

**City of Forsyth**  
**Short-Term Work Program**

<b>Economic Development Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017</b>				
<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
1. Redevelop Merchants Mall building and establish a local revolving loan fund.	City of Forsyth, Downtown Development Authority (DDA)	\$500,000	DCA Redevelopment Fund	2013-2014
2. Institute a 'Shop at Home' program.	Forsyth Better Hometown (BHT), DDA	TBD	Budget	2013-2017
3. Ensure Grits Café re-opens as an anchor tenant on the Square.	BHT, DDA, Forsyth-Monroe Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), Development Authority (DA)	Staff Time	Budget	2013
4. Develop new commercial and retail and undertake redevelopment activities generally around Tift College, Lee Street and Downtown.	DDA, DA	Staff Time	Budget/Grants/ Private investment	2013-2017
5. Utilize the Camera Ready designation to attract movies, commercials and television shows to locations throughout Monroe County.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth, City of Culloden, Forsyth-Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017

6. Pursue economic diversification, recruit new businesses and encourage entrepreneurial business opportunities.	City of Forsyth, DA, DDA, BHT	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
7. Promote job retention, creation and expansion of established businesses.	City of Forsyth, DA, DDA, BHT	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
8. Promote workforce development opportunities.	City of Forsyth, DA, DDA, BHT	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
9. Seek greater variety of retail and restaurants (cuisine/price range) in downtown Forsyth.	City of Forsyth, DA, DDA, BHT	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
10. Review derelict property ordinance and strengthen enforcement related thereto.	City of Forsyth, DA, DDA, BHT, MGRC	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2017

<b>Housing Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017</b>				
<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
1. Resume regular meetings of the Forsyth Housing Authority.	City of Forsyth, Forsyth Housing Authority	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017
2. Consider participation in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH).	City of Forsyth, Forsyth Housing Authority	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017

3. Develop alternative housing options in downtown Forsyth (i.e. high quality lofts and apartments)	City of Forsyth, Forsyth Housing Authority, BHT, DA	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants/Tax Incentives	2013-2017
4. Promote community involvement through action groups and citizen participation and programs such as Neighborhood Watch and Citizen's Police Academy.	City of Forsyth	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017
5. Focus public assistance/investment in areas requiring infrastructure and housing stock improvements.	City of Forsyth, Forsyth Housing Authority	TBD	CDBG/CHIP/SPLOST	2013-2017
6. Actively pursue the construction of an upscale apartment complex within City limits.	City of Forsyth/Private entities	Staff Time	Budget/Private Funds	2013-2017

<b>Natural &amp; Cultural Resources Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017</b>				
<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
1. Sponsor seasonal special events in Downtown Forsyth (i.e. summer concert series, holiday celebrations, fall festival).	Forsyth BHT; Board of Education (BOE)	TBD	Budget	2013-2017
2. Continue to implement the Façade Grant program in downtown.	City of Forsyth, BHT	\$5,000 - 7,000	Budget	2013-2017

3. Establish a Downtown Signage Grant program.	City of Forsyth, BHT	\$2,000	Budget	2014-2015
4. Promote/undertake downtown building rehabilitation projects (i.e. lofts, office space, and new small business).	City of Forsyth, BHT, DDA	TBD	Budget/Grants/Tax Incentives	2013-2017
5. Designate a local commercial historic district.	City of Forsyth, BHT, Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2015
6. Establish a 'Mainstreet Junior Board' program for High School students	City of Forsyth, BHT, BOE	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2014
7. Nomination individual properties and districts to the National Register of Historic Places	City of Forsyth, BHT, HPC, Monroe County Historical Society	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017
8. Continue to hold and promote the Forsyth Farmer's Market.	BHT, DDA	TBD	Budget	2013-2017
9. Continue active involvement in the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition.	City of Forsyth	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017
10. Continue the redevelopment and revitalization Forsyth's historic commercial downtown and adjacent residential areas (capitalize on existing façade improvement and building rehabilitation programs).	City of Forsyth, BHT, DDA, Private entities	Staff Time/TBD	Budget/Grants/Tax Incentives	2013-2017
11. Market downtown as a heritage tourism destination.	City of Forsyth, Chamber, BHT, DDA	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017

12. Maintain Certified Local Government Status.	City of Forsyth, BHT, HPC	Staff and Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017
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<b>Community Facilities Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017</b>				
<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
1. Make improvements to Lee Street Parking Lot	City of Forsyth, DDA	TBD	Grants	2015
2. Construct Old City Hall Park (adjacent to Welcome Center).	City of Forsyth, BHT, DDA	TBD	Grants	2013-2017
3. Repair and upgrade City Water System, including south interceptor line project and replacement of core water/sewer lines throughout the City.	City of Forsyth	\$3.2 million	SPLOST	2014-2017
4. Purchase new public safety vehicles and upgrade public safety equipment as required to complete the 2013 FCC Narrowbanding mandate.	City of Forsyth	\$470,000	SPLOST	2014-2017
5. Upgrade sewer lines to support the construction of a 79-unit apartment complex in Forsyth.	City of Forsyth	\$1 million	Budget	2013

6. Expand and maintain current website and seek interconnectivity opportunities.	City of Forsyth	TBD	Budget/Grants	2013
7. Promote the downtown commercial area's wireless technology district.	City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
8. Complete and implement a Capital Improvements Master Plan for the entire City of Forsyth.	City of Forsyth	\$3.2 million (plan and infrastructure)	SPLOST/CDBG	2013-2017
9. Complete renovations of Kynette Park.	City of Forsyth	\$83,100	Land and Water Conservation Fund/Budget	2013
10. Implement recommendations from the 2011 Connectivity Study for the City of Forsyth: Parks, Schools and Public Land.	City of Forsyth, BHT, DDA, CVB	TBD	Staff Time	2013-2017
11. Maintain/improve streetscapes and sidewalks throughout Forsyth.	City of Forsyth	TBD	Budget/Grants	2013-2017
12. Complete sidewalk/streetscape improvements along E. Johnson from downtown to Tift College Drive	City of Forsyth	\$3 million (grant)/500,000 (city match)	Budget/Grants	2013-2015
13. Establish GIS system for the City.	City of Forsyth, MGRC	TBD	Budget	2013

14. Expand current water plan and reservoir on Tobesofkee Creek.	City of Forsyth	TBD	TBD	2013-2017
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<b>Land Use Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017</b>				
<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
1. Refresh and update downtown as needed an address City beautification needs (including parks)	City of Forsyth	\$285,000	SPLOST	2014-2017
2. Downtown improvements and city beautification to include continued improvements to all City parks.	City of Forsyth	\$75,000	SPLOST	2014-2017
3. Review and update code of ordinances and city charter to better align with desired future development patterns.	City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2017

<b>Intergovernmental Coordination Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017</b>				
<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
1. Promote coordination and cooperation between governments and organizations.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017

2. Encourage total community involvement.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
3. Capitalize on membership in the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority to further economic development initiatives.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
4. Undertake a cooperative effort between City of Forsyth, Monroe County, Board of Education and Hospital Authority to lower provision of health insurance for employees.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2015

**Transportation Short-Term Work Program  
2013-2017**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>Estimated Completion Time</b>
1. Repair and upgrade streets and roads in the City.	City of Forsyth	\$550,000	SPLOST	2014-2017
2. Upgrade sidewalks, curb and gutter and bury utilities along Railroad Avenue.	City of Forsyth	TBD	SPLOST (2008)	2013
3. Resurface roads (i.e. Frontage Road between Tift College Drive and Highway 42 and Highway 83 West)	City of Forsyth	TBD	TBD	2013-2017
4. Consider alternate travel routes around the City of Forsyth for commercial vehicles.	City of Forsyth, GDOT	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017



**A RESOLUTION  
OF THE CITY OF FORSYTH  
ADOPTING THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, The 1989 Georgia Planning Act requires that all local governments submit a comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Forsyth has determined that a Comprehensive Plan amendment was necessary to address the changing circumstances within the community and to improve the usefulness of the Plan as a guide to local decision-making; and

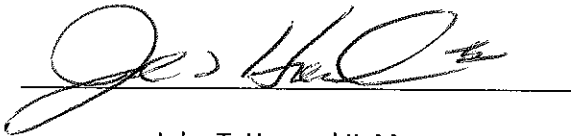
**WHEREAS**, The City of Forsyth has prepared an update to the Short Term Work Program component of the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Short Term Work Program update was prepared in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective March 1, 2014.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forsyth City Council does hereby adopt the updated Short Term Work Program for the City of Forsyth.

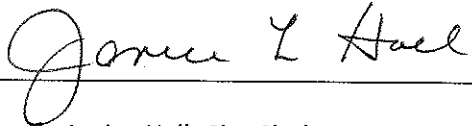
Signed and sealed this 21 day of October 2014.

BY:



John T. Howard II, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice Hall, City Clerk