

CITY OF GROVETOWN – REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2007-2011

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TOPIC: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Objective: Entice a greater number and variety of retail establishments to locate within the municipal limits.

Objective: Ensure that new employment options balance the varying income levels of Grovetown's population by attracting service sector jobs that cater to both higher-paying administrative and professional services and lower-paying service sector jobs (ex. Fast-food, grocery stores, etc.)

A	Create a public/private advisory group to assist city leaders and staff in implementing plan objectives aimed at promoting economic growth.	X					City of Grovetown/ Private Interests	N/A	N/A	Ongoing	Yes
B	Initiate rezonings for additional commercial and office uses.	X	X				City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	No Due to lack of interest and economics	Yes
C	Create an annual marketing document that provides Grovetown development activity information to development interests.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Ongoing	Yes

Objective: Create programs and/or adopt ordinances that that will improve the overall appearance of Grovetown in order to entice investment.

A	Amend land development regulations addressing landscaping.		X				City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Ongoing	Yes
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B	Amend land development regulations to provide for uniform signage standards that reduce visual clutter.		X				City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes	No
C	Adopt standards regulating building materials and site design in the “parkway commercial” and “regional commercial” character areas.					X	City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	No Implementing an advisory board to help in this matter	Yes

TOPIC: HOUSING

Objective: Redevelop deteriorating manufactured housing stock into higher-density and/or mixed use development.

Objective: Focus redevelopment activity in the central portion of Grovetown to promote a more defined town center.

A	Amend the nuisance ordinance to require annual inspection and licensing of vacant and dangerous buildings.		X				City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes Not on an annual basis-address as needed	No
B	Acquire and demolish vacant and dangerous buildings that do not conform to minimum licensing and inspection requirements.			X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Undetermined	CDBG (Via urban revit. strategy)	Ongoing	Yes

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C Form a public/private partnership to redevelop a manufactured housing park tract within the urban redevelopment area (See "Land Use).				X	X	City of Grovetown/ Private Interest	Undetermined	Georgia DCA, USDA	Yes	No

TOPIC: NATURAL RESOURCES

Objective: Protect the quality of drinking water sources (i.e. streams, ponds, lakes, groundwater recharge areas, etc.) from the effects of new development.

Objective: Include a greater proportion of natural landscape into new developments.

Objective: Improve or increase standards that provide community-wide protection to sensitive wetland habitats.

A Develop conservation subdivision standards.			X			City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes	No
B Require local land clearance permits for new development.		X				City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes	No
C Amend land development regulations to require large developments to submit landscaping plans prior to land clearance.			X			City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes	No

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D	Amend land development regulations to increase natural buffers from streams.				X		City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	No City uses current EPD guidelines	No
E	Adopt a tree preservation ordinance.					X	City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	No	Yes
Objective: Incorporate open space in new developments that preserves natural habitat in sensitive environmental areas such as floodplains.											
A	Amend land development regulations to require large residential developments to reserve a percentage of the site as natural greenspace.		X				City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes	No
TOPIC: HISTORIC RESOURCES											
Objective: Promote the preservation of historic structures and Grovetown’s heritage.											
A	Establish a Historic Preservation Commission.	X					City of Grovetown/ Grovetown Museum Board	\$2,500	City	No Limited number of eligible sites	No
B	Apply for “Certified Local Government” status.	X					City of Grovetown Historic Preservation Commission	Staff Time	City	Ongoing	No

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C	Amend the existing (or draft an updated) historic resources survey.		X				City of Grovetown Historic Preservation Commission	\$5,000	CLG Grant	No Limited interest	No
D	Nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.			X	X	X	City of Grovetown Historic Preservation Commission	Undetermined	CLG Grant/City	No Limited interest	No

TOPIC: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Objective: Add investment in public services and facilities that support a city population that is projected to grow rapidly among all age groups.

A	Hire a city administrator.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes	No
B	Accommodate some city building space needs through new construction in the “community resource” character area.		X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Undetermined	City	No Lack of funding	Yes

Objective: Create partnerships to ensure the adequate provision of water and sewer discharge services to the current and future city residents.

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A	Continue working with Augusta-Richmond County and Columbia County to secure the provision of additional water volumes.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown/Augusta-Richmond County/Columbia County	Undetermined	City of Grovetown Richmond County/Columbia County	Ongoing	Yes
B	Secure funding for an additional water storage tank within the municipal limits.				X		City of Grovetown	Undetermined	CDBG, GEFA, USDA	Yes	No
C	Continue working with Augusta-Richmond County and Columbia County to secure agreements to allow for increased sewerage discharge into county systems.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown/Richmond County/Columbia County	Undetermined	City of Grovetown /Augusta-Richmond County/Columbia County	Ongoing	Yes

Objective: Eliminate drainage problems within the city - particularly in areas where there is no curb and gutter along streets.

A	Apply for CDBG funds to convert city streets located within center city character areas from open ditch segments to curb and gutter (As part of overall revitalization efforts in these areas. See "Housing").			X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Undetermined	CDBG (Via urban revit. strategy)	Ongoing	Yes
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B Apply for TE funds to convert high volume city streets within the “center city” character area from open ditch segments to curb and gutter as part of overall downtown street enhancements (See “Transportation”).		X		X		City of Grovetown/ Georgia DOT	Undetermined	TE/Local Revenue	Ongoing	Yes
Objective: Incorporate active recreation areas into new developments.										
C Amend land development regulations to require new large residential developments to include active recreation areas.	X					City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Ongoing	Yes

TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION

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A Apply for funding for the redesign and enhancement of segments of Robinson Avenue located in the “Grovetown City Center” character area, to an urban form (After identifying preferred street design objectives as part of an urban redevelopment plan (See “Land Use”)).			X	X	X	City of Grovetown/ Georgia DOT	Undetermined	TE/Local Revenue	No Lack of funding	Yes
B Establish a “community improvement district” to provide local matching funds for center city street enhancements (After identifying preferred street design objectives as part of a center city district plan (See “Land Use”)).				X	X	City of Grovetown	Undetermined	Local Revenue	Ongoing	Yes
Objective: Increase pedestrian and bicycle safety and access to all portions of the city.										
A Prepare and implement the recommendations of a “Safe Routes to School” plan.	X	X	X	X	X	CSRA Regional Development Center	\$5000	GaDOT/ CSRA RDC	Ongoing	Yes

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B	Construct sidewalks along Harlem-Grovetown Road and within Sylvester Heights.	X					City of Grovetown	Undetermined	CDBG	No Lack of funding	Yes
C	Continue the extension of the Euclaw Creek Greenway Trail system.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown/ Georgia DOT	Undetermined	TE/City/ Recreation and Trail Grant program	Yes	No
D	Amend land development regulations to require walkway access between new developments and adjacent greenways, schools, parks and other public facilities.	X					City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Yes	No
E	Identify locations for future greenway expansions extending from the Euclaw Creek Greenway through "open space corridor" character areas.		X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown/ Columbia County	Staff Time	Georgia land conservati on grant	Ongoing	Yes
F	Amend land development regulations to increase sidewalk width and the distance between sidewalks and the back of street curb.		X				City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	No Council rescinded sidewalk ordinance	No

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G	Amend land development regulations to require the provision of greenway trail easements when new development is occurring in identified greenway corridors.			X			City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Ongoing	Yes
H	Amend land development regulations to require new residential and non-residential development to provide sidewalks along the frontage of existing streets.				X		City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	No Council rescinded sidewalk ordinance	No
Objective: Promote greater interconnectivity between streets and developments to reduce dependency on existing major highways.											
A	Work with local, regional and state organizations to develop a Major Thoroughfare Plan to identify the location of future arterial and collector streets in the Grovetown vicinity and allow for right-of-way reservation during development review.		X	X	X		City of Grovetown/ Columbia County/ARTS/ Georgia DOT	\$20,000	City/ARTS	Ongoing	Yes
B	Amend land development regulations to allow for the provision of street stubs to the property line where	X					City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	No Lack of feasibility	No

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adjacent to undeveloped tracts.										
C Amend land development regulations creating a local street hierarchy and developing local design standards for varying types of local and collector streets.			X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	Ongoing	Yes
TOPIC: LAND USE										
Objective: Create a downtown district.										
A Prepare an urban redevelopment plan for “Grovetown city center” character area and the “center city transitional” and “residential infill” character areas.	X	X				City of Grovetown/ Private Consultant	\$30,000	City, Georgia DCA	Ongoing	Yes
B Develop design standards that can be applied to city acquired redevelopment parcels; and, added to zoning regulations.			X			City of Grovetown/ Private Consultant	\$20,000	City/Georgia DCA	No Lack of funding	Yes

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C	Relocate some city functions such as Fire Station #2 and the Senior Center from their current locations in the "Grovetown City Center" character area.			X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Undetermined	Local Revenue	No Lack of funding	Yes
D	Implement a "pilot" building project in downtown utilizing urban design guidelines; and, by partnering with a private interest to redevelop vacant city parcels within the "Grovetown City Center" character area.				X	X	City of Grovetown/ Private Interest	Undetermined	Private Funds.	Ongoing	Yes

Updated Short-Term Work Program 2011-2015

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C	Create an annual marketing document that provides Grovetown development activity information to development interests.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City
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A.	Continue working with Augusta-Richmond County and Columbia County to secure the provision of additional water volumes.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown/Augusta-Richmond County/Columbia County	Undetermined	City of Grovetown/Augusta-Richmond County/ Columbia County	
B.	Continue working with Augusta-Richmond County and Columbia County to secure agreements to allow for increased sewerage discharge into county systems.	X	X	X	X	X	City of Grovetown/Augusta-Richmond County/Columbia County	Undetermined	City of Grovetown/Augusta-Richmond County/ Columbia County	
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B.	Amend land development regulations creating a local street hierarchy and develop design standards for varying types of streets.			X	X	X	City of Grovetown	Staff Time	City	

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