Southern Georgia Regional Commission

2015 Regional Work Program Update

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Regional Work Program Report of Accomplishments

1. The Southern Georgia Regional Commission completed and adopted its Regional Plan in April 2013. The following document contains the annually required update to the Regional Work Program, including the report of accomplishments, the update to the previous years' work program, and the evaluation and monitoring report.

Regional Commission staff reviewed the previous year's (2014) Regional Work Program and for the Report of Accomplishment classified all activities into the following categories:

On schedule – projects in future years that are not yet underway but are still intended to be implemented and completed

Underway – projects currently underway

Postponed – projects not implemented in their originally envisioned time frame

No longer an activity to be undertaken – projects deleted from the work program.

In the following two tables, Report of Accomplishments and Regional Work Program Update,

*P & C refer to planning and coordination activities; and * R refers to review activities.

Economic Development – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 - 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Collaborate on the creation of Digital Economy Incubators – request by regional leaders	P&C		x	x				Staff Time $35,000	DCA, Local Governments	ED: I-1, I-5, I-6, O1-5, O-6	has been postponed; submitted as projects in Digital Economy report. No funds available.
Partner with GTA to create a Regional Digital Economy Plan and implement regional strategies to enhance regional broadband access	P&C	x	x	x				Staff Time $35,000	DCA. Local Governments, EDA	ED: I-1, I-2,I-5, O-6, O-7 CFS: I-3, O-3 E: O-4, O-5	completed
Develop a Moody Air Force Base Cooperation plan on encroachment – request by regional leaders	P&C	x	x	x				Staff Time $5,500	DCA, Local Governments, EDA, MPO	ED: I-1, O-1, O-4, O-5 NC: O-3, O-4, I-3, I-5; IC: I-3 E: O-1, O-2, O-3	currently underway as funds become available, 2016
GIS Inventory infrastructure in the region such as water, sewer, natural gas and broadband – request by regional leaders	P&C		X					Staff Time $30,000	DCA, EDA	I-3, I-5	currently underway as funds become available; 2015
Provide Grants Writing Assistance to local Governments for grants that promote economic development	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $5,000	DCA, Local Governments, EDA	ED: I-5, I-6 LU: O-1, O-7	currently underway 2019
Assist Local Governments with obtaining information on Federal and State Tax Credits, Incentives & Innovative Financing - request by regional leaders	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$2,000 staff time	DCA, Local Governments	NC: I-5, O-5	currently underway 2019
Review/Write Economic Development Elements for local government comprehensive plan updates	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $5,000/element	DCA/ Local Governments	ED: I-5 LU: O-1 E: I-1	currently underway 2019

Develop a region-wide attractions map as part of a tourism brochure in GIS format to highlight tourism attractions and events in the region	P&C		x	x				Staff Time $10,000	DCA, MPO	ED: I-1, I-5, I-6, O1-5, O-6	has been postponed - no funds available at this time

Natural and Cultural Resources – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 - 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Update the Regional Important Resource Plan incl. marketing plan	P&C				x	x		$65,000 Staff Time	DCA, Local Governments	NC: I-1, I-2, O-1, O-3, O-4	on schedule 2017 - 2018
Develop a regional land bank program – request by regional leaders	P&C			x				$50,000 Staff Time	DCA, Local Government	NC: O-2	on schedule if funds are available 2016
Assist Local Governments with obtaining information on Federal and State Tax Credits, Incentives & Innovative Financing for historic preservation projects	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$2,000 staff time	DCA, Local Governments	NC: I-5, O-5	currently underway 2020
Fund and complete a comprehensive historic resources survey	P&C		x	x				$40,000	DCA, Local Governments	NC: I-4	no longer an activity intended to be undertaken - no funds available
Develop a Stormwater Ordinance Template for use by local governments – request by regional leaders	P&C		x					$10,000	DCA, local Governments	NC: I-1, I-2, O-1, O-3, O-4	currently underway 2015

Community Facilities & Services – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 - 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Create a regional storm water master plan that addresses water quantity and quality and flood plain management – request by regional leaders	P&C				x	x		$45,000	DCA, Local Governments	N/C: I-1, I-4, I-5; O-1	on schedule if funds become available 2018
Research grant opportunities and provide technical assistance with grant preparation and application	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$15,000	DCA, EDA, Local Governments	CFS: I-1, I-2; I-4, I-5	currently underway 2019
Administer grants for Local Communities on request, specifically CDBG grants, and encourage infrastructure projects for water, sewer, natural gas and broadband	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x		$5,000 Staff Time	DCA, EDA, Local Governments	CFS: I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5	currently underway 2018
Develop a Post-Disaster Response Plan for Business Communities – request by regional leaders	P&C R					x	x	$50,000	DCA, Local Governments, FEMA	N/C: O-1	on schedule if funds become available 2019
Create GIS Facilities Maps for broadband and inventory connection speeds and service providers for all community anchor institutes – request by regional leaders	P&C		x	x				$35,000	DCA, local Governments	I-4	currently underway as part of Digital Economy Plan 2016
Review/Write Community Work Programs for Local Governments as part of their Comprehensive Plan Updates	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x		$7,500 each	DCA, local Governments	O-1, O-2	currently underway 2018

Housing – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 - 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Develop a model demolition template to remove condemned houses in order to improve local housing stock. – request by regional leaders	P&C				x	x		Staff Time $20,000	DCA, Local Governments	H: I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, O-3	on schedule 2018
Co-sponsor private/public educational workshops and other programs including a revolving loan program for potential homeowners that will improve home ownership rates in the community. – request by regional leaders	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $10,000	DCA, Local Governments	H: I-1 LU: I-2	currently underway as funds are available 2019
Develop a model ordinance to assist homeowners in the maintenance and upkeep of homes and properties to avoid/minimize blight. – request by regional leaders	P&C			x	x			Staff time $2,500	DCA, Local Governments	H: I-4, I-5, O-5	on schedule if funds become available 2017
Develop a housing compatibility study for areas around business nodes and corridors – request by regional leaders	P&C						x	$35,000	DCA, Local Governments	I-3, I-4, I-5	on schedule if funds become available 2019
Review Local Government Housing Elements for local Comprehensive Plan Updates and provide technical assistance in the preparation as requested	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$5,000 each	DCA, Local Governments	I-3, I-4, I-5	currently underway 2019

Land Use – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 to 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Develop and Implement a GIS Technical Assistance and Education Program for local governments – request by regional leaders	P&C		x	x				$100,000 (total)	DCA, Local Governments	LU: I-4, O-3, CFS: O-2 ED: I-1	currently underway as funds become available 2016
Review/Write Land Use Elements for local comprehensive plan updates as requested.	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$7,500 each	DCA, Local Governments	LU: O-4, I-5, I-3	currently underway 2019
Facilitate visioning workshops throughout the Region to develop regional & local identities – request by regional leaders	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$5,000 each	DCA, Local Governments	I-1, O-1, O-3, IC: O-1	currently underway as funds become available 2019
Develop a GIS application for Land Use to site different characteristics such as conservation, affordable housing, lots suitable for industrial development, etc. – request by regional leaders	P&C R		x	x				$35,000	DCA, Local Governments	LU: I-4, O-3, CFS: O-2 ED: I-1	on schedule if funds become available 2016
Provide Training workshops on planning and zoning related topics including building inspection/construction – requested by regional leaders	P&C	x	x	x	x	x		Staff Time $15,000	DCA, Local Governments	LU: O-6	currently underway 2018

Transportation – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 to 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Review/Write Transportation Elements for local comprehensive plan updates incl. ROW plans	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$5,000 each	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT	T: I-4, O-1, O-4, O-6	currently underway 2019
Provide technical assistance with airport planning and marketing	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $5,000	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT, FAA	T: O-2 ED: O-4 LU: O-2	currently underway as funds become available 2019
Develop a study to determine the needs of seniors in the Region regarding transportation in coordination with land use (housing, recreation, access to health facilities etc.) – requested by regional leaders	P&C R	x	x	x				Staff Time $25,000	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT, EDA	LU: I-2, O-5, O-6	currently underway as funds become available 2016
Develop a study to determine feasibility and strategies of enhancing railroad and airport facilities through complementary surrounding land uses. – requested by regional leaders	P&C R				x	x		Staff Time $40,000	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT, EDA	LU: O-2	on schedule if funds become available 2018

Intergovernmental Coordination – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 - 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Develop /Review Comprehensive Plan and Short Term Work Programs for local Governments as required by 110-12-1-.01 or requested by Local Govts.	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$15,000 per plan	DCA	IC: I-1, O-1, O-3	currently underway, started 8 in FY 2015 and completed 6 the same fiscal year. On schedule to start another 4 in FY 2016 and complete 6. 2019
Foster coordination with the School Boards of the region, specifically with regard to school sitings, closings, conversions, and transportation issues	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $10,000	DCA, Local Governments	IC: I-2, O-5 CFS: O-2	currently underway 2019
Maintain the Regional Information Sharing Center and enhance function as a regional clearing house for networking, information sharing and project collaboration.	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	$5,000	DCA, Local Governments	IC: I-1, O-4	currently underway 2019
Assist as requested with the Service Delivery Strategies – requested by regional leaders	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time	DCA, Local Governments	IC: I-1, O-1, O-3	currently underway 2019

Education – Report of Accomplishments FY 2015 - 2019

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R	TIME FRAME Year: July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015						ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED	ROA
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019				
Provide one workshop each quarter to local School Boards and other community leaders on Best Management Practices, including school sitings, Planning & Zoning, Land Use/Transportation – requested by regional leaders	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	$10,000	DCA, Local Governments	IC: O-4 E: I-2; O-2	currently underway 2019
Inventory Community Anchor Institutions, including Educational Institutions, on Broadband capacities	P&C	x						20,000	DCA, Local Governments	IC: O-1	completed as part of the Digital Economy Plan
Establish a Clearinghouse for exchange and dissemination of information to enhance cooperation and coordination within the Region. – requested by regional leaders.	P&C	x						5,000	DCA, local governments	IC: O-1 E: I-2; O-2	postponed until funds become available
Incorporate Education System into any digital economy projects – requested by regional leaders	P&C	x	x	x				10,000	DCA, local governments	IC: O-1 E: I-2; O-2	completed as part of the Digital Economy Plan

Regional Work Program Update

The projects in the Regional Work Program Update are those activities that the Regional Commission is planning to undertake in 2016 – 2020 to assist local governments and other regional and local partners in accordance with the adopted 2013 Regional Plan.

This year's (2015) Regional Work Program (RWP) Update carries over those projects that are listed as currently underway or on schedule in the Report of Accomplishments and also extends the RWP by one year into 2020. One new project was added: Transportation Planning to Support Economic Development: An Exploratory Study of Competitive Industry Clusters and Transportation.

The Report of Accomplishments and Regional Work Program were reviewed by the Regional Commission on March 26, 2015 and approved as presented. In addition it has been determined that no amendments to the Regional Plan including Areas Requiring Special Attention are warranted at this time.

Economic Development – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 - 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Collaborate on the creation of Digital Economy Incubators – request by regional leaders	P&C	x	x					Staff Time $35,000	DCA, Local Governments	ED: I-1, I-5, I-6, O1-5, O-6
Transportation Planning to Support Economic Development: An Exploratory Study of Competitive Industry Clusters and Transportation	P&C	x	x					Staff Time $150,000	DCA, MPO, local governments	ED: I-1, I-5, I-6, O1-5, O-6
Develop a Moody Air Force Base Cooperation plan on encroachment – request by regional leaders	P&C		x	x				Staff Time $25,500	DCA, Local Governments, EDA, MPO	ED: I-1, O-1, O-4, O-5 NC: O-3, O-4, I-3, I-5; IC: I-3 E: O-1, O-2, O-3
GIS Inventory of infrastructure in the region such as water, sewer, natural gas, and broadband – request by regional leaders	P&C	x						Staff Time $30,000	DCA, EDA	I-3, I-5
Provide Grants Writing Assistance to local Government for grants that promote economic development	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $5,000	DCA, Local Governments, EDA	ED: I-5, I-6 LU: O-1, O-7
Review/Write Economic Development Elements for local government comprehensive plan updates: , Clinch ,Turner, Ben Hill, Lanier, Brantley, Waycross, Lowndes and their Cities	P&C R	x	x	x				Staff Time $5,000/element	DCA/ Local Governments	ED: I-5 LU: O-1 E: I-1

Develop a region-wide attractions map as part of a tourism brochure in GIS format to highlight tourism attractions and events in the region	P&C		x	x				Staff Time $10,000	DCA, MPO	ED: I-1, I-5, I-6, O1-5, O-6

Natural and Cultural Resources – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 - 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Update the Regional Important Resource Plan incl. marketing plan	P&C			x	x			$65,000 Staff Time	DCA, Local Governments	NC: I-1, I-2, O-1, O-3, O-4
Develop a regional land bank program – request by regional leaders	P&C		x					$50,000 Staff Time	DCA, Local Government	NC: O-2
Assist Local Governments with obtaining information on Federal and State Tax Credits, Incentives & Innovative Financing for historic preservation projects	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$2,000 staff time	DCA, Local Governments	NC: I-5, O-5
Develop a Stormwater Ordinance Template for use by local governments – request by regional leaders	P&C		x					$10,000	DCA, local Governments	NC: I-1, I-2, O-1, O-3, O-4

Community Facilities & Services – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 - 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Create a regional stormwater master plan that addresses water quantity and quality and flood plain management – request by regional leaders	P&C			x	x			$45,000	DCA, Local Governments	N/C: I-1, I-4, I-5; O-1
Administer grants for Local Communities on request, specifically CDBG grants, and encourage infrastructure projects for water, sewer, natural gas and broadband	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x		$5,000 Staff Time	DCA, EDA, Local Governments	CFS: I-1, I-2, I-4, I-5
Develop a Post-Disaster Response Plan for Business Communities – request by regional leaders	P&C R				x	x		$50,000	DCA, Local Governments, FEMA	N/C: O-1
Create GIS Facilities Maps for broadband and inventory connection speeds and service providers for all community anchor institutions – request by regional leaders	P&C	x	x					$35,000	DCA, local Governments	I-4
Review/Write Community Work Programs for Local Governments as part of their Comprehensive Plan Updates: Clinch, Turner, Ben Hill, Lanier, Brantley, Ware and Lowndes Counties and their cities	P&C R	x	x					$7,500 each	DCA, local Governments	O-1, O-2

Housing – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 - 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Develop a model demolition template to remove condemned houses in order to improve local housing stock. – request by regional leaders	P&C			x	x			Staff Time $20,000	DCA, Local Governments	H: I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, O-3
Co-sponsor private/public educational workshops and other programs including a revolving loan program for potential homeowners that will improve homeownership rates in the community. – request by regional leaders	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $10,000	DCA, Local Governments	H: I-1 LU: I-2
Develop a model ordinance to assist homeowners in the maintenance and upkeep of homes and properties to avoid/minimize blight. – request by regional leaders	P&C		x	x				Staff time $2,500	DCA, Local Governments	H: I-4, I-5, O-5
Develop a housing compatibility study for areas around business nodes and corridors – request by regional leaders	P&C					x		$35,000	DCA, Local Governments	I-3, I-4, I-5
Review Local Government Housing Elements for local Comprehensive Plan Updates and provide technical assistance in the preparation as requested City of Valdosta	P&C R	x						$5,000 each	DCA, Local Governments	I-3, I-4, I-5

Land Use – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 - 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Develop and Implement a GIS Technical Assistance and Education Program for local governments – request by regional leaders	P&C	x	x					$100,000 (total)	DCA, Local Governments	LU: I-4, O-3, CFS: O-2 ED: I-1
Review/Write Land Use Elements for local comprehensive plan updates as requested: Clinch, Ben Hill, Turner, Lanier, Brantley, Ware, Lowndes Counties and their cities	P&C R	x	x					$7,500 each	DCA, Local Governments	LU: O-4, I-5, I-3
Facilitate visioning workshops throughout the Region to develop regional & local identities – request by regional leaders	P&C R	x	x	x	x	x	x	$5,000 each	DCA, Local Governments	I-1, O-1, O-3, IC: O-1
Develop a GIS application for Land Use to site different characteristics such as conservation, affordable housing, lots suitable for industrial development, etc. – request by regional leaders	P&C R	x	x					$35,000	DCA, Local Governments	LU: I-4, O-3, CFS: O-2 ED: I-1
Provide Training workshops on planning and zoning related topics including building inspection/construction – requested by regional leaders	P&C	x		x		x		Staff Time $15,000	DCA, Local Governments	LU: O-6

Transportation – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 to 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R*	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Review/Write Transportation Elements for local comprehensive plan updates incl. ROW plans: Lowndes County and its Cities	P&C R	x	x					$35,000 each	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT	T: I-4, O-1, O-4, O-6
Provide technical assistance with airport planning and marketing: Cook, Charlton	P&C			x				Staff Time $15,000	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT, FAA	T: O-2 ED: O-4 LU: O-2
Develop a study to determine the needs of seniors in the Region regarding transportation in coordination with land use (housing, recreation, access to health facilities etc.) – requested by regional leaders	P&C R			X				Staff Time $25,000	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT, EDA	LU: I-2, O-5, O-6
Develop a study to determine feasibility and strategies of enhancing railroad and airport facilities through complementary surrounding land uses. – requested by regional leaders	P&C R				x			Staff Time $40,000	DCA, Local Governments, GDOT, EDA	LU: O-2

Intergovernmental Coordination – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 to 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST (annual)	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Develop/Review Comprehensive Plan and Short Term Work Programs for local Governments as required by 110-12-1-.01 or requested by Local Govts.: Clinch, Turner, Ben Hill, Lanier, Brantley, Ware, Lowndes and their Cities	P&C R	x	x					$15,000 per plan	DCA	IC: I-1, O-1, O-3
Foster coordination with the School Boards of the region, specifically with regard to school sitings, closings, conversions, and transportation issues	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time $10,000	DCA, Local Governments	IC: I-2, O-5 CFS: O-2
Maintain the Regional Information Sharing Center and enhance function as a regional clearinghouse for networking, information sharing and project collaboration.	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	$5,000	DCA, Local Governments	IC: I-1, O-4
Assist as requested with the Service Delivery Strategies – requested by regional leaders: Clinch, Turner, Ben Hill, Lanier, Brantley, Ware, Lowndes Counties and their municipalities	R	x	x	x	x	x	x	Staff Time	DCA, Local Governments	IC: I-1, O-1, O-3

Education – Regional Work Program Update FY 2016 - 2020

ACTIVITY	P&C Or R	TIME FRAME Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020						ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	ISS/OPP ADDRESSED
		current	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020			
Provide one workshop a quarter to local School Boards and other community leaders on Best Management Practices including school sitings, Planning & Zoning, Land Use/Transportation – requested by regional leaders	P&C	x	x	x	x	x	x	$10,000	DCA, Local Governments	IC: O-4 E: I-2; O-2
Establish a Clearinghouse for exchange and dissemination of information to enhance cooperation and coordination within the Region. – requested by regional leaders.	P&C	x						5,000	DCA, local governments	IC: O-1 E: I-2; O-2

Areas Requiring Special Attention Update

Using the Projected development patterns and development map, along with other sources, land use trends within the last 12 months have been evaluated within the Region and reviewed for necessary updates to the Areas Requiring Special Attention as identified in the original 2013 Regional Plan.

No new Areas Requiring Special Attention have been identified that would need to be added to the Regional Plan at this time, and all Areas Requiring Special Attention currently identified still remain as such two years later.

Those identified in the Southern Georgia Regional Plan include the following:

- Areas identified on the Regionally Important Resources Map
- Areas where significant natural and/or cultural resources are likely to be impacted by development
- Areas where rapid development or change of land uses are likely to occur, especially where the pace of development has and/or may outpace the availability of community facilities and services, including transportation
- Areas with significant infill development opportunities, including scattered vacant sites, large abandoned structures, or sites that may be environmentally contaminated
- Areas of significant disinvestment, levels of poverty, and/or unemployment substantially higher than average levels for the region as a whole
- The SGRC also added as an ARSA “Moody Air Force Base” and surrounding areas

Areas Of Significant Natural And Cultural Resources

Developing areas in eastern Brantley County along the Satilla River and Glynn County Line.

Due to the expected growth in this area, development pressures from housing, community facilities, and services are expected to impact natural and cultural resources, particularly the natural resources of the Satilla River Corridor. The county and adjacent cities should implement policies and services to safeguard the river from the detrimental effects of rapid development.

SGRC is working with the local communities to implement revised land development regulations which will provide these safeguards. No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA.

Areas of Significant Natural and Cultural Resources

GA 121 **–** from Folkston city limits south to the Florida border**.**

This area has been experiencing a significant amount of cross-border development from Florida. Even though development slowed during the recession, it is anticipated that development pressures on this area will increase again in the future, resulting in additional pressure and potential impacts on the adjacent St. Mary's River corridor.

SGRC is currently working with the City of Folkston and is assisting Charlton County to develop and implement new land development regulations and policies which will help to address these issues. The draft LDRs for the City of Folkston are currently being reviewed by City Leadership. No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA.

Areas Of Rapid Development

Douglas Perimeter.

The area surrounding the perimeter road around Douglas in Coffee County has seen rapid development over the past several years. As the city and the county seek to continue to develop the area, the negative impacts of rapid development will need to be mitigated.

SGRC has recently worked with the City of Douglas and is working with Coffee County to develop and implement revised and new Land Development Standards and Urban Redevelopment Plans which will address these development issues. No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA.

Bacon County Blueberry Plantation.

This area west of Alma is a multifaceted character area that includes an adjoining airport, an 18-hole golf course, a rapidly growing residential area, and the home of the new Blueberry Plantation. This area will likely continue to develop.

No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA. SGRC Economic Development staff is providing technical assistance to local Economic Development staff for appropriate marketing efforts.

Areas Of Rapid Development

Ben Hill County Airport/Industrial Area and South Corridor.

The new industrial park, the local airport, and recent commercial development along Business Route 107 have created a development-friendly environment where future growth is encouraged. This area will likely continue to develop over the planning period.

No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA.

Areas Of Rapid Development

Troupeville Community**.**

This area in eastern Brooks County is adjacent to Lowndes County, and has a direct connection to one of the major commercial corridors of the City of Valdosta. Subsequently, new commercial activity and residential growth have continued in this portion of Brooks County in spite of the County's overall population decline. This is an area where typical suburban residential subdivision development has occurred.

No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA. This area of Brooks County has been included in the MPO and will now be included in regional transportation planning efforts, including the new Long Range Transportation Plan.

Western Lanier County/Banks Lake NWR.

Of all the counties in the region, Lanier County has seen the greatest population increase between the 2000 and 2010 census counts (39 percent). The great majority of this growth has occurred in Western Lanier County and along the north shore of Banks Lake NWR. It is expected that this area will continue to grow with residential development within the next five years, as property values, good schools, and a close proximity to Moody AFB draw more and more people.

No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA, however, SGRC is working with Lanier County to address appropriate land use changes to ensure compatibility with Moody Air Force Base under the Joint Land Use Study Implementation Program.

Areas Of Rapid Development

Downtown Waycross.

Within the downtown area of the City of Waycross, many older and historic buildings are slowly deteriorating, and are in need of redevelopment and/or rehabilitation. The City is focusing on continuing the renovation and rehabilitation of these historic buildings, and is looking into creative new uses and mixed uses that will include residential, commercial, and office uses in the area to encourage a vibrant, livable, walkable downtown.

No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA. The City of Waycross Downtown Development Authority is actively marketing and assisting in the redevelopment of the Downtown.

Areas Of Significant Disinvestment

Oak Park Deterioration.

The Oak Park area of unincorporated Coffee County contains a large stock of mobile homes. The area is noted for its high concentration of poverty and substandard housing. The County recently completed phase two of the development of a public water system for Oak Park, as part of a series of recommendations established in the 2004 Oak Park Redevelopment Plan. Despite these major improvements, the area lacks sewer service and a paved road system. Health and environmental concerns are rampant in the area.

No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA. SGRC is working with Coffee County to create an opportunity zone for this area in order to provide necessary infrastructure improvements such as water, sewer, roads, and infill development. SGRC is also providing technical assistance to Coffee County in the revision of its Land Development Code, which will provide further implementation guidance to revitalize this neighborhood.

Military Installation – Moody Air Force Base and Surrounding Area

Moody Activity Area.

Located in northeastern Lowndes County near the borders with Lanier and Berrien County, the Moody Air Force Base (MAFB) is home to the Air Force's 23rd Wing and trains and employs over 6,000 military and civilian personnel. The presence of MAFB within the area has led to continual growth and development, and resulted in over $440 million in local economic impact. As a result, it is anticipated that the area surrounding the base will continue to grow and develop, presenting planning and growth management challenges to each of the local communities. A Joint Land Use Study has been completed, which identifies local issues and impacts, recommends new policies, projects, and management techniques, and provides model ordinances and agreements to address these issues.

No recent changes have been observed that would require amendments to this ARSA. SGRC is continuously working with MAFB and the surrounding five counties to address any compatibility issues as part of the MAFB Joint Land Use Study and its subsequent implementation phases.

Evaluation And Monitoring

The Southern Georgia Regional Commission has developed a list of activities to evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of the Regional Plan in order to ensure the Plan is successfully accomplishing the desired results. Specific evaluation and monitoring activities include:

- Conduct bi-annual Performance Standard evaluations with local governments throughout the year. These bi-annual evaluations not only determine if local governments are achieving the minimum standard, but also assess the local governments' progress toward implementation of the Regional Plan. This year the evaluations so far have been completed with Tift, Ware, Clinch, and Charlton Counties and their local communities. Where deficiencies existed, efforts have been undertaken through intergovernmental assistance to remedy the deficiencies. The evaluations follow on page 36.
- Regularly meet with local and regional stakeholders to survey and assess needed changes or modifications to the Regional Plan.
- Annually, in conjunction with the Regional Work Program update, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission staff develops a Report of Accomplishments (ROA) examining each activity to determine current status. The report of accomplishments for FY 2015 – 2019 is included in this report.

Evaluation & Monitoring Activities from July 1, 2014 to Present

SGRC bi-annually evaluates each local government's compliance with the Regional Commission's minimum Performance Standards as outlined in the most recent Regional Plan, and with the Standards of Excellence if applicable. Regional Leaders and other stakeholders are individually surveyed regarding the achievements of the minimum standards and deficiencies as well as successes and necessary further actions. The results of the evaluations for each local government are shown on the subsequent pages. One of the predominant issues is the need for additional planning and zoning training for elected and appointed officials and staff. SGRC has worked with Carl Vinson at the Institute of Government to offer Planning and Zoning 101 and 201 in April for the Southern Georgia Region. The respective projects are included as line items in the Regional Work Program. Other issues are the lack of speed and reliability in Broadband coverage for the Region. Many local government leaders feel that the Southern Georgia Region will not be competitive unless sufficient and reliable broadband coverage is provided.

All the local governments, economic development organizations, and other agencies within the region are visited to determine whether the Regional Plan and local Comprehensive Plans are effectively implemented and to determine which further actions can be taken to more effectively implement local and regional strategies. A list of visits is included in the following pages. The results from these visits are included in the updated regional work program in the form of new projects designed to further the Region's quality of life and performance. Leaders

overall have indicated that the Regional Plan is effective, is on target, and serves the region well.

As part of site visits and assessment meetings with local governments, agencies, and regional leaders, recent changes and developments which would affect the Regional Plan are researched and discussed. A review of the Regional Plan as adopted in April 2013 has not revealed any recent changes or developments which have not effectively been addressed in the current Regional Plan.

Evaluation: Tift County, City of Tifton, Omega and Ty Ty

10/14/2014 Joint Tift County, City of Omega, TyTy Assessment Meeting – Achievement of Minimum Standards (Regional Plan Implementation Program)

Minimum Standards	Tift CO	Omega	TyTy
1. All uncertified elected City and County Officials must obtain minimum certification within three years of adoption of Regional Plan by Regional Commission through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or an equivalent Certification Program.	Certified and advance certification	All new council are certified	All new council are certified
2. All County and City Clerks obtain certification through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or equivalent Certification Program.	Yes	Yes	Yes
3. All Planning Commissioners attend planning commission training within one year of appointment. **All trained**	Planning Commissioner Training workshop requested for beginning of 2014 to fulfill requirement		
4. Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) as required by law with all service agreements in place and on file for public review.	Yes	Yes	Yes
5. Update and adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	Joint Submittal **Yes**		
6. Upgrade all electronic communication capabilities for effective electronic communication between all local governments and furnish appropriate training in the use.	Yes	Yes	Yes
7. Develop, update, maintain, and implement zoning standards or land development regulations.	Yes, Zoning	Yes, Zoning	Yes, Zoning
8. Develop, update, maintain, and implement at a minimum the mandatory building codes and fire codes including applicable administrative procedures.	Code and Building Inspector certified	Use the County Code and Building Inspector/office	Use the County Code and Building Inspector/office
9. Put a program in place to require that all building inspections be done by a Building Inspector, who, at a minimum, has been certified through the Building Officials Association of Georgia.	Yes	Yes	Yes
10. Participate in Joint Comprehensive Planning, including development of Short Term Work Programs	Yes	Yes	Yes
11. Annually perform an internal update of the local Short Term Work Programs in coordination with SGRC .	Yes	Yes	Yes
12. Active participation in Best Practices Workshops, joint comprehensive planning meetings including STWP updates, training sessions offered by the SGRC.	Yes	Yes	Yes
Achieved Minimum Standards	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved

10/14/2014 City of Tifton Assessment Meeting – Achievement of Minimum Standards (Regional Plan Implementation Program)

Minimum Standards	Tifton
1. All uncertified elected City and County Officials must obtain minimum certification within three years of adoption of Regional Plan by Regional Commission through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or an equivalent Certification Program.	Meet the minimum certification and training
2. All County and City Clerks obtain certification through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or equivalent Certification Program.	Yes
3. All Planning Commissioners attend planning commission training within one year of appointment. **All trained**	Planning Commissioner Training workshop requested for beginning of 2014 to fulfill requirement
4. Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) as required by law with all service agreements in place and on file for public review.	Yes
5. Update and adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	Joint Submittal **Yes**
6. Upgrade all electronic communication capabilities for effective electronic communication between all local governments and furnish appropriate training in the use thereof.	Yes
7. Develop, update, maintain, and implement zoning standards or land development regulations.	Yes
8. Develop, update, maintain, and implement at a minimum the mandatory building codes and fire codes including applicable administrative procedures.	Yes
9. Put a program in place to require that all building inspections be done by a Building Inspector, who, at a minimum, has been certified through the Building Officials Association of Georgia.	Recertification in process
10. Participate in Joint Comprehensive Planning, including development of Short Term Work Programs	Yes
11. Annually perform an internal update the local Short Term Work Programs in coordination with SGRC .	Yes
12. Active participation in Best Practices Workshops, joint comprehensive planning meetings including STWP updates, training sessions offered by the SGRC.	Yes
Achieved Minimum Standards	Yes

Evaluation: Charlton County, and the Cities of Folkston and Homeland

10/29/2014 Joint Charlton County, Folkston and Homeland Assessment Meeting – Achievement of Minimum Standards (Regional Plan Implementation Program)

Minimum Standards	Charlton	Folkston	Homeland
1. All uncertified elected City and County Officials must obtain minimum certification within three years of adoption of Regional Plan by Regional Commission through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or an equivalent Certification Program.	x	x	x
2. All County and City Clerks obtain certification through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or equivalent Certification Program.	x	x	x
3. All Planning Commissioners attend planning commission training within one year of appointment.	Planning Commissioner Training workshop requested to fulfill requirement		
4. Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) as required by law with all service agreements in place and on file for public review.	x	x	x
5. Update and adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	Joint Submittal		
6. Upgrade all electronic communication capabilities for effective electronic communication between all local governments and furnish appropriate training in the use thereof.	x	x	x
7. Develop, update, maintain, and implement zoning standards or land development regulations.	x	x	x
8. Develop, update, maintain, and implement at a minimum the mandatory building codes and fire codes including applicable administrative procedures.	x	x	x
9. Put a program in place to require that all building inspections be done by a Building Inspector, who, at a minimum, has been certified through the Building Officials Association of Georgia.	x	x	x
10. Participate in Joint Comprehensive Planning, including development of Short Term Work Programs	x	x	x
11. Annually perform an internal update the local Short Term Work Programs in coordination with SGRC .	x	x	x
12. Active participation in Best Practices Workshops, joint comprehensive planning meetings including STWP updates, training sessions offered by the SGRC.	x	x	x
Achieved Minimum Standards	yes	yes	yes

Evaluation: Clinch County, the City of Homerville, Argyle, DuPont and Fargo

11/05/2014 Joint Clinch County, Homerville, Argyle, DuPont and Fargo Assessment Meeting – Achievement of Minimum Standards (Regional Plan Implementation Program)

Minimum Standards	Clinch	Fargo	Homerville	DuPont	Argyle
1. All uncertified elected City and County Officials must obtain minimum certification within three years of adoption of Regional Plan by Regional Commission through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or an equivalent Certification Program.	x	x	x	x	x
2. All County and City Clerks obtain certification through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or equivalent Certification Program.	x	x	x	x	x
3. All Planning Commissioners attend planning commission training within one year of appointment.	Planning Commissioner Training workshop requested for beginning of 2014 to fulfill requirement				
4. Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) as required by law with all service agreements in place and on file for public review.	x	x	x	x	x
5. Update and adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	Joint Submittal				
6. Upgrade all electronic communication capabilities for effective electronic communication between all local governments and furnish appropriate training in the use thereof.	x	x	x	x	x
7. Develop, update, maintain, and implement zoning standards or land development regulations.	x	x	x	x	x
8. Develop, update, maintain, and implement at a minimum the mandatory building codes and fire codes including applicable administrative procedures.	standard international building code				
9. Put a program in place to require that all building inspections be done by a Building Inspector, who, at a minimum, has been certified through the Building Officials Association of Georgia.	working on an implementation program				
10. Participate in Joint Comprehensive Planning, including development of Short Term Work Programs	joint submittal				
11. Annually perform an internal update the local Short Term Work Programs in coordination with SGRC .	x	x	x	x	x
12. Active participation in Best Practices Workshops, joint comprehensive planning meetings including STWP updates, training sessions offered by the SGRC.	x	x	x	x	x
Achieved Minimum Standards	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Evaluation: Ware County and the City of Waycross

01/20 & 21/2015 Joint Ware County and Waycross Assessment Meeting – Achievement of Minimum Standards (Regional Plan Implementation Program)

Minimum Standards	Ware County	Waycross
1. All uncertified elected City and County Officials must obtain minimum certification within three years of adoption of Regional Plan by Regional Commission through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or an equivalent Certification Program.	x	x
2. All County and City Clerks obtain certification through UGA Carl Vinson Institute or equivalent Certification Program.	x	x
3. All Planning Commissioners attend planning commission training within one year of appointment. **All trained**	x	
4. Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) as required by law with all service agreements in place and on file for public review.	x	x
5. Update and adopt the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	complete	
6. Upgrade all electronic communication capabilities for effective electronic communication between all local governments and furnish appropriate training in the use thereof.	x	x
7. Develop, update, maintain, and implement zoning standards or land development regulations.	x	x
8. Develop, update, maintain, and implement at a minimum the mandatory building codes and fire codes including applicable administrative procedures.	x	x
9. Put a program in place to require that all building inspections be done by a Building Inspector, who, at a minimum, has been certified through the Building Officials Association of Georgia.	x	x
10. Participate in Joint Comprehensive Planning, including development of Short Term Work Programs	x	x
11. Annually perform an internal update the local Short Term Work Programs in coordination with SGRC .	x	x
12. Active participation in Best Practices Workshops, joint comprehensive planning meetings including STWP updates, training sessions offered by the SGRC.	x	x
Achieved Minimum Standards	Yes	Yes

Local Government/Stakeholder Survey-Interview-Visit Dates

Jurisdiction	Date
Berrien	7/1/2014
Bacon	7/2/2014
Cook	7/14/2014
Brantley	7/15/2014
Folkston	7/17/2014
Turner	7/21/2014
Ben-Hill	7/22/2014
Waycross	7/30/2014
Fargo	7/31/2014
Clinch	8/11/2014
Hahira	8/13/2014
Irwin	8/14/2014
Broxton	8/14/2014
Barwick	8/19/2014
Pavo	8/19/2014
Echols	8/21/2014
Pearson	8/28/2014
Enigma	9/2/2014
Fitzgerald	9/4/2014
Turner	9/5/2014
Cook	9/8/2014
Douglas	9/11/2014
Pavo	9/15/2014
Charlton	9/16/2014
Irwin	9/23/2014
Clinch	9/24/2014
Ben-Hill	10/2/2014
Waycross	10/3/2014
Turner	10/6/2014
Alma	10/15/2014
Pavo	10/20/2014
Brooks	10/21/2014
Brantley	10/27/2014
Pierce	11/4/2014
Ocilla	11/10/2014
Douglas	11/13/2014
Bacon	11/19/2014
Berrien	11/20/2014
Echols	11/24/2014
Clinch	11/24/2014
Lake Park	12/2/2014
Omega	12/2/2014
Tifton	12/3/2014
TyTy	12/8/2014
Atkinson	12/11/2014
Lanier	12/18/2014
Homerville	12/19/2014
Bacon	12/29/2014
Blackshear	12/31/2014
Ben-Hill	1/5/2015
Cook	1/6/2015
Alma	1/7/2015
Douglas	1/12/2015
Charlton	1/20/2015
Waycross	1/21/2015
Coffee	1/27/2015
Ocilla	1/29/2015
Cook	2/2/2015
Coffee	2/3/2015
Lanier	2/9/2015
Nashville	2/10/2015
Brooks	2/17/2015
Charlton	2/19/2015
Atlanta (ARC)	3/5/2015
Atlanta (GDOT)	3/12/2015
Tifton	3/17/2015
Alma	3/23/2015
Blackshear	3/24/2015

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SOUTHERN GEORGIA
2015 REGIONAL PLAN WORK PROGRAM UPDATE
TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION TO TRANSMIT THE DRAFT 2015 REGIONAL PLAN WORK PROGRAM UPDATE AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, The Southern Georgia Regional Commission recognized the need to prepare the 2015 Regional Plan Work Program Update.

WHEREAS, The proposed 2015 Regional Plan Work Program Update was prepared pursuant to the current Chapter 110-12-6-.08(3)(c) Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning "Regional Planning Requirements, Required Periodic Updates to the Regional Work Program; and

WHEREAS, The public participation requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning were met; and

WHEREAS, All local government review requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning were met.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the proposed 2015 Regional Plan Work Program Update for the Southern Georgia Regional Commission be transmitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review.

DULY RESOLVED THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2015.

SOUTHERN GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

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