

PIERCE COUNTY

2012 STWP Update and Report of Accomplishments for Pierce County and the Cities of Blackshear and Patterson



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**PIERCE COUNTY, CITY OF BLACKSHEAR AND CITY OF PATTERSON
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS UPDATE (2007 – 2012)**

HOUSING					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue to work with public/private institutions to increase affordable standard housing opportunities for low and moderate income families throughout Pierce County.	County/Cities	n/a	CDBG/CHIP/USDA	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to eliminate blight areas throughout the county through condemnation, demolition, and rehabilitation projects.	County/Cities	n/a	Local/CDBG	2007-2012	Ongoing
Permit rural cluster or conservation sub-division design that incorporate significant amounts of open space.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Encourage compatible architecture styles that maintain the regional rural character, and should not include "franchise" or "corporate" architecture.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Develop ordinances that will encourage new development in areas that are in close proximity to reduce sprawl.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Underway
Develop zoning ordinances to reduce the types and numbers of mobile home parks that are created.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration

HOUSING					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Promote areas for new development that are in close proximity to public infrastructure, i.e. sewer and water.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to update ordinances and codes to protect against insufficient and poor quality in residential development.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Coordinate the efforts of the Planning Commissions in ordinance compliance and development of compatible uses and design criteria in historic districts and neighborhoods.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Develop strong pedestrian/bicycle connections to encourage residents to walk/bike to work, shop, and other designations in the area.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local/GDOT	2007-2012	Ongoing
Establish a redevelopment strategy for identified declining areas in the City of Blackshear, which focus on preserving and rehabilitating the original housing stock, while rebuilding on the remaining land attractive new neighborhoods following the principles of traditional neighborhood development.	Blackshear	Unknown	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

HOUSING					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Develop a Redevelopment Plan for declining areas within the City of Blackshear to obtain possible funding for housing opportunities to attract some of the projected growth, thus ensuring neighborhoods that are more stable with a large percentage of ownership.	Blackshear	2,000	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Seek state and federal funding for redevelopment in declining areas that will allow affordable housing to low and moderate income families.	Blackshear	n/a	USDA/CHIP/CDBG	2007-2012	Ongoing
Promote redevelopment efforts in declining areas of the City of Blackshear, where housing conditions are worsening due to low rate of homeownership and neglect of property.	Blackshear	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Promote homeownership to low and moderate income families through state and federal housing programs.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Establish historic preservation where applicable.	County/Cities	Staff Time		2007-2012	Ongoing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue to provide infrastructure for industrial and residential development.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local CDBG EDA USDA GEFA	2007-2012	Completed
Continue to fully develop the industrial park, water sewer, paved streets, drainage, lighting, etc.	County/Cities	2 million	Local EDA USDA One GA CDBG	2007-2012	Completed
Continue to participate in the Pierce County/Blackshear/Patterson Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce to promote economic development.	County/Cities	110,519	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to develop programs in conjunction with Pierce County/City of Blackshear Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce to market the area in order to expand the business base for economic development.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Organize county-wide recruiting efforts to attract appropriate employers based on high quality of life in Pierce County.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Analyze the local economy composition and industry contribution to determine whether the community depends on a few industries, how local businesses are performing, what opportunities exist for the local economy and what gaps in the industry mix could be filled to enhance the local economy.	Authority County Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Establish a process for identifying businesses that best suit the community.	Authority County Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Underway
Find and/or create the training resources that are needed by the local workforce, including formal education institutions , and specialized programs.	County BOE Cities	Staff Time	DOT OTC Wayx College	2007-2012	Completed
Explore incorporating capital improvement programs.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Underway
Evaluate various financing methods for new infrastructure.	County/Authorities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Underway
Develop and enforce zoning and land development regulations for high-intensity uses, to reduce sprawl and enable local government to better manage future development.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local/RC	2007-2012	Ongoing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Require traffic studies for new development in known congested areas.	County/Cities	10,000	Local/DOT	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Consider land use transitions to adjacent uses.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Require aesthetic and building materials standards for buildings, signs and landscaping for commercial properties, office space and shopping centers.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Completed
Evaluate which industries, sectors, and clusters are the most compatible with the county and develop a program to attract them.	County/Authorities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Underway
Seek funding avenues that will assist the Cities of Blackshear and Patterson in providing local and outside entrepreneurs to expand or locate in the downtown area.	County	n/a	EIP RLF DDF	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to work with the National Register nomination process for the downtown areas of Blackshear and Patterson.	Cities	n/a	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Develop zoning techniques for mixed-use zoning that allows different types of use (i.e. housing, commercial, and office) to locate within the downtown areas of Blackshear and Patterson.	Cities/DDA	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Completed

NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue to work towards the establishment of a Historic District and the creation of an Historic Resources Commission.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local/RC	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to establish historic resources protection ordinances within the county.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to work on the National Register nomination process for the downtown areas of Blackshear and Patterson.	Cities	Staff Time	Local/DDA	2007-2012	Ongoing
Adopt a Groundwater Recharge Area Protection ordinance consistent with the Environmental Planning Criteria to ensure more control over new development.	County/Cities	1,000 2,000	Local	2007-2009	Completed

NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Adopt a River Corridor Protection ordinance to designate the Little Satilla River and the Satilla River as protected rivers.	County/Cities	1,000 2,000	Local	2007-2009	Completed
Adopt a Water Supply Watershed Protection ordinance consistent with Georgia's Environmental Planning Criteria limiting imperviousness within the watershed to less than 25 percent.	County/Cities	1,000 2,000	Local	2007-2009	Completed
Identify appropriate areas and funding sources for fee simple acquisition.	County/Cities	5,000	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Require open space conservation subdivisions to incorporate designated greenways and trails.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Enforce Best Management Practices (BMP) for any land disturbance activities associated with new development, including tree harvesting and utility construction.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local/DNR	2007-2012	Ongoing
Perform a study of the infrastructure network to determine the cost feasibility of joint county, city participation in infrastructure network.	County/Cities	25,000	Local	2007-2012	Abandoned – No longer desired.

NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Enforce large-lot zoning (minimum 10-acre lots) except for approved conservation subdivisions to preserve the economic function of agriculture, livestock and forestry in Pierce County.	County	Not known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Employ a conservation subdivision ordinance consistent with policy.	County/Cities	Not known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Prohibit junkyards and equipment storage in areas that would be visible from the highway.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Develop and enforce strict ordinances for the development of mobile home parks.	County/Cities	Not known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Develop and enforce a strict ordinance for installing single family manufactured homes, which are not located in a mobile home park.	County/Cities	Not known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Discourage the extension of public utilities in environmentally sensitive areas.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Enforce the illegal dumping ordinance.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Prepare a "right to farm" ordinance.	County	Not known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Allow limited land splits for heirs.	County	n/a	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Prioritize areas for additional greenspace acquisition/design.	County	Not known at	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
		this Time			
Promote the use of state, federal and local financial incentives for the rehabilitation of historic properties by private owners, with an emphasis on the downtown areas of Blackshear and Patterson.	County	Not known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Require, with minor exceptions, residential subdivisions to use compatible architecture styles that maintain the regional rural character.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Promote the use of conservation easements by land owners.	County	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

PUBLIC FACILITIES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue remodeling old public building for community centers and public recreational use.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local/CDBG/DNR	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to improve recreational programs and facilities within the county.	County/Blackshear	100,000	Local/LDF/DNR	2007-2012	Ongoing

PUBLIC FACILITIES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue to support the development of public infrastructure project that improve drainage and transportation systems in specific areas in Pierce County.	County/Cities	n/a	Local/DOT/CDBG	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to update the Blackshear/Pierce County/Patterson Volunteer Fire Department Master Plans.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to upgrade fire equipment in the Pierce County, Blackshear, Patterson and Offerman Volunteer Fire Department, including vehicles, breathing gear, turnout gear, and other fire fighting equipment.	County/Cities	650,000	Local/State/Federal	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to study the feasibility of the consolidation of law enforcement and other services in Pierce County.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to support cultural activities in the city and county, including the Pecan Festival, the Spirit of Liberty and the Spirit of Christmas celebrations.	County Blackshear Patterson	10,000 3,500 3,500	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to support the Pierce County/Cities of Blackshear and Patterson Joint Planning Commission.	County	24,500	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

PUBLIC FACILITIES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue to work with the RC and others to update existing zoning ordinances and zoning maps in an environmentally sensitive format that will be administered through the Joint Planning Commission.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Work closely with GA DOT and others in developing a corridor congestion management plan with functional classifications to determine curves, cuts and access points along Highway 84 where potential congestion will occur.	County/Blackshear	Not Known at this Time	Local/DOT	2007-2012	Ongoing
Develop and adopt a rights-of-way ordinance for future development, including commercial, industrial and residential.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Promote street design that fosters alternative means of transportation through the creation of a community-wide pedestrian/bike path network.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local/DOT	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to identify road intersections that are a threat to public safety; organize a system for upgrading and modifying road design in order to increase public safety.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

PUBLIC FACILITIES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Develop a corridor Congestion Management Plan with functional classifications to determine curves, cuts and access points along Highway 84.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local/DOT	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Work toward improving traffic flow design and operations, specifically in densely settled areas.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local/DOT	2007-2012	Ongoing
Promote the existing rural transit system and seek additional funds in order to operate the system 7-days per week.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Provide assistance to maintain the drainage/reconstructing drainage canals in the Cities of Blackshear, Patterson, and Offerman.	County/Cities	n/a	Local/DOT/CDBG	2007-2012	Ongoing
Construct a new library within Pierce County for all residents of this community.	County	2.4m	Local/USDA/State Library	2007-2012	Completed
Explore inter-jurisdictional and inter-agency opportunities for infrastructure expansion, maximizing the efficiency of financial investment.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Evaluate current water distribution and determine and correct deficiencies in order to maximize water flow, and fire protection to future growth areas.	Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

PUBLIC FACILITIES					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Evaluate current sewage collection systems to determine possible areas of infiltration and make needed corrections to maximize sewer capacity for future growth areas.	Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Explore areas where impact fee requirements would facilitate expedited infrastructure improvements.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing/Under Consideration
Develop a strategic implementation plan for Emergency/Public Safety and Code Enforcement which is based on anticipated growth and targeted to high growth areas.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Completed
Better communication/collaboration between local governments and Board of Education on education needs of children within the community.	County Cities BOE	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Develop plans for paving dirt roads in high density areas.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local/DOT/CDBG	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue local enforcement of state guidelines related to septic tank usage and drain field requirements.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

LAND USE					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue working with the RC to update existing zoning ordinances and zoning maps in an environmentally sensitive format that will be administered through the Joint Planning Commission.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue working on ordinances of environmentally sensitive areas, including but not limited to, agriculture and forestry land.	County/Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Develop ordinances and standards that will use land efficiently to avoid the costs and problems associated with urban sprawl.	County	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Encourage reinvestment and redevelopment opportunities within existing municipalities, especially where in-fill development is feasible.	Cities	Not Known at this Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Reserve land for commercial/industrial growth in areas with sufficient infrastructure and access to accommodate economic development initiatives.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Create public/private partnerships that identify financially feasible opportunities for preserving agricultural land and greenspace.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

LAND USE					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Encourage traditional neighborhood development.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Encourage the development of greenways and pedestrian trails, as well as providing more sidewalks within the cities and require development to pave streets and provide sidewalks within all new development.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Make decisions on new development, which will contribute to, not take away from, the community's character and sense of place.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Encourage the development of downtown as a vibrant center of the community in order to improve the overall attractiveness and local quality of life.	Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Review and access land planning and development concepts from other communities that may be new to Pierce County, but are successful in other places.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Ensure that information on new zoning laws and ordinances are provided to the public through Public Awareness measures.	County/Cities	5,000	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

LAND USE					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Continue to support the Pierce County/Blackshear/Patterson Joint Planning Commission.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Work more closely with the Board of Education on information for decision making processes.	County/Cities/Board	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Continue to work with all local agencies to have a better understanding of state, federal and local laws, rules and regulations that govern all agencies.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Consider future intergovernmental coordination with the City of Waycross and/or City of Blackshear in order to provide adequate infrastructure to accommodate projected growth in the county.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing
Seek opportunities to share services and facilities with other neighboring jurisdictions when mutually beneficial.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION					
Description/Activity	Responsible Party	Costs	Funding Source	Timeframe	ROA
Encourage cooperative planning between the local government and local school board in regard to the appropriate location and use of schools as community facilities.	County/Cities	Staff Time	Local	2007-2012	Ongoing

**PIERCE COUNTY, CITY OF BLACKSHEAR AND CITY OF PATTERSON
 FIVE-YEAR SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM
 (2012 – 2017)**

HOUSING							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue to work with public/private institutions to increase affordable standard housing opportunities for low and moderate income families throughout Pierce County.	County and Cities - CDBG/CHIP/USDA	n/a	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to eliminate blight areas throughout the county through condemnation, demolition, and rehabilitation projects.	County and Cities - Local/CDBG	n/a	X	X	X	X	X
Establish a redevelopment strategy for identified declining areas in the City of Blackshear, and develop a Redevelopment Plan.	Blackshear - Local	15,000		x	x		
Seek state and federal funding for redevelopment in declining areas that will facilitate the provision of affordable housing to low and moderate income families.	Blackshear - USDA/CHIP/CDBG	n/a	X	X	X	X	X
Promote homeownership to low and moderate income families.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X

HOUSING							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Participate in the state's Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) program.	County and Cities - Local and DCA	5,000			x	x	x

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue to participate in the IDBA and Chamber of Commerce to promote economic development, and develop programs to market the area.	County and Cities - Local	85,000	x	x	x	x	x
Continue county-wide recruiting efforts to attract appropriate employers.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Continue the business analysis of the local economy composition and industry contribution of the cities and the county.	Authority County Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Explore the feasibility of adopting capital improvement programs in each community.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time		x			
Evaluate various financing methods for new infrastructure.	County and Authority - Local	2,000		x	x		

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Seek funding avenues that will assist the Cities of Blackshear and Patterson to recruit local and outside entrepreneurs to expand or locate in the downtown area.	County - EIP, RLF, DDF	n/a	x	x	x	x	x
Promote the county's recently achieved Work Ready status to all potential new businesses and industries.	County/Cities/IDBA and Chamber of Commerce - Local	2,500 and staff time	x	x	x	x	x
Establish an Enterprise Zone or Opportunity Zone within the cities to encourage redevelopment and infill.	Cities - Local and RC	10,000			x	x	
Encourage reinvestment and redevelopment opportunities within existing municipalities, especially where in-fill development is feasible.	Cities - Local	Not Known at this Time	x	x	x	x	x
Reserve land for commercial/industrial growth in areas with sufficient infrastructure and access to accommodate economic development initiatives.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x

NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue to work towards the establishment of an Historic District and the creation of an Historic Resources Commission.	County and Cities - Local and RC	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to establish historic resources protection ordinances within the county.	County - Local	3,500	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to work on the National Register nomination process for the downtown areas of Blackshear and Patterson.	Cities - Local and DDA	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Identify appropriate areas and funding sources for fee simple acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands.	County and Cities - Local	5,000		x			
Enforce Best Management Practices (BMP) for any land disturbance activities associated with new development, including tree harvesting and utility construction.	County and Cities - Local and DNR	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Enforce large-lot zoning (minimum 10-acre lots) to preserve the economic function of agriculture, livestock and forestry in Pierce County.	County - Local	Not known at this Time	x	x	x	x	x
Evaluate the benefits and costs of employing a conservation subdivision ordinance consistent with policy.	County and Cities - Local	Not known at this Time		x			

NATURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Discourage the extension of public utilities in environmentally sensitive areas.	County and Cities - Local	1,500 and Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to enforce the illegal dumping ordinance.	County - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Allow limited land splits for heirs.	County - Local	n/a	x	x	x	x	x
Evaluate ways to prioritize areas for additional greenspace acquisition/design.	County - Local	Not known at this Time	x	x			
Continue to promote all financial incentives for the rehabilitation of historic properties by private owners, with an emphasis on the downtown areas of Blackshear and Patterson.	County - Local	Not known at this Time	x	x	x	x	x
Promote the use of conservation easements by land owners.	County - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Seek funding for the development of confederate prison war sites within Pierce County as local historical tourist areas.	County - DNR	Staff Time			x		
Coordinate all efforts in ordinance compliance and development of compatible uses and design criteria in historic districts and neighborhoods.	County and Cities - Local	2,500 and Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x

PUBLIC FACILITIES							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue remodeling vacant public buildings for community centers and public recreational use, as feasible.	County and Cities - Local/CDBG/DNR	Not Known at this Time	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to support and improve recreational programs and facilities within the county.	County and Blackshear - Local/LDF/DNR	100,000	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to support public infrastructure projects that improve drainage and transportation systems in Pierce County.	County and Cities - Local/DOT/CDBG	n/a	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to update the Blackshear/Pierce County/Patterson Volunteer Fire Department Master Plans, as needed.	County and Cities - Local	7,500	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to upgrade fire equipment in the Pierce County, Blackshear, Patterson and Offerman Volunteer Fire Department, as needed.	County and Cities - Local/State/Federal	650,000	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to study the feasibility of the consolidation of law enforcement and other services in Pierce County.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to support all cultural activities and festivals in the cities and county.	County and Cities - Local	75,000	X	X	X	X	X
Work with GA DOT and others in developing a corridor congestion management plan.	County and Blackshear - Local/DOT	25,000		X	X	X	

PUBLIC FACILITIES							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Organize a system for upgrading and modifying road design in order to increase public safety.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X
Work toward improving traffic flow design and operations, specifically in congested areas.	County and Cities - Local/DOT	Not Known at this Time	X	X	X	X	X
Promote the existing rural transit system and seek additional funds in order to operate the system 7-days per week.	County and Cities - Local	5,000	X	X	X	X	X
Provide assistance to maintain the drainage canals in the Cities of Blackshear, Patterson, and Offerman.	County and Cities - Local/DOT/CDBG	n/a	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to explore inter-jurisdictional and inter-agency opportunities for infrastructure expansion, maximizing the efficiency of financial investments.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X
Evaluate current water distribution and sewage collection systems, determine and correct deficiencies, and maximize capacity for future growth areas.	Cities - Local	Staff Time		X	X	X	
Explore areas where impact fee requirements would expedite infrastructure improvements.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time		X			
Develop plans for paving dirt roads in high density areas.	County and Cities - Local/DOT/CDBG	Not Known at this Time		X	X		

PUBLIC FACILITIES							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue local enforcement of state guidelines related to septic tank usage and drain field requirements.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X
Work with the DOT to establish a school zone at County Farm Road and Highway 84.	County and BOE - DOT	5,000	X	X	X	X	X
Seek funding for the centralizing of all recreational fields and facilities to maximize efficiency and convenience for all residents.	County and Cities - Local/DNR/CDBG	Staff Time	X	X	X	X	X
Continue to renovate vacant existing schools for reuse.	BOE - Local	Not Known at this Time	X	X	X	X	X
Develop strong pedestrian/bicycle connections to encourage residents to walk/bike to work, shop, and other designations in the community.	County and Cities - Local/DOT	60,000	X	X	X	X	X

LAND USE							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue working with the RC to update existing zoning ordinances and maps that will be administered through the Joint Planning Commission.	County and Cities - Local	20,000	x	x	x	x	x
Continue working on ordinances of environmentally sensitive areas.	County and Cities - Local	Not Known at this Time	x	x	x	x	x

LAND USE							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue to create public/private partnerships that identify financially feasible opportunities for preserving agricultural land and greenspace.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Encourage traditional neighborhood development.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Encourage the development of greenways, pedestrian trails, and sidewalks within the cities.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Require developers to pave streets and provide sidewalks within all new development.	County and Cities - Local	2,500 and staff time	x	x	x	x	x
Encourage new development to enhance the community's character and sense of place.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to encourage the development of downtown as a vibrant center of the community.	Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Access and review successful land planning and development concepts from other communities.	County and Cities - Local	3,000	x	x	x	x	x
Update the public on new zoning laws and ordinances through Public Awareness measures.	County and Cities - Local	5,000	x	x	x	x	x
Consider separating incompatible land uses with a compatible land use.	County and Cities - Local	Not Known at this Time		x			

LAND USE							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Prepare a "right to farm" ordinance.	County - Local	5,000		x	x		
Consider requiring traffic studies for new development in known congested areas.	County and Cities - Local/DOT	10,000		x			
Promote sub-division design that incorporates significant amounts of open space.	County - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Encourage compatible architecture styles that maintain the character of the region.	County - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Develop ordinances that will encourage infill and cluster development.	County - Local	7.500		x	x	x	
Continue to update ordinances and codes to protect against insufficient and poor quality housing.	County - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to guide new growth/development to areas with existing public infrastructure.	County - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Continue to support the Pierce County/Cities of Blackshear and Patterson Joint Planning Commission.	County - Local	24,500	x	x	x	x	x
Evaluate the benefits and costs of prohibiting junkyards and equipment storage in areas that would be visible from the highway.	County - Local	Staff Time		x			

LAND USE							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Evaluate the benefits and costs of developing ordinances to guide the placement of mobile home parks and single family manufacture homes in the county and cities.	County - Local	Not known at this Time			x		
Develop and adopt a rights-of-way ordinance for future development, including commercial, industrial and residential.	County and Cities - Local/DOT	12,500				X	X

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Continue to work with all local agencies to have a better understanding of state, federal and local laws, and rules and regulations that govern all agencies.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Seek opportunities to share services and facilities with other neighboring jurisdictions when mutually beneficial.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x
Encourage cooperative planning between the local government and local school board in regard to the appropriate location of school facilities.	County and Cities - Local	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION							
Description/Activity	Resp. Party - Funding Source	Costs	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16
Improve communication/collaboration between local governments and Board of Education on education information and needs of the community.	County, Cities and BOE - Local Cities BOE	Staff Time	x	x	x	x	x

RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT
THE 2012 Update to the Short Term Work Program

WHEREAS, the Chairman and the Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County, Georgia, have completed the update of the Pierce County items contained in the Short-Term Procedures of the Joint Pierce County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, this draft was prepared in accordance with the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 01, 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 July 03, 2012, to receive public input for the adoption of the Draft STWP update to the Joint Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman and Board of County Commissioners of Pierce County 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.



Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


County Clerk

RESOLUTION 2012-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLACKSHEAR CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACKSHEAR, GEORGIA ADOPTING THE 2012 UPDATE TO THE SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM IN THE JOINT PIERCE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Blackshear, Georgia, have completed an update of the City of Blackshear items contained in the Short-Term Work Program of the Joint Pierce 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 July 3, 2012, to receive public input for adoption of the draft STWP update to the Joint Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.

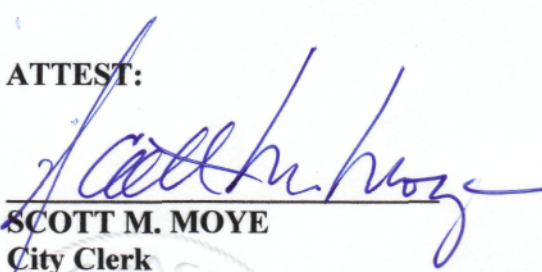
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLACKSHEAR CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACKSHEAR, GEORGIA, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The Mayor and the Blackshear City Council of the City of Blackshear do hereby adopt the 2012 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.

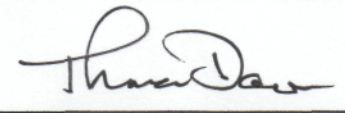
SECTION TWO. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED this 9th day of October, 2012.

ATTEST:


SCOTT M. MOYE
City Clerk

CITY OF BLACKSHEAR


THOMAS W. DAVIS
Mayor

SEAL



RESOLUTION

TO ADOPT

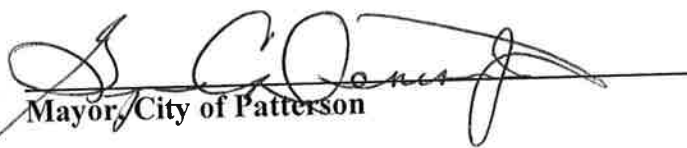
The 2012 Update to the Short Term Work Program


WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson, Georgia, have completed an update of the City of Patterson items contained in the Short-Term Work Program of the Joint Pierce 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 July 3, 2012, to receive public input for adoption of the draft STWP update to the Joint Pierce County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Patterson 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.


Mayor, City of Patterson


City Clerk