Comprehensive Plan 2007-2027, a jointly-produced document that sketched out the vision for the future of the community. During the following several years, some of the plan’s recommendations have been implemented, while new priorities emerged.

Girard began its efforts to update its Short Term Work Program in 2014, with a major focus being upgrades to the town’s water system. The process began with informal conversations with the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission, which was engaged in assisting with the update.

Formal work took place in July 2014 with discussions and correspondence between Regional Commission and town staff. A town council meeting was devoted to the topic, and a public hearing held after a draft was developed. The town transmitted the update for review in July 2014 and adopted it in August 2014.

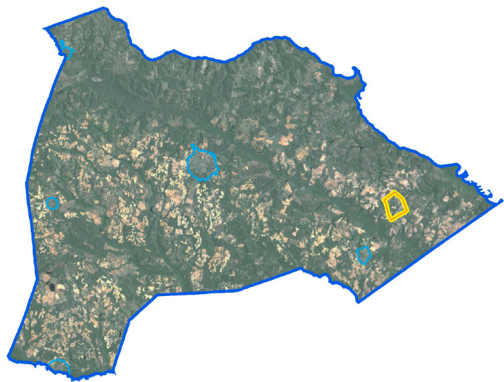
While the town did not take part in a joint update process that began in 2013, it remains committed to working with Burke County and other Burke municipalities as needed, and has met with other local governments on an informal basis.



SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM 2014-2018: BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

Girard 2014

- Population 156
- Area: 3.2 square miles



Plan development and points of emphasis

Meetings took place on the following dates:

- July 9
- June 10 (public hearing)

Points of emphasis in the STWP update include:

- Efforts to drill a new well and rehabilitate the town's water tank (page 7)
- Improvements to town buildings (page 7)

Girard adopted the update on August 7, 2014.

TOWN OF GIRARD: REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008 - 2012

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No items in previous work program

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

| Short Term Work Program Project | Status | | | | Comments |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| | Completed | Underway/Ongoing | Postponed | Not accomplished | |
| Prepare and adopt Groundwater Recharge Area Protection ordinance in accordance with DNR "Part V" Environmental Planning Criteria. | | | √ | | This was not done, partially due to uncertainty about enforcement, but the intention is to adopt it in the near future. |
| Prepare and adopt Wetlands Protection ordinance in accordance with DNR "Part V" Environmental Planning Criteria. | | | √ | | This was not done, partially due to uncertainty about enforcement, but the intention is to adopt it in the near future. |
| Prepare and adopt Water Supply Watershed Protection ordinance in accordance with DNR "Part V" Environmental Planning Criteria. | | | √ | | This was not done, partially due to uncertainty about enforcement, but the intention is to adopt it in the near future. |

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

| Short Term Work Program Project | Status | | | | Comments |
|--|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| | Completed | Underway/Ongoing | Postponed | Not accomplished | |
| Conduct a feasibility study to provide the basis for creation of the Burke County Water Authority, including analysis of service provision and cost, in order to consolidate the various small systems into one county-wide system | | | | √ | This was not done because Girard has its own water system and does not need to be part of a countywide system. It has been removed from the updated STWP. |
| Develop a county-wide Parks and Recreation Plan that includes study of the feasibility of new and improved building facilities and activity programs in Waynesboro, Sardis, Girard, Keysville, Midville and Vidette; included within this process would be clarifying the role for each government | | | | √ | This was not done because it would have required a county-wide effort that did not occur. Girard would be interested in participating in any future parks and recreation planning efforts if they occur, but is removing this item from the updated STWP. |

TOWN OF GIRARD: REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008 - 2012

HOUSING

| Short Term Work Program Project | Status | | | | Comments |
|---|---------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| | Completed | Underway/Ongoing | Postponed | Not accomplished | |
| Coordinate with Burke County to increase code enforcement and to speed the repair or removal of dilapidated homes and littered properties (including abandoned "junk trailers") | | | √ | | No coordination has taken place, but Girard would like to increase the level of code enforcement and is interested in working with Burke County on the issue. |
| Develop marketing strategy to attract new employees hired as part of Plant Vogtle's expansion to locate in Girard | | | | √ | No formal marketing strategy has been created, but some residential development has taken place in Girard. There is still interest in doing this. |

TRANSPORTATION

| Short Term Work Program Project | Status | | | | Comments |
|--|---------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--|
| | Completed | Underway/Ongoing | Postponed | Not accomplished | |
| Develop a county-wide Parks and Recreation Plan that includes study of the feasibility of new and improved building facilities and activity programs in Waynesboro, Sardis, Girard, Keysville, Midville and Vidette; included within this process would be clarifying the role for each government | | | | √ | This was a duplicate of an item included in the Community Facilities section. It has been removed from the updated STWP. |
| Participate in efforts with Burke County to develop a countywide connector street plan | | | | √ | Burke County would need to lead this effort. Girard would be interested in taking part in any discussions about a connector plan if they occur, but is removing this item from the updated STWP. |
| Coordinate Town of Girard road paving efforts and participate in Burke County's efforts to develop a countywide road paving program that prioritizes paving of routes in areas where development is planned | √ | | | | Girard has done road paving work with LMIG funds and is working with Burke County on paving projects. |

TOWN OF GIRARD: REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008 - 2012

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

| Short Term Work Program Project | Status | | | | Comments |
|--|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| | Completed | Underway/Ongoing | Postponed | Not accomplished | |
| Participate in efforts with Burke County to develop a countywide long-range water service master plan | | | | √ | This was not done because Girard has its own water system and does not need to be part of a countywide system. It has been removed from the updated STWP. |
| Establish an intergovernmental group of elected officials and senior staff that meets on a semi-annual basis to explore opportunities to streamline or consolidate government services (including planning, zoning, building inspections, EMA, law enforcement, road maintenance, animal control and code enforcement) | | √ | | | This has been happening informally, with several meetings annually with cities. No formal group has been established, and discussions in 2014 determined one was not needed. This was revised for the updated STWP. |

TOWN OF GIRARD: SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM 2014-2018

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

None

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

| Short Term Work Program Project | | | | | | Responsible party | Cost Estimate | Fund Source |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | | | |
| Prepare and adopt Groundwater Recharge Area Protection ordinance in accordance with DNR "Part V" Environmental Planning Criteria. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Council | Staff time | General fund |
| Prepare and adopt Wetlands Protection ordinance in accordance with DNR "Part V" Environmental Planning Criteria. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Council | Staff time | General fund |
| Prepare and adopt Water Supply Watershed Protection ordinance in accordance with DNR "Part V" Environmental Planning Criteria. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Council | Staff time | General fund |

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

| Short Term Work Program Project | | | | | | Responsible party | Cost Estimate | Fund Source |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | | | |
| Increase efforts to clean up and maintain city properties and roads by hiring a third party contractor or in-house public works employee. | | • | | | | Town Council | \$15,000 annually | General fund |
| Rehabilitate the town's water tank. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Council | \$500,000 (including next item) | General/grant funds |
| Develop and construct a second town well. | • | • | • | • | • | Town council | \$500,000 (including previous item) | General/grant funds |
| Make improvements to community/recreational building facilities including major window replacement. | • | • | • | • | • | Town council | \$25,000 | General/grant funds |

Note: All cost figures are estimates and are subject to substantial variation

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HOUSING

| Short Term Work Program Project | | | | | | Responsible party | Cost Estimate | Fund Source |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | | | |
| Increase code enforcement, including potentially coordinating efforts with Burke County. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Council | Staff time | General fund |
| Provide utility incentives to encourage planned housing growth. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Council | \$10,000 | General fund |
| Develop marketing strategy to attract new employees hired as part of Plant Vogtle's expansion to locate in Girard. | • | • | | | | Town Council | Staff time | General fund |

TRANSPORTATION

| Short Term Work Program Project | | | | | | Responsible party | Cost Estimate | Fund Source |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | | | |
| Pave roads in Girard as needed. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Council/GDOT | \$100,000 | TIA/LMIG |

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

| Short Term Work Program Project | | | | | | Responsible party | Cost Estimate | Fund Source |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | | | |
| Continue to meet on an informal basis with officials and staff from Burke County and other municipalities to discuss various issues as needed. | • | • | • | • | • | Town Clerk, Town Council | Staff time | General Fund |

Note: All cost figures are estimates and are subject to substantial variation

TOWN OF GIRARD: SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM 2014-2018

TOWN OF GIRARD

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Adoption of the Town of Girard Short Term Work Program Update (2014-2018)

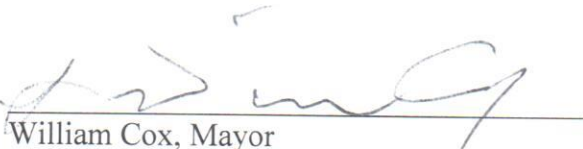
WHEREAS, the Town of Girard has completed a comprehensive plan five-year short-term work program update for the years 2014 through 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the short-term work program update was prepared in accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the short-term work program update has been reviewed by the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and found to be in compliance with the *Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Girard Town Council does hereby adopt the *Town of Girard Short-Term Work Program Update (2014-2018)* and transmit the short-term work program update document and a copy of this resolution to the Central Savannah River Area Regional Commission for provision to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs..

Adopted this 7th day of August, 2014



William Cox, Mayor
Town of Girard

ATTEST:

Kimberly A. Reddick