

Cook County: Report of Accomplishments

Community Facilities		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Transportation: Conceptualize and prepare preliminary design plans to develop a bypass/connector road system with three phases: (1) SR 76 to Exit 9; (2) I-75 to US Highway 41; and (3) US Highway 41 northeast to SR 37.	Completed	Cook County endorsed the bypass concept, but realize that without GA DOT support the issue needs further study and analysis.
Courthouse renovations.	Underway	The structure has a new roof and window sills; the Sheriff's office and jail are now located at the County Law Enforcement Building located at the county farm; the Magistrate Court has been relocated to the law enforcement center; and ADA restrooms/elevator for Superior Court are scheduled for FY 03-05.
911 System.	Underway	The addressing component has been completed and negotiations have been undertaken with neighboring counties to join their systems. This activity is scheduled to be completed in FY 05.
CR Lovelett Circle-Hillard Road resurfacing.	Completed	
CR 107 Hutchinson-Parrish Road resurfacing.	Completed	
CR 31 Old Coffee Road resurfacing.	Completed	
Julian-Joiner Road resurfacing.	Completed	
CR 193 Daughtrey-Rutland resurfacing.	Completed	
CR 2 Pike Creek Road resurfacing.	Completed	
CR 15 Old Union Road resurfacing.	Completed	
Emergency medical services ambulance.	Completed	Two ambulances purchased: 1-1999 and 1-2003.
Remount ambulance equipment.	Completed	
New landfill site development.	Underway	Purchased 525 acre site for a construction and demolition (C/D) landfill. Have begun the engineering studies for the 4-5 year permitting process.
Required landfill liner system.	Completed	
Landfill: Groundwater/Methane gas monitoring system.	Completed	This monitoring system has been operational for two of the 25 years that are required.

Economic Development		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Continue to foster all Chamber of Commerce priorities by promoting infill development in existing industrial parks.	Completed	
Continue to support the IDA efforts to prepare financial packages for existing and new businesses/industries in Greater Cook County.	Completed	In 2002, the newly formed Cook County Economic Development Commission hired an economic developer, and made a three year commitment for funding that is shared by Cook County, the City of Adel, and the Industrial Development Authority.

Land Use		
Activity	Status	Explanation
Code and ordinance changes will address the environmentally sensitive resources namely floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, protected river corridors, prime agricultural and forest lands, scenic views, sites and historic resources, identified in Part I.	Completed	The Groundwater Recharge Areas; Wetlands Protection; and Little River Corridor Protection Ordinances were adopted in 1999. In 2001, Cook County adopted a Floodplain Management Ordinance.
Coordinate with Adel, Cecil, Lenox and Sparks to promote quality urban development, redevelopment/reuse of all I-75 interchanges.	Underway	This is an ongoing activity governed in part by the Georgia DOT, and their scheduled improvements to I-75 within Cook County, which extend beyond 2005.
Continue to amend the zoning ordinance to implement the Cook County Future Land Use Plan.	Completed	A new Cook County Zoning Ordinance was adopted on March 5, 2001.

Natural and Historic Resources

Activity	Status	Explanation
Participate with the Cook County Historical Society.	Completed	The Historical Society has assisted the county on various projects, including the regional historic schools initiative.

General Planning

Activity	Status	Explanation
Coordinate with cities to adopt a Service Delivery Plan.	Completed	The adopted Service Delivery Plan was amended during the LOST negotiations in 2002, and the Recreation Element is now a countywide responsibility of Cook County.
Annually re-evaluate the Cook County Short-Term Work Program.	Completed	Cook County uses their STWP for budgeting purposes.
Participate in all amendments/mediation to the 2015 Greater Cook Comprehensive Plan.	Completed	
Prepare all grant/loan applications (CDBG, EDA, RD, etc.) after conducting a needs assessment and public hearing to ascertain which project has the highest priority.	Completed	
Continue to support the planning advisory commission and provide representation.	Completed	The PAC coordinated the preparation and adoption of Part V Environmental Planning Standards; recommended a shared countywide building code enforcement program; and assisted in the preparation of a comprehensive county zoning ordinance amendment.
Update Airport Master Plan.	Completed	The Airport Master Plan was updated; engineering plans/specs are being prepared; and environmental impact assessment is underway for runway improvements.
Jointly participate with the Georgia Forestry Commission and other firechiefs/cities in the implementation of the coordinated rural/city fire protection plan.	Postponed	The county/cities are negotiating how to functionally manage without preparing/implementing a rural/city fire protection plan.

Cook County: Short Term Work Program Update

Community Facilities				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Courthouse renovations: ADA restrooms and an elevator to second floor.	2003, 2004, 2005	County Commission	\$30-40K/y	GF
Continue to upgrade to an Enhanced 911 emergency communications system.	2003, 2004, 2005	County Commission	\$500K	SPLOST/fees
CR 246 Lott Bridge Road: Widen/repave 4 miles from Berrien County to Town of Lenox.	2004, 2005	County Commission	\$351K	Ga. DOT, General Fund
CR 84 Community Bridge Road: Base and paving.	2004, 2005	County Commission	\$540K	Ga. DOT, General Fund
CR 240 Fellowship Church Road: Resurface 5.5 miles.	2005, 2006	County Commission	\$484K	Ga. DOT, General Fund
CR 168 Weeks Road: Base and paving one mile.	2005, 2006, 2007	County Commission	\$300K	Ga. DOT, General Fund
Gain permits and operate construction and demolition (C/D) landfill.	2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County Commission	Unknown	SPLOST
Support countywide parks/recreation board priorities.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County/Cities	Unknown	General Fund/SPLOST ?
CR 135 Elm Street: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 41 widen Elm St with an additional turn land and resurface.	2003, 2004	County Commission	\$500K	Ga. DOT, DCA, General Fund
Construct runway improvements to Adel-Cook County Airport.	2004, 2005, 2006	County Commission	Unknown	FAA/DOT/General Fund
Seek funding to construct an Agricenter, including offices and a livestock arena.	2003, 2004, 2005	County Commission	\$500-750K	RD, General Fund
CR 31 Old Coffee Road resurface from CR 249 to CR 22.	2004, 2005	County Commission	\$176K	Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)
CR 60 Brushy Creek Road resurface from CR 248 to city limits of Town of Lenox.	2003	County Commission	\$575K	Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)
CR 241 Register Road from SR 76 to SR 37. Resurface 3 miles.	2003, 2004, 2005	County Commission	\$264K	Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)
CR 8 Greggs Road from SR 76 to end of road-resurface three miles.	2004, 2005, 2006	County Commission	\$264K	Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)
CR 243 Old Union Road from SR 76 to the creek, 2 miles of resurfacing.	2005, 2006, 2007	County Commission	\$176K	Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)
CR 107 Coxstill Road resurface from SR 37 to CR 37.	2005, 2006	County Commission	\$132K	Local Assistance Road Program (LARP)

Economic Development				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Coordinate with Adel, Cecil, Lenox and Sparks in the preparation of short/longrange transportation plan that addresses industrial expansions.	2004, 2005	County/Cities	\$100K	Ga. DOT, DCA
Develop long term funding for the Cook County Economic Development Commission.	2004, 2005	County/Cities	\$2M	SPLOST, General Fund
Assist IDA to expand industrial park; and prepare engineering plans for the extensioin of utilities to the MEGA industrial site between Adel/Cecil.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County, Cities, Cook Co. EDC, IDA	\$1-3.5M	EDA, RD, One Georgia, EIP, GDITT.

Land Use

Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Continue to coordinate shared building code, land subdivision and zoning ordinance administration/enforcement with the Greater Cook Planning Advisory Commission.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County Commission, Greater Cook PAC, RDC	Unknown	General Fund/Permit fees

Natural and Historic Resources				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Support the preservation/reuse of historic schools identified in the Regional Historic Schools Initiative/Multiple Property Register Nomination.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County Commission, Historical Society, RDC, SHPO	Unknown	General Fund/Private donations
Participate with cities/county/Historical Society to prepare a countywide historic resources inventory.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County, Cities, SHPO, RDC	\$12K Costs Shared	General Fund, SHPO, Private donations

General Planning				
Activity	Years	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
Coordinate with the Cities of Adel, Sparks, Lenox and Cecil to prepare short/longrange transportation plan.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County/Cities	\$100K	Ga. DOT, DCA, General Fund
Partner with Adel, Cecil, Lenox and Sparks to investigate the feasibility of a countywide utilities authority, which addresses industrial expansion in the I-75/US 41 corridor.	2004	County/Cities/Cook County EDC	\$50K	One Georgia, LDF, DCA
Coordinate with cities to update the Service Delivery Plan	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County/Cities	Unknown	General Fund
Focus coordinated planning programs/activities to the Greater Cook Planning Advisory Commission.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County Commission, Greater Cook PAC	Unknown	General Fund
Annually re-evaluate the Cook County Short Term Work Program.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County Commission	Unknown	General Fund
Participate in all amendments/mediation to the 2015 Greater Cook Comprehensive Plan.	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008	County Commission, Greater Cook PAC	Unknown	General Fund

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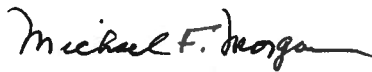
RE: Cook County and City of Adel ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS

Dear Mr. Gleaton:

Cook County and the City of Adel adopted their 2004 – 2008 Short-Term Work Programs on February 3, 2003. The enclosed ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS are proof of the action taken by Cook County and the City of Adel.

This completes the re-certification process for Cook County and the City of Adel. Both units of government look forward to the extension of their “qualified local government” status.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Morgan
Principal Planner

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ADOPTION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF COOK COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE SFY 2004 - 2008 COOK COUNTY FIVE-YEAR SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) AMENDMENT OF THE 2015 GREATER COOK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes the need to amend their comprehensive plan and their Five Year Short-Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed updates to the Cook County STWP have been prepared depicting revised state fiscal years 2004 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Transmittal Resolution was submitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the updated short-term work program amendment with modifications was reviewed by them and found to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures and consistent with adopted regional plans and policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby adopt the amended 2015 Greater Cook Comprehensive Plan and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certification of completion.

DULY RESOLVED: THIS 3 DAY OF February, 2003.

COUNTY OF COOK



Michael Dinnerman, Chairman

ATTEST:



Glynda Hemby, County Clerk



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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Laura Meadows
COMMISSIONER

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GOVERNOR

February 24, 2003

Honorable Leigh Schlumper, Chairman
Cook County Board of Commissioners
209 North Parrish Avenue
Adel, Georgia 31620

Dear Chairman Schlumper:

The South Georgia Regional Development Center has notified us that Cook County has adopted a Short-Term Work Program (STWP) update to its comprehensive plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. Accordingly, we are pleased to extend Cook County's status as a Qualified Local Government through June 30, 2008.

It is our sincere belief that comprehensive planning will assist communities in dealing more effectively with issues affecting long-term growth and development. Using your updated STWP as a reference and management tool as you make decisions concerning the continuing implementation of your comprehensive plan can maximize the benefits of your efforts. With communities such as Cook County participating in the comprehensive planning process, Georgia can look forward to quality, responsible, and coordinated growth in the future.

Please keep in mind that the designation of Cook County as a Qualified Local Government (QLG) indicates that your local government's comprehensive plan complies with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures of the Georgia Planning Act. Your local government's QLG status also remains conditioned on Cook County's compliance with all other applicable provisions of this law.

We commend you for your hard work and dedication and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Laura J. Meadows
Commissioner

LJM/sdp
cc: Mr. John L. Leonard, Executive Director
South Georgia RDC

TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COOK COUNTY, TO TRANSMIT THE SFY 2004 - 2008 COOK COUNTY FIVE-YEAR SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) AMENDMENT OF THE 2015 GREATER COOK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Cook County recognizes the need to amend their comprehensive plan and their Five Year Short-Term Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed updates to the Cook County STWP have been prepared depicting revised state fiscal years 2004 through 2008; and

WHEREAS, these proposed STWP updates have been prepared in accordance with the State of Georgia's Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed updates to the Cook County STWP be accepted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners as an amendment to the 2015 Greater Cook Comprehensive Plan, and that these STWP updates be transmitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review as required by the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

DULY RESOLVED: THIS 4 DAY OF November, 2002.

COUNTY OF COOK

Tim G. Giddens
Tim Giddens, Chairman

ATTEST:

Glynda Hemby

Glynda Hemby, County Clerk

Nov - 4, 2002

MINUTES OF GREATER COOK PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION OF
OCTOBER 31, 2002 – PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RECERTIFICATION
AMENDMENTS TO the 2015 GREATER COOK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

1. 1999-2003 Report of Accomplishments for Cook County and the Cities of Adel, Cecil, Lenox, and Sparks
2. 2004-2008 proposed Short Term Work Programs for Cook County and the Cities of Adel, Cecil, Lenox, and Sparks

Planning Advisory Commission Members and Guests Present: (See attached sign in sheet)

Chairman Phillip W. Grimsley welcomed the members and guests at 6:30 pm and requested Mr. Michael Morgan, Planning Coordinator to explain the recertification process that has led to the Public Hearing.

Mr. Morgan stated that to prepare the proposed 2004-2008 STWP, meetings with county and city officials and department heads were conducted to develop the 1999-2003 Report of Accomplishments, which then led to the new projects/activities for the future. Public infrastructure improvements, economic development, and consolidation of services will be addressed at a countywide level.

General discussion discussed transportation issues, economic development, and the need to cooperate on joint ventures.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet

Date: October 31, 2002 **Time:** 6:30 PM **Place:** Cook County Commissioners Office Building, Adel, Georgia

Public Hearing called by: Greater Cook Planning Advisory Commission

Purpose/Title of the Meeting: Proposed 2004-2008 Short Term Work Programs for Cook County and the Cities of Adel, Cecil, Lenox and Sparks

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