

STWP 2011-2016

<i>Activities</i>	<i>Schedule</i>	<i>Responsible Party</i>	<i>Cost Estimate</i>	<i>Funding Sources</i>
Population				
Perform a population study specific to Garden City. Participate in LOST negotiations.	2011-2013	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Submit a challenge to the Census Bureau related to the number of units undercounted in the 2010 Census for Garden City.	2011	City Manager's Office	\$15,000	General Fund
Economic Development				
Enter into an agreement with GPA for public safety services and buffer zone improvements	2011-2013	City Manager's Office	Staff Time	General Fund
Support development and promotion of the Farmer's Market as a source of local produce	2011-2016	Tourism Council and Planning Dept.	Staff Time	Tourism Fund/General Fund
Restore the Dotson House at new City Hall location as the Visitors Center for the City	2011-2013	Tourism Council	\$800,000	Tourism Fund
Identify and Create Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)	2011-2016	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Develop an Economic Development Plan for Garden City that includes appropriate commercial business recruitment and support.	2014	Planning Dept.	\$25,000	Grant Funding/General Fund
Natural and Cultural Resources				
Work with FEMA to expand the City's NFIP to participate in the Community Rating System	2011-2013	City Manager's Office	Staff Time	Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Implement the new Water Withdrawal permit conditions as outlined in the Coastal Water and Wastewater Permitting Plan	2011-2016	Water & Sewer Dept.	\$10,000 per year	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund
Update stormwater regulations in conjunction with the completion of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Coastal Supplement and Model Ordinance.	2011	City Manager's Office	\$2,000	Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Participate in any update of the Comprehensive Water Supply Management Plan	2011-2016	Water & Sewer Dept.	Staff Time	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund

Identify property for acquisition as community and pocket parks in accordance with the recommendations of the Needs Assessment.	2011-2012	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Participate in the Natural Resources Protection Commission and program through the MPC.	2011-2016	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Create an inventory and perform an assessment of the City's cultural, archeological, and historic resources.	2012	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Have an archeological survey performed at the Civil War site adjacent to Savannah Christian school (SCS) facility.	2013	Planning Dept.	\$5,000	General Fund/Grants
Preserve SCS Civil War site as a permanently protected park	2014-2015	Planning Dept.	To Be Decided	Grants/SPLOST
Contract with MPC to implement stormwater education and compliance program	2011-2016	Public Works Dept.	\$15,000 per year	Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Housing				
Apply for the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing Program through the Department of Community Affairs (DCA).	2011 - 2012	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Review and revise existing development regulations to identify and eliminate barriers to the provision of safe, decent, and affordable housing	2012-2013	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Review codes related to vacant structures to evaluate if the process for enforcement or acquisition can be streamlined.	2012-2013	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Expand the Wipe Out program to include targeted neighborhood clean ups.	2011-2016	Planning Dept./Public Works Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund/Solid Waste Enterprise Fund
Land Use				
Achieve "Minimum Standards" of compliance with The Regional Plan for Coastal Georgia.	2011-2016	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Review and improve the development review process to ensure compliance with City codes and timely review.	2012	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Review and revise zoning code to ensure conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Appendix.	2012-2013	Planning Dept.	\$30,000	General Fund

Develop overlay districts with design guidelines for the commercial redevelopment corridors of Hwy 17, 21, & 80.	2012-2013	Planning Dept.	\$30,000	General Fund
Develop a Masterplan for the Farmers Market area that includes restaurants and retail as well as connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods and commercial areas.	2014	Planning Dept.	\$15,000	General Fund/Grants
Facilities & Services				
Develop a drainage masterplan for the City and identify Special Drainage Districts within the City.	2011-2013	Public Works Dept.	\$125,000	Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Develop an inventory of the MS4 and a prioritized capital improvement program.	2011	Public Works Dept.	\$60,000	Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Develop a Parks and Recreation Masterplan	2012	Planning Dept./ Recreation Dept.	\$25,000	General Fund
Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a multi-use greenway along the Historic Savannah – Ogeechee Canal.	2012-2013	Planning Dept. / Recreation Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund
Continue to expand water & wastewater service south of I-16 to Silk Hope and Salt Creek areas.	2016	Water & Sewer Dept.	9,000,000	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund/GEFA
Proactively maintain the MS4 as required by the Phase I NPDES MS4 permit.	2011-2016	Public Works Dept.	\$250,000/year	Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Gain Water First certification through the DCA.	2011	Water & Sewer Dept.	\$2,000	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund
Implement fire hydrant expansion based on system analysis.	2012	Fire Dept.	\$25,000	Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund
Transportation				
Repave and establish curb & gutter on Chatham Parkway.	2014	Public Works Dept.	To Be Decided	General Fund/SPLOST
Repave and establish curb & gutter on Old Louisville Road and Kessler Avenue.	2016	Public Works Dept.	To Be Decided	General Fund/SPLOST
Resurface local streets as needed	2011-2016	Public Works Dept.	To Be Decided	LMIG/SPLOST
Apply for TE grant for SR 21, SR 307, US 80, US 17, or US 25 streetscape projects.	2013	Planning Dept.	Staff Time	General Fund

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Population		
Participate in Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)	Completed	
Perform a population study specific to Garden City. Coordinate with the County on population study and associated LOST allocation	Underway	The City is currently reviewing the census data and performing a study to verify the results.
Work with the Census Bureau to perform a "special census" that will focus on the Hispanic community	Completed	
Coordinate with Port Wentworth to support "Our Lady of Guadeloupe Day" festival	Canceled	Canceled due to funding availability
Economic Development		
Enter into an agreement with GPA for public safety services and buffer zone improvements	Underway	The City is in the process of reassessing the provision of public safety services at the Garden City terminal.
Work with GPA on the de-annexation of the triangle tract.	Canceled	GPA no longer expresses a desire to de-annex.
Hold annual BBQ festival, First Saturday craft markets, art festivals, flea markets, etc. at Farmer's Market	Postponed	Current economic condition prevent the City from supporting additional activities.
Restore the Dotson House at new City Hall location as the Visitors Center for the City	Underway	Current economic condition have delayed the completion of this project, but it is still underway.
Create an inventory of potential infill and redevelopment commercial properties along the redevelopment corridors	Completed	
Identify and Create Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)	Postponed	The City has yet to identify business owners who wish to participate in a BID tax district.
Work with Tourism Council to develop an Economic Development Plan for Garden City. This plan should include branding, marketing, and appropriate commercial business recruitment and support	Underway	The City has completed a rebranding effort in association with the new Town Center development.
Natural and Cultural Resources		

Perform a tree inventory of trees in the public ROW.	Canceled	The City is unable to fund this inventory due to current economic conditions.
Work with FEMA to expand the City's NFIP to participate in the Community Rating System	Underway	The City is currently preparing its application for the CRS program.
Implement the new Water Withdrawal permit conditions as outlined in the Coastal Water and Wastewater Permitting Plan	Underway	The City is currently in compliance with the special permit conditions of its Water Withdrawal Permit and will continue to perform the annual updates as
Update stormwater regulations in conjunction with the completion of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual Coastal Supplement and Model Ordinance.	Underway	The City has drafted a ordinance that is consistent with the CSS guidelines and is currently reviewing it prior to adoption.
Participate in the 2010 update of the Comprehensive Water Supply Management Plan	Postponed	The MPC coordinates this effort, and has not yet contacted the City regarding the 2010 update. The City still intends to participate if the MPC does perform an update.
Seek LEED certification for the Dotson House restoration project.	Canceled	Renovation of historic properties to LEED standards is to costly and burdensome for the City during this current economic climate.
Create an inventory and perform an assessment of the City's cultural, archeological, and historic resources.	Postponed	The City's budget does not currently allow for this expenditure, however, this task is still scheduled for implementation.
Identify greenspace property for acquisition.	Underway	The City has recently completed a Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment.
Consider the development of a City-operated Wetland Mitigation Bank as a method to fund the protection of wetlands.	Canceled	The City investigated the potential to created a wetland mitigation bank, and found that it was not feasible.
Consider participate in the MPC's Historic Preservation program or adopt a City Historic Preservation Ordinance and appoint a Historic Preservation Committee.	Canceled	The City has determined that this is not feasible due to the lack of City funding as well as the lack of historic properties appropriate for preservation.
Participate in the Natural Resources Protection Commission and program through the MPC.	Underway	
Require that all new planned unit developments preserve a certain percentage of greenspace.	Completed	The City has an openspace preservation requirement in its new Mixed-Use Zoning Ordinance.

Have an archeological survey performed at the Civil War site adjacent to Savannah Christian school facility.	Postponed	The City's budget does not currently allow for this expenditure, however, this task is still scheduled for implementation.
Preserve this Civil War site as a permanently protected park.	Postponed	The City's budget does not currently allow for this expenditure, however, this task is still scheduled for implementation.
Contract with MPC to implement stormwater education and compliance program	Underway	The City contracts annually with the MPC to perform this service.
Housing		
Review and revise existing development regulations to identify and eliminate barriers to the provision of safe, decent, and affordable housing	Postponed	The City began work to update its Zoning Ordinance in 2009, however, that work has been put on hold due to current economic issues.
Identify a mechanism to acquire vacant property to provide purchase/reuse opportunities.	Completed	The City procured grant funding to purchase dilapidated housing and demolish the structures, providing an opportunity for resale in infill.
Review codes related to vacant structures to evaluate if the process for enforcement or acquisition can be streamlined.	Underway	
Evaluate vacant structure demolition program, where the owner retains the property and the City demolishes the structure.	Completed	
Expand the Wipe Out program to include targeted neighborhood clean ups.	Underway	
Implement Mixed-Use Zoning District that allows for a variety of housing types and densities.	Completed	
Land Use		
Achieve "Minimum Standards" of compliance with the Coastal Comprehensive Plan.	Underway	This will be an ongoing task. Currently scheduled and completed ordinance updates will help to achieve this goal.
Review and revise zoning code to ensure conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Appendix.	Postponed	The City has begun a review and update of its zoning ordinance, but had to postpone the project due to budgetary concerns.
Update STWP	Completed	

Develop design guidelines or form based codes for the commercial redevelopment corridors of Hwy 17, 21, & 80.	Postponed	This task is still schedule for completion, however it has been postponed due to budgetary concerns.
Develop a Masterplan for the Farmers Market area that includes high-end restaurants and retail as well as connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods and commercial areas.	Postponed	The City applied for grant funding to improve connectivity of the Farmers Market to nearby residential neighborhoods, however it was not approved. This project is postponed until funding can be identified.
Update charter to reflect recent annexations, four-year terms, and any other recent changes.	Completed	
Adopt mixed-use zoning category.	Completed	
Allow for upstairs residential/downstairs commercial in mixed use and commercial areas.	Completed	
Facilities & Services		
Design and Build New Public Works Facility, ensure site is designed to comply with NPDES No Exposure Exclusion	Completed	
Work to have contaminated State Patrol Site certified as a brownfield.	Completed	This task has been completed and the property has already been redeveloped as a State Police training facility.
Construct new City Hall / Municipal Complex	Completed	
Set up a stormwater utility.	Completed	
Develop a drainage masterplan for the City	Underway	The City has completed the GIS infrastructure inventory which was the first step in this process.
Develop and implement a prioritized capital improvement program for the MS4.	Underway	The City will use the GIS inventory to develop a prioritized CIP list.
Upgrade/purchase new fire protection equipment	Completed	
Develop and implement a system to track citizen requests and monitor city/staff response.	Completed	
Develop a Parks and Recreation Masterplan	Underway	The City is currently conducted a recreational needs assessment.

Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a multi-use greenway along Raspberry Canal and Horse Shoe Canal that connects the area south of I-16, the new City Hall, Savannah Christian, and the Historic Savannah – Ogeechee Canal.	Underway	The City intends to focus efforts on the Historic Savannah - Ogeechee Canal in conjunction with efforts of the Savannah Ogeechee Canal Society.
Charge Impact Fees for Police and Fire Services	Completed	The City has adopted Impact Fees and is up to date with its CIE. Updating the CIE is an annual task.
Evaluate current water and wastewater infrastructure and develop a capital improvement plan	Completed	The City has created a CIP for Water and Wastewater infrastructure and is keeping it updated as new projects are identified.
Continue to expand water & wastewater service south of I-16	Postponed	This infrastructure expansion is postponed until funding becomes available.
Expand service capacity of the Public Works/stormwater department to include proactive maintenance of the MS4 as required by the Phase I NPDES MS4 permit.	Underway	The City has recently completed a GIS inventory and condition assessment of the stormwater system as well as an update to the NPDES Phase I MS4 SWMP.
Gain Water First certification through the DCA.	Underway	The City has been working on this exercise and expects to have its Certification Interview this year.
Complete a hydrology study and increase the number of fire hydrants to lower ISO rating.	Underway	System analysis is complete and this project is awaiting funding.
Transportation		
Build elevated walkway over Hwy 21	Canceled	This project is not currently in the CTP or is it schedule for implementation with GDOT or Garden City.
Repave and establish curb & gutter on Old Louisville Road and Kessler Avenue.	Postponed	This project is postponed until funding becomes available.
Apply for TE grant for Hwy 21 and Hwy 80 streetscape projects.	Postponed	The City will explore TE grant opportunities during the 2013 grant cycle.
Work with GPA and local residents to facilitate the Big Hill Road Train Crossing Closure.	Canceled	This project is infeasible due to the importance of this track to GPA and the minimal number of properties affected.

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF
GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA, ADOPTING THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT (CIE) 2011 ANNUAL
UPDATE AND THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
(STWP) OF THE GARDEN CITY COMPREHENSIVE
PLAN**

WHEREAS, Garden City, Georgia has prepared a 2011 Annual Update to its Capital Improvement Element and a Short Term Work Program as amendments to its Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, said CIE 2011 annual update and STWP were prepared in accordance with the "Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements" and "The Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning" adopted by the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to Georgia Planning Act of 1989, as amended, and held at a public hearing before the Mayor and Council for Garden City, Georgia, on July 18, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, said CIE 2011 annual update and STWP were transmitted by resolution of the Mayor and Council for Garden City, Georgia, to the Coastal Regional Commission and to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review and approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed and approved the CIE 2011 annual update and the STWP pursuant to state law and DCA regulations thereto; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for Garden City, Georgia, wish to now adopt the CIE 2011 annual update and STWP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council for Garden City, Georgia, do hereby adopt the CIE 2011 annual update and STWP as amendments to the City's comprehensive plan.

Adopted this the 17th day of October, 2011.

GARDEN CITY, GEORGIA

By: Tennyson Holder
Tennyson Holder, Mayor

Attest:

By: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles
Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, City Clerk