

## IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

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- 2002-2006 Short Term Work Program Report of Accomplishments (see appendix B)
- 2008-2012 Short Term Work Program
- Long Term Work Program
- Policies

### SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)

The Short-Term Work Program (STWP) identifies specific implementation actions the County government or other entities intend to take during the first five-year timeframe of the planning period. This includes ordinances, administrative systems, community improvements or investments, and financing arrangements or other programs/initiatives to be put in place to implement the *Community Agenda*. For each action the STWP outlines the following information:

- Brief description
- Timeframe for undertaking the activity
- Responsible party for implementing the activity
- Estimated cost
- Funding source

Category	Action/Implementation Strategy	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Economic Development	Implement strategies outlined by the Target Industry Plan for Whitfield County	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	JDA (Joint Development Authority)	Variable	General Fund
Economic Development	Implement strategies outlined by Whitfield County Situational Analysis and Strategic Implications reports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	JDA	Variable	General Fund
Economic Development	Implement strategies outlined by branding campaign prepared by the Dalton-Whitfield Joint Development Authority	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	JDA	Variable	General Fund
Community Facilities & Services	Adopt and promote County standards for the use of common area drain fields and/or neighborhood-scale sewerage treatment systems for Conservation Subdivisions				✓		Public Works	TBD	General Fund
Community Facilities & Services	Support the completion and implementation of a long range water resources master plan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Environmental Health Dept.	N/A	DU (Dalton Utilities)
Community Facilities & Services	Promote updated infrastructure master plans to establish consistency with the Future Development Map and implement infrastructure expansion that is consistent with the Future Development Map	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Engineer	TBD	SPLOST, General Fund
Community Facilities & Services	Establish requirements for land dedication for new schools in large planned developments	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner	\$25,000	General Fund
Community Facilities & Services	Implement the Whitfield County Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommendations		✓	✓	✓	✓	Recreation Dept.	\$10M +	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST

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Community Facilities & Services	Pursue greenspace preservation/acquisition opportunities and development of connected greenways with trails		✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner	TBD	Grants, General Fund
Transportation	Coordinate with the Dalton-Whitfield MPO on the Long Range Transportation Plan 2035 Update	✓	✓				County Planner, Public Works	N/A	MPO
Transportation	Development a street connectivity study / collector street plan			✓	✓		County Planner	\$100,000	SPLOST
Transportation	Adopt street standards that prescribe "Complete Streets" with the construction of new roads		✓	✓	✓		County Planner, Public Works	\$25,000	General Fund
Transportation	Adopt typical cross-sections and/or development standards specific to Rural Agricultural and Rural Residential character areas		✓	✓	✓		County Planner, Public Works	\$25,000	General Fund
Transportation	Participate in regional efforts to promote the Chattanooga to Atlanta passenger High Speed Ground Transportation (HSGT) rail	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BOC	TBD	TBD
Natural & Cultural Resources	Encourage the use of the Georgia Stormwater Management Manual's Stormwater Better Site Design Standards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Engineer	N/A	N/A
Natural & Cultural Resources	Adopt GA DNR "Part V" Environmental Ordinances for river corridor protection, water supply watershed protection and groundwater recharge area protection		✓				County Engineer, County Planner	N/A	N/A
Natural & Cultural Resources	Incorporate minimum state requirements for environmental protection into the land development review process	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Engineer, County Planner	N/A	N/A
Natural & Cultural Resources	Follow Best Management Practices (BMP) for any land disturbance activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Engineer	N/A	N/A
Natural & Cultural Resources	Evaluate feasibility of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)				✓	✓	County Planner	\$50,000	General Fund
Natural & Cultural Resources	Promote the use of conservation easements and conservation tax credits in Preserve and Ridge Conservation character areas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner	TBD	General Fund
Natural & Cultural Resources	Pursue additional greenspace acquisition funding	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner, Recreation Dept.	TBD	General Fund
Natural & Cultural Resources	Amend zoning ordinance to require or incentivize landscaping with native vegetation or non-invasive species that requires limited (or none at all) irrigation				✓	✓	County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Adopt a Conservation Subdivision Ordinance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner	\$20,000	General Fund
Land Use	Adopt a Rural Agricultural Reserve zoning district or amend existing zoning districts to reflect desired density	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Adopt a Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) ordinance		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Prepare a "Big Box" ordinance		✓	✓			County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Create an "industrial development impact matrix"		✓	✓	✓		County Planner, JDA	\$20,000	JDA
Land Use	Amend land use regulations to require interparcel access, limit curb cuts, and require sidewalks with new development		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$5,000	General Fund, Grants
Land Use	Adopt a Rural Corridor Overlay District		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Adopt a Hillside Development/Steep Slopes Ordinance		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Amend sign ordinance to implement desired development patterns of character areas		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Prepare a Bypass Corridor Overlay District		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Prepare a Transition Corridor Overlay District		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Prepare an Interchange Overlay District		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund

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Land Use	Adopt development and design review requirements for commercial and mixed use properties to achieve desired development patterns of character areas		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$15,000	General Fund
Land Use	Amend zoning ordinance to accommodate increased senior housing opportunities		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	\$10,000	General Fund
Land Use	Review existing ordinances to support the right to farm, including adequate buffers between agriculture and residential uses		✓	✓	✓		County Planner	N/A (in house)	General Fund
Land Use	Evaluate need for additional land use regulations to address development near the airport		✓	✓	✓		County Planner, Airport Authority	N/A (in house)	General Fund
Intergovernmental Coordination	Maintain an adequate Whitfield County service delivery strategy and intergovernmental agreement concerning annexation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BOC, County Administrator	N/A	General Fund
Intergovernmental Coordination	Coordinate to develop a unified system for sharing permit information in the cities in order to assist schools in estimating future enrollment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner, County Board of Ed.	N/A	General Fund
Intergovernmental Coordination	Study potential impacts of consolidation of some municipal and County government services	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	BOC, County Administrator	N/A	General Fund
Intergovernmental Coordination	Continue to coordinate transportation planning activities with the MPO	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	County Planner, County Engineer	N/A	General Fund

## LONG TERM WORK PROGRAM

A long term work program identifies specific long-term implementation actions the County government or other entities intend to take beyond the first five-year timeframe of the planning period. This includes ordinances, administrative systems, community improvements or investments, and financing arrangements or other programs/initiatives to be put in place to implement the *Community Agenda*.

### Housing

- Prepare housing revitalization study

### Economic Development

- Examine the potential for Commercial Improvement Districts (CID), Business Improvement Districts (BID) and Tax Allocation Districts (TAD) along important corridors and growth areas

### Community Facilities & Services

- Expand sewer service to include areas currently underserved and areas where growth is planned
- Implement impact fees

### Transportation

- Develop a local and county road improvement plan
- Prepare Access Management Plans for important corridors
- Implement sidewalk projects in the North Georgia Regional Bike and Pedestrian Facilities Plan
- Coordinate with MPO and Dalton to implement the Public Transit Feasibility Study
- Adopt a connector street plan
- Adopt Streetscape Master Plans to guide future enhancements along corridors

**Natural & Cultural Resources**

- Develop a Countywide Greenways Master Plan
- Implement education and marketing program to promote local historic and cultural resources
- Update the county-wide historic resources survey
- Adopt a new zoning district to apply to non-developable properties (public and private) for open space/environmental protection
- Adopt a Tree Protection/Replacement Ordinance

**Land Use**

- Adopt a Rural Crossroads Zoning District
- Adopt street connectivity requirements for residential areas
- Prepare Master Plans for Regional Activity Center areas

**Intergovernmental Coordination**

- Facilitate communication among mayors of the County's municipalities and the Board of Commissioners Chairman to discuss issues and develop opportunities to work together