THE JOHNSON COUNTY JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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A Partial Update of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan for Johnson County and the municipalities of Kite and Wrightsville, Georgia in accordance with the Georgia Planning Act of 1989

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INTRODUCTION

Purpose

The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update is a partial update of the current adopted joint comprehensive plan for the community, *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan, Johnson County, Kite, and Wrightsville 2025* prepared in 2004. This initial plan can be accessed through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Office of Planning and Quality Growth's website, <u>www.georgiaplanning.com</u>, under "Community Plans," then "Current Comprehensive Plans." This Partial Update is prepared under DCA's "Requirements for a Partial Update to the Local Comprehensive Plan" adopted in March, 2007.

As stated in the requirements, the purpose of a partial update is to provide a document for use as a policy guide in the interim period between Comprehensive Plan Updates. This was deemed necessary because of shifts in the Statewide Comprehensive Plan Recertification Schedule by DCA to first accommodate Census data, and then a more general change of focus in the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning adopted in 2005. The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2004, and the next required full plan update recertification deadline is not scheduled until October 31, 2013.

The Partial Update includes reevaluation of issues and opportunities facing Johnson County and its municipalities; a Quality Growth Community Assessment; the identification of Areas Requiring Special Attention; and the development of consistent long term policies and an updated implementation program to guide desired growth and development. The Partial Update is designed to help the community and each government address critical issues and opportunities and provide a framework of transition during the interim period from the old comprehensive plan to the new plan update scheduled in the relatively near future. It will provide both a guide to everyday decision-making for local and community officials, and a well-grounded starting point for development of the new comprehensive plan.

Background

Johnson County is a small rural county in south central Georgia whose history has been tied to its fields, forests, and location. It was created in 1858 from nearby counties and was an important stopover between Augusta and Macon. The heyday of growth for the county was the advent of the railroad (Wrightsville and Tennille), and the access thus provided for turpentining and sawmilling to the county's yellow pine forests. This commerce and development lead to healthy population growth, especially from 1890 to 1900. The zenith of population for the county was 1920, although county population was relatively stable until 1940 and World War II. The county was in steady decline thereafter until 1970, with some growth and relative stability thereafter likely due to its proximity and access to the nearby rural growth center of Dublin. Population growth since 1990 can be mainly attributed to the opening of Johnson State Prison in 1992.

In 1860, Johnson County's population was only 2,919 which grew to 6,129 in 1890. This population swelled to 11,409 in 1900 and was 13,546 in 1920. By 1940, the county population was down slightly to 12,953, but fell dramatically after World War II with the mechanization of agriculture and the emergence of the automobile to 9,893 in 1950. County population reached a low of 7,727 in 1970, then rebounded to 8,660 in 1980. The population then was relatively stable for the next 20 years as the 2000 Census registered a population of 8,560. The 2009 Census estimate of 9,550 now reflects the 1,000+ inmate population of Johnson State Prison. Wrightsville, the county seat, is home to the Johnson State Prison and has a 2008 population estimate of 3,800, much above the 2000 population of 2,223. However, most of the growth is believed to be prison inmates. Kite, the other incorporated community in Johnson County which plans with the county, has a 2008 estimated population of 233 down from 241 in 2000.

While growth has remained elusive for Johnson County and it faces many hurdles for its future growth, its location, fields and forests, and natural/cultural resources are again keys to its future growth and development. The transportation access provided by U.S. 319 allows for access to Dublin and its jobs and amenities, while Georgia Highways 15 and 57 and U.S. 221 allow both access to other job centers and the attraction of tourists and travelers. The county is also located on a Civil War Heritage Trail. The fields and forests allow both for direct and indirect economic opportunities as well as add to the quality of life which can attract and spur bedroom residential growth.

Johnson County's location, natural resources, and its highways allow for future success in growth and development, but it will require effort to be realized. It is in this context of past decline, and now preparation for a reversal in fortunes, that the community prepares this Partial Update to its comprehensive plan and outlines its efforts to continue forward with preparation and success to again rebound.

Based on recent trends, new population projections were made by the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, and are shown below.

Projected Population Johnson County 2008-2030

2008	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030		
9,550	9,606	9,812	10,025	10,243	10,466		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, census.gov, 2009 (2008 estimate); and Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC Staff Projections, 2009 (2010-2030).

These projections reflect current U.S. Census Bureau estimates and exhibit slow, steady growth, but at a rate much, much less than that of the state. The projections also assume steady prison population numbers, and should be adjusted upward by any prison expansion from 1,500 for the Johnson State Prison. Even given the present prison population, these current population projections are only slightly higher than in the existing plan.

Plan Development

The *Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update*, as stated, was developed in accordance with the guidelines established by DCA for preparation of Partial Updates. The Partial Update was prepared through the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and with the involved and thorough input of the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee appointed by the local governments. Committee members included the County Administrator, the city clerks of Kite and Wrightsville, and the Mayor of Kite. Other local officials provided additional input. The local Government Committee, with the assistance of the RDC staff, examined the existing plan for appropriateness, while developing and expanding content to allow for current community accomplishments, desires, and plans. The result is a document which truly does represent an appropriate update to the existing comprehensive plan, a framework for local decision-making in

the transition period, and a foundation for the full comprehensive plan update scheduled in the next few years. The public hearing required after the draft Partial Update is prepared, and prior to its submittal to the RDC and DCA for formal review, was held on a joint basis July 7, 2009 at the Johnson County Courthouse.

Format

As indicated earlier, this Partial Update was designed to meet the DCA mandated "Requirements for a Partial Update to the Local Comprehensive Plan." The following sections of the Partial Update track the required components under the DCA standards. These include a Quality Community Objectives (QCO) Assessment; an Analysis of Areas Requiring Special Attention; an Identification of Issues and Opportunities; and an updated Implementation Program. The Implementation Program includes the specification of Long Term Policies by comprehensive plan element, a Report of Accomplishments on the previous Short Term Work Program for each government, and finally, a new Short Term Work Program consistent with implementation activities under this Partial Update for each local government.

The components of this Partial Update meet state requirements while addressing local priorities. This Partial Update is an appropriate updating of the local comprehensive plan, and puts a more up-to-date face on community efforts to make itself an improved community for future growth and development. It is an interim guide to decision making until the comprehensive plan is more fully updated, but is also a strong local foundation for that effort which will likely only need relatively minor tweaking and the addition of more detail. The principal community direction and focus espoused here will likely not change. The community continues to endure and rebound, investing in facilities and infrastructure to improve services, to prepare itself for future growth and development, and to attract new investment, tourism, and other economic development.

QUALITY COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES ASSESSMENT

Johnson County and the cities of Kite and Wrightsville have evaluated their current policies, activities, and development patterns for consistency with DCA's Quality Community Objectives. These smart growth principles consist of 15 Quality Community Objectives divided into four areas of community development: Development Patterns; Resource Conservation; Social and Economic Development; and Governmental Relations. The County and cities completed the Quality Community Objectives Local Assessment, a tool DCA created to aid communities in identifying issues and opportunities for adapting local activities, development patterns and implementation practices to those Quality Community Objectives (QCOs) applicable to their community. Each of the 15 QCOs are listed and defined and then addressed for Johnson County, Kite, and Wrightsville, followed by a copy of the Local Assessment with the governments' responses summarized.

Development Patterns

Traditional Neighborhoods Objective. *Traditional neighborhood development patterns should be encouraged, including use of a more human scale development, compact development, mixing of uses within easy walking distance of one another, and facilitating pedestrian activity.*

The City of Wrightsville's zoning ordinance separates different uses and does not allow neo-traditional development "by right." Kite does not have zoning, while actual traditional development is evident in both cities. Johnson County has both subdivision and manufactured housing regulations, but lacks zoning. It does, however, recognize the importance of addressing issues pertaining to land use separately. Neither city participates in the "Tree City" program, but Wrightsville recently adopted an ordinance to protect its downtown trees planted in the public right-of-way with federal TE funds. There are no local street tree ordinances in either Kite or the county, nor are there organized public tree planting campaigns in the community, except for the trees planted in downtown Wrightsville as part of the TE streetscape project. All Johnson County jurisdictions keep their public areas clean and safe, primarily through regular use of prison inmate details, except in Wrightsville where public works and community service workers are utilized. All existing sidewalks are located in Kite and Wrightsville, primarily in the downtown area and within older residential neighborhoods. Sidewalks are not required for new development. Existing sidewalks are generally well-maintained and frequently used by pedestrians, especially in the downtown business and Johnson County Courthouse areas. All of the county's schools are located in Wrightsville adjacent to neighborhoods allowing some children to walk or ride their bikes to school. The entire cities of Kite and Wrightsville can truly be considered small town "traditional neighborhoods."

Infill Development Objective. Communities should maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the conversion of undeveloped land at the urban periphery by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the downtown or traditional urban core of the community.

The Johnson County community does not maintain a formal inventory of vacant sites and buildings available for infill development or redevelopment; however, such locations are known by the locals. There are no known brownfield or greyfield areas in the community aside from some vacancies in downtown Kite and Wrightsville. Neither Johnson County nor its cities have any areas planned for nodal development. Wrightsville's zoning ordinance does not allow small lot development, while the county and Kite are regulated by the Health Department, which requires a more than 5,000 SF minimum. Overall, there are scattered infill opportunities within Wrightsville, including those in the Cedar Creek Industrial Park. Kite also has scattered lots available, as well as residential infill and redevelopment opportunities in the southeast Kite neighborhood. Both downtown Kite and Wrightsville have redevelopment opportunities, while Wrightsville also has scattered housing needing redevelopment. There were no infill opportunities noted for unincorporated Johnson County and only scattered residences in need of redevelopment.

Sense of Place Objective. Traditional downtown areas should be maintained as the focal point of the community or, for new areas where this is not possible, the development of activity centers that serve as community focal points should be encouraged. These community focal points should be attractive, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly places where people choose to gather for shopping, dining, socializing, and entertainment.

Johnson County and the cities of Kite and Wrightsville have distinctive characteristics which help define their sense of place. These include the National Register-listed Johnson County Courthouse and the Grice House, both of which are located in Wrightsville, as well as historic downtowns and residential areas in both cities. Two historic schools (Doc Kemp and the old Primary School) in Wrightsville and the Wrightsville Depot are community landmarks. There are also natural resources, such as the Oconee, Ohoopee and Little Ohoopee rivers. The City of Wrightsville has actively participated in the Better Hometown downtown revitalization program since 1999. Through the program, a Wrightsville driving/walking tour brochure has been prepared and preliminary work has been done toward a possible National Register of Historic Places historic district nomination. The Johnson County Courthouse was also included in a regional historic courthouse tour brochure. In addition, Johnson County is part of a Georgia Civil War Heritage Trail. Some downtown streetscape improvements have already been made in Wrightsville with federal TE funding to help make the central business area safer and more pedestrian friendly. Additional TE funds have been awarded to Johnson County for the rehabilitation of the National Register-eligible Wrightsville Depot. The City of Kite has recently acquired (by donation) three downtown historic buildings which it intends to preserve as part of planned downtown revitalization efforts. Although there are no local historic preservation ordinances or commissions in place, Kite and Wrightsville each have historic districts encompassing historic commercial structures downtown as well as adjacent historic residential areas, which appear eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no design or aesthetics ordinances in either Kite nor the county; however, Wrightsville addresses appearance issues in a limited fashion within its zoning regulations. It also passed a nuisance ordinance in 2008 and shares a building inspector (with Tennille) to help enforce it. Façade grants have also been awarded to some downtown property owners in Wrightsville to help improve their building's exterior appearance. In addition, Wrightsville is the only county jurisdiction to have a sign ordinance. Johnson County does have basic land use regulations, including both subdivision and manufactured housing ordinances, but no zoning. There is no local plan to protect designated farmland.

Transportation Alternatives Objective. Alternatives to transportation by automobile, including mass transit, bicycle routes and pedestrian facilities, should be made available in each community. Greater use of alternate transportation should be encouraged.

This is not truly applicable to Johnson County as large scale alternatives to the automobile in such a rural county are not realistic. The county is served by DHR's Coordinated Transportation Program. Kite and Wrightsville have a good network of well-maintained sidewalks in their downtown areas and some in historic neighborhoods, but there are no sidewalk development ordinances in place. The Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC's GIS staff inventoried the cities' sidewalks as part of a regional sidewalk survey conducted for GDOT in 2005. The Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan (June, 2005) includes one proposed regional route along U.S. 80 through southern Johnson County and one proposed connector route along GA Highway 15 from U.S. 80 at Adrian through the county to State Bike Route 35 (GA Highway 24) at Sandersville. Interest has also been expressed locally in possibly connecting Johnson County's Civil War sites along GA 57 to the planned Ball's Ferry State Park in adjacent

Wilkinson County via bike lanes. Shared or joint parking for commercial and retail development is allowed county-wide.

Regional Identity Objective. Each region should promote and preserve a regional "identity," or regional sense of place, defined in terms of traditional architecture, common economic linkages that bind the region together, or other shared characteristics.

The historic 19th and 20th century architecture of Johnson County, Kite, and Wrightsville reflects the small town, agrarian heritage of the community and the broader Heart of Georgia Altamaha Region. Agriculture and agribusiness, including cotton and catfish production and forestry, continue to be important to the local economy and that of the region. Johnson County participates in the Georgia Department of Economic Development's Classic South regional tourism partnership to promote heritage, nature-based, and agri-tourism. As previously mentioned, the Johnson County Courthouse is featured in a regional tour brochure of historic courthouses and a local walking/driving tour brochure of Wrightsville's historic downtown and residential area has been published. The County is also participating in the Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails project. The idea of creating a tour/bike lanes along GA Highway 57 to link the county's Civil War sites with the new Ball's Ferry State Park in Wilkinson County has been mentioned as well. The County, Kite, and Wrightsville also share a regional identity as part of the 17 county Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC Region.

Resource Conservation

Heritage Preservation Objective. The traditional character of the community should be maintained through preserving and revitalizing historic areas of the community, encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community, and protecting other scenic or natural features that are important to defining the community's character.

There are currently no designated historic districts in Johnson County, Kite, or Wrightsville; however, both cities have National Register eligible historic districts encompassing areas of downtown and historic residential neighborhoods. Presently, only two properties countywide are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. They are the Johnson County Courthouse and the Grice House (owned by the county historical society), both of which are located in Wrightsville. Wrightsville continues to participate actively in the Better Hometown program. Federal TE funds have been used for downtown streetscape improvements in Wrightsville, while additional funds have been awarded to the County to rehabilitate the historic Wrightsville Depot. Kite desires to engage in some downtown revitalization efforts as funding permits. The City received by donation three historic downtown commercial structures, the facades of which, at a minimum, it plans to restore/renovate. There is currently an active Johnson County Historical Society, which continues to preserve the Grice House for use as a local historic records repository. The society has also compiled numerous local history publications. Interest has not been expressed in ensuring that new development complement the community's historic development in terms of design, scale, materials, and the like. There is local interest in and support for heritage preservation; however, this is especially difficult in unincorporated Johnson County due to lack of zoning and comprehensive land use regulation.

Open Space Preservation Objective. New development should be designed to minimize the amount of land consumed, and open space should be set aside from development for use as public parks or as greenbelts/wildlife corridors. Compact development ordinances are one way of encouraging this type of open space preservation.

Johnson County and its cities do not have a greenspace plan or preservation program as this has not been a local issue because of the large amount of farmland and timberland which dominates existing land use. There are no mechanisms to achieve future set asides, especially given low tax bases and the lack of zoning and comprehensive land use regulation in unincorporated Johnson County.

Environmental Protection Objective. Environmentally sensitive areas should be protected from negative impacts of development, particularly when they are important for maintaining traditional character or quality of life in the community or region. Whenever possible, the natural terrain, drainage, and vegetation of an area should be preserved.

Johnson County and the cities of Kite and Wrightsville recognize the importance of the county's natural resources and the need for their protection. However, there is minimal existing protection through solid waste, environmental planning criteria, floodplain management, and soil erosion and sedimentation ordinances, as well as health department regulations. The Part V environmental planning ordinance covering the protected Oconee River Corridor, wetlands, and significant groundwater recharge areas was adopted by all governments in 2000. Enforcement of these ordinances is primarily through the state and the local health department. While there is a general local desire to protect natural and cultural resources and quality of life, there is a lack of supportive land use regulation. Wrightsville is the only Johnson County jurisdiction with a tree ordinance, and theirs applies only to trees planted in the public right-of-way in downtown Wrightsville.

Social and Economic Development

Growth Preparedness Objective. Each community should identify and put in place the pre-requisites for the type of growth it seeks to achieve. These might include infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) to support new growth, appropriate training of the workforce, ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired, or leadership capable of responding to growth opportunities and managing new growth when it occurs.

Johnson County, Kite, and Wrightsville have population projections for the next 20 years which help guide community decision-making in terms of infrastructure construction and extension. Neither city has a formal Capital Improvements Program, but they do have an informal program with plans for water and sewer systems upgrades/extensions. Wrightsville currently has a zoning ordinance, which does help guide and direct the City's growth. Johnson County has both subdivision and manufactured housing ordinances in place, but no comprehensive zoning. Kite has no zoning or other growth management regulations at this time, except for a minimal manufactured housing ordinance. The community has the leadership through the Johnson Chamber of Commerce, Development Authority, and local governments to pursue desired business and industrial growth. Some infrastructure improvements have been made or are planned to attract desired growth. Water and sewer are needed at the Cedar Creek industrial park.

Appropriate Businesses Objective. The business and industries encouraged to develop or expand in a community should be suitable for the community in terms of job skills required, long-term sustainability, linkages to other economic activities in the region, impact on the resources of the area, and future prospects for expansion and creation of higher skill job opportunities.

The community's local economic development agencies work to recruit business and industry which is compatible with businesses already in the community, although there is no formal strategy. The major employers are Johnson State Prison and the local school system. Because of Johnson County's limited economic base, many residents commute to jobs in nearby Dublin/Laurens County or elsewhere. If the prison were to close or leave, the local economy would be significantly impacted.

Employment Options Objective. A range of job types should be provided in each community to meet the diverse needs of the local workforce.

Johnson County has an entrepreneur support program in place. Designation as an "Entrepreneur Friendly Community" was received in 2008. There are limited jobs in the community for skilled labor, primarily with the local school system. There are also limited jobs for unskilled laborers, while only very limited professional and managerial jobs, again especially in the education field.

Housing Choices Objective. A range of housing size, cost, and density should be provided in each community to make it possible for all who work in the community to also live in the community (thereby reducing commuting distances), to promote a mixture of income and age groups in each community, and to provide a range of housing choice to meet market needs.

Housing of various types is available in Johnson County/Kite/Wrightsville at relatively affordable cost, thus allowing people who work in the community to live there. Available land at reasonable prices, quality schools, good recreation facilities/programs, and the lower cost of living in Johnson County make it attractive for residential development. Both Kite and Wrightsville allow loft living, however, existing units are currently vacant. Actual traditional residential development adjacent to downtown exists in both cities. Small houses cannot be built on lots smaller than 5,000 SF in either Kite or Wrightsville. Accessory units, such as garage apartments or mother-in-law units, are allowed in the county and Kite because there are no regulations prohibiting them, while Wrightsville has some which were grandfathered in, but no new such units are allowed. Johnson County and the City of Wrightsville have manufactured housing ordinances to address mobile home issues such as relocation of older mobile homes in their jurisdictions, but they need to be updated. Kite currently has a minimal manufactured housing ordinance. The County also has subdivision regulations in place that need to be revised. Multi-family housing and that developed for lower-income households are allowed. A mental health group home and an assisted living facility are both located in Wrightsville, in addition to the nursing home, which provide housing for those with special needs.

Educational Opportunities Objective. *Educational training opportunities should be* readily available in each community – to permit community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technological advances, or to pursue entrepreneurial ambitions.

The Heart of Georgia Altamaha WIA Program provides workforce training opportunities for the entire 17-county Region, including Johnson County residents. Post-secondary education is available through Southeastern Technical College's satellite campus located at the Cedar Creek industrial park in Wrightsville, as well as at Heart of Georgia Tech in Dublin. While there are jobs in the community for college graduates, they are limited in number and primarily in the local school system. Many Johnson County residents commute to Dublin/Laurens County or elsewhere to work.

Governmental Relations

Regional Solutions Objective. *Regional solutions to needs shared by more than one local jurisdiction are preferable to separate local approaches, particularly where this will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer.*

Johnson County and the cities of Kite and Wrightsville participate in the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC and its efforts to find regional solutions for common issues. The governments also jointly support the Johnson County Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Authority, as well as the Classic South Tourism Region through the Georgia Department of Economic Development, the Region 9 Economic Development Academy, the Altamaha Water Planning Council, and the RC&D. Emergency response and recreation are among the services within the county which are shared between the three governments. There are also mutual aid agreements with nearby communities.

Regional Cooperation Objective. Regional cooperation should be encouraged in setting priorities, identifying shared needs, and finding collaborative solutions, particularly where it is critical to success of a venture, such as protection of shared natural resources or development of a transportation network.

Johnson County and the cities of Kite and Wrightsville work closely together in a number of areas, including economic development, education, service provision, and comprehensive planning. All three governments are presently satisfied with their Service Delivery Strategy. Both the County and cities work well with neighboring local jurisdictions. They also participate as active members of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC, whose Regional Council represents all 17 Region counties and their cities at regular monthly meetings.

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QUALITY COMMUNITY OBJECTIVES LOCAL ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Development Patterns

Traditional Neighborhoods

Traditional neighborhood development patterns should be encouraged, including use of more human scale development, compact development, mixing of uses within easy walking distance of one another, and facilitating pedestrian activity.

		Yes	No	Comments
1.	If we have a zoning code, it does not separate commercial, residential and retail uses in every district.			
2.	Our community has ordinances in place that allow neo-traditional development "by right" so that developers do not have to go through a long variance process.			
3.	We have a street tree ordinance that requires new development to plant shade- bearing trees appropriate to our climate.			
4.	Our community has an organized tree-planting campaign in public areas that will make walking more comfortable in the summer.			
5.	We have a program to keep our public areas (commercial, retail districts, parks) clean and safe.			
6.	Our community maintains its sidewalks and vegetation well so that walking is an option some would choose.			
7.	In some areas several errands can be made on foot, if so desired.			
8.	Some of our children can and do walk to school safely.			
9.	Some of our children can and do bike to school safely.			
10.	Schools are located in or near neighborhoods in our community.			

Infill Development

Communities should maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the conversion of undeveloped land at the urban periphery by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the downtown or traditional urban core of the community.

		Yes	No	Comments
1.	Our community has an inventory of vacant sites and buildings that are available for redevelopment and/or infill development.			
2.	Our community is actively working to promote brownfield redevelopment.			
3.	Our community is actively working to promote greyfield redevelopment.			
4.	We have areas of our community that are planned for nodal development (compacted near intersections rather than spread along a major road).			
5.	Our community allows small lot development (5,000 square feet or less) for some uses.			

Sense of Place

Traditional downtown areas should be maintained as the focal point of the community or, for newer areas where this is not possible, the development of activity centers that serve as community focal points should be encouraged. These community focal points should be attractive, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly places where people choose to gather for shopping, dining, socializing, and entertainment.

		Yes	No	Comments
1.	If someone dropped from the sky into our community, he or she would know immediately where he or she was, based on our distinct characteristics.			
2.	We have delineated the areas of our community that are important to our history and heritage, and have taken steps to protect those areas.			
3.	We have ordinances to regulate the aesthetics of development in our highly visible areas.			
4.	We have ordinances to regulate the size and type of signage in our community.			

5.	We offer a development guidebook that illustrates the type of new development we want in our community.				
6.	If applicable, our community has a plan to protect designated farmland.				
Transp	ortation Alternatives				
	tives to transportation by automobile, including mass transit, bicycle routes, use of alternate transportation should be encouraged.	and pe	destria	n facilities, should be made available in each community.	
		Yes	No	Comments	
1.	We have public transportation in our community.				
2.	We require that new development connects with existing development through a street network, not a single entry/exit.				
3.	We have a good network of sidewalks to allow people to walk to a variety of destinations.				
4.	We have a sidewalk ordinance in our community that requires all new development to provide user-friendly sidewalks.				
5.	We require that newly built sidewalks connect to existing sidewalks wherever possible.				
6.	We have a plan for bicycle routes through our community.				
7.	We allow commercial and retail development to share parking areas wherever possible.				
Regiona	Regional Identity				
	Each region should promote and preserve a regional "identity," or regional sense of place, defined in terms of traditional architecture, common economic linkages that bind the region together, or other shared characteristics.				
		Yes	No	Comments	

	Yes	No	Comments
1. Our community is characteristic of the region in terms of architectura and heritage.	al styles		

2.	Our community is connected to the surrounding region for economic livelihood through businesses that process local agricultural products.					
3.	Our community encourages businesses that create products that draw on our regional heritage (mountain, agricultural, metropolitan, coastal, etc.).					
4.	Our community participates in the Georgia Department of Economic Development's regional tourism partnership.					
5.	Our community promotes tourism opportunities based on the unique characteristics of our region.					
6.	Our community contributes to the region, and draws from the region, as a source of local culture, commerce, entertainment and education.					
Resou	Resource Conservation					
The tra develop	Heritage Preservation The traditional character of the community should be maintained through preserving and revitalizing historic areas of the community, encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community, and protecting other scenic or natural features that are important to defining the community's character.					
		Yes	No	Comments		
1.	We have designated historic districts in our community.					
2.	We have an active historic preservation commission.					
3.	We want new development to complement our historic development, and we have ordinances in place to ensure this.					

Open Space Preservation

New development should be designed to minimize the amount of land consumed, and open space should be set aside from development for use as public parks or as greenbelts/wildlife corridors. Compact development ordinances are one way of encouraging this type of open space preservation.

		Yes	No	Comments
1.	Our community has a greenspace plan.			
2.	Our community is actively preserving greenspace, either through direct purchase or by encouraging set-asides in new development.			
3.	We have a local land conservation program, or we work with state or national land conservation programs, to preserve environmentally important areas in our community.			
4.	We have a conservation subdivision ordinance for residential development that is widely used and protects open space in perpetuity.			
Environmental Protection Environmentally sensitive areas should be protected from negative impacts of development, particularly when they are important for maintaining traditional character or quality of life of the community or region. Whenever possible, the natural terrain, drainage, and vegetation of an area should be preserved.				
		Yes	No	Comments

1.	Our community has a comprehensive natural resources inventory.		
2.	We use this resource inventory to steer development away from environmentally sensitive areas.		
3.	We have identified our defining natural resources and taken steps to protect them.		
4.	Our community has passed the necessary "Part V" environmental ordinances, and we enforce them.		
5.	Our community has a tree preservation ordinance which is actively enforced.		
6.	Our community has a tree-replanting ordinance for new development.		

7.	We are using stormwater best management practices for all new development.			
8.	We have land use measures that will protect the natural resources in our community (steep slope regulations, floodplain or marsh protection, etc.).			
Socia	l and Economic Development			
Growth	Preparedness			
sewer) t	ommunity should identify and put in place the pre-requisites for the type of g to support new growth, appropriate training of the workforce, ordinances ar ling to growth opportunities and managing new growth when it occurs.			
		Yes	No	Comments
1.	We have population projections for the next 20 years that we refer to when making infrastructure decisions.			
2.	Our local governments, the local school board, and other decision-making entities use the same population projections.			
3.	Our elected officials understand the land-development process in our community.			
4.	We have reviewed our development regulations and/or zoning code recently, and believe that our ordinances will help us achieve our QCO goals.			
5.	We have a Capital Improvements Program that supports current and future growth.			
6.	We have designated areas of our community where we would like to see growth, and these areas are based on a natural resources inventory of our community.			
7.	We have clearly understandable guidelines for new development.			

8.	We have a citizen-education campaign to allow all interested parties to learn					
	about development processes in our community.					
9.	We have procedures in place that make it easy for the public to stay informed about land use issues, zoning decisions, and proposed new development.					
10.	We have a public-awareness element in our comprehensive planning process.					
Approp	riate Businesses					
sustaina	The businesses and industries encouraged to develop or expand in a community should be suitable for the community in terms of job skills required, long-term sustainability, linkages to other economic activities in the region, impact on the resources of the area, and future prospects for expansion and creation of higher-skill job opportunities.					
		Yes	No	Comments		
1.	Our economic development organization has considered our community's strengths, assets and weaknesses, and has created a business development strategy based on them.					
2.	Our economic development organization has considered the types of businesses already in our community, and has a plan to recruit businesses and/or industries that will be compatible.					
3.	We recruit firms that provide or create sustainable products.					
4.	We have a diverse jobs base, so that one employer leaving would not cripple our economy.					
Employ	Employment Options					
A range of job types should be provided in each community to meet the diverse needs of the local workforce.						
		Yes	No	Comments		
1.	Our economic development program has an entrepreneur support program.					
2.	Our community has jobs for skilled labor.					
3.	Our community has jobs for unskilled labor.					

4. Our community has professional and managerial jobs.			
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Housing Choices

A range of housing size, cost, and density should be provided in each community to make it possible for all who work in the community to also live in the community (thereby reducing commuting distances), to promote a mixture of income and age groups in each community, and to provide a range of housing choice to meet market needs.

		Yes	No	Comments
1.	Our community allows accessory units like garage apartments or mother-in- law units.			
2.	People who work in our community can also afford to live in the community.			
3.	Our community has enough housing for each income level (low, moderate and above-average).			
4.	We encourage new residential development to follow the pattern of our original town, continuing the existing street design and maintaining small setbacks.			
5.	We have options available for loft living, downtown living, or "neo- traditional" development.			
6.	We have vacant and developable land available for multifamily housing.			
7.	We allow multifamily housing to be developed in our community.			
8.	We support community development corporations that build housing for lower-income households.			
9.	We have housing programs that focus on households with special needs.			
10.	We allow small houses built on small lots (less than 5,000 square feet) in appropriate areas.			

Educational Opportunities

Educational and training opportunities should be readily available in each community – to permit community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technological advances, or to pursue entrepreneurial ambitions.

		Yes	No	Comments
1.	Our community provides workforce training options for its citizens.			
2.	Our workforce training programs provide citizens with skills for jobs that are available in our community.			
3.	Our community has higher education opportunities, or is close to a community that does.			
4.	Our community has job opportunities for college graduates, so that our children may live and work here if they choose.			

Governmental Relations

Regional Solutions

Regional solutions to needs shared by more than one local jurisdiction are preferable to separate local approaches, particularly where this will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer.

		Yes	No	Comments
1.	We participate in regional economic development organizations.			
2.	We participate in regional environmental organizations and initiatives, especially regarding water quality and quantity issues.			
3.	We work with other local governments to provide or share appropriate services, such as public transit, libraries, special education, tourism, parks and recreation, emergency response, E-911, homeland security, etc.			

4.	Our community thinks regionally, especially in terms of issues like land use, transportation and housing, understanding that these go beyond local government borders.				
Regiona	Regional Cooperation Regional cooperation should be encouraged in setting priorities, identifying shared needs, and finding collaborative solutions, particularly where it is critical to success of a venture, such as protection of shared natural resources or development of a transportation network.				
		Yes	No	Comments	
1.	We plan jointly with our cities and county for comprehensive planning purposes.				
2.	We are satisfied with our Service Delivery Strategy.				
3.	We initiate contact with other local governments and institutions in our region in order to find solutions to common problems, or to craft regionwide strategies.				
4.	We meet regularly with neighboring jurisdictions to maintain contact, build connections, and discuss issues of regional concern.				

AREAS REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION

Development can cause a substantial impact in the economy and the community that it directly affects. It is imperative that projected developments or significant areas are noted in order to provide guidance for appropriate future development or protection. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has termed these areas of significant change, areas requiring special attention. These areas are categorized by evaluating the existing land use patterns and trends within the jurisdiction of the local government to identify any areas requiring special attention. The areas are categorized into one of seven areas, with the exception of resources that may contribute to more than one area.

The areas requiring special attention are defined by DCA as:

• Areas of significant natural or cultural resources, particularly where these are likely to be intruded upon or otherwise impacted by development;

• Areas where rapid development or change of land use is likely to occur;

• Areas where the pace of development has and/or may outpace the availability of community facilities and services, including transportation;

• Areas in need of redevelopment and/or significant improvements to aesthetics or attractiveness (including strip commercial corridors);

• Large abandoned structures or sites, including those that may be environmentally contaminated;

• Areas with significant infill development opportunities (scattered vacant sites);

• Areas of significant disinvestments, level of poverty, and/or unemployment substantially higher than average levels for the community as a whole.

The evaluation of the existing land use patterns and trends within Johnson County and its two cities resulted in the following identification and analysis of areas requiring special attention in accordance with state guidelines. These areas were identified by the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee. The committee consisted of the Interim County Administrator, new County Administrator, County Clerk, the Mayor of Kite, the Kite and Wrightsville City Clerks, and other local officials. Committee members attended several meetings to decide what resources in the community were of significant importance and to determine to what area the resources contributed. The areas requiring special attention are shown on Map 1 for Johnson County, Map 2 for the City of Kite, and Map 3 for the City of Wrightsville.

It is possible for an entry to be categorized into two or more areas; this is represented on the map and in the document by the word "hatched" following the listed source. If the area is hatched, it will appear on the map in two or more colors. The area will be the designated color for the first element under which it is listed. To signify the hatching, it will then be lined with the designated color of the second element and in two cases, with another color for the third element.

Natural and cultural resources are recognized by the color green; rapid development/ change likely is recognized by the color yellow; areas where development may outpace infrastructure are recognized by the color blue; areas needing redevelopment are recognized by the color orange; large abandoned structures/sites are recognized by the color brown; infill opportunities are recognized by the color gray; and areas with concentration of housing/income need are recognized by the color red.

Not all jurisdictions have listings in every category. This may be attributed to Johnson County and its cities working cooperatively, and to properly managing and planning for existing and expected growth and development, but also may be a testament to limited growth in the smaller municipalities.

Natural/Cultural Resources

Natural resources are any scenic areas, prime agricultural or forest lands, major parks, recreation and conservation areas that are of significance to the community. Cultural resources are identified as rural, residential, commercial, industrial, institutional or transportation resources, and community landmarks of historic, cultural or archeological significance. The community works to conserve and protect designated natural and cultural resources.

Johnson County

<u>Oconee River Corridor</u>. The Oconee River Corridor forms Johnson County's northwestern boundary with Wilkinson County for several miles. It originates in Hall County and flows 170 miles before joining the Ocmulgee River to form the Altamaha River near Lumber City in Telfair County. The Oconee River Corridor is protected under Johnson County's Part V Environmental Conservation ordinance passed in 2000. The river is significant for its history from prehistoric to modern times as an important transportation artery for Native Americans and early settlers. While there is only a public access road and no recreation facilities on the river on the Johnson County side, local residents use the Oconee River Landing in Laurens County. The planned Ball's Ferry State Park in Wilkinson County will be located nearby on the Oconee River, providing additional recreation opportunities. The Oconee River Canoe Trail also attracts paddlers.

<u>Ohoopee River</u>. The Ohoopee River flows through the west central area of Johnson County, along its way from its origin to the north in Tennille, Washington County south through Treutlen, Emanuel, and Toombs counties before it, too, empties into the Altamaha River in Tattnall County. Although the Ohoopee does not have adequate flow (minimum 400 cubic feet per second) in Johnson County to be designated as a protected river corridor, its adjacent wetlands are protected under the County's Part V Environmental Conservation ordinance (2000). The Ohoopee River is significant in Georgia history as an early transportation route for Native American Indians and European settlers.

Little Ohoopee River. The Little Ohoopee River begins in Washington County and winds its way southeastward through the northeastern part of Johnson County (east of Kite) and on into Emanuel County where it joins the Ohoopee River in the western area of the county. The Little Ohoopee and its tributaries drain the northeastern section of Johnson County. It provides important wetland habitat areas which are also protected under Johnson County's Environmental Conservation ordinance.

Kite

<u>Downtown Kite (hatched)</u>. Located along the Wadley Southern Railroad, Kite was incorporated in 1891. It was named for Shaderick Kight, who donated the land for the town, but its spelling was simplified at his request to make mail delivery easier. The Wadley Southern Railroad served Kite from 1890 to 1928 during which time the community grew and prospered. The heart of Kite's historic downtown commercial area is generally considered along Montgomery Street (U.S. 221) north to Mixon and south past Railroad Street, and west past Hatcher Street and east to about Church Street. It is comprised of typical early 20th century buildings, which may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. Three historic downtown buildings have been donated to the City, which is in the process of preserving the facades, as funds permit, to help revitalize the downtown area. Kite previously renovated the old city hall, which is in the center of downtown, for public use.

Wrightsville

<u>Downtown Wrightsville (hatched)</u>. Chartered in 1866, Wrightsville was named for John B. Wright, a large slaveholder and member of the Georgia legislature, who served on the committee to select the town's site. The Central of Georgia Railroad ran through Wrightsville from 1897 to about 1937. Wrightsville's historic downtown encompasses generally the six blocks bounded by Court Street to the north, Valley Street on the east, College Street to the south, and Myrtle Avenue to the west. The National Register eligible historic district includes a fine collection of early 20th century commercial structures, including those adjacent to the Johnson County Courthouse square. Wrightsville has participated in the state's Better Hometown community improvement program since 1999. The City has also received federal funds for downtown streetscape improvements.

Johnson County Courthouse. Designed by the noted architectural firm of Golucke and Stewart and built in 1895, the Johnson County Courthouse underwent extensive renovations about 1940 as a WPA project. It was again renovated circa 1996 using SPLOST funds and has subsequently received Georgia Heritage Grant funding to repair the leaking cupola. The courthouse was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Today it houses some county government offices and is used for court proceedings.

<u>Grice House</u>. The Grice House on East Elm Street was built in 1905 and once served as a boardinghouse for students attending the former Warthen College. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 as a rare example of French Colonial vernacular architecture unique to middle Georgia. Today, the Johnson County Historical Society owns the property which contains local historical records and artifacts.

<u>Doc Kemp School</u>. Located in the northern part of Wrightsville along Crawford Road, the Doc Kemp School is owned by the non-profit Doc Kemp School Alumni Association, which was organized to preserve the historic school. It was built in the 1920s for African-American children

with some funding assistance from the Rosenwald Foundation. Work continues on the school as funds permit.

<u>Wrightsville Depot</u>. The historic depot is located on East College Street. It was built for the Wrightsville and Tennille Railroad in 1900. The local Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority have offices in it. The County was awarded a federal TE grant to rehabilitate the landmark structure.

<u>Old Primary School (hatched)</u>. Located on Washington Avenue, the old Wrightsville Primary School is an important community landmark which is believed to have been built on the second site of the former Warthern College. It is presently in deteriorated condition; however, it is believed that the old lunchroom may have been divided into apartments in recent years.

Rapid Development/Change Likely

Designated locations where development or disturbance of land is expected. The development can be categorized as residential, commercial, industrial, public/institutional, agriculture/forestry, mixed use, transportation/communication/utilities, and/or park/recreation/conservation.

Johnson County

<u>Ohoopee River Plantation</u>. This large 1,400 acre tract is located in the southern part of the county (north of Adrian) off GA Highway 15 and has over four miles of Ohoopee River frontage, numerous ponds, and Ohoopee Dunes overlooks. Only 30 two-acre lots will be sold in this "limited edition rural Georgia sporting paradise," as it is advertised, while the remaining property is accessible to owners/members for hunting, fishing, and related pursuits. A conservation easement protects the land outside the "village" from development. Although changes are taking place on the Ohoopee River Plantation acreage, they are being controlled through the development company.

Kite

<u>No room within city, annexation needed</u>. There is currently no room within the City of Kite for major development or change to occur even though there are some scattered lots where infill development might be possible. There are also some sites and areas where redevelopment could take place (See other categories). It is expected that annexation of land located west of Kite toward Wrightsville along GA Highway 57 in unincorporated Johnson County would be necessary for any large scale development to take place in Kite.

Wrightsville

<u>Cedar Creek Industrial Park (hatched)</u>. Located along GA Highway 57 East, the 115.58 acre Industrial Park was annexed into the city of Wrightsville; however it does not have City water or sewer service. Southeastern Tech's Adult Learning Center is presently located at the park. There is additional available space within the Cedar Creek Park, which is being marketed primarily for industrial use.

<u>Industrial Drive Park</u>. Industrial Drive Park is located on the east side of Idlwild Drive in the southern part of Wrightsville. It contains a number of former cut-and-sew and other industrial buildings, including Bellview, Electro Mech, Plotmaster, Triple C Trucking, and Crowntex, some of which are vacant and available. City water and sewer service is provided to the park.

Development Outpace Infrastructure

These are areas where the pace of development has and/or may outpace the availability of community facilities and services, such as water, sewer, transportation, and other infrastructure.

Johnson County

There were no subdivisions or other development noted that might need infrastructure provision.

Kite

<u>New water system</u>. The City of Kite is in the process of installing a new water system, including fire hydrants. These improvements will be an asset for desired growth.

<u>No sewer</u>. Kite does not currently have a public sewer system, nor does it have plans for one in the near future as it is not economically feasible at this time. Residents and businesses must rely on private septic tanks/systems.

Wrightsville

<u>Consent order</u>. The City of Wrightsville is currently under a consent order from EPD, which requires that the City repair its existing inflow/infiltration problem before upgrading/expanding its sewer system. The City has three treatment ponds, but needs a new wastewater treatment plant. CDBG funding is pending for sewer improvements in two areas of Wrightsville. Resolution of Wrightsville's sewer system issues is vitally needed to prepare the city for desired growth, including provision of sewer and water service to Cedar Creek Industrial Park.

<u>Cedar Creek Industrial Park (hatched)</u>. The 115.58 acre industrial park located along GA Highway 57 East was annexed into the city of Wrightsville, but it lacks water or sewer service. The City must satisfy EPD's consent order (addressed above) to be able to expand service to the park. Although Southeastern Tech's Adult Learning Center is currently located at the park, the lack of basic infrastructure hampers further growth and development at Cedar Creek.

Areas Needing Redevelopment

These areas are generally in need of treatment/rehabilitation to help restore structures/area back to a former state or to a better condition by means of repairs, remodeling, or demolishing the structure and building a new one. Redevelopment of these structures improves the aesthetics and appearance of the area, increasing the chances of growth.

Johnson County

Only scattered residences, including manufactured housing, were noted in unincorporated Johnson County as needing redevelopment. The County currently has a manufactured housing ordinance which it plans to update.

Kite

<u>Downtown Kite (hatched)</u>. There are early 20th century buildings in the heart of downtown Kite's historic commercial area which are in need of redevelopment and/or rehabilitation primarily due to lack of use and subsequent deferred maintenance. These include the three buildings donated to the City. The City plans to stabilize and renovate at least the exterior facades of these structures as funds permit as part of its ongoing downtown revitalization efforts.

<u>Southeast Kite Neighborhood and other scattered housing (hatched)</u>. While Kite has scattered housing in need of redevelopment and/or rehabilitation, the largest concentration is located in the Southeast Kite Neighborhood. This area is generally bounded as follows by South Montgomery Street (U.S. 221) on the west; East Railroad Street to the north; Cemetery Street and beyond on the east; and College Street/Cindy Lane on the south. It would likely qualify as a CDBG low-moderate income target area, making owners/residents eligible for funding assistance with renovation expenses.

Wrightsville

<u>Scattered Housing</u>. There are scattered residences throughout Wrightsville which are in need of redevelopment and/or rehabilitation to improve the appearance of the community. Funding assistance through the CHIP program may be available to assist with renovations. The City hired a building inspector (shared with Tennille) and passed a nuisance control ordinance in 2008 to help address building safety and appearance.

<u>Downtown (hatched)</u>. This area includes commercial structures, many of which are historic, located primarily in an approximate six block area adjacent to the courthouse. Most of the

historic buildings date from the first decades of the 20th century and appear eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district. There are currently around five or so vacanies. The City has received federal funding for downtown streetscape improvements, including sidewalk upgrades.

Large Abandoned Structures/Sites

These are areas with large structures/sites that have been deserted; due to the abandonment it is common for beautification treatment to be needed to improve appearance and aesthetics of the structures/sites. This includes sites that may be environmentally contaminated.

Johnson County

No large abandoned structures/properties were noted in unincorporated Johnson County.

Kite

<u>Archer's Plumbing</u>. This abandoned commercial building is located on East Kight Street (GA Highway 57) near downtown Kite.

<u>Old Kite School</u>. Four families of missionaries have been remodeling this abandoned school on West Kight Street (GA Highway 57) into apartments for possible future residential use.

Wrightsville

<u>Old Dairy Queen</u>. Located in downtown Wrightsville, the former Dairy Queen was vacated several years ago when a new restaurant was built on West Trilby Street. The abandoned building could be renovated for other restaurant/sandwich shop use, especially given its convenient location near downtown businesses, offices, and the courthouse.

<u>Bojangles</u>. This abandoned restaurant building is located on East Court Street just north of and adjacent to the Johnson County Courthouse. Its prime location also makes it attractive for reuse as a fast food or other restaurant-type business.

<u>Old Primary School (hatched)</u>. The former Wrightsville Primary School on Washington Avenue has been abandoned for a number of years, although the old lunchroom portion may have been divided into apartments at some time. The community landmark structure is presently in deteriorated condition, but it could be rehabilitated for a compatible new use.

Infill Opportunities

These areas have existing infrastructure in place and help to reduce the disturbance of undeveloped land. Development of sites close to infill opportunities is strongly encouraged throughout the community; existing infrastructure may be available depending on proximity.

Johnson County

No known opportunities for infill were noted in the unincorporated county.

Kite

<u>Scattered Lots</u>. There are scattered lots around Kite with infrastructure access which provide potential infill opportunities.

<u>Southeast Kite Neighborhood (hatched)</u>. There are some scattered infill opportunities within the Southeast Kite Neighborhood through both existing vacant lots as well as those that might become available for redevelopment as a result of possible removal of dilapidated houses. Such sites already have water and sewer infrastructure available to them.

Wrightsville

<u>Scattered lots</u>. As in Kite, there are scattered lots/sites in Wrightsville with access to infrastructure which offer possible opportunities for infill development.

<u>Cedar Creek Industrial Park (hatched)</u>. There are infill opportunities available within this 115.58 industrial park located along GA Highway 57 East in an area annexed into the city of Wrightsville. While the park does not yet have city water or sewer service, Southeastern Tech's Adult Learning Center has already located there.

Concentration of Housing/Income Need

These locations are defined as significant areas of blight where low income or unemployment causes a higher level of poverty than the community as a whole. This results in a lack of investment and property maintenance.

Johnson County

Three mobile/manufactured home parks in unincorporated Johnson County have been identified as areas of significant residential blight in need of rehabilitation and/or redevelopment. They are located along <u>GA Highway 57 East</u> adjacent to Cypress Creek Road; <u>GA Highway 319 West</u> of Wrightsville; and <u>GA Highway 221 North</u> just outside Kite. The all consist primarily of older mobile homes, which are in need of rehabilitation. Areas such as these usually result from low incomes and the consequences of lack of investment and upkeep.

Kite

<u>Southeast Kite Neighborhood (hatched)</u>. A large residential area in southeast Kite, this concentration of houses needing renovations is generally bounded by South Montgomery Street (U.S. 221) on the west; East Railroad Street to the north; Cemetery Street and beyond on the

east; and College Street/Cindy Lane on the south. Again, there may be potential for one or more CDBG housing rehabilitation target areas in this southeast Kite neighborhood.

Wrightsville

There were no concentrations of significant blight or poverty noted in Wrightsville. Only <u>Scattered</u> locations were said to reflect a lack of investment and/or property maintenance likely related to low incomes or unemployment.

Special Attention OCONEE RIVER 6

Areas Requiring Special Attention

Natural/Cultural Resources

1 Oconee River

MAP 1

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Areas Requiring

- 2 Ohoopee River
- 3 Little Ohoopee River

Rapid Development/Change Likely 4 Ohoopee River Plantation

Development Outpace Infrastructure None Noted

Areas Needing Redevelopment Scattered Residences

Large Abandoned Structures/Sites None Noted

Infill Opportunities None Noted

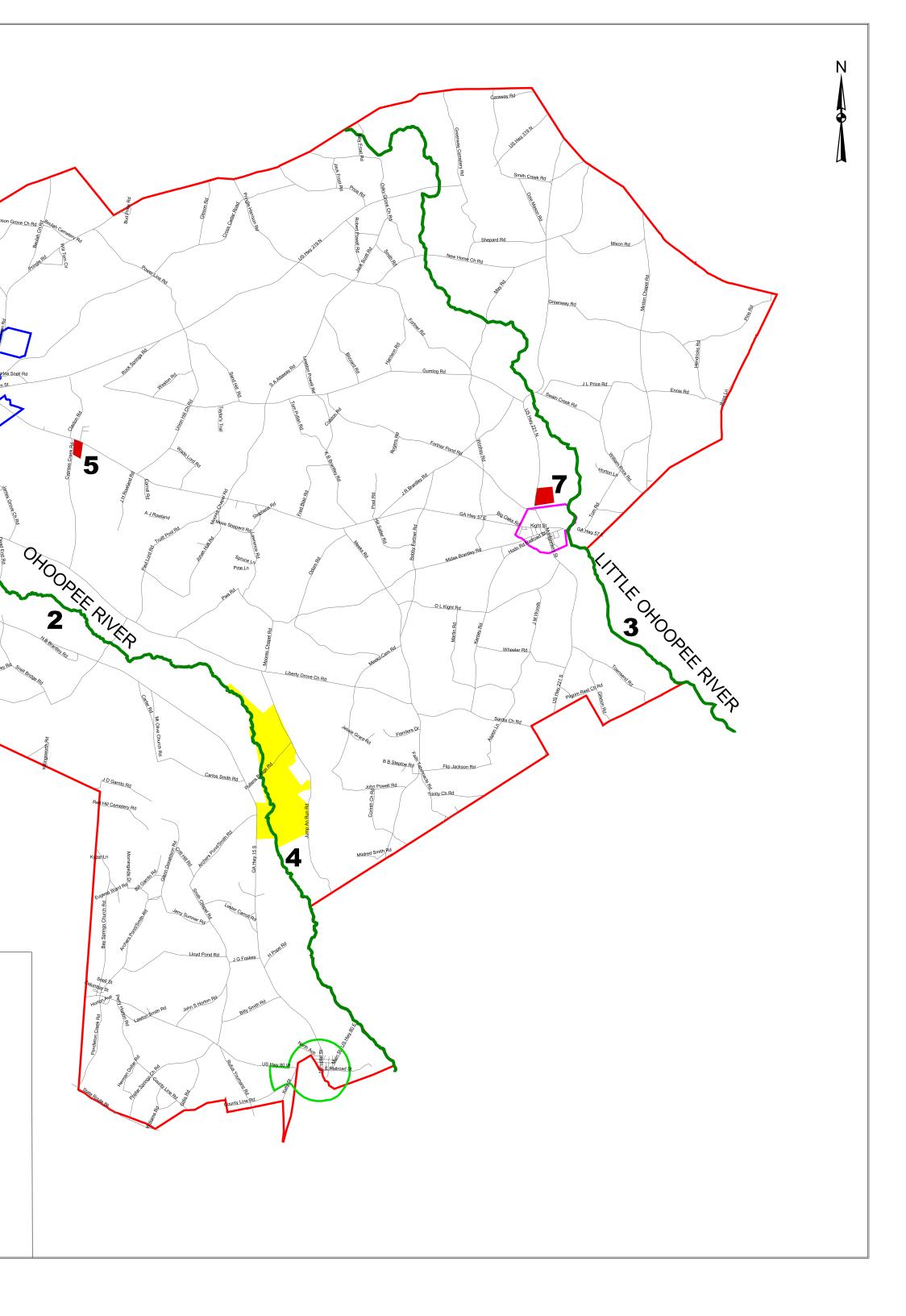
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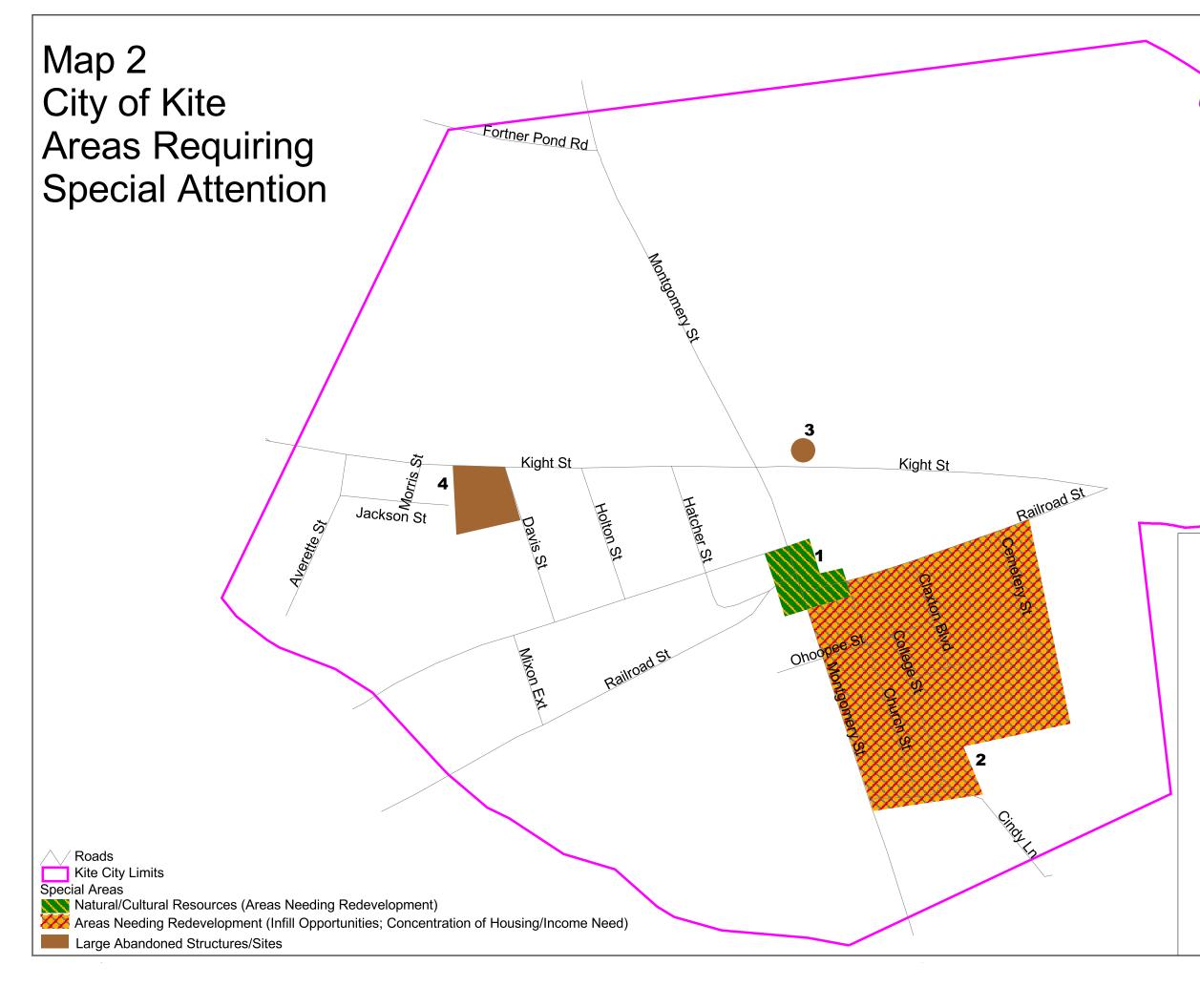


Natural/Cultural Resources Rapid Development/Change Likely

Concentration of Housing/Income Need

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Areas Requiring Special Attention

Natural/Cultural Resources 1 Downtown Kite (hatched)

Rapid Development/Change Likely No room within city, possible annexation needed west toward Wrightsville

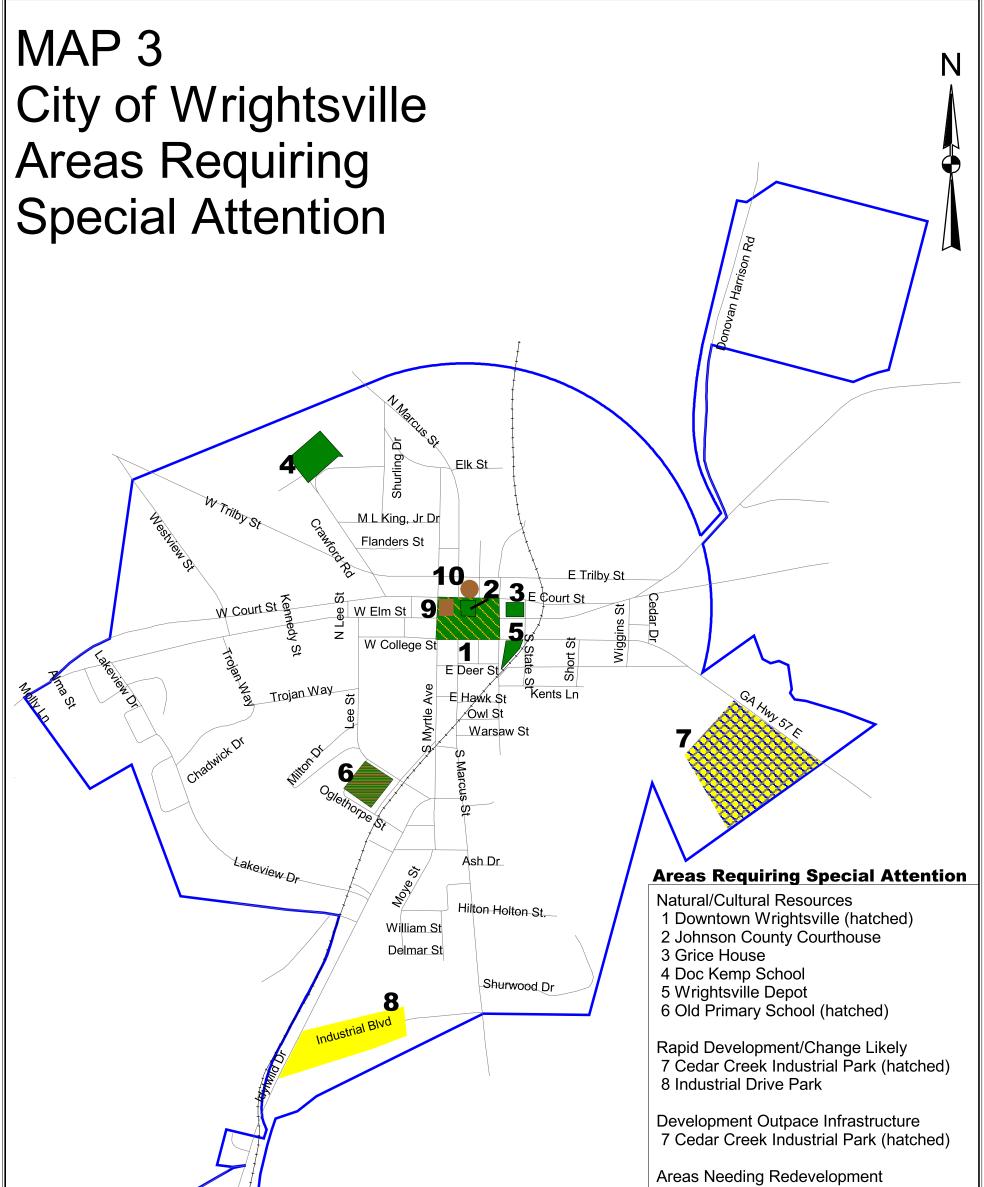
Development Outpace Infrastructure None noted, but new water system/fire hydrants going in (no sewer)

Areas Needing Redevelopment 1 Downtown Kite (hatched) 2 Southeast Kite Neighborhood (hatched)

Large Abandoned Structures/Sites 3 Archer's Plumbing 4 Old Kite School

Infill Opportunities 2 Southeast Kite Neighborhood (hatched) Scattered Lots

Concentration of Housing/Income Need 2 Southeast Kite Neighborhood (hatched)



Lynn St 1 Downtown Wrightsville (hatched) Scattered Housing Hillside St olsom Dr Large Abandoned Structures/Sites 9 Old Dairy Queen 10 Bojangles 6 Old Primary School (hatched) Infill Opportunities **Special Areas** 7 Cedar Creek Industrial Park (hatched) Natural/Cultural Resources Scattered Lots Rapid Development/Change Likely Large Abandoned Structures/Sites Concentration of Income/Housing Need Natural/Cultural Resources (Areas Needing Redevelopment) Scattered Natural/Cultural Resources (Large Abandoned Structures/Sites) 🔆 Rapid Development/Change Likely (Development Outpace Infrastructure; Infill Opportunities) Roads / RailRoad Wrightsville City Limits

Identification of Issues and Opportunities

Economic Development

- Local, regional, and state cooperation
- Retention of local graduates
- Education levels/job skills improvements
- Swainsboro Technical College's Adult Learning Center
- High drop-out rates
- Business/industry retention/expansion
- Attraction of new economic development
- Small business/entrepreneurial development
- Two industrial parks (spec building)
- Transportation improvements (GA 15 and GA 57 four-laning, other)
- Tourism development/promotion
- Proximity to retail markets
- Enhanced economic development funding/activities/marketing
- Retail trade/service sector and hospitality business development
- Community aesthetics/appearance improvements
- Downtown commercial area revitalization
- Wrightsville Better Hometown Program
- Rural character/Quality of Life preservation
- Support/enhance/expand agricultural/forestry uses
- Young Farmers Ag Center
- Catfish plant
- Growth management
- GA 15 promotion
- Job diversification
- High illiteracy rates
- Water/sewer infrastructure upgrades

Natural and Cultural Resources

- Oconee, Ohoopee, and Little Ohoopee rivers
- Compatible, supportive development
- Natural resources conservation/protection
- Oconee River Landing passive park and other outdoor recreation development
- Proposed Balls Ferry State Park (Wilkinson Co.)
- Idylwild Dr. recreation area development
- Camp Reed area
- Compatible economic utilization/opportunities
- Historic resources preservation/utilization
- Growth management/regulation
- Community aesthetics/appearance improvements
- Rural agricultural character preservation

Housing

- Improvement of housing quality
- Manufactured home quality
- Need to market available housing regionally
- Need to improve substandard housing/eliminate blight
- Utilization of state/federal programs
- Need to guide/plan residential development
- Community aesthetics/appearance improvements
- Need for updated land use/subdivision/manufactured housing regulation and code enforcement in Kite and unincorporated areas

Land Use

- Need for planning/growth management/code enforcement
- Need for updated land use/subdivision/mobile home regulations/code enforcement in Kite and unincorporated areas
- Rural character/Quality of life preservation
- Preservation of agricultural and forestry areas
- Recreational/leisure facilities development
- Infill development and location of use management
- Community appearance/aesthetics improvements
- Utilization of infrastructure to guide growth

Community Facilities and Services

- Provision of adequate government facilities, including cities administrative facilities
- Infrastructure expansion/maintenance upgrade
- Infrastructure development to guide growth
- Development of adequate water/sewer service as needed
- Highway improvements/upgrades
- More county road/city street paving
- Education facilities/service improvements
- Solid waste/recycling facility/service improvements
- Health care system improvements, including physician recruitment
- Cultural facilities/services enhancements, including possible library expansion
- Public safety enhancements, including E-911
- Adequate emergency medical services, including new EMS facility
- Fire service improvements
- Adequate training of public safety/fire personnel
- Park/recreation facilities development/maintenance

Intergovernmental Coordination

- Local, regional, and state cooperation
- Services sharing/cooperation/consolidation
- Coordinated planning/growth management

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update, as has been stated in the Introduction, is an interim update to the community's adopted 2004 comprehensive plan. Both documents were prepared under the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Local Planning Requirements established under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. Again, this current Partial Update is but a refining update to the existing full plan, as required for the moment. Although a full plan update is not scheduled until 2013, this partial plan update will serve as an interim guide and will establish a foundation for a new full plan which will be prepared at that time. The plan has been developed under an extensive community participation program to truly be a reflection of the community's concerns and desires for the future.

Now that the community has finalized the issues and opportunities it wishes to address; and has delineated areas of special attention that necessitate a more concerted focus by the community in the years ahead, the next step is the implementation program. In a sense, the implementation program is the heart of the plan as it outlines the steps, policies, and strategies chosen by the community to carry out the comprehensive plan, and bring about its desired vision and future improvements.

The implementation program is the overall strategy for addressing the identified Community Issues and Opportunities. This implementation program consists of newly expressed Long Term Policies to guide community decision-making, as well as a Short Term Work Program for each local government which identifies specific implementation activities to be undertaken in the next five years of plan implementation to address these policies. A Report of Accomplishments is also included for each local government that identifies the achievements and status of work items contained in the previous Short Term Work Program of the existing comprehensive plan. Implementation Strategies, which are normally prepared during a full plan update to identify even more specific steps and actions to address policies prior to developing the Short Term Work Program, are not included in this Partial Update. Instead, they will be delineated during the full plan update since its preparation is only a few years away. The Long Term Policies developed during this Partial Update will help establish the framework for the formation of new Implementation Strategies at that time.

Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan

Long Term Policies

Economic Development

The community will cooperate and coordinate with existing local, regional, and state agencies to improve all of Johnson County

The community will work together to develop, support, and promote programs that will enhance opportunities for local graduates to both live and work in the community upon graduation

The community will work together to improve education and skill levels to ensure a betterqualified workforce for existing and future employers

The community will collaboratively support the local school system and otherwise develop cooperative efforts to engage students to remain in school, thus reducing the local dropout rate and improving the literacy rate

The community will support and promote programs for the retention of existing local industries and entrepreneurs in its support and quest of business/industry retention and additional job opportunities for local residents

The community will actively recruit new industry and commercial/retail development compatible with, and supportive of, the resources, infrastructure, existing economy, and the natural environments of the community

The community will work to develop the necessary infrastructure and industrial parks improvements to facilitate and accommodate desired commercial and industrial growth

The community will continue to seek transportation improvements (highway, rail, transit, bicycle and pedestrian) to enhance and support economic development efforts

The community will seek to enhance and grow tourism as an important component of the local economy through existing and new festivals, recreation and leisure facilities/activities, agri-tourism, nature based tourism, and promotion of its Civil War and other historic/cultural sites

The community will work to enhance economic development marketing efforts, including promotion of its proximity to retail markets, through the Chamber of Commerce, Development Authority and other regional/state agencies

The community will continue to seek retail trade/service sector and hospitality business development to further enhance the local economy and support increased tourism

The community will cooperate to redevelop declining areas, upgrade commercial areas and substandard housing, and otherwise improve the appearance and aesthetics of the county and its municipalities

The community will support and target downtown revitalization and investment efforts in Kite and Wrightsville to maintain them as important, functioning economic, social, and governmental centers, through the Wrightsville Better Hometown Program, Downtown Development Authority, and other means as appropriate

The community will preserve its unique landscapes and natural beauty and foster development compatible with its existing rural character and quality of life

The community will maintain agriculture/forestry as viable economic uses through traditional and alternative enterprises, such as agri-tourism and nature based tourism, including promotion and usage of the Young Farmers Ag Center

The community will proactively manage and guide its future growth and development through community investment and appropriate regulation

The community will work cooperatively to promote use of GA 15 and its four-laning

The community will work to attract a diverse mix of jobs appropriate to the educational/skills levels of the local workforce

The community will work collaboratively to develop measures and programs to address the high illiteracy rate

The community will maintain adequate water/sewer service provision and pursue facility/service upgrades and expansion as needed

Natural and Cultural Resources

The community will seek and promote development that is respective of, compatible with, and maintains and supports the existing rural character, open spaces, and landscapes of Johnson County

The community will seek to conserve and protect the Oconee, Ohoopee, and Little Ohoopee rivers, the county's significant groundwater recharge areas, wetlands, floodplains, other important natural resources, and the open spaces and landscapes of the county

The community will continue to support the proposed Balls Ferry State Park in Wilkinson County

The community will seek to conserve and protect the Oconee River Landing passive park and will work to development and promote additional outdoor recreation or nature venues, such as the Idylwild Drive Recreation Area and Camp Reed

The community will capitalize on its economic opportunities associated with its open spaces and natural and cultural resources, and will seek to promote, develop, and cultivate additional compatible uses of these resources

The community will maintain, utilize, promote and preserve its heritage, and will seek to encourage public and private adaptive use/reuse of its historic buildings, historic districts, and landmark structures

The community will work to promote its Civil War and other historic/cultural/natural sites through development of bike and driving tours with brochure/map and interpretive markers and other means

The community will proactively manage and guide its growth and development, and protect and conserve its important natural and cultural resources through community investment and appropriate regulation

The community will work to improve its appearance and aesthetics through code enforcement and other means

The community will seek development compatible with its existing rural/agricultural character and quality of life

Housing

The community will work toward both improving the quality of existing housing and promoting quality new development, including manufactured homes

The community will work to market available housing throughout the region to attract new residents seeking small town/rural character and quality of life

The community will address substandard housing and concentrations of blight, including manufactured housing developments, and will cooperatively upgrade their quality and appearance through rehabilitation, removal, code enforcement and regulation

The community will encourage the use of state and federal programs to improve availability of affordable/quality housing, and to encourage homeownership

The community will provide guidance to, and for location of, compatible housing development through planning, infrastructure location, and regulation

The community will upgrade its appearance and the quality of its housing developments through the adoption and use of updated coordinated and comprehensive land use/manufactured housing/zoning regulations, and code enforcement

The community will cooperate to implement and enforce the need for updated coordinated and comprehensive land use planning, manufactured housing/zoning regulations, and code enforcement in Kite and unincorporated areas

Land Use

The community will plan, manage, and guide its future growth and development, and encourage growth compatible with its existing character

The community will cooperate to implement and enforce the need for updated coordinated and comprehensive land use planning, manufactured housing/zoning regulations, and code enforcement, particularly in Kite and the unincorporated areas

The community will encourage growth which preserves and protects its rural character and quality of life

The community will encourage growth that preserves and maintains forestry and agriculture as viable, functioning land uses

The community will enhance existing recreation facilities and develop new facilities/uses, which will complement/promote tourism and the community's character

The community will work to encourage appropriate infill development through planning, infrastructure location, and regulation

The community will continue to maintain and improve its appearance and aesthetics through ongoing landscaping/beautification efforts and code enforcement

The community will seek and promote development that is compatible with existing infrastructure location to guide future growth

Community Facilities and Services

The community will provide and maintain adequate government facilities

The community will maintain, upgrade, and expand its existing infrastructure and services to enhance the quality of life, and to attract desired, compatible growth and development

The community will guide growth and development to areas of existing infrastructure and will plan and develop expansions to help bring about desired patterns of growth

The community will maintain adequate water/sewer service provision and pursue development of additional facilities and areas of service as needed

The community will pursue, develop, and promote transportation improvements of all types (highway, rail, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian) that are compatible with, and supportive of, the community's desired economic development, future growth, and quality of life

The community will seek to continue to enhance educational and technological opportunities by continuing to maintain and upgrade its educational facilities and programs

The community will enhance the county's solid waste/recycling facilities, programs, and initiatives, in conjunction with other efforts to improve community appearance

The community will work together to maintain and upgrade its health care facilities and services conducive to economic development and a high quality of life

The community will encourage and support the maintenance, enhancement, and promotion of existing cultural facilities and opportunities, and will further develop cultural facilities and assets to pursue and promote additional venues/activities

The community will continue to improve public safety and emergency medical services and facilities to improve quality of service and better coordinate in times of emergency and disasters, including E-911 and construction of a new EMS facility

The community will work to improve fire service county-wide, including adequate training of personnel

The community will enhance and promote existing parks and establish new parks/recreational facilities and activities to serve existing and future populations and to further cultivate/support tourism

Intergovernmental Coordination

The community will continue to cooperate locally, regionally and on the state level to improve, develop, and plan for the desired future of Johnson County

The community will continue to seek ways to cooperate and coordinate efforts in the delivery of services, and will investigate the possibility of shared and consolidated services where appropriate and feasible

The community will cooperate in coordinated land use planning and regulation and code enforcement to manage and guide its future growth and development

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ED, IC	2006	Hire a full-time economic development professional to assist in the promotion and marketing of Johnson County and its municipalities to prospective businesses and industries	N		N		N		Y	This item has been dropped, the County decided to establish a Development Authority board instead of hiring a full time employee.
ED	2007	Initiate entrepreneurial activities through the establishment of a mentoring group of local entrepreneurs through the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority, or by other programs, that will help to provide the support structure necessary to encourage the increased development of entrepreneurs	Y	2008						Johnson County was designated as an "Entrepreneur Friendly" community in August 2008. This designation enables qualified entrepreneurs and small business owners access to customized market data and EFIF grants.
ED, IC	2007	Seek funding from the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center and other entities as appropriate to provide the infrastructure to support entrepreneurial establishments in Johnson County	N		Y	Ongoing				Better Hometown is in the process of trying to establish a revolving loan fund program. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis.
ED	2005	Complete, as soon as possible, the construction of a new spec building in the Industrial Park	Y	2008						Accomplished in 2008. The building is utilized as the satellite campus for Swainsboro Tech.
ED	2008	Seek the expansion of and fully develop infrastructure, including water and sewer extension to the Industrial Park	N		N		Y	2014		This project is postponed until 2014 due to the City of Wrightsville currently being under administrative orders from EPD to make collections/improvements to the water system. Once the restrictions have been removed, upgrades will be made to the water and sewer system.
ED, CFS, IC	200	Develop a new adult learning center and satellite facility for Swainsboro Technical College in the new Industrial Park	Y	2008						Accomplished in 2008.

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ED, CFS, IC	2005	Fully complete the new Industrial Park in Wrightsville	N		Y	Ongoing				This is an ongoing process, some infrastructure is in place. Additional funding is still needed. This item will be combined with "seek the expansion of and fully develop infrastructure to the Industrial Park" on the previous page in the New STWP.
ED, IC	2005	Provide assistance as needed to the Johnson County Development Authority to acquire land or develop controlling options on potential industrial sites to make available for prospective businesses and industries	N		N		Y	2010		This item has been postponed until 2010. The Development Authority hasn't been active in recent years. In Summer 2009, the Development Authority was reactivated. This item will appear on the New STWP.
ED,	2009	Expand infrastructure and expand lift stations and treatment capacity to enable Wrightsville to serve new businesses/industries	N		N		N		Y	This item has been dropped from the County's STWP due to no direct involvement. This is handled strictly by the City of Wrightsville.
NCR, CFS	2005	Acquire land at the Oconee River landing/boat ramp and develop passive recreation facilities	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to the lack of resources. Johnson County is in close proximity to the Hugh M. Gillis Public Fishing Area in neighboring Laurens County, citizens utilize the PFA for recreational events/functions.
NCR	2005	Seek state and federal assistance in investigating dam safety and improvement	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to other priorities at the time and the adequate condition of the dams.
NCR	2005	Upgrade and enforce a countywide flood plain management ordinance in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and seek to have maps prepared for all governments	N		N		Y	2010		Postponed pending the development of flood plain maps from FEMA.

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NCR	2005	Investigate development of a recreational lake in Johnson County	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to lack of feasibility.
NCR	2005	Seek funding to upgrade the public boat landing and public access road to improve the usage of the Oconee River	N		N		Y	2014		Postponed until 2014 due to other priorities at the present time.
NCR	2006	Develop a local history driving tour with brochure/map and interpretive markers	Y	2006						The local historical society established a walking tour and Christmas tour in 2006.
NCR, CFS	2005	Seek funding to establish a bike path along SR 57 between the Confederate historic site and Ball's Ferry State Park	N		Y	Ongoing				The completion of the development of the park is still pending. This item is ongoing and will be reflected on the New STWP.
NCR	2005	Reactivate the Clean and Beautiful Commission	N		N		N		Y	The Clean and Beautiful Commission was dissolved and replaced by the Better Hometown Program in 2006.
NCR	2005	Seek funding to make improvements to the Historic Depot as needed	N		Y	2012				The County received a TE grant to make improvements to the depot. This project is expected to be completed by 2012.
CFS	2005	Upgrade railroad crossings throughout the county with adequate markings, cross arms, and lights where necessary	N		N		N		Y	Several railroad improvements have been made; due to the railroad being inactive in Johnson County this item has been dropped.
CFS	2005	Upgrade county subdivision regulations to include standards and requirements for water supply provision	N		N		Y	2014		Postponed until 2014, due to lack of support.

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CFS	2005	Construct dry hydrants throughout the county	N		Y	Ongoing				This is an ongoing process; additional dry hydrants will be constructed as needed.
CFS	2005	Seek funding to upgrade the county's recycling activities through the addition of six satellite convenience centers	N		Y	2012				This is an ongoing process, it is anticipated to be completed by 2012.
CFS	2005	Staff remaining convenience centers in the county	N		N		Y	2014		Postponed until 2014 due to the lack of adequate funding.
CFS, IC	2005	Establish local E-911 service in Johnson County as funding becomes available by contracting with a neighboring county or developing an independent system	N		Y	2011				The County is currently looking for a neighboring county to partner with; E-911 addresses have been verified and the system should be in place by 2011.
CFS	2005	Seek funding for the necessary firefighting equipment to maintain, and possibly lower ISO ratings in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas	N		Y	Ongoing				The County has implemented a fire fee that is used for equipment upgrades/improvements. The County has approved the purchase of a new truck for the forestry division. This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
CFS	2005	Construct a new county jail facility as funds become available	Y	2006						Accomplished in 2006.
CFS	2008	Upgrade existing roads and streets equipment	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will continue on an as needed basis.

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CFS	2005	Construct a new railroad spur to the industrial park	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to the railroad not being active in Johnson County.
CFS, IC	2005	Construct a new joint law enforcement facility, preferably in conjunction with the construction of a new county jail	Y	2006						Accomplished in 2006.
CFS	2006	Construct a new EMS facility and upgrade EMS equipment and vehicles	N		Y	2011				A new EMS facility is anticipated to be completed by 2011. Upgrades to equipment and vehicles will continue on an as needed basis.
CFS	2005	Expand the Johnson County Health Department for additional spacing and staff	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to the adequate condition of the current facility.
CFS	2005	Seek funding to improve Johnson Recreation Department park in order to provide for expansion of youth activities	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an as needed basis. Two ballfields have been added to the recreational facilities.
CFS	2005	Expand the Johnson County Senior Citizen's Center and its programs and services to the elderly	Y	2007						Accomplished in 2007.
CFS	2005	Seek funding to upgrade the courthouse annex and old jail	N		Y	2012				This item is ongoing and anticipated to be completed by 2012.
CFS	2005	Upgrade or relocate the county extension offices once available	Y	2007						Accomplished in 2007.
CFS	2005	Construct a facility to host large-scale events	Y	2008						Accomplished in 2008. The County acquired the Cook building; it is need of renovations which will be listed in the New STWP.
CFS	2007	Seek funding to upgrade and renovate the Harlie Fulford Memorial Library	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
НО	2005	Develop and enforce a countywide ordinance to upgrade and mitigate blighted properties	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due a lack of interest.

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НО	2005	Continue pursuit of public funds as needed, such as CDBG and CHIP grants, for rehabilitation of substandard housing	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an as needed basis. The county is interesting in pursuing CDBG and CHIP grants for qualifying homes.
НО	2005	Establish a local Christmas in April or other similar program to assist with repairing homes owned by low income and elderly residents on fixed incomes	N		N		Y	2012		Postponed until 2012 due to a lack of support. Civic organizations, private citizens, and churches are responsible for this program.
HO, IC	2007	Adopt countywide land development regulations, including improved manufactured housing standards, to regulate individual manufactured homes and manufactured home parks	N		Y	Ongoing				The County currently has a manufactured home ordinance that needs to be updated.
LU, IC	2005	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth guidance and evaluation of regulation options	N		N		Y	2012		This item has been postponed to 2012 due to a lack of support and the need to establish other committees before selecting a planning committee.
LU	2007	Conduct a public education and information gathering campaign to discuss the need and benefits of land use regulation and to flesh out public concerns and identify specific needs	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to a lack of interest.
LU, IC	2006	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage quality growth	N		N		Y	2013		Has been postponed until a formal planning committee is selected. The items will be addressed through programs and services rendered by the countywide planning committee.

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LU, IC	2006	Seek the consolidation of various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance	N		N		Y	2013		This item has been postponed until a formal planning committee is selected.
LU, IC	2005	Rehabilitate the existing county housing stock through concerted public and private means, and market available housing on a regional basis to potential new residents	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to a lack of interest. The Chamber of Commerce and Realtors market the housing stock.

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ED	2009	Pursue "Main Street" type improvements in Kite, such as building/façade rehabilitation, streetscape projects, and other improvements to revitalize downtown Kite	N		Y	Ongoing				The City is working on rehabilitating three buildings that were donated. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis.
ED	2007	Initiate entrepreneurial activities through the establishment of a mentoring group of local entrepreneurs through the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority, or by other programs, that will help to provide the support structure necessary to encourage the increased development of entrepreneurs	Y	2008						Johnson County was designated as an "Entrepreneur Friendly" community in August 2008. This designation enables qualified entrepreneurs and small business owners access to customized market data and EFIF grants.
ED, IC	2007	Seek funding from the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center and other entities as appropriate to provide the infrastructure to support entrepreneurial establishments in Johnson County	N		Y	Ongoing				Better Hometown is in the process of trying to establish a revolving loan fund program. This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
NCR	2005	Upgrade and enforce a countywide flood plain management ordinance in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and seek to have maps prepared for all governments	N		N		Y	2010		Postponed pending the preparation of flood plain maps from FEMA.
NCR	2006	Develop a local history driving tour with brochure/map and interpretive markers	Y	2006						The local historical society established a walking tour and Christmas tour in 2006.
CFS	2009	Upgrade existing roads and streets equipment	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to state funding cuts.

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CFS	2007	Seek funding for drainage improvements in identified areas of need	N		Y	Ongoing				The City has applied for several grants to help with drainage improvements. This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
CFS	2009	Improve and expand curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in Wrightsville and Kite	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
CFS	2009	Seek TE funding for streetscape and other transportation improvements in Wrightsville and Kite	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
CFS	2005	Seek CDBG or other funding to upgrade the water systems as needed in both municipalities, especially Kite, to accommodate existing and future residents	Y	2009						A new water system was installed in 2009.
CFS	2006	Develop detailed maps, utilizing GPS, of the water systems and its components (valves, etc.) in each municipality	Y	2009						This item was accomplished in 2009.
CFS	2008	Investigate the possibility of establishing municipal police in the City of Kite	N		N		Y	2014		Postponed due to lack of community support.
CFS	2007	Acquire equipment and establish the community center in Kite as a disaster relief shelter	N		Y	2010				The community center is currently used as a disaster relief shelter. Additional equipment and renovations to the facility are needed, and the City anticipates having this in place by 2010.
CFS	2005	Resurface one street per year	N		Y	Ongoing				This item is continuous and will be on the New STWP.
CFS	2005	Seek funding for a double pumper fire truck and any other necessary firefighting equipment to maintain, and possibly lower ISO ratings in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas	N		Y	Ongoing				The fire department recently purchased equipment including PAC apparatus. This item will continue on an as needed basis.

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CFS	2006	Seek funding to improve and upgrade existing parks throughout the county in order to provide for expansion of youth activities	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an ongoing basis.
CFS	2007	Rehabilitate the City of Kite's Community Center for public use	Y	2008						Accomplished in 2008.
CFS	2005	Utilize Kite's old city hall for community use	N		Y	Ongoing				The facility is utilized by citizens. Future plans include using the facility as a police substation. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis.
CFS	2008	Seek to develop a satellite children's library in Kite	N		N		Y	2014		This item is postponed until 2014 due to a lack of funding. A possible location is one of the buildings that were donated to the city.
CFS	2005	Continue to support and enhance Kite Founder's Day and the Fall Festival	N		Y	Ongoing				This item is ongoing and will be included on the New STWP.
НО	2005	Develop and enforce a countywide ordinance to upgrade and mitigate blighted properties	Y	2008						Accomplished in 2008.
НО	2005	Continue pursuit of public funds as needed, such as CDBG and CHIP grants, for rehabilitation of substandard housing	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an as needed basis. The county is interesting in pursuing CDBG and CHIP grants for qualifying homes.
НО	2005	Establish a local Christmas in April or other similar program to assist with repairing homes owned by low income and elderly residents on fixed incomes	N		Y	Ongoing				This is an ongoing process. Civic organizations, private citizens, and churches are responsible for this program.

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LU, IC	2005	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth guidance and evaluation of regulation options	N		N		Y	2012		This item has been postponed to 2012 due to a lack of support and the need to establish other committees before selecting a planning committee.
LU	2007	Conduct a public education and information gathering campaign to discuss the need and benefits of land use regulation and to flesh out public concerns and identify specific needs	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to a lack of interest.
LU, IC	2006	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage	N		N		Y	2012		Has been postponed until a formal planning committee is selected. The items will be addressed through programs and services rendered by the countywide planning committee.
LU, IC	2006	Seek the consolidation of various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance	N		N		Y	2012		These items will be developed by the countywide planning committee.
LU, IC	2005	Rehabilitate the existing county housing stock through concerted public and private means, and market available housing on a regional basis to potential new residents	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to a lack of interest. The Chamber of Commerce and Realtors market the housing stock.
LU	2007	Develop at least an alternative permit/location land use ordinance in Kite, and seek to develop it into a more comprehensive land use management ordinance	Y	2008						The city now requires building permits.

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	Status/Comments
ED	2007	Establish a Downtown Development Authority in Wrightsville to support present merchants and foster the increase of additional businesses to the downtown area	Y	2007						The Downtown Development Authority was established in 2007.
ED	2007	Initiate entrepreneurial activities through the establishment of a mentoring group of local entrepreneurs through the Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority, or by other programs, that will help to provide the support structure necessary to encourage the increased development of entrepreneurs	Y	2008						Johnson County was designated as an "Entrepreneur Friendly" community in August 2008. This designation enables qualified entrepreneurs and small business owners access to customized market data and EFIF grants.
ED, IC	2007	Seek funding from the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center and other entities as appropriate to provide the infrastructure to support entrepreneurial establishments in Johnson County	N		Y	Ongoing				Better Hometown is in the process of trying to establish a revolving loan fund program. This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
ED	2005	Complete, as soon as possible, the construction of a new spec building in the Industrial Park	Y	2008						Accomplished in 2008. The building is utilized as the satellite campus for Swainsboro Tech.
ED	2008	Seek the expansion of and fully develop infrastructure, including water and sewer extension to the Industrial Park	N		N		Y	2014		This project is postponed until 2014 due to the city of Wrightsville currently being under administrative orders from EPD to make corrections/improvements to its water system. Once the restrictions have been removed, upgrades will be made to the water and sewer system.
ED, CFS, IC	2005	Develop a new adult learning center and satellite facility for Swainsboro Technical College in the new Industrial Park	Y	2008						Accomplished in 2008.

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ED, CFS, IC	2005	Fully complete the new Industrial Park in Wrightsville	N		Y	Ongoing				This is an ongoing process, some infrastructure is in place. Additional funding is still needed. This item will be combined with "Seek the expansion of and fully develop infrastructure at the Industrial Park" on the previous page in the New STWP.
ED, IC	2005	Provide assistance as needed to the Johnson County Development Authority to acquire land or develop controlling options on potential industrial sites to make available for prospective businesses and industries	N		N		Y	2010		This item has been postponed until 2010. The Development Authority hasn't been active in recent years. In the Summer 2009, the Development Authority was reactivated. This item will appear on the New STWP.
ED,	2009	Expand infrastructure and expand lift stations and treatment capacity to enable Wrightsville to serve new businesses/industries	N		N		Y	2012		This item has been postponed until 2012 due to Wrightsville being under consent order with EPD to make necessary corrections/improvements to its sewer system.
NCR	2005	Upgrade and enforce a countywide flood plain management ordinance in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and seek to have maps prepared for all governments	N		N		Y	2010		Postponed until 2012 pending flood plain maps from FEMA.
NCR	2006	Develop a local history driving tour with brochure/map and interpretive markers	Y	2006						The local historical society established a walking tour and Christmas tour in 2006.
NCR	2005	Seek funding to make improvements to the Historic Depot as needed	N		Y	2012				The County received a TE grant to make improvements to the depot. This project is expected to be completed by 2012.

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NCR	2005	Complete Grice Inn renovations and its development as a local history museum and records repository/research center	N		Y	2012				A grant through the Historical Society was obtained to renovate the property. Renovations are anticipated to be complete by 2012.
NCR	2005	Carry out an active Better Hometown Program to coordinate ongoing revitalization activities in downtown Wrightsville			Y	Ongoing				This item is ongoing. The Better Hometown Program works on revitalization efforts yearly.
CFS	2005	Seek funding for drainage improvements as needed in identified areas of need to meet GA EPD standards	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be reflected on the New STWP.
CFS	2005	Seek TE funding for streetscape and other transportation improvements, including expand curbs, gutters, and sidewalks	N		Y	Ongoing				Designated transportation improvements were accomplished in 2008. This item will appear on the New STWP, as transportation improvement projects are needed and identified, the City will apply for funds to complete the projects.
CFS	2008	Upgrade existing roads and streets equipment	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will continue on an as needed basis.
CFS	2005	Construct a new railroad spur to the industrial park	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to the railroad not being active in Johnson County.
CFS	2008	Apply for Community Development Block Grants to assist in upgrading water systems in both municipalities as needed	N		Y	Ongoing				The City has applied for CDBG funding to assist in water and sewer system upgrades. This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
CFS	2005	Investigate the restructuring of the City of Wrightsville's water rates	Y	2008						The City has completed a rate structure study. Additional action cannot be taken until the City is released from the EPD consent order.

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	Status/Comments
CFS	2006	Develop detailed maps, utilizing GPS, of the water systems and its components (valves, etc.) in each municipality	N		N		Y	2012		Postponed until 2012, due to the lack of adequate funding.
CFS, LU	2009	Upgrade or replace the sewer and wastewater system treatment facility in Wrightsville to provide for additional capacity for growth and extend services to all unserved residents of Wrightsville	N		N		Y	2012		Water service is available to all areas in the City except the industrial park; as well as sewerage where it is capable. Additional upgrades/extensions are postponed until the City is no longer under EPD consent order.
CFS, IC	2005	Establish local E-911 service in Johnson County as funding becomes available by contracting with a neighboring county or developing an independent system	N		Y	2011				The County is currently looking for a neighboring county to partner with; E-911 addresses have been verified and the system should be in place by 2011.
CFS	2005	Seek funding for the necessary firefighting equipment to maintain, and possibly lower ISO ratings in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas	N		Y	Ongoing				The City received a grant from Homeland Security that was used for equipment upgrades, including turnout gear and four self contained breathing apparatus. This item will be continued on an as needed basis.
CFS	2006	Construct a new joint law enforcement facility, preferably in conjunction with the construction of a new county jail	Y	2006						Accomplished in 2006.
CFS	2006	Renovate Wrightsville's old city hall and maintenance barn	N		N		Y	2010		The City sold the old city hall. The maintenance barn is still in need of repair, it has been postponed until 2010 due to other priorities at the present time.
CFS	2005	Construct a facility to host large-scale events	Y	2008						The County purchased the Cook building in 2008.

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	Status/Comments
НО	2005	Develop and enforce a countywide ordinance to upgrade and mitigate blighted properties	Y	2008						The City hired a building inspector in 2008 and established a nuisance ordinance.
НО	2005	Continue pursuit of public funds as needed, such as CDBG and CHIP grants, for rehabilitation of substandard housing	N		Y	Ongoing				This item is an ongoing process and will appear on the New STWP. The county is interesting in pursuing CDBG and CHIP grants for qualifying homes.
НО	2005	Establish a local Christmas in April or other similar program to assist with repairing homes owned by low income and elderly residents on fixed incomes	N		N		Y	2012		Postponed until 2012 due to a lack of interest. Civic organizations, private citizens, and churches are responsible for this program.
HO, IC	2007	Adopt countywide land development regulations, including improved manufactured housing standards, to regulate individual manufactured homes and manufactured home parks	N		N		Y	2013		The City has postponed this item until 2013 pending the county update of its regulations; Wrightsville will adopt the same regulations as the county.
LU, IC	2005	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth guidance and evaluation of regulation options	N		N		Y	2012		This item has been postponed to 2012 due to a lack of support and the need to establish other committees before selecting a planning committee.
LU	2007	Conduct a public education and information gathering campaign to discuss the need and benefits of land use regulation and to flesh out public concerns and identify specific needs	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to a lack of interest.

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	Status/Comments
LU, IC	2006	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage quality growth	N		N		Y	2013		Has been postponed until a formal planning committee is selected. The items will be addressed through programs and services rendered by the countywide planning committee.
LU, IC	2006	Seek the consolidation of various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance	N		N		Y	2013		Postponed until 2013 pending the creation of a countywide planning committee.
LU, IC	2005	Rehabilitate the existing county housing stock through concerted public and private means, and market available housing on a regional basis to potential new residents	N		N		N		Y	Dropped due to a lack of interest. The Chamber of Commerce and Realtors market the housing stock.

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED, IC	Seek funding from the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center and other entities as appropriate to provide the infrastructure to support entrepreneurial establishments in Johnson County	X	X	X	X	X			Ga. Dept. of Econ. Dev., GREDC	\$25,000 (total)	X	X		
ED, LU	Fully complete the new Industrial Park in Wrightsville	Х	X	X	X	Х	Х	W'ville	Dev. Auth.; DCA (CDBG)	\$ 1 million (total)	X	X	Х	
ED	Seek the expansion of and fully develop infrastructure, including water and sewer extension to the Industrial Park					X	Х	W'ville	Dev. Auth., DCA (CDBG) One Georgia, USDA Rural Dev.	\$1 million (total)	X	X	Х	
ED, IC	Provide assistance as needed to the Johnson County Development Authority to acquire land or develop controlling options on potential industrial sites to make available for prospective businesses and industries	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dev. Auth., Ga. Dept. of Econ. Dev., OneGeorgia	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
ED	Develop additional incentives for business/industry retention and expansion and implement as appropriate	X	X	X	X	Х			Chamber, JCDA	\$5,000 (total)	X			
ED	Develop incentives for new business/industry attraction and implement as appropriate	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Chamber, JCDA	\$5,000 (total)	Х			

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private	
ED	Establish the Revolving Loan Fund program	X					X		Chamber	\$5,000	Х				
NCR	Upgrade and enforce a countywide flood plain management ordinance in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and seek to have maps prepared for all governments	X	X				X		FEMA	\$5,000 (enforcement)	X				
NCR	Seek funding to upgrade the public boat landing and public access road to improve the usage of the Oconee River					X	Х		DNR (LWCF)	\$60,000 (road) \$125,000 (boat landing)	X	Х	X		
NCR, CFS	Seek funding as appropriate to establish a bike path along SR 57 between the Confederate historic site and Ball's Ferry State Park	X	X	X	X	X	X		DOT	\$160,000 (total)	X	Х			
NCR	Complete improvements to the Historic Depot	X	X	X			Х	Х	DOT (TE)	\$212,000	X		X		
CFS	Pursue funds to establish E-911 service by contracting with a neighboring county	X	X				Х		DCA (One Georgia)	\$100,000	X	Х			
CFS	Upgrade county subdivision regulations to include standards and requirements for water supply provision					X	Х			No extra cost, part of normal County activities					

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS	Construct dry hydrants throughout the county as needed	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$15,000 (total)	X	X		
CFS	Upgrade existing roads and streets equipment as needed	Х	Х	Х	X	Х		Х		\$100,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Seek funding to upgrade the county's recycling activities through the addition of six satellite convenience centers	X	Х	X			Х		GEFA	\$42,000 (total)	X	X		
CFS	Continue to renovate existing fire station and/or develop new station as needed					X		X	FEMA	\$250,000	X	X	X	
CFS	Staff remaining convenience centers in the county					X	X			\$40,000/yr.	X			
CFS	Seek funding for the necessary firefighting equipment to maintain, and possibly lower ISO ratings in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas	X	X	X	X	X	X	Kite W'ville	FEMA, GEMA	\$150,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Construct a new EMS facility and upgrade EMS equipment and vehicles as needed	X	Х				Х			\$300,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Seek funding as needed to improve Johnson Recreation Department park in order to provide for expansion of youth activities	X	X	X	X	X	Х		DNR (LWCF)	\$250,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding to upgrade the courthouse annex and old jail	X	Х	X			Х			\$60,000 (total)	X			

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS	Investigate the feasibility of selecting the location of additional office space for county offices	X	X				Х			No extra cost (part of normal County activities)				
CFS	Seek funds to renovate the Cook Building	X	X	X			Х			\$300,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Seek funds to upgrade and renovate the Harlie Fulford Memorial Library as needed	X	X	X	X	X	Х			\$20,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Seek funds to pave two County roads	X	X				Х		SPLOST DOT	\$500,000	X	X		
НО	Continue pursuit of public funds as needed, such as CDBG and CHIP grants, for rehabilitation of substandard housing	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Kite, W'ville	DCA (CDBG, CHIP)	\$500,000	X	Х	X	
НО	Establish a local Christmas in April or other similar program to assist with repairing homes owned by low income and elderly residents on fixed incomes			X					Churches, Civic Organizations, Citizens	\$5,000 (total)	X			
HO, IC	Adopt countywide land development regulations, including improved manufactured housing standards, to regulate individual manufactured homes and manufactured home parks	X					Х	Kite, W'ville		\$1,000 (legal research)	X			

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
LU, IC	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage quality growth				X			Kite, W'ville	Planning Comm.	\$1,200 (legal research)	X			
LU, IC	Seek the consolidation of various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance				Х	Х	Х	Х	Planning Comm.	NA				
LU, IC	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth guidance and evaluation of regulation options			X				Kite, W'ville		NA				

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED	Pursue "Main Street" type improvements in Kite, such as building/façade rehabilitation, streetscape projects, and other improvements to revitalize downtown Kite	X	X	X	X	X		X	JCDA, DCA (CDBG), DOT (TE)	\$1 million (total)	X	X	X	
ED, IC	Seek funding from the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center and other entities as appropriate to provide the infrastructure to support entrepreneurial establishments in Johnson County	X	X	X	X	X	X	Both	DEcD, GREDC	\$25,000 (total)	X	X		
ED	Develop additional incentives for business/industry retention and expansion and implement as appropriate	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Chamber, JCDA	\$5,000 (total)	X			
ED	Develop incentives for new business/industry attraction and implement as appropriate	X	X	X	X	Х			Chamber, JCDA	\$5,000 (total)	X			
NCR	Upgrade and enforce a countywide flood plain management ordinance in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and seek to have maps prepared for all governments	X	X				X	X		\$5,000 (enforcement)	X			

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS	Seek funding as needed for drainage improvements in identified areas of need	Х	Х	Х	X	Х		Х	DCA (CDBG)	\$500,000 (total)	X	Х	X	
CFS	Improve and expand curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in Wrightsville and Kite as needed	X	Х	X	Х	X		Х	DOT	\$100,000/mile	X	Х		
CFS	Seek TE funding for streetscape and other transportation improvements in Wrightsville and Kite	X	Х	X	X	X		Х	DOT (TE)	\$1 million (total)	X	Х	X	
CFS	Seek CDBG or other funding to upgrade the water systems as needed in Kite, to accommodate existing and future residents	X						Х	DCA (CDBG)	\$500,000	X	X	X	
CFS	Investigate the possibility of establishing municipal police in the City of Kite					X		Х	Homeland Security (COPS)	\$50,000	X		X	
CFS	Acquire equipment and establish the community center in Kite as a disaster relief shelter	X						Х	GEMA	\$10,000	X	Х		
CFS	Resurface one street per year	X	X	X	X	X		Х	DOT (LARP)	\$25,000 (total)		Х		
CFS	Seek funding for a double pumper fire truck and any other necessary firefighting equipment to maintain, and possibly lower ISO ratings in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	FEMA, GEMA	\$475,000	X	X	Х	

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS	Seek funding to improve and upgrade existing parks throughout the county in order to provide for expansion of youth activities	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х		\$25,000 (total)	X	X		
CFS	Seek funds to renovate three buildings donated to Kite	X	X	X	X	X		Kite		\$100,000	Х	Х		
CFS	Seek to develop a satellite children's library in Kite					X		Х	Reg. Library Board	\$10,000	X			
CFS	Continue to support and enhance Kite Founder's Day and the Fall Festival	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		\$10,000/yr.	X			
НО	Continue pursuit of public funds as needed, such as CDBG and CHIP grants, for rehabilitation of substandard housing	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Kite, W'ville	DCA (CDBG, CHIP)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	Х	
НО	Establish a local Christmas in April or other similar program to assist with repairing homes owned by low income and elderly residents on fixed incomes			X					Churches, Civic Organizations, Citizens	\$5,000 (total)	X			
LU, IC	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth guidance and evaluation of regulation options			X				Kite, W'ville		NA				

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
LU, IC	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage quality growth				X			Kite, W'ville		\$1,200 (legal research)	X			
LU, IC	Seek the consolidation of various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance				Х	Х	Х	Х		NA				

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED, IC	Seek funding from the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center and other entities as appropriate to provide the infrastructure to support entrepreneurial establishments in Johnson County	X	X	X	X	X			Ga. Dept. of Econ. Dev., GREDC	\$25,000 (total)	X	X		
ED, LU	Fully complete the new Industrial Park in Wrightsville	X	X	X	X	Х	X	W'ville	Dev. Auth., DCA (CDBG)	\$ 1 million (total)	Х	Х	X	
ED	Seek the expansion of and fully develop infrastructure, including water and sewer extension to the Industrial Park					X	X	W'ville	Dev. Auth., DCA (CDBG) One Georgia, USDA Rural Dev't	\$1 million (total)	X	X	X	
ED, IC	Provide assistance as needed to the Johnson County Development Authority to acquire land or develop controlling options on potential industrial sites to make available for prospective businesses and industries	X	X	X	X	X	X		Dev. Auth., Ga. Dept. of Econ. Dev., OneGeorgia	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
ED	Develop additional incentives for business/industry retention and expansion and implement as appropriate	X	X	X	X	Х			Chamber, JCDA	\$5,000 (total)	X			
ED	Develop incentives for new business/industry attraction and implement as appropriate	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х			Chamber, JCDA	\$5,000 (total)	X			

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED	Expand infrastructure and expand lift stations and treatment capacity to enable Wrightsville to serve new businesses/industries			X	X	X	X	W'ville	DCA (CDBG)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
NCR	Upgrade and enforce a countywide flood plain management ordinance in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements and seek to have maps prepared for all governments	X	X				X	X		\$5,000 (enforcement)	X			
NCR	Complete Grice Inn renovations and its development as a local history museum and records repository/research center	X	X	X				Х	Hist. Soc., HPD	\$25,000 (total)	X	X		
NCR	Carry out an active Better Hometown Program to coordinate ongoing revitalization activities in downtown Wrightsville	X	X	X	X	X		Х	BHT	\$8,000/yr.	X			
NCR	Complete improvements to the Historic Depot	X	X	X			Х	Х	DOT (TE)	\$212,000	X		X	
CFS	Seek funding for drainage improvements as needed in identified areas of need to meet GA EPD standards	X	X	X	X	X		Х		\$200,000 (total)	X			

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS	Seek TE funding as appropriate for streetscape and other transportation improvements, including expand curbs, gutters, and sidewalks	X	X	X	Х	X		Х	DOT (TE)	\$300,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Upgrade existing roads and streets equipment as needed	X	X	X	Х	Х		Х		\$100,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Apply for Community Development Block Grants to assist in upgrading water systems in both municipalities as needed	X	Х	X	Х	Х		Х	DCA (CDBG)	\$500,000	X	X	X	
CFS	Develop detailed maps, utilizing GPS, of the water systems and its components (valves, etc.) in each municipality			X				Х	RC	\$2,000	X			
CFS, LU	Upgrade or replace the sewer and wastewater system treatment facility in Wrightsville to provide for additional capacity for growth and extend services to all unserved residents of Wrightsville			X	X	X	X	W'ville	DCA (CDBG), USDA Rural Dev't	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding for the necessary firefighting equipment/facility upgrades to maintain, and possibly lower ISO ratings in both the incorporated and unincorporated areas	X	X	X	X	X		X	FEMA, GEMA	\$500,000 (total)	X		X	
CFS	Renovate Wrightsville's maintenance barn	Х	Х					Х		\$25,000 (total)	Х			

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS	Pursue funds to establish E-911 service by contracting with a neighboring county	Х	Х				X		DCA (One Georgia)	\$100,000	X	X		
НО	Continue pursuit of public funds as needed, such as CDBG and CHIP grants, for rehabilitation of substandard housing	X	X	X	X	X	X	Kite, W'ville	DCA (CDBG, CHIP)	\$500,000	X	X	X	
НО	Establish a local Christmas in April or other similar program to assist with repairing homes owned by low income and elderly residents on fixed incomes			X					Churches, Civic Organizations, Citizens	\$5,000 (total)	X			
HO, IC	Adopt countywide land development regulations, including improved manufactured housing standards, to regulate individual manufactured homes and manufactured home parks				X		X	Kite, W'ville		\$1,000 (legal research)	X			
LU, IC	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth guidance and evaluation of regulation options			X				Kite, W'ville		NA				

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Element	Activity	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
LU, IC	Seek the consolidation of various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance				X	Х	Х	Х		NA				
LU, IC	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage quality growth				Х			Kite, W'ville		\$1,200 (legal research)	X			

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Local Planning Requirements" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and their partial update, public participation, and coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County, Georgia has participated with the cities of Kite and Wrightsville in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Local Planning Requirements through the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center/Commission, to prepare a required partial update to its existing adopted comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), including a separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Program" for Johnson County in this plan update;

WHEREAS, requirements for public participation in the development of this comprehensive plan update as mandated by the Local Planning Requirements have been met, including a public hearing held on July 7, 2009 to brief the public on the draft update and receive further input prior to submission of the comprehensive plan update for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), including the Johnson County Short-Term Work Program, as a required partial update to its existing adopted local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan: Johnson County, Kite and Wrightsville 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Johnson County Board of Commissioners certifies that public participation and other requirements of the Local Planning Requirements for this required Partial Comprehensive Plan Update have been met, and that The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009) is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of this Partial Update by the Johnson County Board of Commissioners as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, this 15 day of Ing, 2009.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Local Planning Requirements" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and their partial update, public participation, and coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kite, Georgia has participated with Johnson County and the City of Wrightsville in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Local Planning Requirements through the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center/Commission, to prepare a required partial update to its existing adopted comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in *The* Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), including a separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Program" for the City of Kite in this plan update;

WHEREAS, requirements for public participation in the development of this comprehensive plan update as mandated by the Local Planning Requirements have been met, including a public hearing held on July 7, 2009 to brief the public on the draft update and receive further input prior to submission of the comprehensive plan update for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kite has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update* (2009), including the City of Kite Short-Term Work Program, as a required partial update to its existing adopted local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan: Johnson County, Kite and Wrightsville 2025.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Kite certify that public participation and other requirements of the Local Planning Requirements for this required Partial Comprehensive Plan Update have been met, and that *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update* (2009) is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of this Partial Update by the City of Kite as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs,

nent of Community ATTERS, SO RESOLVED, this <u>13</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2009. <u>Handra Liells</u> Uuk BY

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Local Planning Requirements" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and their partial update, public participation, and coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wrightsville, Georgia has participated with Johnson County and the City of Kite in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Local Planning Requirements through the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center/Commission, to prepare a required partial update to its existing adopted comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update* (2009), including a separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Program" for the City of Wrightsville in this plan update;

WHEREAS, requirements for public participation in the development of this comprehensive plan update as mandated by the Local Planning Requirements have been met, including a public hearing held on July 7, 2009 to brief the public on the draft update and receive further input prior to submission of the comprehensive plan update for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wrightsville has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update* (2009), including the City of Wrightsville Short-Term Work Program, as a required partial update to its existing adopted local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan: Johnson County, Kite and Wrightsville* 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wrightsville certify that public participation and other requirements of the Local Planning Requirements for this required Partial Comprehensive Plan Update have been met, and that *The Joint Johnson County Comprehensive Plan Partial Update* (2009) is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of this Partial Update by the City of Wrightsville as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

SO RESOLVED, this 13th day of July, 2009. BY: <u>Dising Bontinght</u> ATTEST: A

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Local Planning Requirements" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and their partial update, public participation, and coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County, Georgia has participated with the cities of Kite and Wrightsville in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Local Planning Requirements through the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, to prepare a required partial update to its existing adopted comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in *The Johnson County Joint* Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), including a separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Program" for Johnson County in this plan update;

WHEREAS, this *Partial Update* has been previously submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review; and

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), has now been certified by this review as adequately addressing the Local Planning Requirements and meeting all requirements as established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, Johnson County is now desirous of adopting *The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009)*, as part of its official comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and as a general policy guide to its future growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Johnson County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and adopts *The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009)*, as part of Johnson County's official local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and thus updating its existing comprehensive plan adopted in 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Johnson County Board of Commissioners hereby instructs and directs that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and to other agencies, as appropriate.

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WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Local Planning Requirements" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and their partial update, public participation, and coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kite, Georgia has participated with Johnson County and the City of Wrightsville in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Local Planning Requirements through the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, to prepare a required partial update to its existing adopted comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in *The Johnson County Joint* Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), including a separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Program" for the City of Kite in this plan update;

WHEREAS, this *Partial Update* has been previously submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review; and

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), has now been certified by this review as adequately addressing the Local Planning Requirements and meeting all requirements as established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kite is now desirous of adopting *The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial* Update (2009), as part of its official comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and as a general policy guide to its future growth and development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Kite hereby approve and adopt *The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009)*, as part of Johnson County's official local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and thus updating its existing comprehensive plan adopted in 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Kite hereby instruct and direct that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and to other agencies, as appropriate.

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WHEREAS, the City of Wrightsville, Georgia has participated with Johnson County and the City of Kite in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Local Planning Requirements through the Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Government Committee, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, to prepare a required partial update to its existing adopted comprehensive plan;

WHEREAS, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), including a separate "Five-Year Short-Term Work Program" for the City of Wrightsville in this plan update:

WHEREAS, this Partial Update has been previously submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review; and

WHEREAS, The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), has now been certified by this review as adequately addressing the Local Planning Requirements and meeting all requirements as established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wrightsville is now desirous of adopting The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), as part of its official comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and as a general policy guide to its future growth and development:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wrightsville hereby approve and adopt The Johnson County Joint Comprehensive Plan Partial Update (2009), as part of Johnson County's official local comprehensive plan under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and thus updating its existing comprehensive plan adopted in 2004.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wrightsville hereby instruct and direct that formal notification of said adoption be forwarded to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and to other agencies, as appropriate.

SO RESOLVED, this 19th day of OUtober, 2009. BY Linis Bratingt ATTEST: April Bypung