

SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

FIVE YEAR UPDATE – 2009 – 2013

Natural and Historic Resources

****Continue to strengthen and fully implement erosion and sedimentation control regulations based upon State criteria.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City of Bloomingdale

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status: Ongoing in conjunction Chatham County Metropolitan Planning Commission/Natural Resources.

****Participate in Countywide effort to propose protective land use measures for adoption by governments outside Chatham County to protect the water supply watershed.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City of Bloomingdale, MPC

Cost Estimate – YTD Funding Source – General Fund

Status: The City will postpone participation in any protective land use measures outside of Chatham County due to lack of funding unless facilitated through our partnership with the MPC Planning Commission/Natural Resources.

****Continue to participate fully in the National Flood Insurance Program.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City of Bloomingdale

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – Ongoing. The City will continue to participate in the NFIP Program.

****Encourage and cooperate with the tourist industry countywide to promote a greater emphasis on environmental protection, education, and preservation of local natural resources in order to promote the area as an ecotourism center.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City of Bloomingdale

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – This initiative continues to be ongoing in conjunction with the Chatham County MPC/Natural Resources. The City of Bloomingdale does promote the Ottawa Farms Strawberry Festival as an example of ecotourism.

****Continue to implement public awareness programs to encourage protection of plant and animal habitats.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City of Bloomingdale, MPC

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – The City continues this initiative through distribution of brochures and through our newsletter.

****Utilize the site plan permitting process to encourage the establishment of porous paving material where possible.**

Start Date – 2009 End date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time – Funding Source – General Fund

Status - There have been no site plans or permits for the last few years but the City will promote this as development occurs.

****Amend land use regulations and transportation plans as necessary to eliminate conflicts with resource protection goals.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – This will be done on an as needed basis as all development regulations are continually evaluated.

****Provide opportunity for owners of agricultural and forest lands and all citizens in decisions determining future land use designations in newly annexed and old town areas.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – All citizens have an opportunity to comments on these proposals through Public Hearings and through citizen input at City Council meetings.

Community Facilities

****Continue to request LARP funds for resurfacing streets**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – Requests are made on a yearly basis. There have been several streets resurfaced using this funding method and the 2012 request was made to DOT on June 20, 2011 for 5,500 linear feet of resurfacing.

****Road and street improvements to accommodate increased traffic flows from residential and commercial vehicles**

Start Date – 2009 End date – 2013 Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate - \$1,035,000 Funding Source – General Fund

Status – Incomplete - This has not been done to lack of funding.

****Update water and sewerage facilities as outlined in the City of Bloomingdale Capital Improvement Program to encourage and support orderly growth and development.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City, State, other parties

Cost Estimate - \$9,998,000 Funding Source – Impact Fees, General Fund, GEFA

Status – This has not been done to lack of funding from all potential sources.

****Review needs for expanding other public facilities and services, including protecting and providing for canopy trees, for existing and projected City growth.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – YTD Funding Sources – General Fund

Status – Ongoing - This will be done on an annual basis relating to the General Fund and Capital Improvements Plan development process.

****Identify and make needed improvements to Taylor Park and other recreational facilities.**

Start Date – 2009 End date – 2009 Responsible Party – YTD

Cost Estimate – YTD Funding Source – General Fund

Status – This project began with the completion of an additional ball field completed in May of 2011. Other projects will be developed with additional funding sources.

****Grading and site improvement for children’s park, including rest rooms at the Moore and Poplar Street Park.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – 2009 Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – \$190,000 Funding Source – Impact Fees

Status – This project was completed.

****Purchase and development of an additional 15+/- acres site (or multiple sites) for recreations and leisure activities.**

Start Date – 2010 End Date – 2013 Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate -\$999,000 Funding Source – Impact Fees

Status – Partially Complete - The property was purchased but no development has taken place due to lack of funding.

****Maintain current level of service and patrol staff/population ratio for the Police Department.**

Start Date – 2010 End Date – 2010 Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – \$188,000 Funding Source – Impact Fees

Status – Complete - The current level of service ration to population is adequate.

****Develop City Fire Department, including replacement of the building, equipment and overall fire response time in hope of reducing ISO rating.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – 2001 Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate- \$500,000 Funding Source –Impact Fees, User Fees

Status – Complete - Project will be finished in July 2011.

HOUSING

****Continue to eliminate incompatible land uses that negatively impact neighborhood quality of life.**

Start date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – Ongoing – Will continue to accomplish through effective code enforcement and updated zoning regulations.

****Continue to review and update zoning and other development regulations to insure sound land use/planning decisions.**

Start Date – 2009 End date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

**** Will Continue to provide a sense of neighborhood pride through the elimination of nuisances.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – The City will continually strive to identify nuisances through our newly hired Code Enforcement Officer (March 2011)

****Continue to encourage the inclusion of handicapped units in new multi-family and special type residential facilities.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status - The City will continue to complete this objective when and if any potential developments occur. No facilities of this type have been proposed.

****Review and revise current development regulations and policies to identify and eliminate barriers that restrict safe, decent, and affordable housing to all citizens.**

Start date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – Ongoing – This will be accomplished in the review of the Zoning Ordinance and other development regulations.

****Continue to review and update zoning and other development regulations to correct inconsistencies and conflicts affecting sound land use/planning decisions.**

Start Date – 2009 End date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – The Planning Commission will continue to review the Zoning Ordinance and other land use development regulations and make changes when it is determined necessary.

LAND USE

****Review Bloomingdale’s Vision Statement and Future Land Use Plan in an effort to reconfirm and/or adopt revised goals, policies and strategies as needed for the various Comprehensive Plan work elements to efficiently guide Bloomingdale’s growth and protect its amenities.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status - This is done on a regular basis through our Planning Committee and the Planning Commission.

****Amend PUD regulations to provide more design control and better review procedures to insure more compatible land use patterns, buffers and screening of different types of land uses.**

Start Date – 2009 End date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – This is ongoing as the Planning Commission and the City Council will soon begin review of all land use regulations.

****Consider adopting a tree and landscaping ordinance.**

Start Date- 2009 End Date – 2009 Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – This was not completed in 2009 and will be actively considered in the near future.

****Review and update zoning and other development regulations to correct inconsistencies and conflicts affecting sound land use/planning decisions and/or the protection of identified natural and historic resources.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – This is currently being evaluated for modifications and will be ongoing.

****Maintain the adopted land use plan in an updated status to reflect changes in economic development, technology, social trends, infrastructure system performances, environmental needs and other influences that may impact the initial plan during the planning period.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status - This has not been done because there have been no changes during the planning period thus far. As changes might occur, staff will make recommendations in the best interest of the City of Bloomington.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

****Implement a facilities plan that identifies infrastructure needs to support new businesses and other development.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time

Funding Source – General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Water and Sewer Depreciation Fund

Status – This is ongoing and being developed and a Water/Sewer Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

****Market the natural and recreational resources of Coastal Georgia/Bloomingdale to the tourist industry and to tourists interested in hunting, fishing and equestrian activities.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source - General Fund

Status – This has not been completed due to lack of funding.

****Improve the economic vitality of the City through enforcement of local codes and development regulations to eliminate incompatible land use activities and blighting influences which negatively impact quality of life and public safety and welfare.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status – This is ongoing. However, a Code Enforcement Officer was designated in 2011 to patrol for and assess code violations and visual blight in neighborhoods.

****Support local marketing programs designed to educate and/or attract highly skilled health professionals and other specialized work forces.**

Start Date – 2009 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

Status - This has not been completed by the City due to lack of funding. However, the City does support existing programs Countywide in this initiative when applicable.

SHORT TERM WORK PLAN –PLANNING PERIOD 2011-2016

AUGUST 2011

Natural and Historic Resources

****Complete Phase II Drainage Improvements**

Start Date – 2011 End Date – 2013 Responsible Party – City, Contractor

Cost Estimate – 1,300,00 Funding Source - SPLOST

****Collaborate with Historical Society on the development of the Bloomingdale Historical Museum**

Start Date – 2011 End Date – 2012/13 Responsible Party – Hist. Society

Cost Estimate - \$250,000 Funding Source- Fundraisers. Private Donations

Community Facilities

****Update water and sewerage facilities/infrastructure as outlined in the City of Bloomingdale Capital Improvement Program to encourage and support orderly growth and development.**

Start Date – 2011 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate - \$10,000,000 Funding Source – Water/Sewer Depreciation Fund

****Complete Phase I of the Bloomingdale Rail Bed Rails to Trails Project**

Start Date – 2011 End Date – 2013 Responsible Party – City, Contractor

Cost Estimate - \$850,000 Funding Sources – TEA Monies, Green Space Monies

****Development of a Town Center Park**

Start Date – 2013 End Date – 2014 Responsible Party – City, Hist. Society

Cost Estimate - \$500,000 Funding Sources – SPLOST, Fundraisers, Private Donations

****Develop and expand Taylor Park recreation facilities to include increased parking.**

Start Date – 2012 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate - \$500,000 Funding Source – SPLOST, General Fund
****Construction of a Veterans Memorial monument**

Start Date – 2011 End Date – 2013 Responsible Party – Vets. Comm.

Cost Estimate - \$150,000 Funding Source – Private Donations

HOUSING

****Identify and eliminate blighted structures within the City.**

Start Date – 2011 End date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City Staff

Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

LAND USE

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Cost Estimate – Staff Time Funding Source – General Fund

****Review Bloomingdale’s Vision Statement and Future Land Use Plan in an effort to reconfirm and/or adopt revised goals, policies, strategies as needed for the various Comprehensive Plan work elements to efficient guide the City’s growth and protect its amenities.**

Start Date – 2012 End Date – Ongoing Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time

Funding Source – General Fund

****Identify target areas for growth and related infrastructure support**

Start Date – 2011

End date – Ongoing

Responsible Party –City/P&Z

Cost Estimate – Staff Time

Funding Source – General Fund

****Review and update zoning and other development regulations to correct inconsistencies and conflicts affecting sound land use/planning decisions and/or the protection of identified natural and historic resources.**

Start Date – 2011

End Date – Ongoing

Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time

Funding Source – General Fund

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Start Date – 2011

End Date – Ongoing

Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time

Funding Source – General Fund

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Start Date – 2011

End date – Ongoing

Responsible Party – City

Cost Estimate – Staff Time

Funding Source – General Fund

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomingdale has completed the five-year update to the City's Short Term Work Program as part of its 20-year Comprehensive Plan; and

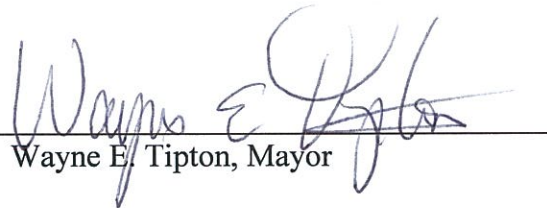
WHEREAS, this document was prepared according to the Requirements for updating a Short Term Work Program to the Local Government Comprehensive Plan, as well as the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning established by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the required public hearing was held on August 18, 2011;

WHEREAS, the five-year Short Term Work Program update to the 20-year Comprehensive Plan was transmitted to the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia and Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official Review; and

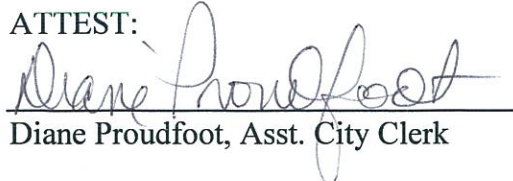
WHEREAS, the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs completed their reviews and found the five-year Short Term Work Program update to the 20-year Comprehensive Plan acceptably meets the local planning requirements, with advisory comments.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Bloomingdale does here by adopt the five-year Short Term Work Program update to the 20-year Comprehensive Plan for official use.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2011.



Wayne E. Tipton, Mayor

ATTEST:


Diane Proudfoot, Asst. City Clerk