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CRC

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Preparer:				
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April 24, 2024

Georgia Department of Community Affairs Office of Planning and Environmental Management 60 Executive Park South, NE Atlanta, GA

RE: Coastal Regional Commission Regional Plan Annual Report

The Coastal Regional Commission has completed an update of its regional plan and is submitting it with this letter for review by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

I certify that we have held one required public hearing on April 23, 2024, and, at a minimum, have involved regional stakeholders in development of the plan in accordance with the Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning (Chapter 110-12-6), and in a manner appropriate to our region's dynamics and resources. Evidence of this has been included in our submittal.

I certify that appropriate regional staff and decision-makers have, at a minimum, reviewed the following planning documents and taken them into consideration in formulating our plan:

- Georgia's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan,
- Coastal Georgia Regional Water Plan,
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS),
- Chatham and Glynn County MPO Transportation Plans
- Regional Plans for Southern Georgia Regional Commission, Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Commission, and Central Savannah Area Regional Commission.

If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Aaron Carpenter, Planning Director, at (912) 223-9258 or acarpenter@crc.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

Dionne Lovett
Executive Director

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISISON REGIONAL PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

April 23, 2023

5:00 p.m.—6:00p.m.

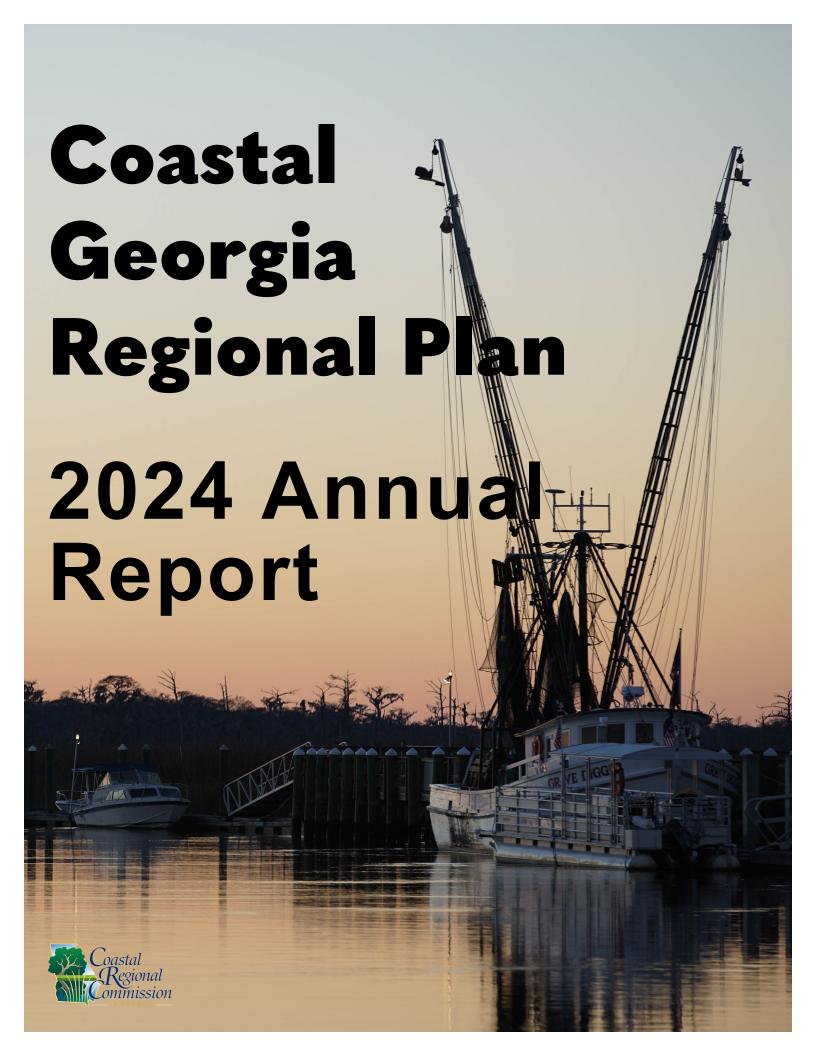
Coastal Regional Commission 1181 Coastal Drive SW Darien, GA 31305

A public hearing will be held at the Coastal Regional Commission to present the Coastal Regional Plan Annual Report, which includes the Regional Work Program Report of Accomplishments and any updates to the Regional Work Program.

The purpose of this hearing is present progress made on accomplishing the vision and goals of the regional plan. In addition, this gives the public an opportunity to provide feedback to CRC staff. All persons are invited to attend.

A complete copy of the report can be found here: https://www.coastalrc.ga.gov/regional-plan

Those who are unable to attend but would like to provide comments regarding the report can contact Aaron Carpenter, Planning Director, at acarpenter@crc.ga.gov.

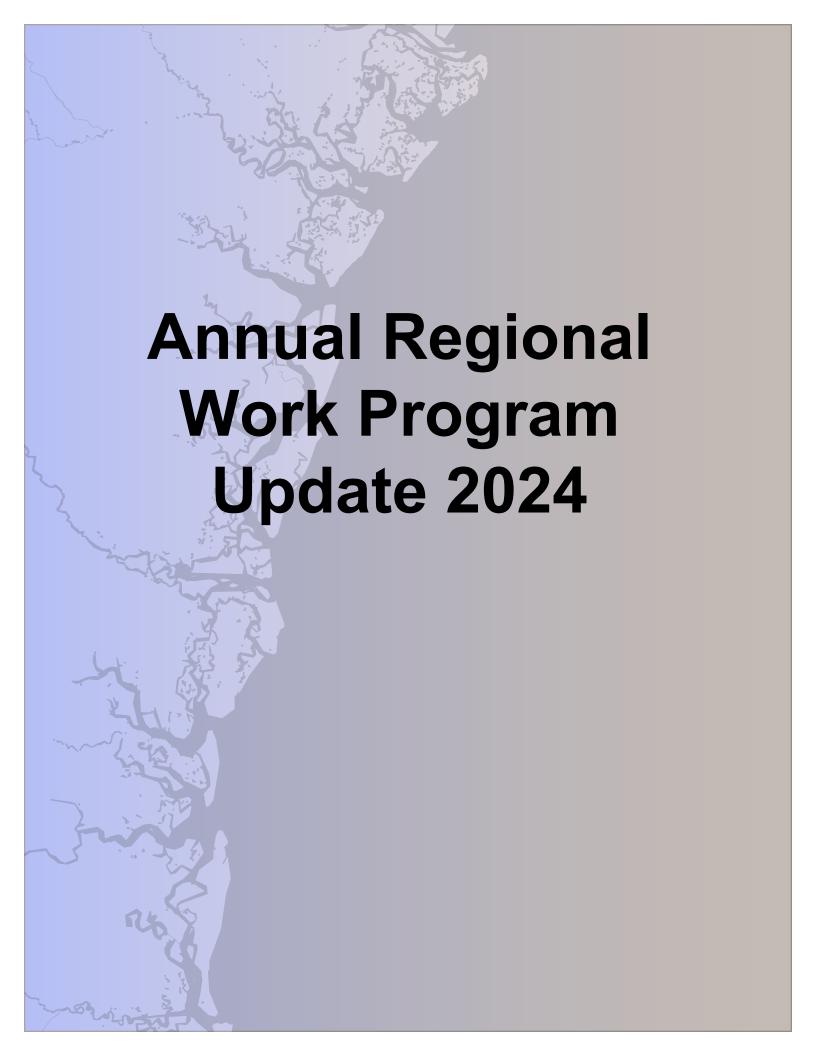


Local Government Minimum Performance Standards

The following table reports the CRC's local governments compliance with the Regional Plan's Minimum Performance Standards.

Local Government	Minimum Performance Standard(s) Not Met	Specific Action Steps taken to Assist Government
Bryan County	All minimum performance standards met	
Pembroke	All minimum performance standards met	
Richmond Hill	All minimum performance standards met	
Bulloch County	All minimum performance standards met	
Brooklet	Not Met: QLG Status	Technical Assistance
Portal	Not Met: QLG Status	Technical Assistance
Register	All minimum performance standards met	
Statesboro	All minimum performance standards met	
Camden County	All minimum performance standards met	
Kingsland	All minimum performance standards met	
St. Marys	All minimum performance standards met	
Woodbine	Not Met: QLG Status	Technical Assistance
Chatham County	All minimum performance standards met	
Bloomingdale	All minimum performance standards met	
Garden City	All minimum performance standards met	
Pooler	All minimum performance standards met	
Port Wentworth	All minimum performance standards met	
Savannah	All minimum performance standards met	
Thunderbolt	All minimum performance standards met	
Tybee Island	All minimum performance standards met	
Vernonburg	Not Met: QLG Status	Technical Assistance
Effingham County	All minimum performance standards met	
Guyton	All minimum performance standards met	
Rincon	All minimum performance standards met	
Springfield	All minimum performance standards met	
Glynn County	All minimum performance standards met	
Brunswick	All minimum performance standards met	
Liberty County	All minimum performance standards met	
Allenhurst	All minimum performance standards met	
Flemington	All minimum performance standards met	
Gumbranch	All minimum performance standards met	
Hinesville	All minimum performance standards met	
Midway	All minimum performance standards met	
Riceboro	All minimum performance standards met	

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Coastal Georgia Regional Report of Accomplishments - 2023			
Strategy	Action	Timeframe (Cost Estimate)	Status/Comments
	1. Sustainable Natural	and Cultural Resources	
Provide mapping and planning services to the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor to assist in the protection and preservation of culturally significant resources.	Collect information on cultural sites, stories, and services to store as feature layers on ESRI web applications	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	Ongoing
	Maintain and update the produced ESRI applications as updates are released and implement minor design and structural changes at the request of The Marine Extension	Year 1	Ongoing
Develop the Regional Legacy Program to memorialize the heritage of the region.	Interview and collect stories and oral histories that would otherwise be lost	Year 1	Postoned due to staff turnover
	Develop an online tool to properly market the region and its heritage resources	Year 1	On Schedule

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	1. Sustainable Natural	and Cultural Resources	
Incorporate principles of sustainability into local comprehensive plans.	For every comprehensive plan the CRC assists with, ensure at least one meeting of the stakeholder committee has a primary focus dealing with strategies for sustainable growth	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	Ongoing as needed. The RC Staff developed comprehensive plans for three communities that included sustainable growth discussions and strategies included in the plan.
Provide local governments with the education, resources, and services to secure and implement green infrastructure projects.	Host at least two workshops over the next five years that educates regional leaders on the importance of water management - produce summary of meeting minutes	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X Year 4 Year 5 (\$500/workshop)	Ongoing: Hosted one regional workshop to education regional leaders on environmental issues, including water management.
	Check federal and state funding agencies monthly and actively identify sources of funding for green infrastructure to include in the CRC newsletter provided to local governments	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	Ongoing: the CRC staff has included grant opporunties for green infrastructure in each monthly newsletter.
Revive the Coastal Training Program to cover basic environmental training for local government officials.	Partner with DNR to host at least one training session per year - produce summary of meeting minutes	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	RC Staff have partnered with DNR to host various trainings every year on natural resources and environmental resiliency. Currently, four trainings have been hosted.

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	2. Healthy Livab	le Communities	
Host housing workshops to educate local governments and nonprofits on the importance of attainable housing.	Host at least two workshops over the next five years - produce summary of meeting minutes	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X Year 4 Year 5 X (\$500 per workshop)	On schedule to occur in 2024 and 2026
Work with local governments to explore ways of revising their existing zoning ordinances to	Draft model ordinances for local governments that provide for more flexible zoning options	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X Year 4 Year 5 (Staff Time)	Postponed due to lack of staff time
support the development of more diverse and attainable housing.	Educate local governments about the zoning ordinance changes in recently passed H. B. 1405 its effects on rezoning for affordable housing purposes	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X Year 4 Year 5 (Staff Time)	Completed: CRC staff have communicated with local governments the impacts of HB 1405.
Develop and assist local governments in the	Develop a regional housing study to capture data for existing housing and project what future needs are and present them to each of the counties	Year 1	Postponed due to lack of staff time
implementation of affordable housing plans.	Organize a network of nonprofits operating in the region that offer housing rehabilitation services and create a database for use in the CRC newsletter	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	Ongoing: The CRC has participated in multiple regional housing workshops and continues to share resources in the CRC newsletter

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	2. Healthy Livab	le Communities	
Assist local governments with developing modern websites that expand civic participation options and offer online service payment.	Review all local government websites and identify which are not effectively communicating information crucial to civic participation, public safety, and city services	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X Year 4 Year 5 (Staff Time)	Postponed due to lack of staff time
	Propose, develop, and implement web solutions for those government websites identified as not effectively communicating information about civic participation, public safety, and city services	Year 1	In Progress: CRC staff are currently assisting two local governments with website improvements. Efforts will continue 2024-2027
Provide yearly bicycle and pedestrian safety trainings and analyses.	Host two safety-focused trainings per year - produce PowerPoint and sign-in sheet of trainings	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (\$500 per training)	Postponed due to a lack of staff time.
Provide mapping to assist GDOT in identifying and expanding existing sidewalk infrastructure.	Develop a comprehensive and accessible inventory of the region's existing sidewalk infrastructure and a mapping application to identify critical facilities without sidewalk access	Year 1	In Progress: CRC staff continue to maintain this data

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	2. Healthy Livab	le Communities	
Analyze the existing healthcare infrastructure in the region and assess whether it is sufficient.	Create a travel time map for partnering healthcare facilities to identify potential gaps in coverage	Year 1	Postponed due to lack of staff time
Maintain the AARP's Age- Friendly designation for counties in the region and incorporate the Domains of Livability into the CRC's planning process	Host at least three "Wellness Workshops" per year focusing on chronic diseases, family caregivers, and fall prevention for members of the public - produce summary of meeting minutes	Year 1	In Progress
	Hold one public hearing each year to identify service gaps and to survey clients on emerging issues that impact CRC delivery services - produce summary of meeting minutes	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	In Progress
Host workshops on "Smart Growth" principles for local leaders and officials.	Host at least two workshops over the next five years - produce summary of meeting minutes	Year 1	Two workshops have been hosted

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	3. Prospero	us Economy	
Hold annual meetings with regional economic development organizations to assess needs and identify projects for partnership.	Host at least one meeting per year - produce summary of meeting minutes	Year 1	Postoned due to lack of staff time
Provide planning services to assist in identifying and analyzing workforce trends.	Partner with local technical colleges to create a workforce development strategy	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 X X (\$1,600 per workshop)	On Schedule
Provide grant services to secure funding for future development.	Capture and store in a database current and upcoming projects from the Development Authorities and Chambers of Commerces in the region to cross reference with funding opportunities as they come available	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	On Schedule
Develop, implement, and continuously update a robust	Update the existing CEDS to account for new changes in the economic and labor markets	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X Year 4 Year 5 (\$1,500 per workshop)	Completed: the updated CEDS document is available on the CRC website coastalrc.ga.gov
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).	Form a regional CEDS Steering Committee that meets twice a year to track CEDS implementation progress	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X Year 4 Year 5 (Staff Time)	Postponed due to lack of staff time

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	4. Enhanced I	nfrastructure	
	Develop a regional study to assess existing water and sewer supply as well as future needs	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X Year 4 Year 5 (Staff Time)	On Schedule
Collaborate with the Water and Sewer Authorities and others to assess existing water and sewer supply as well as developing plans regarding future needs.	Develop a Coastal Regional Water Plan to prepare for future needs and identify solutions to limited supply	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 X (Staff Time)	On Schedule
	Conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a regional water authority	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 X (Staff Time)	On Schedule
Collaborate with GDOT to analyze current ridership data and assess the feasibility of different sustainable transit opportunities.	Conduct a comprehensive public transit study that examines ridership, peer transit system analysis, and transit feasibility for small urban communities	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X Year 4 Year 5 (Staff Time)	Ongoing: the CRC has begun the initial planning stages, including data collection
	Perform a feasibility analysis of creating a regional Transportation Coordinating Committee and subsequent Regional Transportation Plan that incorporates existing transportation plans and land use transportation integration while exploring alternative and more stable financing sources	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	In Progress: CRC staff are currently partnering with GDOT on the development of a Regional Transit Development Plan

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Use the Georgia Broadband Map to identify unserved areas of the region and assist communities in providing access to those areas.	Incorporate broadband access data into local comprehensive plans through the use of visuals such as maps and charts	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	In Progress: Broadband access data was incorporated into comprehensive plans for three communities so far in 2024
Provide cybersecurity technical assistance to local governments to strengthen regional resiliency against cyberattacks.	Draft a model cybersecurity plan outlining threats and mitigation techniques that can provide guidance for local governments to develop their own cybersecurity plans	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	Postponed due to lack of staff time
Provide oversight and technical assistance to GDOT and local communities looking to expand development of the East Coast Greenway.	Create a mapping application detailing progress of the East Coast Greenway in the region and identify areas where improvements can be made	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 X X X Year 4 Year 5 X X (Staff Time)	In Progress: CRC staff are maintain this data