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**MURRAY COUNTY, CHATSWORTH, & ETON  
JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
FIVE-YEAR PLAN UPDATE**

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**NEW SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAMS**

**2013-2017**

**Murray County Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<b>Economic Development</b>								
Establish the Office of Community and Economic Development to emphasize grant writing, tourism, business retention and development, work force enhancement and industry diversity.	X	X	X	X	X	\$137,500	Gen. Fund; Private Contributions; Grants	Local Governments; IDA; Chamber
Conduct an industrial site suitability analysis and inventory available vacant buildings.	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	Gen. Fund; Grants	Staff, Econ. Dev. Dir.
Develop and market a tourism program emphasizing historic preservation features, trails, and other outdoor recreation opportunities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$8,000	Gen. Fund; Ga. Dept. of Industry, Trade and Tourism	Econ. Dev. Dir.; Chamber
Create and implement a Murray County economic development website as a link to the website of all local governments.	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,500	Gen. Fund	Econ. Dev. Dir.; County IT Staff
Link the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan (Market Street) to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy required by the Economic Development Administration.	X	X	X	X	X	\$2,500	Gen. Fund	County; NWGRC
Unify the community with programs to encourage an increase in educational attainment and a "Stay in School" attitude, while reducing drop outs rates.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Murray Board of Education	Local Governments; Chamber; Board of Education

**Murray County Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Pursue programs and grant opportunities emphasizing entrepreneurial enterprises and small/medium business suppliers to larger industrial concerns.	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000	ARC; EDA; Grants; Gen. Fund	Econ. Dev. Dir.; Chamber; Local Governments; IDA
Develop an industrial park or office-business park concept that includes opportunities to locate small/medium business suppliers to serve large industrial concerns.		X	X	X	X	\$500,000	ARC; EDA; Gen. Fund; Ind. Dev. Bonds	IDA; Econ. Dev. Dir.
Broaden efforts to market local businesses to local citizens, and to encourage continuous improvement and variety in downtown retail opportunities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	Gen. Fund; Grants	Econ. Dev. Dir.; Chamber; Local Governments
Implement regulations that encourage the expansion of retail and food service sectors, including resort or meeting/event spaces.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments; Econ. Dev. Dir.; Chamber
<b>Housing</b>								
Hire additional code enforcement staff.			X			\$30,000	Gen. Fund	County
Assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.					X	\$10,000	NSP Grant Funds	Dalton-Whitfield Comm. Dev. Corp.

<b>Murray County Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017</b>								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Market the area to emphasize opportunities for the location of retirement and continuing care communities, especially adjacent to areas served by public sewer.	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	Gen. Fund	Chamber; Econ. Dev. Dir.
Initiate rehabilitation and revitalize neighborhoods through identified programs for affordable housing after completing a housing revitalization study.	X	X	X	X	X	300,000	Gen. Fund; Grants	Local Governments; Ga. DCA
Amend the development standards regarding manufactured homes on individual lots to improve unit quality and maintain property values.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,500	Gen. Fund	County; NWGRC
<b>Community Facilities and Services</b>								
Develop and continue updates to a water and sewer facilities master plan.	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000	Gen. Fund	Chatsworth Water & Sewer Authority
Develop a back-up 911 center.					X	\$400,000	SPLOST Funds	County
Complete development of the Murray County's Veterans Park and continues to expand as needed.	X	X				\$250,000	SPLOST Funds	County
Retrofit the existing County Courthouse to provide handicap accessibility or construct a new courtroom	X	X				\$50,000	SPLOST Funds	County
Implement bicycle and sidewalk projects.	X	X	X	X	X	\$250,000	SPLOST Funds; Grants	County; GDOT

**Murray County Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Investigate multi-jurisdictional use of water supply resources and wastewater treatment facilities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	Chatsworth Water & Sewer Authority
Implement opportunities for connective trails, greenways, and parks identified by the Regional Green Space Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	Gen. Fund; Grants	County; NWGRC
<b>Transportation</b>								
Establish an on-going Transportation Planning and Coordination Program	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments; GDOT
Continue the Murray County Rural Transit System	X	X	X	X	X	292,500	Gen Fund; Grants	County; GDOT
Initiate discussions and planning at the regional level and with the State of Tennessee regarding the widening of U. S. 411 Highway.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments; GDOT; TDOT Legislative Delegation
Review and prioritize all roads relative to population, land use, and traffic volumes using the GDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Planning Tool (MTPT) to improve Levels of Service (LOS).	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	SPLOST Funds	County
Participate in the construction projects identified in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	\$0	SPLOST Funds	Local Funds

Murray County Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>								
Pursue nominations to the National Register of Historic Places	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	Hotel/Motel Tax	County
Coordinate with NWGRC to arrange for the cost-free resurvey of historic properties and feasibility of establishing historic districts.	X	X	X	X	X	Free to Local Govt.	FINDit Survey (Georgia Transmission Corp.)	County; NWGRC
Implement the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and beautify public spaces.	X	X	X	X	X	\$4,000	Gen. Fund; Grants	County; NWGRC
Implement methodologies for community beautification, erosion control, and energy efficiency through tree preservation and landscaping requirements for commercial/industrial and multi-family developments.			X	X	X	\$3,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments; NWGRC
Provide an educational workshop for land developers to emphasize the positive characteristics of implementing conservation design subdivisions.			X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	County
Consider criteria or overlays to preserve scenic views especially along the scenic byway.	X		X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	County



Murray County Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<b>Land Use</b>								
Develop a master plan for Spring Place prior to the construction of the Spring Place By-Pass.				X	X	\$5,000	SPLOST; Gen. Fund; Grants	County
Revisions to the County Zoning Ordinance, perhaps Future Land Use Map, should consider the areas for water and sewer expansion to target new and mixed development opportunities.		X	X	X	X	\$5,000	Gen. Fund	County; NWGRC
<b>Intergovernmental Coordination</b>								
Update the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan as required.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments
Review and revise the Service Delivery Strategy as needed.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments
Identify and participate in the review process for developments of regional impact (DRIs).	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments
Maintain a relationship with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.	X	X	X	X	X	\$22,000	Gen. Fund	County
Continue to support the Northwest Georgia Water Resources Partnership.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,500	Gen. Fund	Local Governments

Murray County Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017								
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Continue to involve the Murray County Planning Commission in local government processes.	X	X	X	X	X	\$0	Volunteers	County
Implement elements proposed in the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000	Gen. Fund	Local Governments
Maintain a relationship with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for grants, economic development, general planning, aging services, workforce development, historic preservation, and technical assistance.	X	X	X	X	X	\$180,870 (Dues-5 yrs.)	Gen. Fund; Grants	Local Governments

**City of Chatsworth Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<b>Economic Development</b>								
Establish the Office of Community and Economic Development to emphasize grant writing, tourism, business retention and development, work force enhancement and industry diversity.	X	X	X	X	X	\$20,000	General fund Private contributions Grants	Mayor and Council; Murray County
Conduct and industrial site suitability analysis.	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	General Fund Grants	Mayor and Council; Murray County
Broaden efforts to market local businesses to local citizens, and to encourage continuous improvement and variety in downtown retail opportunities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$12,500	General Funds Grants	Mayor and Council
Implement regulations that encourage the expansion of retail and food service sectors, including resort or meeting/event spaces.	X	X	X	X	X	\$2,500	General Fund	Mayor and Council
<b>Housing</b>								
Assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program					X	\$10,000	NSP Grant Funds	Mayor and Council; NWGRC
Initiate rehabilitation and revitalize neighborhoods through identified programs for affordable housing.		X	X	X	X	\$10,000	Grants	Mayor and Council

**City of Chatsworth Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Inventory old buildings and modify regulations as needed to create housing opportunities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$4,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council; Murray County
<b>Community Facilities and Services</b>								
Develop and continue updates to a water and sewer facilities master plan.	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council
Investigate multi-jurisdictional use of water supply resources and wastewater treatment facilities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council
Develop pocket parks in residential neighborhoods.	X	X	X			\$250,000	General Fund ; Grants	Mayor and Council
<b>Transportation</b>								
Continue to implement the Transportation Planning and Coordination Program	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council; GaDOT
Implement the Chatsworth Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan	X	X	X	X	X	\$10,000	General Fund; GaDOT grants	Mayor and Council; GaDOT

**City of Chatsworth Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>								
Coordinate with NWGRC to arrange for the cost-free resurvey of historic properties and feasibility of establishing historic districts.	X	X	X	X	X	Free to Local Govt.	FINdit Survey (Georgia Transmission Corp.)	Mayor and Council; NWGRC
Pursue nominations to the National Register of Historic Places	X	X	X	X	X	\$5,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council; Murray County NWGRC
<b>Land Use</b>								
No activities identified.								
<b>Intergovernmental Coordination</b>								
Prepare a new 10-year Joint Comprehensive Plan					X		Staff Time	Mayor and Council; Murray Co.; Eton; NWGRC
Revise the Service Delivery Strategy as needed.	X	X	X	X	X	\$2,000	Staff Time	Mayor and Council; Murray County
Maintain a relationship with the Georgia Municipal Association.	X	X	X	X	X	\$2,025	Staff Time	Mayor and Council

**City of Chatsworth Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Continue to support the Northwest Georgia Water Resources Partnership.	X	X	X	X	X	\$12,500	General Fund	Mayor and Council
Implement elements proposed in the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan (Market Street Study).	X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	Grants General Fund	Mayor and Council

City of Eton Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017									
Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party	
<b>Economic Development</b>									
No activities identified.									
<b>Housing</b>									
Assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	NSP Grant funds	NWGRC	
Initiate rehabilitation and revitalize neighborhoods through identified programs for affordable housing.	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	DCA; NWGRC; Mayor and Council	DCA; NWGRC; Mayor and Council	
<b>Community Facilities and Services</b>									
Develop a park with access to Mill Creek and link it to Eton City Park.			X	X	X	\$50,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council	
Continue to improve facilities at the Eton City Park	X	X	X	X	X	\$92,724	SPLOST Fund	Mayor and Council	
<b>Transportation</b>									
Establish ongoing Transportation Planning and Coordination Program	X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	GDOT; Mayor and Council	Mayor and Council	
Implement the Eton Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan			X	X	X	\$5,000	GaDOT	NWGRC; Mayor and Council	

**City of Eton Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>								
Develop National Register District Nomination(s).	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council; NWGRC; Whitfield-Murray Historical Society
Coordinate with NWGRC to arrange for the cost-free resurvey of historic properties and feasibility of establishing historic districts.	X	X	X	X	X	Free to Local Govt.	FINDit Survey (Georgia Transmission Corp.)	NWGRC; Mayor and Council
<b>Land Use</b>								
Develop corridor overlay zones for the U.S. 411/Georgia 286 corridors dealing with better access, parking, connectivity, and site amenities.	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council; Murray Co. Tax Assessors
Implement park and pedestrian planning at the neighborhood level.	X	X	X	X	X	\$25,000	SPLOST Funds	Mayor and Council
Emphasize tax incentives to land owners for protecting environmentally sensitive lands.		X	X	X	X	\$1,500	General Fund	Mayor and Council
<b>Intergovernmental Coordination</b>								
					X	\$70,000	DCA	NWGRC; Mayor and Council



**City of Eton Short-Term Work Program, 2013 – 2017**

Activity	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Responsible Party
Prepare a new 10-year Joint Comprehensive Plan								Council (joint plan with Chatsworth/Murray Co.
Revise the Service Delivery Strategy as needed.	X	X	X	X	X	\$1,000	General Fund	Mayor and Council
Maintain a relationship with the Georgia Municipal Association.	X	X	X	X	X	\$3,475	General Fund	Mayor and Council
Implement elements proposed in the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan (Market Street Study).	X	X	X	X	X	\$2,500	General Fund	Mayor and Council; Chamber of Commerce
Maintain a relationship with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for grants, economic development, general planning, aging services, workforce development, historic preservation, and technical assistance.	X	X	X	X	X	\$12,500	General Fund	Mayor and Council; NWGRC

**REPORTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

**2010-2014**

**REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
1. Establish the Office of Community and Economic Development to emphasize grant writing, tourism, business retention and development, work force enhancement and industry diversity.	2010-2011			X	The poor economy has delayed this objective. However, each jurisdiction has and is working on economic development by utilizing available resources and current staff.
2. Conduct an industrial site suitability analysis and inventory available vacant buildings.	2010-2011		X		The list of suitable and available properties will continue to be updated as they are identified. Available properties can be accessed on Murray County's, TVA's, Ga. Facts' and Chamber's websites.
3. Develop an informative, well-designed county government website.	2010	X			Website went live in August 2010, and is updated regularly.
4. Develop and market a tourism program emphasizing historic preservation features, trails, and other outdoor recreation opportunities.	2011-2012		X		Due to the nature of this objective, this will be an on-going effort.
5. Create and implement a Murray County economic development website as a link to the website of all local governments.	2011			X	Delayed until office of Community and Economic Development can be established.
6. Link the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan (Market Street) to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy required by the Economic Development Administration.	2012		X		

**REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
7. Continue efforts to approve a Freeport Tax exemption.	2011	X			Increased to 40% IN 2013. Plans are to increase by 20% per year until reaching 100%.
8. Unify the community with programs to encourage an increase in educational attainment and a "Stay in School" attitude, while reducing drop outs rates.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity
9. Pursue programs and grant opportunities emphasizing entrepreneurial enterprises and small/medium business suppliers to larger industrial concerns.	2011-2014		X		On-Going activity
10. Develop an industrial park or office-business park concept that includes opportunities to locate small/medium business suppliers to serve large industrial concerns.	2012-2014			X	Economic downturn
11. Broaden efforts to market local businesses to local citizens, and to encourage continuous improvement and variety in downtown retail opportunities.	2010-2014		X		Implemented a monthly downtown block party.
12. Implement regulations that encourage the expansion of retail and food service sectors, including resort or meeting/event spaces.	2011-2012		X		On-Going activity

**REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
13. Assist with a retail incubator in Chatsworth	2011-2014				X Economic downturn, plus diminished local interest.
<b>HOUSING</b>					
1. Hire additional code enforcement staff.	2014			X	Economic downturn
2. Assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.	2010-2011		X		NSP remains active, but there has been minimal activity in Murray County, so any benefit to Murray County, if any, will be in the future. Activity to move forward.
3. Market the area to emphasize opportunities for the location of retirement and continuing care communities, especially adjacent to areas served by public sewer.	2012-2013		X		Ongoing activity
4. Initiate rehabilitation and revitalize neighborhoods through identified programs for affordable housing after completing a housing revitalization study.	2012-2014			X	Lack of funding
5. Amend the development standards regarding manufactured homes on individual lots to improve unit quality and maintain property values.	2010		X		
<b>NATURAL/CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>					

**REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
1. Implement storm water management regulations.	2011-2014	X			All requirements met
2. Implement Total Maximum Daily Load Plans	2010-2011	X			
3. Create a Joint Historic Preservation Commission and send members to State training.	2011				X Due to other organizations already in place.
4. Pursue nominations to the National Register of Historic Places	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity
5. Coordinate with NWGRC to arrange for the cost-free resurvey of historic properties and feasibility of establishing historic districts.	2012-2014		X		On-Going activity
6. Implement the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and beautify public spaces.	2010-2014			X	Lack of funding
7. Launch a "Keep Murray County Beautiful Day," annually.	2010-2014	X			Held in April each year.

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SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
8. Implement methodologies for community beautification, erosion control, and energy efficiency through tree preservation and landscaping requirements for commercial/industrial and multi-family developments.	2011-2012			X	Due to lack of development
9. Provide an educational workshop for land developers to emphasize the positive characteristics of implementing conservation design subdivisions.	2014			X	Due to lack of development
10. Consider criteria or overlays to preserve scenic views especially along the scenic byway.	2013			X	Lack of funding
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
1. Establish an on-going Transportation Planning and Coordination Program	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
2. Continue the Murray County Rural Transit System	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
3. Initiate discussions and planning at the regional level and with the State of Tennessee regarding the widening of U. S. 411 Highway.	2011-2014		X		On-Going activity.

**REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
4. Review Subdivision Regulations and street standards for adequacy relative to commercial or industrial application and establish better guidelines for ingress/egress.	2011-2012	X			
5. Support and promote the Scenic Byway and Scenic Highway programs.	2010-2014	X			
6. Review and prioritize all roads relative to population, land use, and traffic volumes using the GDOT Multi-Modal Transportation Planning Tool (MTPT) to improve Levels of Service (LOS).	2010-2014			X	Lack of funding
7. Participate in the construction projects identified in the State Transportation Improvement Plan.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity
8. Coordinate with Whitfield County to stay-ahead of all east-west corridor improvements.	2010-2014	X			
<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES</b>					
1. Develop and continue updates to a water and sewer facilities master plan.	2010-2014		X		



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SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
2. Expand recycling opportunities at the solid waste convenience centers and sanitary landfill site.	2010-2014	X			On-Going activity.
3. Hire additional officers in all law enforcement agencies.	2010-2014	X			
4. Build a new fire station near Northwest Elementary School.	2012	X			
5. Develop a back-up 911 center.	2014		X		SPLOST funding approved
6. Complete development of the Murray County's Veterans Park and continues to expand as needed.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
7. Provide additional facilities at the Petty-Fairy Valley Recreation Park.	2013-2014	X			
8. Retrofit the existing County Courthouse to provide handicap accessibility or construct a new courtroom.	2011		X		Plans being reviewed
9. Expand County governmental facilities to provide more space for administration, elections, and juvenile court.	2011-2012	X			

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SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
10. Implement bicycle and sidewalk projects.	2011-2014			X	Lack of funding
11. Investigate multi-jurisdictional use of water supply resources and wastewater treatment facilities.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
12. Expand the library and public health facilities parallel to population growth.	2013-2014	X			
13. Implement opportunities for connective trails, greenways, and parks identified by the Regional Green Space Plan.	2011-2014			X	Lack of funding.
<b>LAND USE</b>					
1. Develop a master plan for Spring Place prior to the construction of the Spring Place By-Pass.	2012-2013		X		Pinhoti trail connection being implemented
2. Develop a corridor overlay zone for the U.S. 76/U.S. 411 corridor regarding better access, parking, connectivity, and site amenities.	2011-2012			X	Review procedures that are in place are considered adequate.

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MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
3. Revisions to the County Zoning Ordinance, perhaps Future Land Use Map, should consider the areas for water and sewer expansion to target new and mixed development opportunities.	2012-2013		X		On-Going activity.
4. Adopt regulations to prohibit speculative vegetation removal and land manipulation that are inconsistent with the uses allowed in the current land development district.	2011			X	Local government has lost interest in this activity.
5. Encourage implementation of conservation design subdivisions using either public sewer or on-site community sewer systems.	2010-2014	X			
6. Mountain protection provisions should be reviewed for the adequacy of protecting steep slopes and tree cover.	2011-2012	X			
7. Emphasize tax incentives to land owners for protecting environmentally sensitive lands, forests, and farmlands.	2010-2014	X			
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION</b>					
1. Complete a Partial Plan Update for the Joint Comprehensive Plan	2010	X			

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SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
2. Update the 10-Year Comprehensive Plan as required.	2013		X		On-Going activity.
3. Review and revise the Service Delivery Strategy as needed.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
4. Identify and participate in the review process for developments of regional impact (DRIs).	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
5. Maintain a relationship with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
6. Five-Year Joint Solid Waste Management Plan Update	2010	X			
7. Continue to support the Northwest Georgia Water Resources Partnership.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
8. Continue to involve the Murray County Planning Commission in local government processes.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.
9. Implement elements proposed in the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan.	2011-2014		X		On-Going activity.

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MURRAY COUNTY, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
10. Maintain a relationship with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for grants, economic development, general planning, aging services, workforce development, historic preservation, and technical assistance.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity.

**REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)  
CHATSWORTH, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Positoned	
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
1. Establish the Office of Community and Economic Development to emphasize grant writing, tourism, business retention and development, work force enhancement and industry diversity.	2010-2011			X	The poor economy has delayed this objective. However, each jurisdiction has and is working on economic development by using available resources and current staff.
2. Conduct and industrial site suitability analysis.	2010-2011		X		The list of available properties will continue to be updated as they are identified. Available properties can be accessed on the Chamber Website.
3. Broaden efforts to market local businesses to local citizens, and to encourage continuous improvement and variety in downtown retail opportunities.	2010-2014		X		Community Activities and Block Parties
4. Implement regulations that encourage the expansion of retail and food service sectors, including resort or meeting/event spaces.	2010-2011		X		
5. Establish a retail incubator in Chatsworth, including opportunities for rehabilitation of segments within declining commercial corridors.	2011-2014			X	Interest in this activity has diminished.
<b>HOUSING</b>					
1. Assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program	2010-2011		X		On-Going; activity has been minimal but NSP assistance remains possible.

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CHATSWORTH, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
2. Initiate rehabilitation and revitalize neighborhoods through identified programs for affordable housing.	2011-2014		X		
3. Inventory old buildings and modify regulations as needed to create housing opportunities.	2010-2014		X		
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
1. Establish On-Going Transportation Planning and Coordination Program	2010-2014		X		On-Going; activity to be re-written on new STWP
2. Implement the Chatsworth Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan	2010-2014		X		The city will be applying for grants to finish and extend this project
3. Review Subdivision Regulations and street standards for adequacy relative to commercial or industrial application and establish better guidelines for ingress/egress.	2011-2012	X			
<b>NATURAL/CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>					
1. Complete the renovation of the L&N Depot.	2010-2011	X			
2. Investigate storm water management regulations.	2011-2012	X			

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CHATSWORTH, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped	
		Complete	Underway	Postponed		Dropped
3. Create a Joint Historic Preservation Commission and send members to State training.	2011				X	Due to other organizations already in place
4. Coordinate with NWGRC to arrange for the cost-free resurvey of historic properties and feasibility of establishing historic districts.	2012-2014		X			
5. Pursue nominations to the National Register of Historic Places	2012-2014		X			On-Going as places become eligible
<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES</b>						
1. Develop and continue updates to a water and sewer facilities master plan.	2010-2014		X			
2. Investigate multi-jurisdictional use of water supply resources and wastewater treatment facilities.	2010-2014		X			
3. Develop pocket parks in residential neighborhoods.	2010-2012		X			
4. Hire additional officers in all law enforcement agencies (drug interdiction officer).	2011-2012	X				



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ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	
5. Build a second fire station to serve the western part of the city (subject to annexation growth).	2014			X	Lack of funding
<b>LAND USE</b>					
1. Develop a corridor overlay zone for the U.S. 76/U.S. 411 corridor for better access, parking, connectivity, and site amenities.	2011-2012				X This activity may not be necessary with current review processes in place.
2. Emphasize tax incentives to land owners for protecting environmentally sensitive lands.	2010-2014	X			
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION</b>					
1. Complete a Partial Plan Update for the Comprehensive Plan	2010	X			
2. Prepare a new 10-year Joint Comprehensive Plan	2012-2013		X		On-Going activity
3. Revise the Service Delivery Strategy as needed.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity
4. Maintain a relationship with the Georgia Municipal Association.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity
5. Five-Year Joint Solid Waste Management Plan Update	2010	X			

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6. Continue to support the Northwest Georgia Water Resources Partnership.	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity
7. Continue to involve the Chatsworth Planning Commission in local government processes.	2010-2014				On-Going government activity; to be dropped from the new STWP
8. Implement elements proposed in the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan (Market Street Study).	2010-2014		X		On-Going activity; implementation as funds become available.
9. Maintain a relationship with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for grants, economic development, general planning, aging services, workforce development, historic preservation, and technical assistance.	2010-2014				On-Going government activity; to be dropped from the new STWP

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ETON, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS				Explanation if postponed or dropped
		Complete	Underway	Postponed	Dropped	
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>						
1. Establish the Office of Community and Economic Development to emphasize grant writing, tourism, business retention and development, work force enhancement and industry diversity.	2010-2011	X				Duties assigned to Chamber of Commerce and Murray County employees.
2. Conduct an industrial site suitability analysis and inventory available vacant buildings.	2010-2011	X				On-going process. Continually updated by Murray County.
3. Broaden efforts to market local businesses to local citizens, and to encourage continuous improvement and variety in downtown retail opportunities.	2010-2014	X				
<b>HOUSING</b>						
1. Assist in the implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program	2010-2011		X			NSP remains active, but there has been no activity in Eton, so any benefit to Eton, if any, will be in the future. Activity to move forward.
2. Initiate rehabilitation and revitalize neighborhoods through identified programs for affordable housing.	2011-2014			X		Interest remains, but the task is not complete.
<b>NATURAL/CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>						
1. Create a Joint Historic Preservation Commission and send members to State training.	2011				X	Assigned to Murray County Historical Society.

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ETON, 2010-2014**

ACTIVITY	YEAR	STATUS			Explanation if postponed or dropped
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2. Develop National Register District Nomination(s).	2011		X		
3. Coordinate with NWGRC to arrange for the cost-free resurvey of historic properties and feasibility of establishing historic districts.	2012-2014			X	Murray County Historical Society to coordinate with NWGRC.
4. Investigate storm water management regulations.	2011-2012	X			
<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES</b>					
1. Develop and expand a water and sewer facilities master plan.	2010-2014	X			
2. Investigate multi-jurisdictional use of water supply resources and wastewater treatment facilities.	2010-2014	X			
3. Develop a park with access to Mill Creek and link it to Eton City Park.	2012-2014			X	Interest remains, but lack of funding has delayed the task.
4. Continue to improve facilities at the Eton City Park.	2011-2014		X		Bids requested for various projects. Continually updating park facilities. Funded with SPLOST. Activity to move forward.
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>					
1. Establish ongoing Transportation Planning and Coordination Program	2010-2014		X		
2. Implement the Eton Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan	2010-2014			X	Interest remains, but grant funding is not currently available.

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3. Review Subdivision Regulations and street standards for adequacy relative to commercial or industrial application and establish better guidelines for ingress/egress.	2011-2012	X			
<b>LAND USE</b>					
1. Develop corridor overlay zones for the U.S. 411/Georgia 286 corridors dealing with better access, parking, connectivity, and site amenities.	2013-2014		X		Government Agencies coordinating this project.
2. Implement park and pedestrian planning at the neighborhood level.	2010-2014		X		
3. Emphasize tax incentives to land owners for protecting environmentally sensitive lands.	2010-2014			X	Will work with other government agencies to determine a direction and method of standardization.
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION</b>					
1. Complete a Partial Plan Update for the Joint Comprehensive Plan	2010	X			
2. Prepare a new 10-year Joint Comprehensive Plan	2012-2013			X	The schedule for Murray County and cities was changed by DCA after a Partial Plan Update was completed in 2010. Full plan is due in 2018.
3. Revise the Service Delivery Strategy as needed.	2010-2014		X		On-going.
4. Maintain a relationship with the	2010-2014		X		On-going.

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5. Five-Year Joint Solid Waste Management Plan Update	2010	X			
6. Implement elements proposed in the Murray County Strategic Vision Plan (Market Street Study).	2010-2014		X		On-going. Activity to move forward.
7. Maintain a relationship with the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission for grants, economic development, general planning, aging services, workforce development, historic preservation, and technical assistance.	2010-2014		X		On-going. Activity to move forward.

**ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT  
THE UPDATED FIVE-YEAR SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM  
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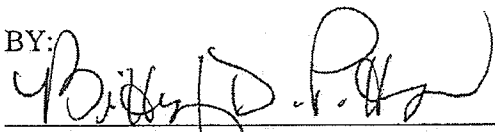
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**WHEREAS** The Department of Community Affairs has reviewed these documents and find them in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission reviewed these documents with positive findings;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sole Commissioner of Murray County hereby adopts the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program for Murray County.

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of November 2013.

BY:

  
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Sole Commissioner, Murray County

ATTEST:

  
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Interim County Clerk, Murray County



## CITY OF CHATSWORTH

Dan Penland  
Mayor

Wilma Nolan  
City Clerk



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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Chatsworth hereby adopts the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program for the City of Chatsworth.

Adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2013.

BY:

Dan Penland, Mayor  
City of Chatsworth

ATTEST:

Wilma Nolan, City Clerk  
City of Chatsworth

TELEPHONE: 706-695-2834

RESOLUTION 2013-4

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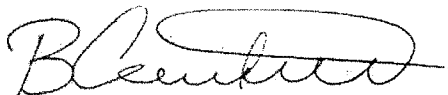
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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Eton hereby adopts the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program for the City of Eton.


Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2013.

BY:



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Billy Cantrell, Mayor  
City of Eton

ATTEST:

  
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Kim Hall, City Clerk  
City of Eton