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RE: Comprehensive Plan Submittal

Dear Mr. Walker,

Please accept the transmittal of this comprehensive plan for review. As required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, I hereby certify that we have held the required public hearings, involved the public in development of the plan, and considered both the Regional Water Plan and the Rules for Environmental Planning Criteria.

I look forward to the completion of this review and to our adoption of the comprehensive plan.

Sincerely,

Lamar Lu m

Lamar Lee, Mayor City of Walnut Grove





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Local and Regional Transportation Considerations

Transportation discussions are found throughout this comprehensive plan. Additionally, the community has identified the following Objectives and Policies from the ARC's RTP (2016, p47) as desirable in Walnut Grove:

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Growth and Development

Walnut Grove's Future Land Use vision, which is detailed in Chapter 4 and around which additional discussion takes place throughout this plan, prioritizes rural preservation, downtown development, and neighborhoodbased residential life. The ARC RTP's Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), which describes Walnut Grove as Developing Suburbs, somewhat conflicts with the community's desired growth patterns by overgeneralizing and not accounting for Walnut Grove's incorporated status. The local government and the ARC should refer to the growth and future land use vision described in this comprehensive plan rather than the RTP's UGPM.

Walnut Grove and the ARC MPO

Walnut Grove does not participate directly in the Atlanta MPO. It is represented through the Walton County government on the Transportation & Air Quality Committee and Transportation Coordinating Committee, and as part of the ARC's Municipal District 6, which includes other cities within Walton, Barrow, and Gwinnett counties. No ARC RTP projects are programmed for Walnut Grove

(http://garc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=025ca6 0f2ee54b779dc77209e51f3f25/).



Community Work Program

The Short-Term Work Program (2017-2021), updated every five years, provides a list of specific activities that the community plans to address as immediate priorities. A Report of Plan Accomplishments, which provides status commentary on the previous work plan (2012-2016), follows.

Short-Term Work Program, 2017-2021

(*entries with an asterisk represent carryover items from the previous STWP)

| # | Activity | Timeframe | Responsible Party | Cost Estimate | Funding Source |
|-----|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| POF | PULATION | | | | |
| 1 | Designate staff member or elected official to serve as public engagement officer to create a volunteer corps and foster participation in local government activities (meeting notices, social media, etc.) | 2017 | City leadership/staff | None | NA |
| 2 | Implement Honorary Councilmember program similar to City of Oxford (citizen shadows councilmember for a month) | 2017 | City leadership | None | NA |
| 3 | Establish a partnership with the high school and social service organizations to expand after-school and other related programming | 2018-2020 | City staff/non- profits/district | Unknown | City, district |
| ECO | DNOMIC DEVELOPMENT | | | | |
| 4 | Identify suitable locations for commercial development that is consistent with the community's vision and seek out developers and business owners, especially for a grocery or drugstore (establishing a DDA and Main Street program could be beneficial in assisting with this) | 2017-2021 | City leadership/ staff | None | NA |
| 5 | *Upgrade and revitalize downtown buildings, landscape, and parking | 2017-2020 | City leadership/ staff | | City, DCA, grants, Ioans |
| 6 | Enroll in Walton Wellness's "Project Road Share" to create economic development opportunities and make bicycling safer in Between | 2017 | City leadership | Minimal | City, Walton Wellness |
| 7 | Create downtown plan for economic development, historic preservation, complete streets connectivity, tourism, etc. | 2017-2020 | City leadership | \$5,000-\$15,000 | City, DCA |
| 8 | Identify and implement targeted public investment downtown to spur private development | 2017-2020 | City leadership/ staff/consultant | Unknown | City, DCA, grants, Ioans |
| LAN | ID USE, HOUSING, AND DEVELOPMENT | | | | |
| 9 | Update zoning and development code to ensure that new development is compatible with the community's vision, especially regarding residential and commercial development, as well as natural and cultural resource preservation | 2017-2019 | City leadership | \$0-\$15,000 | City, DCA |
| 10 | Inventory housing stock and develop plan to eradicate blight (purchase/ demolish policy has been successful elsewhere in the county) and improve quality of existing housing | 2017-2021 | City leadership/ staff | \$1,000-\$5,000 | City, DCA |

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| NA | TURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES | | | | |
| 11 | Establish a tree-planting program | 2018 | City leadership | Minimal | City |
| CO | MMUNITY FACILITIES & SERVICES | | | | |
| 12 | Research, evaluate, and implement alternative revenue sources in place of municipal tax collections | 2017-2019 | City leadership | \$1,000-\$2,500 | City, DCA |
| 13 | Establish enforcement partnerships with the Georgia State Patrol and Walton County Sherriff's Office to increase safety | 2017 | City leadership, County, GSP | Unknown | City, County, GSP |
| 14 | Prepare for emergencies by establishing a volunteer response unit and participating in countywide disaster planning | 2017-2021 | City leadership/ staff | None | NA |
| TRA | NSPORTATION | | | | |
| 15 | Develop a local complete streets and trails plan with a pronounced focus on reducing automobile vehicle-miles traveled and traffic calming | 2018-2020 | City leadership | \$2,000 | City, GDOT |
| 16 | Develop a plan (formal or informal) to improve local impact on decisions regarding state and national highways | 2017-2018 | City leadership, County, ARC MPO, GDOT | Minimal | City, ARC, GDOT |
| 17 | Establish a schedule and program for preventive road maintenance and traffic control improvements (signalization and signage) | 2019 | City leadership | Minimal | City |
| 18 | Prioritize transportation needs for inclusion in future community and regional plans (ex.: SPLOST and T-SPLOST) | 2017 | City leadership | None | NA |

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Report of Plan Accomplishments, 2012-2016

| Activity | Status | Notes |
|---|-----------|--|
| Initiate development of local wastewater treatment facility | Completed | |
| Upgrade and revitalize downtown buildings, landscape, and parking | Underway | 2020 completion |
| Follow the future land use plan when locating new development | Underway | (Ongoing; will not be carried over into subsequent STWP) |
| Improve utility and transportation infrastructure to meet community needs | Underway | (Ongoing; will not be carried over into subsequent STWP) |
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Walnut Grove's Future Land Use vision, which is detailed in Chapter 4 and around which additional discussion takes place throughout this plan, prioritizes rural preservation, downtown development, and neighborhoodbased residential life. The ARC RTP's Unified Growth Policy Map (UGPM), which describes Walnut Grove as Developing Suburbs, somewhat conflicts with the community's desired growth patterns by overgeneralizing and not accounting for Walnut Grove's incorporated status. The local government and the ARC should refer to the growth and future land use vision described in this comprehensive plan rather than the RTP's UGPM.

Walnut Grove and the ARC MPO

Walnut Grove does not participate directly in the Atlanta MPO. It is represented through the Walton County government on the Transportation & Air Quality Committee and Transportation Coordinating Committee, and as part of the ARC's Municipal District 6, which includes other cities within Walton, Barrow, and Gwinnett counties. No ARC RTP projects are programmed for Walnut Grove

(http://garc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=025ca6 0f2ee54b779dc77209e51f3f25/).



Community Work Program

The Short-Term Work Program (2017-2021), updated every five years, provides a list of specific activities that the community plans to address as immediate priorities. A Report of Plan Accomplishments, which provides status commentary on the previous work plan (2012-2016), follows.

Short-Term Work Program, 2017-2021

(*entries with an asterisk represent carryover items from the previous STWP)

| # | Activity | Timeframe | Responsible Party | Cost Estimate | Funding Source |
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| 1 | Designate staff member or elected official to serve as public engagement officer to create a volunteer corps and foster participation in local government activities (meeting notices, social media, etc.) | 2017 | City leadership/staff | None | NA |
| 2 | Implement Honorary Councilmember program similar to City of Oxford (citizen shadows councilmember for a month) | 2017 | City leadership | None | NA |
| 3 | Establish a partnership with the high school and social service organizations to expand after-school and other related programming | 2018-2020 | City staff/non- profits/district | Unknown | City, district |
| ECO | DNOMIC DEVELOPMENT | | | | |
| 4 | Identify suitable locations for commercial development that is consistent with the community's vision and seek out developers and business owners, especially for a grocery or drugstore (establishing a DDA and Main Street program could be beneficial in assisting with this) | 2017-2021 | City leadership/ staff | None | NA |
| 5 | *Upgrade and revitalize downtown buildings, landscape, and parking | 2017-2020 | City leadership/ staff | | City, DCA, grants, Ioans |
| 6 | Enroll in Walton Wellness's "Project Road Share" to create economic development opportunities and make bicycling safer in Between | 2017 | City leadership | Minimal | City, Walton Wellness |
| 7 | Create downtown plan for economic development, historic preservation, complete streets connectivity, tourism, etc. | 2017-2020 | City leadership | \$5,000-\$15,000 | City, DCA |
| 8 | Identify and implement targeted public investment downtown to spur private development | 2017-2020 | City leadership/ staff/consultant | Unknown | City, DCA, grants, Ioans |
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| 9 | Update zoning and development code to ensure that new development is compatible with the community's vision, especially regarding residential and commercial development, as well as natural and cultural resource preservation | 2017-2019 | City leadership | \$0-\$15,000 | City, DCA |
| 10 | Inventory housing stock and develop plan to eradicate blight (purchase/ demolish policy has been successful elsewhere in the county) and improve quality of existing housing | 2017-2021 | City leadership/ staff | \$1,000-\$5,000 | City, DCA |

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| 11 | Establish a tree-planting program | 2018 | City leadership | Minimal | City |
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| 12 | Research, evaluate, and implement alternative revenue sources in place of municipal tax collections | 2017-2019 | City leadership | \$1,000-\$2,500 | City, DCA |
| 13 | Establish enforcement partnerships with the Georgia State Patrol and Walton County Sherriff's Office to increase safety | 2017 | City leadership, County, GSP | Unknown | City, County, GSP |
| 14 | Prepare for emergencies by establishing a volunteer response unit and participating in countywide disaster planning | 2017-2021 | City leadership/ staff | None | NA |
| TRA | NSPORTATION | | • | | |
| 15 | Develop a local complete streets and trails plan with a pronounced focus on reducing automobile vehicle-miles traveled and traffic calming | 2018-2020 | City leadership | \$2,000 | City, GDOT |
| 16 | Develop a plan (formal or informal) to improve local impact on decisions regarding state and national highways | 2017-2018 | City leadership, County, ARC MPO, GDOT | Minimal | City, ARC, GDOT |
| 17 | Establish a schedule and program for preventive road maintenance and traffic control improvements (signalization and signage) | 2019 | City leadership | Minimal | City |
| 18 | Prioritize transportation needs for inclusion in future community and regional plans (ex.: SPLOST and T-SPLOST) | 2017 | City leadership | None | NA |

Report of Plan Accomplishments, 2012-2016

| Activity | Status | Notes |
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| Initiate development of local wastewater treatment facility | Completed | |
| Upgrade and revitalize downtown buildings, landscape, and parking | Underway | 2020 completion |
| Follow the future land use plan when locating new development | Underway | (Ongoing; will not be carried over into subsequent STWP) |
| Improve utility and transportation infrastructure to meet community needs | Underway | (Ongoing; will not be carried over into subsequent STWP) |
| Coordinate new development with existing and planned community needs | Completed | (Ongoing; will not be carried over into subsequent STWP) |
| Incorporate comprehensive plan into planning review | Underway | (Ongoing; will not be carried over into subsequent STWP) |

Appendix: Participation Records

Public Hearings: 10/27/2016 and 4/13/2017

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Selected Questionnaire Results

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What are three defining characteristics of the community that you would like to see preserved?



What development patterns (within the community and elsewhere) would you NOT like to see occur here? (*Mandatory*)

| Historic Aesthetics 173,117,917 Small Town Feel | STrip Commercial Housing without recreation or landscaping such that the neighborhoods do not keep value |
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| Rural, agricultural characteristic 172.203.880 | urban sprawl, strip center, congested roads without planning for access and inter parcel connectivity. 172,203,880 |
| Historic town center. Independent school system. 172,189,609 Maintain and grow industrial activity. (Jobs) | Not Gwinnett. Clean corridors. 172,189,609 |
| Sense of Community Safe 172.026,807 Great economy and jobs | Apartments 172,026,807 |

 1. Sense of Community.

 2. Historical overlay.

 172,016,912
 3. Small Rural setting.

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What are the most pressing issues that will affect the community in the future?



What is the community's greatest need?

| 8 | infrastructure to support growth growth management with zoning, etc. | 173,117,917 | Parks and trails |
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| 8 | residential development, employment opportunities and attracting quality business or industry | 172,203,880 | Industry and other quality employers |
| 8 | Uncontrolled, undesirable growth. Must have smart growth. | 172,189,609 | Improved water and sanitary sewer. Increased capacity with fair pricing either local or regional. |
| 8 | Traffic/transportation Affordable housing | 172,026,807 | More retail, more restaurants, movie theater and hotel. |
| 8 | I believe it will be population growth and we will not have the ability to provide services for them. | | |