

**City of Dawsonville Comprehensive Plan 2008-2030**

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**2013 Short Term Work Program Update**



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Providing for the Future"*

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## **SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE**

This document is the 5-year update to the Short-Term Work Program (STWP) from the City of Dawsonville Comprehensive Plan 2008-2030. It includes the monitoring of progress for previously identified implementation measures and identifies new action items for the City to consider for the years 2014-2018.

Items from the previous edition of the City's STWP are re-presented within the report of Accomplishments, along with a status update for each item. Those actions that remain in progress or postponed have been carried forward into the new STWP.

### **Policies**

These are the ongoing principles and practices that the community will observe in order to realize specific objectives. Some policies may compliment single action-items while others may provide ongoing guidance and direction to local government officials for making decisions consistent with achieving the Community Vision or addressing Community Issues and Opportunities.

- ✓ For each partner organization, designate a Council member to serve as liaison.
- ✓ Support marketing of regional tourism and amenities within Dawsonville.
- ✓ Support new nominations for National Register
- ✓ Support the Dawson County Historical Society
- ✓ Support the Dawson County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- ✓ Maintain partnerships with education institutions, Chamber and Dev. Authorities.
- ✓ Promote housing revitalization programs to homeowners.

### **Long-Term Activities and Ongoing Programs**

Dawsonville also establishes long-term or ongoing programs and activities that support identified objectives. These may compliment policies or may be action items that must be employed more than once. These are recognized here so as to distinguish their need and conditions apart from the single-action items and to identify any required special terms or context.

- ✓ Annual City review of Dawson County School System 5-year plans to ensure coordination of investment efforts and efficiency of services
- ✓ Annual report concerning traffic data and updates to GDOT plans for region.
- ✓ Annual report summarizing economic projects carried out for Dawsonville
- ✓ Annual Utility and Infrastructure Reports to ensure efficiency of services
- ✓ Maintain inventory of viable infill opportunities.
- ✓ Monitor and sustain land use management policies through Comprehensive Planning and development regulations.

## Report of Accomplishments

This is the review of the STWP from the previous five years. As a new STWP is produced every five years, the items within the previous STWP must be identified for their status as either *complete, in progress, postponed or cancelled*. Those items that have been postponed or are in progress must be shown in the next STWP where appropriate, while those items that have been postponed or cancelled must also include a reason for their status.

Action	Status	Comment
Conduct Civic Center Feasibility Study	Cancelled	Addressed by County
Report confirming utility partnerships	Complete	
Study considering design guidelines throughout city	Completed	Carl Vinson Study
Explore funding for Urban Redevelopment Plan	Completed	
Update Service Delivery Agreement	In Progress	
General review/ update development regulations	Completed	Reviewed
Continue water system improvements	In Progress	On-Going
Consider reopening City streets	In Progress	Parking Study done by Turnipseed Eng.
Study considering Certified Local Government status	In Progress	
Study considering conservation design regulations	Completed	
Develop Bicycle and Pedestrian Accessibility Master Plan	In Progress	
Develop Property Redevelopment Guide	In Progress	Carl Vinson Study
Downtown Dawsonville Tourism and Marketing Strategy	In Progress	Carl Vinson Study
Conduct Housing Market study	Completed	
Update historic resources inventory	In Progress	
Conduct Perimeter Road study	In Progress	Discussions with GDOT
Explore grants for neighborhood improvement	In Progress	Carl Vinson Study
Review/ Update Comprehensive Plan	Completed	STWP update in progress
Report on funding options for greenspace acquisition	In Progress	
Report on funding options for historic preservation	In Progress	
Update floodplain and soil information	Completed	
Review Rural Transit Plan with GMRDC	Completed	
Review of tree/landscape ordinances	In Progress	In review
Report assessing street signage in city	In Progress	Road name changes in downtown

**Short-Term Work Program**

The third forward-thinking element of the Implementation Program is the Short-Term Work Program (STWP). This identifies specific implementation actions the local government or other entities intend to take during the first five-year time frame of the planning period. This can include any ordinances, administrative systems, community improvements or investments, financing arrangements, or other programs or initiatives to be put in place to realize the plan goals.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
2014	Update Records for City Cemetery	\$5,000	City, DCA	City, GMRC
2014	Annex unincorporated islands into City	\$5,000	City	Planning Dept./Admin.
2014	Water System Improvements	\$500,000	GEFA, City	Public Works
2014	Vehicle Purchase – Roads Dept. - 4x4 Extended Cab Truck	\$25,000	Gov Deals, City	Roads Dept./Admin.
2014	Expansion of Historic District	\$5,000	DCA	Planning Dept./Admin.
2014	Update Service Delivery Agreement	\$5,000	City	Admin
2014	Study considering Certified Local Government status	NA	NA	Planning Dept.
2014	Develop Bicycle and Pedestrian Accessibility Master Plan	\$10,000	DOT, City	Planning Dept.
2014	Update historic resources inventory	\$10,000	City general fund	Planning Dept.
2014	Report on funding options for greenspace acquisition	NA	NA	Planning Dept.
2014	Report on funding options for historic preservation	NA	NA	Planning Dept.
2015	Implement the Downtown Revitalization Streetscape	\$500,000	DCA, City	DDA/Admin.
2015	Conduct Feasibility Study for Adult Living Community	\$5,000	DCA	Planning Dept./Admin.
2015	Sidewalk expansion and Road improvements	\$60,000	GDOT, City	Public Works/Roads Dept.
2015	New City Park and existing Park improvements/expansion	\$25,000	DCA, City	Roads Dept./Admin.
2015	Consider reopening City streets	NA	NA	Planning Dept./ Public Works
2015	Develop Property Redevelopment Guide	\$3,000	DCA, City	Planning Dept.
2015	Downtown Dawsonville Tourism and Marketing Strategy	\$5,000	DED, City	Admin./ Dev. Authority
2015	Review of tree/landscape ordinances	\$3,000	City general fund	Planning Dept.
2016	Vehicle Purchase – W&S Dept. - 2x4 Extended Cab Truck	\$30,000	Gov Deals, City	Public Works/Admin.
2016	Treatment Plant Improvements	\$1,000,000	GEFA, ARC, City	Public Works

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2016	Explore Grant to move downtown power lines underground	NA	DCA, GDOT, City	DDA/Admin.
2016	Report assessing street signage in city	\$3,000	City general fund	Public Works
2017	Comp Plan update - Community Assessment	\$5,000	DCA	City, GMRC
2017	Land Acquisition for Amphitheater and Walking Trail	\$1,000,000	DCA, City	DDA/Admin.
2017	Conduct Perimeter Road study	\$5,000	DOT	Planning Dept.
2017	Explore grants for neighborhood improvement	NA	NA	Planning Dept.
2018	Comp Plan update – Community Agenda	\$5,000	DCA	City, GMRC
2018	Sewer System Infrastructure Expansion	\$600,000	ARC, City	Public Works