

Baker County Short Term Work 2012-2016

Work Program	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Element: Housing								
Identify dilapidated manufactured housing and develop demolition plan	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$5,000	Grants
Seek grant funding for demolition of manufactured housing	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$200,000	Grants
Develop an efficient permitting and fee system to license contractors	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$2,000	General Fund
Examine the possibilities of the remediation of dilapidated manufactured housing stock	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	\$1,000	General Fund
Adopt Building Codes			X	X	X	County	variable	General Fund
Element: Natural Resources								
Work with DNR to develop a plan for preservation and use (eco-tourism) for activities on Flint River	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$10,000	Grants, College & University Programs
Continue support of Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related agricultural regulations.	X	X	X	X	X	County, NRCS, Forestry Service, RC	N/A	Operating Budgets
Appoint local representatives, as needed, to attend River Basin Management Plan meetings.		X	X	X	X	County	N/A	General Fund
Write and adopt County wide sign ordinance	X	X	X			County/RC	\$2,000	General Fund
Element: Historic/Archaeological Resources								
Identify properties eligible from survey for historic designation	X	X	X	X	X	County/RC	\$2,000	General Fund
Work with Baker County Historical Society to nominate properties or districts to the National Register with assistance from RDC Preservation Planner		X	X	X	X	County, Historical Society, RC	\$1,000	Grant, General Fund
Get Highways 37 & 91 Identified as scenic byways		X	X	X	X	City, County, RC, DOT	N/A	N/A

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Element: Economic Development								
Work with GA Tech or UGA to research and formulate plan for agritourism	X	X	X	X	X	County	No cost if University or Tech School utilized	N/A
Establish committee to act as liaison between local governments and economic development agencies to provide guidance in the establishment of economic development programs. (This committee will be composed of citizens appointed by the county to augment efforts of the Baker, Dougherty, Lee and Terrell joint economic development authority.)	X	X	X	X	X	County	N/A	Operating Budget

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Develop a county economic development plan which outlines projects of the committee		X	X			Economic Development Committee	N/A	County Operating Budget
Present county economic development plan to County Commission for approval and funding of projects.				X	X	ED Committee	N/A	Grants, General Funds
Conduct a BREP survey with assistance from DITT staff	X	X	X	X	X	ED Committee	N/A	DITT funds
Support efforts to develop downtown Newton area	X	X	X	X	X	County, ED Committee	N/A	General Funds
Expansion of County Website with links to local businesses to emphasize the agri-tourism opportunities, promote Quail festival and the actions of local Governments. Website should be linked to other online regional resources sites	X	X	X	X	X	County, ED Committee	N/A	General Funds
Create a County/City Capital Improvement plan and budget		X	X	X	X	County/City	\$2,000	General Funds
Element: Community Facilities								
Work with local school to utilize school building as community resource center	X	X	X	X	X	County/School System	N/A	N/A
Continue road and drainage projects according to current annual priority list	X	X	X	X	X	County, DOT	\$1 million	County, DOT, Grants
Continue Bridge Construction and ROW acquisition according to current annual priority list	X	X	X	X	X	County, DOT	Variable	County, DOT
Continue development of long term maintenance plan for governmental facilities	X	X	X	X	X	County, RC	N/A	Operating Budget
Develop plan for facility and operational improvements to fire protection to improve ISO rating for county, including consolidation of city and county departments	X	X	X	X	X	County/Newton	N/A	Operating Budget
Work with Albany/Dougherty County to educate and build support for continuation of volunteer recycling program.		X	X	X	X	County/Newton	N/A	Operating Budget

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Element: Recreation Facilities/Services								
Formulate plan for developing small community parks in the most heavily populated sections of the county		X	X	X	X	County, RC	N/A	General Fund
Research efforts to pursue funding to develop small community parks through available grants	X	X	X	X	X	County, RC	Varies	General Fund
Element: Land Use								
Review comprehensive plan for updates	X	X	X	X	X	County, RC	N/A	DCA
Update Short Term Work Program (STWP)	X	X	X	X	X	County, RC	N/A	DCA

Baker County STWP Report of Accomplishments (ROA) 2007-2011

Work Program	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	STATUS
Element: Housing									
Contract for building inspection/permit services	X	X	X	X	X	County	variable	fees/GF	No longer being considered - financial reasons
Develop an efficient permitting and fee system to license contractors	X								Postponed-financial reasons
Examine the possibilities of the remediation of dilapidated manufactured housing stock	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	variable	Fees	Underway
Adopt Building Codes	X	X	X	X	X	County	variable	General Fund	Postponed-financial reasons
Element: Natural Resources									
Continue support of Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related agricultural regulations.	X	X	X	X	X	County, NRCS, Forestry Service, RDC	N/A	Operating Budgets	Underway
Appoint local representatives, as needed, to attend River Basin Management Plan meetings.		X	X			County	N/A	General Fund	Underway
Write and adopt County wide sign ordinance		X	X			County/RDC	\$2,000	General Fund	Postponed-further study
Element: Historic/Archaeological Resources									
Apply for funding for countywide historic resources survey from State Historic Preservation office		X	X			County/RDC	\$4,000	Grant, General Fund	Completed
Work with Baker County Historical Society to nominate properties or districts to the National Register with assistance from RDC Preservation Planner	X	X	X	X	X	County, Historical Society, RDC	\$1,000	Grant, General Fund	Underway
Get Highways 37 & 91 Identified as scenic byways	X	X	X		X	City, County, RDC, DOT	N/A	N/A	Postponed-further study
Promote Heritage Education programs in Baker County Elementary School and Mitchell-Baker High School	X	X	X	X	X	Historical Society, School System,	N/A	Operating Budgets	Completed
Element: Economic Development									

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Establish committee to act as liaison between local governments and economic development agencies to provide guidance in the establishment of economic development programs. (This committee will be composed of citizens appointed by the county to augment efforts of the Baker, Dougherty, Lee and Terrell joint economic development authority.)	X					County	N/A	Operating Budget	Postponed-Lack of local support or commitment

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Develop a county economic development plan which outlines projects of the committee	X					Economic Development Committee	N/A	County Operating Budget	Postponed-Lack of local support or commitment
Present county economic development plan to County Commission for approval and funding of projects.	X	X				ED Committee	N/A	Grants, General Funds	Postponed-Lack of local support or commitment
Conduct a BREP survey with assistance from DITT staff		X		X		ED Committee	N/A	DITT funds	Postponed-Lack of local support or commitment
Support re-use of vacant commercial structures	X	X	X	X	X	ED Committee, County	\$500,000	EIP Grant	Completed
Complete streetscape/park plan for Courthouse Square-Newton	X	X				ED Committee, County	\$300,000	TEA Grant	Completed
Support efforts to develop downtown Newton area	X	X	X	X	X	County, ED Committee	N/A	General Funds	Underway
Improve access and signage for Chickasawhatchee WMA. Lobby for the establishment of Nature Center there.	X	X	X			County/City	N/A	General Funds	Completed
Develop Heritage Trails for Cemeteries, Canopy Roads and Churches	X	X	X	X	X	County	N/A	General Funds	Completed
Develop Countywide Garden Club	X	X	X	X	X	County	N/A	General Funds	Completed
County Website with links to local businesses to emphasize the agri-tourism opportunities, promote Quail festival and the actions of local Governments. Website should be linked to other online regional resources sites	X	X	X	X	X	County, ED Committee	N/A	General Funds	Completed
Develop County Gateways and unique signage	X	X	X	X		County, ED Committee	N/A	General Funds	
Create a County/City Capital Improvement plan and budget	X	X	X	X	X	County/City	\$2,000	General Funds	Underway
In conjunction with the City, develop a business incubator and entrepreneur support service center	X	X	X	X	X	County/City	\$10,000	General Funds	Completed
Develop Co-Op organization of local farmers and plantation owners to centralize Heritage Tourism Resources and planning.	X	X	X			County/City	N/A	General Funds	Completed
Pursue funding for improving access to internet countywide	X	X	X	X	X	County	N/A	General Funds	Completed

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Element: Community Facilities									
Continue road and drainage projects according to current annual priority list	X	X	X	X	X	County, DOT	\$1 million	County, DOT, Grants	Completed
Continue Bridge Construction and ROW acquisition according to current annual priority list	X	X	X	X	X	County, DOT	Variable	County, DOT	Completed
Continue development of long term maintenance plan for governmental facilities	X					County, RDC	N/A	Operating Budget	Completed
Develop plan for facility and operational improvements to fire protection to improve ISO rating for county, including consolidation of city and county departments	X	X				County/Newton	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway
Begin implementation of facility and operational improvements for improved fire protection, as feasible		X	X	X	X	County/Newton	\$500,000	USDA,CDBG	Completed
Plan and build/renovate building to house Baker County DFACS offices	X	X	X			County	\$100,000	General Funds	Completed
Implement establishment of countywide 911		X	X	X		County	\$200,000	General Funds	Completed
Support development and continuation of volunteer recycling programs	X	X	X	X	X	County, ED Committee	N/A	Operating Budget	Underway
Build Elevator in the County Courthouse	X	X	X			County/City	N/A	Grants, General Funds	considered - Lack of Funding

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<u>Recreation Facilities/Services</u>									
Support recreation leagues outside of county which serve Baker County youth.	X	X	X	X	X	County	Varies	General Fund	Completed
Publish cost/benefit study of combining school district with that of a neighboring county	X	X				County/City	N/A	General Fund	No longer being considered-new school built 2008
Formulate plan for developing small community parks in the most heavily populated sections of the county	X	X	X	X	X	County, RDC	N/A	General Fund	Postponed due to funding
Support efforts to develop small community parks through available grants	X	X	X	X	X	County, RDC	Varies	General Fund	Postponed due to funding
Acquire land for Baseball Park			X	X	X	County	N/A	General Fund	Completed
Construct more boat ramps on Flint and Nochaway Creek to ease access to fishing areas						County/GD/OT	N/A	TEA Grant	Completed
Negotiate with Landowners for the creation of Birding trails throughout the county	X	X	X						Completed
Element: Land Use									
Establish a Planning Commission	X					County, RDC	N/A	Operating Budget	Completed
Adopt zoning ordinance as feasible		X				County, RDC	\$12,000	Operating Budget, DCA Contract	Completed

City of Newton STWP 2012-2016

Work Program	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Element: Housing								
Grants for Housing Rehab (CHIP)		X	X	X	X	City	\$10,000	Grants
Grants for conducting surveys for newcomers to make into flood zone - Develop study of all flood properties	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$500/home	Grants/Resident
GICH presentation at Council meeting to learn about program						City	N/A	N/A
Develop a plan with County for bed & breakfast, involving local farmers, plantation owners, etc.						City	\$100,000	One GA Grants
Conduct a housing needs survey in cooperation with Housing Authority	X	X	X	X	X	City, Housing Authority	variable	Operating Budgets
Develop and implement housing plan based on findings of housing needs survey				X	X	City, Housing Authority	\$500,000	CDBG, CHIP
Examine the possibilities of the remediation of dilapidated manufactured housing stock		X	X	X		City/County	variable	General Fund, Grants
Element: Natural Resources								
Continue support of Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related agricultural regulations.	X	X	X	X	X	City, NRCS, Forestry Service, RC	N/A	Operating Budgets
Element: Historic/Archaeological Resources								
Mac Short Gardens & walking trails-Explore possibility of historical designation	X	X				City	collaborate with College/Univ	N/A
Old Artisan Well-Explore possibility of historical designation								
Get Highways 37 & 91 Identified as scenic byways	X	X	X	X	X	DOT	N/A	N/A
Element: Economic Development								
Revitalize Baker County Leadership Program		X	X	X		City	\$500	Grants
Cost analysis for developing Chamber of Commerce			X	X	X	City	\$500	
Explore requirements for designation as "film ready" for future projects						City	\$700	
Develop a city plan to support development and implementation of county economic development plan	X	X	X	X	X	County Economic Development Committee	\$1,000	Grants, General Fund,
Develop City Website with links to community businesses	X	X				City, County	\$500	General Fund

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Develop city wide sidewalks with context appropriate street lighting		X	X	X	X	City	\$500,000	GDOT, grants, General Fund
Study the possibility of Weekend Farmers Market in Commercial node	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	General Fund
Element: Community Facilities								
Develop strategy/plan for construction of Waste Water Treatment Plant		X	X	X	X	City	3 million	Bonds, SPLOST, Loans
Develop a plan for a Sewer System			X	X	X	City	2 Million	Bonds, SPLOST, Loans
Locate funding to address drainage issues within the city (Sunset Blvd, Main St, Phipps Ave, Hoke-Smith Drive, Park Circle)	X	X	X	X	X	City, DOT, RC	N/A	Operating Budget
Continue road and drainage projects according to current annual priority list						City	\$1 million	City, DOT, Grants
Continue ROW acquisition according to current annual priority list						City, DOT	variable	City, DOT
Develop LARP priority list annually	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	Operating Budget
Develop and adopt map of bicycle routes		X	X	X	X	City, RC	\$700	Operating Budget
In conjunction with the County explore additional river access points/boat ramps		X	X	X	X	City/County	N/A	Operating Budget
Public Safety								
Apply for grants for personnel and equipment when available	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$100,000	Grant
Develop perk based staff retention package including lowered taxes and utility fees	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	Operating Budget
City Operations								
Develop a Capital Improvement Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	General Fund
Implement annual audit recommendations						City, Accountant	N/A	General Fund
Host periodic citywide public meetings to discuss citizen interests and build community spirit and pride.	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	General Fund
	X	X	X	X	X			
Element: Land Use								

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Review Comprehensive Plan for updates and						City, County, RC	N/A	DCA
Update Short Term Work Program	X	X				RC, City	N/A	DCA

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Element: Housing									
Contract for building inspection/permit services	X	X	X	X	X	City	variable	fees/GF	Complete
Adopt Building Codes	X	X	X	X	X	City	variable	General Fund	Complete
Conduct a housing needs survey in cooperation with Housing Authority		X				City, Housing Authority	variable	Operating Budgets	Underway
Develop and implement housing plan based on findings of housing needs survey			X	X	X	City, Housing Authority	\$500,000	CDBG, CHIP	Underway
Using Eminent Domain acquire all agricultural land within the city limits for the land bank			X	X	X	City/County	\$300,000	Redevelopment Grant	Complete
Examine the possibilities of the remediation of dilapidated manufactured housing stock	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	variable	fees	Underway
Element: Natural Resources									
Continue support of Best Management Practices as advocated by Natural Resources agencies, and enforcement of Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, environmental ordinances, Soil and Sedimentation Act and related agricultural regulations.	X	X	X	X	X	City, NRCS, Forestry Service, RC	N/A	Operating Budgets	Underway
Element: Historic/Archaeological Resources									
Work with RC Preservation Planner and property owners to nominate significant remaining properties to the National Register	X	X	X	X	X	City, Historical Society, RC	variable	Grants operating budget	Complete
Get Highways 37 & 91 Identified as scenic byways	X	X	X	X	X	RC, DOT	N/A	N/A	Underway
Element: Economic Development									
Complete streetscape/park plan for courthouse	X	X	X	X	X	City, County	\$200,000	TEA, Grants	Complete
Support development and implementation of county economic development plan	X	X	X	X	X	County Economic Development Committee	variable	Grants, General Fund,	Complete
Develop City Website with links to community businesses	X	X	X	X	X	City, County	variable	General Fund	Postponed - Low priority
Develop city wide sidewalks with context appropriate street lighting	X	X	X	X	X	City	Variable	GDOT, grants,	
Study the possibility of Weekend Farmers Market in Commercial node	X	X	X			City	N/A	General Fund	Complete
In conjunction with County, develop a business incubator and entrepreneurial support facility	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	General Fund	No longer being

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Develop business retention package that includes reduced taxes, decreased parking standards, etc.	X	X	X			City	N/A	General Fund	No longer being considered
Element: Community Facilities									
Waste Water Treatment Plant				X	X	City	3 million	Bonds, SPLOST, Loans	Postponed due to funding,
Sewer System				X	X	City	2 Million	Bonds, SPLOST, Loans	Postponed-lack of funding
Meet with DOT engineers, city engineer, RC and council concerning drainage issues within the city	X	X				City, DOT, RC	N/A	Operating Budget	Complete
Continue road and drainage projects according to current annual priority list	X	X	X	X	X	City	\$1 million	City, DOT, Grants	Postponed lack of
Continue ROW acquisition according to current annual priority list	X	X	X	X	X	City, DOT	variable	City, DOT	Postponed funding
Develop LARP priority list annually	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	Operating Budget	Complete
Require certification training for new water system operators	X	X	X	X	X	City,	\$1,000	Operating Budget	Complete
Develop and adopt map of bicycle routes	X	X				City, RC	variable	Operating Budget	Postponed-No funding
Develop a method of public mobilization to change school board. Commission and publish a cost/benefit analysis of merging school districts with neighboring county	X	X				City/County	N/A	Operating Budget	No longer being considred-school
Entertain the idea of consolidating city/county governments	X	X	X	X	X	City/County	N/A	General Funds	No longer being
Demand school district provide youth initiatives to encourage achievement and reduce drop out rate	X	X	X	X	X	School Board	N/A	Operating Budget	No longer being
In conjunction with the County develop additional river access points/boat ramps	X	X	X			City/County	N/A	Operating Budget	Postponed lack of
Public Safety									
Develop plan for facility and operational improvements to fire protection to improve ISO rating for county, including consolidation of city and county departments	X	X				County/Newton	N/A	Operating Budget	Complete

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Begin implementation of facility and operational improvements, as feasible		X	X	X	X	County/Newton	\$500,000	USDA,CDBG	Complete
Study availability and cost of additional training for police officers		X				City	N/A	Operating Budget	Complete
Develop perk based staff retention package including lowered taxes and utility fees		X	X	X	X	City	N/A	Operating Budget	No longer being
<u>Cultural Facilities</u>									
Re-establish multi-purpose center at old school on Rosendale	X	X				City, Community Volunteer Groups	Variable	Grants, Operating Budgets	Complete
Establish 12-step and other social service programs, such as Parenting Classes, Adult learning Center to be housed in multi-purpose center	X	X	X			City, Community Volunteer Groups	Variable	Grants, Operating Budgets	Complete
Establish transportation between all regional post secondary education institutions and Newton. Extend transportation network to include large employers in the area.	X	X				City, Albany Tech, Economic Development Committee	Variable	Albany Tech, RTCC, Fees	No longer being considered-provided
<u>City Operations</u>									
Consider implementing Capital Improvement Plan with city accountant	X	X				City	N/A	N/A	Complete
Study ways to increase city operating funds	X	X				City, Accountant	N/A	N/A	Complete
Implement annual audit recommendations	X	X	X	X	X	City, Accountant	N/A	N/A	Underway
Develop purchasing policy for city		X				City, Accountant	N/A	N/A	Complete
Host periodic citywide public meetings to discuss citizen interests	X	X	X	X	X	City	N/A	N/A	Underway
Element: Land Use									
Adopt subdivision regulations		X				City, RC	\$500	Operating Budget, DCA Contract	
Update Comprehensive Plan					X	City, County, RC	N/A	General	Complete
Update Short Term Work Program					X	RC, City	N/A	General	Complete

**A RESOLUTION
BY BAKER COUNTY
TO ADOPT AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHORT TERM WORK
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Georgia, has found it necessary to update the Short Term Work Program portion of their comprehensive plan to meet the requirements of the state's Minimum Planning Standards for local comprehensive plans; and,

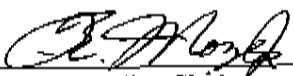
WHEREAS, the update and the adoption of this new Short Term Work Program will insure that Baker County maintains its Qualified Local Government Status; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has found the Short Term Work Program to meet the Local Planning Requirements; and,

WHEREAS, Baker County will use the new Short Term Work Program to guide public expenditures and public programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Baker County, Georgia, that the updated Short Term Work Program is hereby adopted. We do hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

Adopted on the 8 day of October 2012

By: 
T. E. Moye, Jr., Chairman

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Witness

**A RESOLUTION
BY THE CITY OF NEWTON
TO ADOPT AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHORT TERM WORK
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Newton Georgia, has found it necessary to update the Short Term Work Program portion of their comprehensive plan to meet the requirements of the state's Minimum Planning Standards for local comprehensive plans; and,

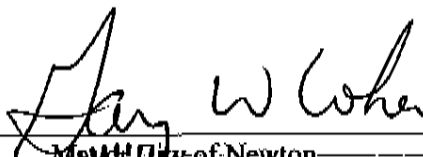
WHEREAS, the update and the adoption of this new Short Term Work Program will insure that the City of Newton maintains its Qualified Local Government Status; and,

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has found the Short Term Work Program to meet the Local Planning Requirements; and,

WHEREAS, City of Newton will use the new Short Term Work Program to guide public expenditures and public programs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Newton that the updated Short Term Work Program is hereby adopted. We do hereby certify that adequate citizen participation requirements have been met.

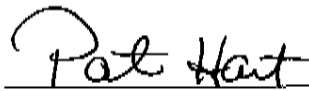
Adopted on the 23rd day of October 2012 .



Mayor of Newton

1st reading Sept 25th 2012
2nd reading Oct. 23rd 2012
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Witness