

RESOLUTION NO. 619

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONYERS, GEORGIA, TO ADOPT THE CONYERS COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN UPDATED SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council (the "City Council") of the City of Conyers, Georgia (the "City") have determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to update the Short Term Work Program as an amendment to the City Comprehensive Land Use Plan as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference the "(Short Term Work Plan)"; and

WHEREAS, the City has submitted the Short Term Work Program to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for review and recommendation as required; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has advised the City that the Short Term Work Program is in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to adopt the Short Term Work Program.

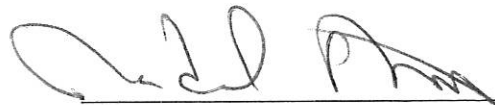
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City, the governing authority of the City, hereby approves and adopts the Short Term Work Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all acts heretofore taken to effectuate the intent of this resolution is hereby ratified and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) a copy of the Resolution.

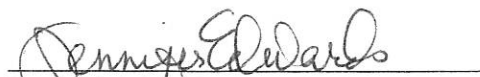
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same hereby are repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Conyers, Georgia this 19th day of March, 2014.



Randal S. Mills, Mayor


Attest:



~~Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk~~

Jennifer Edwards, Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Michael S. Waldrop, City Attorney

CITY OF CONYERS
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE
2009 – 2013 Report of Accomplishments
2014 – 2018 Future Projects



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Conyers

CITY OF CONYERS
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & INSPECTION
SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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CONYERS, GEORGIA 30012

Exhibit “A”

Short Term Work Program

City of Conyers

Updated - October 2013

The current City of Conyers Comprehensive Plan was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning as established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The last major Comprehensive Plan was updated and adopted on May 19, 2004 by the Mayor and City Council of Conyers. This plan included a 20 year framework that addressed local demographics, economic development, land use, natural resources, community facilities, and housing. The Comprehensive Plan has served as the City of Conyers guideline for the decision making process relating to zoning, land development, transportation system improvements and the provision of facilities to meet other community facilities and infrastructure needs.

In October 2008, a Partial Update of the Comprehensive Plan was approved to address quality community objectives promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. As stated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs these objectives include the following:

Economic Prosperity: Encourage development or expansion of businesses and industries that are suitable for the community. Factors to consider when determining suitability include job skills required; long-term sustainability; linkages to other economic activities in the region; impact on the resources of the area; or prospects for creating job opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse local workforce.

Resource Management: Promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community. This may be achieved by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; encouraging green building construction and renovation; utilizing appropriate waste management techniques; fostering water conservation and reuse; or setting environmentally sensitive areas aside as green space or conservation reserves.

Efficient Land Use: Maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the traditional core of the community; designing new development to minimize the amount of land consumed; carefully planning expansion of public infrastructure; or maintaining open space in agricultural, forestry, or conservation uses.

Local Preparedness: Identify and put in place the prerequisites for the type of future the community seeks to achieve. These prerequisites might include infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) to support or direct new growth; ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired; leadership and staff capable of responding to opportunities and managing new challenges; or undertaking an all-hazards approach to disaster preparedness and response.

Sense of Place: Protect and enhance the community's unique qualities. This may be achieved by maintaining the downtown as focal point of the community; fostering compact, walkable, mixed-use development; protecting and revitalizing historic areas of the community; encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community; or protecting scenic and natural features that are important to defining the community's character.

Regional Cooperation: Cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to address shared needs. This may be achieved by actively participating in regional organizations; identifying joint projects that will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer; or developing collaborative solutions for regional issues such as protection of shared natural resources, development of the transportation network, or creation of a tourism plan.

Housing Options: Promote an adequate range of safe, affordable, inclusive, and resource efficient housing in the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development of a variety of housing types, sizes, costs, and densities in each neighborhood; instituting programs to provide housing for residents of all socio-economic backgrounds; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure availability of adequate workforce housing in the community.

Transportation Options: Address the transportation needs, challenges and opportunities of all community residents. This may be achieved by fostering alternatives to transportation by automobile, including walking, cycling, and transit; employing traffic calming measures throughout the community; requiring adequate connectivity between adjoining developments; or coordinating transportation and land use decision-making within the community.

Educational Opportunities: Make educational and training opportunities readily available to enable all community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technological advances, or pursue life ambitions. This can be achieved by expanding and improving local educational institutions or programs; providing access to other institutions in the region; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure an adequately trained and skilled workforce.

Community Health: Ensure that all community residents, regardless of age, ability, or income, have access to critical goods and services, safe and clean neighborhoods, and good work opportunities. This may be achieved by providing services to support the basic needs of disadvantaged residents; instituting programs to foster better health and

fitness; or providing all residents the opportunity to improve their circumstances in life and to fully participate in the community.

While not all objectives have been achieved, they are useful in terms of identifying additional issues and opportunities that have to be addressed by the appropriate entity. According to the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, the vision of the City of Conyers is to retain the traditional values of a small town, while continuing to grow and prosper. This vision remains as the focus of the City of Conyers now and for the future.

And finally, the current Comprehensive Plan as amended and reviewed by the City of Conyers still serves the community well, so no plan update is needed at this time.

City of Conyers Short Term Work Program 2009-2013 Report of Accomplishments

Project ID	Description	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source	Responsible Party	Status	Explanation/Comment
Natural Resources						
1	Revise regulations as necessary to protect integrity of "303(d)" List of Impaired Waters	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	Regulations were revised in 2010 to strengthen the Environmental Services ability to control illicit discharges as well implementing mandates as required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The enforcement of this program will continue.
2	Prepare and implement guidelines or regulations for low impact development. Standards were adopted in 2010 to address low impact developments.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	The implementation of this program is ongoing.
3	Continue to implement the 2002 stormwater management plan.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	The implementation of the stormwater program will continue.
4	Monitor flooding and request updated floodplain boundary maps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for areas experiencing 100-year flooding events	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	
5	Maintain, and periodically update as appropriate, the city's landscape and tree protection ordinance.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	No action taken at this time.
HISTORIC RESOURCES						
6	Continue to evaluate and modify, if appropriate, the city's existing historic district regulations and guidelines.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Currently working new standards related to the Historic District.
7	Complete acquisition of an easement that will allow for complete restoration of the Dinky Trail.	Staff Function	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Project deferred due to lack of funding.

Project ID	Description	Estimated Cost	Staff Function	Responsible Party	Status	Explanation/Comment
Community Facilities And Services						
8	Continue to monitor and report crime statistics.	Staff Function	General Fund	Police Chief	Continuing	This is an ongoing process within the Public Safety Dept.
9	Annually review staffing and equipment needs of the Police Department and add new positions commensurate with population growth and incidences of crime.	Staff Function	General Fund; fees; fines	Police Chief; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	As the population continues to grow within the City of Conyers, the annual review of staff and equipment will continue.
10	Complete a comprehensive review of office space and personnel needs.	Staff Function	To be determined	City Manager and Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	The City of Conyers is currently evaluating options for relocation or the reconfiguration of currently owned facilities to meet the future office space needs of all City Government entities.
11	Police Dept. received State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification	Staff Function	General Fund	Police Chief, City Council, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer	Completed	
12	Police Dept. received National Certification through Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)	Staff Function	General Fund	Police Chief, City Council, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer	Completed	
13	Participate in updating of a joint city-county comprehensive solid waste management plan.	Staff Function	General Fund	City Council ; Board of Commissioners; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	2008-2018 plan adopted 2010. The next plan update is 2019.
14	Outsourced Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Services.	Staff Function	N/A	City Council, City Manager, Public Works Director, Chief Operating Officer, Finance Director	Completed	
15	Implement master plan for the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center. Several projects have been completed in Phase I-Construction of canoe docks, observation platforms, interpretative stations, primitive camp site, council rings, fire pits, walking trails, rings, fire pits, walking trails, etc.	\$114,000	Hotel/Motel Tax	Chief Operating Officer & Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	
16	Participate in countywide stormwater utility.	\$400,000 Per Year Staff Function	Stormwater Utility Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	Inventory of infrastructure not complete. Maintenance of system is ongoing.

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17	Complete development of (implement master plan for) the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center Several projects have been completed in Phase I- Construction of canoe docks, observation platforms, interpretative stations, primitive camp site, council rings, fire pits, walking trails, etc.	\$114,000	Hotel/Motel Tax	Chief Operating Officer & Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Complete	Constructed canoe docks, observation platforms, interpretative stations, primitive camp site, council rings, fire pits, walking trails, etc.
18	Establish a Municipal Parks and Recreation Department	Staff Function	General Fund/Splost	City Manager, Chief Operating Office, & Public Works & Transportation	Completed	Public Works and Transportation Dept. will primarily maintain established park area and trail system.
19	Implement the Olde Town Conyers Trail Master Plan	\$850,000 City Share Total Cost = \$1,700,000	SPLOST, PATH Foundation and Private Funding	City of Conyers and Rockdale County; Downtown Development Authority	Completed	3.77 miles was constructed from the Nancy Quinn Library to Johnson Park.
20	Participate in county-sponsored Greenway Master Plan as component to Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan	City Share to be Determined	County Operating Budget/Conyers General Fund	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Public Works & Transportation	Postponed to 2017	Will be funded by SPLOST 2012 and prepared by consultant.
21	Evaluate and if appropriate implement the following additional (potential) recreation funding mechanisms: dedicated millage rate, bond referendums, SPLOST participation and development impact fees	Staff Function	General Fund	City Manager; City Council; Chief Operating Officer; Finance Director	Continuing	
22	Pursue additional federal and state funding for open space acquisition and park and greenway improvements	Staff Function	N/A	City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Public Works & Transportation	Continuing	The City is in conversation with the PATH Foundation seeking funds to expand the Olde Town Trail system.
23	Continue to prepare and annually update the city's capital improvement program	Staff Function	General Fund	City Manager; All Depts.		
URBAN DESIGN AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT						
24	SR 138 Beautification and Economic Initiative including Conyers	\$1,000,000	Congressional Appropriations; County Capital Fund	Rockdale Co. Board of Commissioners	Continuing	South of I-20 completed. North of I-20 underway.
25	Prepare overlay district for the West Avenue Corridor. West Avenue was rezoned to Mixed Use Development Zoning District included with other properties that included a total of 424 acres.	Staff Function	Staff Function	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Completed	MXD zoning focuses on architectural design and landscaping.
26	Rezoned 300 plus acres on the Ga Hwy 138 /20 corridor to Gateway Village	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Completed	Gateway Village focuses on architectural design and landscaping.
27	Created Opportunity Zone in Central Conyers LCI and the Olde Town Historic District	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Completed	
28	Adopted Urban Redevelopment Plan	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Completed	
29	Seek grants and funding assistance from private foundations and Fortune 500 corporations	Staff Function	Staff Function	Dept. of Tourism and Public Affairs	Canceled	City will not seek this funding due to other options.

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URBAN DESIGN AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT						
30	Revised Mixed Use Development Zoning Regulations	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Completed	
31	Created regulations and added new Gateway Village zoning district.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning & Inspection Services	Completed	
32	Analyze all residential and commercial zoning regulations and revise in an effort to further the process of revitalizing and promoting the redevelopment of areas of Conyers through building aesthetics landscaping, and uses to encourage connectivity and economic development	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning & Inspection Services	Continuing	Several regulations related to zoning, development, landscaping, connectivity, etc. have been revised. This process will continue.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT						
33	Continue to pursue efforts to establish a Tax Allocation District in Olde Town.	Staff Function	General Fund	City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Finance Director	Continuing	A redevelopment plan has been completed to implement Tax Allocation District.
34	Attract desirable businesses and industries to Rockdale County through active recruitment efforts and business assistance programs.	Staff Function	General Fund / Staff Function	Chamber; Economic Development Council; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs	Continuing	Created Opportunity Zone in 2011; Work ready program since 2007; Camera ready since 2011
35	Maintain an inventory of vacant industrial and commercial building spaces and market vacant spaces to new users (implement industrial marketing plan.	Staff Function	General Fund / Staff Function	Economic Development Council; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs	Continuing	Maintained by Conyers Rockdale Economic Council
36	Formalize more detailed strategies for the redevelopment of aging and obsolete commercial strip centers.	Staff Function	General Fund / Staff Function	Chamber; Economic Development Council, Inc.; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs; Department of Planning & Inspection Services	Continuing	As a participant in the 2009 ARC Lifelong Communities, the zoning ordinance is being revised to address this strategy.
37	Continue pursuit of a new technology park area emphasizes office-distribution-technology.	Staff Function	General Fund / Staff Function	Chamber; Economic Development Council, Inc.; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs; Department of Planning & Inspection Services	Continuing	The trend in the community is changing from manufacturing to office/technology uses. Current ordinances are being revised to address architectural design and uses in pursuit of office/technology type uses.

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT						
38	Monitor housing and neighborhood conditions in Census Tract 603.09.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Code Enforcement is constantly addressing housing code violations and nuisance violations to prevent blight.
39	Apply for Community Development Block Funds (CDBG) for improvement of low- and moderate income areas.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Application Denied	No additional action will be taken at this time to apply for CDBG Funds.
40	Evaluate the need and if necessary implement housing code enforcement programs targeted in Census Tract 603.09.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Currently, there is a need for housing code enforcement to avoid further decline of property values in this area.
LAND USE						
41	Monitor and report on efforts to implement the ACTIPS (2001) (now LCI) study for four activity centers in Conyers.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	The Livable Centers Initiative overlay district regulations were updated in 2013 to further encourage the successful implementation of the Neo-Traditional Urbanism and Smart Growth policies.
42	Monitor the balance of residential and non-residential development in the city by regularly updating the existing land use map.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	There have not been any significant changes in development patterns since 2008, the down turn of the economy. We will continue to monitor the mix of residential and non-residential and modify regulations as needed.
43	Develop a marketing program that can be distributed to Atlanta area developers having prior experience with "smart growth" and LCI type projects.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; Technical assistance ARC	Continuing	Based on the current development activity in the LCI Overlay, the city is receiving more inquiries concerning potential development.
44	Prepare a strategy and regulations to promote residential infill development on lots within the original 1-mile circular limits of the city.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services or Consultant; GIS	Continuing	Revised Mixed Use Development and is currently revising Olde Town Overlay zoning to promote residential infill development.
45	Annually update future land use plan map.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; GIS	Continuing	Required by the City of Conyers Code of Ordinances.

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46	Prepare New Comprehensive Plan	\$150,000 (Consultant)	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; Consultant	Postponed to 10/31/2018	2013 Short Term Work Program updated instead.
47	Prepare amendments to land use regulations after five year comprehensive review	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Land Use regulations currently being reviewed and updated for adoption.
TRANSPORTATION						
48	Participate in preparation of five-year update of Comprehensive Transportation Plan.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	Update due in 2014.
49	Complete regional and local road and intersection improvements per Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Regional Plans.	Per Adopted Plans	Federal, State, and Local Funding Sources Per Adopted Plans	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	The City is currently prioritizing which road improvements/intersections should be addressed in the immediate future.
50	Coordinate with Georgia DOT and CSX to secure additional traffic signals and crossing enhancements for those intersections identified in the LCI Plan as posing crossing problems for pedestrian traffic.	See LCI Plan	General Fund/SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Project is in the discussion phase to determine the best alternative.
51	Develop bikeways along Main Street, Oakland Avenue and Sigman Road to link with bikeways planned by Rockdale County.	Per Transportation Plan	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Bike lanes have been completed on Oakland Avenue.
52	City of Conyers installed bike sharrows on several streets within the city to encourage cycling.	\$40,000	SPLOST/General Fund	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	
53	Conyers Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Public Work and Transportation and Planning & Inspection Services	Completed	
54	Consider implementing the bus shuttle system recommended in the LCI Plan that would provide linkage between the City's four activity centers.	Unknown	To be determined	City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Providing a shuttle for this area is deferred as a long-term program.
55	Continue to monitor studies of the Georgia Department of Transportation with regard to implementing commuter rail.	Staff Function	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Commuter Rail is project is deferred as a long-term program.
56	Monitor operation of traffic signals in the city limits and improve where possible.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	
57	Evaluate incidences of speeding in the city and reduce speed limits where warranted.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	
58	West Avenue Beautification Project Included drainage improvements, landscaping, installation of pedestrian lighting, sidewalks, and gateway entrance signage.	\$860,000	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION						
59	Continue to participate in the Intergovernmental Planning Committee	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Ongoing conversations will continue concerning land use, development and transportation.
60	Monitor plan amendment efforts and continue to comply with all mandates of the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District.	Unknown	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	
61	Work with Rockdale County to agree upon a future annexation plan or sphere of influence for the City of Conyers	Staff Function	General Fund	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	As annexations are requested by property owners, the city will notify Rockdale County as required by law.
	Participate in the Update of the Rockdale County Service Delivery Strategy	Staff Function	General Fund	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	Will be updated concurrently with Comprehensive Plan
ACTIVITY CENTERS						
62	AC1 Intersection Improvements	Unknown	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Intersection improvement projects deferred as a long term project due to lack of funding.
63	AC1 Off-Street Parking Modifications Municipal Parking Lot	\$150,000	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	
64	AC1 Main Street Streetscape Project	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Streetscape project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
65	AC2 Complete Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements.	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
66	AC2 Multi-Use Path/Dinky Trail	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
67	AC3 Complete Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements.	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation & Inspections	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
68	AC3 Dinky Trail Connections	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
69	AC4 Multi-Use Path/Boar Tusk Greenway	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation & Planning & Inspections	Continuing	Part of this will be constructed by a private developer in 2014.
70	AC4 Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation & Planning & Inspections	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
71	AC4 Intersection Improvements is complete with center turn lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signal Sigman Road and East View Road.	\$720,000	SPLOST;GDOT	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	

72	AC1-4 Sidewalk/Crosswalk Improvements.	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
73	AC1-4 Bikeway Development	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
74	AC1-4 Signage/Landscaping	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.

City of Conyers 2014-2018 Short Term Work Program

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Natural Resources						
1	Revise regulations as necessary to protect integrity of "303(d)" List of Impaired Waters.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	Regulations were revised in 2010 to strengthen the Environmental Services ability to control illicit discharges as well implementing mandates as required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The enforcement of this program will continue.
2	Prepare and implement guidelines or regulations for low impact development. Standards were adopted in 2010 to address low impact developments.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	The implementation of this program is ongoing.
3	Continue to implement the 2002 stormwater management plan.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	The implementation of the stormwater program will continue.
4	Monitor flooding and request updated floodplain boundary maps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for areas experiencing 100-year flooding events	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	
5	Revise the Tree Preservation and Landscape Ordinance.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	2015-2016	
HISTORIC RESOURCES						
6	Revise the existing Olde Town Overlay District Regulations and also to rename zoning district.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	2014	
7	Complete acquisition of an easement that will allow for complete restoration of the Dinky Trail.	Staff Function	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Project deferred due to funding.
Community Facilities And Services						
8	Continue to monitor and report crime statistics.	Staff Function	General Fund	Police Chief	Continuing	
9	Annually review staffing and equipment needs of the Police Department and add new positions commensurate with population growth and incidences of crime.	Staff Function	General Fund; fees; fines	Police Chief; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	As the population continues to grow within the City of Conyers, the annual review of staff and equipment will continue.

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10	Complete a comprehensive review of office space and personnel needs.	Staff Function	General Fund	City Manager and Chief Operating Officer	2014-2018	The City of Conyers is currently evaluating options for relocation or the reconfiguration of currently owned facilities to meet the future office space needs of all City Government entities.
11	Public Safety Dept. to replace radio communications system to include radio and supporting infrastructure.	\$5,100,000	General Fund	Police Chief, City Council, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer	2014-2018	
12	Complete construction of Phase II of the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center which includes a welcome center, plant identification signs, outdoor amphitheater, multi-purpose and river trails within the Georgia International Park and Big Haynes Creek Nature Center.	\$1,500,000	Hotel/Motel Tax	Chief Operating Officer & Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	2014-2018	
13	Participate in countywide stormwater utility.	\$400,000 Per Year	Stormwater Utility Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	Inventory of infrastructure not complete. Maintenance of system is on-going
14	Extend the Olde Town Conyers Trail Master Plan	\$1,400,000	SPLOST, PATH Foundation and Private Funding	City of Conyers and Rockdale County; Downtown Development Authority	2014-2018	The City of Conyers proposes to extend the Olde Town Trail by 2.5 miles from Nancy Quinn Library to Pine Log Park.
15	Participate in county-sponsored Greenway Master Plan as component to Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan	City Share to be Determined	County General Fund/Conyers General Fund	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Public Works & Transportation	Postponed to 2017	Will be funded by SPLOST and prepared by consultant.
16	Evaluate and if appropriate implement the following additional (potential) recreation funding mechanisms: dedicated millage rate, bond referendums, SPLOST participation and development impact fees	Staff Function	General Fund	City Manager; City Council, Chief Operating Officer; Finance Director	Continuing	
17	Pursue additional federal and state funding for open space acquisition and park and greenway improvements	Staff Function	General Fund/PATH Foundation	City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Public Works & Transportation	Continuing	The City is in conversation with the PATH Foundation seeking funds to expand Olde Town Trail system.
18	Continue to prepare and annually update the city's capital improvement program	Staff Function	General Fund	City Manager; All Depts.	Continuing	This update is prepared to coincide with annual budget approval.
URBAN DESIGN AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT						
19	SR 138 Beautification and Economic Initiative including Conyers	\$1,000,000	Congressional Appropriations; County Capital Fund	Rockdale Co. Board of Commissioners	2015-2018	South of I-20 completed. North of I-20 underway

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20	Reclassify West Avenue to Gateway Village, Neighborhood Village	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	2014-2015	The proposed Neighborhood Village will require renovated or new construction to comply with detailed architectural and landscape requirements.
21	Analyze all residential and commercial zoning regulations and revise in an effort to further the process of revitalizing and promoting the redevelopment of areas of Conyers through building aesthetics landscaping, and uses to encourage connectivity and economic development	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning & Inspection Services	2014-2018	Several regulations related to zoning, development, landscaping, connectivity, etc. have been revised. This process will continue.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT						
22	Continue to pursue efforts to establish a Tax Allocation District in Olde Town.	Staff Function	General Fund	City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Finance Director	Continuing	A redevelopment plan has been completed for the implementation of the Tax Allocation District.
23	Attract desirable businesses and industries to Rockdale County through active recruitment efforts and business assistance programs.	Staff Function	General Fund	Chamber; Economic Development Council; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs	Continuing	Created Opportunity Zone in 2011; Work ready program since 2007; Camera ready since 2011
24	Maintain an inventory of vacant industrial and commercial building spaces and market vacant spaces to new users (implement industrial marketing plan.	Staff Function	General Fund	Economic Development Council; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs	Continuing	Maintained by Conyers Rockdale Economic Council
25	Formalize more detailed strategies for the redevelopment of aging and obsolete commercial strip centers.	Staff Function	General Fund	Chamber; Economic Development Council, Inc.; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs; Department of Planning & Inspection Services	2014-2018	As a participant in the 2009 ARC Lifelong Communities, the zoning ordinance is being revised to address this strategy.
26	Continue pursuit of a new technology park area emphasizes office-distribution-technology.	Staff Function	General Fund	Chamber; Economic Development Council, Inc.; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs; Department of Planning & Inspection Services	2014-2018	The trend in the community is changing from manufacturing to office/technology uses. Current ordinances are being revised to address architectural design and uses in pursuit of office/technology type uses.
27	Expand Opportunity to include Ga Hwy 138 and area north of the Conyers Historic District	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning & Inspection Services	2014-2018	

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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT						
28	Monitor housing and neighborhood conditions in Census Tract 603.09.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Code Enforcement is constantly addressing housing code violations and nuisance violations to prevent blight.
29	Propose new architectural standards for single family dwellings.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	2014-2018	
30	Evaluate the need and if necessary implement housing code enforcement programs targeted in Census Tract 603.09.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Currently, there is a need for housing code enforcement to avoid further decline of property values in this area.
LAND USE						
31	Monitor and report on efforts to implement the ACTIPS (2001) (now LCI) study for four activity centers in Conyers.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	The Livable Centers Initiative overlay district regulations were updated in 2013 to further encourage the successful implementation of the Neo-Traditional Urbanism and Smart Growth policies.
32	Monitor the balance of residential and non-residential development in the city by regularly updating the existing land use map.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	There have not been any significant changes in development patterns since 2008, the down turn of the economy. We will continue to monitor the mix of residential and non-residential and modify regulations as needed.
33	Develop a marketing program that can be distributed to Atlanta area developers having prior experience with "smart growth" and LCI type projects.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; Technical assistance ARC; Conyers/Rockdale Economic Dept.	Continuing	Based on the current development activity in the LCI Overlay, the city is receiving more inquiries concerning potential development.
34	Prepare a strategy and regulations to promote residential infill development on lots within the original 1-mile circular limits of the city.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services or Consultant; GIS	Continuing	Revised Mixed Use Development and is currently revising Olde Town Overlay zoning to promote residential infill development.

Project ID	Annually update future land use plan map.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; GIS	Continuing	Required by the City of Conyers Code of Ordinances
35	Description	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source	Responsible Party	Years(s) to be Implemented	Explanation/Comment
36	Prepare New Comprehensive Plan	\$150,000 (Consultant)	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; Consultant	Postponed to 10/31/2018	2013 Short Term Work Program updated instead
37	Prepare amendments to land use regulations after five year comprehensive review	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Land Use regulations currently being reviewed and updated for adoption.
TRANSPORTATION						
38	Participate in preparation of five-year update of Comprehensive Transportation Plan.	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Completed	Update due in 2014.
39	Complete regional and local road and intersection improvements per Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Regional Plans.	Per Adopted Plans	Federal, State, and Local Funding Sources Per Adopted Plans	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	The City is currently Prioritizing which road improvements/intersections should be addressed in the immediate future.
40	Coordinate with Georgia DOT and CSX to secure additional traffic signals and crossing enhancements for those intersections identified in the LCI Plan as posing crossing problems for pedestrian traffic.	Unknown	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation; Consultant	Continuing	Project is in the discussion phase to determine the best alternative.
41	Develop bikeways along Main Street, Oakland Avenue and Sigman Road to link with bikeways planned by Rockdale County.	Per Transportation Plan	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Bike lanes have been completed on Oakland Avenue.
42	Consider implementing the bus shuttle system recommended in the LCI Plan that would provide linkage between the City's four activity centers.	Unknown	To be determined	City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Providing a shuttle for this area is deferred as a long-term program.
43	Continue to monitor studies of the Georgia Department of Transportation with regard to implementing commuter rail.	Staff Function	Staff Function	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Commuter Rail is project is deferred as a long-term program.
44	O'Kelly/Hardin corridor improvements	\$840,000	SPLOST;GDOT	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	2014-2018	Proposed complete street
45	Irwin Bridge Road Revitalization	\$1,200,000	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	2014-2018	Install bike lanes, improve sidewalks and drainage.
46	Railroad Street Widening	\$900,000	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	2014-2018	

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION						
47	Continue to participate in the Intergovernmental Planning Committee	Staff Function	General Fund	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Continuing	Ongoing conversations will continue concerning land use, development and transportation.
48	Monitor plan amendment efforts and continue to comply with all mandates of the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District.	Unknown	General Fund	Dept. of Environmental Services	Continuing	
49	Work with Rockdale County to agree upon a future annexation plan or sphere of influence for the City of Conyers	Staff Function	General Fund	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	As annexations are requested by property owners, the city will notify Rockdale County as required by law.
50	Participate in the Update of the Rockdale County Service Delivery Strategy	Staff Function	General Fund	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Continuing	Will be updated concurrently with Comprehensive Plan
ACTIVITY CENTERS						
51	AC1 Intersection Improvements	\$2,500,000	SPLOST	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Continuing	Concept Plan has been completed for Green St/Scott St/Pine log Rd/Main Street.
52	AC1 Main Street Streetscape Project	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Streetscape project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
53	AC2 Complete Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements.	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
54	AC2 Multi-Use Path/Dinky Trail	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
55	AC3 Complete Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements.	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation & Planning & Inspections	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
56	AC3 Dinky Trail Connections	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
57	AC4 Multi-Use Path/Boar Tusk Greenway	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation & Planning & Inspections	Continuing	Part of this will be constructed by a private developer in 2014.
58	AC4 Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation & Planning & Inspections	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
59	AC1-4 Sidewalk/Crosswalk Improvements.	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.

60	AC1-4 Bikeway Development	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.
61	AC1-4 Signage/Landscaping	Unknown	To be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Postponed	Project deferred as a long term due to lack of funding.