

Jones County & City of Gray

**2022 Joint Comprehensive Plan &
Capital Improvements Element**

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Overview of Planning Process

The 2022 Jones County Joint Comprehensive Plan has been created in compliance with the 2018 Planning Regulations from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This is an update to the 2017 Joint Comprehensive Plan for Jones County and the City of Gray. The document was adopted on June 28, 2022. This plan will serve as a guide for both local governments over the next 20 years and as a useful tool to promote and maintain future growth and improve the quality of life for all residents. The updated plan takes innovative approaches to capitalize on opportunities within the county and to address issues within the topic areas of economic development, housing, public safety and health, public buildings and utilities, transportation, natural resources and recreation, cultural and historic resources, education, broadband, and local government collaboration. Stakeholders developed a list of goals, needs, and opportunities, and a five-year work program listing specific projects to be undertaken. The plan also details Jones County's future land use to assist in guiding community development. This document also satisfies the requirements for the county's Capital Improvements Element (CIE).

Public Hearings and Citizen Engagement

To begin the plan update process, staff from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) met with each local government during a regularly scheduled public meeting. Community leadership was informed of the comprehensive planning requirements and the timeline for the update. The County Commission and City Council were also briefed on the required and optional planning elements. This was also an opportunity for members of the public to express any issues that should be focus areas for the updated comprehensive plan. MGRC staff worked with local officials to develop a list of stakeholders that would be invited to serve as a steering committee to guide the planning process. This group included elected officials, government staff, members of the business community, local advocates, educational representatives, economic development practitioners, and citizens.

MGRC staff also worked with the City of Gray and Jones County to launch an online survey to gather additional public feedback and encourage engagement in the comprehensive plan. This survey was launched at the initial public hearing for the plan. A total of 49 responses to the survey were received. Trends from the survey results were presented at stakeholder meetings and were used to guide discussion and prioritization. As a part of the survey, respondents were prompted to join a mailing list for plan stakeholders to stay informed of progress and receive invites to in-depth stakeholder meetings.

The planning process formally began on November 12, 2021, with the first required public hearing. At the kickoff public hearing for the plan, MGRC staff reiterated the value of public input and solicited members of the public to attend stakeholder meetings. The kickoff public hearing consisted of rich discussion and was well attended.

Steering committee meetings on specific topics were held from January through April, culminating in 15 total meetings, as documented in Appendix C and Appendix D. At each meeting, progress updates were given by MGRC staff, and discussion occurred about various elements of the plan. For each in-depth topic, MGRC staff led community members through a guided SWOT process of reviewing pertinent data, discussing community strengths and weaknesses, and determining the clear areas of need or opportunity. These meetings were publicized to the community and were also open to the public. Following these meetings, MGRC staff met individually with each local government to develop

their community work program, based on the goals, needs, and opportunities that were developed during the previous sessions. A list of meetings and topics is listed below in Table 1.

Table 1: Plan Update Schedule

Meeting	Topic	Date
1	Kickoff Public Hearing – Vision and Plan Overview	11/12/2021
2	Steering Committee: Housing	1/5/2022
3	Steering Committee: Cultural and Historic Resources	1/5/2022
4	Steering Committee: Natural Resources and Recreation	1/19/2022
5	Steering Committee: Broadband	1/19/2022
6	Steering Committee: Economic Development	2/3/2022
7	Steering Committee: Education	2/3/2022
8	Steering Committee: Public Buildings and Utilities	2/9/2022
9	Steering Committee: Local Government Collaboration	2/9/2022
10	Steering Committee: Transportation	2/17/2022
11	Steering Committee: Public Health and Safety	2/17/2022
12	Steering Committee: Land Use	2/22/2022
13	City of Gray – Community Work Program (CWP)	3/21/2022
14	Jones County Steering Committee Interviews – CWP	4/5/2022 – 4/7/2022
15	Final Public Hearing – Final Review	4/19/2022

A preliminary draft of the plan was presented at the second required public hearing held on April 19, 2022. This public hearing also included information relevant to the annual financial report for the Jones County Capital Improvements Element. All documentation of the public hearings can be found in Appendix C. Comments received during the hearing were incorporated into the plan.

A list of all stakeholders who participated in the process of drafting the Comprehensive Plan is included in Table 2 below and continues into the following page. Staff from the Middle Georgia Regional Commission owe a debt of gratitude to these individuals who took the time to share their input for the future of Jones County and the City of Gray. This effort has been crucial for ensuring a successful planning process. In addition to the participating individuals below, all city and county elected officials in office at the time the planning process began were invited to attend all meetings and review the final document.

Table 2: Steering Committee Participants

Name	Title	Organization
Local Elected Officials ++++++		
Chris Weidner	Chair	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Sam Kitchens	Vice-Chair	Jones County Board of Commissioners
John Wood	Commissioner	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Ed Barbee	Mayor	City of Gray
James Collins	Mayor Pro Tem	City of Gray
David Tufts	Councilmember	City of Gray
Terrell Fulford	Councilmember	City of Gray
Terry Favors	Councilmember	City of Gray
Ginger Bailey	Chair	Jones County Board of Education
Nancy Nash	Vice-Chair	Jones County Board of Education
Alfred Pitts	Board Member	Jones County Board of Education

Table 2 (continued): Steering Committee Participants

Name	Title	Organization
Local Government Staff ++++++		
Jason Rizner	County Administrator	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Tim Pitrowski	Planning & Zoning Director	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Tim Ingram	County Engineer	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Bert Rosenberger	Recreation Director	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Brandon Stark	Water Superintendent	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Don Graham	EMA Director	Jones County Board of Commissioners
Cindy Yancey	City Clerk	City of Gray
John Newberry	City Attorney	City of Gray
Adam Lowe	Police Chief	City of Gray
Frank Ross	Public Works Superintendent	City of Gray
Cheyenne Morgan	Assistant PW Superintendent	City of Gray
John Keith Eisele	Fire Chief	Gray Fire Department
Heather Johnson	Fire Prevention Coordinator	Gray Fire Department
Mark Husted	Sergeant	Gray Fire Department
Charles Lundy	Superintendent	Jones County Board of Education
Laura Rackley	Executive Director of CTAE/ Board Chair	Jones County Board of Education Jones County Development Authority
Vivian Pitts	Bookkeeper	Jones County Board of Education
Haley Watson	Executive Director	Jones County Development Authority
Ray Shell	Executive VP of Operations	Macon Water Authority
General Public Stakeholders and Appointed Board Members ++++++		
Debbie Lurie-Smith	Editor	Jones County News
Cliff Bowen	Board Member	Historic Preservation Commission
David Mitchell	Executive Director	Atlanta Preservation Center
Donald Black	Chair	Gray/Jones County Housing Team
Earlene Hamilton	President / Board Member	Old Clinton Historical Society P&Z Board + Historic Preservation Comm.
Greg Mullis	VP of Economic Development	Tri-County EMC
Jason McSwain	Board Member	Historic Preservation Commission
Joy Carr	Executive Director	Jones County Family Connection
Milton Appling	Board Member	Planning & Zoning Board
Shana Backus	Program Coordinator	Operation Early Intervention
Tracy McSwain	Board Member	Historic Preservation Commission
Vickie Bilderback	Executive Director	Keep Jones Beautiful
Bonnie Duke	Committee Member	Jones County Veterans Committee
Frank Duke	Chair Board Member	Jones County Blight Committee Library Board of Trustees
Deloras Moon	Citizen	Former Board of Education Member
Bob Moon	Citizen	
Jay Nelson	Citizen	
Julia Simpson	Citizen	
Jimmy Simpson	Citizen	



Photo 1: The Steering Committee meets to discuss education on February 3, 2022

Community Vision Statement

Building upon the community vision that was developed during the 2017 Comprehensive Plan, the community stakeholders were asked which words and ideas from that statement best reflected their wishes for the community. Attendees at the first steering committee meeting were also invited to envision future newspaper headlines that they would like to see within the community. Taking these thoughts into consideration, the 2017 Vision Statement was updated to the new statement, as seen below. The new statement adds more depth and clarity to the community's vision. Meanwhile, the second sentence is more easily marketable.

Jones County and the City of Gray will be a clean, beautiful, and connected community. We will take care of the resources we have, both natural and manmade, and will nurture our hometown atmosphere while investing in new growth and development to ensure fiscal sustainability.

Jones County and Gray will be a vibrant community, recognized as the best place to live in Georgia—highlighted by academic excellence, unparalleled health and safety, and premier opportunities for leisure and recreation.



Photo 2: Liberty Park is one of the many resources making Jones County a premier destination for outdoor recreation.

Economic Development

Goal



Have a full industrial park and a lively and active downtown that maintains a charming, small-town feel.

Needs and Opportunities

1) The community should market its tourism potential to support the local economy.

There are many tourism opportunities within the City of Gray and Jones County. The unincorporated portion of the county has several niche tourist attractions that appeal to outdoor enthusiasts and history preservation devotees that could be marketed in a creative or efficient method to garner a greater share of the state's tourism dollars. The Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest consists of two forests, over 850,000 acres of forested land, across 26 Georgia counties. The Oconee National Forest is located in Middle Georgia, with portions in Jones County. The forest, especially the Miller Creek Lake Recreation Area, is ideal for outdoor activities such as fishing, canoeing, hiking, and picnicking. Also adjacent to the Oconee National Forest are the Hitchiti Experimental Forest and the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, which contains hunting and fishing opportunities.

The Jarrell Plantation State Historic Site, near East Juliette, and the Old Clinton Historic District, located adjacent to the City of Gray, provide opportunities for tourists interested in history and the outdoors. Both provide unique opportunities for exploring the past, as both sites are located along Georgia's Antebellum Trail. The Jarell Plantation allows tourists a walk through an 1850s cotton plantation. Meanwhile, the Old Clinton Historic District, placed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a once-thriving economic hub of western expansion that still has many structures intact. Additionally, recent research into Old Clinton has opened a window into the deeper narrative of early African American enslaved persons and freedmen – a find that is bound to pique the interest of scholars, researchers, and history buffs interested in African American history and early civil rights. The City of Gray provides opportunities for tourism through offerings within its historic downtown. For example, Treasures by the Tracks Café, a small antique store with a café, is within walking distance

to the Main Street Station, a gas station on the old Atlanta Road, which has been restored to its original 1950s design and now houses the Gray Welcome Center. Next to the welcome center is an Otis Redding monument for the late Rhythm and Blues singer's adopted hometown and site of his famous Big O Ranch.



Photo 3: Main Street Station in downtown Gray

Much has been done to market tourism opportunities within Old Clinton and Main Street Gray. For instance, the Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce, located on West Clinton Street and within walking distance of downtown sites, provides the traditional rack cards and brochures within their office and can direct visitors to interesting locales. The Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Gray, and the Old Clinton Historical Society have separate websites promoting attractions and events but none are site-specific to tourism encompassing the entire county, including outdoor recreation within the national forest. The Georgia Department of Economic Development's "Explore Georgia" provides limited information on Gray and Jones County on the website; however, the annual publication, available online and in print form, does not include Gray and Jones County attractions in the Central Georgia section of the publication nor any advertisements. The primary social media platform in use is Facebook, which although popular, has limited scope. The centralized tourism marketing should include other venues such as Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee expressed that more concerted centralized efforts to promote the tourist options through branding, social media, magazines, websites, and signage placement are needed to continue to ensure Gray and Jones County is a tourist destination.

2) The City of Gray needs to focus on the appearance and character of downtown.

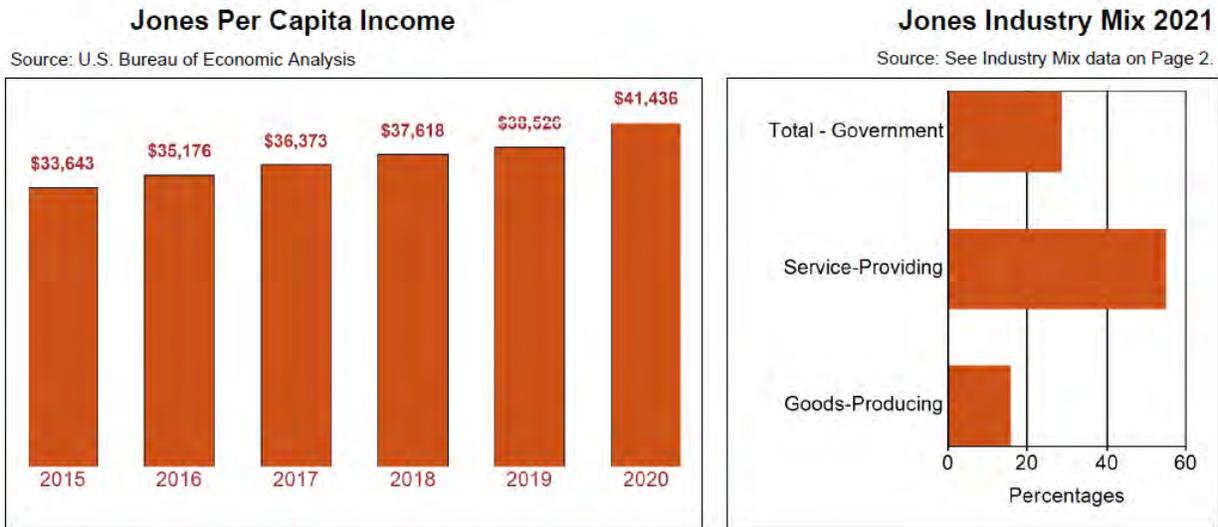
In addition to marketing downtown Gray as a tourist attraction, the City of Gray needs to develop the character of downtown. The vision of the Main Street Gray "is to promote the continued development of Downtown Gray, Georgia, as a strong economic engine for Jones County, while preserving the historical integrity and small-town character of the city." The downtown district of Gray includes the historic district where design guidelines are in place; however, the district also encompasses almost the entire length of U.S. Highway 129, Gray Highway, from the city limits to the historic district. This stretch of highway is an entrance corridor into the historic district and certain improvements in developing the character of downtown will create a more focused appearance. The Steering Committee discussed developing a "town green" containing an amphitheater featuring a connected sidewalk throughout downtown for walkability with shade and benches along the walk. This increases the small-town charm alluded to in the Main Street Gray vision while providing a focal point to attract residents and visitors to the central historic downtown area. Mixed-use development and ordinances that preserve historic structures are two additional tools that may be beneficial for the downtown area as the city continues to work on implementing its downtown master plan.



Photo 4: Butler Hall in downtown Gray is a flagship redevelopment project of the Downtown Development Authority. The event center is also a great example of adaptive reuse for a historic structure.

3) Need to focus industrial recruitment on higher-paying manufacturing jobs.

According to the February 2022 Georgia Area Labor Profile for Jones County published by the Georgia Department of Labor, the top 10 largest employers consisted primarily of contractors (road and utilities), an electric membership cooperative, a supermarket, and various healthcare and rehabilitation services. Almost 60 percent of the workforce within Jones County are employed in the service-producing industry and per capita income in 2020 was just \$41,436 with the service industry only enjoying an average yearly salary of \$36,660.



Although, according to the 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the poverty rate (11.6%) is less than the Georgia rate of 14.3 percent, it still means that over 3,000 residents live below the poverty line. The service-producing industry is a valuable portion of the labor pool and provides many of the tasks necessary for a balanced economy. For instance, it sustains the tourist and food service industry. However, manufacturing jobs, i.e., goods-producing, typically pay more than service sector jobs. The majority of manufacturers are small businesses, according to the National Association of Manufacturers, but the average wage nationwide is around \$90,000 annually, including benefits. Additionally, many of those positions include benefits.²¹ Establishing a more balance workforce within Jones County should aid in increasing the per capita income and further reducing the poverty rate. Therefore, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee recognized the need for recruiting more high-paying manufacturing jobs located in Jones County.

4) The Griswoldville Industrial Park is largely unoccupied; therefore, the marketability of the industrial park needs to be enhanced.

The City of Gray and Jones County focuses their combined industrial recruitment through the Jones County Development Authority. Due to the county’s location along or near major corridors, the focus of recruitment has been on three areas: aerospace, automotive, and warehouse and distribution. The community has a large amount of land available, which could easily support large-scale manufacturers in any of these industries. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee also suggested that the firearm industry, which has recently relocated two large manufacturing plants to South and West Georgia, may potentially be a good fit for the community also.

¹ Information from the [National Association of Manufacturers](#)

The primary focus for industrial development is the Griswoldville Industrial Park, a 956-acre tract, located in southern Jones County connecting to the Fall Line Freeway, a major east-west corridor connecting Jones County to Augusta, I-16 in Macon, and Columbus. The industrial park is currently undergoing a GRAD (Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development) certification process. Water and sewer capacity is planned with sewer currently being the highest priority for proposed line extensions. The site is also serviced by Norfolk Southern Railroad and currently has only one industrial tenant and a fire station. Therefore, the marketing of the industrial park should be enhanced through further branding, development of marketing materials, and reaching out to third-party firms for direct marketing to industrial prospects, as well as the usual state channels. Finally, completing the GRAD certification will also enhance the site's marketability.



Photo 5: The entrance sign to the Griswoldville Industrial Park

Housing

Goals



Jones County will effectively support and educate residents in homeownership, housing rehabilitation, and the reduction of blight.



In so doing, Jones County will be able to meet the diverse housing needs of its residents.

Needs and Opportunities

- 1) Affordable housing opportunities need to be developed for individuals that work in Jones County, especially within the service industry, for them to reside within the county.

According to the 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, almost 68 percent of Jones County residents work outside the county. Conversely, the Georgia Labor Market Explorer documented that in 2010 over 4,500 employees commuted into Jones County each day for work.¹² Jones County would like to create opportunities for those commuters to become residents of the county in which they work by encouraging developers to build affordable starter homes and rental units – both market-rate and workforce, of various types – single-family, duplex, townhomes, and apartments – as they fit into the character of each neighborhood considered for development.

According to the 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, only 211 new homes were constructed between 2014 and 2020. These housing units are not enough to house those commuting into Jones County if they wished to relocate to the county in which they are employed. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) is the only program nationwide that currently provides funding for the new construction or rehabilitation of affordable workforce housing and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) coordinates the annual competition for housing tax credits within the state. Dulles Park II, LP applied for housing tax credits in 2018 and 2020 for the funding of a new 48-unit apartment complex for older adults. However, the housing tax credit applications did not score high enough for funding during either round. The most recent housing tax credit property placed in service was Water Tower Park Senior Village which was awarded tax credits during the 2014 application round. To mitigate the lack of affordable housing options, Jones County and the City of Gray will encourage developers to utilize all legitimate avenues available to construct a variety of affordable starter homes and rental units.



Photo 6: The newest senior housing complex in Jones County, dating back to 2014.

² Data obtained from [Georgia Department of Labor](https://www.ga.gov/georgia-department-of-labor)

Housing affordability is generally defined as when an individual or family pays no more than 30 percent of their income toward housing expenses. A family paying more than that is considered to be cost-burdened. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee recognized that the term “affordable housing” has gathered a negative connotation and has been subject to push back from community members who effectively say, “Not in my backyard.” Therefore, the Steering Committee agreed the common misunderstandings of affordable housing must be dispelled through community education.

The Gray-Jones County Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) housing team is a certified alum of the state-wide initiative. The GICH team, whose membership includes a variety of stakeholders from various aspects of the community, has a unique opportunity to provide this educational component to the community on the benefits gained from providing affordable housing, the diverse types of housing available, and how affordable housing can and should be expected to meet standards of quality.



2) Provide educational opportunities for residents on housing.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee understands that not only is an educational component needed for the general understanding of the concept of affordable housing, residents of Jones County and the City of Gray, like many communities, are simply unaware of the opportunities available and requirements for participation. Housing counseling, rental assistance, homeownership programs, clearing title to avoid heir-property issues, and fair housing were brought up as issues during the steering sessions. Fortunately, the community is a certified Georgia Initiative (GICH) for Community Housing alum and, as such, is required to meet specific requirements by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). The development of a community housing plan is one requirement, and one of the projects undertaken is housing education with the goal of educating the public about available programs that meet each of those issues.

3) Tackle blight in the community by leveraging the city and county resources toward addressing property conditions.

According to the 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, Jones County has 10,914 occupied housing units. Most homes were built between 1960 and 2009, with 41 percent built between 1980 and 1999, meaning that much of the housing stock is over 50 years old (see chart).

Table 3: Housing Stock by Construction Year

<i>Year Constructed</i>	<i>Jones County</i>	<i>Gray</i>
2014 or later	211	73
2010 to 2013	293	66
2000 to 2009	2,795	398
1980 to 1999	4,570	256
1960 to 1979	2,181	301
1940 to 1959	459	73
1939 or earlier	405	23
Total	10,914	1,190

American Community Survey 2020 5-Year Estimate

Of the 10,914 occupied units located in unincorporated Jones County, 22 lack complete plumbing facilities, and 19 lack complete kitchen facilities. From 2016 to 2019, Jones County and the City of Gray were successful in applying for and receiving funding from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to rehabilitate or reconstruct owner-occupied homes. DCA awarded Jones County \$306,000 in 2016 and \$300,000 in 2019 in Community HOME Investment Partnership (CHIP) funds for owner-occupied home rehabilitation. In 2016, DCA awarded the City of Gray \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Neighborhood Revitalization, part of which was aimed at the rehabilitation or reconstruction of 10 owner-occupied housing units. After a brief hiatus, the City of Gray was once again successful in applying for CHIP funding in 2022. The city's project is expected to rehabilitate 8 homes using \$400,000 in grant funds.

Pockets of dilapidated housing still exist; however, opportunities also exist for the city, county, and nonprofit organizations to apply for funding to alleviate it through state and federal programs like CHIP and CDBG. Additionally, the city and county can address blight and litter through code enforcement and by continuing to work with the Jones County Blight Committee which provided recommendations to the Jones County Board of Commissioners, including the revision of the Nuisance and Blight Ordinance. Finally, enhancing coordination with the Gray-Jones County GICH team presents a key opportunity for the city and county to alleviate blight. The team has designated both homeowner rehabilitation and blight reduction as projects to be undertaken within the next five years and can be utilized to communicate information about the USDA-Rural Development Section 504 loan and grant program for home repairs to homeowners and assist with the application process.

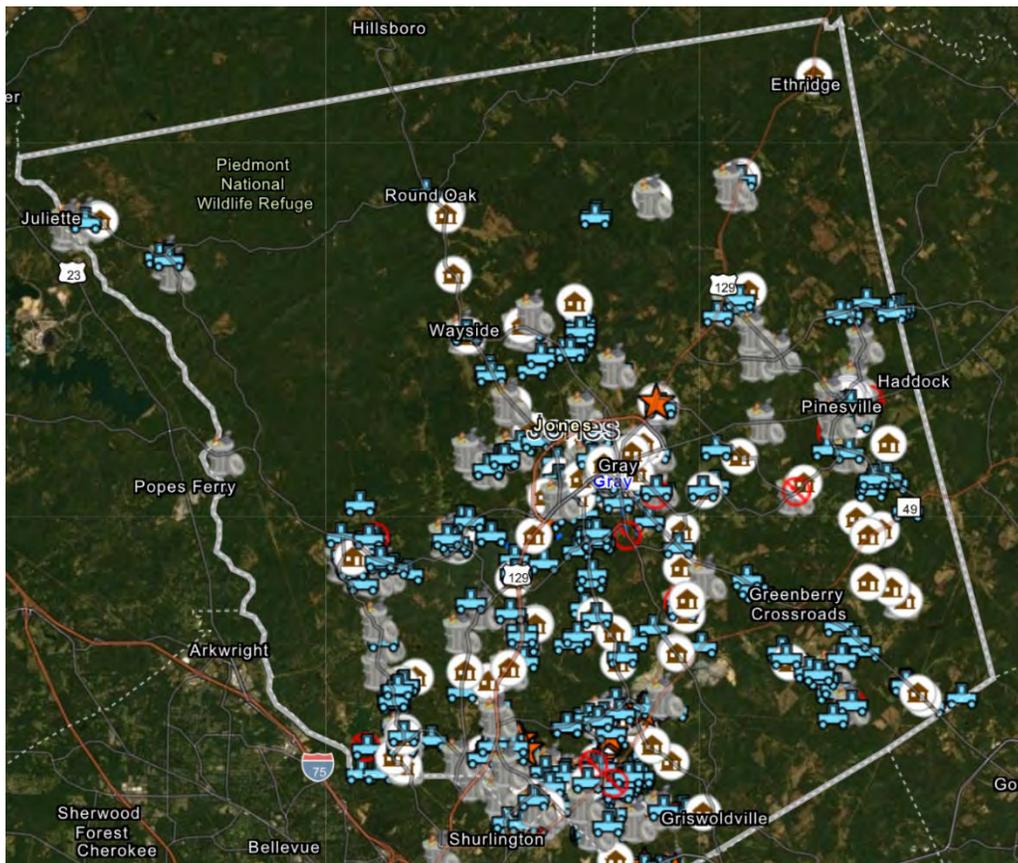


Photo 7: In 2020, members of the Jones County Blight Committee worked on surveying the conditions of litter, junk cars, and distressed properties across the county.

Public Safety and Health

Goals



Maintain the safety of the community for residents and visitors while working to reduce insurance costs for residents.



Maintain the quality of health outcomes in the community while improving the responsiveness of health services.

Needs and Opportunities

1) Increase the recruitment and retention rates of public safety employees.

The inability to recruit and retain public safety employees is a nationwide problem. Jones County is not immune to this challenge. According to a 2010 publication from the RAND Center on Quality Policing³, several trends over the years have reduced the ranks of law enforcement. The contributing factors included the retirement of baby-boomer-generation officers, the generational preferences of younger people entering the workforce, budgeting issues lingering from the 2008-2009 recession, and military call-ups during ongoing conflicts worldwide. Additionally, the study points to a decreased applicant pool due somewhat to acceptance of recreational drug use, marijuana, and the obesity epidemic plaguing young potential applicants. These factors are compounded by more recent reports of tensions between officers and the public stemming from publicized incidents of excessive force.



Photo 8: Members of the Gray Fire Department—a strong corps of volunteers who serve the community.

Although the residents of Jones County perceive the community to be safe and have high regard for public safety personnel, the Steering Committee recognized the recruitment and retention of employees is an issue of importance. Public safety officers can be lured to more lucrative positions in nearby Macon-Bibb or simply opt to follow another career path altogether. The crime rate is relatively low with a ranking of 75th out of 144 reporting counties according to the GBI 2020 Summary Report of the Georgia Crime Information Center. However, the Jones County Board of Commissioners, in coordination with the Jones County Sheriff's Office, can explore ways to increase competitiveness with neighboring communities. The Gray Police Department and the City of Gray also could explore these issues as well.

³ See: Police Recruitment and Retention for the New Millennium, Wilson, Jeremy M. et al, published by the RAND Corporation, 2010

2) Employ available means to improve ISO ratings in Gray and Jones County.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) uses a set of matrices to determine a rating score, ISO score, to reflect how prepared a community and area is for fires. While it mainly focuses on the local fire department and water supply, other factors include the community's emergency communication systems and community risk reduction strategies. These factors have either a negative or positive influence on home insurance costs. ISO ratings range from Class 1 to 10 with a low rating indicating lower fire risk within a community. The current ISO rating for the City of Gray is Class 4. The Steering Committee, which included fire department personnel, recognized that by following several avenues, including the construction of a new burn building for training purposes, the Gray Fire Department could reduce the city's ISO rating further by focusing on the community risk reduction element. In Jones County, extending water lines in unserved areas is also important.



Photo 9: Firefighters from the Gray Fire Department and Jones County Fire Rescue train at the county's training center at Station No. 8 on Gray Highway. The city fire department's desired burn building would be a multi-story structure that adds to the existing training opportunities and meets ISO requirements.

3) Maintain the current high level of services for the Jones County Animal Services.

The Jones County Animal Services, a department within the Jones County government, provides both shelter services and animal control. A new animal shelter opened in March 2018 with a grand opening event featuring live music and waived adoption fees. In 2020 the Animal Services department was revamped featuring greater enforcement. The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee agreed that the shelter has a great reputation, the staff provides good adoption rates, is responsive when called out to investigate animal complaints, and has developed wonderful partnerships within the community. However, with enforcement staff consisting of only the Animal Control Director and the Animal Control Officer, the Jones County Animal Control Services is stretched thin. The Steering Committee recognizes the importance of looking to increase volunteer opportunities to work with the shelter staff, as well as increasing local donations and intensifying the search for grant opportunities to maintain the high level of service expected by both the staff and the community. Maintaining the good relationships with local animal rescue groups is also critical.

4) Additional healthcare staffing is needed in Jones County.

Additional healthcare staffing, especially for emergency and after hours, for those aging in place, and specialty care, is needed in Jones County. The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation reported that Jones County is one of the healthiest counties in Georgia. The county is ranked 36th out of the 159 counties in Georgia in health outcomes, meaning both the quality of life and length of life of Jones Countians are high. Quality of life factors leading to the high health outcomes in Jones County includes such things as residents reporting few poor physical and mental health days and a low incidence of low birth weight in newborns.

In 2022, Jones County received a grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to rehabilitate the aging health department building to modernize and expand the facility and increase patient care. However, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee noted a demand for additional healthcare staffing within Jones County. The Steering Committee commented that there are only two private healthcare facilities in the county: Gray Family Health, LLC, a doctor's office with several physician's assistants, and one clinic, Community Health Care Systems, Inc. Both locations work diligently to see patients but neither office is open after normal business hours or on weekends, and both offices provide limited availability to medical specialists. The Steering Committee reported an urgent care center was opened; however, it was unsuccessful. The usage was low, and it eventually closed. Therefore, Jones County residents must travel to Macon-Bibb or Milledgeville to visit a physician or receive specialty care, especially after hours.

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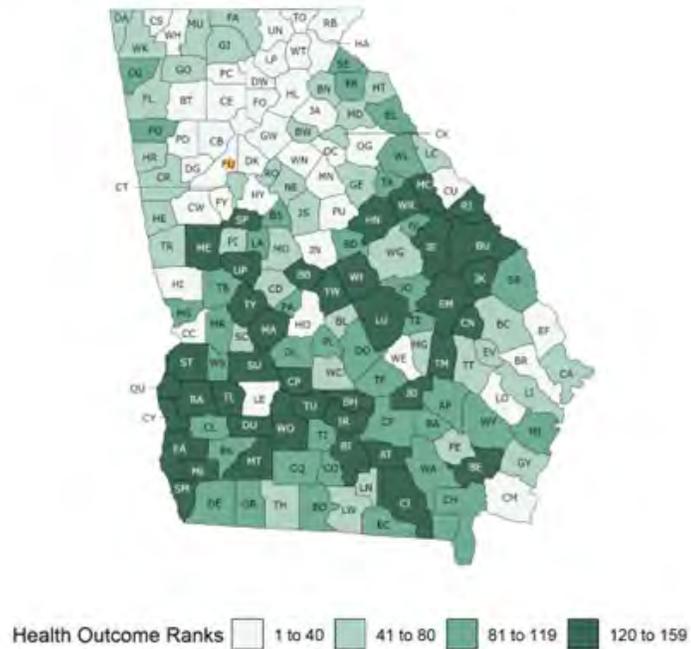


Photo 10: Jones County ranks in the top quarter of Georgia Counties in overall health outcomes, according to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Community leaders want to focus on retaining these positive outcomes while continuing to improve access to healthcare across the broader community.

According to the 2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates, the average age of residents of Jones County is 40 but almost 18 percent of the population is over 65 years old. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation reported the average life expectancy of a Jones County resident is 78 years. However, according to the Steering Committee, the availability of in-home care for the aging is lacking within the county.

Additionally, the Steering Committee pointed out that an opportunity exists to develop greater nursing and paramedic staffing levels. This is a challenge nationwide but is especially difficult in rural areas. The Steering Committee noted the Jones County School System through the College and Career Academy can develop programs structured to meet the needs of high school students interested in those positions. Indeed, programs in the healthcare career pathway already exist and are popular with many young Jones County students. Additionally, Central Georgia Technical College can be a partner with the College and Career Academy as well as WorkSource Middle Georgia to offer Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training in Jones County.

5) Greater ambulance coverage is needed throughout the county.

Both the Gray Fire Department and Jones County Fire Department provide emergency medical services. However, emergency medical transport is provided by Atrium Health. The ambulance fleet of Atrium Health services multiple counties. So, while they do have ambulances available to serve the entirety of Jones County, they are often called away. The Gray Fire Department entered into an agreement in 2020 to allow Atrium Health to post at the Gray Fire Station and use their facilities. However, the multiple competing demands from across the region means that ambulance services in Jones County can be very inconsistent. The need remains for improved ambulance coverage that will also allow for decreased response times in case of emergency.

6) The community needs to continue to focus on collaborating to maintain the level of public and nonprofit health services, including mental health

Although the Steering Committee agreed that more ambulance coverage and additional healthcare staffing are needed in Jones County, the committee generally agreed that due to collaboration within the county there is a high level of health services in the county. Several examples of collaboration readily sprang up during the Steering Committee meeting. The Jones County Board of Commissioners collaborated with the North Central Health District of the Georgia Department of Health to apply for funding to expand and update the health department building in Gray. Funds were awarded to them through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs CDBG-CV application round. Telemedicine services are available through the Community Health Care Systems, Inc. Additionally, the community works together to provide mental health services through several avenues. First, the Jones County School System in coordination with River Edge Behavioral Health has implemented the Georgia APEX Program (APEX) through funding from the Georgia Department of Behavioral and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) to provide mental health counseling to school-aged children at the schools during the day through in-person counseling and telemedicine psychiatry visits. River Edge, in addition to providing counseling services within the school system, also operates Jones County Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Options location in Gray. Several facilities offer counseling services, including behavioral health services offered through the Community Health Care Systems location in Gray.



Over a few years, the Jones County community noticed an upswing in the county's suicide rates, and a coalition of concerned community groups, including nonprofits, the school systems, and service providers, formed the Jones County Suicide Prevention Coalition. This coalition was formed in 2019 with grant funding from Augusta University in partnership with Jones County Family Connection. The new partnership was well-timed to help Jones County residents deal with the mental health challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The group remains active in the community by providing training and helping connect residents with the resources they need to find and get help. The community sees the continued need to collaborate to maintain these services and expand programs where needed.

Public Buildings and Utilities

Goal



Ensure the expansion and maintenance of community-provided utilities and facilities.

Needs and Opportunities

1) Expand water system and sewer system to areas of the county not currently served.

The City of Gray’s water system is generally considered to be clean and dependable. The City of Gray has three wells that provide a portion of the city’s water supply, which is supplemented by purchases of water from Jones County. Therefore, the supply of water for Gray residents is considered to be good for current and future residents. The primary focus is continuing to maintain the current system and expand when necessary.

Jones County provides water in several areas of unincorporated Jones County, specifically in the southern part of the county, and the county’s new Public Facilities Authority will assist with financing the further expansion of water lines. Jones County also received approximately \$4 million in early 2022 through the State Fiscal Recovery Fund grant, funded through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021. The State Fiscal Recovery Funds award will be used to expand water lines along Highway 49 from Pitts Chapel to Morris Stevens Road, including Garrison Road as part of Section 1 of the project. Section 2 will continue along Highway 49, Garrison Road, Highway 18, Old Griswoldville Road, Kitchens Road, Morris Stephens Road, and Griswoldville Shortcut. Section 3 will extend water lines along Highway 18 from Highway 49 to Morris Stevens Road. Also included will be a new elevated storage tank, a new well, and improvements to the area’s existing water treatment plant. The total estimated cost of the project is around \$15.5 million. The expansion project is set to commence in October 2022 and be completed by June 2023. The ARPA funding through the state presents a unique opportunity to continue the expansion of water lines in underserved areas.

Conversely, the county is challenged with needing to further expand sewer lines along the US 129, Gray Highway, to support the expansion of businesses along this primary corridor into Jones County and the City of Gray. Jones County provides sewer lines to the River North Subdivision and the Sun Valley Subdivision, both near Macon-Bibb and treated by the Macon Water Authority (MWA). Expansion opportunities exist, including expanding sewer lines to Griswoldville to serve the Griswoldville Industrial Park. Jones County has explored plans to expand those sewer lines further to serve Gray Highway, River North, Joycliff, and Highway 49 areas, as well as the Griswoldville Industrial Park.



Photo 11: Since the county's last Comprehensive Plan, these types of failing septic tanks in the Sun Valley neighborhood have been eliminated.

2) The City of Gray needs to complete the enhancement and repair of the sewage system.

The City of Gray's sewer system is in great need of repair. The sewage treatment plant is operating at capacity, many of the sewer lines are old and decaying, and several neighborhoods report ponding and odors during heavy rains. Some sewage lines that date back to at least the 1950s are still made of porous clay pipes in many areas of town. The outdated sewer system is destined to be a health hazard for residents as the infiltration from older pipes causes black water to leach into the surrounding ground and potentially puddle in yards or back up into homes. Therefore, it is paramount that the City of Gray enhances and repairs the sanitary sewer system as soon as possible. However, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee recommended expanding the already overcapacity treatment plant before replacing sewage lines. The City of Gray is currently working to double the capacity of the Wolf Creek Water Pollution Control Plant through a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) loan. The project is estimated to cost over \$8 million, but it will increase the health and safety of residents and provide opportunities for the further expansion of business and homes within Gray while establishing the basis for further infrastructure improvements.

3) The completion of a stormwater drainage inventory of areas of the City of Gray and unincorporated Jones County with flooding and drainage problems.

The stormwater infrastructure inhibits adequate disbursement of rainwater suitable for collection sites. Many locations within the City of Gray are subject to regular ponding and occasional flash flooding during heavy rains. Isolated areas within unincorporated Jones County are also subject to flooding due to inadequate drainage. Therefore, the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee determined a stormwater drainage inventory will provide the two governments with the locations of areas with flooding and drainage problems so either mitigation efforts can be directed before anticipated storms or in preparation for funding opportunities.

4) Jones County needs to upgrade county buildings and address space concerns for growth.

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee discussed the issues related to the public buildings not being able to meet the needs of the community. The administrative buildings lack the extensive meeting space and security needed to protect employees. The courthouse dates to an era when minimal crime occurred so less space was needed, but as the county has continued to grow, crime has also increased, and additional space is needed within the courtrooms. An architect has been engaged to work on this project along with a Courthouse Committee, and some SPLOST dollars have been allocated, though more funding is needed.

Basic county and city service buildings are not the only ones that need improvements. The W.E. Knox Civic Center houses the Jones County-Gray Chamber of Commerce, regular community meetings, and community productions in the auditorium. The building continues to require regular maintenance; however, the auditorium needs renovations to become a greater asset for downtown Gray. Additionally, the old gym building located on the Jones County Board of Education complex on Gordon Street behind the W.E. Knox Civic Center currently has Board of Education offices in the front of the building; but the gymnasium itself is unused and is in disrepair. The Steering Committee determined that the property needs to be addressed to avoid further disrepair and ensure it can be a future asset to the community. It is located along the downtown corridor and could be utilized for activities related to tourism, economic development, or community projects, such as housing fairs and sports activities. As such, there may be potential for redevelopment in the area.

Transportation

Goal



Continue to increase mobility and connectivity throughout the community.

Needs and Opportunities

- 1) Many roads need paving and/or maintenance, and the local governments need consistent and objective measures for prioritizing and advancing projects.

Many rural counties throughout Middle Georgia have a backlog of road improvement work. This ranges from basic maintenance work to complete resurfacing and the transitioning of some dirt roads into paved county roads. Jones County has a substantial list of desired road improvements. Just a couple of these paving projects are Shady Road Plaza (on the Macon-Bibb/Jones County line) and Skinner Road (between Lite-N-Tie Road and Cumslo Road). Jones County does receive an annual allocation of Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation. However, the list of needs is always considerably longer than what can be accomplished in any one year of LMIG funding. As such, Jones County and the City of Gray will continue to work on their road improvement lists in the years ahead using available LMIG funds.



Photo 12: Shady Road Plaza (Photo Credit: Google Maps, January 2022)

One discussion of the Steering Committee revolved around consistently determining which projects would be able to advance up the list and receive funding. Naturally, all residents of the community have a vested interest in seeing the roads that they individually travel on improved. As such, frustration among residents is common if one of the streets that they care about is not funded. The reasons for not advancing certain projects (or jumping others up the list) can be incredibly diverse. Right-of-way acquisition is a particularly challenging and costly process that delays many projects. In addition, conditions on the ground can indicate some roads deteriorating faster than others. Finally, public input can also impact the prioritization of projects. With that in mind, there may be an opportunity for the city and county to communicate the project selection criteria more clearly and consistently for each year. Where projects end up stalled due to issues such as right-of-way or easement acquisition, the county may benefit from increased attention from an outside contractor to assist in moving such projects along.

2) The community needs to promote the availability of transit services more effectively.

During the community's Steering Committee meeting on transportation, many residents were pleasantly surprised by the availability of transit services under the county's Section 5311 transit program. This transit program provides grant funding to operate a system on a demand-response basis within rural communities like Jones County. Unfortunately, the fact that so many engaged and involved residents were unaware of the services provided is a cause for concern. Jones County Transit operates three different shuttle busses throughout the community. Residents can ride for only \$1.00 per in-county roundtrip plus \$0.50 for each additional stop. Trips to Macon-Bibb County are only \$4.00. Service is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The county may want to consider looking for new avenues to promote its services. Likewise, the county has the opportunity to engage with statewide partners on branding and marketing its services. In 2021, the Georgia Department of Transportation launched the "Let's Ride" portal for on-demand transit services across Georgia. This service includes new branding styles and guidance that is intended to make public transit more eye-catching within rural areas. Potential riders can also access the service and book trips from a new app on their smartphones. So far, only a few transit providers statewide have begun participating in this program. This creates a unique opportunity for Jones County to try something new to expand the marketability of its services.

3) Jones County and the City of Gray need to continue coordinating with the Georgia Department of Transportation on road safety issues.

In addition to the local roads and streets that the City of Gray and Jones County want to focus on improving, there are a number of desired safety improvements where coordination with the Georgia Department of Transportation will also be necessary. Among these roadways is State Route 11 north of Gray. As one of Georgia's Scenic Byways, State Route 11 has significant potential for bicyclists who would use the route as a form of exercise and recreation. The road has a fairly low Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) Count, which could support further bicycle usage. However, much of State Route 11 lacks a sufficient shoulder width. Improvements to expand the shoulder and add bike lanes would be a big improvement for a relatively modest investment.

Members of the Steering Committee have also expressed concern regarding the safety of several key intersections. Homer Roberts Road at Gray Highway (US-129), Chapman Road at State Route 49, and Railroad Street at Bill Conn Parkway (State Route 18) are all intersections identified by Steering Committee members as particularly dangerous. In 2020, there were a total of 615 motor vehicle crashes within Jones County. The image at the right shows a clear pattern following the major state highways. Of the 141 injury crashes, 82 percent involved an intersection. As such, continuing to improve intersection safety is vital.

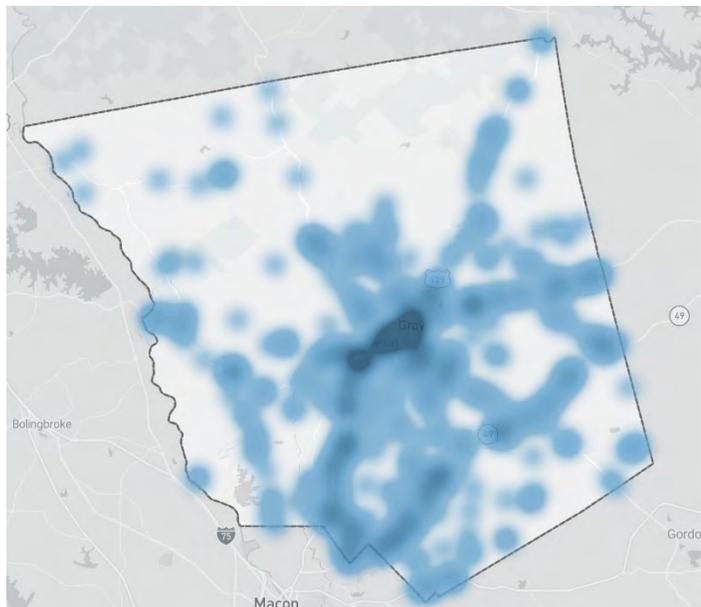


Photo 13: Image of a map showing 2020 Vehicular Crashes.

4) The existing sidewalk network needs to be further expanded and interconnected, especially in the City of Gray.

Residents of Jones County and the City of Gray talked extensively about walkability during the various engagement sessions. Specifically, there was an interest in continuing to build out the sidewalk network from downtown and ensure connectivity between shops and restaurants and the surrounding neighborhoods. As a general rule, Clinton Street and the roadways fronting the railroad tracks in downtown Gray are well served and connected by sidewalks. However, other than sidewalks along State Route 18 that connect the schools with the Morris Bank Recreation Complex, most of the community is unserved by sidewalks. This includes several apartment complexes and more densely developed neighborhoods located not far from the downtown area. Given the high usage potential in these areas, there is a high priority that the community wants to place on expanding pedestrian access.

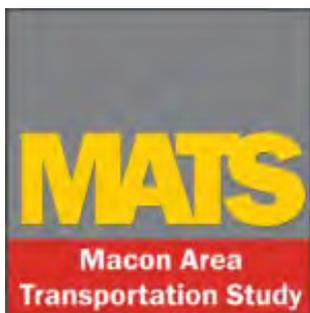


Photo 14: The Northside Villas are only about three-quarters of a mile from the walkable shopping corridor in downtown Gray. However, no pedestrian infrastructure connects to these apartments or the Gray Gardens Apartments, located only a half-mile from downtown. (Photo Credit: Google Maps, March 2022)

5) New funding is needed to undertake these improvements.

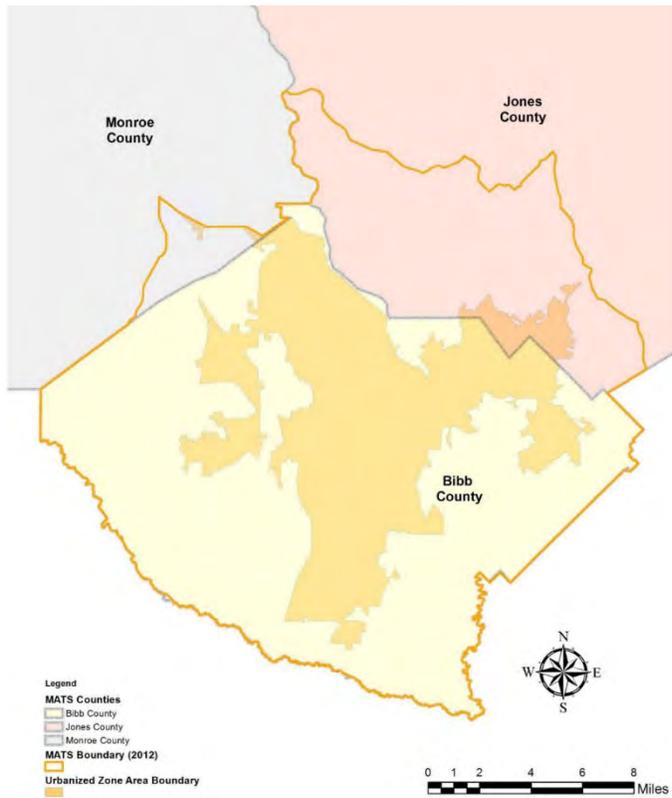
The preceding sections accurately describe many challenges within Jones County. Improvements in road condition, road safety, sidewalk accessibility, and transit services are certainly needed. However, funding is certain to be a challenge for both Jones County and the City of Gray. Costs have impeded projects in the past and will undoubtedly remain a constraining factor on the improvements that can be made. One way around this will be to apply for federal grant funding. In late 2021, Congress approved the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This legislation has allocated significant new funding to transportation improvements, including some programs specifically for rural areas. However, these federal grants will remain incredibly competitive for transportation projects, as they have been in the past. Funding may also be available through the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) program, but loan funding is much more readily available than grants are.

Another option that Jones County could pursue would be the adoption of a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax or TSPLOST. The Middle Georgia region considered the sales tax in 2012 and 2018. Most recently, the region narrowly defeated the measure. The 2018 TSPLOST would have directed around \$1.25 million annually to Jones County and the City of Gray while also funding several regionally important projects such as the Griswoldville Rail Spur, resurfacing of Henderson Road, and several bridge replacements. Since this time, several other communities have considered and adopted single-county TSPLOST measures. Should Jones County adopt a TSPLOST, the county could see almost \$2 million in annual sales tax collections that would fund transportation projects. Adopting a TSPLOST would push Jones County’s local sales tax rate to 8 percent—equal to Macon-Bibb, Monroe, and Putnam counties. Currently, the sales tax of 7 percent matches the neighboring Baldwin, Jasper, Twiggs, and Wilkinson counties. A single-county TSPLOST would require approval by voters on a ballot referendum.



Consistency with the Macon Area Transportation Study’s 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Under the Comprehensive Plan Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Chapter 110-12-1-.03, Section (7), the transportation element is required in the comprehensive plan for Jones County. The Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which covers about one-third of Jones County. As permitted under the planning regulations, the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which will be adopted on May 3, 2022, is incorporated by



reference as a substitute for the required transportation element. Because these two planning documents have been prepared on the same schedule, Jones County has actively provided feedback to the MATS Technical Coordinating Committee to ensure that the county’s highest priority projects are reflected in the MTP. As such, Jones County believes that this comprehensive plan is consistent with the goals, objectives, and strategies of the MTP. The goals of the MTP are included in plan excerpts found in Appendix E. Also included is the list of projects from the 2050 MTP. Projects occurring in Jones County are highlighted.

By the incorporation of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Jones County makes it its intention to pursue the goals and the additional strategies and work program items detailed within the full MTP.

Source:
Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Map 1: Planning Area for the Macon Area Transportation Study

Natural Resources and Recreation

Goal



Leverage and enhance recreation opportunities, especially outdoors, to become a focal point of the state.

Needs and Opportunities

1) Opportunity to market and promote federal recreational sites

Jones County is home to the Hitchiti Experimental Forest, most of the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, and part of the Oconee National Forest which includes the Miller Lake Recreation Area. The Piedmont Refuge Visitors Center is also located in Jones County on Allison Lake Road. Piedmont boasts beautiful hiking trails and magnificent wildlife drives. The Oconee National Forest has vast recreation opportunities including camping areas; trails for horses, hikers, and ATVs, boat launches, picnic areas, and wildlife viewing areas. Community members believe that these are under-utilized resources for Jones County tourism and recreation. While Jones County does not manage any of these sites, they have an opportunity to advertise the site as a wonderful tourist attraction and resource. Placing these opportunities on city and county websites, creating brochures, and working with local businesses to share info with their customers are a few ways to better advertise these sites.



Photo 15: Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge

2) Opportunity for the Central Georgia Rail Trail to enhance the broader need for hiking/bicycling activity

Jones County and the City of Gray see an opportunity in the promotion and creation of a multi-use trail along a 33-mile abandoned railway route connecting Macon-Bibb County, Jones County, Baldwin County, and Milledgeville. A growing and aging population would benefit from walking paths and fitness enthusiasts would enjoy the opportunity for distance cycling. An economic impact study prepared for the Silver Comet Trail in 2013 studied the effect of trails on the economy.⁴ This study found that not only would visitors travel from other cities and even countries to visit the trail, but the average party spends at least \$50 during their visit. This study also noted that as an amenity, trails can increase local property values and the property tax base for local governments. Trails bring economic growth, increased quality of life, increased property values, and jobs. There would also be significant health benefits, improved livability, and preservation of the County's vast historic heritage.

⁴ Information from the [Silver Comet Trail Economic Impact Analysis and Planning Study, July 2013](#)



Photo 16: The Silver Comet Trail (pictured above) is a model of what the Central Georgia Rail Trail could look like through Jones County and Middle Georgia. (Photo Credit: Wikipedia)

3) Opportunity to continue development and expansion of existing parks

Numerous activities have been completed to expand the recreational complexes and purchase properties to develop more greenspace. Currently, Jones County has applied for funding for the land acquisition and development of Jake’s Woods in the Clinton community of central Jones County. The county has also recently received funding to enhance Liberty Park by adding a new trail, an exercise station, a pavilion, and a disk golf facility.



Photo 17: Community leaders and conservation experts meeting at Jake’s Woods in 2021. The county has a pending grant application that will fund acquisition and development of this site.

Stakeholders noticed that there are still areas for improvement and saw the importance of addressing the need for additional recreation and greenspace property. They specifically identified an opportunity for more small neighborhood parks, as well as making sure that greenspace is considered in future development. Stakeholders noted concern over the lack of greenspace consideration as the downtown area of Gray continues to develop and grow. Further research and investment in these opportunities were noted as a priority for the future of the community.

4) Need for Ocmulgee River access in Jones County

One of Jones County's many beautiful Natural Resources is the Ocmulgee River. The Ocmulgee River stretches more than 250 miles long, but in Jones County, it can be difficult to get to. With no easy way to get to the river, other than to drive into Monroe County, people are using dangerous routes to get there. They are walking along the side of the Highway with various large equipment such as fishing poles, canoes, and kayaks. This is due to the lack of a true entrance that is not on private property, as well as the lack of parking for their vehicles. The community has shown interest in creating access near the Jarrell Plantation or in the East Juliette area of Jones County. Stakeholders identified an opportunity to further research these possible access points and look into costs. Specifically, the Georgia Department of Transportation is currently working on plans to replace the Dames Ferry bridge along State Route 18. As additional right-of-way is acquired and existing right-of-way is redesigned, this may be a prime opportunity to develop proper site infrastructure for a boat ramp.

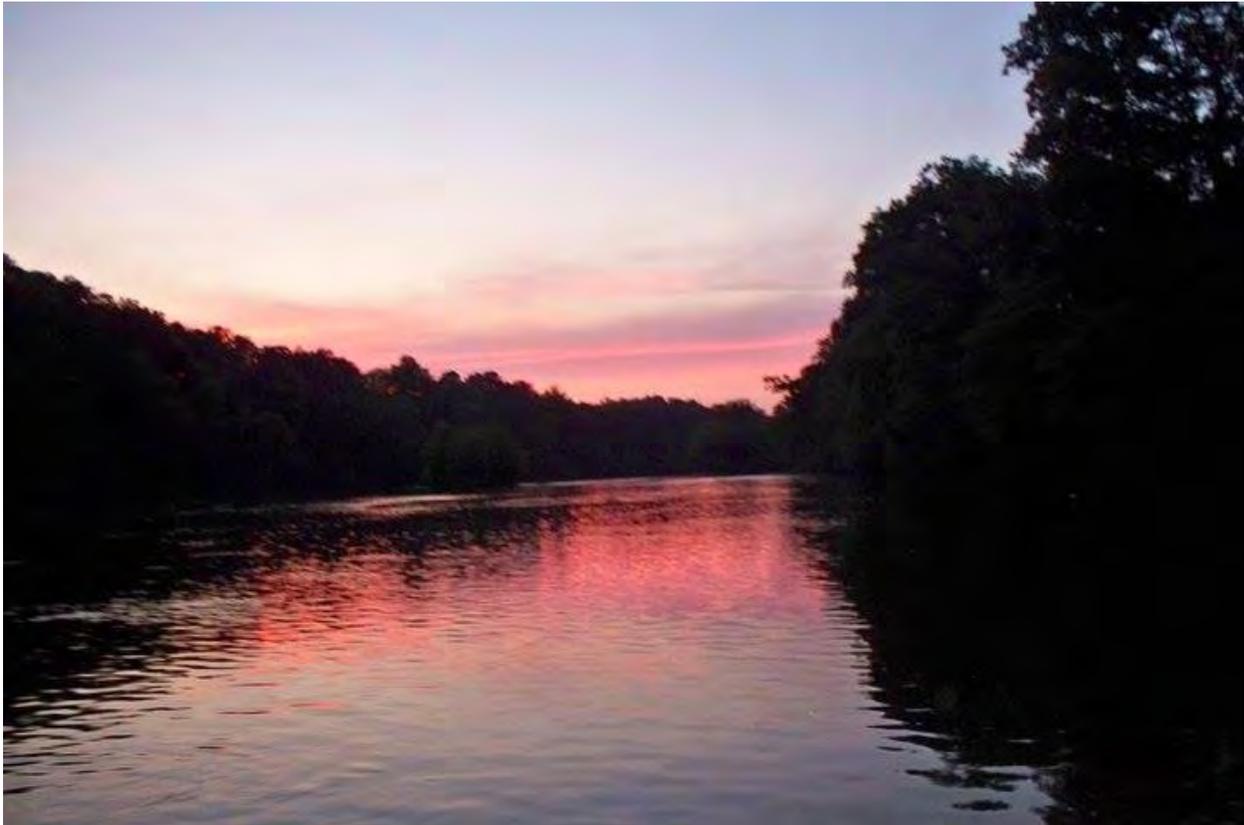


Photo 18: The Ocmulgee River has a couple of access points in Monroe County but lacks access from Jones County. This is an untapped potential resource for residents of Gray and Jones County. (Photo Credit: Facebook)

Cultural and Historic Resources

Goals



Preserve the cultural and historic resources that most define Jones County.



Market and hone the community's resources while engaging the public about cultural and historic resources.

Needs and Opportunities

1) Need for ordinances to protect Cultural and Historical resources

Jones County is rich in history and natural beauty and Gray is supported by excellent rail and highway access. Now a mixture of the old and the new flourish in the county, which is dotted with small, quaint communities: Round Oak, Griswoldville, Haddock, Wayside, Bradley, East Juliette, James, and Clinton. Each of these communities is unique and rich in history, offering a glimpse of what life has been like in Georgia over the last 200 years, and all are important to Jones County's heritage. The Community has shown interest in creating protections for Jones County and the City of Gray's Historic Resources. Jones County boasts the Ocmulgee-Piedmont Scenic Byway which traverses 200 years of Jones County history, as well as the pre-historic and historic sites of the Creek Indians that lived there in the 17th and 18th centuries. Jones County stakeholders want to put in place ordinances that would protect the viewshed across from this Scenic Byway and create clear gateways at the start of the whistlestop communities and mill towns within the byway. Without these measures, they are at risk of commercial or industrial properties purchasing the land and disturbing the historical value of these resources.



Photo 19: Clinton is home to the largest assemblage of historic properties in Jones County. The Old Clinton Historical Society is an integral part of historic preservation for that area. (Photo Credit: Old Clinton Historical Society)

Education

Goal



Mold well-developed students who are prepared for both college and career opportunities.

Needs and Opportunities

- 1) Opportunity to continue their investment in student mental health and teacher/professionals' mental health.**

Jones County has a partnership with River Edge Behavioral Health's APEX program through funding from the Georgia Department of Behavioral and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) to provide mental health counseling to school-aged children at the schools during the day through in-person counseling and telemedicine psychiatry visits. Currently, there is a counselor from River Edge Behavioral Health at almost all schools who can treat students as River Edge Behavioral Health patients. This program is so that all students and their families can utilize the incredibly important mental health services. Stakeholders have identified new opportunities to increase mental health investment for teachers and professionals as well. Jones County wishes to continue to invest in and expand this program in the future. Currently, Jones County has the Suicide Prevention Coalition which was created due to the concerning rise in suicide rates in the county. There was talk of an opportunity for this coalition to provide courses and training for the teachers and other professionals who work for the school district



- 2) Need to continue to collaborate with community partners to increase adult education opportunities.**

The Jones County Board of Education, in collaboration with the local community, was able to fund and establish the Jones County College and Career Academy which opened in 2019. The College and Career Academy offers businesses and employers the opportunity to identify a skilled workforce with potentially high levels of retention, thus stimulating economic growth in Jones County. The facility offers adult learning programs in the evenings in partnership with Central Georgia Technical College. The participation in these adult programs has been small even though at least 15 percent of adults in Jones County are experiencing job insecurity. According to the 2020 Census, 8.3 percent of adults over the age of 25 in Jones County do not have a



Photo 22: Local and state leaders celebrating the 2018 grant which funded the establishment of the Jones County College and Career Academy.

high school diploma or equivalent. These adults would benefit from participation in GED programs. Many more adults could see benefits from additional adult education opportunities being offered at the Career Academy. The College and Career Academy and Central Georgia Technical College have the opportunity to research more effective ways to advertise and promote these opportunities to the adult workforce of Jones County and the City of Gray.



Photo 23: Renovations to Jones County High School were completed in 2019. A total of \$12.5 million was invested in the new building.

3) Opportunity to continue to develop innovative programs to meet changing community needs.

The College and Career Academy offer many pathway opportunities for students. Some of these pathways are for college-led careers and some are technical careers. Some of the subjects include Food Animal Systems, Veterinary Science, Engineering & Technology, and Welding, to name a few. The stakeholder committee saw an opportunity in steering these pathways to adapt and coincide with the job needs and industry trends of Jones County. Currently, the academy is in the process of adding CDL training to its program as this is an industry that has been identified as a lucrative opportunity for citizens and students in Jones County. The College and Career Academy has been a tremendous success for both residents and businesses within Jones County. The Jones County College and Career Academy will continue to engage with the local business community and will add innovative programs to match the job trends and needs that are continuously changing and adapting to better prepare students for a bright future.



Photo 24: Jones County College and Career Academy students can learn a variety of skills in different career pathways. Welding and therapeutic services are just some of the 23 different career clusters and pathways available for students.

Broadband

Goal



Ensure all residents have easy accessibility to fast and reliable internet connections.

Needs and Opportunities

- 1) Partnership with Tri-County EMC through their Tri-CoGo service is an opportunity to reach previously underserved residents.



In March 2021, at a joint press conference with Governor Kemp, Tri-County EMC announced that they would be deploying a new broadband service to 22,000 customers located across eight counties in the central Georgia area. Jones County has one of the greatest beneficiaries of this service to date and will continue to see expanded service to more areas of the community. In 2021, data from the State of Georgia indicated that 24 percent of locations within Jones County lacked access to broadband services. Tri-County EMC is constructing the network in partnership with Conexon, a provider of rural fiber services. Products available from the Tri-CoGo services include 100 Mbps, Gigabit and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone service for residential and commercial customers. Tri-CoGo was awarded approximately \$1.1 million from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Auction. In total, Tri-County EMC is investing more than \$47 million to expand fiber access. The Jones County Board of Commissioners is also investing \$5.5 million to aid this effort.

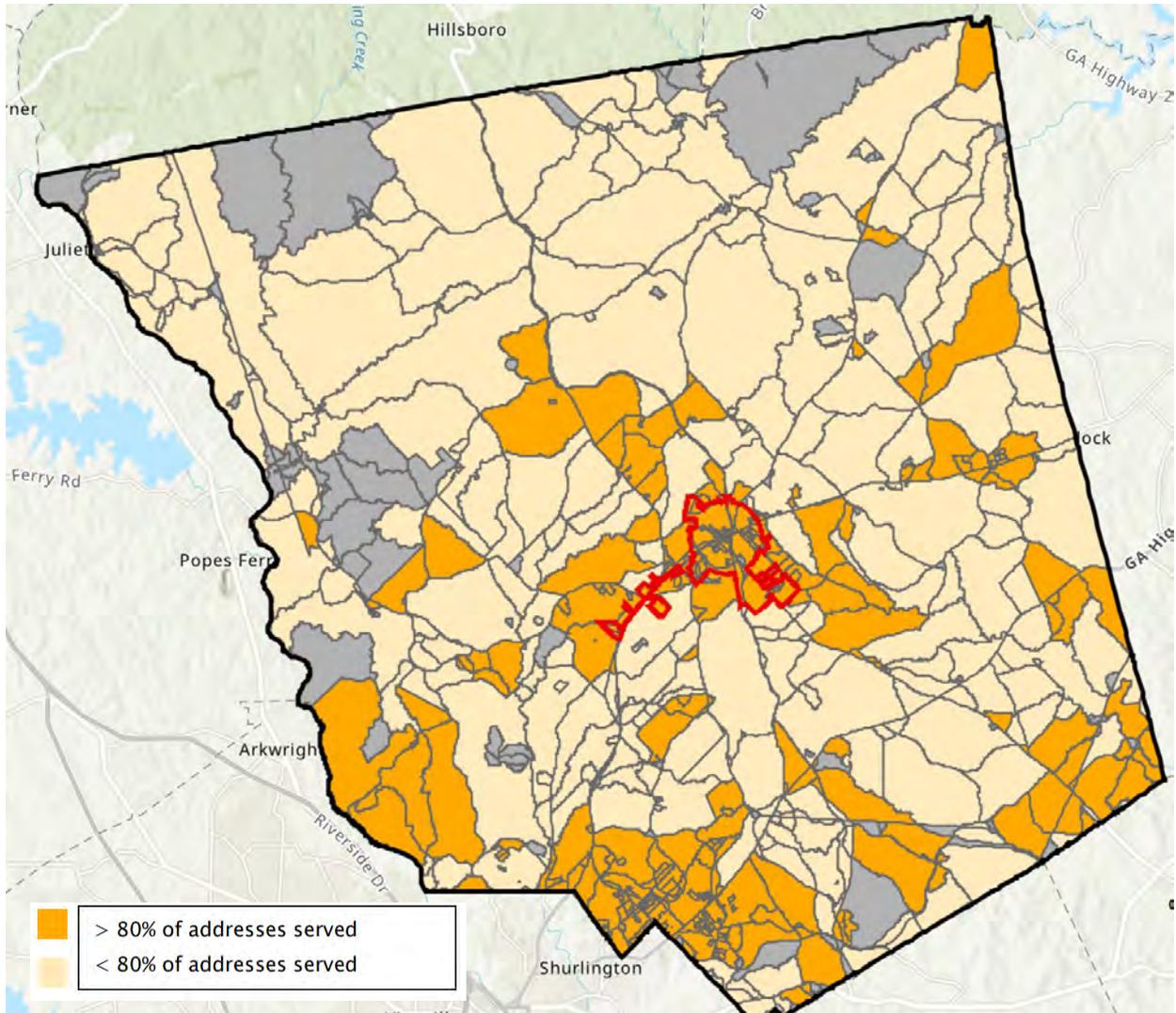
- 2) Need to continue encouraging competition and advocating for quality services.

Although community leaders and engaged citizens continued to emphasize that the greatest need and priority was providing service to the unserved, stakeholders also felt that competition should be encouraged throughout the community. While the Tri-CoGo service is expected to improve broadband for many residents, the desire still exists to obtain the highest level of services for the lowest price possible. The community will look to pursue Broadband Ready designation to promote further competition and incentivize providers to provide service. This will be important for ensuring that residents are treated equally in terms of broadband access.

Geospatial Analysis of Unserved Areas

Generally, the northern parts of Jones County are not served by broadband access. There are generally few locations within these areas, however, due to the large amount of federal lands in the northern half of the county. The largest concentration of unserved homes is seen in an arc through central Jones County between the Macon-Bibb and Gray area. The following maps provide an overview of the geographic concentrations of served and unserved areas. An interactive version of the map can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/JonesCoBroadband>.

Map 2 (following page) gives a high-level overview of broadband service in Jones County using data provided through the Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative (GBDI). Statewide, more than 5 million locations of homes and businesses were mapped and overlaid with broadband availability data. The map shows service at the level of a Census Block. When 20 percent or more of homes and businesses in a Census Block cannot subscribe to these services, the entire Census block is deemed unserved. Census blocks shaded in gray do not have sufficient locations from which to collect data.

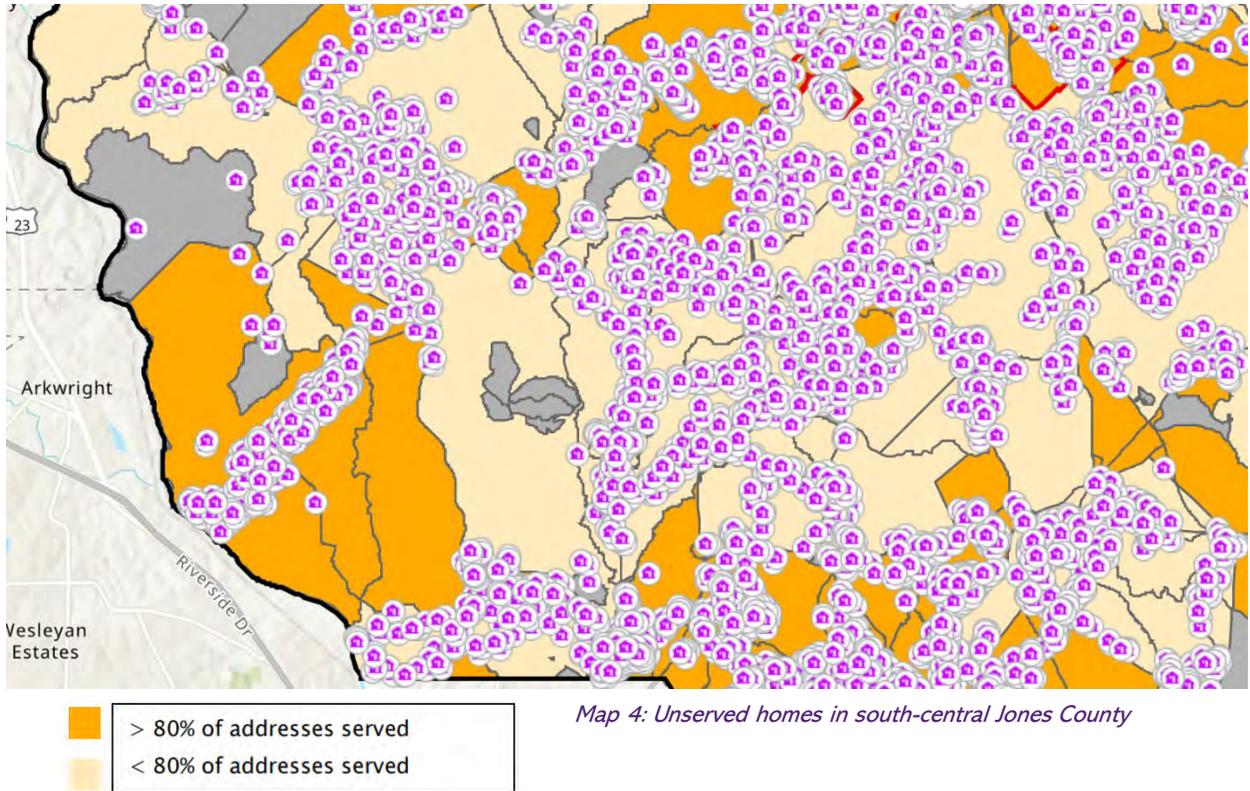


Map 2: Unserved Jones County

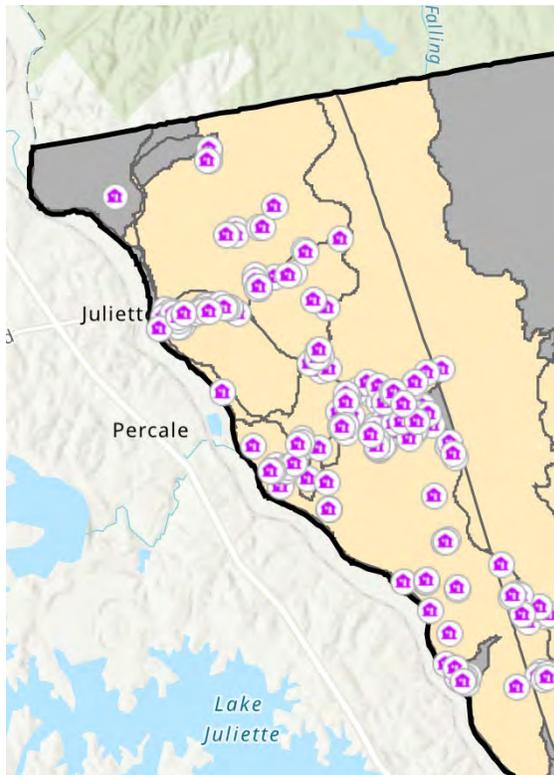
From the distribution of homes and businesses throughout Jones County, trends can be identified that show priority areas for service expansion. These areas are highlighted on maps below.

South-Central Jones County:

As noted previously, the greatest number of homes without service are located in the areas between Macon-Bibb County and the City of Gray. Most city customers are well-served by broadband. Residents in the River North subdivision and along Joycliff Road are also served by broadband providers. The greatest areas for growth are along Upper River Road, Graham Road, Gray Highway, and Lite-N-Tie Road. Many of these areas are also slated to receive new water services in the years ahead. As such, the potential for new growth in these areas is high, so long as residents can be assured of access to quality broadband technology. The map on the following page highlights some of these key areas in the county.



Map 4: Unserved homes in south-central Jones County



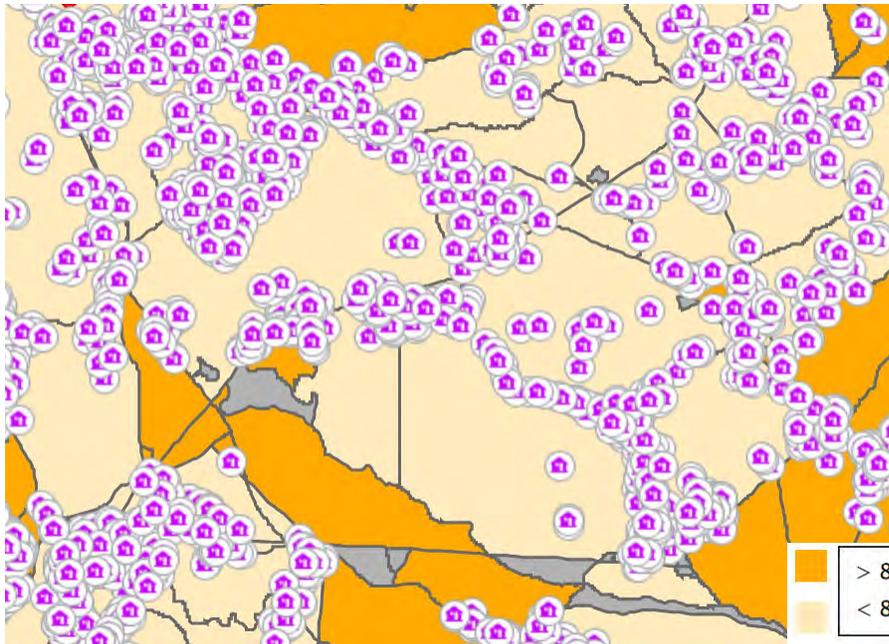
Map 3: Unserved homes in East Juliette

East Juliette:

While many parts of northern Jones County are not densely populated, there is a concentration of residents around the East Juliette community. Although the community is not as densely populated as some other parts of the county, these residents would also likely benefit from improved internet services. This is particularly important given the tourism opportunities around Juliette. The map at left highlights unserved areas near East Juliette.

GA18 @ GA-49:

Within southeastern Jones County, the intersection of State Route 18 and State Route 49 is one of the most heavily traveled areas. Although this part of the county is not growing as rapidly as others, there are a number of homes already located in this area. Particularly along nearby streets such as Cumslo Road, Buck Road, and Morris Stevens Road, a majority of residents currently lack access to high-speed broadband services. Map 5, located on the following page, highlights some of these areas that are primed for broadband service expansion in the southeastern part of the county.

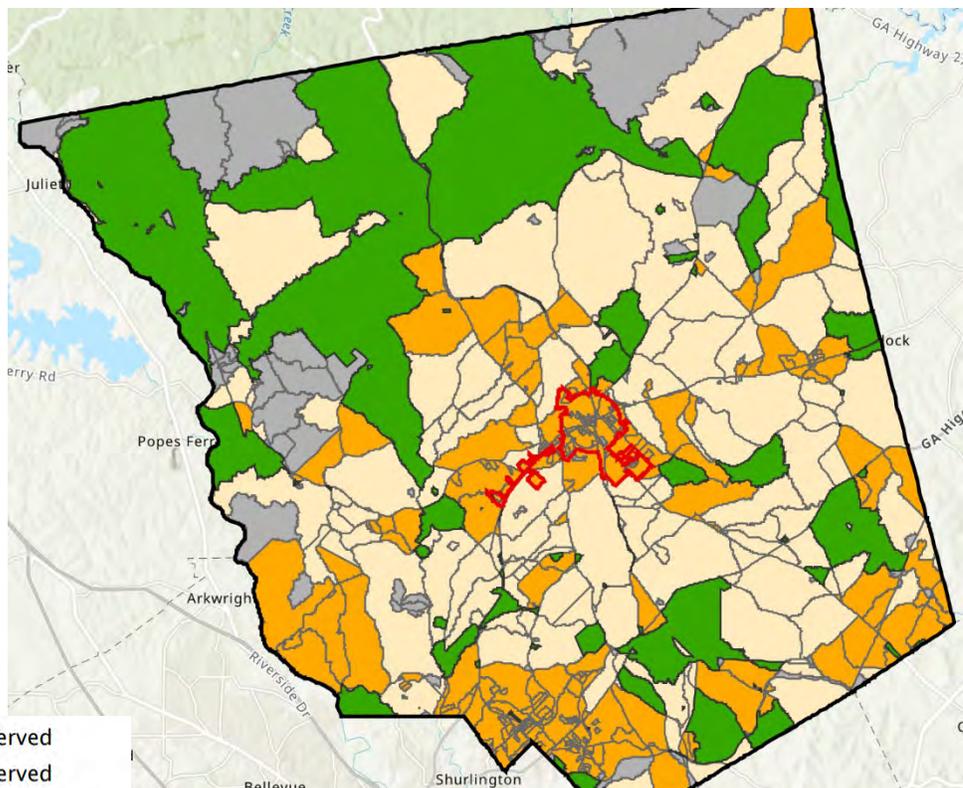


Map 5: Unserved homes located along State Route 49 and State Route 18 located in southeastern Jones County. Also included on the map are Cumslo Road, Buck Road, and Morris Stevens Road.

The James Community, also located along State Route 18 does currently have service, although the scale of the map insert does not clearly show it as such.

Auction 904: Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF)

Collectively, the areas noted above are prime candidates for additional broadband service expansion; however, the goal remains that every resident will have broadband access. As noted earlier, the FCC Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) led to the identification of several new areas where Tri-CoGo services are being subsidized. This will be done in partnership with Conexon Connect. These improvements are projected to mainly benefit the most rural parts of the county. With that said, Tri-County EMC has committed to serving all of its 22,000 customers, regardless of RDOF funding. Leadership in Jones County is optimistic that more of the county will be served in very short measure as Tri-CoGo services continue to be developed.



- > 80% of addresses served
- < 80% of addresses served
- RDOF-Funded (gigabit speeds)

Map 6: RDOF-funded expansion areas

Land Use

Jones County and the City of Gray have zoning regulations in place to assist the communities with protecting the character of the community and ensuring orderly and well-planned growth and development. Due to this practice, the county and city are required to develop a land use element of the comprehensive plan. The jurisdictions opted to create a future land use map to serve as a visual guide to future planning. These future land use maps build upon the future land use map included in the 2017 Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Rather than maintaining specific goals or needs related to land use, Jones County and the City of Gray will continually seek to implement their land development ordinances in a manner that promotes growth in accordance with the future land use map. The categories used to develop the future land use maps are described below.

Agriculture/Forestry

Fields, pastures, farms, livestock production, agribusiness, or timber/pulpwood harvesting.

Almost all the current land found in the eastern half of the county is classified as agriculture/forestry use that includes owners who either themselves or through a lease agreement perform some type of farming and/or silviculture activity. Fewer locations are expected for this type of land use than exist today as residences and businesses spread throughout the county in the future. However, the preservation of working farmlands is a helpful strategy for managing growth. The City of Gray has no land classified as agriculture/forestry in the future land use map.



Photo 25: Agricultural land in Jones County (Photo Credit: Google Maps, February 2022)

Commercial

Business uses, including retail sales, office, service, and entertainment facilities.

Jones County is currently limited to numerous convenience/highway commercial developments. The City of Gray has a small central business area downtown with several retail and service businesses and offices. Strip commercial development can be found along with heavy commercial along the US-129 corridor west of the downtown area and along State Route 49 extending from the Macon-Bibb County line. Some future commercial expansion could occur along Bill Conn Parkway in Gray or at limited intersections along the Gray Bypass.



Photo 26: A downtown commercial storefront in the City of Gray. The awning was improved with DDA funding.

Industrial

Manufacturing facilities, processing plants, factories, warehousing, and mining or mineral extraction.

There are a few existing industrial areas around Jones County. These include construction offices, heavy equipment dealers, rock quarry operations, and some small warehouses. As mentioned earlier, Griswoldville Park in Jones County is currently being developed with hopes to attract new industries and businesses to the community in the future. The county generally lacks industrial development today and would like to grow industry to support the community's tax base. However, this development should generally be channeled toward the Griswoldville Industrial Park. There are few new expansion areas for industry planned in Jones County or the City of Gray.



Photo 27: A Georgia EMC rendering of potential future development at the Griswoldville Industrial Park.

Mixed-Use Center

Areas of residential and commercial uses on the same land.

Presently, there are no mixed-use properties in Jones County or the City of Gray. There is a future land use interest to encourage a more age-friendly and walkable community with the establishment of mixed-use development in the heart of downtown Gray. Most of the current buildings in downtown Gray are only one-story buildings. However, there were some taller buildings downtown historically. As such, constructing new mixed-use buildings on vacant lots near downtown may be able to be accomplished in a manner that is sensitive to the historic context of the downtown area. A challenge for Jones County and the City of Gray will be finding developers willing to incorporate these types of new development into the downtown area. This is an area where the Gray Downtown Development Authority may prove especially helpful in guiding redevelopment.

Park/Recreation/Conservation

Land dedicated to active or passive recreation uses.

These areas may be either publicly or privately owned and may include playgrounds, public parks, nature preserves, wildlife management areas, national forests, golf courses, recreation centers, or similar uses. The City of Gray currently has one park and the Jones County High School Athletics Department facilities. Current uses in unincorporated Jones County include public and private recreation facilities, golf courses, a private riding stable, a private hunting club, Oconee National Forest, the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, the Hitchiti Experimental Forest, and Jarrell Plantation.



Photo 28: Lake Jonesco Golf Course is a large county-owned tract of recreational land.

Public/Institutional

State, federal, or local government uses, and institutional land uses.

Schools operated by the Jones County Board of Education that are in the unincorporated area and the Jones County fire stations and solid waste convenience centers are existing land uses. The City of Gray currently has numerous government buildings and complexes, schools, and institutional land uses scattered throughout the city. Both current and future government uses include government building complexes, police and fire stations, libraries, post offices, schools, and churches. On the future land use map, these buildings are generally only shown where they exist today. However, there may be smaller institutional uses that are appropriate in existing residential or commercial areas as well.

Rural Residential

Single-family homes on large lots found in rural areas.

In Jones County, there are scattered single-family site-built residential homes along with manufactured home residential developments. These rural residential areas are found on the outskirts of the city and county near agriculture/forestry lots. Rural residential neighborhoods are more likely to include homes that are older and found on large acreage lots. The condition and quality of rural residential properties vary greatly from manufactured homes to also include large stick-built homes.



Photo 29: Rural residential homes in Haddock. (Photo Credit: Google Maps, September 2019)

Suburban Residential

Single-family units found in somewhat more dense suburban land use areas.

Most of the current suburban residential land use is reflected by a pattern of subdivisions, which generally contain only one, or a limited number of access points. Suburban residential neighborhoods are composed of homes that are newly constructed, have similar building styles, and on average are more highly valued than older single-story homes throughout the community. Future land use within suburban residential areas is expected to grow as industrial and commercial development occurs in the City of Gray and Jones County.



Photo 30: Suburban residential development in the City of Gray (Photo Credit: Google Maps, June 2012)

Urban Residential

Single-family and multi-family dwelling units found in the densest neighborhoods.

Urban residential homes are found closer to the center of Gray to provide ease of mobility for all the residents' needs including shopping, entertainment, and work commute. Some urban residential neighborhoods can also be found at the furthest southern end of Jones County on the Macon-Bibb County line. Urban residential neighborhoods have homes found in relatively small acreage lots and may have lower home values. Some single-family urban residential neighborhoods may have older homes that need revitalization. The City of Gray has several multifamily unit apartment complexes, including low-income based housing options for residents. Newer townhomes have also begun to be developed in Gray. These are other types of urban residential housing. In unincorporated Jones County, multi-use family dwellings are generally not found. Urban residential uses will also frequently require public sewer services. Where successful, these types of homes can help address the "missing middle" of affordable housing between large single-family homes and small rental units.

Utilities

Major power generation plants, water treatment plants, or public utility sites.

The utility land use is identified on future land use maps. Javors Lucas Lake, a reservoir located on Town Creek, can be found in Jones County but is owned and managed by the Macon Water Authority. This is the largest land use in this category. An Atlanta Gas Light facility is also included in this land use category.



Photo 31: The new Woodland Springs Townhomes in Gray.

Scenic Byway Overlay

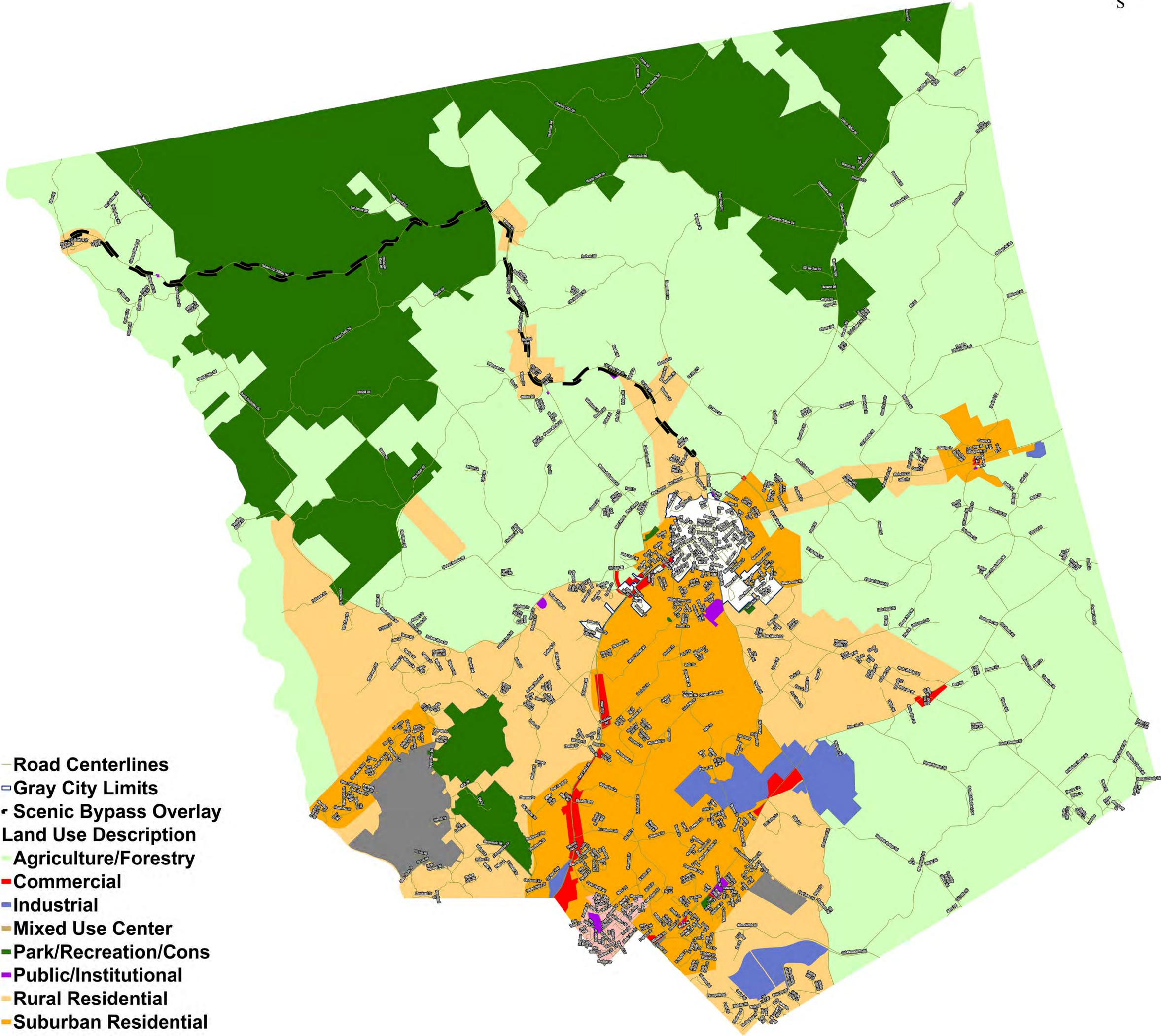
A new overlay corridor proposed to follow the Ocmulgee-Piedmont Scenic Byway.

Along State Route 11 and Round Oak-Juliette Road is found the Ocmulgee-Piedmont Scenic Byway. This roadway includes some of the most picturesque views in the community, including several small whistle-stop communities in Bradley, Wayside, and Round Oak. To meet the goals of the Scenic Byway program, Jones County will evaluate this corridor for a new overlay district that preserves the historic character of the area and limits incompatible development along the corridor.



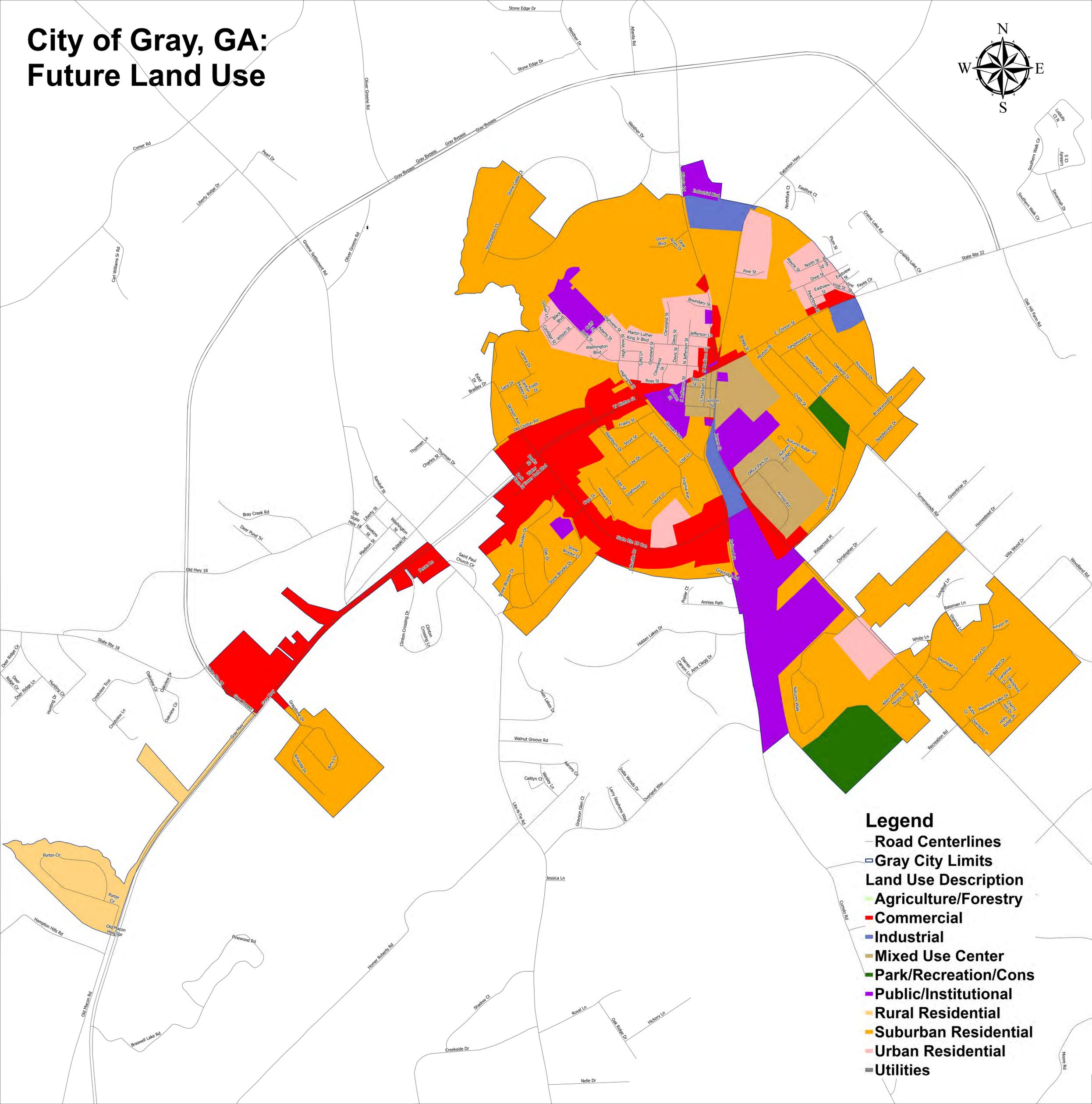
Photo 32: The end of the Scenic Byway corridor at the Ocmulgee River in East Juliette.

Jones County, GA: Future Land Use



- Road Centerlines
- Gray City Limits
- ▬ Scenic Bypass Overlay
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Local Government Collaboration

Goal



Increase cooperation and build trust between all governments in Jones County.

Needs and Opportunities

1) Opportunity to streamline the approval processes for new business owners in the city and the county

One way that the City of Gray and Jones County is interested in cooperating is by streamlining the processes to start a business. Currently, the City of Gray and Jones have separate requirements when it comes to business licensing and stakeholders feel as though it causes confusion and acts as a barrier to local entrepreneurs. The City of Gray may require a certificate of occupancy and they require an occupational tax application, e-verify, and a SAVE affidavit. Jones County requires a basic application, a county public benefit Affidavit, and an e-verify. Those steps are just for the basic business license process. Stakeholders also mentioned an opportunity for the City of Gray and Jones County to work together on a packet or pamphlet to guide business owners through the current process. Making some of these steps easier to navigate will encourage future business and economic development for the county.

2) Opportunity to continue evaluating costs and revenue related to service provisions.

Jones County and the City of Gray have multiple areas where they collaborate to provide service to their residents. For example, the City of Gray purchases water from Jones County, and the City of Gray Water Department serves some of the residents in the unincorporated Jones County area. This collaboration helps provide clean and safe drinking water to as many residents of Jones County and the City of Gray as possible. Meanwhile, though the city and county do not currently have an official collaboration in animal services, the City of Gray and the Jones County animal services often work together. The City of Gray and Jones County also share staff for the planning and zoning functions of the community and have engaged with this planning process jointly. Stakeholders in the comprehensive planning process generally encouraged the local governments to examine the provision of services to maximize the use of every taxpayer dollar, save money, increase revenue, and improve service delivery and quality of life for residents.

3) Opportunity to collaborate on issues impacting community aesthetics across city-county lines.

During the stakeholder sessions, community members noted that many of the service provisions, such as animal services and code enforcement do not acknowledge community lines and affect citizens both in the City and County. Community members and tourists driving through both city and county areas are going to notice blight, trash, or stray animals. Stakeholders saw an opportunity to collaborate with these services to improve the entire community aesthetic. This collaboration would be for the City of Gray and Jones County to work together in services such as code enforcement to beautify the entire community. Correcting blight, removing litter and trash, as well as reducing the number of stray animals will make the community more inviting for tourists and a better place to live for citizens.

Jones County Capital Improvements Element

The Georgia Development Impact Fee Act (DIFA) was enacted into law in 1990. Impact fees may be charged on new developments that occur within the community to offset the increased costs of providing basic governmental services in a growing city or county. In doing so, impact fees ensure that developers bear a reasonable share of the costs for new development without adversely impacting existing taxpayers. Jones County has an ordinance that establishes an impact fee program. In the past, Jones County has utilized its impact fees to improve the Jones County Public Library, the community recreation complexes, and public safety facilities (Emergency Management Agency and Sheriff's Office). Currently, Jones County has set its impact fee amount at \$0, due to the limited pace of new development in the community. However, the county retains the legal authority to continue doing so in the future.

Due to this practice, the county is required to satisfy the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) to remain in compliance with Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements. The CIE Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021 can be found in Appendix A. Throughout Fiscal Year 2021 no new Impact Fee funding was spent nor dispersed. As such, all funds continue to show a \$0 balance.

The following pages also include the Community Work Program for Jones County, which continues to be updated on an annual basis.



Photo 33: The Jones County Library was renovated in 2018. Impact Fees were one of the key sources that aided in funding the improvements. The library houses over 26,000 items in its collection.

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#	Activity	Status	Notes
Economic Development			
1	Facilitate regular meetings of the Jones County PLAN organization, in conjunction with other county authorities, to properly address the economic and strategic planning needs of the community.	Canceled	Jones County PLAN is no longer actively meeting. However, there may be interest in rekindling the group in the future.
2	Continue existing leadership development program to recruit and train future leaders.	Underway	Chamber of Commerce continues to sponsor this programming.
3	Establish financing mechanisms, such as special tax districts and revolving loan funds to help new industries and small business ventures with start-up capital or to act as an incentive for businesses to invest in the community.	Underway	County continues to pursue various incentives and financing mechanisms to support new development.
4	Establish shop-at-home program to capture sales tax dollars that are going to the larger surrounding markets.	Complete	This program is now in place in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce. City participates in Small Business Saturday and quarterly promotional events that are held by the Chamber and Main Street.
5	Continue Main Street Gray Program with the City of Gray as a springboard to develop an attractive, mixed-use pedestrian/bicycle-friendly downtown where people gather for shopping, dining, socializing, and entertainment.	Canceled	Project is a City of Gray priority, rather than a countywide project.
6	Update existing database of Jones County businesses with contact and other information.	Underway	An ongoing project that is also an opportunity for intergovernmental collaboration.
7	Construct Rail Spur at Griswoldville Park.	Underway	Continuing priority, subject to availability of funds.
8	Seek opportunities to increase broadband capacity and Jones County's competitiveness in the Digital Economy.	Complete	Jones County has successfully partnered with Tri-County EMC and Tri-CoGo to expand broadband.
9	Extend Jones County sewer lines to the Griswoldville Park.	Underway	County is actively seeking gap financing to complete this project.
10	GRAD Certification of Griswoldville Park.	Underway	Development Authority continues to work on GRAD certification.
Housing			
1	Continue existing efforts to identify and demolish dilapidated housing through the enforcement of the Unsafe Building Abatement Program.	Underway	County has increased the amount of funding available to these projects.
2	Identify eligible historic residential property that is endangered of being lost.	Underway	Project remains a priority, but will be incorporated as part of the cultural and historic resources section in the next CWP.
3	Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code.	Underway	County remains interested in adopting the code.
4	Explore potential benefits of implementing changes to land development ordinance to support low impact development.	Underway	Project is a continuing priority, but will be moved to Land Use section in next CWP.

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#	Activity	Status	Notes
5	Complete work on the Blight Remediation Action Plan, review its findings and consider appropriate action steps for future work.	Underway	County has actively worked to promote cleanups across the community and to document and track blight while investing additional funds.
Community Facilities and Services			
1	Implement Jones County/City of Gray water system enhancement project.	Underway	County is investing more than \$15 million in water improvements. Project will be broken out into more detail in the next CWP.
2	Implement the Phase II Stormwater Management Program in southern Jones County.	Complete	County has implemented and will continue to implement the Phase II Stormwater Management Program on an ongoing basis.
3	Purchase a new Tanker Truck.	Underway	Purchase to be completed this year.
4	Purchase a new Ladder Truck.	Underway	Remains a priority subject to availability of funds.
5	Purchase a new Heavy Rescue Vehicle.	Underway	Remains a priority subject to availability of funds.
6	Evaluate the need for the creation of a water or sewer authority.	Complete	Discussions were held in joint City-County-BOE meetings, but is not a priority at this time.
7	Expand programs provided at the Boys and Girls Club.	Canceled	Not a current priority as county has only limited influence on this action item.
8	Undertake improvements to the Jones County Health Department facility.	Underway	Funding has been secured and construction should start in late 2022.
Transportation			
1	Establish attractive entranceways to Jones County that are outside the scenic byway corridor.	Underway	Ongoing priority.
2	Acquire the right-of-way for the shared-use trail in the Jones County portion of the abandoned rail line from Macon-Bibb to Milledgeville.	Underway	Project remains of high interest and is included in the 2050 MATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
3	Implement existing plan to pave all dirt roads in the unincorporated area of the county on priority basis.	Underway	Paving of unpaved roads remains a priority subject to the availability of funding.
4	Coordinate with GDOT to install traffic lights at Highway 49 at Henderson Road.	Canceled	No longer a high priority project.
5	Implement a prioritized bridge maintenance program within Jones County based on the latest GDOT bridge inspection reports, local needs, and other data.	Canceled	County does not have a prioritized maintenance program, but has identified bridges in need.
6	Construct roundabout at Cumslo Road and Highway 18 connector.	Underway	Project needs additional financial support, but remains a county priority.
Natural and Cultural Resources			
1	Assist the Macon Water Authority in implementing the Source Water Protection Plan for the Ocmulgee and Lucas Lake intakes.	Complete	Macon Water Authority now owns nearly 5,000 acres. The county will continue to cooperate with MWA as needed and where feasible.
2	Establish passive recreation area and other improvements at the Ocmulgee River Bridge-Old Grist Mill area in East Juliette or the Dames Ferry area that allows for public access to the Ocmulgee River.	Underway	Remains a priority that may be able to be accomplished in unison with GA-18 bridge replacement project.

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#	Activity	Status	Notes
3	Advertise appropriate recreational use of the National Forest and all other public lands.	Underway	Project is ongoing. Will be moved to economic development section with other tourism items.
4	Demonstrate the value of natural resources through the creation of a public awareness program, eco-tours, Chamber of Commerce promotions and the county's website.	Underway	Project is ongoing. Will be moved to economic development section with other tourism items.
5	Update 1988 Historic Resources Survey within the unincorporated area of Jones County and identify eligible sites and districts for placement on the National Register for Historic Places.	Underway	Funding was previously received for an update, but was too cost prohibitive to pursue.
6	Designate local landmarks, districts, and sites for protection in unincorporated Jones County as recommended by the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission.	Canceled	Project remains a priority, but work to update the 1988 Historic Resources Survey is a higher priority and will help enable this project once completed.
7	Increase public awareness of the National Register of Historic Places Program, Centennial Farm Program, and the Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network and other related preservation programs.	Underway	Jones County and OCHS have actively applied for funding to help expand knowledge, especially of African American history in Jones County.
8	Implement redevelopment and preservation goals of Old Clinton Tanyard Master Plan, including protection of adjacent properties.	Underway	Jones County and OCHS continue to apply for funding to benefit preservation of the Tanyard.
9	Amend existing county zoning ordinance to establish an overlay zone for the scenic byway corridor that addresses signage, design, and other land use issues, including the protection of the farmland viewsheds.	Underway	Project is a priority for consideration by the Board of Commissioners and has been added to the Future Land Use map.
10	Establish a consistent signage and landscaping program at the community entrances along the scenic byway corridor.	Underway	Landscaping and entranceways are continuing priorities for Jones County.
11	Develop preservation plans for the four communities along the scenic byway route.	Canceled	Project remains a priority, but can be better accomplished once an overlay district is established.
12	Develop historic and scenic turn-offs along the scenic byway route.	Canceled	Not a current priority for the county.
Education			
1	Create higher-education courses along with developing skilled trade programs (Workforce Development Center).	Underway	Jones County College and Career Academy continues to work on developing new pathways to prepare students with certificate programs.
2	Establish counseling centers to support the mental health of the students.	Complete	Counseling centers established at each school and BOE has actively engaged in the county's new suicide prevention coalition.
3	Establish mentorship/apprentice programs with surrounding industries.	Complete	Jones County supports mentorship program and encourages youth participation in public service.

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#	Activity	Status	Notes
4	Partner with Jones County Community Partnership (formerly Family Connection), Adult Literacy Program, and CGTC to decrease adult illiteracy and increase percentage of graduates.	Underway	Family Connection, Board of Education, and CGTC continue to promote adult education opportunities.
Land Use			
1	Encourage development only where infrastructure can support it, through the development of an infrastructure expansion plan that is consistent with the gradual expansion of the urban development boundary recommended in the Future Development Map.	Canceled	Jones County does not maintain an urban development boundary, but as a matter of ongoing policy, the county adheres to the Future Land Use Map, which is developed with the availability of infrastructure in mind.
2	Establish and Implement Ocmulgee River Overlay Zone that implements recommended development patterns identified in the Community Agenda.	Underway	An overlay has not yet been established, but the County continues to ensure that development along the river does not disturb sensitive areas.
3	Explore various options, including amending the land development regulations to prevent intrusion along the periphery of the National/State Forest and WMAs.	Canceled	No longer a specific priority of the county. Land use regulations will continue to discourage incompatible development nearby.
4	Explore options to protect, preserve and promote the natural and historic resources along or near a rail-to-trail facility.	Underway	Ongoing priority.
5	Create incentives for developers to think "green" in their design of residential neighborhoods in the character areas.	Underway	Ongoing priority.
6	Designate local historic districts in portions of the City of Gray and in the communities of Bradley, Wayside, Round Oak, and East Juliette.	Underway	A continuing priority that will be more feasible following proposed work on a scenic byway overlay corridor as proposed in the future land use map.
7	Continue implementation of River North development plan.	Canceled	Jones County continues to support the River North plan that calls for appropriate density of development and provision of necessary services. However, the county does not have any further role in actively undertaking development.
8	Revise existing subdivision regulations that will require certain traffic-calming measures within new residential and mixed-use neighborhoods.	Underway	Ongoing priority.
9	Continue to implement existing preservation plan for the Old Clinton Historic District.	Underway	Ongoing priority.
10	Develop new fee structure for Planning and Zoning.	Complete	P&Z completed an updated fee structure.
11	Digitize the current zoning map.	Underway	Project should be completed later in 2022.
12	Evaluate need for establishment of a Scenic Byway Commission	Underway	Ongoing priority.
13	Educate landowners (area between Government Center, Bradley, Wayside, and Round Oak) on techniques to protect farmland viewsheds and related benefits.	Underway	Will be more feasible following discussion of an overlay corridor in the scenic byway.

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#	Activity	Status	Notes
14	Sponsor annual clean-up events along the scenic byway.	Complete	Annual cleanups are regularly held throughout the community.
15	Conduct workshops in association with the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission for economic developers, business owners, and citizens along the byway on public and private funding sources available for the protection and promotion of historic resources and how best to secure this funding.	Complete	Jones County and OCHS work to share information with potential developers on the importance of historic preservation. These resources will remain in place going into the future.

Jones County: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
Economic Development					
1	Continue existing leadership development program to recruit and train future leaders.	2022-2026	\$3,500/yr.	Chamber of Commerce	Private Sources
2	Establish financing mechanisms, such as special tax districts and revolving loan funds to help new industries and small business ventures with start-up capital or to act as an incentive for businesses to invest in the community.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Chamber of Commerce, Development Authority	General Fund
3	Update existing database of Jones County businesses with contact and other information.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Chamber of Commerce	Private Sources
4	Construct Rail Spur at Griswoldville Park.	2022-2026	\$3,500,000	Jones County, Development Authority, Norfolk Southern, US Army Corps of Engineers	SPLOST, Grants
5	Extend Jones County Sewer lines to the Griswoldville Park.	2022-2024	\$4,500,000	Jones County, Macon Water Authority	SPLOST, Grants, Loans
6	GRAD Certification of Griswoldville Park.	2022-2023	Staff Time	Jones County, Development Authority	General Fund
7	Advertise appropriate recreational use of the federal and state public land and support awareness around ecotourism and marketing of the community's assets via online platforms.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Chamber of Commerce, Jones County	General Fund
Housing					
1	Continue existing efforts to identify and demolish dilapidated housing through the enforcement of the Unsafe Building Abatement Program.	2022-2026	\$100,000/yr	Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST
2	Adoption of International Property Maintenance Code.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
3	Complete work on the Blight Remediation Action Plan, review its findings and consider appropriate action steps for future work.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Blight Committee	General Fund
Public Safety and Health					
1	Purchase a new Tanker Truck.	2022	\$317,000	Jones County, EMA	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
2	Purchase a new Ladder Truck.	2022-2026	\$750,000	Jones County, EMA	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
3	Purchase a new Heavy Rescue Vehicle.	2022-2026	\$500,000	Jones County, EMA	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
4	Complete expansion of the Jones County Health Department.	2022-2023	\$1,500,000	Jones County, North Central Health District	Board of Health, CDBG-CV Grant

Jones County: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
Public Buildings and Utilities					
1	Undertake water line extensions within the Graham Road, Sand Creek Trail, and GA-49 areas. Project will include new capacity and an elevated tank.	2022-2025	\$15.5 Million	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority	SPLOST, ARPA Grants, Bonds
2	Rehab of older River North Water and Sewer Lines	2023-2026	\$4-5 Million	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority	SPLOST, Bonds, Water Fund
3	Develop county's first wastewater treatment plan to serve development primarily in southern Jones County.	2023-2026	\$14 Million	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority	SPLOST, Bonds, Water Fund, Grants
4	Development of new sewer lines along Gray Highway and Joycliff Road and Upper River Road neighborhoods.	2023-2026	\$15 Million	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority	SPLOST, Bonds, Water Fund, Grants
5	Develop sewer collection infrastructure in partnership with City of Gray in neighborhoods adjacent to the current city limits with failing septic tanks (such as Crestview Trace).	2024-2026	\$4-5 Million	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority, City of Gray	SPLOST, Bonds, Water Fund, Grants
6	Expand county water system supply with connections to wells 10 and 11	2024-2026	\$250,000	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority	SPLOST, Bonds, Water Fund
7	Upgrade interconnections between the city and county water systems.	2025-2026	\$40,000	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority, City of Gray	SPLOST, Bonds, Water Fund
8	Explore need to add additional water system capacity.	2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
9	Receive final report on the Courthouse Condition Analysis from BTBB, Inc. and implement recommendations for building stabilization.	2022-2023	\$300,000	Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST
10	Develop plans for expansion of the County Courthouse facility.	2023-2024	\$100,000	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority	General Fund, SPLOST, Bonds
11	Secure funding to undertake courthouse improvements. An estimated \$10 Million is needed in order for expansion and renovation to begin.	2023-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Public Facilities Authority	General Fund
12	Inventory existing stormwater management infrastructure to better understand future needs.	2022-2025	Staff Time	Jones County, MGRC	General Fund
Transportation					
1	Pursue roadside beautification projects in partnership with GDOT along entrance corridors to the community.	2022-2026	\$25,000	Jones County, GDOT, Keep Jones Beautiful	Grants, General Fund, SPLOST
2	Acquire the right-of-way for the shared-use trail in the Jones County portion of the abandoned rail line from Macon-Bibb to Milledgeville.	2022-2026	\$35 Million	Jones County, Baldwin County, City of Milledgeville, Macon-Bibb County, MATS, CGRTA, Inc., MGRC	Grants, General Fund, SPLOST, USDOT, GDOT

Jones County: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
3	Implement existing plan to pave all dirt roads in the unincorporated area of the county on priority basis.	2022-2026	\$1 Million per unpaved mile	Jones County	Grants, General Fund, SPLOST
4	Construct roundabout at Cumslo Road and Highway 18 connector.	2022-2026	\$500,000	Jones County, City of Gray, GDOT, BOE	Grants, General Fund, SPLOST
5	Union Hill Church Road bridge replacement in Oconee National Forest.	2022-2026	\$2-3 Million	Jones County, USDOT	Grants, General Fund, SPLOST
6	Howard Roberts Road bridge replacement.	2022-2026	\$2-3 Million	Jones County, GDOT	Grants, General Fund, SPLOST
7	Hire outside firm to assist with right-of-way acquisition for paving projects	2022-2026	TBD - Contract	Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST
8	Invest in parking lot paving for the two recreation complexes.	2022-2026	\$1,500,000	Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST
9	Extend sidewalks from Jones County High School tennis courts down to Overland Way on Railroad Street.	2022-2026	\$1,000,000	Jones County, City of Gray	General Fund, SPLOST
10	Install sidewalks on Joycliff Road and on Dusty Lane/New Clinton Road.	2022-2026	\$3,000,000	Jones County, City of Gray	General Fund, SPLOST
11	Install GA-49 sidewalks between Mattie Wells Elementary and Rec Complex.	2022-2024	\$400,000	Jones County, GDOT	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
12	Install passing lanes on GA-18 between Dames Ferry Elementary and the Ocmulgee River.	2024-2026	\$4-5 Million	Jones County, GDOT	General Fund, SPLOST
Natural Resources and Recreation					
1	Establish passive recreation area at Dames Ferry/GA-18 that allows for public access to the Ocmulgee River.	2025-2026	\$500,000	Jones County, GDOT	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
2	Implement Land and Water Conservation Fund project for expansion and enhancement of Liberty Park.	2022-2023	\$400,000	Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
3	Implement Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program project for acquisition and development of Jake's Woods	2022-2024	\$1,250,000	Jones County, Old Clinton Historical Society	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
4	Develop mountain biking trails on 29-acre site near Mattie Wells Elementary.	2022-2024	\$500,000	Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
5	Develop pickleball and splashpad facilities to further enhance recreational offerings in the county.	2024-2026	\$1,000,000	Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
6	Partner with City of Gray and the Board of Education to develop a reuse strategy for the Turner Woods Park.	2022-2024	Staff Time	Jones County, City of Gray, Board of Education	General Fund
7	Identify potential rehabilitation needs at Lake Jonesco Golf Course	2025-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund

Jones County: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
Cultural and Historic Resources					
1	Update 1988 Historic Resources Survey within the unincorporated area of Jones County and identify eligible sites and districts for placement on the National Register for Historic Places.	2022-2026	\$150,000	Jones County, Old Clinton Historical Society, Historic Preservation Commission	Grants, General Fund, Private Donations
2	Increase public awareness of the National Register of Historic Places Program, Centennial Farm Program, and the Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network and other related preservation programs.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Old Clinton Historical Society	Grants, General Fund, Private Donations
3	Implement redevelopment and preservation goals of Old Clinton Tanyard Master Plan, including protection of adjacent properties.	2022-2026	\$750,000	Jones County, Old Clinton Historical Society	Grants, General Fund, Private Donations
4	Amend existing county zoning ordinance to establish an overlay zone for the scenic byway corridor that addresses signage, design, and other land use issues, including the protection of the farmland viewsheds.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Historic Preservation Commission, MGRC	General Fund
5	Establish a consistent signage and landscaping program at the community entrances along the scenic byway corridor.	2022-2026	\$25,000	Jones County, GDOT, Keep Jones Beautiful, Historic Preservation Commission	Grants, General Fund, SPLOST
Education					
1	Continue to create higher-education courses along with developing skilled trade programs through the College and Career Academy.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Board of Education, JCCCA	General Fund
2	Partner with Jones Family Connection, Adult Literacy Program, CGTC to decrease adult illiteracy and increase percentage of graduates.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Board of Education, JCCCA	General Fund
Broadband Services					
1	Invest in build out of the Tri-County EMC Tri-CoGo broadband network using eligible local ARPA funding.	2022-2024	\$5,500,000	Jones County, Tri-County EMC, Tri-CoGo	General Fund - ARPA
2	Apply for Georgia Broadband Ready designation.	2022-2023	Staff Time	Jones County, MGRC	General Fund
Land Use					
1	Establish and Implement Ocmulgee River Overlay Zone that implements protections of sensitive environmental areas along the river.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
2	Explore options to protect, preserve and promote the natural and historic resources along or near a rail-to-trail facility.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
3	Create incentives for developers to think "green" in their design of residential neighborhoods.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund

Jones County: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
4	Designate local historic districts in portions of the City of Gray and in the communities of Bradley, Wayside, Round Oak, and East Juliette.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Historic Preservation Commission	General Fund
5	Revise existing subdivision regulations that will require certain traffic-calming measures within new residential and mixed-use neighborhoods.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
6	Continue to implement existing preservation plan for the Old Clinton Historic District.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Historic Preservation Commission, OCHS	General Fund
7	Digitize the current zoning map.	2022	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
8	Evaluate need for establishment of a Scenic Byway Commission	2023-2024	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
9	Educate landowners (area between Government Center, Bradley, Wayside, and Round Oak) on techniques to protect farmland viewsheds and related benefits.	2024-2026	Staff Time	Jones County, Historic Preservation Commission	General Fund
10	Explore potential benefits of implementing changes to land development ordinance to support low impact development.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
11	Implement a new R-62 or R-55 zoning designation to support development of senior housing in Jones County.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Jones County	General Fund
Local Government Collaboration					
1	Continue to actively participate in and engage with OneJones Partnership meetings to support continued collaboration.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Jones County, Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Development Authority, DDA, Jones County News	General Fund

City of Gray: Report of Accomplishments

#	Activity	Status	Notes
Economic Development			
1	Support an active Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Authority, Main Street Gray, and various other community organizations, such as Jones County PLAN that participate in the economic, leadership, and strategic planning process of Jones County and the City of Gray.	Complete	The City of Gray supported each of these entities throughout the past five years. The city will also continue to support economic development partnerships throughout the community.
2	Continue existing leadership development program to recruit and train leaders.	Underway	Programming remains active in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.
3	Establish financing mechanisms, such as special tax districts and revolving loan funds to help new industries and small business venture with start-up capital or to act as an incentive for businesses to invest in the community.	Underway	Project remains a priority. City applied for a Rural Zone designation previously, but was not successful.
4	Continue existing small business entrepreneurship program.	Underway	Programming remains active in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce.
5	Maintain membership and active participation in Central Georgia Joint Development Authority and partnerships with Georgia Power, Tri-County EMC, and other regional and state economic development support organizations and institutions.	Complete	City of Gray has maintained membership in the CGJDA and will continue to support regional economic development initiatives going forward.
6	Establish shop at home program to capture sales tax dollars that are going to the larger surrounding markets.	Complete	This program is now in place in coordination with the Chamber of Commerce. City participates in Small Business Saturday and quarterly promotional events are held by the Chamber and Main Street.
7	Continue Main Street Gray program within the City of Gray that would be used as a springboard to develop an attractive, mixed-use pedestrian/bicycle friendly place within the downtown area where people choose to gather for shopping, dining, socializing, and entertainment.	Underway	City maintained the Main Street programs over past five years. Earlier in 2022, the City of Gray established this staff member as a full-time city employee, rather than sharing a staff member with the Chamber and Development Authority.
8	Update existing database of City of Gray businesses with contact and other information.	Underway	Ongoing project.
9	Increase advertisement of Griswoldville Industrial Park.	Canceled	Project is outside the city's authority.
10	Create a strategic plan to inspire sound growth.	Complete	Gray DDA has undertaken extensive planning work in downtown area which has culminated in projects such as the Butler Hall renovation.
Housing			
1	Continue existing efforts to stimulate the market for new first-time homebuyers, greater housing diversity, increase supply of low and moderate-income housing, and encourage innovative residential development design.	Underway	Ongoing project.

City of Gray: Report of Accomplishments

#	Activity	Status	Notes
2	Enforce current land development regulations that encourage residential developers to: 1) Incorporate innovative lot and street design to protect critical natural resources, encourage energy conservation, and reduce development cost; 2) Create open space within neighborhoods and buffers between different uses; and 3) Minimize the destruction of trees during construction and encourage tree planting in developed lots.	Complete	City of Gray has enforced its current land development regulations and will continue to do so moving forward.
3	Continually identify eligible historic residential properties that are endanger of being lost.	Underway	Ongoing project.
4	Utilize the expertise provided through the GICH program to expound efficient homes.	Underway	City of Gray is a certified GICH alumni member.
5	Establish and implement program to rehabilitate deteriorated housing in the Traditional Neighborhood Declining Character Area through grants and other financial assistance.	Underway	Project is ongoing, and City applied for CHIP funding in 2022. Item will be updated to remove character area references moving forward.
Community Facilities and Services			
1	Implement Jones County/City of Gray water system enhancement project.	Underway	Projects are ongoing. Project will combined with item #7 below in the next CWP.
2	Establish and implement plan to improve sewerage system inflow problems in the City of Gray's sewerage collection system.	Underway	Wolf Creek WPCP Plant Expansion is underway to approximately double plant capacity.
3	Establish and implement plan to improve stormwater drainage in downtown Gray.	Underway	Ongoing project.
4	Establish long-term water and sewerage infrastructure plan in coordination with the land use, economic development and fire prevention plans for Jones County and the City of Gray.	Canceled	Development a a joint water and sewerage plan is not currently a major priority for both local governments.
5	Prepare a plan that identifies future active and passive recreation areas that is the best "fit" for the area in which it is to be located.	Underway	Several properties have been identified for future recreation development. Next CWP items will be in recreation section and will contain more detail.
6	Continue to work towards local goal of reducing solid waste by recycling, education, and availability.	Underway	Ongoing project.
7	Apply for funding to support the input or enhancement of water, sewer, and stormwater improvements.	Underway	City continues to pursue funding and is actively using GEFA funds to support WPCP expansion.
8	Renovate the Senior Center.	Canceled	Project is outside the city's authority.
9	Renovate the County Jail.	Canceled	Project is outside the city's authority.
10	Renovate and expand the library.	Canceled	Project is outside the city's authority.
11	Expand programs at the Boys and Girls Club.	Canceled	Project is outside the city's authority.
12	Advocate for the establishment of an urgent care facility in the community.	Complete	A facility did briefly open but was not economically sustainable or succesful.

City of Gray: Report of Accomplishments

#	Activity	Status	Notes
13	Conduct regularly scheduled training scenarios for all public safety personnel, i.e. active shooter, natural disaster, etc.	Underway	Ongoing project.
14	Purchase body camera for law enforcement personnel.	Complete	All Gray police officers have body worn cameras.
15	Purchase additional supplies and vehicles for firefighters, i.e. air packs, SCBAs, infrared cameras, turnout gear, etc.	Complete	New SCBAs and turnout gear was purchased.
16	Sponsor annual clean-up events along the scenic byway.	Complete	City regularly participates in Great American Cleanup.
17	Conduct regular neighborhood clean-up campaigns in the Traditional Neighborhood Declining Character Area to eliminate litter and vegetative growth in vacant lots.	Complete	City of Gray and Jones County continue to partner on neighborhood cleanup projects.
18	Identify and demolish unsafe abandoned structures in the City of Gray.	Underway	Ongoing project.
Transportation			
1	Construct new bike paths and walkways in the scenic byway corridor to promote bicycle and pedestrian usage.	Underway	Ongoing project.
2	Make improvements to downtown Gray for use as a byway trailhead, including designing and maintaining streetscape and facades.	Underway	Ongoing project.
3	Plan and establish inter-connecting bike trails and sidewalks that include Clinton, Highway 18 Connector, new high school, and recreation park on Highway 18.	Complete	Sidewalks and multi-use paths now primarily connect these neighborhoods and public facilities around the Jones County schools.
4	Plan and establish new sidewalks in the City of Gray.	Underway	Ongoing project.
5	Further the construction of the Central Georgia Rail-to-Trails system.	Canceled	Project is outside the city's authority.
6	Evaluate the need for an additional transit van or extending the hours or days of service.	Canceled	Project is outside the city's authority.
7	Establish attractive entranceways to the City of Gray that are outside the scenic byway corridor.	Underway	Ongoing project.
8	Conduct a study in the neighborhoods within the Traditional Neighborhood Declining Character Area to determine the streets where retrofitting is possible for pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.	Canceled	No longer a priority as the previous character areas are no longer actively used by the city.
Natural and Cultural Resources			
1	Implement a consistent signage and landscaping program at the community entrances along the scenic byway.	Underway	Ongoing project.
2	Update 1988 Historic Resources Survey within the City of Gray and identify eligible sites and districts for placement on National Register for Historic Places.	Underway	Project remains a priority, pending funding.

City of Gray: Report of Accomplishments

#	Activity	Status	Notes
3	Establish locally designated Historic District in City of Gray as recommended by the Gray Historic Preservation Committee.	Underway	Zoning overlay district exists, but opportunity exists to extend the district to more historic properties.
4	Implement the City of Gray's public education and awareness program to promote value of historic preservation for residents in the City of Gray.	Underway	Ongoing project.
5	Promote value of historic preservation through public education programs, chamber of commerce promotions, heritage tours, and county website.	Canceled	These items primarily reference actions for countywide entities rather than the City of Gray. The city's promotion is covered under project #4 above.
6	Increase public awareness of the National Register of Historic Places Program, Centennial Farm Program, and the Georgia African-American Historic Preservation Network and other related programs.	Underway	Ongoing project.
7	Provide guide of historic sites throughout Jones County and the City of Gray.	Underway	Ongoing project.
8	Property acquisition and rehabilitation of Gray Station Depot.	Complete	A private individual purchased the depot and moved it across the road to ensure its preservation.
9	Implement tourism opportunities. i.e. boat landings, parks	Canceled	Development of new large scale tourism opportunities, especially for river access would be a Jones County project, rather than City of Gray.
10	Promote the conservation of historic resources throughout the community.	Underway	This is a policy statement that can be achieved by continued implementation of projects #2-4 in this category. This will be reflected there in the future CWP updates.
11	Establish new greenspaces and playgrounds in the Traditional Neighborhood Declining Character Area.	Underway	Project will continue in next CWP, but will more generally reference development opportunities for new greenspace, rather than focusing on specific character areas.
12	Plan and implement special events and publications to highlight the byway to the target markets, including promotion of Native American, railroad and Civil War history and the recreational qualities along the byway, in coordination with events held at the Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge, Jarrell Plantation, Old Clinton, and the Ocmulgee River.	Underway	Ongoing project.
Education			
1	Create higher-education courses along with developing skilled trade programs (Workforce Development Center).	Underway	Jones County College and Career Academy continues to work on developing new pathways to prepare students with certificate programs.
2	Establish counseling centers to support the mental health of the students.	Complete	Counseling centers established at each school and BOE has actively engaged in the county's new suicide prevention coalition.
3	Establish mentorship/apprentice programs with surrounding industries.	Complete	City of Gray supports mentorship program by sponsoring an internship.

City of Gray: Report of Accomplishments

#	Activity	Status	Notes
4	Partner with Jones Family Connection, Adult Literacy Program, CGTC to decrease adult illiteracy and increase percentage of graduates.	Underway	Family Connection, Board of Education, and CGTC continue to promote adult education opportunities.
5	Create a College and Career Academy.	Complete	College and Career Academy opened in 2019.
Intergovernmental Coordination			
1	Establish and implement a mechanism for the City of Gray to work with other governments to provide or share appropriate services.	Complete	Regular City-County-BOE meetings have been established to provide this forum for each local government entity.
2	Establish and implement a mechanism for City of Gray to coordinate with the Jones County Board of Education on growth preparedness issues.	Complete	Regular City-County-BOE meetings have been established to provide this forum for each local government entity.

City of Gray: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
Economic Development					
1	Continue existing leadership development program to recruit and train future leaders.	2022-2026	\$3,500/yr.	Chamber of Commerce	Private Sources
2	Establish financing mechanisms, such as special tax districts and revolving loan funds to help new industries and small business ventures with start-up capital.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Chamber of Commerce, DDA, Main Street	General Fund
3	Continue existing small business entrepreneurship program.	2022-2026	\$6,000/yr.	Chamber of Commerce	Private Sources
4	Continue Main Street Gray programing and Gray DDA efforts to develop an attractive, mixed-use pedestrian/bicycle friendly place downtown area.	2022-2026	\$100,000	City of Gray, DDA, Main Street	General Fund, Grants
5	Update existing database of City of Gray businesses with contact and other information.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Chamber of Commerce	General Fund
Housing					
1	Continue working to develop greater housing diversity and increase the supply of low and moderate-income housing.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Housing Team	General Fund
2	Continually identify eligible historic residential properties that are endanger of being lost.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Housing Team	General Fund
3	Utilize the expertise provided through the GICH program to expound efficient homes.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Housing Team	General Fund
4	Establish and implement program to rehabilitate deteriorated housing with grants and other financial assistance.	2022-2026	\$400,000/yr	City of Gray, Housing Team, MGRC	CHIP Grants, General Fund
Public Safety and Health					
1	Continue to work towards local goal of reducing solid waste by recycling, education, and availability.	2022-2026	\$1,000/yr	Keep Jones Beautiful, City of Gray, Jones County	General Fund
2	Conduct regularly scheduled training scenarios for all public safety personnel, i.e. active shooter, natural disaster, etc.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Jones County	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
3	Identify and demolish unsafe abandoned structures in the City of Gray.	2022-2026	\$50,000/yr	City of Gray, Jones County, Housing Team	General Fund, SPLOST, Grants
Public Buildings and Utilities					
1	Establish and implement plan to improve sewerage system inflow problems in the City of Gray's sewerage collection system.	2022-2024	\$10 Million	City of Gray	GEFA Loan, SPLOST, Grants
2	Establish and implement a plan to improve stormwater drainage in downtown Gray.	2022-2026	\$250,000	City of Gray	SPLOST, Water Fund, Grants

City of Gray: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
3	Identify areas where terra cotta sewer mains are still in use and select areas for possible future grant applications.	2022-2023	Staff Time	City of Gray, MGRC	Water Fund
4	Apply for funding to support the input or enhancement of water, sewer, and stormwater improvements.	2022-2026	\$1 Million per application	City of Gray	SPLOST, Water Fund, Grants
Transportation					
1	Construct new bike paths and walkways in the scenic byway corridor to promote bicycle and pedestrian usage.	2022-2026	TBD - Dependent on Scope	City of Gray, Jones County, GDOT	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST
2	Make improvements to downtown Gray for use as a byway trailhead, including designing and maintaining streetscape and facades.	2022-2026	\$250,000	City of Gray, Jones County, GDOT	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST
3	Plan and establish new sidewalks in the City of Gray, especially where gaps exist in the current network.	2022-2026	Approx. \$1 Million/mile	City of Gray, Jones County, GDOT	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST
4	Establish attractive entranceways to the City of Gray that are outside the scenic byway corridor.	2022-2026	\$50,000	City of Gray, Jones County, GDOT, Keep Jones Beautiful	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST
Natural Resources and Recreation					
1	Based on an identification of the best passive recreation areas that fit the area, work to develop new passive greenspace within the city limits. This work should particularly include a focus on distressed communities.	2022-2026	\$200,000	City of Gray, Jones County	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST
2	Partner with Jones County and the Board of Education to develop a reuse strategy for the Turner Woods park.	2022-2024	Staff Time	City of Gray, Jones County, Board of Education	General Fund
Cultural and Historic Resources					
1	Implement a consistent signage and landscaping program at the community entrances along the scenic byway corridor.	2022-2026	\$50,000	City of Gray, Jones County, GDOT, Keep Jones Beautiful	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST
2	Update 1988 Historic Resources Survey within the City of Gray and identify eligible sites and districts for placement on the National Register for Historic Places.	2022-2026	\$50,000	City of Gray, Historic Preservation Commission,	General Fund, Grants, Private Sources
3	Designate new properties for protection as part of the city's local Historic Overlay Zoning District.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Historic Preservation Commission,	General Fund
4	Implement the City of Gray's public education and awareness program to promote the value of historic preservation for residents in the City of Gray.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Historic Preservation Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, OCHS	General Fund

City of Gray: 2022-2026 Community Work Program

#	Activity	Timeframe	Cost Estimate	Responsible Parties	Funding Source
5	Increase public awareness of the National Register of Historic Places Program, Centennial Farm Program, and the Georgia African-American Historic Preservation Network and other related programs.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Historic Preservation Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, OCHS	General Fund
6	Provide guide of historic sites throughout Jones County and the City of Gray.	2022-2026	\$5,000	City of Gray, Historic Preservation Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, OCHS	General Fund
7	Plan and implement special events and publications to highlight the scenic byway to the target markets, and coordinate promotion with events held at the Jarrell Plantation and Old Clinton.	2022-2026	\$25,000/yr	City of Gray, Historic Preservation Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, OCHS	General Fund
Education					
1	Continue to create higher-education courses along with developing skilled trade programs through the College and Career Academy.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Board of Education, JCCCA	General Fund
2	Partner with Jones Family Connection, Adult Literacy Program, CGTC to decrease adult illiteracy and increase percentage of graduates.	2022-2026	Staff Time	Board of Education, JCCCA	General Fund
Broadband Services					
1	Apply for Georgia Broadband Ready designation.	2022-2023	Staff Time	City of Gray, MGRC	General Fund
Land Use					
1	Update the City's design guidelines for the downtown district overlay.	2022-2023	Staff Time	City of Gray, MGRC, DDA	General Fund
Local Government Collaboration					
1	Continue to actively participate in and engage with OneJones Partnership meetings to support continued collaboration.	2022-2026	Staff Time	City of Gray, Jones County, Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Development Authority, DDA, Jones County News	General Fund

Appendices

Appendix A: Jones County CIE Annual Financial Report

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Appendix A: Jones County CIE Annual Financial Report

**Jones County
ANNUAL IMPACT FEES FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2021**

(1) Public Facility Type	Library	EMA	Sheriff's Office	Parks	Administration	TOTAL
(2) Service Area	County wide	County wide	County wide	County wide		
(3) Beginning Impact Fee Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(4) Impact Fees Collected	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(5) Accrued Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(6) Project Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(7) Administrative Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(8) Impact Fee Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(9) Ending Impact Fee Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
(10) Impact Fees Encumbered	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00

Appendix B: Plan Adoption Resolutions

**RESOLUTION
BY JONES COUNTY
ADOPTING THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
FOR
JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY**

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

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. 50-8-1 et seq. gives the Department of Community Affairs authority to establish standards and procedures for appropriate and timely comprehensive planning by all local governments in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, all portions of the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for Jones County and the city of Gray were completed by Jones County with the assistance of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission; and

WHEREAS, this document was reviewed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and was found in compliance with the Local Planning Requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Jones County does hereby adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for Jones County and the city of Gray.

Signed and sealed this 28 day of June 2022.



Chris Weidner, Chairman



Shannon Wagner, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION
BY JONES COUNTY
ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT
(CIE) ANNUAL UPDATE**

WHEREAS, Jones County has prepared an annual update to the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) as an amendment to the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the CIE update was prepared, submitted and reviewed in accordance with the "Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements" and the "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning" adopted by the Board of Community Affairs pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed the CIE update and found it to be in compliance with all applicable requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Jones County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the Capital Improvements Element Annual Update, as per the requirements of the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements.

Signed and sealed this 28 day of June 2022.



Chris Weidner, Chairman



Shannon Wagner, County Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAY,
GEORGIA ADOPTING THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR JONES
COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. 50-8-1 et seq. gives the Department of Community Affairs authority to establish standards and procedures for appropriate and timely comprehensive planning by all local governments in Georgia; and

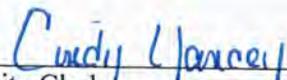
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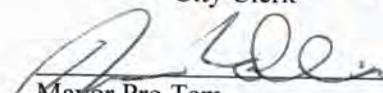
WHEREAS, this document was reviewed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and was found in compliance with the Local Planning Requirements.

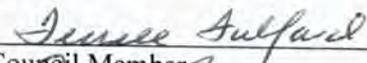
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Gray does hereby adopt the Joint Comprehensive Plan Update for Jones County and the City of Gray.

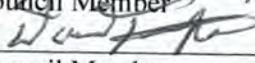
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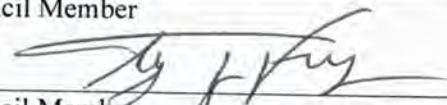
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City Clerk


Mayor Pro Tem


Council Member


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Appendix C: Public Hearing Documentation

included. The Courtroom Courthouse, which had windows and walls pe-

and built being in order. It remains away from the walls of town.

There was more than one vote to determine if Clinton should remain the county seat or whether Gray, with the railroad coming through the smaller town, should become the new county seat and the location of the new courthouse. Mr. Caldwell's position is important. It appears that [Jones] county leader

...cases were in the number of cases filed over the past several years. There has been a corresponding increase in the number of court sessions held here in Jones County. The Superior Court Clerk's Office handles all of the County's civil, probate, juvenile, criminal and family cases. The Probate Court maintains all of the probate and guardianship records. The Clerk's office curately

in particular, the Court-house address. Next time to start over through with the organizing the future of the county of Gray that includes Mr. Caldwell. Next time, we will look at the comparison between Clinton and Gray as to which town should be the county seat of Jones County. Until then, stay well.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Jones County Board of Commissioners is applying for funding assistance under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act pertaining to rural areas.

The Jones County Board of Commissioners will offer general public transportation to all citizens of Jones County for any worthwhile purposes including but not limited to shopping, medical treatment, social services, and other purposes.

The Jones County Board of Commissioners solicits private sector input and participation to assure that private for-profit transportation operators have a fair and timely opportunity to participate in the development of the program.

The Jones County Board of Commissioners also solicits comments and concerns from the general population on local rural public transportation services.

The Jones County Board of Commissioners also solicits comments and concerns from the elderly, low-income, and disabled population and their representatives to ensure that issues relating to the disabled are addressed in the service design proposed during the planning process.

Interested persons are invited to request that a public hearing be held to discuss the services being offered or development of the application.

Written comments, requests for a public hearing and/or written notice of intent by private for-profit transportation operators to provide or participate in any or all of the above services should be submitted no later than fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication to:

Commission Chairman/Mayor/Chief Executive of Applicant Organization

Chris Waldner, Chairman

Address/City/State/Zip Code of Applicant:

168 Industrial Blvd, Gray, GA 31032

Phone Number of Applicant: 478-985-6465

If no response is received within the fifteen (15) days, the Jones County Board of Commissioners will proceed with the application to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Public Hearing Notice For

Jones County and the City of Gray Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

A public hearing will be held on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 5:00pm in the auditorium of the W.E. Knox Civic Center, 151 W. Clinton St., Gray, GA 31032.

The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the Joint Comprehensive Plan, opportunities for public participation, and to obtain input on the proposed planning process.

All community members are invited to attend the Public Hearing. For additional information, please contact Jean Nelson, Government Services Specialist, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, at (478) 751-6160.

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
November 12, 2021, 5:00 p.m. | W.E. Knox Civic Center**

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| 1. Welcome & Introductions | MGRC |
| 2. Comprehensive Planning Overview | MGRC |
| 3. Visioning Exercise | MGRC |
| 4. Timeline | MGRC |
| 6. Next Steps | MGRC |
| 5. Questions/Comments | MGRC |
| 6. Public Feedback Opportunity | Public |

Please take the Comprehensive Plan survey!

<https://tinyurl.com/PLANJonesCo2022>

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING SIGN IN
November 12, 2021, 5:00 p.m. | W.E. Knox Civic Center**

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Public Hearing Notice For Jones County and City of Gray Joint Comprehensive Plan Update and Annual CIE Update

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Jones County Government Center, located at 166 Industrial Boulevard, Gray, GA 31032. All community members are invited to attend. The purposes of this hearing are to brief the community on the contents of the Joint Comprehensive Plan; provide an opportunity for residents to make final suggestions, additions, or revisions; and notify the community of when the plan will be submitted to the Regional Commission and Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review. Comments will be received at the above public hearing or may be submitted in writing to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission at 175 Emery Highway, Suite C, Macon, GA 31217.

This hearing will also address the annual update of the Jones County Capital Improvements Element (CIE). The hearing will be used to obtain input regarding the completed Capital Improvements Element update. Representatives from the County and the Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC) will be on hand to provide information and receive comments.

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Bend the Trend
Christine's Jewelers
Deer Run Florist
Essential Southern Charm
Fishtales
the French Hare
Holy Cow Leather
Kitchen Store and More
Paper Soiree
Southern Grace
Tillery Traditions
Olive + Hive

Saddler's campaign website, the Atlanta native who was born at Piedmont Hospital watched the events of Sept. 11, 2001, from his freshmen dormitory room at the University of Georgia. The expert-ence led him to enter the

a national title in 1981. Walker currently serves on the President's Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition, having been appointed by Donald Trump. He has been endorsed by Trump and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell.

In the runoff, Warnock then narrowly defeated Loeffler, but his 51 percent was enough to send him to Washington D.C. along with fellow Democrat John Ossoff who defeated incumbent Republican David Perdue.

She garnered nearly 26 percent of the vote in the general election, but Warnock came out on top with almost 33 percent. The only other candidate among the six Republicans, eight Democrats, four

Senator Johnny Isakson tated by the resignation of Special Election necessary United States Senate dates running in the 2020 crowded field of 20 candi-Warnock was among a six-year term in 2022.

election the moment he was sworn into office. In the case of Georgia senator Rafael Warnock, hat is almost the literal truth. One week after he was sworn in after defeating Kelly Loeffler - Georgia Senate

**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

April 19, 2022, 5:30 p.m. | Jones County Government Center

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| 1) Welcome & Introductions | MGRC |
| 2) Review of process to-date | MGRC |
| 3) Plan review | MGRC |
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| 4) Next steps | MGRC |
| 5) Questions/Comments | MGRC |
| 6) Adjournment of Public Hearing | MGRC |

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING**

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Appendix D: Steering Committee Documentation

**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**HOUSING AND CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES STAKEHOLDER SESSION
AGENDA**

**JANUARY 5th, 2022, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. | JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
MEETING ROOM**

Welcome & Introductions	MGRC
Community Vision Headline Exercise Icebreaker	MGRC
Background	
Why we plan	MGRC
Housing	
Goals and Activities for Today	MGRC
Highlights of 2017 Plan	MGRC
GICH Housing Plan, Updated 2021	MGRC
Survey Responses	MGRC
Housing Discussion	MGRC
Cultural & Historic Resources	
Information & Terminology	MGRC
National Register of Historic Places	MGRC
Historic Resources in Jones County	MGRC
Potential Preservation Goals	MGRC
Future Discussion, Wrap Up, and Adjourn	

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JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
HOUSING AND CULTURAL & HISTORIC RESOURCES STAKEHOLDER SESSION**

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**NATURAL RESOURCES/RECREATION & BROADBAND STAKEHOLDER SESSION
AGENDA**

**JANUARY 19th, 2022, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. | JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
MEETING ROOM**

Welcome & Introductions	MGRC
Broadband	MGRC
What is Broadband?	MGRC
Input needed	MGRC
What's coming	MGRC
Discussion	MGRC
Natural Resource & Recreation	
Survey activity	MGRC
Highlights from previous Comp Plan	MGRC
Survey Results	MGRC
Discussion	MGRC
Future Discussion, Wrap Up, and Adjourn	

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
NATURAL RESOURCES/RECREATION & BROADBAND STAKEHOLDER SESSION**

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION SESSION AGENDA

**February 3, 2022, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. | JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
MEETING ROOM**

Welcome & Introductions	MGRC
Economic Development	MGRC
Highlights from 2017	MGRC
Survey Results	MGRC
Survey Responses	MGRC
Discussion	MGRC
Education	MGRC
Survey activity	MGRC
Highlights from previous Comp Plan	MGRC
Accomplishments	MGRC
Discussion	MGRC
Future Discussion, Wrap Up, and Adjourn	

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Economic Development & Education**

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION SESSION AGENDA

**February 9, 2022, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. | JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
MEETING ROOM**

Welcome & Introductions	MGRC
Public Buildings and Utilities	MGRC
Highlights from 2017	MGRC
Survey Results	MGRC
Survey Responses	MGRC
Discussion	MGRC
Local Government Collaboration	MGRC
Survey activity	MGRC
Highlights from previous Comp Plan	MGRC
Discussion	MGRC

Future Discussion, Wrap Up, and Adjourn

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH AGENDA

**February 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. | JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY
MEETING ROOM**

Welcome & Introductions MGRC

Transportation MGRC
Highlights from 2017 Comp Plan MGRC
Survey Results & Responses MGRC
Discussion MGRC

Public Safety and Health MGRC
Highlights from 2017 Comp Plan MGRC
Survey Results & Responses MGRC
Overview of Current Data MGRC
Discussion MGRC

Future Discussion, Wrap Up, and Adjourn

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
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Transportation and Public Safety & Health**

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
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**LAND USE AGENDA
February 22, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM**

Welcome & Introductions MGRC

Land Use MGRC
Survey Results & Responses MGRC
Current Land Use Definitions MGRC
Review of Future Land Use Maps MGRC

Future Discussion, Wrap Up, and Adjourn

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**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Land Use**

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AGENDA
All Committees Meeting
March 21, 2022
6:00 PM

Finance/Tax Committee:

- Main Street Dept – Budget

Water/Sewer Committee:

- Sanitary sewer - phase 1 bid
- GEFA loan agreement modification

Plan Committee:

- Great American Clean Up – Keep Jones Beautiful: Vicki Bilderback
- MGRC – Community Work Program

Personnel Committee

Streets/Sanitation Committee:

- LMIG Bid

City Property:

Public Safety Police/Fire:

Miscellaneous:

- Tiny House Ordinance

**JONES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GRAY
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
Community Work Program meeting**

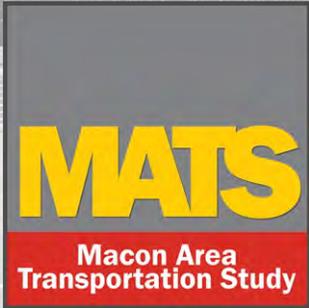
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Appendix E: MATS 2050 MTP Excerpts

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan | MTP



Connect 2050



Chapter 1 | Introduction

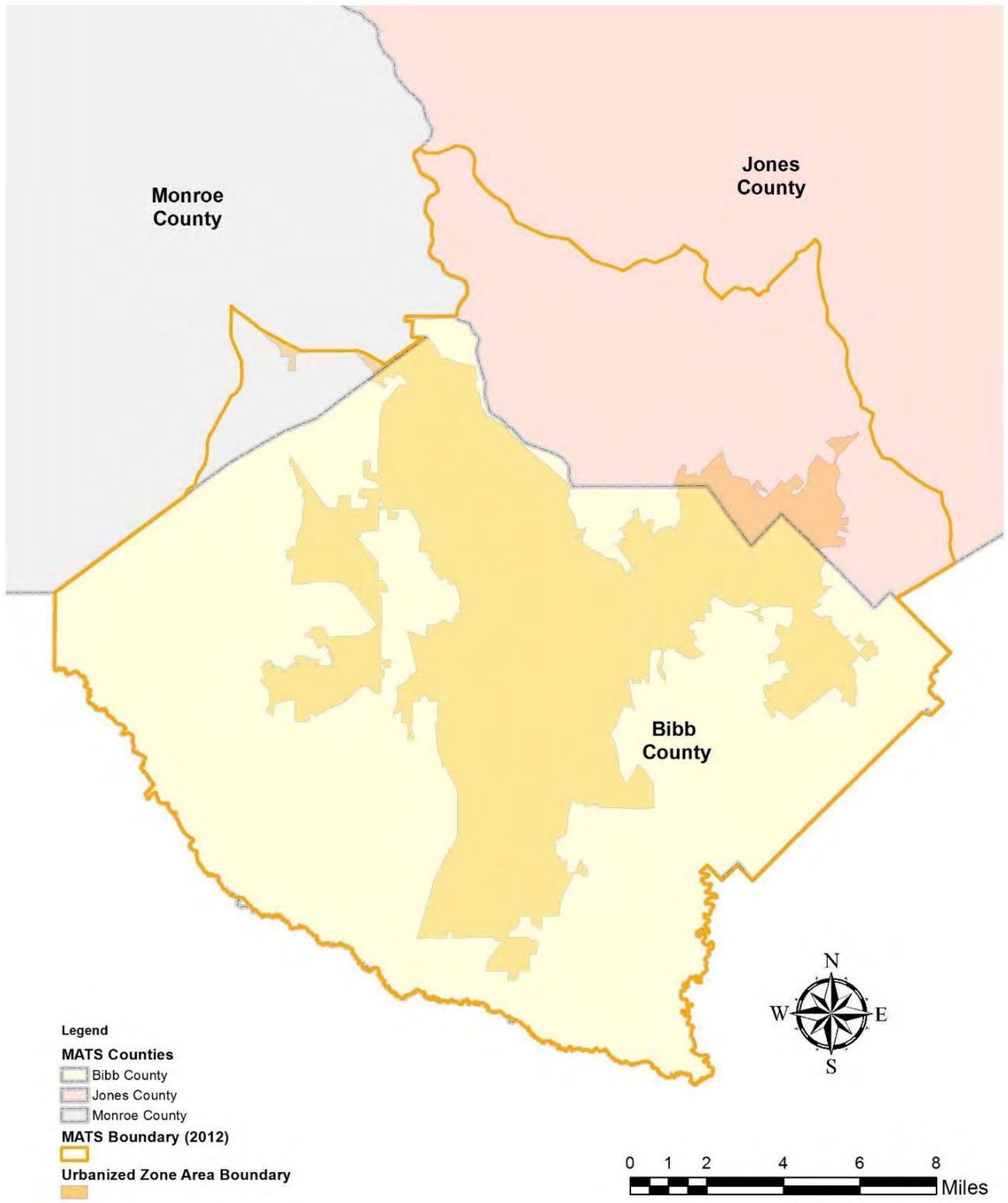
A Brief Introduction to Metropolitan Planning Organizations

Georgia is growing rapidly. Based on the 2020 U.S. Census, Georgia had just over 10.7 million people and the State is on pace to grow to almost 14 million by 2050. That's over 30% more people in 30 years!¹

More people mean more housing, more trips to work and school, and more trucks and trains keeping our store shelves stocked and sending things we make out to customers. But, how do we do that in a way that is environmentally friendly, and everyone has a chance to participate in the decision process?

The solution is, to form an organization where elected officials, public agencies, and the people work together to plan for future traffic needs. This organization is called a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

MPOs are the forum where city and county governments, the State, and Federal agencies coordinate on regional transportation projects. This includes developing new transportation projects, serving as the forum for public participation, coordinating on environmental review, air quality and performing financial analysis. The Macon Area Transportation Study (MATS) is the MPO for Macon metropolitan area, covering all Macon-Bibb County, southwest Jones County, and a small portion of Monroe County. Figure 1-1 provides a map of the MATS MPO area, and Figure 1-2 shows all the MPOs across Georgia, as of 2012.



Source:
 Macon-Bibb County Planning & Zoning Commission

Figure 1-1: Overview of the MATS MPO Region

Goal: Promote Multimodal and Affordable Travel Choices

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan recognizes that the region's transportation network is intended to equitably serve all of the region's residents and visitors whether walking, bicycling, riding public transit, driving or riding in a private automobile, or hauling freight.

Objectives

1. Enhance transit services, amenities, and facilities
2. Improve bicycle and pedestrian facilities
3. Increase utilization of affordable non-auto travel modes
4. Improve efficient movement of goods and services within and through the region
5. Support the development of passenger rail between downtown Macon and Atlanta

Goal: Manage Congestion & System Reliability

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan implements cost-effective strategies to reduce unproductive congestion.

Objectives

1. Allow people and goods to move with minimal congestion and time delay, and greater predictability
2. Promote ride sharing, such as carpool, vanpool, and park-and-ride.
3. Enhance Intelligent Transportation Systems (dynamic signal phasing and vehicle detection systems)

Goal: Improve Air Quality, Protect the Environment, Improve Quality of Life, and Promote Good Land Use Planning

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan supports coordinating land use planning with transportation planning to help improve air quality and the environment as well as the quality of life for all of the region's residents.

Objectives

1. Reduce mobile source emissions, GHG, and energy consumption
2. Reduce the impact on the natural and cultural environment
3. Link land use and transportation

Goal: Access to Essential Services

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan recognizes that mobility of people and freight is the backbone of economic development and private investment in the community.

Objectives

1. Connect people to jobs, education and other important destinations using all modes

Goal: Improve Infrastructure Condition

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan recognizes the tremendous value of the region's existing transportation assets and prioritizes the improvement and maintenance of these existing assets.

Objectives

1. Increase proportion of highways and highway assets in 'Good' condition
2. Maintain transit vehicles, facilities and amenities in the best operating condition.
3. Improve the condition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and amenities
4. Improve response time to infrastructure repairs

Goal: Ensure Equity

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan focus on the transportation needs of the region's most vulnerable populations is a critical element of the MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Objectives

1. Ensure transportation needs are met for all populations (especially the aging and youth, economically disadvantaged, mobility impaired, and minorities).
2. Enhance public participation among all communities

Goal: Increase Safety, Health and Security

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan identifies the safety of the transportation system as of utmost importance and recognizes the value of a transportation system that can help improve the community's health by providing easily accessible active transportation opportunities.

Objectives

1. Increase safety of travelers and residents
2. Promote public health through transportation choices

Goal: Support Economic Vitality

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan promotes workforce mobility, efficient movement of freight, and timely implementation of transportation improvement projects.

Objectives

1. Improve freight movement
2. Increase funding and funding sources for all transportation modes
3. Improve project delivery for all modes

Goal: Improve resiliency and reduce stormwater impacts

The MATS 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan recognizes that the long-term economic health and welfare of the region demands transportation infrastructure with minimal exposure to natural and man-made hazards and that mitigates the negative stormwater impacts that degrade the region's valuable gray and green infrastructure.

Objectives

1. Reduce the number of bridges and roadways vulnerable to natural disaster

Goal: Enhance travel and tourism

Attractive travel corridors enhance the travel experience for residents and visitors alike and can support economically beneficial tourism in the region.

Objectives

1. Increase funding and funding sources for transportation enhancement projects

Priority Number	GDOT Project ID#	Description	Project Type	County	Number of L RTP Goals Addressed	Promote Multimodal and Affordable Travel Choices for people and freight?	Manage Congestion & System Reliability?	Improve Air Quality, Protect the Environment, Improve Quality of Life, and Promote Good Land Use Planning?	Connect People?	Improve Infrastructure Condition?	Ensure Equity?	Increase Safety, Health and Security?	Support economic vitality?	Improve resiliency and reduce stormwater impacts?	Enhance travel and tourism ?	In L RTP Update?	In Current TIP?	Air Quality Modeling Status	Air Quality Network Modeling Year	Funding in the 21-24 TIP years (Current TIP)	Total Project Cost (Current Estimate)	Total Project Outstanding Balance (i.e., Total Cost - (Sum of Expended/Obligated Funds from Current and All Previous TIPs))
1.	311005-	I-16 Eastbound from I-75 to Walnut Creek-Phase IV	Bridge Reconstruction	Bibb	5	X	X		X	X		X				Yes	Yes	Non-Exempt	2030	\$143,904,602.00	\$148,790,063.24	\$4,885,461.24
2.	0012701	I-16 from I-75 to Walnut Creek-Phase V	Roadway Project	Bibb	5	X	X		X	X		X				Yes	Yes	Non-Exempt	2030	\$89,932,624.00	\$90,566,271.00	\$633,647.00
3.	0013921	Bridge Replacement - Replace Bridge on I-475 @ CR 742/Tucker Rd, 2 miles West of Macon.	Bridges	Bibb	2					X		X				No	Yes	Exempt		\$11,557,185.00	\$12,894,067.09	\$836,882.09
4.	0014072	Bridge Replacement - Replace Bridge on I-16 Eastbound & Westbound @ Walnut Creek 1 Mile East of Macon	Bridges	Bibb	2					X		X				Yes	Yes	Exempt		\$16,598,163.00	\$17,450,652.12	Fully accounted for in current or previous TIP to reflect total project costs
5.	0017121	CR 742/Bass Road from Providence Blvd to New Forsyth Road	Bridges & Roadway Project	Bibb	6	X	X	X		X		X	X				Yes	Non-Exempt	2027	\$5,387,700.00	\$35,823,137.00	\$28,342,802.00
6.	0014896	CR 742/BASS ROAD @ NS # 718357C 2 MI W OF MACON	Bridge Replacement	Bibb	4	X	X			X		X				Yes	Yes	Exempt		\$ 4,721,799.00	\$6,389,214.84	\$517,415.84
7.	0014897	I-16 EB & WB @ OCMULGEE RIVER OVERFLOW	Bridge Replacement	Bibb	3					X		X		X		Yes	Yes	Exempt		\$10,796,200.00	\$12,077,970.50	\$16,468.50
8.	0016130	SR 18 @ Ocmulgee River, 13 Miles East of Forsyth	Bridges	Jones	0												Yes	Exempt		\$42,000.00	\$154,000.00	Fully accounted for in current or previous TIP to reflect total project costs
9.	0017221	SR 247 @ Echeconne Creek & Overflow @ 3 Locations	Bridges	Bibb, Houston	1					x							Yes	Exempt		\$1,218,000.00	\$17,900,000.00	\$16,682,000.00
10.	0017230	SR 11/SR 22/US 129 Southbound & Northbound @ Rock Creek	Bridges	Jones	1					x							Yes	Exempt		\$1,500,000.00	\$10,386,748.00	\$8,886,748.00
11.	0017231	SR 11/SR 22/US 129 Sand Creek	Bridges	Jones	1					x							Yes	Exempt		\$1,100,000.00	\$3,945,066.00	\$2,845,066.00
12.	0013712	Replace Railroad Bridge on SR 11/SR 49/US 41 @ Norfolk Southern #734080Y, 1.4 Miles South of Macon	Bridges	Bibb	4	X				X		X	X			Yes	Yes	Exempt		\$ 1,458,600.00	\$13,126,275.00	\$11,167,675.00
13.	0013676	Forest Hill Rd. - Widen from 2 to 3 lanes from Vineville Ave./Forsyth Rd. to Wimbish Rd.	Roadway Project	Bibb	4		X		X	X		X				Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2030		\$14,114,015.00	\$14,114,015.00
14.	311400	I-75 from I-16 to CR 478/Pierce Ave - Phase VI	Roadway Project	Bibb	5	X	X		X	X		X				Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2030		\$72,044,929.08	\$72,044,929.08
15.	N/A	7th St. Truck Route - 7th St. @ Walnut & 7th St. @ Eisenhower - Roundabout and Improvements	Roadway Project	Bibb	7	X	X	X		x		X	X		X	Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2030		\$12,650,000.00	\$12,650,000.00
16.	0007029	Columbus Rd (SR 22) - Replace Bridge at Echeconne Creek	Bridges	Bibb, Crawford	2				X		X					Yes	No	Exempt			\$774,061.41	\$774,061.41
17.	0006659	Peake Rd. bridge replacement - Replace Bridge at Rocky Creek	Bridges	Bibb	5				X	X	X	X	X			Yes	No	Exempt			\$1,833,329.00	\$1,833,329.00
18.	N/A	Safety Improvements Emery Hwy from Spring Street to Irwinton Highway	Safety Project	Bibb	6	X		X	X	X	X	X				No	No	Exempt			\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

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Priority Number	GDOT Project ID#	Description	Project Type	County	Number of L RTP Goals Addressed	Promote Multimodal and Affordable Travel Choices for people and freight?	Manage Congestion & System Reliability?	Improve Air Quality, Protect the Environment, Improve Quality of Life, and Promote Good Land Use Planning?	Connect People?	Improve Infrastructure Condition?	Ensure Equity?	Increase Safety, Health and Security?	Support economic vitality?	Improve resiliency and reduce stormwater impacts?	Enhance travel and tourism ?	In L RTP Update?	In Current TIP?	Air Quality Modeling Status	Air Quality Network Modeling Year	Funding in the 21-24 TIP years (Current TIP)	Total Project Cost (Current Estimate)	Total Project Outstanding Balance (i.e., Total Cost - (Sum of Expended/Obligated Funds from Current and All Previous TIPs))
19.	333150	Emery Hwy - Reconstruct Bridge at Walnut Creek	Bridges	Bibb	3					X		X	X			Yes	No	Exempt			\$5,902,371.00	\$5,902,371.00
20.	N/A	Safety Improvements Eisenhower Parkway from Bloomfield Dr to C Street	Safety Project	Bibb	7	X		X	X	X	X	X				No	No	Exempt			\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
21.	N/A	Pierce Ave. (SR 247) - Pedestrian improvements and bike lanes from Vineville Ave. to Riverside Dr.	TE/Bike/Ped	Bibb	5	X		X	X	X	X					No	No	Exempt			\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00
22.	N/A	Safety Improvements Gray Hwy from I-75 to Jones County Line	Safety Project	Bibb	6	X		X	X	X	X					No	No	Exempt			\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
23.	351080-	Widen Jeffersonville Road from 2 to 4 thru lanes with a continuous left turn lane from Recreation Rd. to Emery Rd (US 80)	Roadway Project	Bibb	6	X			X	X	X	X	X			Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2050		\$9,070,702.00	\$2,249,000.43
24.	N/A	I-75/Riverside Drive Interchange - Signalize interchange. Modify ramps to add turn lanes & storage. Run fiberoptic.	Intersection/Signal/Safety	Bibb	2		X					X				No	No	Exempt			\$755,777.00	\$755,777.00
25.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Mercer University Drive- NB and SB Ramp Intersections (as a result of failing 2012 and 2040 LOS)	Traffic Signals	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Exempt			\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
26.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Eisenhower Parkway-NB Ramp Intersection (as a result of failing 2040 LOS)	Traffic Signals	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Exempt			\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
27.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Pio Nono Avenue NB Ramp Intersection	Traffic Signals	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Exempt			\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
28.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Between Bass Road to Riverside Drive (as a result of failing 2040 LOS)	Auxiliary Lanes	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$6,200,000.00	\$6,200,000.00
29.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Riverside Drive to Arkwright Road- both directions (as a result of failing 2040 LOS)	Auxiliary Lanes	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$6,800,000.00	\$6,800,000.00
30.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Pierce Avenue at intersection with Riverside Drive (as a result of failing 2012 and 2040 LOS)	Turn Lanes	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Exempt			\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00
31.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Forsyth Street- NB off ramp (as a result of failing 2012 and 2040 LOS)	Turn Lanes	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Exempt			\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
32.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Forsyth Street to Mercer University Drive- Both Directions (as a result of failing 2012 and 2040 LOS)	Auxiliary Lanes	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$10,700,000.00	\$10,700,000.00
33.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Mercer University Drive to Eisenhower Parkway- both directions (as a result of failing 2040 LOS)	Auxiliary Lanes	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00
34.	N/A	I-75 Corridor: Eisenhower Parkway to Pio Nono Avenue in Both Directions	Auxiliary Lanes	Bibb	2		X			X							No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$8,100,000.00	\$8,100,000.00
35.	N/A	Bass Rd. widening, Phase II - Providence Blvd. to Zebulon Rd. widened from 2 to 4 lanes	Roadway Project	Bibb	6	X	X	X		X		X	X			No	No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$21,942,036.00	\$21,942,036.00
36.	N/A	Henderson Rd. - Widen to 4 lanes from SR 57 to Griswoldville Rd.	Roadway Project	Jones	0											Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2050		\$11,089,192.00	\$11,089,192.00
37.	N/A	Griswoldville Rd. - Widen to 4 lanes from Henderson Rd. to SR 49	Roadway Project	Jones	0											Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2050		\$36,963,568.00	\$36,963,568.00
38.	N/A	Joycliff Rd. - Widen to 4 lanes from SR 49 to US 129	Roadway Project	Jones	0											Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2050		\$35,732,383.00	\$35,732,383.00

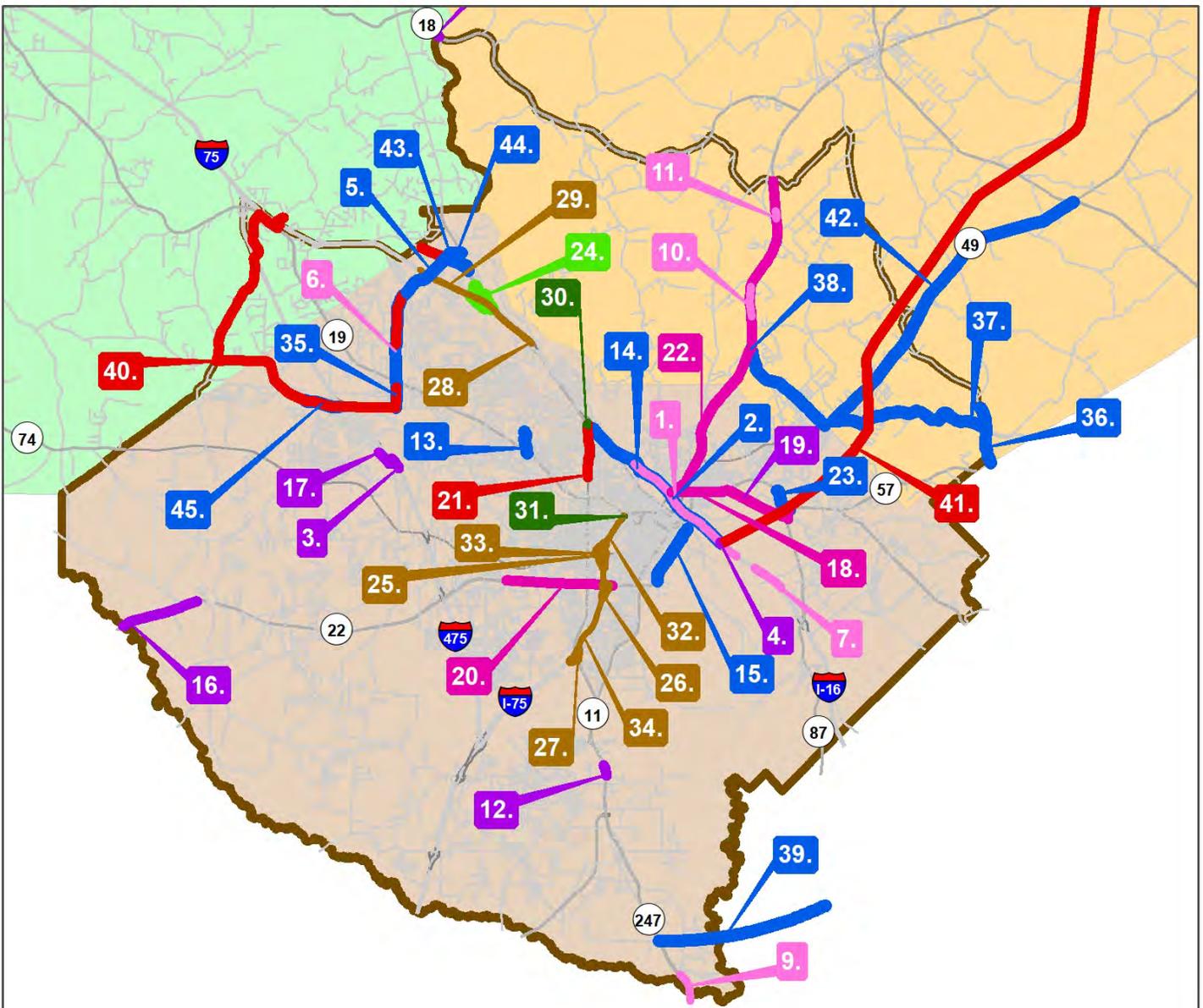
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Priority Number	GDOT Project ID#	Description	Project Type	County	Number of LRTP Goals Addressed	Promote Multimodal and Affordable Travel Choices for people and freight?	Manage Congestion & System Reliability?	Improve Air Quality, Protect the Environment, Improve Quality of Life, and Promote Good Land Use Planning?	Connect People?	Improve Infrastructure Condition?	Ensure Equity?	Increase Safety, Health and Security?	Support economic vitality?	Improve resiliency and reduce stormwater impacts?	Enhance travel and tourism ?	In LRTP Update?	In Current TIP?	Air Quality Modeling Status	Air Quality Network Modeling Year	Funding in the 21-24 TIP years (Current TIP)	Total Project Cost (Current Estimate)	Total Project Outstanding Balance (i.e., Total Cost - (Sum of Expended/Obligated Funds from Current and All Previous TIPs))
39.	N/A	Sardis Church Rd. Extension from SR 247 to Sgoda Rd. - New Road on new location project. Includes study	Roadway Project	Bibb	2	X						X				Yes	No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$62,409,791.00	\$62,409,791.00
40.	N/A	Bolingbroke Bike Loop - Bolingbroke to Estes Rd, to Zebulon Rd., to Bass Rd., to New Forsyth Rd., to Macon-Bibb County	TE/Bike/Ped	Bibb, Monroe	4	X		X		X	X					Yes	No	Exempt			\$946,843.64	\$946,843.64
41.	N/A	Central Georgia Rail Trail - Macon to Milledgeville pedestrian/bike trail conversion on abandoned CSX right of way	TE/Bike/Ped	Bibb, Jones	5	X		X	X				X		X	Yes	No	Exempt			\$7,077,123.90	\$7,077,123.90
42.	332450	Widen State Route 49 from Griswoldville Rd. to State Route 18 (Jones Co.)	Roadway Project	Jones	5	X			X	X			X		X	No	No	Non-Exempt	2050		\$60,457,495.21	\$60,457,495.21
43.	N/A	Widen New Forsyth Rd from 2 to 4 lanes with turn lanes as needed from Bass Rd. to Riverside Dr., with major intersection reconfiguration with Bass Rd., Wesleyan Dr. and Riverside Dr.	Roadway Project	Bibb	2		X					X				No	No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$7,500,000.00	\$7,500,000.00
44.	N/A	Widen Bass Rd. from 2 to 4 lanes from New Forsyth Rd. to Riverside Drive, and Interchange Improvements	Roadway Project	Bibb	6		X	X	X		X	X	X			No	No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$9,525,089.00	\$9,525,089.00
45.	N/A	Widen Zebulon Rd. from Lake Wildwood entrance to Lamar Rd. from 2 to 4 lanes. Add turn lanes at Lamar Rd. and Zebulon Rd.	Roadway Project	Bibb	3		X	X				X				No	No	Non-Exempt	2040		\$1,783,137.00	\$1,783,137.00

Project Balances	\$481,964,307.34
Total for TIP Obligated Projects	\$288,216,873.00
Grand Total	\$770,181,180.34

* Project priority numbers are indicators of relative priority within the MTP Project List. They do not indicate in which specific TIP period GDOT intends to include a specific project.

MPO Mats 2050 Transportation Projects



Priority	Project Description
1	I-75/I-16 Interchange - Phase 4 - Expansion of I-16 eastbound from I-75 to Walnut Creek
2	I-75/I-16 Interchange - Phase 5 - Expansion of I-16 westbound from I-75 to Walnut Creek
3	Tucker Rd. bridge replacement over I-475/Tucker Rd. bridge replacement over I-475
4	Bridge Replacement - Replace Bridge on I-16 Eastbound & Westbound @ Walnut Creek 1 Mile East of Macon
5	Bass Road widening, Phase 1 Providence Blvd to New Forsyth Rd (widening from 2 to 4 lanes)
6	Bass Road bridge replacement over Norfolk Southern railroad. Bass Road bridge replacement over Norfolk Southern railroad.
7	I-16 bridge replacements over Norfolk Southern railroad. 16 bridge replacements over Norfolk Southern railroad.
8	Bridge Replacement--Dames Ferry Rd. (aka SR 18) at Ocmulgee River. Bridge Replacement--Dames Ferry Rd. (aka SR 18) at Ocmulgee River.
9	Bridge Replacement--Hawkinsville Rd. from Bibb County/Houston County border to Feagin Rd. (Northbound lanes), at 3 locations
10	Bridge Replacement--Gray Highway (aka US 129) Northbound & Southbound over Rock Creek
11	Bridge Replacement--Gray Hwy (aka US Hwy 129) over Sand Creek. Bridge Replacement--Gray Hwy (aka US Hwy 129) over Sand Creek
12	Hawkinsville Road bridge replacement over Norfolk Southern railroad. Hawkinsville Road bridge replacement over Norfolk Southern railroad.
13	Forest Hill Rd. - Widen from 2 to 4 lanes from Vineville Ave. /Forsyth Rd. to Wimbish Rd.
14	I-75/I-16 Interchange - Phase 6 - Expansion of I-75 from I-16 to Pierce Ave.
15	7th St. Truck Route - 7th St. @ Walnut & 7th St. @ Eisenhower - Roundabout and Improvements
16	Eisenhower Hwy bridge replacement at Echoconee Creek (Crawford Co. line)
17	Peake Rd. bridge replacement at Rocky Creek near Stratford Academy. Peake Rd. bridge replacement at Rocky Creek near Stratford Academy
18	Safety Improvements Emery Hwy from Spring Street to Inwinton Highway
19	Emery Hwy bridge replacement at Walnut Creek. Emery Hwy bridge replacement at Walnut Creek
20	Safety Improvements Eisenhower Parkway from Bloomfield Dr to C Street
21	Pierce Ave pedestrian and bicycle improvements from Ingelside Ave. to Riverside Dr.
22	Safety Improvements Gray Hwy from I-75 to Jones County Line. Safety Improvements Gray Hwy from I-75 to Jones County Line
23	Jeffersonville Rd. widening - Norfolk Southern bridge replacement. Jeffersonville Rd. widening - Norfolk Southern bridge replacement
24	I-75/Riverside Drive Interchange - Signalize interchange. Modify ramps to add turn lanes & storage. Run fiber optic.

25	I-75 Corridor: Mercer University Drive- Northbound and Southbound ramp intersection signalization and improvement (as a result of failing 2020)
26	I-75 Corridor: Eisenhower Parkway- Northbound ramp intersection signalization and improvement (as a result of failing 2040 Level of Service)
27	I-75 Corridor: Pio Nono Avenue- Northbound ramp intersection signalization and improvement
28	I-75 Corridor: Riverside Drive to Arkwright Road- both directions (as a result of failing 2040 Level of Service)
29	I-75 Corridor: Between Bass Road to Riverside Drive (as a result of failing 2040 Level of Service)
30	I-75 Corridor: Pierce Avenue at intersection with Riverside Drive (as a result of failing 2012 and 2040 Level of Service)
31	I-75 Corridor: Forsyth Street- Northbound off ramps (as a result of failing 2012 and 2040 Level of Service)
32	I-75 Corridor: Forsyth Street to Mercer University Drive- Both Directions (as a result of failing 2012 and 2040 LOS)
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38	Joyce Iff Rd. - Widen to 4 lanes from SR 49 to US 129. Joyce Iff Rd. - Widen to 4 lanes from SR 49 to US 129
39	Sardis Church Rd. - Extension from SR 247 to Sgoda Rd. - New Road on new location project. Includes study
40	Bollingbroke Bike Loop - Bollingbroke to Estes Rd. to Zebulon Rd., to Bass Rd., to New Forsyth Rd., to Macon-Bibb County Line
41	Proposed pedestrian/bike trail from Macon-Bibb County to Mill edgeville (Jones County).
42	Gray Hwy (aka State Route 49) widening from Griswoldville Rd. to State Route 18 (Jones Co.)
43	Widen New Forsyth Rd from 2 to 4 lanes with turn lanes as needed from Bass Rd. to Riverside Dr., with major intersection re configuration with
44	Widen Bass Rd. from 2 to 4 lanes from New Forsyth Rd. to Riverside Drive, and interchange improvements
45	Zebulon Rd. - Widen Zebulon Rd. from Lake Wildwood entrance to Lamar Rd. from 2 to 4 lanes. Add turn lanes at Lamar Rd. and Zebulon Rd.

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Legend

- Traffic Signals
- Intersection/Signal/Safety
- Bibb
- Bridges
- TE/Bike/Ped
- Jones
- Bridge Replacement
- Roadway Project
- Monroe
- Auxiliary Lanes
- MPO Boundary
- Turn Lanes

1 inch = 20,000 feet
Map Makers: Los Hampton Truck Co.

Figure 6-7 Road and Bridges Projects Throughout MATS Area