

ECHOLS COUNTY



2013 - 2017 ROA AND UPDATE TO THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM



JANUARY 2013

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PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
Plan							
Investigate the formation of a sanitary sewer district and prepare preliminary engineering plans to service the Statenville Area.	\$2,500 BOCC/Industrial Dev. Authority						Complete. Determined not be financially feasible
Establish a more accurate program to monitor timber harvested and sold in Echols County for Timber Tax purposes	(Cost N/A) BOCC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
NONE							
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES							
Continue to participate with the Echols County Historical Society	\$500/y BOCC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
Seek grants and provide technical assistance to Echols County Historical Society with the development of the museum of local history	\$500/y BOCC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
Conduct a county historic resources inventory	\$5,000 BOCC/Historical Society	x	x				Ongoing - Investigating feasibility of workign with SGRC Historical Planner
HOUSING							
Establish a housing rehabilitation program for dilapidated areas throughout the County.	(Cost N/A) BOCC /SGRC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
Revitalize single family housing that can be used for affordable housing.	(Cost N/A) BOCC/SGRC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing

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Pursue funding to support the financing for the development of apartments and duplexes.	(Cost N/A) County Commission/SG RC	*	*	*	*		Discontinued
Make credit counseling available for all potential home buyers.	(Cost TBD) County Commission/SG RC	*	*	*	*		Not Accomplished - BOCC not involved
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Create an Industrial Development Authority to serve as the public catalyst with taxing powers for economic development	(Cost N/A) BOCC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
Investigate the purchase of a public industrial park	\$15,000-25,000 BOCC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing; financing is difficult
Develop a public industrial park with infrastructure (roads, water, sanitary sewer, etc.)	TBA BOCC /Industrial Dev. Authority	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
Continue to recruit for new industries to place in the industrial park	(Cost N/A) BOCC /Industrial Dev. Authority	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
Continue to research financial incentives to further develop and expand existing industries in the county	(Cost N/A) BOCC/Industrial Dev. Authority	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
LAND USE							

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Continue to enforce the eight mandatory state construction codes	Fee based / BOCC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing
Prepare and adopt basic land development regulations, which assists in implementing the Echols County Comprehensive Use Plan	TBA BOCC/SGRC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing as the need arises
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES							
Fund the needs for volunteer fire services (Expand the Sheriff office,) Purchase one deputy car, Hire 2 new deputies as needed, upgrade communication devices)	(\$400,000) BOCC / SGRC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing as the need arises
Fund the needs for volunteer fire services (Air packs, Class A pump upgrade, fire service training, communication devices, one fire truck)	(\$497,000) BOCC / SGRC	x	x	x	x	x	Partially Completed, and Ongoing as need arises
Pursue funding for the upgrading of the intersection at GA 94 and State Route 135	(\$50, 000) BOCC / SGRC/ GDOT	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing – improvements needed at Hwy. 94 and Hwy. 135.
Install a new kitchen and 2 new bathrooms in the Court House	\$15,000 BOCC	x	x				Ongoing - as funding becomes available
Purchase a 12 passenger van for the Extension Services Office to transport children in the 4-H Program to educational trips and recreational activities.	\$30,000 County Commission	*	*				Completed
Repair roof leaks, windows, and drainage problems for the Extension Services Office	\$4,000 BOCC	x	x	x			Partially Completed
Seek grant funds to construct a paved walking trail at Recreation Dept.	\$12,500 County Commission / School Board	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing

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Pave Coggins Farm Road and add shoulders to J. Frank Culpepper Road	TBA BOCC / GDOT	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing for Coggins Farm Rd; Complete for Frank Culpepper Rd
Prepare preliminary engineering plans and cost estimates for a sanitary sewer collection/treatment system for the Statenville area, County school, and new industrial park	\$1,000,000 County /Industrial Dev. Authority	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing if funds become available
Create construction plans for a new office building for commissioners	TBD BOCC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing - change of priorities to address needs
Apply to the US Department of Homeland Security for a fire truck pumper and equipment	\$215,000 BOCC/SGRC	x	x	x	x	x	Ongoing

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FIVE-YEAR SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

(FY2013 – 2017 STWP)

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
PLANNING							
Annually re-evaluate the Echols County Short-Term Work Program	(Cost \$1,000/y) County	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Participate in all updates to the 2025 Echols County Comprehensive Plan	(Cost \$1,000/y) County	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Re-instate the Echols County Planning Commission to implement the Comprehensive Plan	\$2,500/y BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Establish a more accurate program to monitor timber harvested and sold in Echols County for Timber Tax purposes	(Cost TBD) BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
NONE							
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES							
Continue to participate with the Echols County Historical Society	\$500/y BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Seek grants and provide technical assistance to Echols County Historical Society with the	\$500/y BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x

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development of the museum of local history							
Determine feasibility of conducting a countywide historical survey	(Cost \$500) BOCC/Historical Society	General Fund	x	x			
HOUSING							
Develop a list of potential grants and funding sources for financing a housing rehabilitation program.	(Cost \$100) BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x		
Establish a housing rehabilitation program for dilapidated areas throughout the County.	(Cost TBD) BOCC	General Fund				x	x
Revitalize single family housing that can be used for affordable housing.	(Cost \$500,000) BOCC	CHIP, CDBG		x	x		
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Create an Industrial Development Authority to serve as the public catalyst for economic development	(Cost \$2,500) BOCC	General Fund		x	x	x	
Investigate the purchase of land for a public industrial park	\$1,000 BOCC	General Fund	x	x			
Develop a public industrial park with infrastructure (roads, water, sanitary sewer, etc.)	TBD BOCC /Industrial Dev. Authority	EIP, One Georgia and USDA Grants				x	x
Continue to recruit for new industries to place in the industrial park	(Cost \$1,000) BOCC /Industrial Dev. Authority	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x

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Continue to research financial incentives to further develop and expand existing industries in the county	(Cost N/A) BOCC/Industrial Dev. Authority	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to pursue all applicable grants, loans, and technical assistance that will help enhance the community and foster economic development, including CDBG grants.	(Cost N/A) BOCC/Industrial Dev. Authority	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
LAND USE							
Continue to enforce mandatory state construction codes	Fee based / BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Investigate regulations that will assist in implementing the Echols County Comprehensive Use Plan	(Cost N/A) BOCC/SGRC	N/A	x	x	x	x	x
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES							
Hire 2 new deputies as needed.	(\$60,000) BOCC	COPS Hiring Grant			x	x	x
Upgrade police communication devices.	\$15,000 - \$20,000 BOCC	JAG Grants, General Fund	x	x	x		
Fund the needs for volunteer fire services (Air packs, fire service training, communication devices, Class A Pumper, one fire truck)	(\$497,000) BOCC / SGRC	AFG Grant	x	x	x	x	x
Pursue funding for the upgrading of the intersection at GA 94 and State Route 135	(\$50,000) BOCC / SGRC	GDOT	x	x	x	x	x
Install a new kitchen and 2 new bathrooms in the Court House	(\$50,000) BOCC	General Fund,	x	x	x		

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Repair roof leaks and windows for the Extension Services Office	\$4,000 BOCC	General Fund	x	x			
Seek grant funds to construct a paved walking trail at Recreation Dept.	(Cost \$1,000) BOCC	DNR Grant	x	x	x	x	x
Improve and maintain Coggins Farm Road.	(Cost TBD) BOCC	LMIG, General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Prepare preliminary engineering plans and cost estimates for a sanitary sewer collection/treatment system for the Statenville area	\$500,000 County /Industrial Dev. Authority	General Fund, CDBG			x	x	x
Improve Road Department Shop and purchase new equipment: 2 graders, 1 side cutter, 1 dump truck	(Cost TBD) BOCC	General Fund		x	x	x	x
Apply to the AFG for a fire truck pumper and equipment	\$215,000 BOCC/SGRC	AFG Grant		x	x	x	x
Research and review ways the community can improve its fire protection services and its ISO rating, and implement those measures.	(Cost N/A) BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x		
Investigate potential funding sources to assist the community improve its water utilities services.	(Cost N/A) BOCC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x
Expand the existing Board of Commissioners building to add office and storage space.	\$50,000 BOCC	General Fund	x	x			
Improve the intersections of Spur Road and Highway 94 and Highway 129.	(Cost \$250,000) GDOT, BOCC	LMIG, General Fund		x	x	x	

RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT
The 2013 Update to the Short Term Work Program

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Commissioners of the Board of County Commissioners of Echols County, Georgia, have completed an update of the items contained in the Short-Term Work Program of the Echols County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, this draft update was prepared in accordance with the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005 and established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and procedural requirements have been met or exceeded in preparing this draft update; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on March 20, 2013, to receive public input for adoption of the draft STWP update to the Joint Echols County Comprehensive Plan.

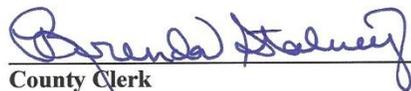
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Commissioners of the Board of County Commissioners of Echols County do hereby adopt the Short Term Work Program Update, and transmit the update to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 13th day of June, 2013.



Chairman, Echols County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



County Clerk

