



# PlanFirst

**Introduction:** The Department of Community Affairs' PlanFirst Program rewards local governments that clearly demonstrate success with implementing their local comprehensive plan. To apply for PlanFirst designation, a local government must have Qualified Local Government certification and be current on required reporting to DCA (to check status for both, please visit <http://www.georgioplanning.com/planners/planreview/default.asp>). To be selected for PlanFirst designation, a multi-agency review panel will evaluate a number of indicators of community success with plan implementation. All of these indicators are equally important, but size of the community is taken into consideration in the evaluation so that communities of various sizes are equally competitive for PlanFirst designation.

**Instructions:** Please answer all the following questions, attaching additional pages where necessary. Attach letters of support or other evidence of local commitment to successfully participate in this program if selected. Total application length, including support letters, must not exceed 20 pages.

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*I, the undersigned authorized representative of the applicant, certify that to the best of my knowledge the information in this application is true and correct.*

7. Official Signature 
8. Date May 13, 2014
9. Name (please print) Michael D. Underwood
10. Title County Administrator



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11. For each of the following indicators, briefly explain how your community addresses this indicator and identify specific examples and resulting local successes. (Each indicator will be scored 1, 3, or 5 points, except indicators 11 j. and 11 t. which may score up to 10 points)

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
a. We have a good track record with maintaining our Qualified Local Government status and submitting required reports to DCA.	Yes, Jones County has an excellent track record with maintaining its Qualified Local Government (QLG) status and submitting required reports to DCA. Jones County works with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission to ensure compliance with updates on the Comprehensive Plan, Service Delivery Strategy, and Capitol Improvements Element (CIE). Tickler file reminders assure timely submission of annual reporting to DCA.
<b>Goals</b>	
b. The Goals (or Vision) section of our comprehensive plan is supported by the community and its leadership	See attached pages.
c. The Goals are both ambitious and achievable for the community	See attached pages.
d. The Goals steer local decision-making on a continuous basis	In addition to the Annual Retreat, PLAN also holds quarterly meetings which allow the community to maintain focus and re-adjust as needed to stay on target to meet both short-term and long-term goals.
e. Consistent progress is being made at achieving the Goals	Accomplishments are reviewed at the annual PLAN retreat as well as during the Annual CIE update. The CIE update reports on attainment of goals and successes recognized by Jones County within the Report of Accomplishments and STWP.
<b>Leadership</b>	
f. We have effective planning staff or another suitable arrangement for handling community planning matters	Jones County employs a Planning and Zoning Director who assists with day-to-day planning tasks. The Director is readily accessible and promotes early coordination and consultation on projects both large and small. In addition, Jones County utilizes the staff of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission as well as DCA staff to facilitate plan preparation, retreats, visioning, and goal setting.
g. We have an active planning commission or similar body to steer local planning decisions	The Planning and Zoning Commission officially serves both Jones County and the City of Gray which meets the third Monday of each month. Members of Planning and Zoning also take an active role in the PLAN organization thus enabling greater communication and coordination on planning issues and decisions.
h. We have a regular local plan effectiveness evaluation process (such as annual planning retreats of elected leadership)	The Capitol Improvements Element (CIE) is reviewed and updated annually by local government staff and elected officials. At the Jones County PLAN Annual Retreat, the elected and appointed officials with the City of Gray, Jones County, Board of Education, Development Authorities, community leaders, business owners, and interested citizens all participate to review its work program, which is derived from the Comprehensive Plan. PLAN also meets quarterly to determine strategies to reach goals and benchmark accomplishments.
i. All local officials (both elected and appointed) involved in local planning processes have recently	Yes. See attached sheets.



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attended training in how to use the plan effectively. Please indicate what trainings and the date(s) attended.	
j. Provide up to ten of your best recent examples where the plan steered a key local decision	See attached sheets.
<b>Participation</b>	
k. Our comprehensive plan was prepared with multiple community input opportunities	Yes. See attached description of public participation techniques and list of Stakeholders involved in Plan preparation.
l. The community input received during plan preparation influenced the content of the plan	Yes. See explanation on attached sheets.
m. Our steering committee that guided development of the plan included local leaders and elected officials	Yes. The Mayor of Gray, Jones County Administrator, Planning and Zoning Director, member of the Historic Preservation Commission, Jones County History and Heritage, business owners, and interested citizens comprised the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The Gray City Council and Jones County Board of Commissioners also took an active role in plan development.
n. We have an active, ongoing, outreach process for soliciting input on planning matters from a broad spectrum of the community, including non-traditional populations, and the resulting input is listened to by community leaders	Yes. PLAN meetings are broadly advertised with all organizations and interest groups encouraged to attend and participate. A founding member and ongoing leader of PLAN is the Editor of the Jones County News. As such, the newspaper continually features stories of interest about PLAN activities and articles summarizing the Annual Retreat activities and outcomes and status reports on quarterly meetings to ensure the entire community is aware of the decisions being made and opportunities to become involved in these decisions and planning processes.
o. We have active advocates for plan implementation (such as activist citizens, organizations or neighborhood groups) that are listened to by community leaders	Yes. The PLAN organization provides ongoing, active advocacy for implementation of action items as described above. Elected officials and community leaders are active participants in PLAN meetings and events. As a whole, the entire community works well jointly on initiatives and implementation action items. In addition to the PLAN organization, the decision to apply for joint Certified Local Government status, is a prime example of the cooperation and "can-do" spirit amongst the elected and appointed leaders, organizations, and citizen volunteers within the community.
<b>Implementation</b>	
p. The Work Program section of our comprehensive plan consists primarily of	Yes. The work plan evolves every year into a document that increasingly outlines specific action items with demonstrable results as opposed to vague statements of "consider" and "encourage."



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specific action items that make it clear exactly what we intend to do to implement the plan	
q. Our Work Program action items clearly address local needs or Goals identified in the plan	Yes.
r. We have a good track record of accomplishing most of the action items included in past plan Work Programs	Yes. In the past, our Work Plan has been more broadly focused, which has made it difficult to show results. Each year during the annual CIE Update, however, as accomplishments are marked off, new action items are incorporated into the Plan. The new additions are more specific, achievable items with broad based community support conceptually and in reality as evidenced through implementation actions.
s. Our local capital budget is consistent with, and is designed to implement, the comprehensive plan	Yes. Our CIE is directly aligned with and designed to implement the Comprehensive Plan as the Library, EMA, Sheriff's Office, and Parks are all beneficiaries of the impact fees.
t. Provide up to ten best of your best recent examples of important projects carried out as a result of the plan	See attached sheets.

Print Form

Once application is completed, print, scan with *Official Signature* and <mailto:Adriane.wood@dca.ga.gov>

*Please answer all of the above questions in the application. You may attach additional documents including letters of support, images, or other evidence of local commitment in this program when sending the application. Total application length, including support letters, must not exceed 20 pages.*



**11. b. “The Goals (or Vision) section of our comprehensive plan is supported by the community and its leadership.”**

The Joint Comprehensive Plan for Jones County and the City of Gray sets forth the following Community Vision, “A community committed to moving progressively forward while protecting and preserving its historical treasures and natural beauty, nurturing its families, and growing a strong economy.” The Comprehensive Plan also delineates more specific visions of the future development for nineteen (19) character areas and the following land use categories: Rural Residential, Suburban Residential, Urban Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Public/Institutional, Transportation/Communication/Utilities, Park/Recreation/Conservation; Wildlife Refuge and Management Areas/Natural Forest; Agriculture/ Forestry. The overall guiding vision and specific visions of land use development are continually carried out by elected and appointed officials, local government staff, community organizations and citizens. To assist the community in plan implementation, a group of citizens within Jones County came together several years ago to form an organization titled PLAN (**P**eople **L**ooking **A**head **N**ow). The group accepts membership from any citizen within Jones County and includes the elected leaders of Jones County and the City of Gray, Chamber of Commerce, Development Authority, Board of Education, Jones County History and Heritage, business owners, and interested citizens. PLAN holds an annual retreat to discuss accomplishments from the prior year and assembly of groups for implementation activities for the coming year.

**11. c. The Goals are both ambitious and achievable for the community.**

Yes. Jones County's goals are both reasonable and achievable for a community of its size and location. The PLAN organization works cooperatively with both the City of Gray and Jones County to hold an Annual Retreat, which enables city and county leadership to obtain broad-based community input and set goals that both improve the community and which are actually attainable. Jones County also coordinates with the MGRC to address the needs of the future based on economic and population trends. Additionally, the County strongly considers potential barriers to goal completion, including resource availability.

**11. i. All local officials (both elected and appointed) involved in local planning processes have recently attended training in how to use the plan effectively. Please indicate what trainings and the date(s) attended.**

- All of members of the Jones County Board of Commissioners have attended a variety of ACCG training, which is outlined on the attached sheets.
- The Jones County Development Authority members (TJ Heath and Josh Laurie) attended training at Central Georgia Technical College on August 29, 2012.
- Planning and Zoning Commissioner Staff and Jones County Development Authority staff attended a Development of Regional Impact Training on August 23, 2012 at the Middle Georgia Regional Commission offices.
- Jones County Historic Preservation Commission members attended Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division training for Historic Preservation Commissions in Carrolton in 2011.

**11. j. Provide up to ten of your best recent examples where the plan steered a key local decision.**

1. Haddock Revitalization Plan – Community Assessment, Cultural Resources, pg. 6, Issue #3; Land Use, pg. 7, Issue #2.
2. Gray Bypass Corridor Plan – Community Assessment, Transportation, pg. 8, Issues #2, #3 and #4.
3. Build/Expand the Animal Shelter – Activity identified during a PLAN retreat and as a result was included in the 2013-2017 STWP/CIE update under Community Facilities. The project is scheduled for completion by December 2015.

4. Establish inter-connecting bike trails and sidewalks to include Clinton, Highway 18 Connector, new high school, and Recreation Park on Highway 18 – Community Assessment, Transportation, pg. 8, Issue #6.
5. Applying to become Certified Local Government – Joint Application with City of Gray is underway – Community Assessment, Cultural Resources, pg. 6, Opportunity #2.
6. Developing an Economic Incentive program (to be accomplished in 2014-2015) – Community Assessment, Economic Development, pg. 4, Issues #3 and #4.
7. Create a Digital Zoning Map – New activity included in the 2014-2018 STWP/CIE Update. County staff is currently reviewing the second draft of the map and making corrections. The final map is expected to be complete within three to six months. 2014-2018.
8. Increase Broadband capacity and Digital Economy (2014 STWP Update, Economic Development, Issue #16).
9. Constructed a fire training center behind Fire Station #8 on Gray Highway in 2009-2010.
10. Establish Capital Improvements Element (CIE), Community Agenda, Economic Development, pg. 4, Issues #3 and #6, “lack of long-term infrastructure.”

**11. k.** Our Comprehensive Plan was prepared with multiple community input opportunities.

The foundation of the public participation plan was the selection and appointment of the Community Planning Steering Committee. The group’s designated primary responsibility is to facilitate the entire planning process. All decisions related to the Plan and the planning process are guided and directed by this group of citizens and government representatives. The Steering Committee reports on the progress of the Plan regularly to official elected bodies and to the communities and citizens of Jones County as a whole.

From the outset, three primary public participant achievement goals were defined. The first was to make certain that the citizens of Jones County, including the incorporated and unincorporated areas, were sufficiently aware of the planning process. Second, that ample opportunity to engage in this process was provided. Third, that meaningful data and input from the citizens would be obtained and incorporated into the Plan. Potential options were balanced against existing parameters including budgetary, time, scheduling, and additional resource restraints.

In recognition of the importance of incorporating meaningful input and participation of residents into the planning process, thus ensuring the comprehensive plan and planning agenda ultimately reflects the full range of community values and desires as expressed by a diverse representation of the population, a full range of possible techniques was examined. These included a wide array of passive and interactive participation methods. Standard, time-tested techniques were considered as well as opportunities presented by the latest in technological advances and the Internet. Identified selected methods included:

1. Utilization of Stakeholders or “Power Team” to Address Community Issues and Opportunities. (*NOTE: Stakeholder table is located after answer to question 11 t. below*).
  - a) Questionnaire will be developed from the issues in the Community Assessment.
  - b) Questionnaire will be sent out to each stakeholder having them identify their importance from 1-10; follow-up phone calls to make sure they are completed.
  - c) Survey results presented at meeting preceded by light dinner; attendees would then be divided into groups based on subject areas (Economic Development, Housing, Community Facilities and Services, Land Use, Natural/Historic Resources, and Countywide).
  - d) Groups would prioritize issues; identify needs; establish goal(s), objective(s), policy(ies), and implementation strategies for each need.
  - e) Meeting held to present results of group discussions; recommendations sent to Steering Committee for consideration in the Final List of Issues and Opportunities and the Implementation Strategy and Policies sections of the Community Agenda.
2. One Meeting Held in Those Areas Requiring Special Attention (Except National Forest) and Character Areas selected by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
  - Explain Why We Plan

- Map Exercise
    - Attitude Map
      - Areas within character area that are attractive and unattractive.
      - Places in character area that have special meaning (natural areas, business districts, residential neighborhoods).
    - Futures Map
      - Describe Future Residential Development
        - Types of residential development they would like to see in character area and how it should look.
        - Where in the character area should these residential areas be located?
        - Describe Future Commercial/Industrial Areas (if appropriate).
      - Types of commercial/industrial development they would like to see in the character area and how it should look.
        - Where in the character area should these commercial/industrial areas be located?
      - Describe Future Recreation/Open Space/Conservation Areas
        - What types and where they should be located.
3. Periodic briefings of elected officials, business leaders, the media, regional groups, and special interest groups.
  4. Electronic and Hardcopy Response and Comment Collection Venues.
  5. Media interviews and planned press releases (local radio, television, newspaper).
  6. Public Hearings.

**11. i. The community input received during Plan preparation influenced the content of the Plan.**

The Community Agenda was developed with considerable input from community citizens. Stakeholders reviewed community survey results, which greatly aided in prioritizing issues and identifying needs, goals, objectives, policies, and implementation strategies. Public visioning meetings were held in Areas Requiring Special Attention and Character Areas as selected by Plan Steering Committee. Recommendations from Public Visioning meeting were sent to Steering Committee for consideration in the Implementation Strategy and Policies section of the Community Agenda.

**11. q. Our Work Program action items clearly address local needs or Goals identified in the Plan.**

Yes. The Jones County STWP includes a range of action items aligned with the vision, goals, and defining narratives of the character areas within the Plan. Examples include:

- Economic Development, #7 “Develop Economic Development Incentive Program,” which is currently in progress through a partnership of the Development Authority, Jones County, City of Gray, and the Board of Education.
- Housing, #3 “Adopt changes in current land development regulations, that encourage residential developers to: 1) Incorporate innovative lot and street design to protect critical natural resources, encourage energy conservation, and reduce development costs; 2) Create open space within neighborhoods and buffers between different uses; and 3) Minimize the destruction of trees during construction and encourage tree planting on developed lots.”
- Natural and Cultural Resources, #13, “Develop County Greenspace Plan to identify priority areas for greenways and trails in the unincorporated area of Jones County, including the Gray Bypass and Ocmulgee River Corridors and the Agricultural Area Character Area.”
- Natural and Cultural Resources, #24, “Apply for Certified Local Government Status.”
- Community Facilities and Services, #1, “Implement Jones County/City of Gray water system enhancement project.”

**11. t. Provide up to ten best of your best recent examples of important projects carried out as a result of the Plan.**

1. Housing Development, #1: Continue existing efforts to identify and demolish dilapidated housing through the enforcement of the Unsafe Building Abatement Program.
  - Jones County has demolished or compelled to demolish 43 homes to date.
2. Housing Development, #4: Based on the recently completed needs assessment, seek grants and other financial assistance for the rehabilitation of deteriorated housing.
  - Working with a company to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for housing rehabilitation.
3. Community Facilities, #15: Continue to work towards local goal of reducing solid waste by recycling, education and availability.
  - New convenience center establishment and enhancement of existing facilities.
4. Intergovernmental Coordination, #3: Update and implement pay scale.
  - Completed in 2013.
5. Transportation System, #2: Participate in Macon Area Transportation Study.
  - Effort to include recommendations of the Tri-County Multimodal study into the MATS LRTP. Commissioners have been attending Policy Committee meetings to insure these projects are included. Also making use of representation on the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).
6. Transportation System #6: Implement existing plan to pave all dirt roads in the unincorporated area of the County on priority basis.
  - Recently paved roads include: Stewart Farm Road (2013); Friendship Church Road (2012), and Homer Roberts Road (2012).
7. Transportation System #8: Plan and establish sidewalks on Dusty Lane, in the Haddock area, and City of Gray.
  - Transportation Enhancement Grant for sidewalks in Gray with construction to begin in November 2014.
8. Land Use and Character Area, #30: Develop specific plan for Highway 49 corridor between Bibb County Line and Chapman Road that incorporates recommended development patterns specified in the Defining Narrative; and amend existing development ordinance, where necessary to implement the recommendations from the corridor plan.
  - Haddock Revitalization Plan is underway, and adoption is anticipated in June 2014.
9. Land Use and Character Area, #35: Develop new fee structure for Planning and Zoning.
  - Currently under development with anticipated completion in May/June 2014.

LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS  
Gray-Jones County Comprehensive Plan

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Rev.	Gloria	Wicker	Pastor	St. Paul AME Church	P.O. Box 355	Gray	GA	31032	986-9412		
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**ACCG Training Profile**  
**J. Preston (Preston) Hawkins**  
**Chairman at Jones County**

<b>Summary Chart</b>	
Commissioners Training Program - Required	30
Commissioners Training Program - Elective	42
Certified Commissioners Advanced Program - Required	24
Certified Commissioners Advanced Program - Elective	90
<b>Standard of Excellence Program</b>	
Leadership Alumni Program	96
Classes Taken for Additional Credit	144
District Meetings	12
Policy Committee Meetings	3
Legislative Leadership Conference	50
Capitol Connection Conference	12
Annual Meeting	9
Additional County Commission Planning Sessions	0
Other Workshops and Seminars	3
<b>Standard of Excellence Total</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>515</b>

<b>Commissioners Training Program</b>			
<b>Required Courses (30 hours for certification)</b>			
#	Course	Date	Hours
A01	Financial Management I	3/17/2005	6
A02	Personnel/Human Resources	4/23/2005	6
A03	County Gov't Law/Personal Liability	6/9/2005	6
A05	Economic Development	6/10/2005	6
A06	Excellence in Government	9/26/2005	6
<b>Total Required Hours Earned</b>			<b>30</b>
<b>Elective Courses (18 hours for certification)</b>			
#	Course	Date	Hours
B02	Teamwork Through Teambuilding	-	3
B03	Planning and Goal Setting	-	3
B05	Image Identity	-	6
B06	Managing Meetings and Parliamentary Procedures	-	6
B07	Planning and Zoning	-	6
B08	Public Safety	-	3
B09	Public Works	-	3
B10	New Commissioner Training	11/30/2004	6
B100	County Government 101	4/29/2013	6



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**ACCG Training Profile  
James (Larry) Childs  
Commissioner at Jones County**

<b>Summary Chart</b>	
Commissioners Training Program - Required	24
Commissioners Training Program - Elective	48
Certified Commissioners Advanced Program - Required	24
Certified Commissioners Advanced Program - Elective	96
<b>Standard of Excellence Program</b>	
Leadership Alumni Program	78
Classes Taken for Additional Credit	108
District Meetings	6
Policy Committee Meetings	3
Legislative Leadership Conference	33
Capitol Connection Conference	3
Annual Meeting	3
Additional County Commission Planning Sessions	0
Other Workshops and Seminars	0
<b>Standard of Excellence Total</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>426</b>

<b>Commissioners Training Program</b>			
<b>Required Courses (30 hours for certification)</b>			
#	Course	Date	Hours
A01	Financial Management I	4/16/1994	6
A02	Personnel/Human Resources	10/12/1994	6
A03	County Gov't Law/Personal Liability	2/15/1996	6
A06	Excellence in Government	1/20/1993	6
<b>Total Required Hours Earned</b>			<b>24</b>
<b>Elective Courses (18 hours for certification)</b>			
#	Course	Date	Hours
B02	Teamwork Through Teambuilding	-	3
B03	Planning and Goal Setting	-	3
B04	Public Speaking	-	6
B05	Image Identity	-	6
B06	Managing Meetings and Parliamentary Procedures	4/22/1995	6
B07	Planning and Zoning	10/13/1993	6



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**ACCG Training Profile  
Daylon (Daylon) Martin  
Commissioner at Jones County**

**ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy**

Display Summary Chart

<b>Core Certification Courses</b> (66 hours of required courses)				
#	Course	Date Completed	Hours Required	Hours Earned
M 01	<a href="#">County Government 101</a>	4/29/2013	6	6
M 02	<a href="#">County Government Law</a>	2/4/2013	6	6
M 03	<a href="#">County Government Finance</a>	4/27/2013	6	6
M 04	<a href="#">Economic Development</a>	3/21/2013	6	6
M 05	<a href="#">Ethics</a>	3/22/2013	6	6
M 06	<a href="#">Human Resources</a>	10/1/2013	6	6
M 07	<a href="#">Leadership Institute</a>	7/12/2013	12	12
M 08	<a href="#">Public Health and Safety</a>	6/6/2013	6	6
M 09	<a href="#">Property Appraisal and Taxation</a>	10/1/2013	12	12
<b>Total</b>				66

<b>Newly Elected Commissioner Training</b>		
#	Course	Date Completed
O 01	<a href="#">2012 Newly Elected Commissioner Training</a>	12/4/2012

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**ACCG Training Profile**  
**Jonathan (JP) Pitts**  
**Commissioner at Jones County**

**ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy**

Display Summary Chart

<b>Core Certification Courses</b> (66 hours of required courses)				
#	Course	Date Completed	Hours Required	Hours Earned
M 01	<a href="#">County Government 101</a>	4/29/2013	6	6
M 02	<a href="#">County Government Law</a>	2/4/2013	6	6
M 03	<a href="#">County Government Finance</a>	4/27/2013	6	6
M 04	<a href="#">Economic Development</a>	3/21/2013	6	6
M 05	<a href="#">Ethics</a>	3/22/2013	6	6
M 06	<a href="#">Human Resources</a>	6/7/2013	6	6
M 07	<a href="#">Leadership Institute</a>	7/12/2013	12	12
M 08	<a href="#">Public Health and Safety</a>	6/6/2013	6	6
M 09	<a href="#">Property Appraisal and Taxation</a>	10/1/2013	12	12
<b>Total</b>				66

<b>Newly Elected Commissioner Training</b>		
#	Course	Date Completed
O 01	<a href="#">2012 Newly Elected Commissioner Training</a>	12/4/2012

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**ACCG Training Profile  
Tommy (Tommy) Robinson  
Vice-Chair at Jones County**

<b>Summary Chart</b>	
Commissioners Training Program - Required	30
Commissioners Training Program - Elective	30
Certified Commissioners Advanced Program - Required	24
Certified Commissioners Advanced Program - Elective	66
<b>Standard of Excellence Program</b>	
Leadership Alumni Program	12
Classes Taken for Additional Credit	24
District Meetings	9
Policy Committee Meetings	3
Legislative Leadership Conference	19
Capitol Connection Conference	3
Annual Meeting	9
Additional County Commission Planning Sessions	0
Other Workshops and Seminars	3
<b>Standard of Excellence Total</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>232</b>

<b>Commissioners Training Program</b>			
<b>Required Courses (30 hours for certification)</b>			
#	Course	Date	Hours
A01	Financial Management I	6/4/2009	6
A02	Personnel/Human Resources	4/25/2009	6
A03	County Gov't Law/Personal Liability	2/9/2009	6
A05	Economic Development	1/16/2009	6
A06	Fundamentals of Property Appraisal	3/26/2009	6
<b>Total Required Hours Earned</b>			<b>30</b>
<b>Elective Courses (18 hours for certification)</b>			
#	Course	Date	Hours
B01	Ethics	-	6
B02	Teamwork Through Teambuilding	-	3
B03	Planning and Goal Setting	-	3
B04	Public Speaking	-	6
B05	Image Identity	-	6

## Jones County Planning and Zoning

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May 13, 2014

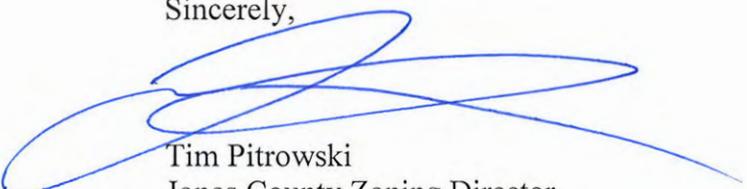
Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Commissioner Corbin:

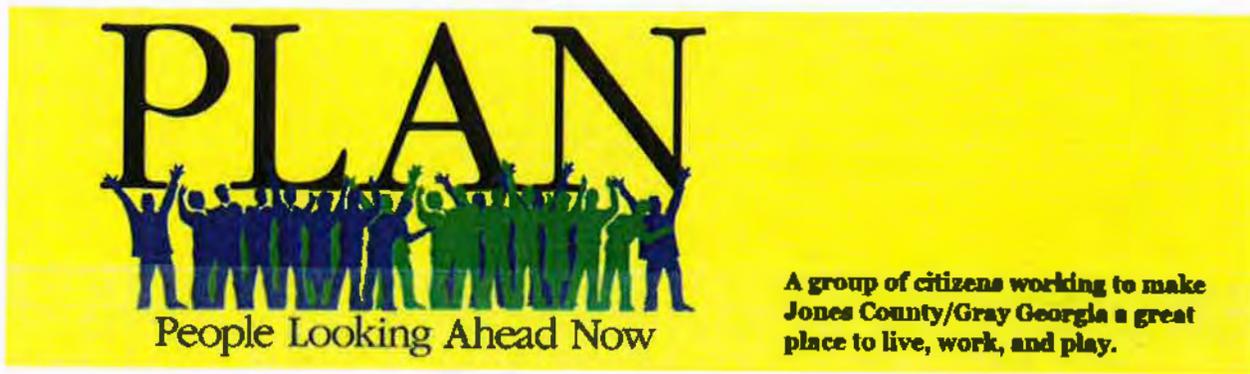
In recent years, Jones County made significant strides in becoming a community that makes decisions through inclusive planning processes. Our County Commissioners have undertaken focused planning efforts aimed at recognizing viewpoints from the entire community. In addition to the efforts made for community input, we have been proactively seeking opportunities to accomplish these goals and objectives. As the Planning and Zoning Administrator for both Jones County and the City of Gray, the PlanFirst program struck me as the ideal opportunity for our community to take its planning efforts to an even higher level.

The positive outcomes of the Jones County planning process have been significant. As an organization, we completed projects including the construction of a new fire training center, overhaul of the County pay plan, establishment of numerous bike trails and sidewalks, and numerous other projects. It is my hope that the Department of Community Affairs recognizes these efforts and finds Jones County to be worthy participants of the PlanFirst program.

Sincerely,



Tim Pitrowski  
Jones County Zoning Director



May 13, 2014

Ms. Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Commissioner Corbin:

It has been brought to my attention, that Jones County is seeking designation as a PlanFirst community. As a representative of the organization PLAN (People Looking Ahead Now), I have had the opportunity to work with the County on planning initiatives aimed at creating a more prosperous community. Our organization consists of a wide cross section of the community and includes Jones County Commissioners. We hold meetings each quarter that have helped in prioritizing community objectives and goals. Through firsthand knowledge, I have seen the County make decisions that are both deliberate and strategic.

With the resources and advantages provided by the PlanFirst program, I fully expect Jones County to further maximize its resources. My full support is behind this application for a program that will increase the positive impact of the Jones County government on our community's residents.

Sincerely,

*Ted Stone*

Ted Stone  
PLAN Chairman  
People Looking Ahead Now



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May 6, 2014

Ms. Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Commissioner Corbin:

The mission of the Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce is "to develop and support a vibrant business community while enhancing our quality of life." Our organization recognizes that community planning initiatives are vital to accomplishing this mission. That is why we have sought to team with the County government to develop goals that will enhance the success of our community's residents and businesses. I find that our ability to work collaboratively and take cohesive action has become one of the community's greatest strengths. The County's investments in our community's *infrastructure*, recreational areas, and law enforcement systems have been particularly beneficial to supporting our growing needs. Because of the many accomplishments, I am pleased to support Jones County as it seeks the PlanFirst designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathyjo Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathyjo Gordon  
Executive Director  
Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce



**Development Authority of Jones County**

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May 6, 2014

Ms. Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Dear Commissioner Corbin:

On behalf of the Development Authority of Jones County, I would like to extend my full backing for Jones County's efforts to become a PlanFirst Community. The Jones County Commissioners have been great partners in increasing the economic development opportunities throughout the County. We truly believe that their support for the infrastructure development at the Griswoldville Industrial Park has made Jones County a more viable location for prospective industry. These and other improvements are the result of planning processes that have drawn in the Community's needs and values.

I believe that designation by the PlanFirst program would further encourage the vibrant planning activities that are currently being undertaken. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathyjo Gordon'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathyjo Gordon  
Executive Director  
Development Authority of Jones County

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May 13, 2014

Ms. Adriane Wood  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

Re: Jones County PlanFirst Application

Dear Ms. Wood:

On behalf of the Jones County Board of Commissioners, I am pleased to submit an application for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' PlanFirst initiative. Jones County has a long history of community-driven planning and broad-based citizen input and support. Recognition of the County's commitment to quality planning in the form of a PlanFirst designation will help to further validate the community's hardwork and ongoing efforts to implement our Comprehensive Plan. Please find enclosed the PlanFirst application, support letters and other supplemental information.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact me at (478) 986-6405 or via email at [mikeunderwood@windstream.net](mailto:mikeunderwood@windstream.net). Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Underwood  
County Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Kristina Harpst, Middle Georgia Regional Commission