

Stewart County

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2007-2011

RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION

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COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Activity	Status	Explanation
Establish and maintain a County website	Completed	
Re-surface Pleasant Valley Rd.	Completed	
Re-surface Trotman Rd.	Not Accomplished	Lack of Funds, Finish in 2016
Resurface Green Grove Road, Carter's Spur, County Line, Lyons Street, Sixth Avenue, Fitzgerald Street, Savannah Street, Moore's Store Road (last 5 in Omaha), CCA Prison Road	Completed 5 of 10 roads listed	Will finish other roads by 2015
Replace Hannahatchee Bridge	Postponed	Bridge is closed to traffic, Will look to replace by 2016
Replace Mathis Store Road Bridge	Completed	
Resurface Hitchitee Creek Road	Not Accomplished	Did not resurface, Low priority, Will resurface by 2013
Get Computer training for Commission staff and officers	Completed	
Complete the new Sheriff's office	Completed	
Acquire a new motor grader	Completed	
Renovate the Old Jail Building	Underway	Estimated date of Completion is 2014
Move the Cooperative Extension into compatible facilities (Old Jail)	Completed	Moved into Health Department Building
Support 4 County Transit Program	Completed	Facility is operational
Inventory all public facilities and establish regular maintenance and replacement schedule	Completed	
Complete Courthouse Renovation	Completed	
Implement E-911	Completed	
Support the 4-H program with a full-time staffer	Not Completed	Lack of funds, will complete in 2012
Support the 4-H program with a transport vehicle for youth	Postponed	Lack of funds, will complete in 2013
Establish a County recreation program in partnership with High School	Not Accomplished	Lack of Funding. Not a priority over the next five years.
Consolidate EMS site and equipment into one location	Completed	
Plan for three eventual EMS locations (Richland, Lumpkin, Omaha/Florence)	Completed 2 of 3	Look to add a EMS Facility in Omaha by 2016
Purchase necessary equipment and vehicles for public safety and public service departments	Completed	
Support Regional Broadband Initiative	Underway	This is difficult to accomplish working with other counties and cities in the RV region to get broadband services. Wish to see moderate progress in this area by 2016.
Expand and improve the County water system to provide better service to residents	Completed	
Pave dirt roads in County as needed	Not Accomplished	Lack of Funds/ Low priority, difficult to justify expenditure of funds when

		many of these roads have no residents; looking at cheaper ways to stabilize roads and reduce erosion Will begin process in 2014.
Inventory all public facilities and establish regular maintenance and replacement schedule	Completed	
Support addition of bike lanes on GA Hwy 39	Underway	Commission still supports the addition of bike lanes on Ga HWY 39, Estimated completion 2016
Establish public restrooms that are open to the public at various locations throughout the county including Lumpkin and Richland	Not Accomplished	Lack of funds, no longer a BOC priority

NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

Activity	Status	Explanation
Create and enforce improved waste management procedures and codes	Completed	
Develop, adopt and enforce Historic Preservation Ordinance	Not Accomplished	Will adopt by 2015
Begin improved conservation management at bridges on dirt roads	Postponed	Lack of Funds/ Low priority, difficult to justify expenditure of funds when many of these roads have no residents; looking at cheaper ways to stabilize roads and reduce erosion. Will begin conservation activities in 2015.
Enforce environmental codes on land disturbances such as new home construction and timber harvests	Completed	Created a code enforcement position
Evaluate the impact of hunting and fishing , positive and negative on the County	Not Accomplished	No longer a county priority. Will not be included in 2012-2016 STWP Update.
Determine if new code concerning hunting and fishing camps is needed	Completed	
Develop new full-time position of Code Enforcement Officer (to be funded jointly by Lumpkin, Richland, and Stewart County and serve County-wide)	Completed(Just County)	
Encourage Land owners to adopt Best Management Protection	Completed	
Adopt Part V Planning Criteria for Wetlands and Groundwater Recharge Areas	Not Completed	Adopt by 2016

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Activity	Status	Explanation
Develop landscaping at County entranceways	Not Accomplished	Lack of funding. Will work with cities to complete by 2015
Encourage highway signage to conform to compatibility standards	Completed	
Encourage community pride in clean streets, lots, and byways	Completed	
Support creation of Stewart County Chamber of Commerce	Not Accomplished	BOC is still interested in Creating a joint Chamber of Commerce. Finish by 2013.
Reactivate Stewart County Development Authority	Not	BOC is still interested in Creating a

	Accomplished	Stewart County Development Authority will complete by 2012.
Support creation of Scenic By-Ways Designation of GA Highway 39	Underway	BOC still supports project. Scenic By-Way designing has not happened yet will work with Clay County and RVRC to get by designation by 2016.
Market the County for trophy deer hunting purposes	Not Accomplished	Need a Chamber of Commerce to market Stewart County. Will try to establish Chamber of Commerce by 2013.
Develop and implement a Gateways Program at entrances to city	Not Accomplished	BOC is still interested in creating a gateways program. Finish by 2015.
Support additional technical education programs at High School	Completed	
Work with Fort Benning to take advantage of expansion	Not Accomplished	County has adopted a resolution to fight Ft. Benning expansion into Stewart County.
Implement a Business and Retention Program	Not Accomplished	Chamber of Commerce needs to be established first. Establish by 2013.

HOUSING

Activity	Status	Explanation
Recruit housing development which meets high standards for quality and affordability	Not Accomplished	Development in Stewart County is very limited. Added compatibility standards for manufactured homes will work with the cities on design guidelines. 2012.
Adopt Subdivision regulations	Completed	
Pursue housing redevelopment programs to renovate/ rebuild substandard housing throughout the County	Not Accomplished	Infrastructure needs and improvement are the number one priority for the next five years.
Adopt an ordinance to enable the County to raze/ remove all uninhabitable and unsafe structures in the County.	Not Accomplished	Will revisit the issue in 2015

LAND USE

Activity	Status	Explanation
Target and promote "niche market" uses for existing farmland	Not Accomplished	Need a Chamber to promote said Activities. Will try to establish a Chamber by 2016.
Discourage conversion of farms to forests	Not Accomplished	Not a County Priority. Will not continue to the next STWP.
Develop a Joint Sign Ordinance with Lumpkin and Richland	Postponed	Will complete by 2014
Develop design guidelines to ensure appropriate new and infill development	Postponed	Will work with RVRC to adopt design guidelines and to review infill ordinances. Complete by 2014
Develop a Redevelopment Plan	Postponed	Reviewed Draft Ordinance but took no action. Will revisit the issue in 2015
Apply for Opportunity Zone designation from DCA	Postponed	Reviewed Draft Ordinance but took no action. Will revisit the issue in 2015
Complete inventory of land available for development	Not Accomplished	Will work with RVRC to complete inventory by 2014

Develop compatibility standards for Manufactured Housing Units	Completed	
Explore the idea of county consolidation	Completed	
Discourage new housing on existing farm land	Completed	
Review Comprehensive Plan	Underway	Completed by January 2012
Review and Update Solid Waste Management Plan	Underway	Completed by 2012
Encourage Planning Commission members to attend training on new zoning regulations and best practices	Completed	

ADOPTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 enacted by the Georgia General Assembly mandated that each of Georgia's 159 counties and cities prepare a Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Stewart County prepared the required Comprehensive Plan Update Report of Accomplishment and 5-year Update of its Short Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution, Stewart County certifies that the plan update was reviewed by the River Valley Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and found to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Plans; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Stewart County does hereby adopt the Short Term Work Program Comprehensive Plan Update.

Resolved this 14th day of February, 2012.



Honorable Joe Lee Williams
Chairman, Stewart County

Attest:





Diane Babb, County Clerk