

**CITY OF HELEN
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2011**

REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

| CITY DEPARTMENT | ITEM DESCRIPTION | PROJECT ACCOMPLISHED | CURRENTLY UNDERTAKEN | PROJECT POSTPONED | NO LONGER CITY PROJECT |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Administrative | Install new vault and valves for the connection to White County Water Authority | X | | | |
| Administrative Water Department | Develop and implement a water valve replacement program | X | | | |
| Administrative | Reconstruction of wastewater spray fields | X | | | |
| Administrative | Install additional wells to support limited water resources | | | Project has been postponed after two attempts to obtain a usable well | |
| Administrative Water & Sewer Dept. | Perform infiltration study on sewer system | X | | | |
| Administrative | Replacement of water tank on Fussen Strasse | | X | | |

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| Administrative Water Dept. | Replacement of booster pump station for Innsbruck to ensure proper supply | X | | | |
| Administrative Public Works Dept. | Construction of walking bridge on main street | X | | | |
| Administrative Public Works Dept. | Continue development of Riverside Park for local citizens, tourist and special events | | | Limited SPLOST revenues for project. Will apply for grant assistance | |
| Administrative Public Works Dept. | Improvements to Unicoi (Pete's Park) and Riverside Park to include additional playground equipment and picnic areas | | | Limited SPLOST revenues for project. Will apply for grant assistance | |
| Police Depart and Fire Department | Continue Community Programs through Police and Fire departments | | X | Ongoing project | |

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| Administrative | Improving water and wastewater management through training and State certification of additional operators | | X | Ongoing program | |
| Administrative and Public Works Dept. | Widen, Reconstruct, Pave, and resurface streets | | X | Ongoing program | |
| Administrative and Water/wastewater Dept. | Extension and improvements of sewer lines | | X | | |
| Administrative and Public Works Dept. | Sidewalk additions and replacement | | X | Ongoing project | |
| Administrative | Prepare, adopt and implement a new land development ordinance | | X | | |

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| Administrative and Public Works Dept. | Establish drainage system for Island area | | X | Currently purchasing or exchanging property for project | |
| Administrative | Purchasing additional property for parking and street development of the Island Area | | X | Currently purchasing or exchanging property for the project | |
| Administrative and Public Works Dept. | Continue to participate in the Tree City USA program, Improve Tree Ordinance and celebrate Arbor Day | | X | Ongoing Program | |
| Administrative and Public Works Dept. | Continue the planting of trees due to tornado | | X | Ongoing program with over 600 trees planted at this time | |
| Administrative and Public Works Dept. | Use available areas for additional planting and landscaping | | X | Ongoing program | |

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| Administrative and Building/Zoning | Enforce Soil Erosion and Sedimentation including “trout stream” through land disturbing permits and continuing education | | X | Ongoing program | |
| Administrative | Allocate percentage of Hotel/Motel tax for the promotion of tourism | | X | Ongoing program | |
| Administrative and Public Works dept. | Install additional street lights and replacement of existing street lights | | X | Ongoing program | |
| Administrative | Continue to provide building and revenue for the Helen Library | | X | Ongoing program | |

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SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM

| PLAN ELEMENT | DESCRIPTION | FY11 | FY12 | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | Estimated Cost; Dept. Responsible | POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE(S) |
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| Community Facilities and Services | Remove existing walkway and install new pedestrain bridge on main street | | | X | X | | \$375,000.00 Administrative and Public Works | SPLOST, Grants |
| Community Facilities and Services | Continue development of Riverside Park for local citizens, tourist and Special Events | | X | | | X | \$170,000.00 Administrative and Public Works | DCA Grant, General Fund and SPLOST |
| Community Facilities and Services | Improvements to Unicoi (Pete's) park and Riverside Park to include additional playground equipment and picnic areas. | X | X | X | X | X | \$120,000.00 Public Works | DCA Grant, SPLOST, General Fund |
| Community Facilities and Services | Continue Community programs through the Police and Fire Departments | X | X | X | X | X | \$12,000.00 Police & Fire Dept | Donations and General Fund |
| Community Facilities and Services | Improving water and wastewater management through training and State Certification of additional operations | X | X | X | X | X | \$6,000.00 Administrative and Water/Sewer Dept. | Water and Sewer Fund |
| Community Facilities and Services | Construct pedestrian walk bridge at Riverside Park | | | | X | X | \$275,000.00 Admistrative and Public Works | SPLOST and Grants |

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| Community Facilities and Services | Install additional wells to support limited water resources | X | X | X | X | X | \$220,000.00 Administrative | Water and Sewer funds State Grants and GEFA Loans |
| Community Facilities and Services | Extention and Improvements of Sewer Lines | X | X | X | X | X | \$320,000.00 Administrative | SPLOST, User Fees and State Grants |
| Community Facilities and Services | Sidewalk additions and Replacement | | X | X | X | X | \$180,000.00 Administative | SPLOST, DCA Grant |
| Community Facilities and Services | Prepare, Adopt and Implement a new Land Development Ordinance. | | X | X | X | | \$15,000.00 Adminstrative | General Fund |
| Community Facilities and Services | Replace or rehabilitate water tank on Fussen strasse | X | X | | | | \$900,000.00 Adminsitative Water Wastewater Department | DCA Grant Funding, SPLOST, GEFA Loan and User Fees. |

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| Community Facilities and Services | Establish drainage system for Island area | | X | X | X | | \$50,000.00 Administrative | SPLOST, Grants, General Fund |
| Community Facilities and Services | Continue to provide building and revenue for the Helen Library | X | X | X | X | X | \$200,000.00 Public Works Department and Administrative | General Fund, Grants |
| Community Facilities and Services | Purchase additional property for parking and street development of the "Island Area" | | X | X | X | X | \$150,000 Administrative | SPLOST, General Fund and Grants |
| Natural Resources | Continue to participate in the Tree City USA program, Improve Tree Ordinance, and Celebrate Arbor Day | X | X | X | X | X | \$35,000.00 Administrative, Public Works Department, Tree Board | General Fund, Grants |
| Natural Resources | Continue the planting of trees due to tornado | X | X | X | X | X | \$50,000.00 Administrative Public Works Department, Tree Board | Donations, Grants, General Fund |

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| Natural Resources | Use available areas for additional planting and landscaping | X | X | X | X | X | \$60,000.00 Adminisitrative Public Works Department | SPLOST, Grants, General Fund |
| Natural Resources | Enforce Soil Erosion and Sedimentation including "trout stream" through land disturbing permits and continuing education | X | X | X | X | X | Minimal Building & Zoning | General fund |
| Economic Development | Allocate Percentage of Hotel/Motel tax for the promotion of Tourism | X | X | X | X | X | \$1,300,000.00 Administrative | Hotel/Motel Tax |
| Community Facilities and Services | Install additional street lights and replacement of existing street lights | X | X | X | X | X | \$100,000.00 Public Works Department | SPLOST State Grants |
| Community Facilities and Services | Improving conservation of water usage through public education | X | X | X | X | X | \$10,000.00 Water Department | Water and Sewer user fees |

RESOLUTION 11-04-02

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) UPDATE TO THE CITY OF HELEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the previously adopted City of Helen Comprehensive Plan requires a five year Short-Term Work Program update to be in compliance with the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning;

AND WHEREAS, The City of Helen and White County has held a public hearing to brief the community on the contents of the plan, provided an opportunity for residents to make suggestions, additions or revisions, notice of such hearing being advertised in The White County News/Telegraph, a newspaper of general circulation in the county in accordance with the county's public notification procedures;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Helen's, Resolution No. 11-05-01, the plan update to the City of Helen Comprehensive Plan was transmitted to the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission for review, comment recommendation and transmittal to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review and approval;

AND WHEREAS, The Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed and approved said STWP update as meeting minimum standards and procedures;

AND WHEREAS, The City of Helen's extension of its Qualified Local Government (QLG) status is contingent upon official adoption of the updated STWP for the county comprehensive plan meeting state minimum planning standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Helen Commissioners that the plan is hereby adopted as an update to the City of Helen Comprehensive Plan.

SO RESOLVED, this 5th day of April, 2011.

**CITY OF HELEN, MAYOR
AND COMMISSIONERS**

By: Helen Wilkins
Helen Wilkins, Mayor

Greg Ash
Greg Ash, Commissioner

Dona K. Burke
Dona K. Burke, Commissioner

Judy Holloway
Judy Holloway, Commissioner

Lynn Whitener
Lynn Whitener, Commissioner

ATTEST: Kimberly A. Smith
Kimberly A. Smith, City Clerk

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