

March 25, 2021

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Office of Planning and Environmental Management
60 Executive Park South, NE
Atlanta, GA

RE: TRRC Regional Plan Annual Implementation Program Report Submittal

Three Rivers Regional Commission has completed an annual update of its regional plan and is submitting it with this letter for review by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

I certify that we have held one required public hearing and have involved regional stakeholders in development of the annual update in a manner appropriate to our region's dynamics and resources and in accordance with the Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning, Chapter 110-12-6. Evidence of the public hearing has been included with our submittal.

I certify that appropriate regional staff and decision-makers have, at a minimum, reviewed the following planning documents and taken them into consideration in formulating our plan:

- Georgia's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2017-2021,
- Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Water Resource Management Plan; and the Middle Chattahoochee, Middle Ocmulgee, and Upper Fling Regional Water Plans,
- Three Rivers Regional Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS),
- Atlanta Regional Commission Regional Transportation Plan, and
- Atlanta Regional Commission Plan 2040, Middle Georgia RC Regional Plan, River Valley RC Regional Plan, Northeast Georgia RC Regional Plan, and Northwest Georgia RC Regional Commission.

If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director, at 678-692-0510 or by email at jbrantley@threeriversrc.com.

Sincerely,



Norman Allen
Chairman
Three Rivers RC Council

Enclosures



Three Rivers Regional Plan

Annual Implementation Report - FY'21

Three Rivers Regional Commission
March 2021

TRRC Regional Work Program 2019- 2023

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		Form a TRRC Broadband Committee	RC Council, Local Governments	\$5,000 per year		Completed
		Assist Meriwether County in obtaining Broadband Ready Designation by 2020.	GDOT, Private	Staff Time	Staff Time	Underway and partially completed
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Local Government Performance Standards Update – FY’21

Local Government	Minimum Performance Standard(s) Not Met	Specific Action Steps Taken to Assist Government (Optional: Also, identify resources that may aid LG achievement)
Aldora (Lamar County)	The local government is not compliant with E-Verify.	Encourage the local government to participate in E-Verify.
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Grantville (Coweta County)	The local government does not have a clerk certified by UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government.	Encourage the city to certify their clerk by UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government
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RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE REGIONAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT FOR FY'21

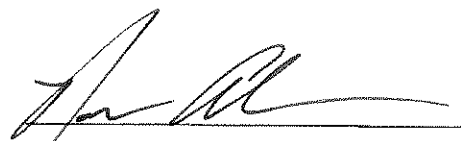
WHEREAS, the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC) is required to perform an annual review and update of the Three Rivers Regional Plan and to develop an Implementation Program Annual Report, and;

WHEREAS, the Implementation Program Annual Report has been completed in accordance to the Minimum Planning Standards, and;

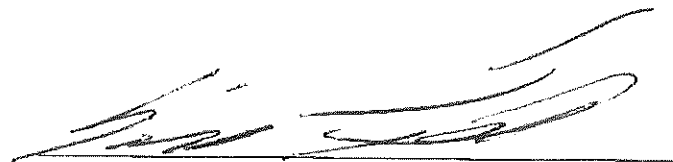
WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed and approved the report,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission does hereby approve the adoption of the Implementation Program Annual Report.

Adopted this 24th day of June 2021.



Norman Allen, Council Chairman
Three Rivers Regional Commission



Kirk Fjelstul, Executive Director
Three Rivers Regional Commission