

SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM FOR HOUSTON COUNTY

DESCRIPTION		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	LIKELY PROJECT INVOLVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST	POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT <i>Policy Statement - Ensure that Houston County's growth benefits all segments of our population.</i> <i>- Expand existing manufacturing operations and attract higher wage jobs that compliment existing industries.</i> <i>- Diversify Houston County's economy to become less dependent on government and retail trades.</i>									
1	Promote support services such as healthcare, transportation, commercial and cultural awareness programs for growing retiree population.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County Houston Healthcare Complex WRATS Chambers of Commerce Houston Arts Alliance	Varies	General Fund SPLOST
2	Support 21 st Century Partnership in its efforts to protect Robins Air Force Base (RAFB), Middle Georgia's regional economic engine.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County, Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins Chambers of Commerce Houston County Development Authority	\$200,000 Annually	General Fund
3	Implement recommendations outlined in the Economic Diversification Strategy to reduce the region's dependence on RAFB.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County Houston County Development Authority	Varies	Varies
4	Continue marketing efforts to lease or sell Perry Speculative Building.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County City of Perry Houston County Development Authority	Staff Time	Varies

5	Develop long-term mitigation plans that address incompatible development surrounding RAFB. Establish program to monitor and purchase “for sale” properties designated as incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County & Houston County Development Authority	\$500,000 to \$6,000,000	General Fund SPLOST DOD Funds One Georgia
6	Obtain clear title to the 650 acre Middle Georgia Corporate Center Industrial Site and establish infrastructure development fund.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County & Houston County Development Authority	\$14,000,000	SPLOST One Georgia Lease Purchase Ageement
7	Assist Development Authority in obtaining additional industrial acreage with rail access.				X	X	Houston County & Houston County Development Authority	4,000,000	Development Authority & Houston County
<p>HOUSING <i>Policy Statements - Maintain existing housing stock.</i> <i>- Protect rural and suburban neighborhoods.</i> <i>- Provide working low and moderate-income families with additional opportunities to find affordable housing.</i> <i>- Develop mitigation plan to eliminate incompatible residential development in Houston County.</i></p>									
1	Continue progressive code enforcement via training of code enforcement staff.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County	\$10,000	General Fund
2	Protect rural and suburban neighborhoods from urban sprawl by locating development in urban services areas.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins	Staff Time	NA
3	Implement programs and strategies identified in the Joint Land Use Plan to eliminate incompatible residential development encroaching on RAFB in North Houston.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins	\$1,200,000	State Funds SPLOST General Fund
4	Support the efforts of private non-profits to expand the special housing needs of transitional families, persons with mental health problems, persons with substance abuse problems, persons with developmental disabilities, victims of domestic violence, the homeless, the elderly and other indigent persons.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County HODAC Phoenix Center NAMI Salvation Army MGCAA	Varies	General Fund State and Federal Grants
5	Develop an Ordinance and registration program which sets forth guidelines for the maintenance of abandoned homes. The program would be designed to protect residential neighborhoods from becoming blighted through the lack of maintenance to abandoned and foreclosed properties.	X	X				Houston County Planning & Zoning	Staff Time	NA

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Policy Statements - Direct growth away from environmentally sensitive areas.
- Enforce federal, state, and local air and water quality regulations.
- Preserve and utilize natural greenspace and parkland.
- Ensure the availability of cultural and community facilities.

1	Provide education on the importance of Groundwater Recharge Areas.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County Health Department	NA	NA
2	Provide education regarding Phase 2 Regulations on Stormwater Containment.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Staff Time	General Fund
3	Develop and implement financing mechanism for County-wide Stormwater Management Program.	X	X				Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Staff Time	User Fee
4	Support the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition and its policies to keep Houston County off the Federal Non-Attainment Air Quality list.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	\$100,000	General Fund
5	Update the Greenspace Plan to identify new funding sources and pursue acquisition of appropriate greenspace where feasible. Also, utilize conservation easements as one of the means to acquire the priority areas for greenways and trails identified in the County Greenspace Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County	Varies	State Grants General Fund
6	Hire additional code enforcement staff or utilize building inspection staff to enforce litter control and property maintenance efforts in unincorporated Houston County.		X	X	X	X	Houston County	Varies	General Fund
7	Work with Houston County Library Board to renovate the Perry and Warner Robin's branches of the Houston County Library System.	X	X	X	X		Houston County Library Board State Library Properties Commission	\$6,000,000	SPLOST State Grants

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Policy Statements – Maximize the efficient and effective use of current and future infrastructure within guidelines of Service Delivery Strategy.

- Investigate financing mechanisms to help pay for future infrastructure.
- Coordinate future facilities planning between governmental entities.
- Protect rural service area in South Houston County.

1	Renovate and expand the Perry and Warner Robins branches of the Houston County Library.	X	X	X	X		Houston County Library Board State Library Properties Commission	\$6,000,000	SPLOST, State Grants
2	Replace Underground Storage Tanks and Fueling System in Warner Robins and Perry.		X	X			Houston County	\$110,000	SPLOST
3	Expand the square footage in the Sheriff’s Office Suite to include new Warrants, Records and Garage Storage area.		X	X			Houston County	\$2,000,000	SPLOST General Fund
4	Host Vision 2020 Council of Governments meetings and other staff meetings to discuss collaboration of future facilities planning.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Staff Time	General Fund
5	Investigate the feasibility of modifying the Land Development Regulations to require the installation of dry sewer in new developments within unincorporated Houston County.	X	X				Health Department Houston County	Staff Time	General Fund
6	Investigate the feasibility of upgrading existing mutual aid agreements between city and county fire departments to automatic aid agreements, thereby ensuring adequate fire protection county-wide.	X					Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Varies	General Fund Fire Tax District
7	Reduce development pressures in the rural service area by encouraging infill developments and restricting the placement of urban infrastructure in agricultural areas.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Perry and Warner Robins, Middle Georgia RC	Staff Time	General Fund
8	Coordinate the development of infrastructure to ensure that it is consistent with the gradual expansion of the urban development boundary and steers new development away from areas of sensitive natural, cultural, and environmental resources.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Perry and Warner Robins Middle Georgia RC	Staff Time	General Fund

9	Enhance the integrated phone, voice and data systems utilized by E911.		X	X			Houston County and the Cities of Perry and Warner Robins	\$9,000,000	SPLOST
10.	Expand the Houston County Detention Center to include a Mental Health Housing Unit					X	Houston County	\$5,250,000	SPLOST
11.	Houston County Information Technology Strategic Plan				X	X	Houston County	TBD	General Fund/ Middle Georgia Regional Commission Annual DCA Planning Services Contract
<p>INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION <i>Policy Statements – Coordinate future facilities between governmental entities.</i> - Support Public-Private Partnerships and Community Organizations. - Promote greater Non-profit and Government Collaboration. - Encourage municipalities to locate new growth in areas contiguous to existing development.</p>									
1	Coordinate future facilities planning by investigating relevant tasks in the Community Facilities and Services section of the Short-Term Work Program.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Staff Time	General Fund
2	Continue active involvement in the Warner Robins Area Traffic Study (WRATS) process to promote greater coordination between land development and transportation policies, while balancing the need for reducing traffic congestion with the need to protect sensitive natural resources and improve air and water quality.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	\$60,000	General Fund
3	Continue active involvement in the 21 st Century Partnership, Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition, and the Middle Georgia RDC so as to protect the mission of RAFB, improve air quality in the region, and diversify the economic base of Houston County.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	\$300,000	General Fund
4	Continue active involvement in the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority (CGJDA), and pursue additional funding via the CGJDA to acquire and eliminate incompatible residential development encroaching on RAFB in North Houston.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County Members of the CGJDA	\$500,000 to \$6,000,000	SPLOST DOD One Georgia Grants

5	Work with the Cities of Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins to renew a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) to finance various projects to improve public safety, transportation, water and sewer, governmental buildings, economic development, recreation and protect RAFB.	X					Centerville Perry Warner Robins Houston County Chamber of Commerce	\$155,000,000	SPLOST
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM <i>Policy Statements – Establish a road corridor approach to land use, transportation, and urban design to create better land development scenarios with less sprawl. - Review alternative forms of transportation with less dependency on the automobile.</i>									
1	Pursue implementation of the 2030 WRATS Long-Range Transportation Plan. (For short, medium and long-range road improvements see the WRATS plan.)	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Varies	Federal Funds State Funds SPLOST
2	Complete remaining 2001 SPLOST road projects: Feagin Mill Road, Corder Road, and Ball Street Extension.	X	X	X			Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	\$15,000,000	2001 SPLOST
3	Continue road, street, and bridge improvement projects outlined in the 2006 SPLOST. (For project list see 2006 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement.)	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	\$100,675,000	2006 SPLOST
4	Continue to evaluate the feasibility of various forms of public transportation to alleviate traffic and help meet air quality objectives.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins WRATS	Staff Time	General Fund
5	Secure Funding and begin widening of major arterial and collector streets in Houston County to include: Dunbar Road, Lake Joy Road, Gunn Road, Moss Oaks Road, and Elberta Road.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County	\$26,600,000	SPLOST

<p>LAND USE/CHARACTER AREAS</p> <p><i>Policy Statements – Use the character area designations and land use maps as a guidebook for development.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protect the Rural Service Area from incompatible, dense development. - Promote mixed use developments in appropriate character areas, which encourage connectivity between regional activity centers (commercial & employment) and residential activity centers. - Encourage nodal commercial development at intersections of arterial and collector streets. - Support development that creates a “sense of place” in our community. - Protect the base environs by implementing recommendations outlined in the Joint Land Use Plan. 									
1	Annually review and update land development regulations to ensure they do not discourage mixed used developments.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Staff Time	General Fund
2	Develop and implement design guidelines for selected Character Areas, which address density, aesthetics, inter-connectivity, and open space preservation.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	Staff Time	General Fund
3	Develop long-term mitigation plans that address incompatible development north of RAFB. Identify funding mechanisms to acquire said properties and establish a program to monitor and purchase “for sale” properties designated as incompatible uses.	X	X	X	X	X	Houston County and the Cities of Centerville, Perry, and Warner Robins	\$500,000 to \$6,000,000	General Fund SPLOST DOD One Georgia

**A RESOLUTION OF HOUSTON COUNTY
TO ADOPT THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE**

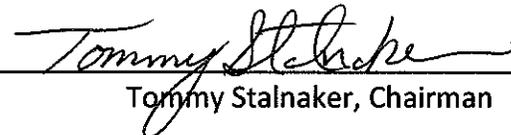
WHEREAS, Houston County has determined that a Comprehensive Plan amendment was necessary to address the changing circumstances within the community and to improve the usefulness of the Plan as a guide to local decision-making;

WHEREAS, Houston County has updated the Short Term Work Program (STWP) component of the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan to include the Houston County Information Technology Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the STWP update was prepared in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective March 1, 2014; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houston County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt updated STWP for the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan.

Resolved this 21st day of October 2014

BY: 
Tommy Stalnaker, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Barry Holland, Director of Administration