

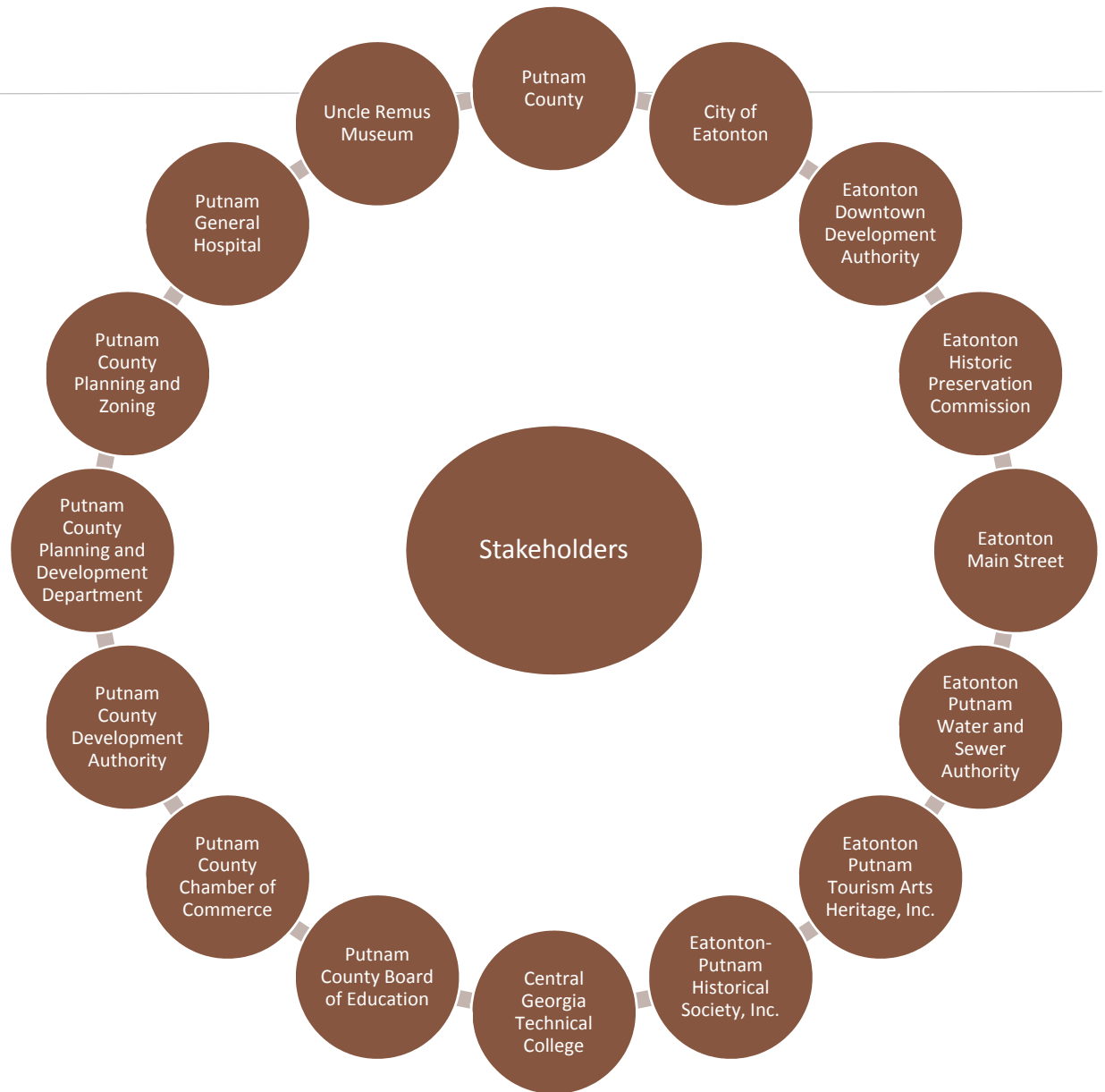
Putnam County and the City of Eatonton



Comprehensive Plan Review & Short Term Work Program Update

Purpose

Putnam County hosted work sessions on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 and Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the new County Administration building off the West Bypass on Putnam Drive. The sessions were facilitated by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and included a review of the Joint Comprehensive Plan for Putnam County and the City Of Eatonton. The discussions primarily centered on activities in the City and County's Short Term Work Programs (STWP).



Accomplishments and Highlights from: 2012-2013

As the City of Eatonton and Putnam County continue to grow and thrive, it is vital to provide a forum to highlight activities underway or pending. The work sessions provided an opportunity for various local agencies and community members to highlight special projects or accomplishments from 2012-2013.

City of Eatonton and Putnam County

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Construction is almost completed on the 15-plus-acre Briar Patch walking and biking trail park on the west side of North Jefferson Avenue in Eatonton. The entire project will be completed with the assistance of donations and grants.
- ✓ The planning and zoning department at the County worked diligently to update local ordinances to assist with revitalizing dilapidated structures.
- ✓ County administration offices have moved to the new building off of Highway 441/129 W. Bypass/James Marshall Bypass.
- ✓ The County recently went live with an Agenda Management System.
- ✓ Planning and Zoning related material is available online including digitized maps.
- ✓ The County installed a road at Rock Eagle Technology Park.

Downtown Development Authority

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Construction at City Center parking lot is proceeding. It is two months behind schedule due primarily to unexpected problems with water and sewer pipes but should be complete by spring 2014. The event area could be delayed until May/June.
- ✓ Through a partnership with Eatonton Main Street, guides for new businesses are available which include incentives, legal guidelines and where to obtain help. Available downtown properties are advertised on the Main Street website and in the window of a vacant downtown storefront.

Eatonton Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

Accomplishments:

- ✓ The Eatonton Historic Preservation Commission has continued to encourage and educate the general public and business owners on the need for preservation of historic properties.

Eatonton Main Street

Accomplishments:

- ✓ The Main Street Board of Directors welcomed new director Jenny Clarke to the team in January 2013.
- ✓ Eatonton Main Street produced plaques and brochures for downtown which describe the history of the downtown buildings.
- ✓ Eatonton was the first stop on the “Georgia Cities: The Heart and Soul of Georgia” bus tour. The purpose of the tour was to show state agency heads, economic development professionals, business leaders, downtown developers and philanthropists ways in which cities are revitalizing and capitalizing on their downtowns.
- ✓ Merchants’ committee reactivated and increased participation.
- ✓ Eatonton Main Street and Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce created the new shop-local program “Buy in the Briar Patch.” This program is a year-round promotional campaign to get residents to shop locally and support the community.
- ✓ Eatonton Main Street and Eatonton-Putnam Chamber continue to support tourism through the self-guided brochures which highlight historic areas throughout the County.

Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Developed a new strategic plan which includes short and long-term goals related to increasing tourism and small business development.
- ✓ Hosted Travel Media Marketplace for State and Travel writers, an effort that resulted in \$500,000 in free-story placements. (UK, Washington State, Southeast)
- ✓ Hosted the Annual Taste of Eatonton with over 600 guests and included samplings of 21 local restaurants.
- ✓ Published four publications throughout the year including Monthly Newsletter, Chamber Business Report, County Map, and Newcomer Guide.
- ✓ Began a Chamber Young Professionals organization in partnership with Greene County. This is a growing program with monthly networking events drawing 40-50 participants.

Eatonton-Putnam Sewer and Water Authority

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Valve improvements on the City of Eatonton's water system decreased water loss from 44% to 18-22%.

Putnam County Board of Education (BOE)

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Recipient of a Career Technical & Agricultural Education (CTAE) Grant to construct a new facility to hold Central Georgia Technical College classes on the High School Campus.

Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC)

Accomplishments:

- ✓ The Putnam office continues to offer adult continuing education, diploma, and certificate programs at the Putnam campus.
- ✓ Early this year, CGTC began offering eight-week Commercial Truck Driving (CID) courses.

Short Term Work Program



Putnam County and City of Eatonton

Economic Development

Putnam County				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Rehabilitate the former County Administration building into the Georgia Writer's Museum.	Putnam County, Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Eatonton Putnam Tourism Arts Heritage (EPTAH), Private Developers	\$400,000-\$600,000	SPLOST, Grants, Private funds	2014
2. Hold the Leadership Putnam program on an annual basis.	Chamber of Commerce	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
3. Provide support to individuals, organizations and private developers on projects and initiatives related to tourism, arts and heritage of Eatonton-Putnam County.	EPTAH	Volunteer Time	Budget	2014-2018
4. Support the creation of an Artisan Village.	EPTAH, private developers/investors	Volunteer Time	Grants	2014-2018
5. Support expansion of the Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) Putnam County Center to provide additional space for adult education and college classes.	Putnam County, Chamber of Commerce, CGTC	Putnam County Chamber and BOC Staff Time	CDBG	2014-2016
6. Establish a Business Improvement District (or similar-type mechanism) in the Harmony Road/SR 44 area by the Lakes.	Putnam County, Business Owners	TBD	TBD	2015

7. Complete grading, environmental testing and water/sewer infrastructure at the Rock Eagle Science and Technology Park.	Putnam County Development Authority	TBD	Grants, Loans	2014-2018
8. Complete an Environmental Impact Study at the South Industrial Park site.	Putnam County Development Authority	TBD	Budget, grants, loans	2014-2018
9. Secure new entrance signage to Putnam County and the City of Eatonton. 1 directional Sign 6 Informative Signs	Eatonton-Putnam Tourism Arts Heritage Partnership (EPTAH), City, County, Chamber	\$15, 000 (grant) \$3,000 (city)	Tri-County EMC Grant, City Budget	2014
10. Install informational kiosks for tourism/economic development around the City and County.	EPTAH, City, County, Putnam County Historical Society, EPTAH, Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation, Uncle Remus Museum, Chamber	TBD	EPTAH Grants	2014-2015
11. Begin a manhole/storm drain covers painting initiative	EPTAH, Briar Patch Arts Council, EPWSA.	EPTAH \$500	EPTAH Grants	2014
12. Promote tourism in the community, including: Agritourism (Crooked Pines Farm), Heritage tourism and other recreational activities (i.e. Rock Hawk's trails, and the Rifle-Range on Forestry land).	Chamber, Scenic Byway Committee, Forestry Service, EPTAH	Staff time	Budget, grants	2014-2018
13. Conduct International Tours for business training.	Chamber, Businesses	Staff time, TBD	Private funds, budget	2014-2018
14. Develop a Business Retention Plan for the community.	City, County, DDA, Putnam County Development Authority, Main Street	Staff time	Budget	2014-2015

15. Hold networking/educational quarterly meetings for businesses/industries.	Putnam County Development Authority, DDA, City, County	Staff time	Budget	2014-2018
16. Develop a Strategic Plan for the Putnam County Development Authority.	Putnam County Development Authority, City, County	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2015
17. Support the growth and expansion of existing industries.	Putnam County Development Authority, Georgia Departments of Agriculture and Economic Development	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
18. Market Eatonton-Putnam County aggressively to mid-size manufacturing companies.	Putnam County Development Authority, City, County	Staff Time	Budget, grants	2014-2018
19. Increase business development of smaller “mom and pop” and boutique-type businesses.	Chamber, DDA	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
20. Evaluate the possibility of establishing a small business counseling program for new businesses.	Chamber, City, County, DDA	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2016
21. Implement the mass-communications marketing concept, “I am the Chamber.”	Chamber, Georgia College and State University students	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
22. Create a tourism marketing program.	Chamber, Georgia College and State University students	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2015
23. Coordinate with communications providers to ensure the most up-to-date services are available to local businesses and industries.	City, County, Charter Communications, AT&T	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018

24. Continue partnerships with Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) to provide Dual Enrollment and Accel classes to High School Students.	Putnam County Board of Education (BOE), CGTC	Staff time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018
25. Seek major grants to expand programs, operations and services throughout the community.	Board of Education, City, County, DDA, Putnam County Development Authority, EPTAH, and all other community stakeholder organizations.	Staff time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018
26. Evaluate opportunities for internships and shadowing to provide high school students with practical experience and the ability to learn about career possibilities.	BOE, Chamber	Staff time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018
27. Continue the Eatonton-Putnam Adult Literacy Program and work to become a Certified Literate Community.	Central Georgia Tech	Staff time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018

City of Eatonton				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Continue the award-winning shop-at-home promotional programs: Buy in the Briar Patch and Bunny Bucks (Chamber).	Eatonton Main Street, Eatonton/Putnam Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000	Sponsorship	2014-2018 (On-going)
2. Coordinate with communications providers to ensure the most up-to-date services are available to local businesses and industries.	City, County, Charter Communications, AT&T	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
3. Provide Main Street Façade Grants to improve the downtown area. (50/50 matching grants).	Eatonton Main Street, Building owners	\$2,000/year	Budget	2014-2018 (ongoing)
4. Promote Shop Downtown Eatonton through social media and other creative ways.	Eatonton Main Street, Merchants	\$4000	Main Street Regular Budget/ Sponsors	2014-2018 (ongoing)

5. Create Downtown Tri-fold Brochure.	Eatonton Main Street	\$800	Main Street Regular Budget	2014
6. Partner with the Putnam County Charter School System on downtown initiatives to provide opportunities for students to learn about entrepreneurship and downtown business development.	Eatonton Main Street, BOE, teachers, students	\$500	Main Street Regular Budget	2014-2017 (On-going)
7. Establish and maintain a community garden on the Aluminum Mill Hill property.	DDA, volunteers	Staff and volunteer time	Main Street Regular Budget	2014-2017
8. Streamline process for new businesses (including conditional use permit approval procedures).	Planning and Zoning Commission, DDA, Main Street	Staff time	Budget	2014
9. Initiate Butler Baker Alumni Project (New Street). Select and implement an appropriate adaptive re-use for the equalization school building.	Butler Baker Alumni Project Association, DDA, GICH, City, County	Staff and volunteer time	Budget, grants	2014-2017
10. Implement the City of Eatonton's Strategic Plan	City, DDA, Main Street, GICH	TBD	Budget, grants	2014-2018
11. Renovate Putnam State Prison and place back into active use.	City, Private Company	TBD	Budget	2014-2016
12. Develop a Business Retention Plan for the community.	City, County, DDA, Putnam County Development Authority, Main Street	Staff time	Budget	2014-2015
13. Secure new entrance signage to Putnam County and the City of Eatonton.	Eatonton-Putnam Tourism Arts Heritage Partnership (EPTAH)	\$15,000 (grant) \$3,000 (city)	Tri-County EMC Grant, City Budget	2014
14. Increase business development of smaller "mom and pop" and boutique-type businesses.	Chamber, DDA	Staff time	Budget	2014-2018
15. Evaluate the possibility of establishing a small business counseling program for new businesses.	Chamber, City, County, DDA	Staff time	Budget	2014-2018

16. Implement the mass-communications marketing concept, "I am the Chamber."	Chamber, Georgia College and State University students	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
17. Market Eatonton-Putnam County aggressively to mid-size manufacturing companies.	Putnam County Development Authority, City, County	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
18. Promote tourism in the community, including: Agri-tourism (Crooked Pines Farm), Heritage tourism and other recreational activities (i.e. Rock Hawk's trails, and the Rifle-Range on Forestry land).	Chamber, Scenic Byway Committee, Forestry Service, EPTAH	Staff time	Budget, grants	2014-2018
19. Conduct International Tours for business training.	Chamber, Businesses	Staff Time, TBD	Private funds, budget	2014-2018
20. Improve advertising of available properties in downtown.	DDA, Main Street	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
21. Develop a sales pitch on "Why Downtown Eatonton."	DDA, Main Street	Staff Time	Budget	2014
22. Re-structure timing/dates of downtown events to spread more evenly throughout the year.	Main Street	Staff Time	Budget	2014
23. Explore using Agenda.net (or a similar service) to streamline meeting minutes/packages.	City of Eatonton	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
28. Provide support to individuals, organizations and private developers on projects and initiatives related to tourism, arts and heritage of Eatonton-Putnam County.	EPTAH	Volunteer Time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018

29. Support the creation of an Artisan Village.	EPTAH, private developers/investors	Volunteer Time	Grants	2014-2018
30. Install informational kiosks for tourism/economic development around the City and County.	EPTAH, City, County, Putnam County Historical Society, EPTAH, Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation, Uncle Remus Museum, Chamber	TBD	EPTAH Grants	2014-2015
31. Begin a manhole/storm drain covers painting initiative	EPTAH, Briar Patch Arts Council, EPWSA.	EPTAH \$500	EPTAH Grants	2014
32. Create a tourism marketing program.	Chamber, Georgia College and State University students	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2015
33. Seek major grants to expand programs, operations and services throughout the community.	Board of Education, City, County, DDA, Putnam County Development Authority, EPTAH, and all other community stakeholder organizations.	Staff time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018
34. Evaluate opportunities for internships and shadowing to provide high school students with practical experience and the ability to learn about career possibilities.	BOE, Chamber	Staff time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018
35. Continue the Eatonton-Putnam Adult Literacy Program and work to become a Certified Literate Community.	Central Georgia Tech	Staff time	Budget, Grants	2014-2018

Housing

Putnam County

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Update ordinances related to abandoned/derelict housing.	Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement	Staff Time	Staff Time	2014-2018

City of Eatonton

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Use the results of the 2012 Housing Condition Assessment Survey to establish a process to remediate substandard/dilapidated housing.	GICH Committee	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
2. Implement activities that further the goals of the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) committee.	GICH Committee	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
3. Determine additional ordinance/regulatory policies needed to remediate substandard/dilapidated housing.	City, Planning & Zoning, GICH Committee, City Marshall	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
4. Identify a site to construct non-traditional public housing.	City, GICH Committee, Housing Authority	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
5. Evaluate potential of utilizing the Butler Baker building for senior housing.	Butler Baker Alumni Project, GICH Committee, Housing Authority	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018

Natural & Cultural Resources

Putnam County				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Establish and implement a public education program on environmental/natural resource protection (i.e. lakes, rivers, land conservation).	Putnam County, Extension Office, Rivers Alive	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
2. Support the Tourism-Arts-Heritage Advisory Committee and its efforts to promote eco and heritage tourism opportunities within Putnam County and the City of Eatonton.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County, Eatonton Main Street, Historic Preservation Commission, DDA, Residents	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
3. Continue to implement the TMDL plans developed for the impaired streams within Putnam County.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County, Extension Office	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
4. Support the nomination of eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.	Putnam County, Historical Society	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
5. Continue to implement a heritage program centered on the City and County's National Register sites, Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway, and Civil War Trail in coordination with the Lakes Country marketing consortium.	Putnam County, Chamber of Commerce	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
6. Work to promote and protect waterways in Putnam County through implementing the recommendations from the 2011 Upper Oconee Regional Water Plan.	Putnam County, Extension Office, DNR	Staff Time	Budge	2014-2018

7. Complete the Veteran's Wall of Honor Park at W. Marion and N. Lafayette Street near the historic jail.	VFW, American Legion, City, County	\$80,000	Grants/Donations	2014 Dedication scheduled for November 11, 2014 at 11:00am
8. Market and promote Uncle Remus Museum, Rock Hawk, Scenic Byway and other heritage/cultural tourism destinations within the community to all segments from day trippers and international tour groups.	Chamber, Historical Society, Eatonton-Putnam Arts Foundation, Eatonton-Putnam Tourism Arts Heritage, Main Street	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018

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2. Coordinate with the Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway organization, as needed, on Corridor Management Plan implementation activities.	City of Eatonton, Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway organization, Putnam County	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
3. Support Historic Preservation Commission activities and the locally designated Eatonton Historic District (residential).	City of Eatonton, Historic Preservation Commission	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018

4. Nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.	Historic Preservation Commission, Historical Society	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
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6. Continue to implement a heritage program centered on the City and County's National Register sites, Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway, and Civil War Trail in coordination with the Lakes Country marketing consortium.	Putnam County, Chamber of Commerce, EPTAH, Historical Society	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2014-2018
7. Evaluate re-use options for the Historic Jail (i.e. Fine Arts Center, Scenic Byway trailhead).	Chamber, EPTAH, Historical Society, Scenic Byway organization, Main Street, City, County	Staff/volunteer time	Budget/grants	2014-2016
8. Complete the Veteran's Wall of Honor Park at W. Marion and N. Lafayette Street near the historic jail.	VFW, American Legion, City, County	\$80,000	Grants/Donations	2014 Dedication scheduled for November 11, 2014 at 11:00am
9. Develop a strategy for proactively addressing deteriorated properties within the City's Local Historic District	Historic Preservation Commission, City of Eatonton	Staff/volunteer time	Budget	2014-2015
10. Evaluate the potential of expanding the existing Local Historic District or creating a separate downtown commercial district.	Historic Preservation Commission, City of Eatonton	Staff/volunteer time	Budget	2014-2018

11. Clean-up Historic Preservation Ordinance (i.e. meeting location of HPC should not defined in the ordinance text).	Historic Preservation Commission	Volunteer Time	N/A	2014-2015
12. Increase historic preservation awareness within the commercial downtown.	Eatonton Main Street, Historic Preservation Commission	Staff/volunteer time	Budget	2014-2018
13. Continue to implement the TMDL plans developed for the impaired streams within the unincorporated area of Putnam County.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County, Extension Office	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018

Community Facilities

Putnam County				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Maintain a dynamic, up-to-date website.	Putnam County, MGRC	\$5,000	Budget	2014-2018
2. Maintain high quality EMS and fire protection services throughout Putnam County.	Putnam County	\$400,000	SPLOST	2014-2015
3. Identify a location for a firefighter training facility.	Putnam County	Staff Time	Budget	Ongoing
4. Purchase vehicles and equipment for Sheriff's Office.	Putnam County	\$700,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
5. Purchase EMS vehicles and equipment.	Putnam County	\$500,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
6. Purchase vehicles and equipment for Fire Department.	Putnam County	\$400,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
7. Animal Control.	Putnam County	\$125,000	SPLOST	2014
8. Complete County Services, Phase 2 – additional office construction in the new Administration building.	Putnam County	\$900,000	SPLOST	December 2013
9. Complete Recreation Department capital improvements.	Putnam County	\$400,000	SPLOST	June 2014
10. Complete improvements to County roads.	Putnam County	\$9,770,000	SPLOST	Ongoing

11. Complete new construction of Health Department facilities.	Putnam County	\$300,000	SPLOST	December 2013
12. Provide new surgical suites for Putnam General Hospital.	Putnam County	\$2,500,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
13. Increase recreational opportunities and public park space in Putnam County.	Putnam County	TBD	Grants/Budget	2014-2018
14. Prioritize water line/water service expansion needs and opportunities.	Putnam County Development Authority, EPWSA.	TBD	Grants/Budget	2014-2015

City of Eatonton				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Assist the Eatonton-Putnam County Water Sewer Authority (EPWSA) with expanding and repairing wastewater infrastructure.	EPWSA	Staff Time, TBD	Budget, CDBG	2014-2018
2. Complete Briar Patch Park.	City of Eatonton	\$224,995	DNR Recreational Trails Grant, Volunteer Time/ Budget	2014
3. Purchase tanker fire truck.	City of Eatonton	\$200,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
4. Complete repairs to sewer system.	City of Eatonton, EPWSA	\$1,000,000	SPLOST	2014-2018

5. Purchase new police cars.	City of Eatonton	\$150,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
6. Purchase heavy road equipment.	City of Eatonton	\$305,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
7. Complete gas line expansion.	City of Eatonton	\$1,975,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
8. Repurpose/renovate Old Senior Center and surrounding structures.	City of Eatonton	\$75,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
9. Make improvements to Hut/Critter Park (i.e. new parking, picnic benches, covered picnic areas, bbq grills).	City of Eatonton	\$100,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
10. Re-roof Shop complex.	City of Eatonton	\$120,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
11. Improve roads, streets and drainage within the City.	City of Eatonton	TBD	CDBG	2014-2018
12. Prioritize water line/water service expansion needs and opportunities.	Putnam County Development Authority, EPWSA.	TBD	Grants/Budget	2014-2015

Land Use

Putnam County				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Develop a concept plan for the re-use of the Georgia Power Company property. (3,300 acres)	Putnam County, Baldwin County, Georgia Power Company, P.C. Simonton & Associates	\$15,240	County general fund	2014
2. Develop a County-wide Nuisance Ordinance.	Putnam County, City of Eatonton, City/County Planning & Zoning Commissions and Staff	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2015
3. Streamline definitions and classifications of City and County Zoning Ordinances.	Putnam County, City of Eatonton, City/County Planning & Zoning Commissions and Staff	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2016

City of Eatonton

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Promote infill development and redevelopment compatible with existing buildings and infrastructure in the City, particularly in downtown.	City of Eatonton, Eatonton Main Street, HPC, Heritage-Arts-Tourism	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018
2. Complete the North Jefferson Avenue Parking Lot/Event Space project. Phase I: Construct a new surface parking lot in downtown. (Ingress/egress from three (3) streets: Willie Bailey, E. Marion, N. Jefferson Streets). Phase II: Facility improvements (covered stage; landscaping/irrigation; benches, tables, lighting, trash cans, etc.). Phase III: Construct Restrooms.	DDA City of Eatonton DDA DDA	Total Project Cost: \$650,000 Paving: \$300,000 (SPLOST) RBEG Grants	RBEG, SPLOST, In-kind	2014 2014 2015-2016
3. Develop a County-wide Nuisance Ordinance.	Putnam County, City of Eatonton, City/County Planning & Zoning Commissions and Staff	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2015
4. Streamline definitions and classifications of City and County Zoning Ordinances.	Putnam County, City of Eatonton, City/County Planning & Zoning Commissions and Staff	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2016

Intergovernmental Coordination

Putnam County				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Conduct regular meetings with City and County government officials to set priorities, identify shared goals and find collaborative solutions.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018 (as needed basis)
2. Conduct periodic meetings with the administrative staffs of Putnam County, City of Eatonton and Putnam County Board of Education (BOE) to discuss growth and other related issues.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County, BOE	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018 (as needed basis)
3. Encourage total community involvement.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County	Staff Time	Budget	2014-2018 (as needed basis)
4. Increase volunteer capacity through recruitment and recognition events.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County, All Community Organizations, All Citizens	Staff and volunteer time	Budget	2014-2018
5. Evaluate the potential partnering with the High School Broadcasting team or a local communications company on televising City Council and County Commission meetings.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County, High School, Communications company, local businesses	Staff and volunteer time, TBD	TBD	2014-2016

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Transportation

Putnam County

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. SR 24/US 441 to the Widening from the N. Eatonton Bypass Morgan County Line.	GDOT, Putnam County	\$40,573,317	GDOT (STIP)	2018
2. SR 44 at Scott Road – complete turn lanes and intersection improvements.	GDOT, Putnam County	\$457,000	GDOT (\$200,000) Budget (\$257,000)	2015

City of Eatonton

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Undertake Downtown Streetscape improvements to include new sidewalks, crosswalks, planters, lighting, trash cans, benches and more.	City of Eatonton, DDA	TBD	Transportation Enhancement Funds/Budget/Grants	2014-2018
2. Complete improvements to roads/bridges/sidewalks.	City of Eatonton	\$1,775,000	SPLOST	2014-2018
3. Establish an Adopt-A-Road program for the City. Evaluate potential coordination with the existing Putnam County Adopt-A-Road program.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County	TBD	Budget	2014-2018

Completed Projects:

- Eatonton-Putnam “We Care Eatonton” initiative.
- County offices moved to a new Administration Building on the West Bypass in June 2012.
- \$4.5 million in road resurfacing and restriping throughout the County.
- Former Hospital and Board of Education buildings demolished.
- Ordinances regarding abandoned/derelict housing reviewed.
- Golf Course maintenance/ improvements/ purchase new fairway mower. (Putnam County)
- County Services, Phase 2 – additional office construction in the new Administration building (Putnam County)
- Health Department – to provide for new construction or renovation (dependent upon CDBG funding) (Putnam County)
- EMS and fire protection services in northern Putnam County improved.
- Downtown New Business Informational Packet created.

Projects Scheduled for Completion During 2014:

- Create tri-fold brochure about downtown. (Eatonton Main Street)
- Establish and maintain a community garden on the Aluminum Mill Hill property. (DDA)
- Secure new entrance signage to Putnam County and the City of Eatonton. (Chamber, City, County, EPTAH)
- Complete Briar Patch Park. (City)
- Complete the North Jefferson Avenue Parking Lot/Event Space project.
 - Phase I: Construct a new surface parking lot in downtown. (Ingress/egress from three (3) streets: Willie Bailey, E. Marion, N. Jefferson Streets.)
 - Phase II: Secure facility improvements. (Covered stage; landscaping/irrigation; benches, tables, lighting, trash cans, etc.)
- Rehabilitate the former County Annex building into the Georgia Writer’s Museum.
- Complete Recreation Department capital improvements. (Putnam County)
- Develop a concept plan for the re-use of the Georgia Power Company property. (3,300 acres) (Putnam County, Baldwin County, Georgia Power Company, P.C. Simonton & Associates)
- Complete the Veteran’s Wall of Honor.
- Complete the Health Department’s move into newly constructed space in the Administration Building in January 2014.
- Expand the animal control facility.
- Complete Recreation Department capital improvements. (baseball fields)
- Launch “I am the Chamber” marketing initiative.