

City of Ball Ground  
Short Term Work Program (STWP)  
Adopted September 12, 2013

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<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>								
Research, evaluate, and develop if warranted a business development incentive program	X	X	X			Mayor, Manager		
Establish a close working relationship with the Cherokee County Development Authority	X	X				Mayor, Manager, Clerk	\$6,000 annually	General Fund
Develop a listing of all available commercial and industrial buildings and parcels with contact information for the owners or agents. Maintain.		X	X			Clerk, City Planner		
Prepare a downtown redevelopment plan that addresses commercial development, off street parking, streetscapes and the protection of historically significant properties and promotes tourism.			X	X		Planner, DDA	No or minimal cost	General Fund

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<b>NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>								
Obtain historic marker plaques for downtown buildings of historic significance	X	X	X	X		Historic Resources Comm	\$10,000	General Fund

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<b>NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES (Continued)</b>								
Develop and publish a downtown walking brochure that tells the story of each historically significant downtown building or property		X	X			Historic Resources Comm	\$1,500	General Fund
Develop and Implement a Historic Preservation Ordinance			X	X		Historic Resources Committee	No Cost	

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<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES</b>								
Identify and obtain property for the drilling of a test well. Develop Well if water source is viable.			X	X	X	Manager	\$100,000	Water Fund GEFA
Continue to seek grants to assist in funding of 500,000 gallon water tank construction	X	X	X	X	X	Manager	\$1,000,000	Water Fund GEFA USDA CDBG
Install Curb, Gutter and storm Drain on Old Canton Road south of Gilmer Ferry Road		X	X			Manager	\$100,000	SPLOST CDBG

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<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES (Continued)</b>								
Develop downtown off street parking on Church Street and Mound Street	X	X				Manager	\$10,000	SPLOST General Fund
Construct Linear Park on Valley Street from Beck St to Howell Bridge East	X	X	X			Mayor, Manager	\$660,000	SPLOST TE Grant
Change out the Blue Poly Water Service lines on the City Water System in Cherokee Village Subdivision		X	X			Manager Pub Works	\$100,000	Water Fund CDBG
Install new water line on Old Canton Road from 450 Old Canton Road to Commerce Lane		X	X			Manager Pub Works	\$110,000	Water Fund CDBG
Install new water line on Commerce Lane			X	X		Manager Pub Works	\$50,000	Water Fund CDBG
Construct New Fire Station					X	Mayor Manager	\$2,000,000	Cherokee County SPLOST

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<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES (Continued)</b>								
Work with GDOT and Cherokee County to remove S. R. 372 from the State of Georgia system thru downtown			X	X		Mayor, Manager	Uknown	SPLOST – GDOT
Design and Complete a Gateway Park into Downtown		X	X			Mayor, Manager	\$10,000	General Fund
Implement the Park Master Plan	X	X				Parks Committee	\$700,000	Cherokee Co Parks Bond
Mapping of City Sanitary Sewer System		X	X			Pub Works Committee	\$10,000	Water/Sewer Fund
Develop a 5 year and 20 year transportation plan for the city to include streets, bike paths, pedestrian walkways, rail and bus				X	X	Mayor, Manager, ARC	\$15,000	SPLOST

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<b>HOUSING</b>								
Work with development community to secure a small multi family development	X	X	X			Mayor, Manager		
Eliminate or cause to be restored at least three abandoned residential structures	X	X		X		Manager, Municipal Court	\$15,000	General Fund

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<b>LAND USE</b>								
Conduct a comprehensive review of the City of Ball Ground Development Code		X				Executive Committee	No Cost	
Conduct a comprehensive review of the City of Ball Ground Master Plan for Downtown			X			Executive Committee	No Cost	

**Mayor**

A. R. Roberts, III

**Council Members**

John Byrd  
Frank Homiller  
Mickey O'Malley  
Lee Prettyman  
Andrenia Stoner



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**City Manager**

Eric Wilmarth

**City Attorney**

Darrell Caudill

**City Clerk**

Karen Jordan

September 24, 2013

Atlanta Regional Commission  
Mr. Dan Reuter  
Community Development Division Chief  
40 Courtland Street, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Reuter:

Attached is the adopted Short Term Work Program (STWP) for the City of Ball Ground, Georgia as well as the Resolution of Transmittal adopted by Mayor Roberts and the Ball Ground City Council.

The ARC had provided 7 advisory comments on our STWP update. I have addressed each of those comments below:

**Comment:** Prepare a downtown redevelopment plan that addresses commercial development, off street parking, streetscapes and the protection of historically significant properties and promotes tourism.

**Response:** This item was added under the economic development section.

**Comment:** Construct water storage facility

**Response:** This item was already covered under the community facilities section but just worded different than the previous document. We change the wording to "Continue to seek grants to assist in funding of 500,000 gallon water tank". The tank will cost in excess of one million dollars. We will need a grant to make it feasible.

**Comment:** Intersection improvement of Terrell Street and old Canton Road

**Response:** In the new STWP we actually expanded this item. In the community facilities section we listed "Install Curb, Gutter and storm drain on Old Canton road south of Gilmer Ferry Road". We are now looking to improve this entire corridor rather than just the one intersection. Terrell Street intersects Old Canton Road in this corridor.

**Comment:** Develop downtown off street parking

**Response:** This is addressed in the community facilities section as ‘Develop downtown off street parking on church Street and Mound Street’. At this time we have completed the parking development on Church Street. Mound Street will take place next year. Both of these projects were to enhance downtown parking.

**Comment:** Develop a 5 year and 20 year transportation plan for the City to include streets, bike paths, pedestrian walkways, rail and bus”.

**Response:** Added under community facilities.

**Comment:** Develop a plan for beneficial use of the old Ball Ground Elementary School Facility.

**Response:** Overcome by events. The facility has been sold and is pending development as a multi use facility that includes a design studio, graphics screen printing shop and condominiums.

**Comment:** Obtain additional permanent green space.

**Response:** The aspect of obtaining green space is a component of the Park Master Plan listed in the community facilities section.

Thank you for your assistance and input on our Short Term Work Program development.

Sincerely,



Eric W. Wilmarth  
City Manager

**RESOLUTION 2013-09-01**

**CITY OF BALL GROUND, GEORGIA**

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

A resolution authorizing the adoption of the five year update to the Short Term Work Program element of the Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council adopted the Cherokee County Comprehensive Plan on August 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the city of Ball Ground has prepared a five year update to the Short Term Work Program element of the Cherokee County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, to retain Qualified Local Government status the five year update of the 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

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on September 12, 2013 in the City Council Chambers of Ball Ground City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Mayor and City Council that the attached update to the Short Term Work Program covering the period 2013-2017, as per requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, may be adopted.

SO RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ball Ground this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

  
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Mayor A. R. Roberts, III

  
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Mayor Pro Tem Frank Homiller

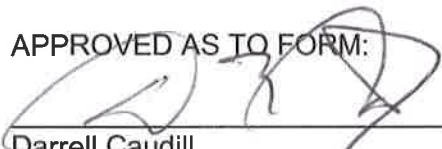
  
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Council Member John Byrd

**ABSENT**  
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Council Member Mickey O'Malley

  
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Council Member Lee Prettyman

  
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Council Member Andrenia Stoner

Attest:   
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Karen L. Jordan, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
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Darrell Caudill  
CITY ATTORNEY