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Evaluation and Monitoring Report (<http://www.crcga.org>)

In accordance with DCA 110-12-6-.08(3)(c) the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia is pleased to submit the following Evaluation and Monitoring Report. The report includes activities and procedures undertaken in FY2014 as well as projected activities for FY2015.

The CRC utilized the Quality Growth Effectiveness (QGE) Assessment Survey as an Evaluation and Monitoring tool to measure performance standards as they relate to ongoing implementation and effectiveness of the Coastal Georgia Regional Plan. The QGE survey acquired responses from local jurisdictions regarding consistency with the Regional Plan. These answers were used to determine the Plan's effectiveness and to identify implementation barriers and areas of the Plan that may require modification moving forward.

The results are a comprehensive collection of activities and processes that local governments have undertaken. The tool helps monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the Regional Plan's strategies by uncovering the gap between actual and targeted performance; and systematically helps coordinate and align resources throughout the region. The reporting tool helps the CRC to articulate where a local government is; identify actions needed to make progress and provides performance feedback to enable the Plan to evolve and grow as requirements and other circumstances dictate.

The web-based interface assists in tracking and analyzing relevant indicators related to Topics of Regional Importance which are evaluated based upon Performance Standards. Automation adds structure to implementing the performance standards, helps transform data into information and knowledge, and helps communicate performance information. A portion of the interface allows for input of successful achievement of standards, the incorporation of relevant notes and uploading of back-up information.

The CRC also assesses the Plan's effectiveness through feedback from local governments and stakeholders during CRC Practicums. Feedback is garnered during consultations on DRI's; Leadership Southeast Georgia (LSEGA) program; and various stakeholder meetings such as city and county retreats, Georgia Initiative for Community Housing, and Plan Implementation meetings.

Describe Results of Monitoring and Status of Local Governments Performance Measure Achievement

This section of the Evaluation and Monitoring presents the result of the local government's performance achievements and of the implementation of the Regional Plan.

The region-wide performance standard utilization summary report outlines the utilization level by all reporting jurisdictions as indicated by a percentage. Understanding the utilization level of the Performance Standards informs the CRC how jurisdictions are implementing the Plan.

A total of 40 out of 45 jurisdictions participated and results were integrated with the web-based interface. As a result, leading and lagging measures were identified, expected targets and thresholds were established, and baseline and benchmarking data was developed.

Non Reporting Jurisdictions: City of Darien, City of Port Wentworth, City of Statesboro, City of Sylvania, and the Town of Vernonburg.

What Did We Discover?

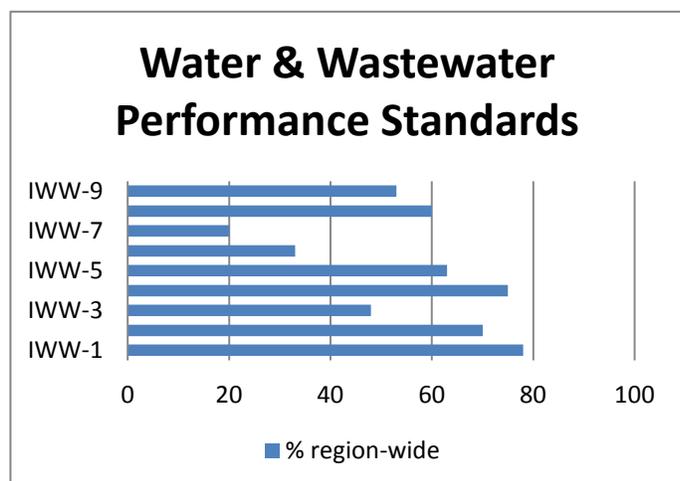
INFRASTRUCTURE

The region's infrastructure must meet the ongoing needs for natural resources, industrial products, energy, food, transportation, shelter, and effective waste management, while protecting and improving environmental quality. Sustainability, resiliency, and ongoing maintenance must be an integral part of improving the region's infrastructure.

Infrastructure: Water/Wastewater

Infrastructure, including potable water and wastewater systems, can be used as a tool to manage growth, protect our environment and influence our development patterns.

The Coastal Stormwater Supplement (CSS) to the GA Stormwater Management Manual was completed in 2009.

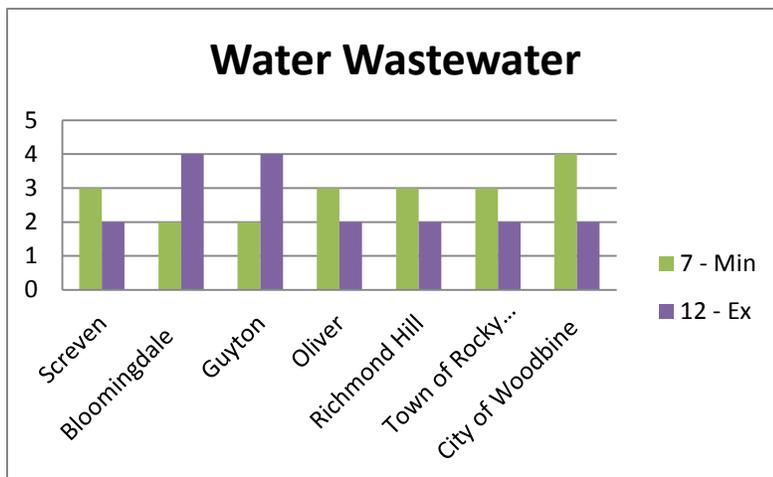


The CSS provides guidance on using integrated green infrastructure strategies that include better site planning, better design techniques, small scale, low impact development practices and traditional stormwater management techniques. It takes into account natural resources, watershed protection and overall site development to balance land development and economic growth with the protection of coastal Georgia’s most valuable resources. The CSS provides a measurable way to protect and preserve our environment and to combat issues such as beach closures, reducing algae blooms, protecting public water supplies, recharge areas, shell fishing areas. The CSS strategies also address the impacts of flooding.

In 2010, the the CRC was awarded a 319 Grant to provide education and targeted training sessions aimed at educating elected officials, county and municipal staff and private professionals on the importance of the CSS. The training includes the technical components involved with implementing its recommended practices.

According to the utilization report, the region is implementing best practices as it relates to Infrastructure: Water and Wastewater. To achieve minimum ranking requirement for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of seven (7) points.

To achieve excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of twelve (12) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of the nine (9) water and wastewater minimum performance standards.

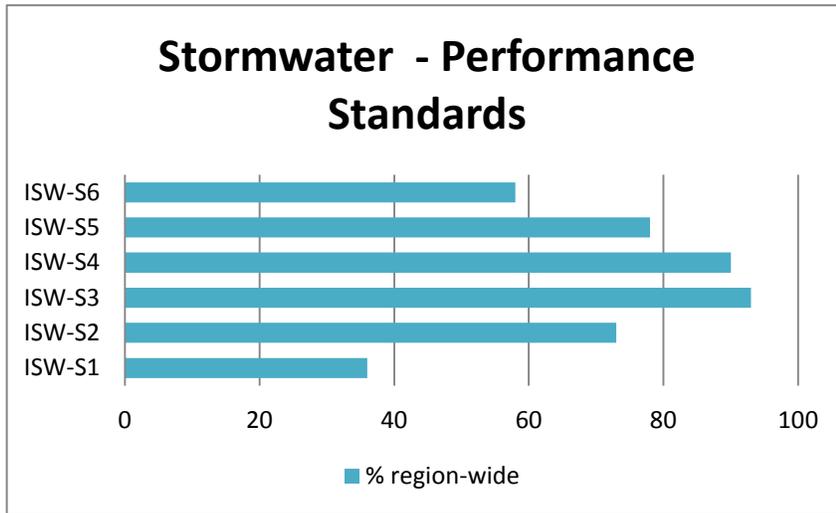


All reporting counties and cities are making progress with activities; however among the reporting counties, Screven County is the only county that does not meet minimum standards for Infrastructure: Water/Wastewater.

Among reporting municipalities, the City of Bloomingdale, Guyton, Oliver, Richmond Hill, Town of Rocky Ford, and the City of Woodbine do not meet minimum standards for Water/Wastewater.

Infrastructure: Stormwater

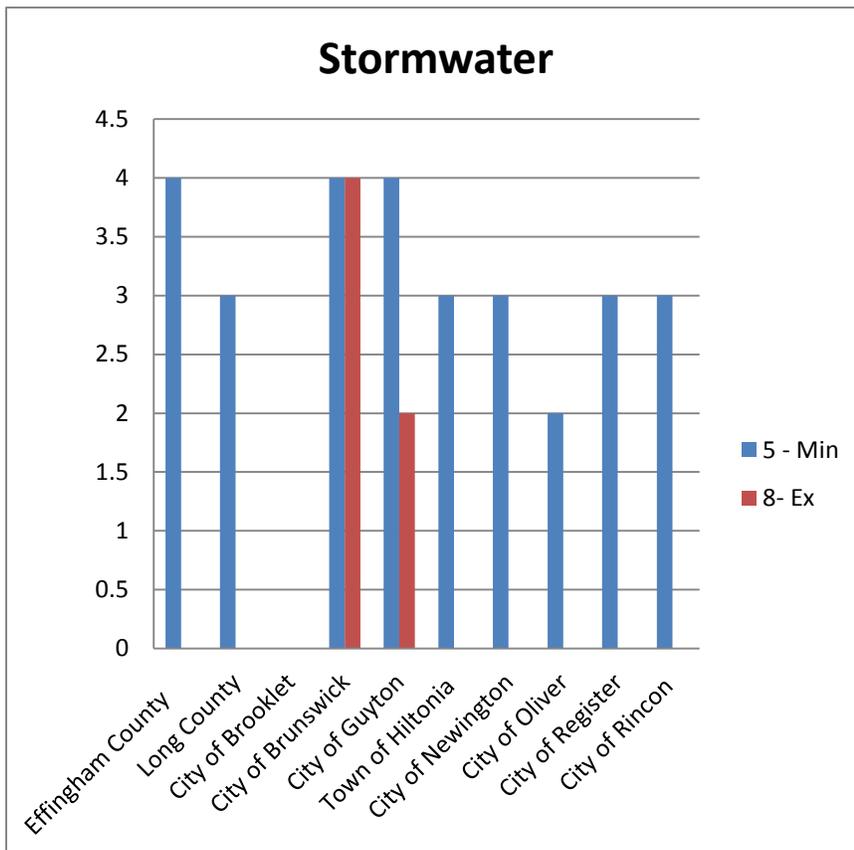
According to the utilization report, the region is implementing best practices as it relates to



Infrastructure: Stormwater. To meet minimum ranking requirements for Stormwater Infrastructure, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of five (5) points.

To meet excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total

of eight (8) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of the six (6) minimum performance standards.



Although progress is being made, among reporting counties, Effingham County and Long County do not meet minimum standards for Stormwater. Among reporting municipalities, the City of Brooklet, City of Brunswick, City of Guyton, Town of Hiltonia, City of Newington, City of Oliver, City of Register, and the City of Rincon do not meet minimum standards.

Infrastructure: Transportation

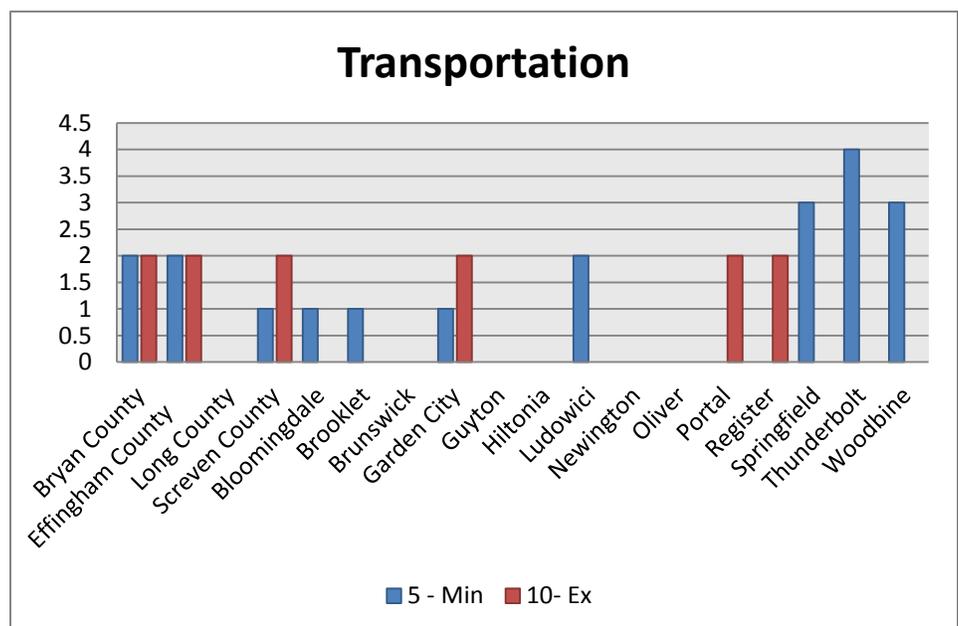
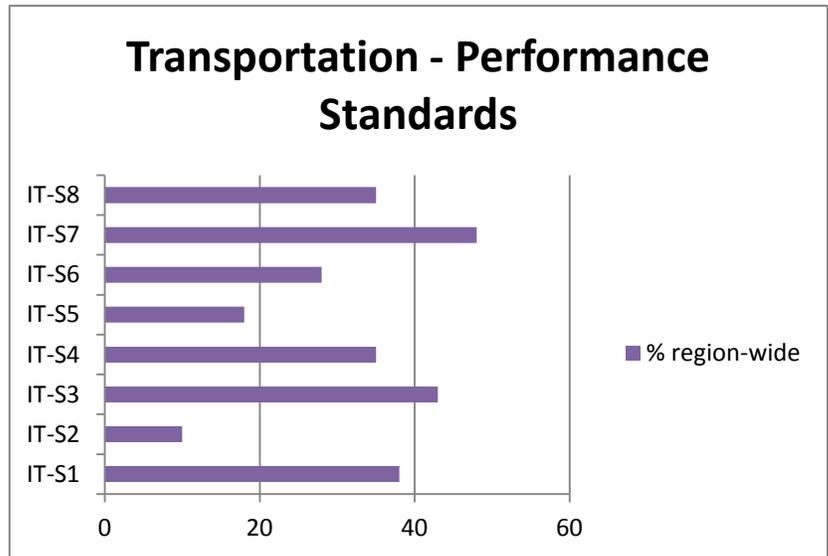
Transportation's purpose is moving people and goods from one place to another, but transportation systems also affect community character, the natural and human environment, and economic development patterns. A transportation system can improve the economy, shape development patterns, and influence quality of life and the natural environment.

To meet minimum ranking requirements for Transportation Infrastructure, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of five (5) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of ten (10)

points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of the eight (8) minimum performance standards.

The utilization report demonstrates the region-wide implementation efforts as they relate to transportation performance standards. The highest effort was made in training, demonstrating that communities are seeking ways to address issues and challenges in this category.

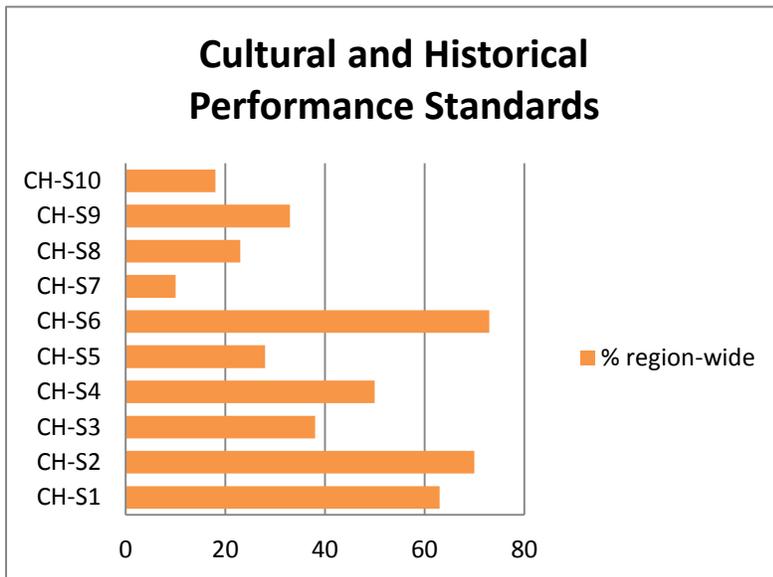
Among reporting counties, Long County does not meet minimum standards. Although progress is being made, Bryan County, Effingham County, and Screven County do not meet minimum requirements.



Among reporting municipalities, the City of Brunswick, Guyton, Hiltonia, Newington and the Oliver do not meet minimum standards. Although progress is being made the City of Bloomingdale, Brooklet, Garden City, Ludowici, Portal, Register, Springfield, Thunderbolt, and Woodbine do not meet minimum standards.

Intrinsic Resources: Cultural and Historical

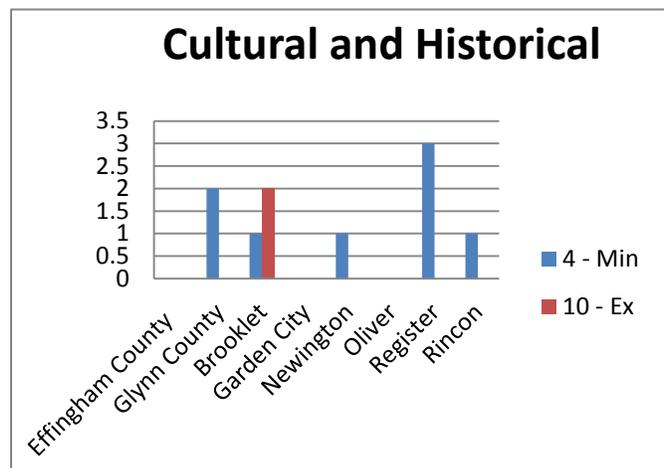
Coastal Georgia contains some of the most significant heritage assets in the State, which are important elements of education, tourism development, economic development, health, and



quality of life. To meet minimum ranking requirements for Cultural and Historic Resources, one must obtain a total of four (4) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements one must obtain a total of ten (10) points. The region is making progress as it relates to implementing the vision of the Regional Plan for cultural and historical resources.

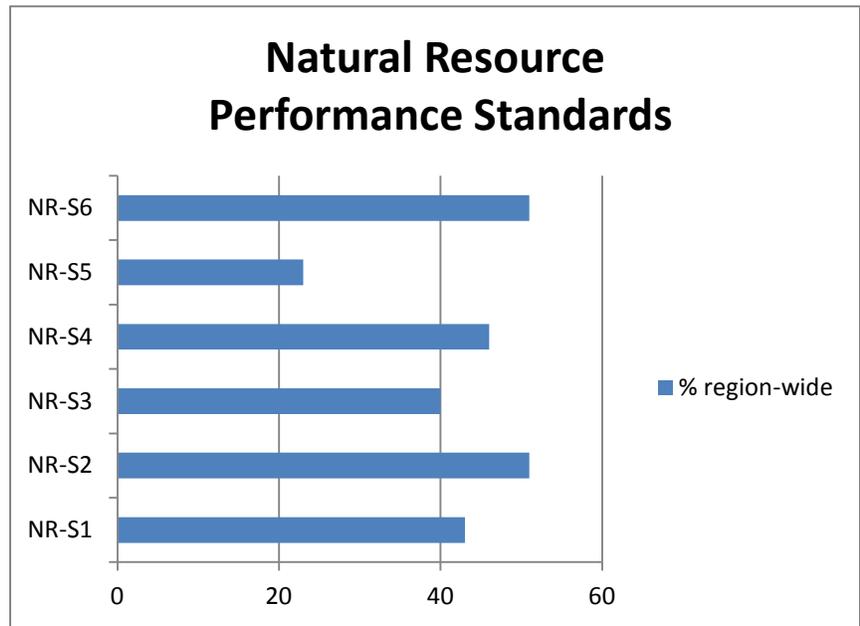
Among reporting counties Effingham County does not meet minimum standards. Although progress is being made Glynn County does not meet minimum standards.

Among reporting municipalities, Garden City and the Oliver do not meet minimum standards. Although progress is being made by the City of Brooklet, City of Newington, City of Register and the City of Rincon they do not meet minimum standards.



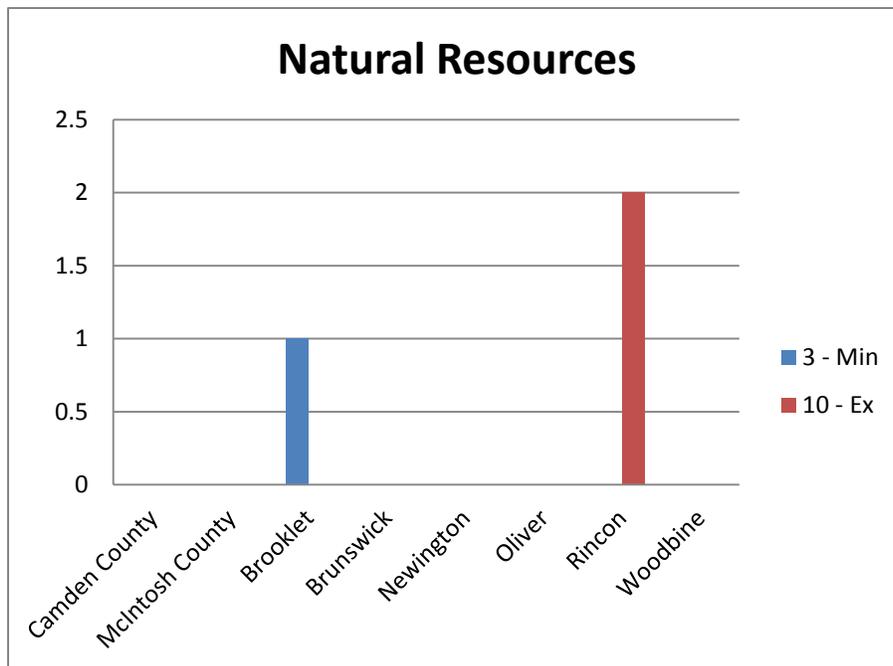
Intrinsic Resources: Natural

The region Coastal Georgia contains some of the highest biodiversity and natural productivity and most significant habitats in the State, which are important elements of education, tourism development, economic development, health, and quality of life. According to the utilization report, those reporting are implementing best practices as it relates to



Natural Resources. To meet minimum ranking requirements for Natural Resources, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of three (3) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of ten (10) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of the minimum performance standards.

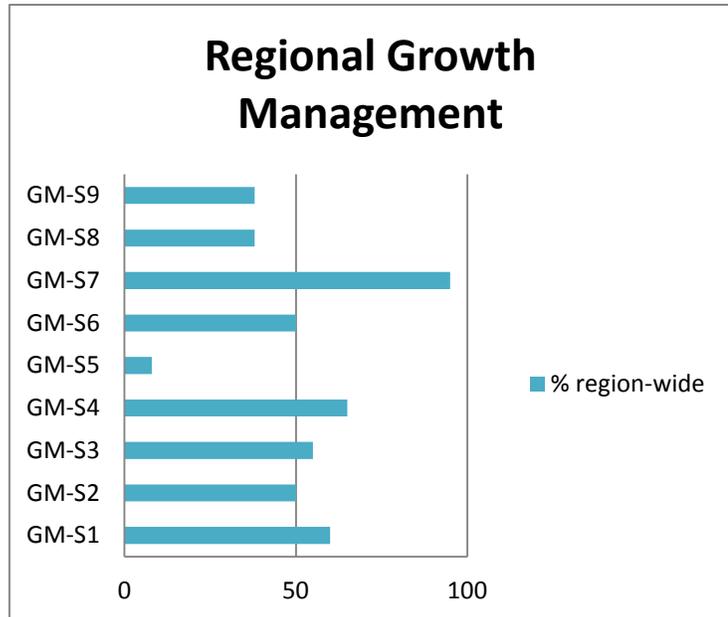
Among reporting counties Camden County, McIntosh County do not meet minimum standards.



Among reporting municipalities, City of Brunswick, City of Newington, City of Oliver, City of Woodbine do not meet minimum standards. Although progress is being made the City of Brooklet and the City of Rincon do not meet minimum standards.

Growth Management: Regional Growth Management

State, local government and citizens can direct the course of development through deliberate growth leadership. In 2010, the Regional Plan established a new paradigm for growth in coastal Georgia—one that accommodated growth and development in ways that improved quality of life for current and future citizens.

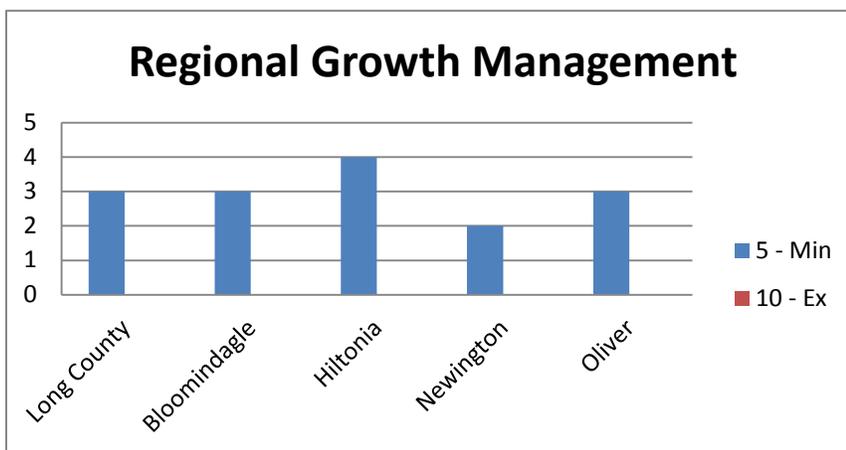


Throughout the past five years, the

Regional Plan advocated for economic progress and environmental stewardship to enhance social capital in communities. The Plan included numerous recommendations related to patterns, preservation, passages, and places. These addressed specific challenges in each arena, and also offered suggestions to achieve quality growth for the region.

To meet minimum ranking requirements for Regional Growth Management, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of five (5) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of ten (10) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of

the nine (9) minimum performance standards.



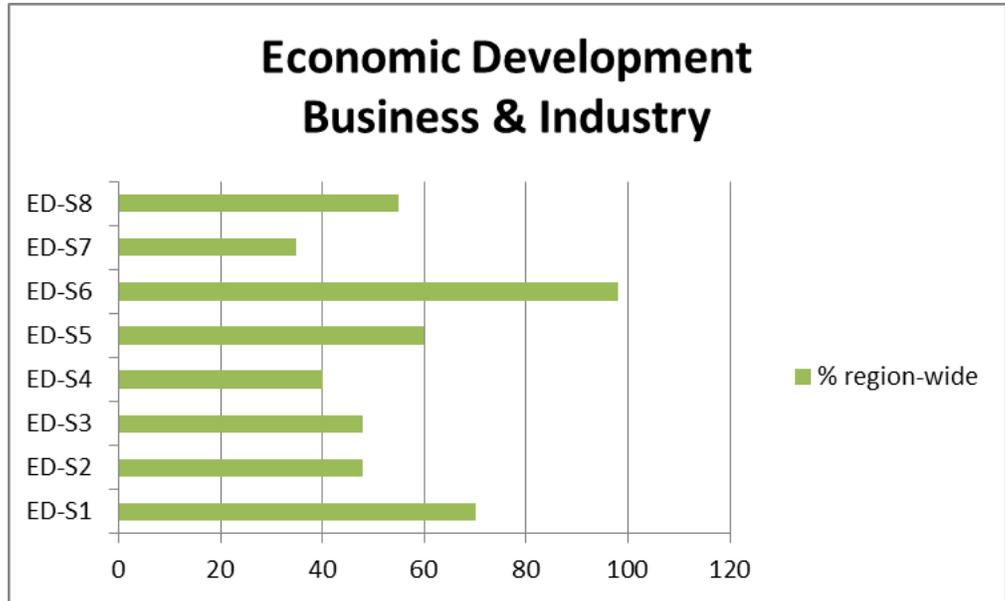
Although progress is being made by the region as a whole, among reporting counties, Long County does not meet minimum performance standards.

Among reporting municipalities, the City of Bloomingdale, Hiltonia, Newington, and the City of Oliver do not meet minimum standards.

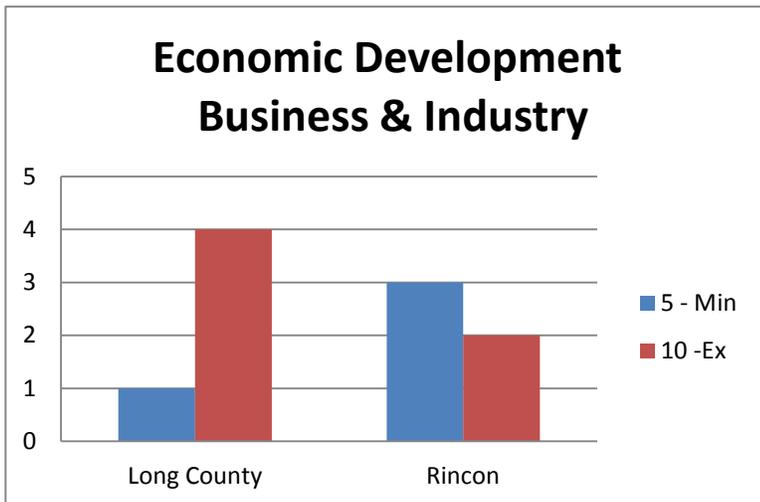
Economic Development: Business and Industry

The CRC has a mission to grow and improve jobs in the region by championing thriving communities, a prosperous economy and sustainable infrastructure.

To meet minimum ranking requirements for Business and



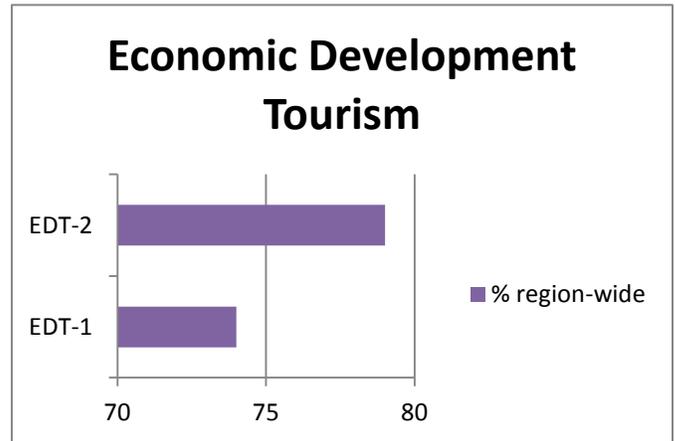
Industry, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of six (6) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of ten (10) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of the eight (8) minimum performance standards. According to the utilization report, the region as a whole is implementing performance standards for Economic Development: Business and Industry.



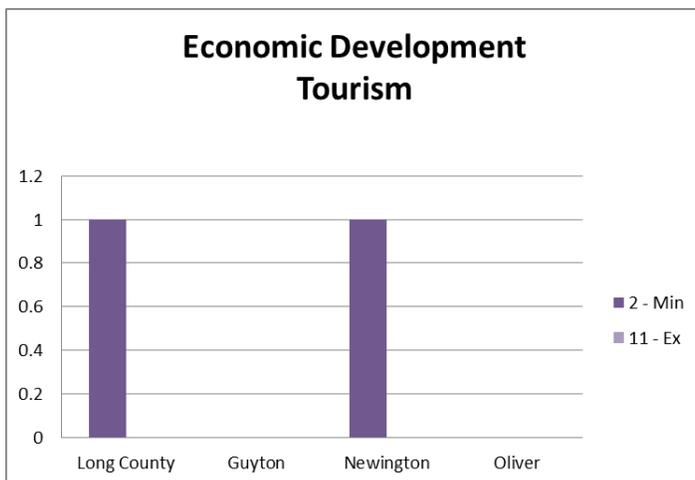
Although counties and cities are making progress, among reporting counties Long County, does not meet minimum standards. Among reporting municipalities, the City of Rincon does not meet minimum reporting requirements.

Economic Development: Tourism

Tourism drives significant business growth for the coastal area. Economic development via tourism is closely tied to coastal resources through our coastal waterways and the natural, historic, and cultural resources which drive the industry. According to GA Department of Economic Development, tourism is one of the most significant revenue generators for the coast, second only to Agricultural. According to economic impact figures from the US Travel Association, tourism in coastal Georgia accounts for over \$50 million in local tax revenues.



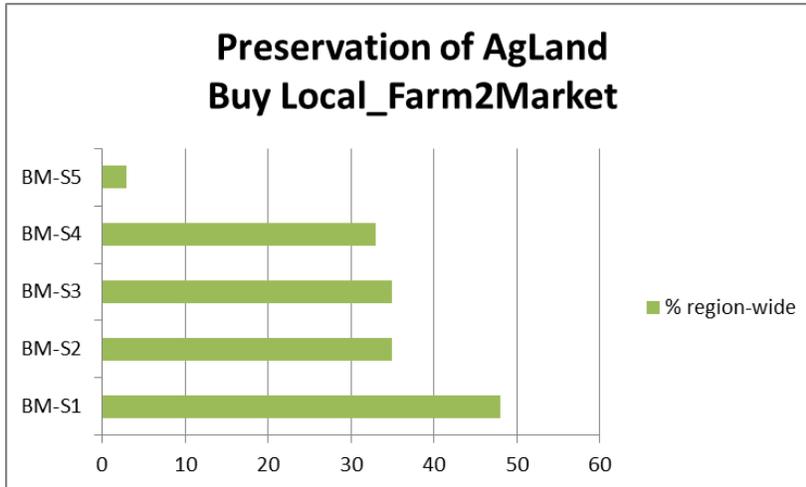
To meet minimum ranking requirements for Tourism, one must obtain a total of two (2) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements one must obtain a total of eleven (11) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of the two (2) minimum performance standards in the Economic Development: Tourism category.



Although making progress, among reporting counties Long County, does not meet minimum standards. Although making progress, among municipalities the City of Newington does not meet minimum standards. The City of Guyton and the City of Oliver do not meet minimum reporting requirement.

Agricultural Land: Preservation

Agricultural farmland is an important part of the region’s natural area and serves as a tradition that contributes to the region’s rich culture. The conversion of prime farmland to urban uses represents a loss to the region’s landscape. Additionally, the Coastal Regional Commission



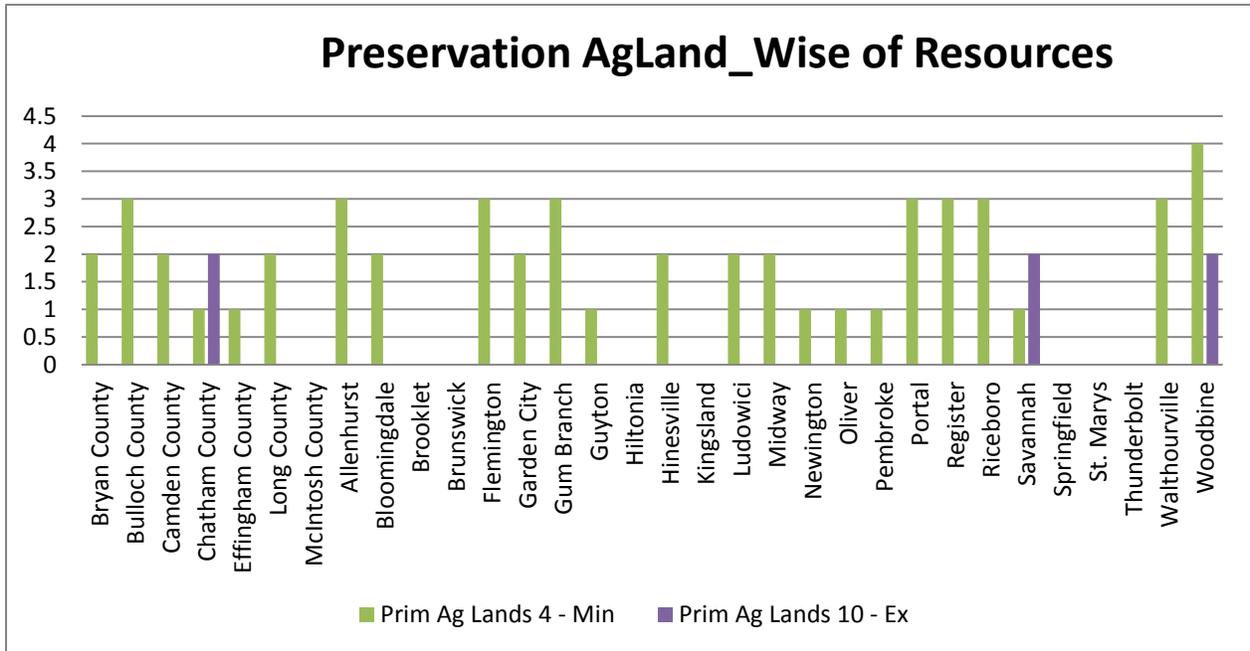
seeks to raise awareness on how and where food is grown to foster actively supporting and promoting producers.

Today, as community health concerns increasingly center on chronic disease and safety, public health specialists and

planners realize that decisions leaders make regarding land use, community design, and transportation are linked to public health problems, including adult and childhood obesity.

With its established relationships with academic, nonprofit, health professionals and public institutions the CRC is connected to innovating and practical thinking to create healthier communities. As we gain a stronger understanding of the role in shaping public health outcomes—along with health officials, political leaders, nongovernmental organizations, and citizens —we can contribute to advancing programs, outreach, education, and policy to integrate community health issues into local and regional planning practices. Improving the built environment in ways that promote active living, healthy eating, social and mental health, and safe environmental conditions, among others, benefits the health of an entire community and region.

To meet minimum ranking requirements for preserving prime agricultural lands and wise use of resources, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of four (4) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of ten (10) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for the five (5) minimum performance standards related to prime Ag lands.



Although the region is making progress on the performance standards to preserve prime agricultural lands and the wise use of resources, among reporting counties Bryan County, Bulloch County, Camden County, Chatham County, Effingham County, Long County, McIntosh County do not meet minimum standards.

Among reporting municipalities City of Allenhurst, City of Bloomingdale, the City of Brooklet, City of Brunswick, City of Flemington, Garden City, Gum Branch, City of Guyton, Town of Hiltonia, City of Hinesville, City of Kingsland, Ludowici, City of Midway, City of Newington, City of Oliver, City of Pembroke, City of Portal, City of Register, City of Riceboro, City of Savannah, City of Springfield, City of St. Marys, Town of Thunderbolt, City of Walthourville, City of Woodbine do not meet minimum standards.

Communities for a Lifetime: Lifelong Communities

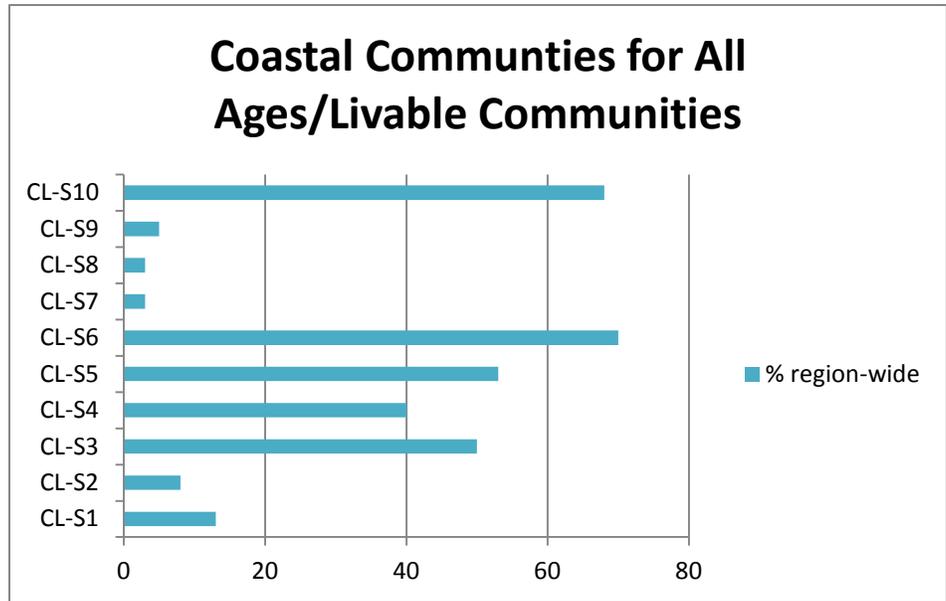
The Regional Plan supports local communities to foster a high quality of life for all residents, regardless of age or ability by promoting housing and transportation options encouraging healthy lifestyles and expanding access to serves. While communities throughout the region have unique needs to arrive at Community for All Ages, there are specific principles to guide them. Since the adoption of the Regional Plan in 2010, the region has facilitated three

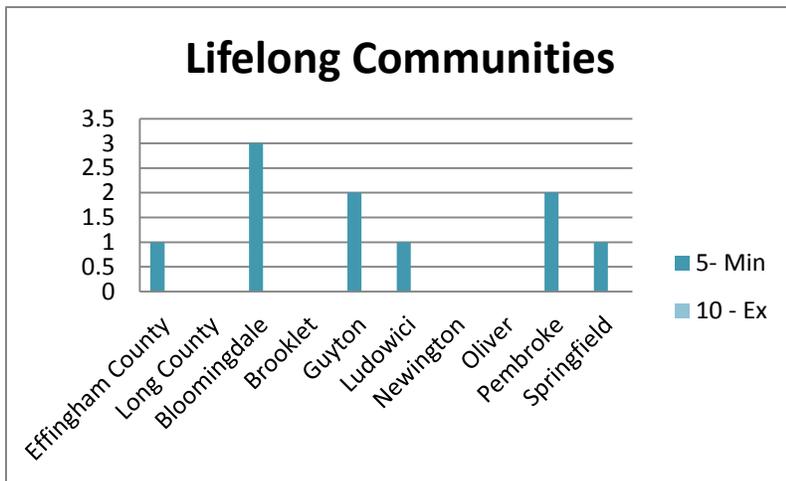
Charrettes. These Charrettes brought together experts to examine how area communities could become places where people of all ages and abilities can live as long as they would like. The CRC also conducted a region-wide age-readiness survey and witnessed the implementation of housing in the City of Hinesville. The region benefits from incorporating the elements that support a Community for All Ages concept into plans, redevelopment strategies, roadway improvements or pedestrian safety improvements. The CRC provides education and technical assistance to promote

the adoption of resolutions supporting Community for All Ages concept to incorporate the principles in all future developments.

The principles of a livable community include elements that help people of all ages

to maintain independence. Lifelong Community principles facilitate personal health, independence and engagement in community life. Lifelong Communities include the fundamental principles of good urban design including connectivity, diversity of housing stock, range of transportation options, walkable environments and access to retail, social and health services that are essential for quality of life. To meet minimum ranking requirements for Communities for a Lifetime, a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of five (5) points. To meet excellence ranking requirements a local jurisdiction must obtain a total of twelve (12) points. Please refer to the Regional Plan for a list of the ten (10) minimum performance standards for Community of All Ages/Lifelong Community.





Although the region is making progress, among reporting counties Effingham County, Long County do not meet minimum requirements. Among reporting municipalities City of Bloomingdale, the City of Brooklet, City of Guyton, Ludowici, City of Newington,

City of Oliver, City of Pembroke, City of Springfield do not meet minimum standards.

What Else Did We Discover?

One size does not fit all. Coastal Georgia has distinct issues based on 1) unique topographies, 2) natural features and 3) varying demographics. In the updated Regional Plan scheduled for 2015, the CRC and stakeholders should create a threshold specific to rural areas and identify meaningful performance standards by more carefully selecting clear goals that can improve smaller local governments approach to best practices. This effort should focus on fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide best practices with a focus on the future. The updated Regional Plan should present actions, policies and implementation measures that respect the unique cultures, histories and natural environment that Coastal Georgian's share.

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BRYAN COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	5	10	15	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	2	7	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	2	2	4	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	4	9	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	5	14	19	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	5	8	13	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	6	12	18	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	12	14	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	5	2	7	Minimum
BULLOCH COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	5	12	17	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	2	5	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	4	4	8	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	6	6	12	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	4	10	14	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	4	10	14	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	6	14	20	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	10	12	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	5	2	7	Minimum
CAMDEN COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	12	18	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	4	2	6	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	6	11	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	10	16	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	3	8	11	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	10	12	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	6	0	6	Minimum

CHATHAM COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	8	14	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	6	4	10	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	7	8	15	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	16	21	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	5	20	25	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	5	14	19	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	6	11	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	2	3	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	6	12	18	Excellence
EFFINGHAM COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	2	8	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	4	0	4	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	2	2	4	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	4	4	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	1	10	11	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	7	2	9	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	2	3	Minimum
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	0	1	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	1	0	1	No Ranking
GLYNN COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	7	10	17	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	2	5	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	2	5	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	2	0	2	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	1	4	5	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	4	4	8	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	8	12	20	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	10	12	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	2	4	Minimum
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	2	4	6	Minimum

LIBERTY COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	9	12	21	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	2	8	10	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	6	11	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	5	16	21	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	8	16	24	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	8	13	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	4	0	4	Minimum
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	6	10	Minimum
LONG COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	2	8	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	0	3	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	4	2	6	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	2	4	6	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	1	4	5	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	0	1	No Ranking
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	0	0	0	No Ranking
MCINTOSH COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	7	12	19	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	5	0	5	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	7	10	17	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	7	12	19	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	10	15	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	8	4	12	Excellence

SCREVEN COUNTY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	3	2	5	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	0	5	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	1	2	3	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	2	2	4	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	3	6	9	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	1	16	17	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	12	17	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	6	7	Minimum
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	2	4	Minimum
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	3	2	5	Minimum
ALLENHURST				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	12	18	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	10	13	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	6	16	22	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	4	16	20	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	16	22	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	10	15	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	4	8	Minimum
BLOOMINDALE				
SCORECARD DASHBOARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	2	4	6	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	0	5	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	1	0	1	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	4	0	4	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	1	10	11	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	4	6	10	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	8	9	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	3	0	3	No Ranking

BROOKLET				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	4	6	10	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	1	0	1	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	1	2	3	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	1	0	1	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	5	0	5	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	2	8	10	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	8	9	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	0	0	0	No Ranking
BRUNSWICK				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	4	4	8	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	2	6	8	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	2	4	6	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	2	4	6	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	4	4	Minimum
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	3	2	5	Minimum
DARIEN				
SCORECARD DASHBOARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	0	0	0	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	0	0	0	No Ranking

FLEMINGTON					
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	5	14	19	Excellence	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	4	10	14	Excellence	
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	4	9	Minimum	
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	4	16	20	Excellence	
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	20	26	Excellence	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	10	15	Excellence	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	18	20	Excellence	
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	0	3	No Ranking	
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	12	16	Excellence	
GARDEN CITY					
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	5	4	9	Minimum	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	8	13	Excellence	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	1	2	3	No Ranking	
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	0	0	0	No Ranking	
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	10	10	Excellence	
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	4	12	16	Excellence	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	2	4	6	Minimum	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	8	9	Excellence	
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking	
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	5	2	7	Minimum	
GUMBRANCH					
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	8	12	20	Excellence	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence	
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	8	11	Excellence	
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	4	9	Minimum	
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	4	16	20	Excellence	
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	12	18	Excellence	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	10	15	Excellence	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence	
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	0	3	No Ranking	
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	4	8	Minimum	

GUYTON				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	2	4	6	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	4	2	6	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	4	4	8	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	2	6	8	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	3	2	5	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	6	12	18	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	0	1	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	2	0	2	No Ranking
HILTONIA				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	4	6	10	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	0	3	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	2	2	4	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	2	8	10	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	4	0	4	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	4	8	12	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	8	10	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	2	6	Minimum
HINESVILLE				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	4	12	16	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	6	11	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	8	11	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	6	8	14	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	4	14	18	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	7	16	23	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	6	10	16	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	16	18	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	5	8	13	Excellence

KINGSLAND				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	4	6	10	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	4	2	6	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	4	7	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	4	9	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	1	6	7	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	4	2	6	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	7	6	13	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	4	8	Minimum
LUDOWICI				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	5	10	15	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	2	7	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	2	0	2	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	6	11	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	2	4	6	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	3	4	7	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	1	8	9	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	2	3	Minimum
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	1	0	1	No Ranking
MIDWAY				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	10	16	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	4	8	12	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	7	6	13	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	4	20	24	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	14	20	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	10	15	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	4	8	Minimum

NEWINGTON				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	3	4	7	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	0	3	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	1	0	1	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	2	0	2	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	4	8	12	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	1	0	1	No Ranking
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	0	1	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	0	0	0	No Ranking
OLIVER				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	3	2	5	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	2	0	2	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	3	6	9	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	0	1	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	0	0	0	No Ranking
PEMBROKE				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	4	6	10	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	2	5	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	2	4	6	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	3	6	9	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	1	8	9	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	5	4	9	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	6	4	10	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	8	8	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	0	1	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	2	0	2	No Ranking

POOLER				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	7	0	7	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	6	2	8	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	4	7	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	1	4	5	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	1	8	9	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	4	4	8	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	4	2	6	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	8	10	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	2	4	6	Minimum
PORT WENTWORTH				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	0	0	0	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	0	0	0	No Ranking
PORTAL				
SCORECARD DASHBOARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	7	4	11	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	2	5	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	2	2	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	4	4	8	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	3	4	7	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	5	2	7	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	6	4	10	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	10	12	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	2	4	6	Minimum

REGISTER				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	2	8	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	0	3	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	2	2	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	3	0	3	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	3	4	7	Minimum
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	2	8	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	3	4	7	Minimum
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	6	6	Minimum
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	2	8	10	Minimum
RICEBORO				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	8	10	18	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	4	9	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	5	8	13	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	8	13	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	4	16	20	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	20	26	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	10	15	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	8	12	Excellence
RICHMOND HILL				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	3	2	5	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	6	6	12	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	5	4	9	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	4	10	14	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	1	10	11	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	6	12	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	3	8	11	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	16	18	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	3	2	5	Minimum
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	3	6	9	Minimum

RINCON				
SCORECARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	4	8	12	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	3	0	3	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	6	9	Minimum
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	1	0	1	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	2	2	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	6	6	12	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	3	2	5	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	8	10	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	4	2	6	Minimum
ROCKY FORD				
SCORECARD DASHBOARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	3	2	5	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	1	2	3	No Ranking
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	0	0	0	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	1	0	1	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	0	0	0	No Ranking
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	3	0	3	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	1	4	5	No Ranking
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	0	2	2	No Ranking
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	0	1	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	0	0	0	No Ranking
SAVANNAH				
SCORECARD DASHBOARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	6	10	16	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	6	4	10	Excellence
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	7	6	13	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	5	16	21	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	5	20	25	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	5	14	19	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	6	11	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	20	22	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	1	2	3	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	6	12	18	Excellence

SPRINGFIELD

SCORECARD DASHBOARD	STANDARD POINTS	EXCELLENCE POINTS	TOTAL SCORE	RANKING
INFRASTRUCTURE: Water and Wastewater (IWW)	3	8	11	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Stormwater (ISW)	5	0	5	Minimum
INFRASTRUCTURE: Transportation (IT)	3	0	3	No Ranking
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Cultural and Historical Resources (CH)	8	8	16	Excellence
INTRINSIC RESOURCES: Natural (NR)	5	6	11	Excellence
GROWTH MANAGEMENT: Regional Growth Management (GM)	4	6	10	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Business and Industry (ED)	5	6	11	Excellence
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tourism (EDT)	2	12	14	Excellence
AGRICULTURAL LAND: Preservation of Agricultural Land (BM)	0	0	0	No Ranking
COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME: Lifelong Communities (CL)	1	0	1	No Ranking

Report on the Results of Survey of Regional Leaders

This section of the Evaluation and Monitoring Report presents the results of surveying regional leaders as to whether strategies identified in the plan are effectively implemented.

The CRC works with many public and private sector partners dedicated to the livability and economic vitality of the 10-county Coastal region. For the purposes of this report, the regional leaders are identified as CRC Council members; Leadership SE Georgia Board members, leaders from regional partnerships including Dr. Lambright from Savannah State; Mike Burns, EDP; Stephen Ramos, Ph.D, Rosanna Rivero, Ph.D and Ron Thomas, FAICP College of Environment + Design, UGA; and faculty from Coastal College, Public Affairs.

According to leaders surveyed, strategies in the Regional Plan are effectively being implemented; all of the required components of a plan element are complete, the rationale is well-considered and built on a solid planning foundation; and the desired outcomes are well-articulated. However, policies and strategies may not be adequately specific or directive to ensure implementation in the region's smaller or more rural communities. Recommendations include more specific policies on how a goal should be implemented and creating specific thresholds to allow smaller local governments to meet minimum rankings for compliance with Performance Standards. Leaders recommend exploring issues and opportunities and creating updates/additional performance standards that meet current trends such as community resilience, and a method to evaluate how state agencies are collaborating with the Regional Commission. The Council and agency stay committed in regionally addressing top issues such as community resiliency and preparedness, transportation, skilled labor, education and jobs.

Report on Changes, Developments and Desired Impact on Development Patterns; Impediments to Implementation Possible Solutions or Needed Amendments.

This section of the Evaluation and Monitoring Report reports on recent changes and recommended amendments to the Plan as data is collected, trends emerge and best practices are explored. The region has an opportunity to shape the scope and character of future development, identify existing and emerging needs and update the Regional Plan to assure that top issues are addressed and communities are able to continuously revitalize. By this definition,

built environments become livable; ecosystems become healthier; economic development becomes more responsive; and the benefits of improved environmental and economic development become more equitably distributed among the region.

The issues facing the region continue to change and evolve, becoming more and more complex. In addition to the traditional issues related to housing, transportation, land use, and economic development, a series of new concerns have emerged. These include, but are not limited to, energy production and consumption, climate change, lifecycle costs of public investments and community health.

Considering the impact of comprehensive planning, including the new generation of sustainability plans, on social, economic, and environmental conditions, there is a need to explore the ways in which jurisdictions include **public health** goals and objectives as part of the comprehensive planning process. Identifying local planning responses to important health issues and examining how comprehensive and sustainability plans can promote long-term community health can help planning staff and practitioners better understand the role of health in planning and help to identify tools and strategies for integrating public health-related goals and policies into the plan-making process.

Issues for adaptation include the need for information and data as a basis for understanding potential risks and vulnerabilities, meaningful and effective stakeholder engagement shaped by local contexts, and sustained financial and staff resources that are sensitive to urban variability. Policy-makers working on issues of **adaptation and resilience** must facilitate processes of testing ideas, learning from experiences, and recalibrating as new information is obtained and lessons are learned.

Reducing vulnerability and strengthening resilience is a function of social, economic and political processes. Key vulnerability/resilience indicators include:

- Economic well-being and stability (*i.e.*, quality of life, standard of living)
- Demographic structure of population;
- Institutional stability (*i.e.*, institutional ‘memory’)
- Strength of and reliance on public infrastructure (*i.e.*, health expenditure; communication, infrastructure; financial, transport);
- Regional interconnectivity; and,
- Natural resource dependence and renewing ability of ecosystems.

Business continuity planning typically assumes a period of two weeks to be the longest disruption of essential services (*i.e.*, utilities, communications, etc.) that a business can withstand, and service disruptions lasting longer can be enough to force a business to close, relocate or leave.

Recommendations include:

- completing a region-wide inventory of critical buildings (those needed for emergency response and provision of basic services to communities) in both public and private sectors;
- completing an updated inventory of the transit that assure access to school buildings and hospital to be used during emergencies;

Because of the importance of land development as a driver of other impacts, especially physical environmental impacts that potentially can include the loss of sensitive habitats, wetlands; degradation of water quality due to increased runoff, lessened groundwater recharge and the loss of open space, the **CRC continues its education and outreach** on land use planning, investments and decisions. As the CRC continues its evaluation and monitoring it can assist local governments in reviewing **community's regulations and policies** to help identify those key forces at work within the community that control and **guide land use decisions**. Applicable policies and regulations include such things as zoning ordinances, subdivision and land development ordinances, comprehensive plans, design standards, and industrial/economic development/recovery plans.

Proposed Activities FY 2015/Emerging Engagement Strategies

Since the adoption of the Regional Plan of Coastal Georgia in 2010, and subsequent amendment in 2012, Coastal Georgians worked with purpose to create a region that is culturally vibrant, intellectually curious, innovative and beautiful. Coastal Georgia linked land use, transportation, economic development, green spaces and people, and poured effort and resources into building strong leaders.

Coastal Georgia cleaned rivers, promoted new ways of managing stormwater and became a major player as the eastern seaboard's fastest growing port and hub for distribution. Since the adoption of the Plan, Coastal Georgia has shown it can grow a vital economy, protect the natural environment and support vibrant places to live and work.

Today, despite many successes, education, jobs, housing and workforce development need attention, and there are major challenges on the horizon. To effectively tackle these challenges, the Coastal Regional Commission is setting a focused, strategic path forward based on a clear understanding of conditions and trends, challenges and strengths.

Coastal Georgia Regional Plan and its required update should guide the region in building stronger partnerships, align resources, be more resilient, innovative and always accountable.

Resilience is important in a changing world. Coastal Georgia faces major uncertainties including an unpredictable economy, competition for scarce resources and the impacts of climate change. While these issues affect the entire region, some communities are even more vulnerable. In order to recover from potential setbacks, Coastal Georgia must become more resilient in a variety of ways and at a variety of levels. The coastal region needs a well-designed and strong social, ecological and economic infrastructure to adapt to an uncertain future.

Better partnerships will drive change. Public agencies that operate within the region spend funds on activities related to promoting and building communities. To get more from existing budgets, the updated Regional Plan should emphasize actions that align efforts and investment, have multiple benefits and improve efficiency.

But partnerships need to go beyond just aligning budget priorities. Coastal Georgia residents and businesses must build civic infrastructure that taps into higher education, innovative private and nonprofit sectors, communities and government agencies.

The following partnerships are created to leverage the talents of our region's brightest leaders, and higher institutions to promote regional strategies and strengthen the economic competitiveness of Coastal Georgia. The objective is to empower local governments to take action and "harvest the experience" that leaders and students bring to public problem solving.

Leadership SE Georgia

In this leadership program, public officials, policymakers, influential thinkers and practitioners meet to confront challenges, explore new paths for moving forward and formulate leadership strategies on how best to meet the reality of today's challenges. Participants of Leadership SE Georgia experience all of the region; its issues, opportunities and hidden gems in engaging ways. The mission is to leverage regional resources through collective leadership to improve the quality of life in southeast Georgia. As a part of this process, the Leadership SE Georgia program focuses on the region's capacity to actively address challenges and successfully capitalize on the region's opportunities.

The program also strives to increase participant's knowledge about SE Georgia, including demographics, economic indicators, the environment and other valuable resources. It explores key issues common to every jurisdiction in the region, how those issues might impact the future and possible strategies to address those issues. The program is designed to develop a more informed perspective on the relationship between individual counties and communities within the region.

The Leadership SE Georgia program consists of four program goals, delivered in parallel with nine principles that guide the implementation of the program. The curriculum provides a framework designed to better prepare emerging and existing leaders. The Leadership SE Georgia program provides leaders a wide range of learning opportunities including managing one's strengths, values and how best to perform in leadership roles.

College of Environment and Design, University of Georgia

In July 2013, the CRC created a partnership with University of Georgia. This partnership assisted in assessing how well existing planning tools address hazard risk and community resiliency with the goal of integrating resiliency guidelines and performance standards into the Regional Plan.

In FY 2015, the CRC is promulgating the data and the Assessment to regional stakeholders and proposing Resilient Communities as a topic of importance in the Regional Plan.

In FY2015, the partnership continues in analyzing implications of the deepening of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP). The CRC is partnering with UGA to collaborate with scientists, NGO's and local governments to examine potential outcomes of the project. This important partnership provides the CRC with data and opportunity to analyze implications from the SHEP such as land use zoning amendments and explore the future needs that may require performance standards such as air quality.

CRC Practicum Series

The CRC hosts a series of technical practicums on planning issues that draw officials, practicing planners, consultants and nongovernment organizations. Webinars provide easy to instruction for people with busy schedules and lean budgets by bringing training to desktops, laptops or conference rooms.

Each year, the *CRC Practicum Series* helps to advance policy reforms; share knowledge of effective strategies and tools; build the capacity of key constituencies; and raise awareness about the interdisciplinary nature of issues. The *CRC Practicum Series* is a recognized continuing education activity. Certified Planners have the potential to earn 3 CM American Planning Association (APA) credits per class, or up to 15 hours a year. Flood plain managers can earn up to 3 CFM credits per year. Local governments can earn up to 1 performance standard per element in the Coastal Georgia Regional Plan. The Certification Maintenance program links certified planners to training opportunities to keep up-to-date with the latest trends, technologies, and best practices.

Comprehensive Asset Database

In order for local governments to develop, implement or incorporate adaptation and mitigation strategies/plans or policies, it is important to know how current developed areas will respond to potential hazardous scenarios. The CRC Regional Work Program 2015-2020 proposes a project that will establish a comprehensive asset database (regional building inventory) that can be used by coastal communities to model hazardous scenarios utilizing a nationally-accepted modeling tool – HAZUS-MH (Hazards United States Multi-Hazards). DCA developed a data

translation model, procedures and workflow for county property assessment data to create HAZUS-ready countywide, building inventory maps with details sufficient to model damages and losses due to flood and hurricane winds. DCA translation focused on WinGAP, the primary Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system used by most counties in the state. A problem, however is that while HAZUS translations exist for migration of CAMA data into the hazard modeling program, two counties in the coastal region, Chatham and Glynn, do not use WinGAP for their property assessment process. The absence of the two largest populated counties of the coastal area, represent most of the building inventory and economy of the coast. The completion of parcel translations for these two counties and the utilization of the WinGAP translations on the remaining coastal counties will enable HAZUS modeling of the entire coast including for the two coastal counties with the most significant potential for loss due to hazards.

Developing Trends

The completion of the Coastal FIRMs in 2015 and the developing RISK mapping combined with the successful CRC GIS repository and service publishing creates an opportunity to support regional communities with their decision support needs. As communities receive updated FIRMs and RISK maps, web service publishing can provide an ideal method for outreach and extended staff input.

The DCA WinGap translation to the HAZUS-ready format began with Camden County as a pilot, and has also been successfully utilized within the region at Bryan and Liberty counties. The continued progression of the translation includes the remaining WinGap CAMA counties of Bulloch, Effingham, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties which provides an eight county uniform building and parcel dataset for the coast for hazard analysis and mitigation planning. The CRC is facilitating the collection of CAMA and parcel data for counties using WinGap to include those named remaining counties. This process of collecting and maintaining up to date regional parcel data supports cyclical Hazard Mitigation planning and developing RISK assessment maps. The byproduct of sustaining a regional parcel dataset for Hazard Mitigation is economic development support, land use planning, and normalizing jurisdictional data for more diverse decision support opportunities.

10 county Parcel / Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) collection

10 County Normalizing of Data

Updated WORK FIRMS – pre Appeal and Adoption

Bryan, Liberty & Long

Updated WORK FIRMS – pre Appeal and Adoption

Chatham

Updated WORK FIRMS – pre Appeal and Adoption

Effingham

Updated WORK FIRMS – pre Appeal and Adoption

Glynn, McIntosh and Camden

Report of Accomplishments 2014

In accordance with DCA110-12-6-.05(2)(d)3., the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia is pleased to submit the following Report of Accomplishments for FY2014.

Leadership SE Georgia

The CRC continued its partnership with the Leadership SE Georgia Alumni Board and worked throughout the region to integrate implementation strategies into all future planning efforts. LSEGA regional leaders made the connection that *together* twenty-first century challenges are met - from attracting and maintaining skilled labor to clean waters and sustainable communities. Through LSEGA, regional leaders learned of important strategies to ensure the region remains competitive and attractive.

Seven building blocks were presented as tools and as a way to examine issues, problems and opportunities. One of the building blocks to regional success includes focusing on common values. Values influence how people approach problem-solving and decision making. Regional leaders who focus on values common to a region overcome significant geo-political divisions and develop ways to measure regional progress in more meaningful ways.

The program provided a wide range of learning opportunities including managing one's strengths, values and how best to perform in leadership roles. Class 2014 studied regional issues and best approaches for meeting challenges in Coastal Georgia. Class 2014 completed a Complete Streets regional case study which was utilized in updating the Bike and Pedestrian Plan for Glynn and Camden County.

Regional Resilient Communities

In July 2013, the CRC created a partnership with the College of Environment + Design from the University of Georgia. In this partnership students assisted in assessing how well existing planning tools addressed hazard risk and community resiliency. Students from the Environment and Design Studio were on site the week of October 9-11 to collect data, establish contacts and attend the American Planning Association (APA) GA Chapter State Conference on Jekyll Island. A DRAFT Assessment was completed and is to be promulgated in FY15 to propose Resilient Communities as a topic of importance in the Update of Regional Plan.

CRC Practicum Series

The CRC hosted a series of technical webinars and on site Practicums that addressed broadband and community planning; hazard mitigation planning, healthy communities; zoning procedures and economic development; complete streets and the community rating system as it relates to the National Flood Insurance Program. Webinar participants had the opportunity to interact with professionals and planners by sending questions to the presenters. The CRC Practicums met CM requirements for AICP members and flood plain managers earned CE units.

Green Infrastructure Web Development

The CRC partnered with the Georgia Forestry Commission for a web development phase of the Green Infrastructure Website. In October, CRC Staff attended the GU Urban Forestry Conference in Columbus, GA. The website goes hand-in-hand with other CRC initiatives especially as part of our regional ecosystem. The website is intended to highlight urban forests and create awareness that urban forests helps create a better quality of life, are cost-effective, sustainable and environmentally friendly. The website emphasizes that urban forests conserve natural ecosystems and sustain clean air and water; reduce stormwater runoff, cool the urban heat island effect, reduce energy consumption, reduce air pollution, and provide wildlife habitat. The website will feature important best practices, specifically through wise land use practices, that urban forests can offset the ecological impact of land development by utilizing the urban forest's natural capacity to mitigate negative environmental impacts. The website supports the CRC's Regionally Important Resources Plan in that urban forests also provide social and health benefits for individuals through outdoor recreation, as well as economic benefits for communities in increased land values for properties surrounding these green areas.

GIS Repository Development and Regional Mapping

The CRC repositioned its GIS infrastructure to leverage licensing agreements, broaden the accessibility of a GIS repository, and provide disaster and security back up services. The benefits of a Regional GIS model include a GIS library for expanded decision support information, coordination for multi-jurisdiction projects and shared tools for cost avoidance, cost reduction, revenue enhancements, and operational efficiency. The CRC leveraged the Regional Commissions Enterprise Licensing Agreement and provided program and technical support that is collaborative, cost effective and provides value for the communities we serve.

The achievements include the creation and implementation of a repository databases for the 10 county area and cities, a redundant backup and storage strategy, establishment of a geographic web server, publishing of web services and the creation of geographic decision support sites.

Examples include:

Web Sites & Decision Support Services	
<u>Tybee Island Web Site</u>	<u>CRC Community Planning Decision Support Web Site</u>
<u>Coastal Regional Commission Web Gallery</u>	
Web Services for Regional & State GIS Users	
<u>http://maps.crc.ga.gov/crcarcgis/rest/services</u>	

Tybee Island GIS

City of Statesboro Plan Update

The CRC contacted the City of Statesboro officials regarding the Minimum Local Standards of the new plan update from DCA and the evaluation for the Regional Plan Implementation Tool. In February of 2014, CRC staff offered technical assistance and traveled to the City of Statesboro to meet with Mandi Cody, Director of Planning and Development, Frank Parker, City Manager, and Mayor Jan Moore of Statesboro. During this meeting, CRC staff discussed and reviewed the City’s Comp Plan, Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) with Bulloch County as well as conducted the Plan Implementation Meeting. The City of Statesboro submitted their Comp Plan Update to the CRC on June 26, 2014. Currently, the City is awaiting approval of the SDS. The City has not submitted the evaluation survey for the Regional Plan Implementation Tool.

Bulloch County, Plan Update

The CRC contacted Andy Welch, Director of the Development Services, of Bulloch County to notify and review due dates and requirements for Bulloch County. CRC staff met with county officials to review and submit the evaluation for the Regional Implementation Tool. Technical

Assistance was offered to Bulloch County, Town of Brooklet, Portal, and the City of Register. Bulloch County submitted a Joint Comprehensive Plan excluding the City of Statesboro. Additionally, the SDS between Bulloch County and the City of Statesboro is being revised. As of June, 24, 2014, Bulloch County is awaiting approval of the revised SDS from the City of Statesboro.

City of Brooklet Plan Update

The CRC contacted Andy Welch, Director of the Development Services, of Bulloch County to notify and review due dates and requirements for Bulloch County. CRC staff met with county officials to review and submit the evaluation for the Regional Implementation Tool. Technical assistance was offered to Bulloch County, Town of Brooklet, Portal, and the City of Register. On March 3, 2014, Director of Planning & Government Services met with City of Brooklet officials to complete the Plan Implementation Meeting.

City of Portal Plan Update

The CRC contacted Andy Welch, Director of the Development Services, of Bulloch County to notify and review due dates and requirements for Bulloch County. CRC staff met with county officials to review and submit the evaluation for the Regional Implementation Tool. Technical assistance was offered to Bulloch County, Town of Brooklet, Portal, and the City of Register. On March 3, 2014, Director of Planning & Government Services met with City of Brooklet officials to complete the Plan Implementation Meeting.

Town of Register Plan Update

The CRC contacted Andy Welch, Director of the Development Services, of Bulloch County to notify and review due dates and requirements for Bulloch County. CRC staff met with county officials to review and submit the evaluation for the Regional Implementation Tool. Technical assistance was offered to Bulloch County, Town of Brooklet, Portal, and the City of Register. On March 3, 2014, Director of Planning & Government Services met with City of Brooklet officials to complete the Plan Implementation Meeting.

Screven County Joint Plan Update

On March 19, 2004 the CRC met with officials from Screven County including the County Administrator, the Mayor of Hiltonia and the City Manager from Sylvania to begin work on Screven County's Service Delivery and Partial Update. During this initial meeting, the new plan update process was presented as

well as the Regional Plan Implementation Tool. Local officials filled out and submitted the evaluation for the Regional Plan Implementation Tool. In addition, the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) between Screven County and Sylvania was addressed and the changes needed involving the Industrial Park. At that the time, Sylvania was overdue for their Short-term work program update as well as edits to the SDS to meet requirements of a grant application. Currently, CRC staff is working on updating the SDS for Screven County and the City of Sylvania.

Speaking Engagements

2013 Georgia Planning Association (GPA) Fall Conference

Lupita McClenning, Planning & Government Services Director was invited to speak for two sessions at the 2013 GPA Fall Conference, October 9 – 11, 2013 on Jekyll Island.

She was a speaker on *Climate Change, Adaption, Part 1* along with Clark Alexander, PhD Skidaway Institute of Oceanography; Jason Evans, PhD, Carl Vinson Institute; Jennifer Kline GA DNR; and, Chester Jackson, PhD Georgia Sothern University. This session presented multidisciplinary examination of the science, legal issues and ongoing efforts to plan for, and adapt to rising seas in the coastal area.

Lupita was also a speaker for Planning Commissioners Training during the GPA Fall Conference. She presented *Lifelong Communities* discussing the needs of Georgia's growing older adult population and how principles and concepts of Lifelong Communities can develop places where people of all ages and abilities can live throughout their lifetime. The session highlighted the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission's work on integrating Lifelong Communities concepts into planning at the regional and community level.

In addition to serving on the host committee, Lupita McClenning participated on the Local Host Committee for the 2013 GPA Fall Conference.

Coastal Hazards and Efforts to Adapt to Coastal Conditions

In promulgating regional best practices, the Director of Planning and Government Services was invited to present at the October 28, 2013 Workshop entitled *Local Government Challenges in Dealing with Rising Seas*. This workshop was sponsored by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, NE Florida Regional Council, University of Georgia Marine Extension Service (MAREX), National oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), University of Florida IFAS Extension, Sea Grant of Georgia and Sea Grant of Florida.

American Planning Association (APA) National Conference

Lupita McClenning, Planning & Government Services Director was invited to speak for two sessions at the National Planning Conference, April 26 – 30, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lupita was a speaker on *Climate and Cooperation in Coastal Zone Management* on April 28, 2014 along with Elizabeth Felter, NOAA Digital Coast Fellow; Leo Asuncion, Manger of Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program; George Homewood, Planning Director City of Norfolk; and, Michael Marrella, Director of Waterfront and Open Space Planning, New York City Planning.

Lupita also was a speaker for the session entitled, *Competitive Port Geography in Savannah*. This session centered on the impacts to infrastructure surrounding the dredging of 32 miles of the Savannah River to attract “Post-Panamax’ container ships.

City and County Retreats

City of Brunswick/Building a Better Brunswick

The CRC Planning & Government Services Department facilitated the *Build a Better Brunswick* for the City of Brunswick on February 4, 2014. This provided the CRC an opportunity to complete the Plan Implementation Meeting with elected officials and key staff. The retreat discussed issues and opportunities facing the City as well as action items for goals and objectives including initiatives such as urban redevelopment, stormwater utility, neighborhood planning assemblies, strengthening code enforcement.

Liberty County Community-Wide Planning Retreat

The CRC hosted the Liberty County Planning Retreat April 23-25, 2014 on St. Simons Island, GA for the county and included the cities of Allenhurst, Flemington, Gum Branch, Hinesville, Midway, Riceboro and Walthourville. Participants were asked to rank issues and to come to consensus on ranking issues. Goals accompanied each issue and final actions plans were developed. The retreat provided the CRC an opportunity to complete the Plan Implementation meeting with elected officials and key staff.

Areas Requiring Special Attention (ARSA) Update

In accordance with DCA 110-12-6-.08(3)(c) the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia is pleased to submit the following update to the Regional Plan's Areas Requiring Special Attention (ARSA). Using demographic information, the CRC published web services of the potential areas of special attention in the region.

An updated ARSA is published as a web service (please click above) and includes:

- Areas in Need of Infrastructure;
- Areas in Need of Redevelopment;
- Areas of Rapid Development; and,
- Areas of Significant Infill.

Regionally Important Resources (RIR)

- Designation as a RIR does not mean that areas cannot be developed; however suggests that these areas require careful consideration for any proposed development. Identifying these important resources promotes the region's quality of life. The Resource Plan provides strategies to manage these important resources.
 - All proposed DRI's are filtered through the Regionally Important Resources Plan. This includes the required Green Infrastructure Network layer.

Significant Natural Resources/ Significant Cultural Resources

- The region boasts wildlife management areas; conservation areas; nature preserves and water resources that serve as part of the region's green infrastructure network. Areas identified in the RIR provide opportunity for conservation efforts including low-impact development and cultural and heritage preservation. The CRC is partnering GFC to inventory the Region's Green Infrastructure. This on-going inventory is mapped and ultimately refines the RIR plan and the Regional Plan.

Significant Infill and Areas in Need of Redevelopment

- Efficient use of land is a key objective for the coastal region. Infill and redevelopment is a basic component of a community's buildable lands inventory, and is appropriate in areas where the community has invested in public infrastructure. Infill and

redevelopment can support planning objectives including economic development and improved tax base; development of housing in close proximity to employment and housing; neighborhood preservation; walkable neighborhoods; efficient use of existing urban services and facilities. The CRC continues its work with the City of Pembroke and their GICH program and supports the City of Brunswick's goal to implement a Redevelopment Plan.

Areas in Need of Infrastructure and Rapid Development

The success of the region depends on sound basic services. High quality and reliable basic public services are essential to the region's future success. It takes the collective effort of multiple government agencies and regulated utilities to provide these necessities such as clean drinking water, responsive fire and police services, safe and affordable transportation choices, parks, electricity, broadband and quality education. These services are fundamental to what the Coastal Georgia governmental partners do every day and make up much of our public spending.

Coastal Georgia must make complex choices about how and where to invest in public services. Over the next 25 years, they must balance maintaining existing public services and infrastructure with bringing new or improved services to underserved and new residents and businesses. And these improvements must be made in a way that meets federal, state and regional regulations. As the world changes, the way public services are delivered must continually be reinvented to prepare for and adapt to the future. This means setting clear service goals, actively managing services and assets, and making strategic investments.

How and where we provide services can help meet Coastal Georgia's goals while protecting public and environmental health and safety. The Plan will continue to recognize that quality public services are essential to achieving equity, a healthy economy and community affordability.

Infrastructure is the foundation that connects the region's businesses, communities, and people, drives our economy and improves quality of life. The merits of infrastructure investments must be considered alongside projections of population growth. Infrastructure resources are stretched thin and existing systems are in need of upgrades.

- Targeted infrastructure investments can be one tool that policy makers use for economic development and to promote quality of life.
- Wastewater systems will incur growing costs over the next 20 years as they expand capacity to serve current and future growth.
- Recycling efforts have proven successful in improving the safety, sustainability, and efficiency of the region's waste disposal system. A comprehensive approach to waste management that reduces volume of waste landfilled and increases the amount of materials recovered and recycled and reduces emission of greenhouse gases would benefit the region.

1. Are desired changes occurring in each target area?

The region is seeing desired changes occurring in each target area.

2. What changes to implementation activities are needed?

Changes to implementation can be determined during the Update to Plan and ARSA.

3. How will listed activities achieve the goals of the ARSA?

Activities can be better defined during the Update to the Regional Plan.