

Report of Accomplishments - Putnam County

#	ACTIVITY	STATUS	EXPLANATION
Economic Development			
1	Support an active Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority and various other community organizations that participate in the economic, leadership and strategic planning processes of Putnam County and the City of Eatonton.	Underway	Ongoing activity. Daily operational function. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
2	Explore eco- and heritage tourism opporutnities that would promote the historic, scenic and natural resources in Putnam County and the City of Eatonton.	Underway	Ongoing activity. Completed the Rock Hawk exhibit.
3	Continue and expand leadership development program to exhibit and train future leaders.	Underway	Leadership Putnam operated by Chamber of Commerce.
4	Maintain partnerships with regional and state economic development support organizations and institutions.	Underway	Ongoing activity. Daily operational function. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
5	Establish shop at home program to capture sales tax dollars that are going to the larger surrounding markets.	Underway	Eatonton Main Street activity. Remove from County STWP. Will be included in Eatonton STWP update.
6	Coordinate with local telecommunication providers to provide the most up-to-date telecommunication services to local businesses and industries.	Postponed	Not a County activity. Will be included in Eatonton STWP update.
7	Acquire and develop additional land for industrial parks.	Complete	Land acquired at Highway 44 next to Putnam County High School. Purchased land on south side of Eatonton along Horton Industrial Road as location for future expansion.
8	Promote expansion of CGTC satellite facility.	Underway	Re-applied for a CDBG in FY 2012 to support expansion.
9	Establish programs to: 1) attract related industries that will support and enhance the dairy and agriculture industries in Putnam County; and 2) to provide the necessary employee training.	Underway	County supports existing dairy and agriculture businesses. Due to the rapid decline of these types of industry in the County this item will not be included in the STWP update.

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10	Establish a program to promote the support of network for retirees.	Complete	
11	Conduct BREP Surveys for local businesses and industries.	Cancelled	Not a priority at this time.
12	Continue to implement a program to expand small business development in the lakes area.	Underway	Exploring establishing a Business Improvement District (or some similar-type tool) by the lakes off of Harmony Road. This item will be included in STWP update.
13	Become a Georgia Certified Work Ready Community.	Complete	
14	Construct and operate a Georgia's Lake Country Welcome Center.	Complete	
Housing			
1	Conduct housing conditions assessment for unincorporated area of Putnam County.	Cancelled	A housing assessment was completed in the City of Eatonton but not unincorporated Putnam County.
2	Using the results of the housing condition assessment, establish a process to eliminate uninhabitable housing.	Undeaway	GICH Committee, include this initiative in STWP update.
3	Continue to enforce Minimum Housing Codes involving qualified, trained staff.	Underway	Ongoing activity. Daily operational function. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
4	Establish a coalition of builders, developers, relators, bankers, mortgage lenders, housing manufacturers, faith-based organizations, local government officials, etc. to develop a plan that will create affordable housing for households with incomes from \$40-75,000 and greater housing diversity.	Underway	Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) was established to address housing issues. GICH activities will be included in STWP update.

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5	Adopt changes in current land development regulations and/or create incentives that encourage residential developers to: 1) Incorporate innovative lot and street design to protect critical natural resources, encourage energy conservation, and reduce development costs; 2) Create open space within neighborhoods and buffers of between different uses; 3) Minimize the destruction of trees during construction; and 4) Provide an aesthetically pleasing landscape at their housing developments.	Complete	Chapter 66 Zoning revised and updated during 2011/2012.
6	Establish a homeownership program in the City of Eatonton designed to assist residents with fixed or limited incomes in purchasing homes and to provide quality affordable workforce housing.	Cancelled	Not applicable to County - this is a City initiative.
Natural and Cultural Resources			
1	Adopt changes in current land development and other regulations that addresses setbacks from streams, control of septic systems and paving of large parking areas.	Complete	
2	Establish and implement effective environmental code enforcement that first begins with a public education program on the amendments to the regulations.	Postponed	An environmental education program item will be included in the STWP update.
3	Enforce the Part V Environmental Criteria ordinances (wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, water supply watersheds and river corridor), which include coordination with local, state and federal agencies.	Underway	Ongoing activity. Daily operational function. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
4	Hold workshops and other public forums for the general public on the protection of the two major lakes and major streams.	Postponed	An environmental education program item will be included in the STWP update.

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5	Develop and adopt "Minimal Disturbance" map that addresses environmentally sensitive areas, such as floodplains, steep slopes, unsuitable soils, water supply watersheds, major park, recreation and conservation areas, groundwater recharge areas, prime agricultural and forestry land, protected animal, bird and plant habitats, etc.	Complete	
6	Amend local development codes that allows for flexibility and incentives to landowners and developers to protect and preserve sensitive natural resources identified on the "Minimal Disturbance Map."	Complete	Chapter 66 Zoning revised and updated during 2011/2012.
7	Encourage participation in a public trust to promote and accept farmland protection and conservation easements established for the protection of sensitive natural resources.	Underway	Will be combined with environmental education program initiative in the STWP update.
8	Implement the Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan Work Program that includes the development of Native American and African-American biking, walking and driving tours.	Underway	Three new driving tour loops off the main byway route have been established: Authors, Farms, Historic School
9	Prepare flood-prone area maps for the unincorporated area of Putnam County.	Complete	
10	Continue to implement the TMDL plans developed for the impaired streams within the unincorporated area of Putnam County.	Underway	Carry this item forward in new STWP.
11	Continue to implement the Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) for the Little River source water intake and assist the City of Milledgeville in the implementation of the SWAPs for Baugh and Ham intakes.	Underway	Eatonton-Putnam Water and Sewer Authority (EPWSA) coordinates with Sinclair Water Authority. Ongoing activity. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
12	Continue renovation of the old school on Madison Avenue into a community center.	Complete	
13	Nominate for the National Register priority structures in the county survey.	Underway	Carry this item forward in new STWP.

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14	Continue to implement a heritage program centered around the City and County's National Register sites, scenic byway, and Civil War Trail in coordination with the Lakes Country marketing consortium.	Underway	HPC, Main Street, newly formed Tourism-Heritage-Arts advisory group.
Community Facilities and Services			
1	Install water distribution system in southern Putnam County.	Underway	EPSWA activity. UDSA-funded project along Pea Ridge Road.
2	Install new water line up to the City of Eatonton from new water treatment plant (provided City of Eatonton does not decide to renovate and expand existing plant).	Cancelled	Not applicable to County - this is a City initiative.
3	Conduct initial studies on a proposed wastewater system in Putnam County.	Underway	EPWSA activity. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
4	Conduct a study on the need to improve EMS and fire protection services in southern Putnam County.	Complete	Expanded Fire and EMS services in southern Putnam County.
5	Conduct a study on the recreation needs for Eatonton and Putnam County.	Complete	
6	Explore options for firefighter training facility.	Underway	Still exploring options. Item will be included in STWP update.
7	Purchase emergency service vehicles and equipment.	Postponed	Part of 2011 SPLOST, will be included in STWP update.
8	Conduct regular review of the need for new mini-convenience centers in the unincorporated area.	Complete	All recycling centers were redone in 2011.
9	Construct bike trails, tennis courts and softball fields in the extreme eastern and western portion of the County.	Postponed	Evaluated the need and the project was moved to the northern part of Putnam County. This activity will be included in STWP update.
Intergovernmental Coordination			

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1	Conduct regular meetings with City and County government officials to set priorities, identify shared goal and find collaborative solutions using the recently adopted comprehensive plan as a	Underway	
2	Conduct periodic meetings with the administrative staffs of Putnam County, City of Eatonton and Putnam County BOE to discuss growth and other related issues.	Underway	
Transportation			
1	Implement the FY 2007-2009 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Eatonton-Putnam County that includes the proposed eastern bypass route, widening of Hwy 44 (Eatonton to Jones County), widening of Hwy 441 and selected intersection improvements.	Postponed	Part of TIA.
2	Widen Pea Ridge Road from US 441 to Hwy 16 and Old Phoenix Road from Hwy 16 to Hwy 44/Harmony Road.	Complete	
Character Areas			
1	Implement the management plans for the Oconee National Forest, Cedar Creek Wildlife Management Area, Central Georgia Branch Station Wildlife Management Area, Rock Eagle 4-H Center and Long Shoals Recreation Area.	Cancelled	Not applicable to County, these facilities are operated by outside agencies.
2	Conduct a review of existing regulations to determine if changes are necessary to implement the development patterns recommended in the following character areas in unincorporated Putnam County: Rural; Lakes/River Corridor; Harmony-Old Phoenix Corridor; Hwy 44 Corridor; Pea Ridge Corridor; Historic-Piedmont Scenic Corridor; US 441 Corridor; and Hwy 129 Corridor.	Complete	Chapter 66 Zoning revised and updated during 2011/2012.
3	Revise existing land development regulations, where necessary to encourage: 1) Conservation subdivisions; 2) Large-lot size for individual and subdivision lots outside of areas not currently served by public water and sewer; and 3) Buffering of agricultural lands and commercial developments from new residential developments.	Complete	Chapter 66 Zoning revised and updated during 2011/2012.

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4	Conduct pre-development meetings with developers of large developments to encourage the implementation of the recommended development patterns within these developments for the following character areas: Lakes/River Corridor; Harmony-Old Phoenix Corridor; Hwy 44 Corridor; Pea Ridge Road Corridor; and US 441 Corridor.	Underway	Ongoing activity. Daily operational Planning and Zoning function. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
5	Plan and establish scenic/historic turnoffs with appropriate bicycling, equestrian, hiking and birding trails in the Historic-Piedmont Scenic Corridor.	Complete	
6	Establish a complete inventory of natural, historic, archaeological and cultural inventory in the Historic-Piedmont Scenic Corridor.	Postponed	Completing the three driving tour loops took precedence over this initiative. Corridor Management Plan implementation activities will be included in STWP update.
7	Encourage and promote best management practices to maintain an appropriate buffer along the corridor.	Underway	Ongoing activity. Daily operational Planning and Zoning function. At request of local government this item is being removed from the STWP.
8	Establish a wildflower program and other landscape projects in the corridor.	Complete	US Forestry Service initiative.

Putnam County
Short-Term Work Program

Economic Development Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Assist in the rehabilitation of the former County Annex building.	Putnam County, Development Authority, Private Developers	\$400,000	SPLOST, Grants	2013-2017
2. Hold the Leadership Putnam program on an annual basis.	Chamber of Commerce	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
3. Develop a formal Arts and Heritage Tourism Program.	Putnam County, Tourism-Arts-Heritage Advisory Committee, Eatonton Mainstreet, Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway Organization, GA Dept of Economic Development Historic Heartland Representative, Middle Georgia Regional Commission (MGRC)	Staff Time, TBD	Budget/Grants	2013-2017
4. Support expansion of Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) Satellite Facility.	Putnam County, Chamber of Commerce, CGTC	Putnam County Chamber and BOC Staff Time	CDBG	2013-2015

5. 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
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Housing Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Review ordinances regarding abandoned/derelict housing	Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement	Staff Time	Staff Time	2013-2017
2. Continue implementation of the Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class "We Care Eatonton" initiative.	Chamber of Commerce	Chamber of Commerce	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants

**Natural & Cultural Resources Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

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	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
2. Coordinate with the Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway organization, as needed, on Corridor Management Plan implementation activities.	Putnam County, City of Eatonton, Historic Piedmont Scenic Byway organization	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2013-2017
3. Continue to implement the TMDL plans developed for the impaired streams within the unincorporated area of Putnam County.	Putnam County, Extension Office	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
4. Support the nomination of eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places.	Putnam County	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2013-2017
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	2013-2017
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	2013-2017

**Community Facilities Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

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	2013-2017
2. Improve EMS and fire protection services in northern Putnam County.	Putnam County	\$400,000	SPLOST	2013-2015
3. Identify a location for a firefighter training facility.	Putnam County	Staff Time	Budget	2013
4. Sherriff's Office - Purchase vehicles and equipment.	Putnam County	\$700,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
5. Purchase EMS vehicles and equipment.	Putnam County	\$500,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
6. Fire –Purchase vehicles and equipment.	Putnam County	\$400,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
7. Animal Control.	Putnam County	\$100,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
8. County Services, Phase 2 – additional office construction in the new Administration building.	Putnam County	\$900,000	SPLOST	2013-2017

9. Demolish former School Board Building.	Putnam County	\$100,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
10. Complete recreation department capital improvements.	Putnam County	\$400,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
11. Complete improvements to county roads.	Putnam County	\$9,770,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
12. Health Department – to provide for new construction or renovation (dependent upon CDBG funding).	Putnam County	\$300,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
13. Putnam General Hospital – to provide new surgical suites.	Putnam County	\$2,500,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
14. Complete Golf Course maintenance/ improvements/ purchase new fairway mower.	Putnam County	\$30,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
15. Increase recreational opportunities and public park space in Putnam County.	Putnam County	TBD	Grants/Budget	2013-2017

**Land Use Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Determine a creative re-use for the Georgia Power Company property (3,300 acres).	Putnam County, Baldwin County	TBD	Budget/Grants	2013-2017

**Intergovernmental Coordination Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

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	2013-2017 (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	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017 (as needed basis)
3. Encourage total community involvement.	City of Eatonton, Putnam County	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017 (as needed basis)

**Transportation Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. SR 44 Operational Improvements from Alexander to Greene County line (RC06-000139).	GDOT, City of Eatonton, Putnam County	\$3,750,000	T-SPLOST	Project Start: 2016 (Estimated Project Completion: 2019)
2. Old Phoenix Road Minor Widening and Reclamation (RC06-000132).	GDOT, Putnam County	\$4,891,000	T-SPLOST	Project Start: 2016 (Estimated Project Completion: 2019)
3. SR 24/US 441 to the Widening from the N. Eatonton Bypass Morgan County Line (RC06-000137).	GDOT, Putnam County	\$44,597,287	T-SPLOST	Project Start: 2016 (Estimated Project Completion: 2019)
4. SR 16 at SR 44 Intersection Improvements (RC06-000136).	GDOT, Putnam County	\$4,392,859	T-SPLOST	Project Start: 2016 (Estimate Project Completion: 2019)



**A RESOLUTION OF
PUTNAM COUNTY**

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

WHEREAS, Putnam County has prepared a five-year update to the Short Term Work Program (STWP) component of the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the STWP update was prepared in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005; and

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

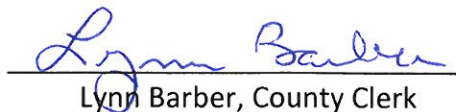
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Putnam County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the five-year STWP update to the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved this 5th day of October 2012.

BY:


Tom Thompson, Chairman

ATTEST:


Lynn Barber, County Clerk

