

**Update To The
Atkinson County, City of Pearson and City of Willacoochee
Short Term Work Program and
Report of Accomplishments**

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Atkinson County
The Cities of Pearson and Willacoochee
with
The Southern Georgia Regional Commission

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ATKINSON COUNTY
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
PLANNING							
Develop a county zoning ordinance	County SGRC	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Update the County website on a quarterly schedule	County	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
NONE							
NATURAL & HISTORICAL RESOURCES							
Adopt Historic Preservation Ordinance for Atkinson County	Atkinson County, County Attorney \$2,000		*				Ongoing
Establish a countywide Historic Preservation Board for Atkinson County	Atkinson County, County Attorney \$500		*				Ongoing
Initiate a public education program on county historical resources	Historical Preservation Board \$2,500	*					Ongoing
HOUSING							
Establish a housing rehabilitation program for dilapidated areas throughout the County.	Atkinson County \$350,00	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Revitalize single family housing that can be used for affordable housing.	Atkinson County \$5,000	*					Ongoing

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
Make credit counseling available for all potential home buyers.	Atkinson County, ABC, United Ways \$25,000	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Enhance code enforcement efforts to make sure regulations are not being violated.	Atkinson County	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Attract tourism with an Antique Shop City theme.	Atkinson County	*	*	*			Ongoing
Develop plans for a County Industrial Park	Atkinson County \$10,000		*				Ongoing
Develop Tourism Plan for County	Atkinson County, Region 11 Dept. Of Tourism and Trade \$2,000		*				Ongoing
Develop ordinance for business and outdoor advertisement (Billboards)	Atkinson County, County Attorney \$2,000			*			Ongoing
LAND USE							
Create a GIS Parcel Map that will allow viewers the capability to see each parcel and make tax assessment efforts less difficult.	County with SGRC \$2.50 for each parcel	*					Complete

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES							
Consolidate the Fire Departments so that the ISO number can decrease			*				Ongoing
Build an After Hours Medical Clinic					*		Ongoing
Renovate County Courthouse	Atkinson County \$500,000			*	*		Ongoing
Develop county map that will make planning and code enforcement efforts easier.	Atkinson County, RDC \$8,000		*				Ongoing
Municipal Sub Title D Landfill Expansion	SWMA \$200,000	*					Complete
Design new jail	Atkinson County \$25,000		*				Ongoing

CITY OF PEARSON
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
PLANNING							
Update the Pearson website on a quarterly schedule	City of Pearson	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Develop a downtown parking plan	City of Pearson	*	*				Ongoing
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
NONE							
NATURAL & HISTORICAL RESOURCES							
Adopt a Historic Preservation Ordinance	City of Pearson, City Attorney			*			Complete
Develop an inventory of historical sites/buildings located in the City of Pearson.	City of Pearson	*	*				Complete
HOUSING							
Develop a program for the rehabilitation of housing in the City of Pearson.	City of Pearson Planner	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Enhance the Industrial Park so that it can attract more industry.	City of Pearson	*	*				Ongoing
Use abandoned railroad area for more commercial development	City of Pearson	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
Establish and utilize a downtown revitalization program	City of Pearson	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Obtain a Georgia Main Street designation	City of Pearson	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Recruit a director for the reactivation of the Pearson Chamber of Commerce	City of Pearson	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Develop plans for a 2nd industrial park	Pearson Industrial Authority, City \$2,500	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Develop a strategic plan that will make Pearson a candidate for the location Federal Prison System.	City of Pearson	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Renovate old city hall 1 - New roof 2 - Air conditioning/hearing unit 3 - Develop offices for rent 4 - Maintain and renovate for Fire Department training	City of Pearson \$60,000				*		Ongoing
LAND USE							
Study and develop plan for annexation of one mile circumference outside of city limits	City of Pearson \$2,500			*			Not being pursued
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES							
Update the sidewalk connectivity plan (include in master plan)	City of Pearson		*				Ongoing
Enhance crossroads to I-95 and I-75	City of Pearson		*				Ongoing
Put waste baskets and lighting in the center of town to make the area more safe and clean.	City of Pearson		*				Ongoing

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
Refurbish the water tower	City of Pearson			*			Ongoing
Construct and design a new 41 Route	City of Pearson		*				Ongoing
Hire a 24 hr "floating" police officer	City of Pearson \$25, 000 a year				*	*	Ongoing
Restructure the process of collecting recreation funds for youth programs, so that funds are collected on a per child basis.	City of Pearson	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Develop plans for three new parks	City of Pearson Planner \$1,000			*			Modified plans to focus on 1 park on West St
Redevelopment of downtown areas. 1 - Develop Better Hometown Grant 2 - Plan ornamental streetlight project 3 - Purchase ornamental garbage cans and benches 4 - Purchase street flags 5 - Develop tree-planting project 6 - Refinish sidewalks in downtown area	City of Pearson \$75,000			*	*		Ongoing
Design perimeter road around the City of Pearson	City of Pearson Engineer \$15,000				*	*	Complete
Repave of streets as prioritized by need	City of Pearson, DOT \$120,000	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Pave city streets as prioritized by need	City of Pearson \$200,000	*	*	*	*	*	Ongoing
Complete and distribute a new city map	City of Pearson, SGRC			*	*		Ongoing

CITY OF WILLACOOCHEE
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
PLANNING							
None							
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
None							
HISTORIC RESOURCES							
None							
NATURAL RESOURCES							
Pine Tree Preservation Ordinance	City / County / SGRC		*	*			Ongoing
HOUSING							
Expand existing housing stock for all income levels	City of Willacoochee		*	*			Ongoing
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Expand the industrial park	City of Willacoochee \$20,000	*	*				Ongoing
LAND USE							
None							Ongoing
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES							
Develop a city irrigation system to improve landscaping on government property.	City / County \$50,000		*	*	*		Ongoing

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	ROA
Buy the old train depot with TEA Grant make it a community center	City / SGRC \$50,000				*	*	Ongoing
Improve Main Street with TEA Grant Funding	City / SGRC \$25,000			*	*		Ongoing
4 Lane County Road 135 from Douglas to Willacoochee	City / County			*	*	*	Ongoing
Buy two (2) Patrol Cars	City / SGRC \$50,000	*	*				Ongoing
Hire one (1) full time Fireman	City \$25,000 a year		*				Ongoing
Build a low income medical clinic that is served by volunteer doctors	City / County \$75,000					*	Ongoing
Provide improvements to local streets, water lines and sewer lines	City of Willacoochee \$100,000			*	*		Ongoing
Develop city-wide CDBG applications for housing rehabilitation and infrastructure improvements	City of Willacoochee \$500,000	*	*				In Progress
Continue to expand beautification efforts around town and at city entrances	City of Willacoochee \$50,000	*	*				Ongoing

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ATKINSON COUNTY
FIVE-YEAR SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM

UPDATE
(2011 - 2016)

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
PLANNING								
Develop a county zoning ordinance	\$2,500/County SGRC	General fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Update the County website on a quarterly schedule	\$500/County	General fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION								
In coordination with the School Board and the City of Pearson develop and implement a strategic plan for the old High School property	Staff time/ County, City, Board of Education	General Fund, School Board		x	x	x		
Recruit a director for the reactivation of the county wide Chamber of Commerce	Staff time/ County, Cities	General fund	x	x	x			
HISTORIC RESOURCES								
Adopt Historic Preservation Ordinance for Atkinson County	\$2,000/County	General fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Establish a countywide Historic Preservation Board for Atkinson County	\$500/County	General fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Initiate a public education program on county historical resources and utilize to attract tourists to the area	\$2,500/Historic al Preservation Board, County	General Fund, HPB		x	x	x	x	x
NATURAL RESOURCES								
None								
								

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
HOUSING								
Establish a housing rehabilitation program for dilapidated areas throughout the County utilizing CHIP grants, CDBG. Opportunity Zones, etc	\$350,000/County	CHIP, CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Revitalize single family housing that can be used for affordable housing.	\$5,000/County	CHIP, CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Encourage the availability of credit counseling available for all potential home buyers.	\$25,000/County	General Fund, USDA	x	x	x	x	x	x
Enhance code enforcement efforts to make sure regulations are not being violated.	Staff time/County	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
Attract tourism with an Antique Shop City theme.	TBD/County	General Fund, Chamber, Private	x	x	x	x	x	x
Support industrial parks already in the county	Staff time/County	n/a	x	x	x	x	x	x
Develop county wide tourism plan	\$2000/County, Region 11 Dept. Of Tourism and Trade	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Promote and develop county wide Chamber of Commerce	Staff time/County, cities	General Fund		x	x	x	x	x
Develop ordinance for business and outdoor advertisement (Billboards) as part of revised land development regulations	\$2,000/County, County Attorney	General Fund		x	x	x	x	x

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
LAND USE								
Facilitate GIS Training county-wide	\$500/SGRC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES								
Continue with consolidation of Fire Departments so that the ISO number can decrease	TBD/County, Cities	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Build an After Hours Medical Clinic	\$500,000/County, Cities	General Fund, Private, CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Renovate County Courthouse	\$500,000/County	General Fund, CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Develop and maintain county street map including cities that will make planning and code enforcement efforts easier.	\$8,000/County, SGRC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	X
Design and build new jail	\$25,000/County	EDA	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pave Morning Dew Circle	\$100,000/County	LMIG		x	x			
Pave Heritage Hills Subdivision	\$100,000/County	LMIG		x	x			
Construct Old Columbus Road Project including water and sewer	\$300,000/County	LMIG		x	x			
Construct sidewalk to High School with lighting from Hardware store to past High school.	\$250,000/County	General Fund, TA Grant		x	x			

CITY OF PEARSON
FIVE-YEAR SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE
(2011 - 2016)

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
PLANNING								
Update the Pearson website on a quarterly schedule	\$500/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Develop a downtown parking plan	\$2,500/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION								
Continue with consolidation of Fire Departments to reduce ISO rating	TBD/Cities, County	n/a	x	x	x	x	x	x
Recruit a director for the reactivation of the county wide Chamber of Commerce	Staff time/Cities, County	General Fund	x	x	x	x		
HISTORIC RESOURCES								
None								
NATURAL RESOURCES								
None								
HOUSING								
Develop a program for the rehabilitation of housing in the City of Pearson.	\$350,000/ City of Pearson	CHIP, CDBG, US DA, DCA	x	x	x	x	x	x
								

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
Continue to enhance the Industrial Park so that it can attract more industry.	\$500,000/ City of Pearson	General Fund, CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Use abandoned railroad area for more commercial development	TBD/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Establish and utilize a downtown revitalization program	\$500,000/ City of Pearson	DCA downtown RLF, EDA	x	x	x	x	x	x
Obtain a Georgia Main Street designation	\$1,500/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Develop plans for expansion of the existing industrial park	\$2,500/ Pearson Industrial Authority, City	General Fund, EDA	x	x	x	x	x	x
Develop a strategic plan that will make Pearson a candidate for the location Federal Prison System.	\$2,000/City of Pearson	GED, DCA	x	x	x	x	x	x
Reconstruct old city hall 1 - New roof 2 - Air conditioning/hearing unit 3 - Develop offices for rent 4 - Maintain and renovate for Fire Department training	\$60,000/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
LAND USE								
None								

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES								
Update the sidewalk connectivity plan (include in master plan) and match up the sidewalks with the highschool	\$10,000/City of Pearson	General Fund, TA Grant	x	x	x	x	x	x
Enhance attractiveness of crossroads that connect to Interstates	TBD/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Put waste baskets and lighting in the center of town to make the area more safe and clean.	\$5,000/City of Pearson	General Fund, TA Grant	x	x	x	x	x	x
Construct and design a new route 441 Red Light to Dollar Store	TBD/City of Pearson	TBD	x	x	x			
Hire an additional police officer	\$50,000/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Continue and maintain youth programs	Staff time/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
Develop plans for a new park on West Street	\$1,000/City of Pearson	General Fund	x	x	x			
Redevelopment of downtown areas. 1 - Develop Better Hometown Grant 2 - Plan ornamental streetlight project 3 - Purchase ornamental garbage cans and benches 4 - Purchase street flags 5 - Develop tree-planting project 6 - Refinish sidewalks in downtown area	\$75,000/City of Pearson	General Fund, TA Grant		x	x	x		
Repave/resurface streets as prioritized by need	\$120,000/City of Pearson, GDOT	LMIG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Pave city streets as prioritized by need	\$200,000/City of Pearson	LMIG	x	x	x	x	x	x

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Refurbish the water tower	\$500,000/City of Pearson	CDBG			x			
Complete and distribute a new city- county tri-fold street map	\$2,500/City of Pearson, SGRC	General Fund	x	x				

CITY OF WILLACOOCHEE
FIVE-YEAR SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE
(2011 - 2016)

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
PLANNING								
None								
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION								
Continue with consolidation of Fire Departments to reduce ISO rating	TBD/Cities, County	n/a	x	x	x	x	x	x
Complete and distribute a new city- county tri-fold street map	\$2,500/City of Willacoochee , SGRC	General Fund	x	x				
HISTORIC RESOURCES								
Inventory Survey of West End Cemetery	\$10,000/ Willacoochee	General Fund		x	x	x		
Rehabilitate and Reopen McCrainie Turpentine Still	\$300,000/ Willacoochee	General Fund		x	x	x		
Renovate Willacoochee Old Electric Building	\$500,000/ Willacoochee	General Fund, CDBG		x	x	x		
NATURAL RESOURCES								
Pine Tree Preservation Ordinance	\$2,500/City / County / SGRC	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x
HOUSING								
Rehabilitate existing and provide additional housing stock for all income levels	\$350,000/ City of Willacoochee	CHIP, CDBG, USDA,	x	x	x	x	x	x

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
		DCA						
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
Maintain and Improve the Industrial Park	\$500,000/ City of Willacoochee	General Fund, EDA, CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
LAND USE								
None								
COMMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES								
Develop a city irrigation system to improve landscaping on government property.	\$50,000/City / County	General Fund, EDA	x	x	x	x	x	x
Buy the old train depot with TEA Grant make it a community center	\$50,000/City / SGRC	CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Improve Main Street with TEA Grant Funding	\$25,000/City / SGRC	TA Grant	x	x	x	x	x	x
4 Lane County Road 135 from Douglas to Willacoochee	TBD/City / County	GDOT	x	x	x	x	x	x
Keep Police Car Fleet up to date	\$50,000/City / SGRC	COPs Grant	x	x	x	x	x	x
Hire one (1) full time Fireman	\$25,000 a year/ City	FIRE Grant	x	x	x	x	x	x
Build a low income medical clinic that is served by volunteer doctors	\$75,000/City / County	CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Provide improvements to local streets, water lines and sewer lines	\$100,000/	General	x	x	x	x	x	x

PROJECTS	Estimated Cost / Resp.	Funding	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
	City of Willacoochee	Fund						
Develop city-wide CDBG applications for housing rehabilitation and infrastructure improvements	\$500,000 City of Willacoochee	General Fund, CDBG	x	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to expand beautification efforts around town and at city entrances	\$50,000/ City of Willacoochee	General Fund	x	x	x	x	x	x

RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT

The 2012 Update to the Short Term Work Program

WHEREAS, the Chairman and Commissioners of the Board of County Commissioners of Atkinson County, Georgia, have completed an update of the Atkinson County items contained in the Short-Term Work Program of the Joint Atkinson 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 October 1, 2012, to receive public input for adoption of the draft STWP update to the Joint Atkinson County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Commissioners of the Board of County Commissioners of Atkinson County do hereby adopt the Short Term Work Program Update, and submit the short-term work program update document and a copy of this resolution to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission for provision to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Adopted this 24th day of January, 2013.



Terry E. Morris, Jr. Chairman,
Atkinson County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


County Clerk

RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT

The 2012 Update to the Short Term Work Program

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Pearson, Georgia, have completed an update of the City of Pearson items contained in the Short-Term Work Program of the Joint Atkinson 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 October 1, 2012, to receive public input for adoption of the draft STWP update to the Joint Atkinson County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Pearson 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 8th day of January, 2013.



Mayor, City of Pearson

ATTEST:



City Clerk

City of Willacoochee

Lace Futch, *Mayor*
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Ginny Nelson, *Mayor Protem*
Samuel Newson, *Council*

RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT

The 2012 Update to the Short Term Work Program

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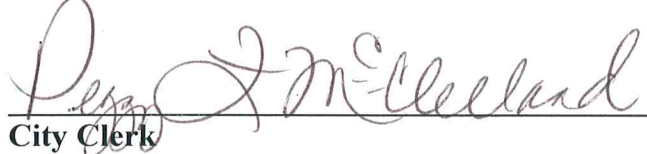
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Willacoochee do hereby adopt the Short Term Work Program Update, and transmit the update to the Southern Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

Adopted this 7 day of January, 2013.



Mayor, City of Willacoochee

ATTEST:



City Clerk