

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF THE 2016-2020 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM UPDATE

WHEREAS, THE 1989 Georgia General Assembly enacted House Bill 215, the Georgia Planning Act, requiring preparation of a regional comprehensive plan in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs; and

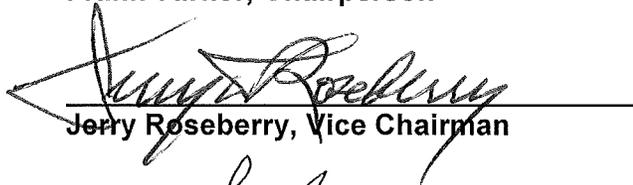
WHEREAS, the 2016-2020 Regional Work Program Update was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, that the Regional Work Program Update for Northeast Georgia, dated 2016-2020, as approved by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, is hereby adopted.

ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2016



Frank Turner, Chairperson

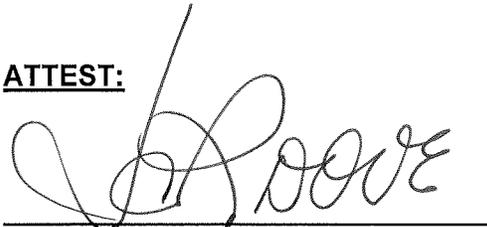


Jerry Roseberry, Vice Chairman



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NORTHEAST GEORGIA PLAN 2035

REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM 2016 UPDATE

Northeast Georgia Regional Commission
June, 2016



REGIONAL PLANNING

The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission adopted the Northeast Georgia Plan 2035 in 2012, thereby fulfilling the State of Georgia's requirement for a full update to its regional plan once every five years. Annual updates to the plan's Regional Work Program (RWP) component are also required. This document updates the four required sections: *Evaluation and Monitoring Report*, *Report of Accomplishments*, *Areas Requiring Special Attention* and an updated list of projects identified in *Activities 2016-2020*.

PROCEDURES

Procedures for evaluating and monitoring the implementation of Northeast Georgia Plan 2035 are conducted throughout the year in a coordinated effort to ensure that the Plan is achieving the desired results. A description of each of the procedures and their results are provided below.

Review by Regional Commission Staff

Staff assessed recent changes and developments in the region to determine whether the plan, as a whole, and its components are being effectively implemented and as a result having the desired impact on regional development patterns. Based on the results of this assessment, no obstacles to implementing the plan were apparent. Since the adoption of the Regional Plan in 2012, the pace of development within the region has been slow, primarily due to the economic climate. The lack of development was evident in the minimal number of Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) that were submitted to the Regional Commission for review, totaling nine (9) for all of 2013, two (2) in 2014, and none in 2015.

As the economy continues to recover it is anticipated that the pace of development will increase. In 2016 local governments submitted six (6) projects as potential DRIs. Of the projects submitted three (3) were projects that had been previously reviewed as DRIs and stalled prior to construction. The remaining three (3) were new projects that qualified for regional review and comment.

An internal review of the RWP occurs at monthly staff meetings of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission's Planning and Government Services (PGS) Division. At the monthly staff meeting the PGS Director leads discussion on the RWP that includes a review of current work items and potential future work items.

Results of Review by Regional Commission Staff

Each project in the RWP for 2015-2019 was classified according to the Regional Commission departments responsible for the projects. In early 2016, staff at the Regional Commission was surveyed to evaluate the status of work items in the RWP based on the following criteria:

- Completed
- Ongoing
- Upcoming
- Postponed and estimated completion date
- Abandoned and reason for abandonment

There were 31 projects identified in 2015-2019 RWP. Of these, one is complete, two are identified as abandoned, and 28 are identified as ongoing. The new 2016-2020 RWP carries over all ongoing projects and eliminates completed and abandoned projects. For more explanation about the previous RWP please see the Report of Accomplishments.

Review by Regional Commission Council

The Regional Commission's Planning and Government Services Advisory Committee is a standing committee of its Council tasked with advising the PGS staff, and direction of its work program. A component of the PGS Committee's work includes a regular review of RWP activities as well as reporting and making recommendations on current and future RWP activities to the Council. At its March 17, 2016 meeting the PGS Committee reviewed and discussed a draft of the *2016-2020 RWP*. The draft RWP was accepted and recommended for transmittal to DCA for review by the Council.

Results of Review by Regional Commission Council

At its March 17, 2016 meeting with the recommendation of the PGS Committee the Council of the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission accepted and transmitted by resolution the *2016-2020 RWP* to DCA for their review.

Review by Local Governments

Since the adoption of the Northeast Georgia Plan 2035 in 2012 PGS Staff has conducted Plan Assessment meetings with multiple jurisdictions throughout the region. The objective of these meetings is to inform local governments of the services that the PGS division is capable of providing to assist them with implementing the Plan on a local level, and to conduct an assessment of their progress towards meeting the performance standards set by the Plan. The performance standards are seen as essential steps that local governments must take to ensure that the Plan can be effectively implemented.

Results of Review by Local Governments

Regional Commission staff has determined through the above described Plan Assessment meetings as well as Quality Growth Effectiveness Assessments that all communities are currently meeting the minimum performance standards outlined in the Regional Plan, which include:

- Update the local Comprehensive Plan, including the Future Development Map and/or Future Land Use Map, at regular intervals as required by the State of Georgia.
- Utilize the Future Development Map and/or Future Land Use Map to steer new development to appropriate areas of the community.
- Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) and Capital Improvements Element (CIE), where applicable, as required by the State of Georgia.
- Submit potential Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) to the Regional Commission per the Development Thresholds established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
- Comply with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Part V. Environmental Planning Criteria by adopting appropriate ordinances for Groundwater Recharge Areas, Wetlands Protection, and River Corridor Protection, where applicable.
- Update the local pre-disaster mitigation plan per the standards established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- Share updated Tax Assessor's data tables and land parcels with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission annually, where applicable.

Monitoring and Evaluation Report

The following table identifies communities within the region that have achieved the Excellence Performance Standards established by the *Northeast Georgia Plan 2035*. In order to achieve this level a minimum of two activities from each category must have been implemented.

- Standard Met
- Standard Not Met

Community	Minimum Performance Standards	Excellence Performance Standards				
		Development Patterns	Resource Conservation	Community Facilities and Infrastructure	Social and Economic Development	Government Relations
Athens-Clarke County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Winterville	●	●	○	○	●	○
Barrow County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Auburn	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bethlehem	●	○	○	○	○	○
Carl	●	○	○	○	○	○
Statham	●	●	●	●	●	●
Winder	●	●	●	●	●	●
Morgan County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Madison	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bostwick	●	○	○	○	○	○
Buckhead	●	○	○	○	○	○
Rutledge	●	○	○	○	○	○

Monitoring and Evaluation Report

Community	Minimum Performance Standards	Excellence Performance Standards				
		Development Patterns	Resource Conservation	Community Facilities and Infrastructure	Social and Economic Development	Government Relations
Greene County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Greensboro	●	●	●	●	●	●
Siloam	●	○	○	○	○	○
Union Point	●	●	○	○	○	○
White Plains	●	○	○	○	○	○
Woodville	●	○	○	○	○	○
Jasper County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Monticello	●	●	●	●	●	●
Shady Dale	●	○	○	○	○	○
Jackson County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Jefferson	●	●	●	●	●	●
Arcade	●	●	○	○	○	○
Braselton	●	●	●	●	●	●
Commerce	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hoschton	●	●	●	●	●	●
Maysville	●	○	○	○	○	○
Nicholson	●	●	●	●	●	●
Talmo	●	●	○	○	○	○

Monitoring and Evaluation Report

Community	Minimum Performance Standards	Excellence Performance Standards				
		Development Patterns	Resource Conservation	Community Facilities and Infrastructure	Social and Economic Development	Government Relations
Walton County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Monroe	●	●	●	●	●	●
Good Hope	●	●	○	○	○	○
Loganville	●	●	●	●	●	●
Social Circle	●	●	●	●	●	●
Walnut Grove	●	●	●	●	●	●
Oglethorpe County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Crawford	●	○	○	○	○	○
Lexington	●	○	○	○	○	○
Maxey's	●	○	○	○	○	○
Elbert County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Elberton	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bowman	●	○	○	○	○	○

Monitoring and Evaluation Report

Community	Minimum Performance Standards	Excellence Performance Standards				
		Development Patterns	Resource Conservation	Community Facilities and Infrastructure	Social and Economic Development	Government Relations
Madison County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Danielsville	●	●	●	●	●	●
Carlton	●	○	○	○	○	○
Colbert	●	○	○	○	○	○
Comer	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hull	●	○	○	○	○	○
Ila	●	○	○	○	○	○
Newton County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Covington	●	●	●	●	●	●
Mansfield	●	●	●	●	●	●
Newborn	●	○	○	○	○	○
Porterdale	●	●	●	●	●	●
Oxford	●	●	●	●	●	●
Oconee County	●	●	●	●	●	●
Bishop	●	○	○	○	○	○
Bogart	●	●	●	●	●	●
North High Shoals	●	●	○	○	○	○
Watkinsville	●	●	●	●	●	●

All but a few of the communities within the region implement at least one activity in each category identified in the Excellence Performance Standards. The communities not listed typically fall short due to the lack of economic and staffing resources required to fully implement the Excellence Standards as adopted.

Working with the PGS Committee, RC staff may suggest revising the Excellence Standards into tiers based on population, staff size, or other factor. This approach would allow smaller jurisdictions to be recognized for their proactive approach to planning implementation within the budgetary and other constraints facing rural local governments.

Activities in Support of Areas Requiring Special Attention

The Regional Commission reviewed the Areas Requiring Special Attention identified in the 2012 Plan. The following report discusses activities undertaken to implement the Regional Vision within the seven (7) identified areas.

1. Regionally Important Resources (RIR)

- a. Regional Commission Staff promulgates the Resource Management Plan for Regionally Important Resources among local governments and organizations various in meetings and workshops as well as through a variety of historic preservation, housing and transportation programming initiatives. Examples of promulgation include: meetings with Main Street Managers, Downtown Development Authorities, Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) communities, Development Authorities, Cities and County staff and elected officials as well as Plan Assessment Meetings.
- b. Staff is currently revising the Resource Management Plan to make it a more useful document. The Regional Commission has issued a call for nominations of additional resources to consider including as RIRs with an emphasis on historic and cultural resources.

2. POTENTIAL RIR DEVELOPMENT CONFLICTS

- a. Through the implementation of the Resource Management Plan for Regionally Important Resources described above RC staff has been engaged to assist local governments in assessing their resources' to value to the region's identity, and also to identify funding for the preservation and

rehabilitation where needed. These efforts strengthen and preserve unique resources that can only be found within our region by educating people about why they are important. Furthermore by recognizing and preserving these resources they become viable and contributing parts of each community.

- b. Specifically since 2014 the RC has assisted:
 - i. City of Maxey's with National Register of Historic Places nomination
 - ii. City of Jefferson with revision of their Historic District Design Guidelines
 - iii. City of Commerce in developing a strategy to enhance and improve their historic downtown.
 - iv. City of Bowman identify strategies to rehabilitate two historic buildings within their downtown.
 - v. Additionally the RC developed a grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for rehabilitation of the "Auburn Center".

3. SOUTHEAST ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

- a. The primary mechanism for implementation is the promulgation of the Resource Management Plan for Regionally Important Resources carried out by the RC staff. Specifically promulgation of the plan is discussed in regular meetings with Main Street Managers, Downtown Development Authorities, Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) communities, Development Authorities, Cities and County staff and elected officials as well as Plan Assessment Meetings.

4. AREAS OF POTENTIAL RAPID DEVELOPMENT

- a. During Plan Implementation meetings, staff will emphasize the opportunity to plan for new development that incorporates transportation choices through complete streets concepts, conservation subdivisions, housing options, traditional neighborhoods and town centers.
- b. Active engagement with the City Jefferson through the development of their Comprehensive Plan Update. Specifically, through public input developed policies to ensure that development adjacent to I-85 within the city would respect preferred local character and scale. The outcome was a clearer vision for Jefferson as a whole that incorporated several of the identified Quality Community Objectives.

5. AREAS OF POTENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT

- a. The areas identified in need of special attention due to their redevelopment potential are primarily road corridors with a significant amount of strip commercial development. The RC staff has devoted a large amount of focus on addressing the transportation concerns in and around these areas. Specifically, during the last year the RC has undertaken a number of transportation planning projects in these areas including:
- b. Bicycle and Pedestrian infrastructure planning in Morgan, and Walton Counties
- c. Safe Routes to School program support
- d. Taking an active role in the State's Athens-Atlanta corridor connectivity study.

6. AREAS OF POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT INFILL

- a. Housing has been the continued focus for this ARSA during the past fiscal year. In 2014 RC Staff assisted several local governments address and plan for future housing needs. Specifically Staff:
 - i. Took a more active role supporting GICH teams throughout the region. Specifically in Auburn, Greensboro, Porterdale, and Madison.
 - ii. Project development assistance to Madison in neighborhood revitalization efforts.
 - iii. Completed Regional Housing Study.
- b. RC Staff also assisted the City of Jefferson develop strategies, goals, and policies to address aging and deteriorating strip commercial development during the Update of its Comprehensive Plan.

7. AREAS OF SIGNIFICANT UNEMPLOYMENT

- a. During the previous year RC staff has devoted a significant amount of time to assisting our communities and strengthening the region's economy in order to provide employment options and a skilled ready workforce. Some highlights of these efforts include:
- b. Assistance is ongoing developing Urban Redevelopment Plans, Opportunity Zone designations, OneGeorgia EDGE and REBA applications with multiple local governments
- c. Regional Tourism Plan phase two is nearing completion.

Areas Requiring Special Attention

Assessment of Recent Changes and Developments in the Region

Are the desired changes occurring in each target area?

Yes. All target areas display some measure of progress toward the goals stated in the 2012 plan. Progress on key features of each of the Issues and Opportunities included in the Regional Agenda is addressed in the *Report of Accomplishments* section of this document.

If not, what changes to implementation activities are needed?

No amendments to the implementation activities of the Regional Agenda or its Areas Requiring Special Attention section are required at this time.

REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM - PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Regional Work Program Planning and Coordination activities are those which the Regional Commission undertook in 2015 to assist local governments and other regional partners to act in accordance with the Regional Agenda.

ACTIVITY	TIME-FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS	EXPLANATION
1.0 Development Patterns						
1.1 Facilitate local government greenway, bicycle, and pedestrian planning and education.	2015-2019	NEGRC, local governments	\$25,000 per plan	GDOT, GDCA, Local	Ongoing	Developing local plans under the GDOT contract
1.2 Catalog, assess, and plan for recreation, cultural, agricultural, and tourism resources, including farmland protection.	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$22,500 annually	GDCA	Ongoing	Phase two of Regional Tourism Study complete, currently developing toolkit for local governments to implement best practices
2.0 Resource Conservation						
2.1 Review RIR designations annually and assist communities with implementation of RIR management plan as requested	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$2,000+ annually	GDCA	Ongoing	Ongoing in 2015. RIR nominations to be opened in 2015-2016
2.2 Develop and implement water quality plans and programs	2015-2019	NEGRC, local governments	\$20,000 - 30,000 per plan	GEPD, GDCA	Ongoing	Ongoing under new contract from 2012
2.3 Assist local governments with conservation funding opportunities, as requested	2015-2019	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA, GDNR, NPS	Complete	Collection of water and wastewater GIS datasets completed for Barrow County, underway for Walton County will be completed in 2015

Report of Accomplishments

ACTIVITY	TIME-FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS	EXPLANATION
2.4 Assist local governments in assessing historic resources and pursuing related funding opportunities, as requested	2015-2019	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA, GDNR, GDOT	Ongoing	No requests to date
2.5 Engage in collaborative mitigation planning with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to address air pollution issues, if necessary	2015-2019	NEGRC	Minimal	NEGRC, GDNR	Ongoing	Assisted City of Braselton, Bowman, and Barrow County with planning and grant application preparation
2.6 Assist with regional solid waste planning efforts	2015-2019	NEGRC	Varies	NEGRSW A, GDCA	Ongoing	No requests to date
2.7 Update the RIR plan to improve readability and usefulness of the document for local governments and developers.	2015	NEGRC	\$25,000	GDCA	Ongoing	Plan Revision Underway
2.8 Produce Yellow River Water Trail Maps for display at kiosks located in the City of Porterdale.	2015-2016	NEGRC, Local Governments, Other Partnering Agencies	\$15,000 per plan	GDCA, NEGRC, Local Governments, Partnering Agencies.	Completed	
3.0 Community Facilities and Infrastructure						
3.1 Encourage local governments to implement Northeast Georgia Plan 2035	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$22,000 annually	GDCA	Ongoing	Regional Plan is cited by NEGRC staff at various meetings with local governments
3.2 Provide technical and staffing support for local and multi-jurisdictional transportation planning efforts	2015-2019	NEGRC	Varies	GDOT, GDCA	Ongoing	Focus areas: Bike/Ped, SRTS, Rural Public Transportation

Report of Accomplishments

ACTIVITY	TIME-FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS	EXPLANATION
3.3 Assist local governments with hazard-mitigation planning and implementation, as requested	2015	NEGRC	\$22,000 per plan	GEMA	Ongoing	PDM Plan updates completed for Jackson, Jasper, Madison, Oconee and Oglethorpe Counties.
3.4 Support GDOT's work on a connectivity study for the Athens-Atlanta corridor by attending stakeholder meetings and providing other requested assistance	2015	NEGRC	Minimal	GDOT, GDCA	Ongoing	Staff provided assistance when requested
4.0 Social and Economic Development						
4.1 Assist local governments with economic development planning and funding opportunities	2015-2019	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA, EDA, ARC	Ongoing	Assisting multiple local governments developing Urban Redevelopment Plans, designating Opportunity Zones, OneGeorgia, EDGE and REBA applications as requested
4.2 Assist local governments with housing programs such as Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) and Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH), as requested	2015-2019	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA	Ongoing	Took a more active role supporting GICH teams throughout the region. Specifically in Auburn, Greensboro, Porterdale, & Madison
4.3 Quantify regional need for workforce housing and recommend action items for increasing its availability near jobs	2014-2015	NEGRC	\$21,000	GDCA	Ongoing	Took a more active role supporting GICH teams throughout the region
4.4 Develop community-level plans, strategies, and inventories to promote and protect local agriculture and local-food assets	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$15,000-25,000 per plan	GDCA, USDA	Ongoing	Providing technical assistance to Athens-Clarke County and the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia complete inventory and assessment

Report of Accomplishments

ACTIVITY	TIME-FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS	EXPLANATION
4.5 Develop regional tourism and branding study and/or plan	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$25,000-35,000 annually	GDCA, GDED	Ongoing	Regional Tourism Plan phase two completed in 2014, hosted tourism summit in 2015
4.6 Develop a regional food systems study of growers, suppliers, buyers, distribution, etc.	2014-2015	NEGRC	\$20,000-30,000	GDCA	Ongoing	Providing technical assistance to Athens-Clarke County and the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia complete inventory and assessment
5.0 Government Relations						
5.1 Market the Planning and Government Services (PGS) Division and educate local government officials through newsletter and in-house training programs and workshops	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$10,000-20,000 annually	GDCA	Ongoing	Assistance marketed through NEGRC's <i>Update</i> monthly newsletter and website, organized two education sessions for local governments
5.2 Host and coordinate Northeast Georgia Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$2,500 annually	GDOT	Ongoing	Task Force meetings hosted regularly
5.3 Disseminate historic preservation information pertaining to Section 106 Reviews to local governments	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$4,000 annually	GDNR	Ongoing	Information disseminated as needed

REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM - REVIEWS

Regional Work Program Review activities are those for which the Regional Commission provided advisory review and comment to outside actors in 2014.

	ACTIVITY	TIME-FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS	EXPLANATION
R.1	Review and comment on developments that meet the established criteria to be considered Developments of Regional Impact	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$10,000 annually	GDCA	Ongoing	Two DRIs were submitted for review in 2014. Neither one was determined to warrant regional review.
R.2	Review and comment on developments that could impact Regionally Important Resources	2015-2019	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA	Ongoing	Applications reviewed as required
R.3	Respond to requests for Intergovernmental Consultation Reviews	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$1,500 annually	GDCA	Ongoing	Reviews coordinated when necessary
R.4	Coordinate with MACORTS transportation planning efforts, including review of and comment on long- and short-range plans and other documents.	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$2,000 annually	GDOT	Ongoing	Reviews coordinated when necessary
R.5	Respond to requests for comment on Historic Resources Support inquiries (GDOT)	2015-2019	NEGRC	\$2,000 annually	GDOT	Ongoing	Commented when requested
R.6	Review local government applications for EDA funding for consistency with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)	2015-2019	NEGRC	Minimal	EDA	Ongoing	Applications reviewed as required

REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM - PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Regional Work Program Planning and Coordination activities are those which the Regional Commission will undertake to assist local governments and other regional partners to act in pursuit of the implementation of the Regional Agenda.

Activity	Time-frame	Responsible Party	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Issue/ Opp.
1.0 Development Patterns					
1.1 Facilitate local government greenway, bicycle, and pedestrian planning and education	2016-2020	NEGRC, local governments	\$25,000 per plan	GDOT, GDCA	PI, P2, P3, E11, E14, H4, C5
1.2 Catalog, assess, and plan for recreation, cultural, agricultural, and tourism resources, including farmland protection	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$22,500 annually	GDCA	PI, E6, E10, E11, E12
2.0 Resource Conservation					
2.1 Review RIR designations annually and assist communities with implementation of RIR management plan as requested	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$2,000+ annually	GDCA	I8
2.2 Develop and implement water quality plans and programs	2016-2020	NEGRC, local governments	\$20,000 -30,000 per plan	GEPD, GDCA	PI, E11
2.3 Assist local governments with conservation funding opportunities, as requested	2016-2020	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA, GDNR, NPS	E10, E11, I8
2.4 Assist local governments in assessing historic resources and pursuing related funding opportunities, as requested	2016-2020	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA, GDNR, GDOT	I8, E12

Activities 2016-2020

Activity	Time-frame	Responsible Party	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Issue/ Opp.
2.5 Engage in collaborative mitigation planning with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to address air pollution issues, if necessary	2016-2020	NEGRC	Minimal	NEGRC, GDNR	PI, P2, I3
2.6 Assist with regional solid waste planning efforts	2016-2020	NEGRC	Varies	NEGRSWA, GDCA	PI, C3, I5
2.7 Update the RIR plan to improve readability and usefulness of the document for local governments and developers.	2016	NEGRC	\$25,000	GDCA	I8
3.0 Community Facilities and Infrastructure					
3.1 Encourage local governments to implement Northeast Georgia Plan 2035	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$22,000 annually	GDCA	C2, C3, C4, C5
3.2 Provide technical and staffing support for local and multi-jurisdictional transportation planning efforts	2016-2020	NEGRC	Varies	GDOT, GDCA	PI, E13, E14, C4, C5, C6
3.3 Assist local governments with hazard-mitigation planning and implementation, as requested	2016	NEGRC	\$22,000 per plan	GEMA	PI
3.4 Support GDOT's work on a connectivity study for the Athens-Atlanta corridor by attending stakeholder meetings and providing other requested assistance	2016	NEGRC	Minimal	GDOT, GDCA	E13

Activities 2016-2020

Activity	Time-frame	Responsible Party	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Issue/ Opp.
4.0 Social and Economic Development					
4.1 Assist local governments with economic development planning and funding opportunities	2016-2020	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA, EDA, ARC	PI, P3, E7, E9, E10, H12, I2, I6
4.2 Assist local governments with housing programs such as Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) and Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH), as requested	2016-2020	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA	PI, P2, P3, H1, H2, H3, H4
4.3 Quantify regional need for workforce housing and recommend action items for increasing its availability near jobs	2015-2016	NEGRC		GDCA	PI, P3, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5
4.4 Develop community-level plans, strategies, and inventories to promote and protect local agriculture and local food assets	2015-2016	NEGRC		GDCA, USDA	E10, E11, E12
4.5 Develop regional tourism and branding study and/or plan	2015-2017	NEGRC		GDCA, GDED	E6
4.6 Develop a regional food systems study of growers, suppliers, buyers, distribution, etc.	2014-2015	NEGRC	\$20,000-30,000	GDCA	PI, E6, E10, E13
5.0 Government Relations					

Activities 2016-2020

Activity	Time-frame	Responsible Party	Est. Cost	Funding Source	Issue/ Opp.
5.1 Market the Planning and Government Services (PGS) Division and educate local government officials through NEGRC's "Update" newsletter and in-house training programs and workshops	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$10,000-20,000 annually	GDCA	E12, H5, C3
5.2 Host and coordinate Northeast Georgia Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$2,500 annually	GDOT	E11, E14, C5, I4
5.3 Disseminate historic preservation information pertaining to Section 106 Reviews to local governments	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$4,000 annually	GDNR	E12

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R.1 Review and comment on developments that meet the established criteria to be considered Developments of Regional Impact	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$10,000 annually	GDCA	PI, E8, E14, I8
R.2 Review and comment on developments that could impact Regionally Important Resources	2016-2020	NEGRC	Varies	GDCA	PI, I8
R.3 Respond to requests for Intergovernmental Consultation Reviews	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$1,500 annually	GDCA	I7
R.4 Coordinate with MACORTS transportation planning efforts, including review of and comment on long- and short-range plans and other documents.	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$2,000 annually	GDOT	E13, E14, H4
R.5 Respond to requests for comment on Historic Resources Support inquiries (GDOT)	2016-2020	NEGRC	\$2,000 annually	GDOT	E12
R.6 Review local government applications for EDA funding for consistency with the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)	2016-2020	NEGRC	Minimal	EDA	E1

Acronyms:

ARC: Appalachian Regional Commission

Authorities: Sewer and Water Authorities

BOE: Local Boards of Education

DOL: US Department of Labor

DRI: Developments of Regional Impact

EDA: US Economic Development Administration

GDCA: Georgia Department of Community Affairs

GEDD: Georgia Department of Economic Development

GDHS: Georgia Department of Human Services

GDNR: Georgia Department of Natural Resources

GDOE: Georgia Department of Education

GDOT: Georgia Department of Transportation

GEMA: Georgia Emergency Management Agency

GEPD: Georgia Environmental Protection Division

HUD: US Department of Housing and Urban Development

JDANEG: Joint Development Authority of Northeast Georgia

MACORTS: Madison Athens-Clarke Oconee Regional Transportation Study

NEGRC: Northeast Georgia Regional Commission

NEGRC WDD: Northeast Georgia Regional Commission Workforce Development Division

NEGRSWMA: Northeast Georgia Regional Solid Waste Management Authority

NPS: US National Park Service

PDM: Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan

RIR: Regionally Important Resources

TDR: Transfer of Development Rights

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture