

**THE TREUTLEN  
COUNTY/SOPERTON JOINT  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**COMMUNITY AGENDA**

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# **The Treutlen County/Soperton Joint Comprehensive Plan Community Agenda**

A Comprehensive Plan for Treutlen County and the City of Soperton, Georgia  
in accordance with the Georgia Planning Act of 1989

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# INTRODUCTION

## Purpose

*The Treutlen County/Soperton Joint Comprehensive Plan* is a comprehensive plan prepared under the Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning (Local Planning Requirements) of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. It is a joint plan for Treutlen County and its only municipality -- the City of Soperton. The plan was designed to meet the legislation's requirements for each local government to have a plan for its future growth and development in accordance with the state standards. It is a full update of the previous joint comprehensive plan first adopted in 1991, but is basically a new plan, prepared under new standards.

As a comprehensive plan, *The Treutlen County/Soperton Joint Comprehensive Plan* is a critical self-examination of Treutlen County and Soperton in the areas of population, economic development, natural and cultural resources, community facilities and services, housing, land use, intergovernmental cooperation, solid waste, and service delivery; and a path for the community's future growth and development. The plan is truly a reflection of the community's concerns and desires for the future.

Treutlen County is a small, rural county in south central Georgia. It is located on I-16 about midway between Macon and Savannah. Its current population is only about 7,000 persons. The county was in a long period of decline/relative stability since its inception in 1918, and particularly after WWII, until the 1990s and still has not recovered to its 1930 population level. While this decline has been somewhat reversed in the last 10 years because of residential location, growth has remained modest, and the county faces many hurdles for its future growth. The county developed in its past because of its fields and forests and an agrarian economy and the arrival of the railroad. These abundant natural resources remain and to a large extent, Treutlen County's fields and forests and transportation are again keys to its future growth and development, although through different means. The county has potential for bedroom community growth and other development because of its location and quality of life. This plan focuses on strategies to take advantage of these assets and opportunities to prepare for and attract future growth and development compatible with the existing rural character and quality of life.

*The Treutlen County/Soperton Joint Comprehensive Plan* was developed in the true spirit and intent of the Georgia Planning Act in that it was prepared by the community with the assistance of planners and not vice versa. The Treutlen County Local Plan Coordination Committee, which oversaw the plan's development, was comprised of elected and appointed officials and interested public and private citizen leaders and stakeholders appointed by the governments. The resulting plan, when finalized, will delineate the goals, objectives, programs and projects the community wishes to pursue to continue the progress, growth, and development of the county as an attractive community in which to live and work.

## **Format**

The plan is organized by the two main components required by the Georgia Planning Act and the "Local Planning Requirements:" the *Community Assessment* and the *Community Agenda*. The plan does address the elements recommended for a comprehensive plan, even at the Basic Level at which Treutlen County and Soperton are required to plan. These include: Population; Economic Development; Natural and Cultural Resources; Community Facilities and Services; Housing; Land Use; and Intergovernmental Coordination. Under each element of the plan, there was an inventory and assessment to determine where the community was and had been, what were the current trends, and to help delineate and define issues and opportunities facing Treutlen County and Soperton. The first section of the comprehensive plan, the *Community Assessment*, accomplishes these steps and provides the foundation to decide what the community desires for its future growth and development, and how it plans to achieve its vision.

A Community Participation Program as required by the Local Planning Requirements to identify the scope and techniques of planned public participation of the plan (most importantly, the *Community Agenda*) is also included. The final components of the plan will include the *Community Agenda* as well as other appendices to address the Treutlen County/Soperton Joint Solid Waste Management Plan and the Treutlen County Service Delivery Strategy. These planning documents are being prepared concurrently in accordance with Georgia Department of Community Affairs' requirements and to insure consistency and coordination.

This final component of the Comprehensive Plan, the *Community Agenda*, is in a sense, the heart and soul of the plan. It lays out the issues and opportunities and the community's vision of what it desires to become, desired development patterns, and the community's implementation strategies. It is a guide for all concerned for the future growth and development of Treutlen

County and Soperton. The purpose of the *Community Agenda* is to lay out a road map for the community's future as developed through community consensus. It is the most important part of the plan. It should be used by the local governments, the general public and private community, and citizens alike to evaluate and measure decisions, investments, and progress toward achieving the community's desired future and implementing the plan's objectives. Without citizen and community involvement, implementation will be difficult, at best. The community and its residents should feel ownership in its plan and work hard to achieve its aspirations for the future Treutlen County and Soperton.

The *Community Agenda* contains components as mandated by the state planning requirements but shaped by the community to enunciate its desires. The components include the Community Vision, the listing of Community Issues and Opportunities, and the Implementation Program.

# **TREUTLEN COUNTY COMMUNITY VISION**

## **Overall Community Vision**

Treutlen County is a small, rural county in southeast Georgia located along I-16 between Macon and Savannah. The county's population is only about 7,000 persons, and it is only about 200 square miles in land area. It is one of Georgia's youngest counties (it was created in 1918 as the 154<sup>th</sup> Georgia county); it is one of Georgia's smallest counties (138<sup>th</sup> in land area); and one of the least populated in Georgia (145<sup>th</sup> in 2000). The economic base of the county has traditionally been related to agriculture and pine forests, and remains so to a large extent. The abundant natural resources of the county and its location are keys to future growth.

Treutlen County remains a largely rural county, with a landscape predominated by forestry, and to a lesser extent, agricultural uses. There has been limited growth. The highest population total (7,664) in Treutlen County was recorded in the 1920 Census, two years after its creation. The population remained relatively stable until World War II, but declined afterwards until 1970. There was some growth during the 1970s, but the population remained relatively stable until 1990. Since that time, Treutlen County has grown slightly because of its location and attraction to residential development. The only municipality in the County is the City of Soperton which has also remained relatively stable or slightly declined in population.

Treutlen County and Soperton see its location near the local rural growth centers of Vidalia and Dublin, and along I-16 between Macon and Savannah, as its principal future opportunities for growth. The rural quality of life; the abundant natural and cultural resources, including the Oconee and Ohoopie Rivers, Sand Hill and Wildwood lakes, other natural beauty, many historic landmarks; and the availability of relatively inexpensive land will facilitate such growth.

Treutlen County and Soperton will continue to be a rural, but growing community in the future with increasing residents and further economic growth and development of new business and industry, while maintaining its southern charm and rural quality of life. Treutlen County

seeks to optimize its strategic location between Macon and the port of Savannah, and to attract new residential and economic growth, and additional visitors and tourists from I-16 into a revitalized Soperton. Soperton and its fringes would be the location of intense commercial and industrial growth, with a vibrant downtown of rehabilitated historic structures and bustling commercial activity. The I-16 interchanges of the community would be developed with quality commercial developments inviting travelers to stop and explore Treutlen County/Soperton. Georgia Highway 29 would be an aesthetically pleasing, well-landscaped gateway into Soperton, appropriate to its history and with development responsive to the community vision and respective of the natural and cultural environment. Georgia 15 and U.S. 221 would provide similar quality gateways into Soperton.

Treutlen County would build on its rich history with enhanced tourism centered on the Million Pines Arts and Craft festival, the Million Pines Plantation and its importance to forestry in Georgia, other rehabilitated historic landmarks, and the pristine beauty of the Oconee and Ochopee rivers. It would be the goal to promote balanced, managed commercial, industrial, and residential growth utilizing upgraded, enhanced transportation assets; improved community facilities and services, including schools, parks and recreation facilities, and water/sewer/technology; and an expanded hospitality sector. This vision would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and services, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and through appropriate land use regulation. Treutlen County would be an even better place to live, work, and visit, but would maintain its southern charm and rural, high quality of life.

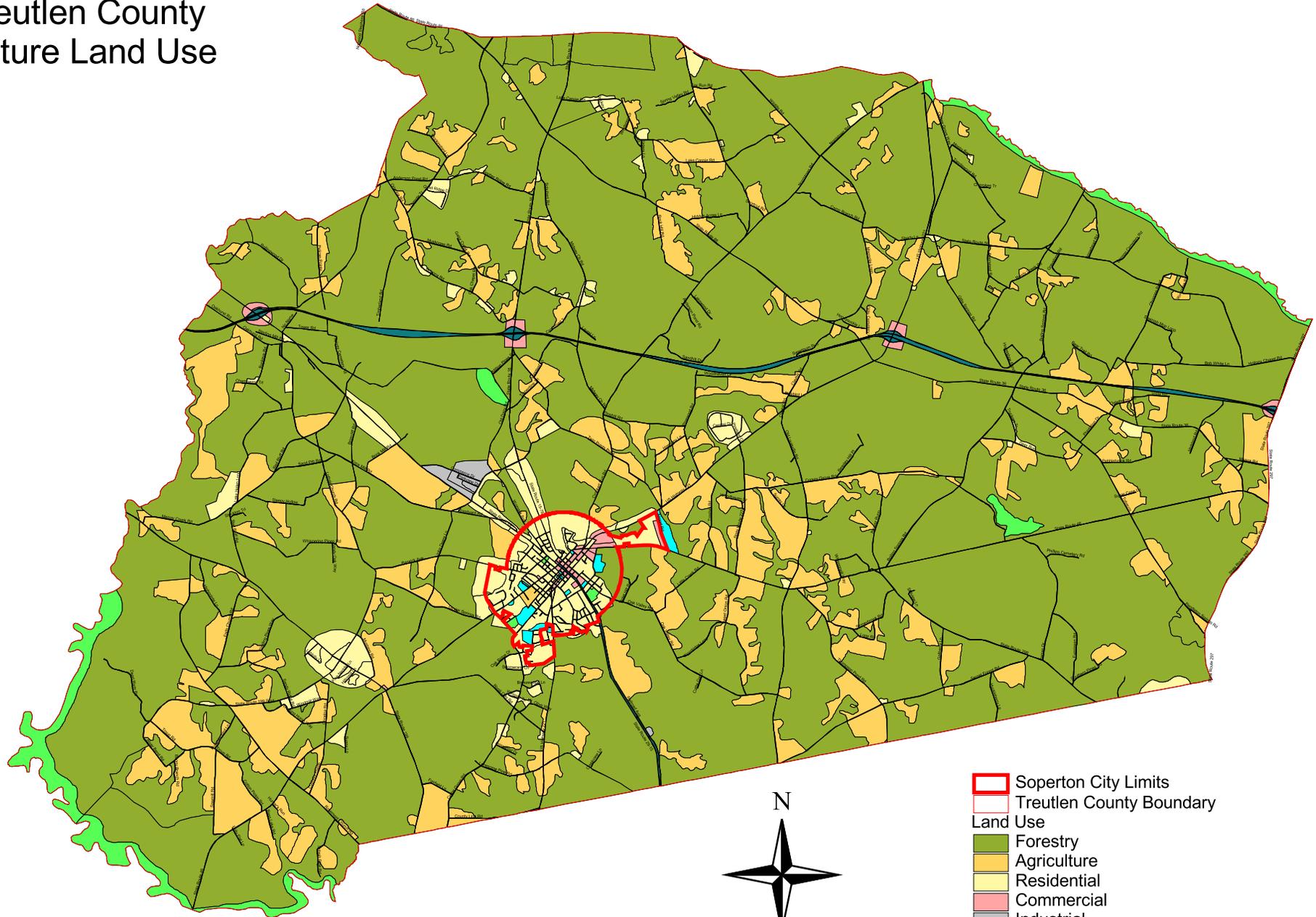
## **Future Development Map**

Treutlen County and the City of Soperton remain small town, rural areas with an overwhelming landscape of agriculture and forestry. The rural areas of the county are primarily covered by yellow pine plantations, and the City of Soperton is a low density residential small town with much open space and a more densely developed downtown urban core. The community vision has as its heart the preservation of this small town and rural charm and quality of life while seeking compatible and complementary growth.

To continue the consistency of traditional comprehensive planning, the local governments have included future land use maps similar to the existing land use maps in the Community Assessment component of the comprehensive plan. These future land use maps, Map FLU-1 for Treutlen County and Map FLU-2 for the City of Soperton, utilize the same standard land use categories as defined in the Department of Community Affairs' "Local Planning Requirements." These categories were also utilized and defined in the Treutlen County/Soperton Community Assessment. The reality of modest growth is reflected. These maps illustrate this and the desired and chosen policies and strategies of Treutlen County and Soperton, but are only generalized guides for community development. They are not intended to dictate, or specifically limit, private land use decisions or activities on any one parcel. They are a context or framework to evaluate and guide decision-making.

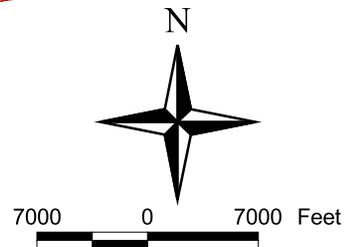
Another context and framework to guide decision-making and future growth and development is the delineation of character areas. These areas, as required by the state planning guidelines, are the geographic areas within the community that have unique or special characteristics or may require special attention, focus, or guidance. The community has chosen to utilize the same character areas described and recommended in the Community Assessment. These character areas are depicted on the following future development maps, FLU-3 for Treutlen County and FLU-4 for the City of Soperton, as overlays to the future land use maps. The character boundaries are defined by the map and in the narrative both for the Community Assessment and in this Community Agenda. They are not parcel-specific and are intended to represent approximate locations. What they represent is well defined, and the local governments will have the flexibility to determine appropriate development patterns for particular parcels on

# FLU-1 Trentlen County Future Land Use

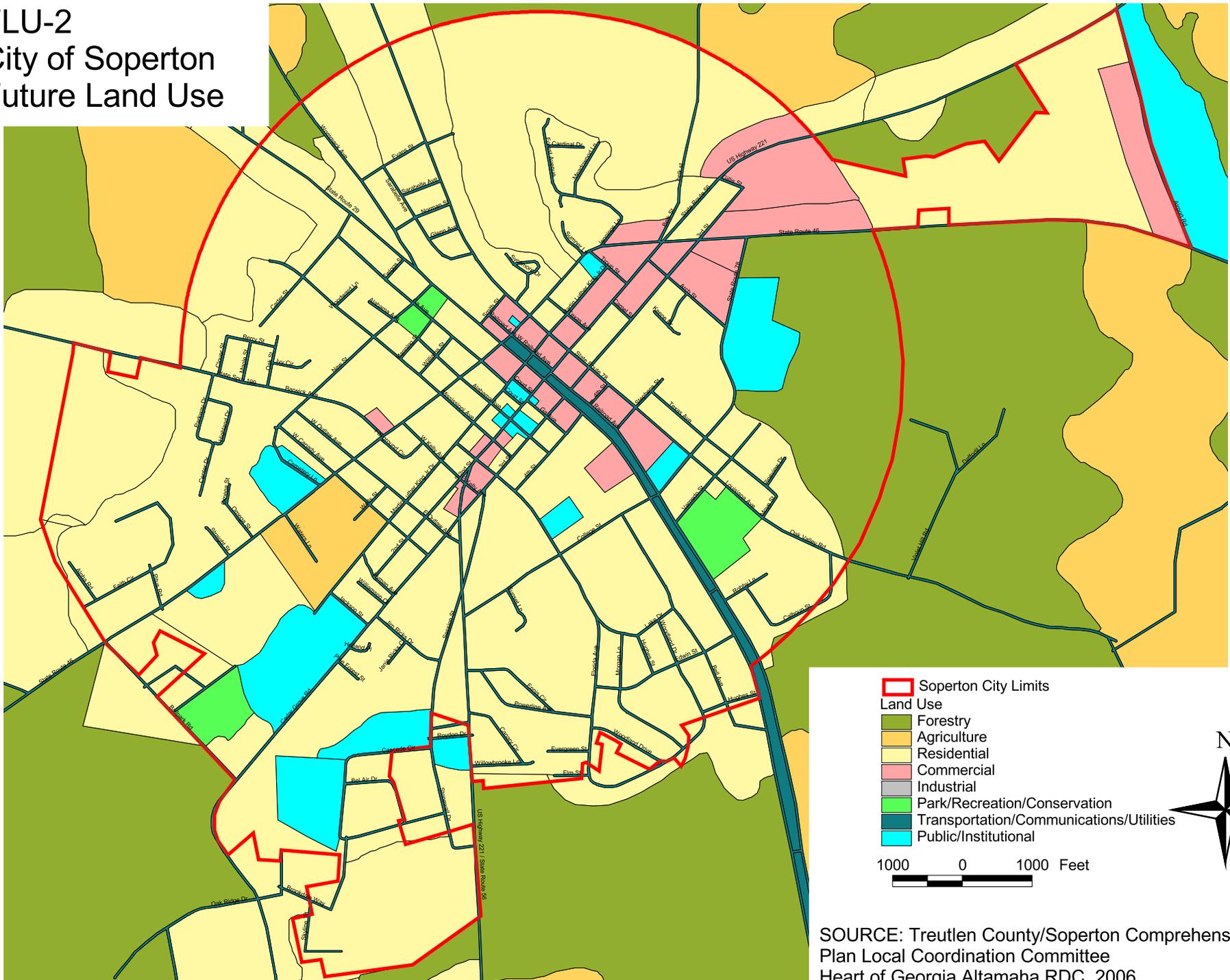


- Soperton City Limits
- Trentlen County Boundary
- Land Use
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Park/Recreation/Conservation
- Transportation/Communications/Utilities
- Public/Institutional

SOURCE: Trentlen County/Soperton Comprehensive Plan  
Local Coordination Committee  
Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC, 2006



# FLU-2 City of Soperton Future Land Use

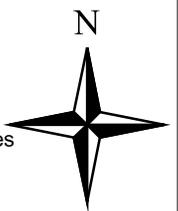


**Soperton City Limits**

**Land Use**

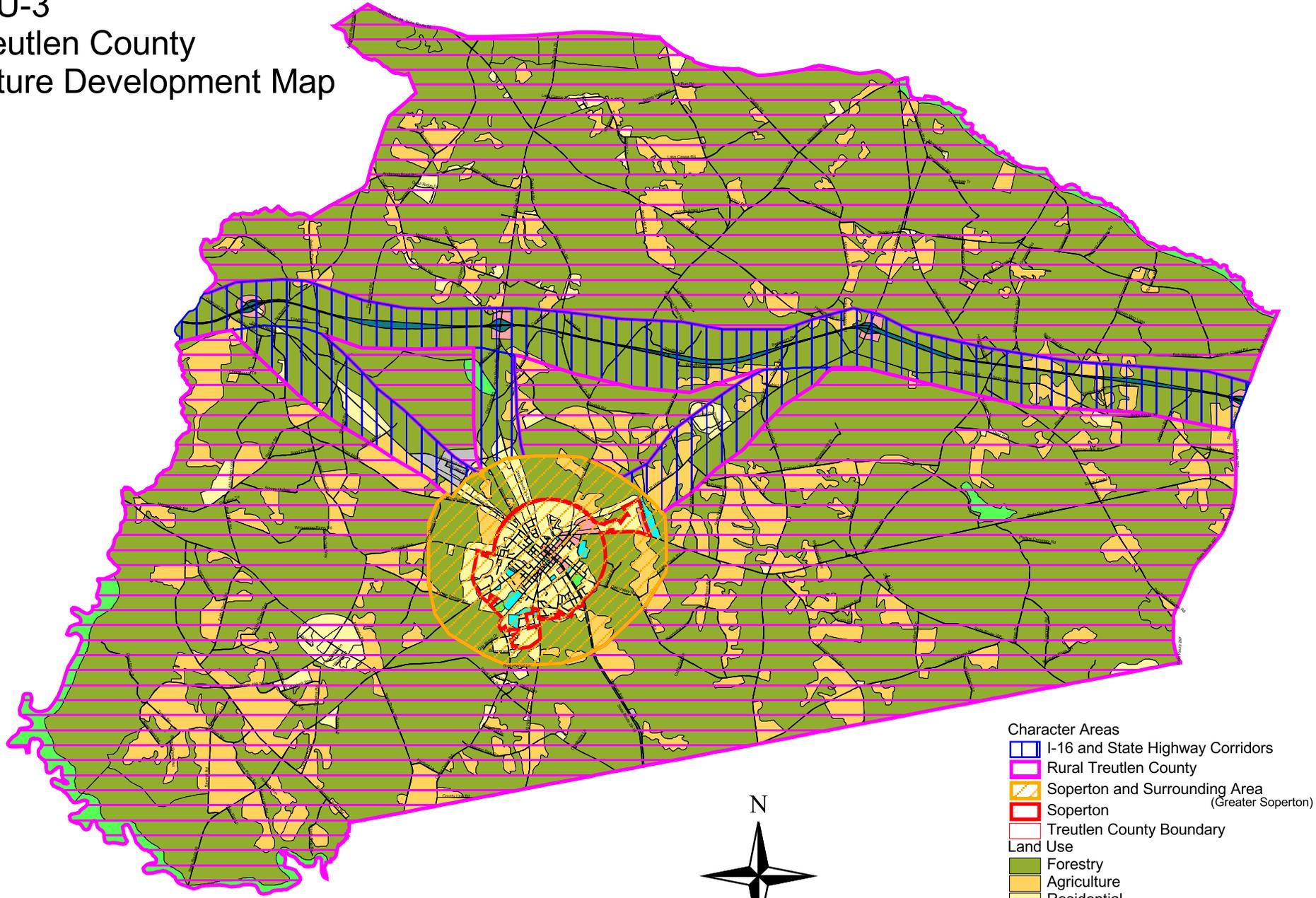
- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Park/Recreation/Conservation
- Transportation/Communications/Utilities
- Public/Institutional

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SOURCE: Treutlen County/Soperton Comprehensive Plan Local Coordination Committee  
Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC, 2006

# FLU-3 Treutlen County Future Development Map



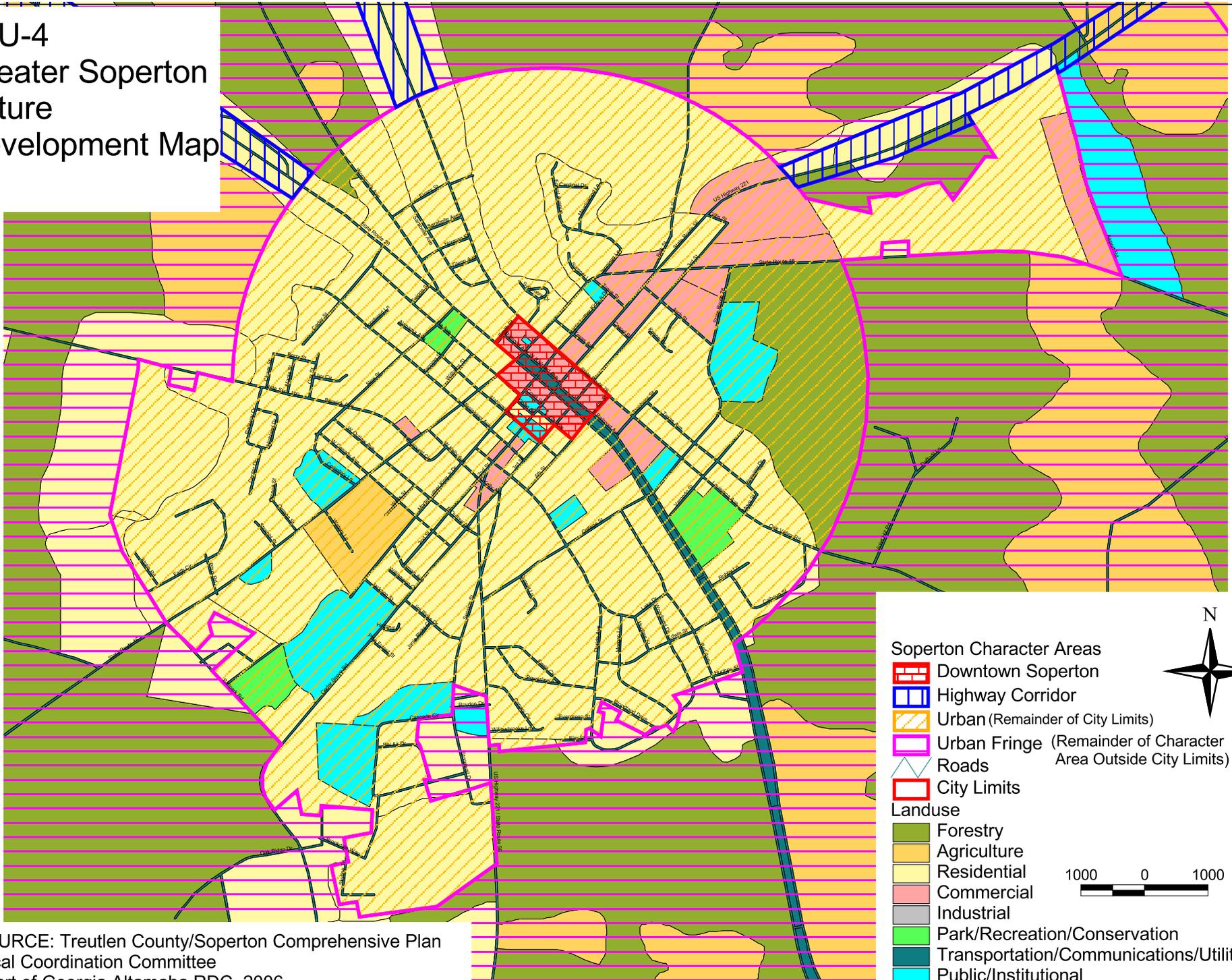
- Character Areas**
-  I-16 and State Highway Corridors
  -  Rural Treutlen County
  -  Soperton and Surrounding Area (Greater Soperton)
  -  Soperton
  -  Treutlen County Boundary
- Land Use**
-  Forestry
  -  Agriculture
  -  Residential
  -  Commercial
  -  Industrial
  -  Park/Recreation/Conservation
  -  Transportation/Communications/Utilities
  -  Public/Institutional



7000 0 7000 Feet

SOURCE: Treutlen County/Soperton Comprehensive Plan  
Local Coordination Committee  
Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC, 2006

# FLU-4 Greater Soperton Future Development Map



**Soperton Character Areas**

- Downtown Soperton
- Highway Corridor
- Urban (Remainder of City Limits)
- Urban Fringe (Remainder of Character Area Outside City Limits)
- Roads
- City Limits

**Landuse**

- Forestry
- Agriculture
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Park/Recreation/Conservation
- Transportation/Communications/Utilities
- Public/Institutional



SOURCE: Treutlen County/Soperton Comprehensive Plan  
Local Coordination Committee  
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the edges and fringes of a character area both now and in the future, and as specific conditions may change, such as an annexation. Consistency with the community vision, the comprehensive plan, and the desired development patterns should be the deciding factors in any decisions affecting character areas or a proposed development. The character areas are further described in their defining narratives which follow.

## **Character Area Narratives**

The following are the required defining narratives for each of the county and city character areas. The narratives include a specific vision for each area which is a part of and complementary to the general community vision. They also include a description of recommended development patterns, a listing of appropriate, specific land uses which would be allowed, a listing of the state's Quality Community Objectives selected to be pursued as appropriate, as well as identification of implementation measures planned to help achieve the desired development patterns and community vision. The Quality Community Objectives are merely listed. To read the full description of these state objectives, the reader can refer to the Community Assessment, or the [www.georgiaplanning.com](http://www.georgiaplanning.com) website. The [www.georgiaplanning.com](http://www.georgiaplanning.com) website can also be utilized to see and research recommended development patterns in more detail under "State Planning Recommendations."

### **Greater Soperton**

Vision. The City of Soperton and its fringes are envisioned as the location of intense commercial and industrial growth within the county because of its infrastructure and the community's investment. High density residential growth would also be located here. Downtown Soperton would be a vibrant, revitalized area of rehabilitated historic structures and bustling commercial activity. The City of Soperton and its downtown would be the County's center of governmental, educational, economic, and social activity.

Description and Land Use. This area is described to include the City of Soperton and roughly a mile radius of the original circular city limits as depicted on Map FLU-3. This area is

defined because of the location of facilities and availability of services, especially water and sewer. Soperton's downtown commercial area, the existing city limits urban area, and the surrounding urban fringe would be subareas of this larger character area because of their special needs and importance in helping stimulate overall growth and development. The GA 15, GA 29 and GA 56/US 221 Highway Corridors would also intersect the Greater Soperton Character Area by traversing through the Soperton Urban Fringe subarea. This character area would include and address the "Downtown Soperton" and "Georgia Highway 29" areas in need of redevelopment or significant improvements to aesthetics, as well as areas with infill opportunities as identified in the *Community Assessment*.

The Greater Soperton Character Area is and would be characterized by a mixture of all land use types, but at a higher density and intensity customary for small urban areas. Apartment complexes, shopping centers, industrial parks, office complexes, governmental buildings, schools, and large community recreation facilities are uses that might be unique to this character area, or at least more concentrated within. The existing urban area would likely have greater densities of land use than the urban fringe. Land use regulation in the urban fringe area would require the coordination and cooperation by Treutlen County, while growth in the Downtown and the Soperton Urban Subareas could be managed by the City of Soperton itself.

Specific land uses to be allowed would be residential of all density, commercial, industrial (concentrated in the community's industrial parks), public/institutional, transportation/communication/utilities, park/recreation/conservation, agriculture, forestry, and mixed use. All uses should be in locations and densities conducive to achieving the community vision and achieving local implementation policies and strategies.

#### Recommended Development Patterns.

Managed Growth

Downtown Revitalization

Traditional Downtown as Community Focal Point

Infill Development on Vacant Sites

Reuse of Vacant Structures

Streetscape Improvements

Industrial Employment Center  
New Village Centers  
Neighborhood Commercial Centers  
Infrastructure Extension/Location Control  
Community Schools Location Coordination  
Complementary, Connecting Residential Development  
Mix of Housing Types  
Mix of Uses  
Mixed Use Centers  
Landscaped Developments  
Development Matching Traditional Scale/Density  
Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities  
Urban Growth Boundary  
Clustering Development  
Landscaped Developments  
Open Space

Consistent Quality Community Objectives.

Growth Preparedness  
Heritage Preservation  
Infill Development  
Appropriate Business  
Housing Opportunities  
Open Space Preservation  
Educational Opportunities  
Employment Options  
Regional Identity  
Regional Cooperation  
Shared Solutions  
Transportation Alternatives

Planned Implementation Measures. The vision for the character area would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and services, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and appropriate growth management and land use regulation measures. The reader should utilize the “Implementation Program” section of this Community Agenda to view planned community policies and implementation strategies in detail.

Planned Implementation measures include:

- Local/Regional Cooperation
- Downtown Revitalization
- Infrastructure Development/Extension
- Tourism Development
- Park/Recreation/Conservation Development
- Historic Preservation
- Business Retention
- New Business Attraction
- Rural Character Preservation
- Land Use Regulation
- Code Enforcement
- Housing Rehabilitation
- New Housing Development
- Educational Improvements
- Community Guidance
- Enhanced Leadership

## **The City of Soperton**

Vision. The City of Soperton will continue to be a small urban area which is the focal point of community economic, social, governmental, and educational activity within the county. The City will be the location of intense and more dense land uses because of the availability of infrastructure, particularly water and sewer services. More tourist-related business/services will be developed; educational, public, and parks and recreational facilities will be enhanced; and a

more diverse mix of quality housing will be provided, although the town will retain its small town charm and open space.

Description and Land Use. This area is defined as the current and future incorporated area of the City of Soperton. This character area would include and address the “Downtown Soperton,” the areas with infill opportunities, and the “West Canady Avenue Neighborhood” area of blight as identified in the *Community Assessment*. It is a small town with urban land uses of all types, including forestry and limited agriculture. It is a low density residential place, almost a neighborhood, with convenient public, institutional, educational, shopping, parks, and industrial activities. The future Soperton will be a thriving, revitalized mix of the same uses with the same feel and scale, but with more opportunities of all types. Specific uses which would be allowed are residential of all density, commercial, industrial (concentrated in the community’s industrial parks), public/institutional, transportation/communication/utilities, park/recreation/conservation, agriculture, forestry, and mixed use. All uses would be in locations compatible with existing uses and in locations and densities conducive to achieving the community vision and achieving local implementation policies and strategies.

Recommended Development Patterns.

Managed Growth  
 Downtown Revitalization  
 Traditional Downtown as Community Focal Point  
 Infill Development on Vacant Sites  
 Reuse of Vacant Structures  
 Streetscape Improvements  
 Industrial Employment Center  
 New Village Centers  
 Neighborhood Commercial Centers  
 Infrastructure Extension/Location Control  
 Community Schools Location Coordination  
 Complementary, Connecting Residential Development  
 Mix of Housing Types  
 Mix of Uses

Mixed Use Centers  
Landscaped Developments  
Development Matching Traditional Scale/Density  
Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities

Consistent Quality Community Objectives.

Growth Preparedness  
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Employment Options  
Regional Identity  
Regional Cooperation  
Shared Solutions  
Transportation Alternatives

Planned Implementation Measures. The vision for the character area would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and services, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and appropriate growth management and land use regulation measures. The reader should utilize the “Implementation Program” section of this Community Agenda to view planned community policies and implementation strategies in detail.

Planned Implementation measures include:

Local/Regional Cooperation  
Downtown Revitalization  
Infrastructure Development/Extension  
Tourism Development  
Park/Recreation/Conservation Development  
Historic Preservation

Business Retention  
 New Business Attraction  
 Rural Character Preservation  
 Land Use Regulation  
 Code Enforcement  
 Housing Rehabilitation  
 New Housing Development  
 Educational Improvements  
 Community Guidance  
 Enhanced Leadership

## **Downtown Soperton**

Vision. Downtown Soperton would be the continuing community focal point of economic, social, and governmental activity with revitalized buildings, vibrant businesses, enhanced streetscapes, and accommodating tourist and recreational facilities and services.

Description and Land Use. This area is defined by the existing developed inner core of the City of Soperton roughly bounded on the north by Louisiana Avenue, on the east by 4<sup>th</sup> Street, on the south by Alabama Street, and on the west by Smith Street. (See Map LU-4). This area was identified in the *Community Assessment* as an area requiring special attention. The existing uses are a mixture of all urban land use types, with a concentration of commercial, office, and public/institutional uses. Uses to be allowed would primarily include commercial/office, public/institutional, transportation/communication/utilities, mixed use, and compatible residential, industrial, and park/recreation/conservation.

### Recommended Development Patterns.

Managed Growth  
 Downtown Revitalization  
 Traditional Downtown as Community Focal Point  
 Infill Development on Vacant Sites  
 Reuse of Vacant Structures

- Streetscape Improvements
- Infrastructure Extension/Location Control
- Complementary, Connecting Residential Development
- Landscaped Developments
- Mix of Uses
- Development Matching Traditional Scale/Density
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities

Consistent Quality Community Objectives.

- Growth Preparedness
- Heritage Preservation
- Infill Development
- Appropriate Business
- Housing Opportunities
- Employment Options
- Regional Cooperation
- Shared Solutions
- Transportation Alternatives

Planned Implementation Measures. The vision for the character area would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and services, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and appropriate growth management and land use regulation measures. The reader should utilize the “Implementation Program” section of this Community Agenda to view planned community policies and implementation strategies in detail.

Planned Implementation measures include:

- Local/Regional Cooperation
- Downtown Revitalization
- Infrastructure Development/Extension
- Tourism Development
- Historic Preservation
- Business Retention

New Business Attraction  
 Land Use Regulation  
 Code Enforcement  
 New Housing Development  
 Community Guidance  
 Enhanced Leadership

## **Soperton Urban Fringe**

Vision. The fringes of Soperton would accommodate complementary development to continue the existing scale and mix of the City of Soperton development but at slightly less densities than the urban core. There would be more residential development, and infrastructure extension would be controlled and developed to enhance the community vision and implement the comprehensive plan.

Description and Land Use. As noted earlier, this area is defined by about a surrounding one mile radius of the original circular city limits of the City of Soperton, but could also be construed to include the county industrial park or Georgia Highway 29. (See Map LU-3.) This area would include at least a portion of the “Georgia Highway 29” area as well as infill opportunities (particularly the industrial park) as identified as areas requiring special attention in the *Community Assessment*. Existing uses include a mixture of all land use types, but with agriculture, forestry, and low density residential most dominant. Specific uses which would be allowed include lower density residential, agriculture, forestry, park/recreation/conservation, transportation/communication/ utilities, public/institutional and commercial, industrial, and mixed uses in desired, compatible locations.

### Recommended Development Patterns.

Managed Growth  
 Infill Development on Vacant Sites  
 Reuse of Vacant Structures  
 Streetscape Improvements  
 Industrial Employment Center

New Village Centers  
Neighborhood Commercial Centers  
Infrastructure Extension/Location Control  
Community Schools Location Coordination  
Complementary, Connecting Residential Development  
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Infill Development  
Appropriate Business  
Housing Opportunities  
Open Space Preservation  
Educational Opportunities  
Employment Options  
Regional Identity  
Regional Cooperation  
Shared Solutions  
Transportation Alternatives

Planned Implementation Measures. The vision for the character area would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and service, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and appropriate growth management and land use

regulation measures. The reader should utilize the “Implementation Program” section of this Community Agenda to view planned community policies and implementation strategies in detail.

Planned Implementation measures include:

- Local/Regional Cooperation
- Infrastructure Development/Extension
- Tourism Development
- Park/Recreation/Conservation Development
- Historic Preservation
- Business Retention
- New Business Attraction
- Rural Character Preservation
- Land Use Regulation
- Code Enforcement
- Housing Rehabilitation
- New Housing Development
- Educational Improvements
- Community Guidance
- Enhanced Leadership

## I-16

Vision. The Interstate (I-16) would be a controlled corridor of development with distinctive commercial nodal developments at its interchanges. It would provide travelers with a sense of the uniqueness, rural character, and quality of life in Treutlen County. The interstate would be uncluttered and invite visitors and residents to Soperton.

Description and Land Use. This area traverses the entire county from east to west just above the center of the county north of the City of Soperton. It would include the interstate highway and roughly a half-mile corridor on each side (See Map FLU-3.) The interchanges at Georgia Highway 56/U.S. 221 would be special nodes of concern. These interchanges were identified in the *Community Assessment* as areas where rapid development or change may occur. The principal existing uses are the obvious transportation use, with surrounding land uses of mostly forestry and agriculture use with limited commercial development at the interstate interchanges. Uses to be allowed would include transportation/communication/utilities, public/institutional, park/recreation/conservation, forestry, agriculture, and compatible commercial, industrial, residential, and mixed uses. Commercial, industrial, and mixed uses should be nodal, village-type developments primarily centered on the interstate interchanges.

### Recommended Development Patterns.

- Managed Growth
- Streetscape Improvements
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities
- Nodal Interchange Development
- Sign Control
- Architectural Integration/Site Plan
- Clustering Development
- Open Space
- Landscaped Developments
- Mixed Use Centers
- Infrastructure Extension/Location Control

Frontage Roads

Driveway Consolidation/Interparcel Connections/Shared Parking

Consistent Quality Community Objectives.

Growth Preparedness

Heritage Preservation

Sense of Place

Appropriate Businesses

Employment Options

Regional Identity

Regional Cooperation

Open Space Preservation

Environmental Protection

Transportation Alternatives

Planned Implementation Measures. The vision for the character area would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and services, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and appropriate growth management and land use regulation measures. The reader should utilize the “Implementation Program” section of this Community Agenda to view planned community policies and implementation strategies in detail.

Planned Implementation measures include:

Local/Regional Cooperation

Infrastructure Development/Extension

Tourism Development

Park/Recreation/Conservation Development

Historic Preservation

New Business Attraction

Rural Character Preservation

Land Use Regulation

Code Enforcement

Community Guidance

## Enhanced Leadership

**Georgia Highway 29, Georgia Highway 15, Georgia 56/U.S. 221**

Vision. These highways would be gateways between I-16 and the City of Soperton. They would be well-landscaped corridors with controlled and complementary uses inviting visitors and residents to Soperton, and confirming its unique rural character and quality of life. Uses would be clustered, preserving of, and complementary to agricultural, forestry, and open spaces. Appropriate public, recreational/park, and commercial/industrial village centered developments would be included.

Description and Land Use. These areas are roughly one-half mile corridors on each side of these highways from their intersection with I-16 to the City of Soperton's city limits. (See maps FLU-3 and FLU-4). The Georgia Highway 29 corridor, in particular, was identified in the *Community Assessment* as an area requiring special attention and in need of return to its historic landscaping and attractiveness. The existing uses include limited commercial, primarily near the interstate; public/institutional; low density residential; and forestry and agriculture uses. Specific uses allowed would be most uses as long as they were in desired locations and helped achieve the community vision and implement community implementation policies and strategies. Allowed uses would include low density residential, forestry, agriculture, park/recreation/conservation, transportation/communication/utilities, public/institutional, and compatible commercial, industrial, and mixed uses, primarily in nodal, village developments.

Recommended Development Patterns.

Managed Growth

Streetscape Improvements

Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities

Nodal Interchange Development

Sign Control

Architectural Integration/Site Plan

Clustering Development

Open Space

Landscaped Developments  
Mixed Use Centers  
Industrial Employment Center  
Infrastructure Extension/Location Control Complementary  
Connection Residential Development

Consistent Quality Community Objectives.

Growth Preparedness  
Heritage Preservation  
Sense of Place  
Appropriate Businesses  
Employment Options  
Regional Identity  
Regional Cooperation  
Open Space Preservation  
Environmental Protection  
Housing Opportunities  
Infill Development  
Transportation Alternatives

Planned Implementation Measures. The vision for the character area would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and services, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and appropriate growth management and land use regulation measures. The reader should utilize the “Implementation Program” section of this Community Agenda to view planned community policies and implementation strategies in detail.

Planned Implementation measures include:

Local/Regional Cooperation  
Infrastructure Development/Extension  
Tourism Development  
Park/Recreation/Conservation Development  
Historic Preservation

Business Retention  
New Business Attraction  
Rural Character Preservation  
Land Use Regulation  
Code Enforcement  
Housing Rehabilitation  
New Housing Development  
Community Guidance  
Enhanced Leadership

### **Rural Treutlen County**

Vision. Rural Treutlen County would remain a vista of continued viable and predominant agricultural and forestry uses with preserved landscapes and natural and cultural resources. Residential and other uses would be low-density, comparable, and complementary to existing developments, while more intense uses would be encouraged to locate near the existing infrastructure of the City of Soperton and at nodal interchange developments along I-16. The existing small-town charm, rural character, and quality of life would be maintained.

Description and Land Use. This area would include the vast majority of Treutlen County and be the remaining unincorporated county area not included in other character areas. This character area would include and address the significant natural and cultural resource areas of special concern as identified in the *Community Assessment*. Forestry/agricultural/rural land uses are and will be the predominant land use, but it includes important natural and cultural resources, particularly the Oconee and Oohoopee rivers. (See Map FLU-3.) Land uses of all types exist in rural Treutlen County, but most are supportive of the forestry, agriculture, and low-density residential use. Specific uses to be allowed would be forestry, agriculture, park/recreation/conservation, low density residential, and supportive public/institutional, transportation/communication/utilities, commercial, industrial, or mixed uses.

#### Recommended Development Patterns.

Managed Growth

Heritage Preservation  
Open Space Preservation  
Natural Resource Protection  
Forestry/Agricultural Use  
Environmental Protection  
Compatible Residential Development  
Clustering Development  
Infrastructure Extension/Location Control  
Neighborhood Commercial Centers  
Pedestrian/Bicycle Facilities  
Urban Growth Boundary  
Conservation Set Asides  
Forestry/Farmland Use Maintenance  
Recreation/Park Development

Consistent Quality Community Objectives.

Growth Preparedness  
Heritage Preservation  
Open Space Preservation  
Environmental Protection  
Sense of Place  
Regional Identity  
Regional Cooperation  
Appropriate Businesses  
Housing Opportunities  
Transportation Alternatives  
Shared Solutions

Planned Implementation Measures. The vision for the character area would be accomplished through investment in public infrastructure and services, implementation of a multi-faceted economic development strategy, and appropriate growth management and land use

regulation measures. The reader should utilize the “Implementation Program” section of this Community Agenda to view planned community policies and implementation strategies in detail.

Planned Implementation measures include:

- Local/Regional Cooperation
- Infrastructure Development/Extension
- Tourism Development
- Park/Recreation/Conservation Development
- Historic Preservation
- Business Retention
- New Business Attraction
- Rural Character Preservation
- Land Use Regulation
- Code Enforcement
- Housing Rehabilitation
- New Housing Development
- Educational Improvements
- Community Guidance
- Enhanced Leadership

## Community Issues and Opportunities

The following issues and opportunities are those agreed upon by the local governments of Treutlen County and the city of Soperton as needed to address in its Community Agenda. These issues and opportunities are generalized summaries of the more detailed issues and opportunities identified in the Community Assessment. The community participation process, including the input of the Local Plan Coordination Committee, the local governments, and the general public confirmed the applicability and desire to address the identified potential issues and opportunities. Addressing the issues and opportunities identified below are key to achieving the articulated community vision and this comprehensive plan. The desired future Treutlen County of a growing, rural community of new residents and businesses which maintains its rural landscapes, environments, charms, and quality of life requires action on these identified issues and opportunities. The identified community issues and opportunities are presented by the recommended elements of a comprehensive plan.

### **Economic Development**

- Leadership development
- Local and regional cooperation
- Business/industry retention
- Attraction of new economic development opportunities/creation of jobs
- Educational level/job skills improvement
- Tourism development
- Downtown Soperton revitalization/development
- Rural Character/Quality of Life Preservation
- Supporting Infrastructure needs

### **Natural and Cultural Resources**

- Rural Character/Open Spaces/Landscape Preservation
- Environment and Natural/Cultural Resource Conservation
- Oconee and Ochoopee Rivers Protection
- Maintenance of agricultural/forestry uses
- Compatible economic utilization of natural/cultural resources
- Historic resources preservation/adaptive use

## **Housing**

- Improvement of housing quality
- Need for additional housing opportunities
- Need for an increased mix of housing
- Attraction of residential location
- Need to guide/plan residential development
- Need for land use regulation/code enforcement

## **Land Use**

- Need for planning and land use regulation/management
- Rural Character/Quality of Life Preservation
- Maintenance of Agricultural/Forestry uses
- Infill and location of uses to efficiently utilize existing public infrastructure
- Use of existing transportation corridors to attract visitors/investment/residential location
- Downtown Soperton revitalization/maintenance as economic/social/governmental center
- Recreational/tourism facilities/services development

## **Community Facilities and Services**

- Infrastructure Service (especially water, sewer, technology) expansion to support, facilitate desired, compatible growth and development
- Provision of services/infrastructure to guide, channel growth and implement community vision
- Transportation improvements supportive of the community vision
- Educational facilities/programs enhancement/upgrade
- Parks/recreational facilities improvements
- Community appearance improvement
- Service provision merger, cooperation/consolidation

## **Intergovernmental Coordination**

- Local and regional cooperation
- Service provision merger, cooperation/consolidation

## **IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM**

The Treutlen County/Soperton Joint Comprehensive Plan, as has been stated in the Community Assessment, is a joint comprehensive plan prepared under the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Local Planning Requirements established under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. The plan has been developed under an extensive community participation program to truly be a reflection of the community's concerns and desires for the future.

Now that the community has been inventoried and analyzed in the Community Assessment; the community has finalized its issues and opportunities it wishes to address; and has enunciated its community vision and special character areas, the next step is the implementation program. In a sense, the implementation program is the heart of the plan as it outlines the steps, policies, and strategies chosen by the community to carry out the comprehensive plan, and bring about its desired vision and future.

The implementation program is the overall strategy for achieving the Community Vision and for addressing the identified Community Issues and Opportunities. This implementation program consists of Long Term Policies to guide community decision-making, Implementation Strategies to delineate steps and actions to achieve policies, and a Short Term Work Program for each local government which identifies specific implementation activities to be undertaken in the first five years of plan implementation. There is also a Long Term Work Program for each local government which identifies ongoing activities, programs, and projects of implementation which may not have an ending date or would be undertaken or end later than the first five years. A Report of Accomplishments is also included for each local government which identifies the achievements and status of work items in the most recent Short Term Work Program of the previous comprehensive plan.

## **Long Term Policies**

### Economic Development

The community will work together to continue the development and enhancement of leadership committed to making Treutlen County/Soperton a better place to live and work

The community will cooperate and coordinate with existing local, regional, and state agencies to improve Treutlen County/Soperton

The community will support and promote programs for business/industry retention and growth and attraction of new economic development opportunities

The community will work together to improve the educational and skills levels of the local work force

The community will cooperate to revitalize/maintain Downtown Soperton as a vibrant, functioning commercial, governmental, and social center

The community will seek to enhance existing tourism venues and to develop further facilities, infrastructure, and support services to grow tourism as an important component of the local economy

The community will seek development compatible with its existing rural character and quality of life

### Natural and Cultural Resources

The community will work to promote growth and development which is compatible with and maintains the existing rural character, open spaces, and landscapes of the County

The community will seek development which is respectful of and compatible with the environment and natural and cultural resources of the County

The community will work to conserve and protect the Ochopee and Oconee Rivers and other important natural resources, and to continue forestry and agriculture as important, viable land uses within the County

The community will seek to promote and develop greater compatible economic use of its parks, lakes, rivers, and other natural and cultural resources

The community will make it a priority to rehabilitate, utilize, and encourage public and private adaptive use/reuse of historic buildings, places, and landmark structures to enhance its sense of place and unique character, and to further tourism/economic development

### Housing

The community will work toward both improving the quality of existing housing and increasing the quantity of quality housing, new and old

The community will seek to encourage a diverse mix of housing, including affordable, rental, and compatible workforce housing

The community will encourage the use of state and federal programs to improve availability of quality housing, and to encourage homeownership

The community will seek to encourage compatible new residential location within the County

The community will provide guidance to and for location of compatible housing developments through planning, infrastructure location, and regulation

### Land Use

The community will plan/direct future growth and development, and encourage growth compatible with its community vision and existing character

The community will encourage growth which preserves its rural character and maintains forestry and agriculture as viable, functioning land uses

The community will continue to encourage intense development/land uses to locate in Soperton and its fringes where appropriate and easily served by the community's infrastructure

The community will seek to encourage and guide development of I-16 and its gateways/corridors to create a sense of place and to invite/attract people to Soperton

The community will seek to encourage development which will enhance/redevelop existing commercial areas and maintain Downtown Soperton as a center of economic, social, and governmental activity within the County

The community will enhance existing recreation facilities and develop new facilities/uses which will complement/promote tourism and the community's character/vision

### Community Facilities and Services

The community will maintain, upgrade, and expand infrastructure and services to enhance its quality of life, to facilitate its community vision, and to attract desired, compatible economic growth and development

The community will utilize infrastructure improvements to guide growth to Soperton and desired locations and to help bring about its community vision

The community will seek transportation improvements (all types, including highway, airport, bike, and pedestrian) compatible with and supportive of the community's vision and plans

The community will seek to upgrade its educational facilities, and will coordinate new school locations with community plans and infrastructure

The community will continue to seek consolidation of services to improve/enhance service provision, and to use limited financial resources more effectively and efficiently

The community will enhance existing parks and develop new parks/recreational facilities and uses to further complement/promote tourism and the community's character/vision

The community will encourage and support expanding recycling activities and initiatives, and other efforts to improve community appearance

#### Intergovernmental Coordination

The community will continue to cooperate locally and regionally to improve, develop, expand, grow, and plan for the desired future Treutlen County and Soperton expressed and outlined in its community vision and comprehensive plan

The community will continue the pursuit of shared and consolidated services

## **Implementation Strategies for Long Term Policies**

### Economic Development

#### Enhanced Leadership Policy

Participate in the Region 9 Regional Economic Development Academy

Establish/participate in a local or joint county Leadership Treutlen

Work with Cooperative Extension and school system to develop/establish youth leadership program(s)

Strengthen and utilize educational systems (BOE, Swainsboro Tech) to further local programs

#### Local/Regional Cooperation Policy

Continue participation in existing Laurens/Treutlen Joint Development Authority  
Maintain strong Development Authority contacts/interaction with state agencies and developers

Continue active participation in the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center

Support and cooperate with Swainsboro Tech to expand facilities and services at Treutlen's satellite campus

Support and participate in Magnolia Midlands Travel Region and statewide tourism initiatives

Continue cooperation between city and county governments, Development Authority, and other local entities

#### Business/Industry Retention/Attraction Policy

##### A. Existing Business/Industry Retention

Continue utilization of existing Development Authority programs and seek development of new programs as needed

Continue to utilize existing available state programs (such as BREP)

Examine potential incentives for retention of existing business and industry and implement as appropriate

B. New Business/Industry Attraction

Develop and utilize incentives to attract new business/industry

Seek to continue improvements to the Treutlen County Industrial Park, including construction of a spec building

Work to recruit transportation/distribution businesses to the community

Implement the existing Georgia Tech Strategic Marketing Study

Support efforts to increase tourism/visitors to Treutlen County/Soperton

Work to improve educational levels and workforce skills levels in the County

Continue infrastructure improvements (transportation, water/sewer, technology, etc.) to attract and support economic development

Educational/Skill Levels Improvement Policy

Upgrade existing school facilities

Continue and enhance cooperation and expand programs between the school system and Swainsboro Tech and with other post-secondary institutions

Support facilities and program expansions at the Swainsboro Tech Workforce Development Center

Utilize and actively participate with Region 9 WIA Program

Utilize existing state programs (such as QuickStart) for expanding existing and new businesses

Downtown Soperton Revitalization Policy

Reactivate and utilize the Soperton Downtown Development Authority as a guiding/implementing vehicle

Utilize codes enforcement by the City of Soperton to legally enforce revitalization plans and encourage private rehabilitation

Pursue public streetscape improvements through Transportation Enhancement or other grant sources

Encourage and support hospitality businesses, such as restaurants, to locate in Downtown

Promote and encourage use of historic rehabilitation tax incentives for private rehabilitation of historic downtown structures

Tourism Development Policy

Encourage and support the development of hospitality businesses (such as motels and restaurants) which will support/attract visitors

Work to expand and improve the Million Pines Festival's facilities and events  
Expand community sponsorship and promotion of existing events, and develop other special events/activities designed to attract visitors

Support and encourage the landscaping and restoration of Georgia Highway 29 as a historic, unique gateway

Upgrade and improve Georgia Highway 29, Georgia Highway 15, and U.S. 221 as inviting gateways to Soperton from I-16

Improve and develop the I-16 interchanges to attract travelers

Utilize and promote the natural and cultural resources of the County for nature-based and heritage tourism

Rural Character Policy

Work to conserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of the County  
Support and promote agricultural/forestry enterprises and uses which maintain the continued viability of these uses

Develop and promote natural and cultural resources and facilities which promote nature-based and heritage tourism and other compatible economic development

Develop and enforce supportive land use regulation

Natural and Cultural Resources

Promotion of Compatible Development Policy

Encourage intense growth/development to locate in/near Soperton

Utilize infrastructure development/expansion to guide development in/near Soperton

Promote/develop natural/cultural resources to maintain rural character (see Rural Character Policy under Economic Development)

Seek Respective Development Policy

See Strategies of Tourism and Rural Character Policies under Economic Development

Develop and enforce supportive, alternative land use regulation

River/Natural Resource Protection Policy

Upgrade and improve boat landings

Seek establishment of a state Public Fishing Area or Wildlife Management Area  
Develop/enforce a River Corridor Protection (Environmental Conservation) Ordinance

See strategies of Rural Character Policy under Economic Development

Compatible Economic Use Policy

Utilize/promote nature-based and heritage tourism

Support and promote agriculture/forestry enterprises and uses which maintain the continued viability of these uses

Encourage the public/private use of Sand Hill/Wildwood Lakes

Support and encourage adaptive use and reuse of historic landmarks and properties, both public and private

Continue to support and encourage local and state recreational facility and parks development

Historic Resources Utilization Policy

Support and encourage adaptive use and reuse of historic landmarks and properties, both public and private

Encourage community support, participation, and utilization of an active historical society

Renovate and utilize the historic Primary School Auditorium as a community asset

Renovate, promote, and utilize the Welcome Center as a focal point in attracting visitors

Seek to develop the Million Pines Plantation as a museum/tourist venue

Work to keep the Courthouse, Community House and Treutlen County Museum as preserved, functioning landmarks

## Housing

### Improving Housing Stock Policy

#### A. Improve Quality

Utilize state and federal programs/grants for housing rehabilitation

Utilize code enforcement to upgrade existing housing and prevent further deterioration

Develop and enforce supportive land use regulations which encourage quality housing investment

Enforce, and strengthen as appropriate, manufactured home regulations

#### B. Increase Quantity

Promote and encourage utilization of existing programs by developers and individuals

Seek funding and provide infrastructure in/near Soperton to encourage/guide residential development in desired locations

Market housing needs and land availability to the private sector

### Encourage Diverse Housing Policy

Seek funding and provide infrastructure in/near Soperton to encourage/guide residential development of all types in desired locations

Develop land use regulations in Soperton which encourage/guide location of residential development of all types

Seek assistance from DCA's Office of Housing to define needs, identify possible solutions/programs, and help provide implementation assistance

Promote and encourage utilization of existing state and federal programs by developers and individuals

Market housing needs, land availability, and potential residential/retiree location

Encourage Use of State/Federal Programs Policy

Utilize the Chamber and Housing Authority for education, promotion, and marketing

Seek the assistance of DCA's Office of Housing

Utilize DCA, USDA Rural Development, and other state/federal programs, if appropriate

Encourage Compatible Residential Location Policy

Utilize infrastructure extension (including road paving) to encourage/guide growth and development in desired locations

Develop and enforce supportive land use regulations

Enforce, and strengthen as appropriate, manufactured home regulations

Provide infrastructure and develop land use regulations in Soperton which encourage/guide residential development

Community Guidance Policy

Jointly cooperate as a community on compatible planning and infrastructure extensions

Utilize the comprehensive plan to express the community vision and desired growth and development patterns and locations

Utilize infrastructure extension to encourage/guide growth and development in desired locations

Develop and enforce supportive land use/manufactured home regulations

Land Use

Plan/Direct Future Growth Policy

See strategies of Rural Character Policy under Economic Development

Develop and enforce supportive, alternative land use regulation

Upgrade and improve gateway corridors from Soperton to I-16 (Georgia Highway 29, Georgia Highway 15, and U.S. 221)

Improve and develop the I-16 interchanges to attract travelers

See strategies of Downtown Soperton Revitalization Policy under Economic Development

Rural Character Policy

See strategies of Rural Character Policy under Economic Development

Seek establishment of a state Public Fishing Area or Wildlife Management Area

Continue to support and encourage local and state recreational facility and parks development

Encourage Intense Development Near Soperton Policy

Utilize codes enforcement by the City of Soperton to legally enforce revitalization plans and encourage private rehabilitation

Promote and encourage use of historic rehabilitation tax incentives for private rehabilitation of historic structures

Utilize infrastructure development/expansion to guide development in/near Soperton

Market land availability to the private sector for development

Explore the possible annexation into Soperton of adjacent, intensely developed areas

Development of I-16 Gateways/Corridors Policy

Restore historic landscaping/appearance of Georgia Highway 29 as a unique gateway

Upgrade and improve landscaping/appearance of Georgia Highway 15 and U.S. 221

Encourage and support the development of hospitality businesses (such as motels and restaurants) which will support/attract visitors

Renovate, promote, and utilize the Welcome Center as a focal point in attracting visitors

Work to expand and improve the Million Pines Festival's facilities and events

Seek to develop the Million Pines Plantation as a museum/tourist venue

Implement the existing Georgia Tech Strategic Marketing Study

Improve and develop the I-16 interchanges to attract travelers

Downtown Soperton Revitalization Policy

Reactivate and utilize the Soperton Downtown Development Authority as a guiding/implementing vehicle

Expand community sponsorship and promotion of existing events, and develop other special events/activities designed to attract visitors

Utilize codes enforcement by the City of Soperton to legally enforce revitalization plans and encourage private rehabilitation

Pursue public streetscape improvements through Transportation Enhancement or other grant sources

Encourage and support hospitality businesses, such as restaurants, to locate in Downtown

Promote and encourage use of historic rehabilitation tax incentives for private rehabilitation of historic downtown structures

Recreation Facilities Development/Enhancement Policy

Continue to support and encourage local and state recreational facility and parks development

Upgrade and improve boat landings

Seek establishment of a state Public Fishing Area or Wildlife Management Area

Encourage the public/private use of Sand Hill/Wildwood Lakes

Pursue expansion of recreational facilities to attract tournaments and other special events

Pursue development of a golf course as an additional venue for visitor attraction

Community Facilities and Services

Maintain/Upgrade/Expand Infrastructure Policy

Expand water/sewer to annexed areas of Soperton

Connect water systems of Soperton and the Treutlen County Industrial Park

Provide sewer service to the Industrial Park

Extend water/sewer service beyond the Industrial Park along Georgia Highway 29 to I-16

Expand broadband and other technology access within the community

Pursue alternative wastewater treatment methods for Soperton's wastewater treatment system

Upgrade Soperton's water filtration system

#### Utilize Infrastructure to Guide Growth Policy

Expand water/sewer to annexed areas of Soperton

Connect water systems of Soperton and the Treutlen County Industrial Park

Provide sewer service to the Industrial Park

Extend water/sewer service beyond the Industrial Park along Georgia Highway 29 to I-16

Prioritize road paving to help in areas of development

Construct new school facilities in/near Soperton

#### Transportation Improvements Policy

Reduce mileage of dirt roads in the county

Pursue funding to pave new roads and resurface and improve drainage on existing roads

Seek funding to upgrade the county's airport, including possible relocation

Upgrade Georgia Highway 29 and its landscaping from I-16 to Soperton

Upgrade Georgia Highway 15 and U.S. 221 from Soperton to I-16

Pursue downtown streetscape and parking improvements in Downtown Soperton

Seek funding for sidewalk improvements and development of new sidewalks or other pedestrian facilities

Develop local bike paths/routes connecting public facilities within Soperton and to connect to regional and state bike routes and important recreational/natural resource facilities

Upgrade Educational Facilities Policy

Construct new school facilities in/near Soperton

Renovate and utilize the historic Primary School Auditorium as a community asset

Support and cooperate with Swainsboro Tech to expand facilities and services at Treutlen's satellite campus

Strengthen and utilize educational systems (BOE, Swainsboro Tech) to further local programs

Consolidation of Services Policy

Maintain existing public safety services consolidation agreement and amend as needed

Pursue fire facility and service upgrades and merger

Continue to consolidate recreation services as needed

Continue and expand joint animal control agreement

Pursue joint planning and coordinated or joint codes enforcement and land use regulation

Examine feasibility of government consolidation

Parks/Recreational Facilities Enhancement/Development Policy

See Recreation Facilities Enhancement/Development Policy under Land Use

Pursue funding as needed to expand recreation programs/services

Solid Waste/Recycling Policy

Seek funding as needed to expand recycling activities to include additional items for collection

Investigate the availability of contractors for recycling collection and disposal

Pursue the addition of staffed green box locations to help with efforts to control illegal dumping

Seek funding to obtain hidden cameras for the county's green box locations to assist in controlling/maintaining their appearance

Investigate possible usage options for methane gas from the county's former landfill

### Intergovernmental Coordination

#### Local/Regional Cooperation Policy

See Local/Regional Cooperation Policy under Economic Development

Pursue the development of compatible land use regulations and a possible joint codes enforcement program

Pursue the annexation of the Treutlen County Industrial Park and other intensely developed areas adjacent to Soperton into the City Limits

Support the possible development of a regional reservoir within Montgomery, Tattall, Toombs, and Treutlen counties

#### Shared/Consolidated Services Policy

See Consolidation of Services Policy under Community Facilities and Services

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Element	Activity	Years					Responsibility			Estimated Cost	Funding Source			
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED, IC	Seek the establishment of and participate in a local Leadership Treutlen program or a joint leadership program with a neighboring county(ies)			X	X		X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., Fanning Institute	\$7,500 (total)	X	X		
ED, IC	Seek the assistance of the local school system, Cooperative Extension and other entities as appropriate to develop/establish a youth leadership program(s) in conjunction with a Leadership Treutlen or joint multi-county program			X	X		X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., Fanning Institute, Coop. Ext., Treutlen Co. BOE, Leadership Treutlen	\$7,500 (total, part of Leadership Treutlen program)	X	X		
ED, IC	Pursue funding to construct a new spec building at the Treutlen County Industrial Park		X	X			X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DCA (OneGeorgia)	\$1 million (total)	X	X		
ED, NCR, CFS, LU	Pursue the landscaping and restoration of Georgia Highway 29 as a historic, unique gateway	X	X	X	X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DCA (LDF), DOT (TE)	\$300,000 (total)	X	X	X	
ED, NCR, HO, LU, IC	Pursue the development of alternative, compatible, and coordinated land use regulations					X	X	X	Planning Commission, RDC	NA				
NCR	Seek the establishment of a State Public Fishing Area or Wildlife Management Area				X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DNR	\$2.5 million (total)	X	X		

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		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
NCR	Adopt and enforce a model ordinance based on the Georgia DNR's Part V Environmental Planning Criteria for wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, and river corridors	X					X		RDC	NA				
NCR, LU	Seek funding to renovate, promote, and utilize the Welcome Center as a focal point in attracting visitors	X	X	X	X	X	X			\$21,000/yr.	X			
NCR, LU	Seek funding to develop the Million Pines Plantation as a museum/tourist venue				X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DNR (HPD)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X		
CFS, IC	Seek funding to provide sewer service to the Industrial Park	X	X				X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DCA (OneGeorgia), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$750,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Investigate the expansion of broadband and other technology access within the community		X	X			X	X	Plant Telephone	\$2.5 million (total)				X
CFS	Seek funding to construct a new county jail	X	X				X			\$3 million (total, SPLOST)	X			
CFS	Pursue funding to construct a new DFCS building	X	X				X		DFCS	\$600,000 (total)	X	X		
CFS	Seek funding to upgrade the Treutlen County Airport, including possible relocation if necessary	X	X	X	X	X	X		DOT	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	

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		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS	Pursue funding to staff green box locations to help with efforts to control illegal dumping			X	X		X		GEFA	\$850,000/site	X	X		
CFS	Acquire funding to install hidden cameras at various green box locations	X					X			\$4,000	X			
CFS	Investigate the feasibility of reclaiming methane and other products from the closed Treutlen County Landfill					X	X			\$15,000 (study)	X			
HO, IC	Pursue the adoption of Georgia's Uniform Construction Codes countywide, including the development of a coordinated and unified housing/codes enforcement program					X	X	X		\$20,000 (codes enforcement officer)	X			
LU, IC	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth management education, guidance and evaluation of regulation options				X		X	X	Planning Commission	NA				
LU, IC	Conduct a public education and information gathering campaign to discuss the need and benefits of land use regulation				X		X	X	Planning Commission	\$1,000	X			

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		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
LU, IC	Develop at least minimal ordinances regulating permit/location, roadway acceptance, subdivision development, and manufactured housing in Treutlen County and Soperton	X					X	X		\$1,000 (enforcement)	X			
LU	Develop/expand county regulations on subdivision regulations and road development and acceptance as necessary to further advance/coordinate growth management and promote quality development					X	X			\$1,000 (enforcement)	X			
LU, IC	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage quality growth					X	X	X	Planning Commission	\$1,000 (enforcement)	X			
LU, IC	Seek to consolidate the various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance					X	X		Planning Commission	NA				
LU, IC	Develop comprehensive land use management or zoning ordinances in Soperton compatible with alternative land use regulations developed countywide					X		X	Planning Commission	\$1,000 (enforcement)	X			

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Element	Activity	Years					Responsibility			Estimated Cost	Funding Source			
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
LU, IC	Develop measures which accomplish the removal and prevention of abandoned mobile homes and other eyesores in the county and the City of Soperton	X (city)			X (county)		X	X	Planning Commission	\$100,000 (city's legal cost), \$1,000 (enforcement)	X			

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Element	Activity	Years					Responsibility			Estimated Cost	Funding Source			
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED, IC	Seek the establishment of and participate in a local Leadership Treutlen program or a joint leadership program with a neighboring county(ies)			X	X		X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., Fanning Institute	\$7,500 (total)	X	X		
ED, IC	Seek the assistance of the local school system, Cooperative Extension and other entities as appropriate to develop/establish a youth leadership program(s) in conjunction with a Leadership Treutlen or joint multi-county program			X	X		X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., Fanning Institute, Coop. Ext., Treutlen Co. BOE, Leadership Treutlen	\$7,500 (total, part of Leadership Treutlen program)	X	X		
ED, LU	Reactivate the Soperton Downtown Development Authority			X				X	Downtown Dev. Auth.	NA				
ED, NCR, HO, LU, IC	Pursue the development of alternative, compatible, and coordinated land use regulations		X (city)			X (county)	X	X	Planning Commission, RDC	NA				
NCR, CFS	Seek funding to renovate and utilize the historic Primary School Auditorium as a community asset			X	X	X	X		Treutlen Co. BOE, DNR (HPD)	\$50,000 (total)	X	X		
CFS, IC	Pursue funding to connect the water systems of Soperton and the Treutlen County Industrial Park	X	X					X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DCA (OneGeorgia), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$1 million (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding to expand water system to newly annexed areas	X						X	GEFA, USDA Rural Dev't.	\$500,000	X	X	X	

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		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS, IC	Seek funding to provide sewer service to the Industrial Park	X	X				X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DCA (OneGeorgia), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$750,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding to expand sewer system to newly annexed areas	X						X	GEFA, USDA Rural Dev't., DCA (CDBG)	\$1 million	X	X	X	
CFS	Investigate the expansion of broadband and other technology access within the community		X	X			X	X	Plant Telephone	\$2.5 million (total)				X
CFS	Explore alternative methods of treatment for Soperton's wastewater treatment system				X	X		X	DCA (CDBG), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$3 million (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Pursue funding to upgrade the water filtration system				X	X		X	GEFA, USDA Rural Dev't.	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Investigate the construction of a second water storage tank					X		X	GEFA, USDA Rural Dev't.	\$250,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding to construct a firefighter training facility	X						X	GEMA, FEMA, Million Pines Festival Committee	\$150,000	X	X	X	X
CFS	Pursue the establishment of a full-time fire department		X	X	X	X		X	FEMA, GEMA	\$150-200,000/yr.	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding to construct a new municipal complex				X	X		X		\$200,000	X	X		
CFS	Pursue funding to expand the public works facility		X					X		\$50,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Seek funding for streetscape and parking improvements in the downtown area	X	X					X	DOT (TE)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding for sidewalk improvements and the development of new sidewalks				X	X		X	DOT (TE)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	

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		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
CFS, LU	Explore the expansion of the Recreation Complex to attract tournaments and other special events	X						X	DCA (LDF), DNR (LWCF)	\$1 million (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding for the lighting of the walking trail at the Jean Gillis Memorial Park		X					X	DCA (LDF)	\$73,000	X	X		
CFS	Seek funding to construct a miniature golf course at the Recreation Complex	X						X	DCA (LDF)	\$65,000	X	X		
CFS	Pursue the construction of a new community center					X		X	DCA (CDBG)	\$250,000	X	X	X	
HO, IC	Pursue the adoption of Georgia's Uniform Construction Codes countywide, including the development of a coordinated and unified housing/codes enforcement program					X	X	X		\$20,000 (codes enforcement officer)	X			
LU	Explore the possible annexation of the Treutlen County Industrial Park and other adjacent, intensely developed areas into the City of Soperton			X				X		\$50,000	X			
LU, IC	Establish a countywide planning committee or formal planning commission to assist in growth management education, guidance and evaluation of regulation options				X		X	X	Planning Commission	NA				

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		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
LU, IC	Conduct a public education and information gathering campaign to discuss the need and benefits of land use regulation				X		X	X	Planning Commission	\$1,000	X			
LU, IC	Develop at least minimal ordinances regulating permit/ location, roadway acceptance, subdivision development, and manufactured housing in Treutlen County and Soperton	X					X	X		\$1,000 (enforcement)	X			
LU, IC	Develop specific new ordinances identified by the Planning Committee or otherwise as needed to protect existing resources and development, to prevent nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and to encourage quality growth					X	X	X	Planning Commission	\$1,000 (enforcement)	X			
LU, IC	Seek to consolidate the various county land use regulations and separate ordinances into a more comprehensive and unified land development ordinance					X	X		Planning Commission	NA				
LU, IC	Develop comprehensive land use management or zoning ordinances in Soperton compatible with alternative land use regulations developed countywide					X		X	Planning Commission	\$1,000 (enforcement)	X			
LU, IC	Develop measures which accomplish the removal and prevention of abandoned mobile homes and other eyesores in the county and the City of Soperton	X (city)			X (county)		X	X	Planning Commission	\$100,000 (city's legal cost), \$1,000 (enforcement)	X			

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Element	Activity	Years							Responsibility			Estimated Cost	Funding Source			
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Each Year	Beyond 2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED	Continue to participate in the Laurens/Treutlen Joint Development Authority and other multi-county organizations as appropriate						X	X	X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	NA				
ED, CFS	Provide assistance to Swainsboro Technical College as needed with the expansion of facilities and services at its satellite campus in the Treutlen County Industrial Park						X	X	X	X	DTAE, STC, Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	\$100,000 (total)	X	X		
ED	Continue to utilize existing Development Authority programs and seek to develop new programs as appropriate						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	NA	X			
ED	Develop incentives for business and industry retention and implement as appropriate						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	NA	X			
ED	Develop incentives for new business and industry attraction and implement as appropriate						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	NA	X			
ED, LU	Pursue funding as needed to implement the recommendations of the Georgia Tech Strategic Marketing Study						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., Georgia Tech Econ. Dev. Inst., DCA (OneGeorgia)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X		
ED, LU	Utilize the Chamber and the Development Authority to promote the development of hospitality businesses within Soperton/ Treutlen County						X	X	X	X	Chamber, Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	\$5,000 (total)	X			

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		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Each Year	Beyond 2011	County	City	Other		Local	State	Federal	Private
ED, NCR	Seek to expand the promotion of existing events and develop new events/activities as appropriate to attract visitors						X	X	X	X	Chamber, Million Pines Festival Committee	\$5,000 (total)	X			X
ED, NCR, CFS, LU	Advocate the four-laning of Georgia Highways 15 and 29 and U.S. 221 as important gateways to Soperton from I-16						X	X	X	X	Chamber, Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DOT	NA (no DOT estimate available)		X	X	
ED, NCR, LU	Seek funding to develop the I-16 interchanges within Treutlen County						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DOT	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
NCR, LU	Seek funding to upgrade boat landings along the Oconee River as needed						X	X	X		DCA (LDF)	\$15,000 (total)	X	X		
NCR	Continue to seek funding as needed to renovate the Treutlen County Courthouse						X	X	X		DNR (HPD)	\$350,000 (total)	X	X		
NCR	Seek funding to renovate and maintain the Community House as needed						X	X	X		Million Pines Festival Committee	\$20,000 (total)	X			X
NCR	Seek funding as needed to upgrade the Treutlen County Museum						X	X	X			\$5,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Coordinate with the City of Soperton as needed to extend water/sewer service along Georgia Highway 29 beyond the Industrial Park to I-16			X	X	X		X	X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DCA (OneGeorgia), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$5 million + (total)	X	X	X	

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CFS	Pursue funding as needed to pave new roads						X	X	X		DOT	\$300,000/mile	X	X		
CFS	Seek funding as needed to resurface existing roads and improve drainage						X	X	X		DOT (LARP)	\$150,000/yr.	X	X		
CFS	Seek funding for state construction of regional bicycle facilities within the county, such as paved shoulders and other improvements, and local connector facilities, as appropriate						X	X	X	X	DOT	\$400,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Pursue necessary amendments to the existing public safety services consolidation agreement as appropriate						X	X	X	X		NA				
CFS	Explore the possible merger of fire protection services countywide as appropriate						X	X	X	X		\$150,000 (total)	X			
CFS	Continue the consolidation of recreation services countywide as needed						X	X	X	X		\$35,000/yr.	X			
CFS	Continue to participate in the joint animal control agreement and seek to expand as needed						X	X	X	X		\$2,500/yr.	X			
CFS	Investigate the feasibility of local government consolidation as appropriate						X	X	X	X		\$20,000 (study, total)	X			

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CFS	Seek funding to upgrade firefighting equipment as needed						X	X	X	X	FEMA, GEMA	\$100,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding for the expansion of recycling activities as needed						X	X	X		GEFA	\$5,000 (total)	X	X		
HO	Seek CDBG, CHIP, and other funding as appropriate for the rehabilitation and/or clearance of substandard housing						X	X	X		DCA (CDBG, CHIP)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
HO, LU	Utilize the Chamber of Commerce to market housing needs and land availability to the private sector						X	X			Chamber	\$1,500/yr.				X
HO	Pursue the assistance of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, USDA Rural Development, and other programs to assist in the development of additional affordable housing						X	X	X		DCA, Private Developers	\$5,000 (local facilitation, no estimate available on private construction)	X	X		X
HO	Seek to amend manufactured home regulations and strengthen as appropriate						X	X	X			NA				

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ED	Develop incentives for business and industry retention and implement as appropriate						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	NA	X			
ED	Develop incentives for new business and industry attraction and implement as appropriate						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	NA	X			
ED, CFS, IC	Coordinate with the Treutlen County Board of Education as needed with upgrades to school facilities and possible future construction of new facilities in/ near Soperton		X	X	X	X		X		X	Treutlen Co. BOE	\$2.5 million (SPLOST)	X	X		
ED, LU	Pursue funding as needed to implement the recommendations of the Georgia Tech Strategic Marketing Study						X	X	X		Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., Georgia Tech Econ. Dev. Inst., DCA (OneGeorgia)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X		
ED, LU	Utilize the Chamber and the Development Authority to promote the development of hospitality businesses within Soperton/ Treutlen County						X	X	X	X	Chamber, Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	\$5,000 (total)	X			
ED, NCR, LU	Pursue funding as needed to expand and upgrade the Million Pines Festival's facilities and events						X	X		X	Million Pines Festival Committee	\$10,000 (total)	X			X
ED, NCR, LU	Seek to expand the promotion of existing events and develop new events/activities as appropriate to attract visitors						X	X	X	X	Chamber, Million Pines Festival Committee	\$5,000 (total)	X			X

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ED, NCR, CFS, LU, IC	Advocate the four-laning of Georgia Highways 15 and 29 and U.S. 221 as important gateways to Soperton from I-16						X	X	X	X	Chamber, Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DOT	NA (no DOT estimate available)		X	X	
CFS	Pursue funding to extend water/sewer service along Georgia Highway 29 beyond the Industrial Park to I-16			X	X	X		X	X	X	Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth., DCA (OneGeorgia), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$5 million + (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Pursue funding as needed to pave new streets						X	X		X	DOT	\$800,000/mile	X	X		
CFS	Seek funding as needed to resurface existing streets and improve drainage						X	X	X		DOT (LARP)	\$150,000/yr.	X	X		
CFS	Pursue CDBG and other funding as appropriate to continue replacing old water lines that have deteriorated with upgraded lines that are of appropriate size	X		X		X		X		X	DCA (CDBG), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Pursue CDBG and other funding to continue to improve and upgrade the stormwater drainage system						X	X		X	DCA (CDBG), USDA Rural Dev't.	\$1 million (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Seek funding for state construction of regional bicycle facilities connecting public facilities within the county, such as paved shoulders and other improvements, and local connector facilities to connect public facilities within Soperton, as appropriate						X	X	X	X	DOT	\$400,000 (total)	X	X	X	

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CFS, IC	Pursue necessary amendments to the existing public safety services consolidation agreement as appropriate						X	X	X	X		NA				
CFS, IC	Explore the possible merger of fire protection services countywide as appropriate						X	X	X	X		\$150,000 (total)	X			
CFS, IC	Continue the consolidation of recreation services countywide as needed						X	X	X	X		\$100,000/yr.	X			
CFS, IC	Continue to participate in the joint animal control agreement and seek to expand as needed						X	X	X	X		\$12,000/yr.	X			
CFS, IC	Investigate the feasibility of local government consolidation as appropriate						X	X	X	X		\$20,000 (study, total)	X			
CFS	Seek funding to upgrade firefighting equipment and facilities as needed						X	X	X	X	FEMA, GEMA	\$100,000 (total)	X	X	X	
CFS	Continue to actively participate in recycling efforts through the Southeast Georgia Keep America Beautiful Program						X	X		X	KAB	NA				
HO	Seek CDBG, CHIP, and other funding as appropriate for the rehabilitation and/or clearance of substandard housing						X	X		X	DCA (CDBG, CHIP)	\$500,000 (total)	X	X	X	
HO, LU	Utilize the Chamber of Commerce to market housing needs and land availability to the private sector						X	X			Chamber	\$1,500/yr.				X

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HO	Pursue the assistance of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, USDA Rural Development, and other programs to assist in the development of additional affordable housing						X	X		X	DCA, Private Developers	\$5,000 (local facilitation, no estimate available on private construction)	X	X		X
HO	Seek to amend manufactured home regulations and strengthen as appropriate						X	X		X		NA				

## **Supplemental Plans**

Treutlen County and the City of Soperton have developed a joint solid waste management plan under the Georgia Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 and the accompanying minimum planning standards established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This plan was developed concurrently with the comprehensive planning process for consistency and coordination. This plan details the community's efforts concerning solid waste management in all its aspects. The resulting plan, the *Treutlen County Joint Solid Waste Management Plan 2016*, is hereby incorporated by reference as part of the comprehensive plan. It is included as Appendix B.

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Reports of Accomplishments**

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Accomplished		Underway		Postponed		Dropped	Status/Comments
			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
ED	2002	Work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Development Authority to seek new businesses and industry	N		Y	Ongoing				The County works annually with the Soperton/Treutlen Chamber of Commerce and the Treutlen County Development Authority to assist with new business and industry recruitment. As presently worded, this item is a policy statement rather than a specific activity. Therefore, it will not be relisted in the New STWP but will instead be addressed as part of the Long Term Implementation Policies of the new Comprehensive Plan.
ED	2002	Support Swainsboro Technical College's new satellite facility in Soperton and encourage its use among the citizens of the county (Job Skills Development)	N		Y	Ongoing				The County will continue to support Swainsboro Technical College's satellite facility, located in the Treutlen County Industrial Park, on an ongoing basis. However, this item as presently worded is a policy statement rather than a specific activity. Therefore, it will not be relisted in the New STWP but will instead be addressed as part of the Long Term Implementation Policies of the new Comprehensive Plan.
ED	2002	Continue to establish linkages with other local and state economic development organizations	N		Y	Ongoing				The Soperton/Treutlen Chamber of Commerce and the Treutlen County Development Authority will continue to maintain existing and establish new linkages with other local and state economic development organizations on an ongoing basis. However, this item as presently worded is a policy statement rather than a specific activity. Therefore, it will not be relisted in the New STWP but will instead be addressed as part of the Long Term Implementation Policies of the new Comprehensive Plan.

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			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
ED	2002	Continue to support the Soperton/Treutlen Chamber of Commerce	N		Y	Ongoing				The County currently contributes \$2,000 per year to the Chamber of Commerce in support of its countywide economic development efforts. Support will be continued on an ongoing basis. However, because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP. This item will also be reworded in the LTWP to be a more specific activity rather than its current wording as a general policy statement.
ED	2002	Conduct a study of commercial improvements at Exit 67 (formerly Exit 17) on I-16	Y	2002						An economic development/tourism study concerning potential commercial improvements to the County's three interchanges along I-16 was completed by Georgia Tech's Economic Development Institute in 2002.
ED	2002	Conduct a study of commercial improvements at Exit 71 (formerly Exit 18) on I-16	Y	2002						An economic development/tourism study concerning potential commercial improvements to the County's three interchanges along I-16 was completed by Georgia Tech's Economic Development Institute in 2002.
ED	2002	Conduct a study of commercial improvements at Exit 78 (formerly Exit 19) on I-16	Y	2002						An economic development/tourism study concerning potential commercial improvements to the County's three interchanges along I-16 was completed by Georgia Tech's Economic Development Institute in 2002.
ED	2002	Conduct a Local Impact Study on tourism	Y	2002						An economic development/tourism study concerning potential commercial improvements to the County's three interchanges along I-16 was completed by Georgia Tech's Economic Development Institute in 2002.

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			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N		
ED	2004	Act upon results of tourism study	N		N			Y	2009		Although marketing efforts are ongoing concerning the County's annual Million Pines Festival, the implementation of the Georgia Tech tourism study's recommendations has been postponed until 2009 due to the current lack of sufficient funding available, as well as other priorities at the present time.
NR	2002	Adopt and enforce a model ordinance based on the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Part V Rules on Environmental Protection for wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, and river corridors	N		N			Y	2007		Postponed until 2007 due to previous discussions at the DCA/DNR level concerning possible modifications/revisions to the existing model ordinance. However, the County will adopt a model ordinance based on the Part V Environmental Planning Criteria for groundwater recharge areas, wetlands, and protected river corridors in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan Update.
NR	2002	Continue efforts to document the official history of Treutlen County	N		Y	Ongoing					This item will be continued on an ongoing basis through the Treutlen County Historical Society. However, this item as presently worded is a policy statement rather than a specific activity. Therefore, it will not be relisted in the New STWP but will instead be addressed as part of the Long Term Implementation Policies of the new Comprehensive Plan.
NR	2002	Develop a plan for the preservation of historic resources in the county	N		N			N		Y	Dropped due to the lack of current and available funding as well as adequate local advocacy at this time.

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			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
CF	2002	Continue to pave unpaved roads	N		Y	Ongoing				The County currently is only able to pave approximately one-half mile of unpaved roads per year due to the limited availability of LARP funds. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP. This item will also be reworded in the LTWP to be a more specific activity rather than its current wording as a general policy statement.
CF	2002	Continue to participate in recycling efforts through the Southeast Georgia Keep America Beautiful Program	N		N			N	Y	Dropped due to the County no longer being a member of Southeast Georgia KAB, although the County does continue to undertake its own recycling efforts locally.
CF	2002	Upgrade county firefighting equipment	N		Y	Ongoing				In recent years, the County has received FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant funds to purchase new firefighting equipment to assist in the upgrading of all county fire departments and to lower the local ISO rating. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis as adequate funds are available. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP. This item will also be reworded in the LTWP to be a more specific activity rather than its current wording as a general policy statement.

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CF	2002	Bring the Treutlen County Courthouse into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and complete other needed renovations	N		Y	Ongoing				Recent improvement efforts to the Courthouse include the installation of an elevator, the replacement of the roof, and the remodeling of restrooms. With current funds being limited, this activity will be continued on an ongoing basis as adequate funds are available. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP. This item will also be reworded in the LTWP to be a more specific activity rather than its current wording as a general policy statement.

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			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
ED	2002	Continue to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Development Authority in an effort to attract new businesses and industry	N		Y	Ongoing				The County works annually with the Soperton/Treutlen Chamber of Commerce and the Treutlen County Development Authority to assist with new business and industry recruitment. As presently worded, this item is a policy statement rather than a specific activity. Therefore, it will not be relisted in the New STWP but will instead be addressed as part of the Long Term Implementation Policies of the new Comprehensive Plan.
NR	2002	Continue to promote the preservation of natural and historic resources	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an ongoing basis. However, this item as presently worded is a policy statement rather than a specific activity. Therefore, it will not be relisted in the New STWP but will instead be addressed as part of the Long Term Implementation Policies of the new Comprehensive Plan.
NR	2002	Adopt and enforce a model ordinance based on the DNR's Minimum Environmental Planning Criteria for wetlands and groundwater recharge areas	Y	2002						In 2002, the City adopted a model ordinance that addressed the DNR's Part V Environmental Planning Criteria for wetlands and groundwater recharge areas.

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Accomplished		Underway		Postponed		Dropped	Status/Comments
			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
CF	2002	Establish a Street and Road Sign Improvement Program	N		Y	Ongoing				This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis, as the City alternates between roads and streets every other year. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP.
CF	2002	Continue support of the Treutlen County Library	N		Y	Ongoing				The City provides funding of \$5,600 per year in support of the library, and this will continue on an ongoing basis. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP. This item will also be reworded in the LTWP to be a more specific activity rather than its current wording as a general policy statement.
CF	2002	Pursue the construction of a new municipal complex	N		N			Y	2009	Postponed until 2009 due to the current lack of adequate funding. The City currently has plans to construct a fire station before pursuing a new municipal complex, and legislative funding has been received towards this end to enable the new fire facility to also be utilized as a countywide training station.

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			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
CF	2002	Pave existing streets within the city	N		Y	Ongoing				The City is currently paving approximately one-half mile per year of existing streets as funding is available. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis as sufficient LARP funds are available. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP.
CF	2002	Pave new streets within the city	N		Y	Ongoing				This activity will be continued on an as needed basis and as adequate funding is available. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP.
CF	2002	Continue to add facilities to the Jean Gillis Memorial Park and the City Recreation Complex	N		Y	Ongoing				Within the last five years, the City has purchased additional land for the Jean Gillis Memorial Park and constructed a walking trail. New pavilions, bathrooms, and additional ballfields have been constructed at the City's Recreation Complex. New facilities and improvements will continue to be added as needed and as sufficient funds are available. Among future plans for both facilities include the lighting of the walking trail at the park and the construction of a miniature golf course at the Recreation Complex. These activities will be listed in the New STWP.

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			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N		
CF	2005	Purchase land and construct a new community center	Y	2006 (land)				Y	2009 (construction)		The City has purchased land for the purposes of constructing a new community center. However, construction has been postponed until 2009 so as to allow time for more adequate funding to be available to complete the project. There is the possibility that a new community center could be constructed in conjunction with a new municipal complex.
CF	2002	Extend the sewer system and upgrade the treatment plant and lift stations	N		Y	Ongoing					The City completed an \$8.7 million water and sewer extension project in 2006. Other areas of the City are still in need of extensions of both water as well as sewer, and this will be accomplished as a sufficient level of funding is available. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis, but will be reworded in the New STWP to list more specific activities.
CF	2002	Complete the repairing of and paint the elevated water storage tank	Y	2006							Repairs to and the painting of the City's elevated water storage tank were accomplished in 2006. There is the possibility that a second storage tank may be needed in the future, and this will be listed in the New STWP.

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			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
CF	2002	Replace old water lines that have deteriorated with upgraded lines that are of appropriate size	N		Y	Beyond 2011				A \$2.4 million water line replacement project was completed in 2006. Approximately 85% of the old water lines have now been replaced with 6" and 8" mains, providing a more adequate level of water protection. However, due to a current lack of funding and other priorities, the completion of replacing the remaining lines will likely not be accomplished until sometime beyond 2011. Therefore, this activity will be listed in the Long Term Work Program in the new Comprehensive Plan, as opposed to the Short Term Work Program.
CF	2002	Make additional improvements in the storm water drainage system	N		Y	Ongoing				A new smoke machine has been purchased, and additional improvements to the stormwater drainage system have been tied in with improvements to the sewer system. This activity will be continued on an ongoing basis due to available funding limiting the City to completing this project one city street at a time. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP.
CF	2002	Continue to participate in recycling efforts through the Southeast Georgia Keep America Beautiful Program	N		Y	Ongoing				The City will continue to participate in recycling efforts on an ongoing basis. Because this item is an ongoing activity with no specific ending date, its future listing will be in the Long Term Work Program (LTWP), as opposed to the STWP.

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Accomplished		Underway		Postponed		Dropped	Status/Comments
			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
CF	2006	Pursue improvements to the City's fire department through such items as the construction of a new fire station, acquiring an additional truck, and upgrading firefighting equipment	Y	2004 (truck)	Y	Ongoing (equipment)	Y	2009 (fire station)		The City purchased a new tanker truck in 2004, and various items of equipment have been obtained with FEMA funding assistance. The construction of a new fire station and fire training facility has been postponed until 2009 due to inadequate funding at the current time. Equipment upgrades will continued to be pursued on an as needed basis, and therefore, will be listed in the Long Term Work Program. The construction of a new fire facility will be relisted in the New STWP.
CF	2006	Pursue the establishment of a full-time fire department	N		N		Y	2009		The establishment of a full-time fire department, as opposed to the current volunteer department, has been postponed until 2009 due to a lack of adequate and available funding at the present time.
CF	2006	Upgrade and modernize the Public Safety Department	N		N		N		Y	This item has been dropped from the STWP due to the City now contracting with Treutlen County to provide law enforcement services within the City Limits of Soperton.
CF	2002	Purchase additional police vehicles as funds are available	N		N		N		Y	This item has been dropped from the STWP due to the City now contracting with Treutlen County to provide law enforcement services within the City Limits of Soperton.

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Element	Initiation Year	Description	Accomplished		Underway		Postponed		Dropped	Status/Comments
			Y/N	Year	Y/N	Est. Comp. Date	Y/N	Est. Int. Date	Y/N	
CF	2002	Develop a more workable, cost-effective solid waste program	N		Y	Ongoing				This item will be continued on an ongoing basis, but will be reworded in the New STWP to reflect more specific activities rather than its current wording as a general policy statement.
CF	Beyond 2006	Develop a cost-effective sludge disposal program	Y	2006						Accomplished in 2006 with an upgrade to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Sludge is now treated with UV rays and is ultimately taken to a landfill in Vidalia for proper disposal.
CF	2004	Purchase land and pursue the construction of a larger shop for the Public Works Department that is independent of the City's Water Works and provide proper equipment	Y	2004						Accomplished in 2004.
HO	2002	Continue to support the development of additional low-income housing	N		N			N	Y	Although the City continues to support the development of additional low-income housing, this item is being dropped due to its handling through the Housing Authority rather than the City. It will be addressed in the future through the Long Term Implementation Policies and Strategies of the new Comprehensive Plan.
LU	2002	Ensure that any future land use measures that are developed are consistent with the DNR's Rules on Environmental Planning Criteria for wetlands and groundwater recharge areas	Y	2002						Accomplished through the City's adoption of a model ordinance based on DNR's Part V Environmental Planning Criteria for wetlands and groundwater recharge areas.

## **APPENDIX B**

# **The Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan 2016**

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September, 2006

## Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan

### **I. Introduction**

Treutlen County is located in the southeast region of the State of Georgia along I-16 approximately halfway between Macon and Savannah. Created by a State Legislative act in 1919, Treutlen County is a community with a significant elderly population that is experiencing minimal growth. With Interstate 16 traversing through the northern part of the county and U.S. Highway 221 running north and south, Treutlen County has good transportation routes connecting the county to several of Georgia's major cities. These transportation routes serve as major thoroughfares through Treutlen County. Many motorists traveling east to west from Savannah to Macon utilize Interstate 16 as an efficient means of transportation. U.S. 221 also serves as a quick and efficient route to reach Augusta and other cities further north and south in Georgia. With an estimated 2005 population of 6,753, the county's population increased just 10.9 percent from 1980 to 2005. In 2000, the number of occupied housing units was 2,531. A vast majority of Treutlen County's land area consists of agriculture and forestland (approximately 95 percent). The largest employer in Treutlen County is Soperton Diversified Manufacturing, which employs approximately 200 people. This makes the manufacturing plant a critical employer for an economy in Treutlen County that is still heavily dependent upon agriculture and forestry uses.

Treutlen County has one incorporated city that is participating in this solid waste plan. The City of Soperton is the county seat of Treutlen County. Its estimated 2005 population was 2,747.

### **II. Waste Disposal Stream Analysis**

#### **A. Inventory of Waste Stream Generators**

Contributing to the overall waste stream in the unincorporated areas of Treutlen County are households along with minimal contributions from a small number of industries and commercial businesses. These sectors contribute different items such as paper, plastic, brown goods, food, and industrial waste. It is estimated that approximately 85 percent of the materials

is household garbage, 10 percent is industrial, and five percent is commercial. In the City of Soperton, households, commercial businesses, institutions, and industries contribute to the overall waste stream. Households contribute approximately 60 percent of the overall waste stream. Commercial businesses throughout the city contribute approximately 25 percent, which consists primarily of food and paper. Institutions (Treutlen Probation Detention Center and three schools) contribute approximately 10 percent to the overall waste stream. Industries contribute roughly 5 percent.

### **B. Anticipated Waste Amounts**

Several steps were required to determine the amount of municipal solid waste that is generated in Treutlen County in terms of pounds per person per day through the years of 2004 to 2016. First, population estimates for 2004-2005 were utilized, while the total population for the county was projected from 2006 through 2016. Once the population was projected, the amount of waste that was disposed of by Treutlen County and the City of Soperton from 2003-2005 was recorded for each year. The amount of municipal solid waste that was generated each year (2003-2005) was then divided by population estimates from 2003-2005 to get a per capita amount of municipal solid waste. It was then decided to utilize the highest per capita number (0.512 in 2005) to avoid being overly conservative. Then, the 2005 per capita number was utilized to get a constant rate of the amount of solid waste disposed for the remaining years of the per capita municipal solid waste generated. Thus, it was assumed that the annual rate of growth would remain consistent in order to best produce a reasonable estimate.

To determine the total tonnage disposed, the total population estimates for 2004-2005 and the projected population for each year (2006-2016) were then multiplied by the highest per capita number (0.512 in 2005) to determine an amount disposed for each year. This number resulted in the total projected number of tons of municipal solid waste disposed of in Treutlen County for 2004-2016.

According to the figures obtained from Treutlen County, a total of 249 tons of recyclables were collected in 2005. The total number of recycled tons collected based upon 2005 figures was then divided by the total number of

tons disposed for 2005, because there was only one year (2005) available upon which to base the projections. This number (0.850) was then multiplied by the amount of tons disposed for each year and that resulted in the amount of tons recycled for each year.

The total tonnage of disposed waste for each year was then added to the total tonnage of recyclables to get a total amount of waste generated per year. That total was then divided by 365 to get the total tons per day. Next, the total tons per day were multiplied by 2,000 (2,000 lbs. equals one ton) to get the total pounds per day. That total was then divided by the projected population to get the total pounds per person per day of waste generated. The estimated numbers are given for each year beginning in 2004 through 2016 in Table 1.

The composition of the municipal solid waste generated each year from 2004-2016 is also broken down in tons based upon the GA DCA state figure during 2005. The figures for Treutlen County are assumed to be the same as the state figures because no figures were available at the local level. The estimated composition of solid waste for each year is given from 2004 through 2016 in Table 2.

The composition of the recyclables generated each year from 2005-2016 is also broken down in tons based upon the estimated figures from Treutlen County in 2005. The estimated figures for the composition of recyclables from 2005 through 2016 can be found in Table 3.

**Table 1**  
**Annual Projections of Treutlen County**  
**Municipal Solid Waste 2004-2016 (in Tons)**

Year	Population	Tons Disposed	Tons Recycled	Total Generated	Lbs./Person/Day Generated
2004	7,082	3,626	N/A	3,626	2.80
2005	6,753	3,458	294	3,752	3.04
2006	7,030	3,599	306	3,905	3.04
2007	7,075	3,622	308	3,930	3.04
2008	7,120	3,645	310	3,955	3.04
2009	7,165	3,668	312	3,980	3.04
2010	7,210	3,692	314	4,006	3.05
2011	7,256	3,715	316	4,031	3.04
2012	7,302	3,739	318	4,057	3.05
2013	7,348	3,762	320	4,082	3.04
2014	7,396	3,787	322	4,109	3.04
2015	7,442	3,810	324	4,134	3.04
2016	7,490	3,835	326	4,161	3.04

Source: US Bureau of the Census, [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov), Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC Staff, 2006

Note: Projections were based on most recent data available

**Table 2**  
**Annual Projections of Treutlen County**  
**Municipal Solid Waste Separated by Type 2004-2016 (in Tons)**

Year	Inorganics	Paper	Plastic	Glass	Metal	Organic	C & D
2004	109	1,341	580	145	218	1,015	218
2005	104	1,280	553	138	207	969	207
2006	108	1,332	576	144	216	1,007	216
2007	109	1,340	580	145	217	1,014	217
2008	109	1,348	583	146	219	1,021	219
2009	109	1,357	587	147	220	1,027	220
2010	111	1,365	591	148	222	1,033	222
2011	111	1,375	594	149	223	1,040	223
2012	112	1,383	598	150	224	1,048	224
2013	113	1,392	602	151	226	1,052	226
2014	114	1,401	606	152	227	1,060	227
2015	114	1,410	610	152	229	1,066	229
2016	115	1,419	614	153	230	1,074	230

Sources: Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC Staff, GA DCA, 2006

**Table 3**  
**Annual Projections of Treutlen County**  
**Recyclables Separated by Type 2005-2016 (in Tons)**

Year	Cardboard	Metal & Appliances	Tires	Paper & Plastics	Clothes
2005	146	111	31	3	3
2006	152	115	33	3	3
2007	153	116	33	3	3
2008	154	117	33	3	3
2009	154	118	34	3	3
2010	155	119	34	3	3
2011	156	120	34	3	3
2012	158	120	34	3	3
2013	158	121	35	3	3
2014	159	122	35	3	3
2015	160	123	35	3	3
2016	162	123	35	3	3

Sources: Heart of Georgia Altamaha RDC Staff, Treutlen County Recycling Center, 2006

### **III. Waste Reduction Element**

#### **A. Inventory of Current Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs**

As a part of local efforts to address the State of Georgia's goals to reduce the amount of waste disposed, Treutlen County has a staffed recycling center facility just outside of the City of Soperton located on Airport Road. It is open on Friday, Saturday, and Monday from 7AM to 7PM. On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday the center is open from 1PM to 7PM. Citizens may drop off paper, plastic, clothes, and cardboard. Citizens may voluntarily drop off newspapers at the Treutlen Mental Health Center located in Soperton. Newspapers are then taken by the mental health center to Southeastern Paper Company in Dublin. The City of Soperton has 45 designated commercial sites located throughout the city that have a bin to collect cardboard. The City picks up the cardboard once a week and takes it to the Treutlen County Recycling Center where it is bailed by the County. Treutlen County also has cardboard recycling bins located at each of the 12 dumpster sites located throughout the county. The county collects the cardboard from the bins on an as needed basis. The cardboard is then taken to the Treutlen County Recycling Center. The cardboard that is bailed at the recycling center is purchased by Carastar of Austell, GA. The funds that are collected from the sale of the cardboard are split in half between Treutlen County and the City of Soperton. Citizens may also take their paper and plastic to a trailer that is located at the Treutlen Middle/High School located in Soperton. The County takes the items to the Montgomery County Recycling Center in Mount Vernon once the trailers have reached their capacity. The City of Soperton also collects tires, oil, metals, and clothes within the city limits on an as needed basis. Once the City has collected these items, it takes them to the drop-off area at the recycling center. The County also collects tires, oil, metals, and clothes. It encourages its citizens to bring the items to the drop-off area at the recycling center. The County does collect white goods that citizens place at the dumpster sites throughout the county. Once the County has collected a significant amount of tires, Greenman Technologies of GA of Springfield, TN purchases and properly disposes of the tires. Oil is collected and purchased by Cobra Oil of Mauk, GA, to be properly disposed. Metals are collected and properly recycled by Whitfield Recycling, located in Bristol, Florida. Clothes are collected and taken to the Salvation Army of

Dublin. The Treutlen County recycling program targets all residents of Treutlen County and encourages the recycling of items through proper disposal. This program has had some success since its inception, despite the County's resources being limited due to a small tax base. It has also been limited by the small, low density population in the county, and resulting low total waste generation. The County continuously needs to look for ways to expand the program.

### **B. Source Reduction**

Treutlen County and its municipalities do not have formal waste reduction programs through reuse programs, financial incentives, waste audits, waste exchanges, or industrial process changes.

### **C. Recycling**

Treutlen County has developed a recycling and collection program for the County and the City of Soperton, but with only some effectiveness. The County has established a recycling center, which has resulted in more citizens being willing to participate in the recycling program. Although the program is growing to some extent at the present time, it has the potential for continued growth if additional funding were available.

## **IV. Yard Trimming Mulching/Composting**

### **A. Inventory of Composting and Mulching Programs**

Treutlen County does not have a composting/mulching program. The County encourages its citizens to utilize the City's inert landfill. The City of Soperton has a 17 acre GA EPD permitted inert landfill site located on U.S. 221. Only the City has unlimited access to the landfill. It is gated and locked so that the City can regulate people utilizing the facility. Those wishing to collect mulch from the inert landfill are required to contact the city in advance. The City utilizes curbside collection for yard trimmings five days a week and does not charge a fee. The collection truck has a chipper behind it to mulch larger items. Once the trimmings are collected, they are taken to the inert landfill. The City gives away collected mulch to citizens who want it if they provide a method of hauling.

**B. Special Management Items**

The City of Soperton also collects tires and metals within the city limits on an as needed basis. Once the City has collected the tires and metals, it takes them to the drop-off area at the recycling center. The County also collects tires and metals. It encourages its citizens to bring the items to the drop-off area at the recycling center. The County does collect white goods that citizens place at the dumpster sites throughout the county. Once the County has collected a significant amount of tires, Greenman Technologies of GA of Springfield, TN purchases and properly disposes of the tires. Metals are collected and properly recycled by Whitfield Recycling, located in Bristol, Florida.

**C. Waste Reduction Assessment**

The Treutlen County recycling program's current waste reduction programs are adequate to facilitate the state's waste disposal reduction goal. While the programs are somewhat successful, more funding is needed to expand the program to better facilitate the State of Georgia's waste reduction goals. However, the small size and population of Treutlen County is a limiting factor. The County and the City of Soperton have a limited tax base which prohibits them from having resources adequate enough to undertake a fully developed waste reduction program at the present time.

**D. Waste Reduction Needs:**

1. Expand and continue to utilize the City's chipper and inert landfill as a means of proper disposal of yard trimmings.
2. Citizens of Treutlen County need to utilize the Treutlen County Recycling Center to collect tires, oil, metals, cardboard, and clothes.
3. Citizens of Treutlen County need to utilize the Treutlen County Mental Health Center for the collection of newspapers.
4. Citizens of Treutlen County need to utilize the collection trailer located at the Treutlen County Middle/High School in Soperton to collect paper and plastics.

5. Citizens of the City of Soperton need to utilize curbside collection to collect and properly dispose of white goods.
6. Citizens of Treutlen County need to utilize the collection area for white goods at the Treutlen County Recycling Center.
7. Encourage the expansion of recycling activities county-wide, and continue to upgrade the county's recycling facilities.

**Waste Reduction Goals:**

1. The City needs to purchase a trailer for the recycling center for recyclables.
2. The City needs to purchase recycling containers for curbside collection of recyclables.
3. The City needs to purchase a chipper within the next five to ten years to replace the current chipper.
4. The City needs a storage building for its equipment at the inert landfill.

**V. Collection Element**

**A. Inventory of Current Solid Waste and Recyclable Collection Programs**

At the present time Treutlen County operates a collection system for rural residents of the county. The County utilizes dumpsters located throughout the county to collect household garbage. There are approximately 12 sites located throughout the county with a total of approximately 72 unstaffed green boxes. The County does not charge a fee to residents for solid waste collection. The County picks up the dumpsters twice per week. Once the garbage is collected, it is taken to the Toombs County Landfill. The County pays a tipping fee of \$28.00 per ton. The Toombs County Landfill has a capacity to operate for approximately 20 more years. Its remaining capacity is 1,786,689.00 cubic yards. The County also provides a six cubic yard commercial dumpster that is picked up once a week for a fee of \$30.00 per month or twice a week for a fee of \$60.00. The county has 15 commercial customers. The City of Soperton utilizes curbside collection once a week to collect its household garbage for a

fee of \$9.00 per month. Once the garbage is collected, it is taken by the city to the Toombs County Landfill. The City pays a tipping fee of \$28.00 per ton. The Toombs County Landfill has a capacity to operate for approximately 20 more years. Its remaining capacity is 1,786,689.00 cubic yards. Commercial businesses in the City of Soperton may utilize the city for the collection of their garbage or they may contract with Sullivan. Businesses may get a four, six, or eight cubic yard container. The price of the service depends on the container size and the number of times per week the container is picked up.

The City of Soperton also collects tires and metals within the city limits on an as needed basis. Once the City has collected the tires and metals, it takes them to the drop-off area at the recycling center. The County also collects tires and metals. It encourages its citizens to bring the items to the drop-off area at the recycling center. The County does collect white goods that citizens place at the dumpster sites throughout the county. Once the County has collected a significant amount of tires, Greenman Technologies of GA of Springfield, TN purchases and properly disposes of the tires. Metals are collected and properly recycled by Whitfield Recycling, located in Bristol, Florida.

### **Inventory of Landfills and Haulers of Solid Waste Serving Treutlen County**

Toombs County Landfill  
P.O. Box 112  
Lyons, GA 30436

City of Soperton  
PO Box 229  
Soperton, GA 30457

Treutlen County Board of Commissioners  
302 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Soperton, GA 30457

Sullivan Environmental Services  
425 Highway 292

Vidalia, GA 30474

### **B. Yard Trimmings Collection**

The City of Soperton provides curbside pickup for yard trimmings. Once the yard trimmings are collected, they are taken to the GA EPD permitted inert landfill located on U.S. 221. Citizens of Treutlen County may also utilize the inert landfill, with the City's permission, to dispose of and obtain mulch.

### **C. Adequacy of Collection Programs**

The collection methods utilized to collect solid waste by Treutlen County and the City of Soperton are adequate to serve the citizens of Treutlen County.

With several regional landfills located in close proximity to Treutlen County, the accessibility of a landfill for solid waste collection purposes by the local governments is adequate. A collection method is needed by Treutlen County to collect recyclables. The City of Soperton and Treutlen County utilize the recycling center for the collection of recyclables. Treutlen County does not have a program in order to collect tires and white goods. However, citizens may take their items to the drop-off site located at the recycling center.

### **D. Illegal Dumping**

There is a problem in Treutlen County with illegal dumping. The County utilizes the codes enforcement officer at the sheriff's department to combat the problem of illegal dumping. While there are few instances of illegal dumping occurring in the City of Soperton, if it should happen, the City utilizes the codes enforcement officer at the sheriff's department as well.

### **E. Collection Needs:**

1. Continue the current collection method of yard trimmings by the City of Soperton.
2. Continue current means of collecting solid waste in the unincorporated areas of the county and encourage the increased utilization of recycling by all citizens.
3. Treutlen County needs to continue its collection program for batteries.

4. Soperton needs to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a new garbage truck.
5. Treutlen County needs to investigate the feasibility of purchasing a camera system and establishing manned sites at various locations to monitor its dumpster sites.

**Collection Goals:**

1. Assure the continued collection of municipal solid waste countywide in an efficient and cost effective manner.
2. Continue the current method of collection and voluntary drop-off of recyclables county-wide.
3. Continue the current method of collection and voluntary drop-off of special management items county-wide.

**F. Contingency Strategy**

In case of a natural disaster or another event that may interrupt the flow of garbage pickup, Treutlen County and the City of Soperton will utilize Sullivan Environmental Services to ensure the continued collection of solid waste. The City of Soperton also has a backup truck in case of an emergency. The county and city may also utilize nearby local governments to have access to solid waste collection equipment, if an excessive amount of waste is generated. If one or both of these options are necessary to adequately serve Treutlen County, the local governments would be required to go through the proper procedures to be able to put the options into operation. The time frame required would probably require at least one week to be able to go through the proper procedures to continue solid waste collection. If the collection program should become interrupted in case of a natural disaster or other event, the public will be notified on what procedures will take place via the media. This notification will take place through the newspaper and public service announcements on the radio.

**VI. Disposal Element**

**A. Disposal**

The Toombs County Landfill is a public municipal solid waste landfill located in Toombs County. According to GA EPD, in 2005, Toombs County's landfill had a remaining capacity of 1,786,689.0 cubic yards. Its average daily tons in 2005 were 150, and it has a rate of fill of 300 cubic yards per day. Its estimated fill date is August 11, 2026, which means that the landfill has approximately 20 years of remaining capacity. The Toombs County Landfill accepts household wastes.

**B. Thermal Treatment Technologies**

Treutlen County and the City of Soperton do not have any thermal treatment technologies, nor are any planned in the future.

**C. Adequacy for Planning Period**

The Toombs County Landfill will be adequate to meet the needs of Treutlen County and the City of Soperton for the ten-year planning period. The remaining capacity as of 2005 was 1,786,689.0 cubic yards, or an estimated life of 20 more years.

**D. Disposal Needs:**

1. Continue to utilize the regional landfill facilities.

**Disposal Goals:**

1. Continue to utilize the current method of solid waste disposal throughout the county.

**E. Assurance of Ten-year Disposal Capacity (See Attachment A)**

Continue to utilize the current method of solid waste disposal throughout the county.

**F. Contingency Strategy for Disposal**

In case of a natural disaster or another event that may interrupt the flow of garbage pickup or generate a large amount of extra waste, Treutlen County and the City of Soperton have access to a number of regional landfill facilities in close proximity to Treutlen County to handle the excess waste that such an event might generate. These facilities are located in Taylor, Telfair, and Wayne counties. If this option becomes necessary, the County would be required to go through the proper procedures to be able to put this option into

operation. The time frame would probably require at least one week to follow all proper procedures to continue solid waste disposal. If the recycling program should become interrupted in case of a natural disaster or other event, the public will be notified on what procedures will take place via the media. This notification will take place through the newspaper and public service announcements on the radio.

## **VII. Land Limitation Element**

### **A. Natural Environmental Limitations**

Treutlen County's abundant natural resources are becoming recognized by its citizens as an increasingly important asset to the county's future growth and development. A growing interest is emerging in protecting the area's fragile resources while balancing the need for growth. The following discussion highlights the natural environmental limitations of Treutlen County.

According to the 1989 Hydrologic Atlas 18 of the Georgia Geologic Survey, Treutlen County's significant groundwater recharge areas are contained in the Miocene/Pliocene Recent Unconfined Aquifer and are located in a small north central area of the county and in three scattered sites in the southeastern part of the county. These areas have been identified by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in a companion pollution susceptibility map as having average pollution susceptibility. An ordinance modeled after the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Part V Environmental Planning Criteria has been in effect in the City of Soperton since 2001, but the portion concerning groundwater recharge areas does not apply to the City since none of these areas are located with Soperton's city limits. The County does plan to adopt the model ordinance in the near future. A sizable portion of Treutlen County (12 percent) has also been designated as wetlands on the National Wetlands Inventory prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Much of the wetlands in the county are located along the Oconee River-Mercer Creek Corridor, the Ohoopie River Corridor, the Tiger, Pendleton, and Red Bluff Creek corridors, and other major creeks, but not all of the wetlands in the county are confined to these areas. These areas of the county are known to contain a variety of habitats of protected flora and fauna, as well as nesting and breeding grounds for a number of protected animals. The County also has

two rivers, the Oconee and the Ohoopsee rivers, which are identified for protection under the 1991 River Corridor Protection Act. The Oconee River flows on the southwestern end of the county, forming the county's southwestern boundary with Laurens and Wheeler counties. The Ohoopsee River flows on the northeastern end of the county, forming the county's northeastern boundary with Emanuel County. The Oconee River combines with the Ocmulgee River to form the Altamaha River, the largest free flowing river on the East Coast of the United States. From Treutlen County, the Ohoopsee River flows through southern Emanuel and eastern Toombs County before emptying into the Altamaha River in Tattnall County. A variety of hunting and fishing opportunities are located along both rivers, making them very popular for recreational uses. Two boat landings are located along the Treutlen County side of the Oconee River, the Dead River and State Route 46 landings southwest of Soperton, which offer the potential for tourism opportunities. Development along the Ohoopsee River in Treutlen County has been minimal, generally limited to weekend hunting/fishing dwellings. More significant residential development has occurred along the Dead River and State Route 46 landings section of the Oconee River southwest of Soperton. Development in this area has been based largely on adequate access to roads.

These resources are somewhat protected throughout Treutlen County under a River Corridor Protection Plan that was adopted countywide in 1991. However, somewhat greater protection would be provided through countywide adoption of a model ordinance that was based on DNR's Part V Environmental Planning Criteria and adopted by the City of Soperton in 2001. This ordinance provides for strict limitations on the use of land near these identified resources. The County does have plans in the near future to adopt this model ordinance, making it countywide in effect.

Two other environmental resources identified by DNR under the Part V Environmental Planning Criteria, water supply watersheds and protected mountains, are not present in Treutlen County and thus are not applicable.

### **B. Criteria for Siting Solid Waste Facilities**

The County handles the collection and disposal of solid waste for the unincorporated areas. The City of Soperton currently handles the collection

and disposal of solid waste within its jurisdiction, while private businesses are encouraged to contract with Sullivan Environmental Services, Inc. for commercial solid waste collection. Treutlen County and the City of Soperton both contract with the Toombs County landfill to accept solid waste from their jurisdictions for disposal. The County is responsible for transporting the solid waste it collects from the unincorporated areas to the Toombs County landfill. The City of Soperton transports solid waste that it collects within the city limits to the Toombs County landfill. Because of the County's abundant natural resources and the intent of the County's Community Vision to utilize these resources in the County's future growth and development, the County does not believe that the location of any additional solid waste handling facilities would be compatible with the community's vision for its future growth and development.

While neither Treutlen County nor the City of Soperton have a zoning ordinance in place, the unincorporated area of Treutlen County does have some land use regulations in place, such as subdivision regulations. Both local governments recognize the need for more adequate land use regulation, but generating and maintaining a sufficient level of public support towards adoption and implementation has been difficult. There are several factors to be taken into consideration when determining the compatibility of solid waste handling facilities to the surrounding area. The Natural and Cultural Resources Element and other portions of the Treutlen County Joint Comprehensive Plan, as well as this Solid Waste Management Plan, identify areas where such a facility may or may not be acceptable. The County does not desire for such a facility to locate within a five (5) -mile radius of the City of Soperton. This will allow room for residential areas in and near the City to grow and expand around the City in those areas that are planned for future residential development. Simultaneously, it is desired that such facilities locate at a minimum of one-half mile from any residential area. This will lessen the possibility of adversely impacting adjacent properties through reduced property values or undue burdens on existing infrastructure.

Other considerations include airport safety. It is the County's intention that no solid waste handling facility locate within at least one (1) mile of the Treutlen County Airport to ensure the safety of incoming and outgoing

aircraft from interference caused by birds that might be attracted to the solid waste facility. Flood plains are another consideration. The County does not desire that such a facility locate in the 100-year flood plain. In fact, DNR Rule 391-3-4-.05 (1) (d) states that a facility cannot restrict the flow of the 100-year flood. Wetlands and groundwater recharge areas will be protected in the future by the countywide ordinance that the County plans to adopt that is based on DNR's Part V Environmental Planning Criteria. The County is also desirous of protecting the many and various natural streams that dot the area's landscape. It is desired by the County that no facility locate within one-half mile of any stream. Solid waste handling facilities are also discouraged from locating near any area of the county that is identified as prime farmland or as an area having either archaeological or historical significance. Other considerations such as fault areas, seismic impact zones, and unstable areas do not apply to Treutlen County.

### **C. Local Procedures for Siting Solid Waste Facilities**

As part of the site selection process, an applicant must prepare an engineering report detailing how the solid waste handling facility will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The report must also discuss how the facility will be compatible with surrounding land uses and community facilities, including detailing the impact on roads and any required improvements, the uses of land in close proximity, adjacent properties, required water system improvements, wastewater management systems, and erosion control measures. It should also articulate information pertaining to the operation of the facility, such as the hours of operation, location and size of the facility, capacity, types of materials to be accepted, disposal fees, private or public usage, and number of employees.

Along with an engineering report, the applicant must prepare a Public Participation Plan. This plan will highlight to the County how the applicant will inform the public, businesses, and interested parties of the proposed facility. The plan must identify the order in which these parties will be notified and the manner in which such notification will be conducted. The County would then review the plan, and upon approval, the applicant would execute the plan and prepare a Public Participation Report that would document the results of the Public Participation Plan. A Public Hearing

would then be held at the applicant's expense to solicit the views and concerns of local citizens.

Finally, the applicant must provide an Impact Statement and an Environmental Assessment prior to any action by the County or any public hearing. This is so that the proposed impact on the current solid waste management infrastructure, collection capability and disposal capacity, and the County's ability to meet its own 25% per capita waste disposal reduction goal can be adequately addressed, along with the potential impact on the surrounding natural environment. The Impact Statement should also address compatibility of the project with the Treutlen County Joint Comprehensive Plan and this Solid Waste Management Plan. Upon the completion and submittal of all required documentation, public hearings, and public meetings, the County will then conduct a review and issue its findings as to the approval or rejection, based on all applicable local, state, and federal regulations, and compatibility with local plans.

**D. Land Limitation Needs:**

1. There is a need to develop a formal application process with rules and procedures regarding solid waste handling facilities that are consistent with the newly updated Solid Waste Management Plan.

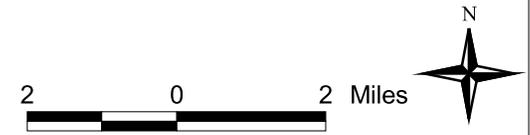
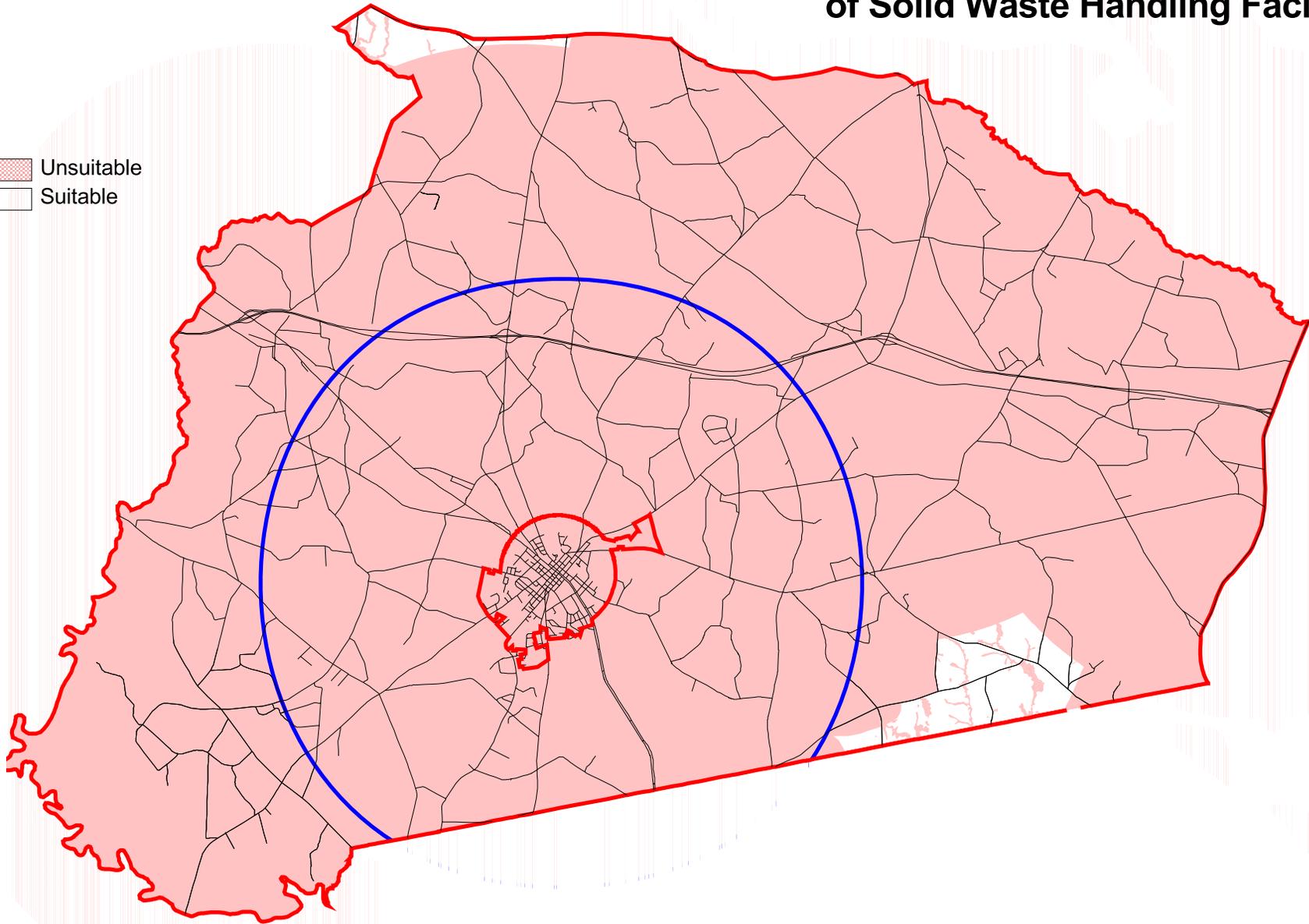
**Land Limitation Goals:**

1. Treutlen County seeks to create a formal application process that will insure that solid waste handling facilities are located in areas that are suitable for such facilities, are compatible with surrounding land uses, are in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal regulations, preserves the existing rural character and maintains/enhances the current quality of life while providing for compatible and quality future growth and development, prevents nuisances and uses disruptive to the community's plans and vision, and are not considered for location in areas that have been identified as unsuitable due to environmental or land use limitations.

# Treutlen County

## Areas Unsuitable For The Location of Solid Waste Handling Facilities

- Unsuitable
- Suitable



## **VIII. Education and Public Involvement Element**

### **A. Existing Local Government Programs**

The local governments in Treutlen County have a couple of different programs to educate the public concerning solid waste management. Treutlen County has a part-time staff person through the Sheriff's Office who is responsible for enforcing a local codes enforcement program to combat the problems of littering and illegal dumping countywide. The City of Soperton is also covered by this program. In addition to enforcing the countywide codes ordinance, the local code enforcement officer has the responsibility of educating the general public about proper solid waste management and source reduction. Realizing that educating the youth of the county is essential to any public education effort, the code enforcement officer periodically gives presentations to the local schools and distributes literature and other materials promoting the use of recycling and the proper disposal of household waste and other materials. Informational articles are periodically submitted to the local media to help reach out to the public at large. The City of Soperton also submits articles to the local newspaper on a periodic basis to educate its citizens about recycling and other solid waste activities. The County's code enforcement program has had limited effectiveness to date in helping to reduce the amount of illegal dumping due to the lack of abundant and available resources. As a result, littering continues to be an ongoing problem throughout the county. Because of its limited effectiveness on both the enforcement front and the education side, Treutlen County needs to continue its code enforcement program and pursue any available avenues of funding to expand the program as appropriate.

In addition to utilizing the codes enforcement program, Treutlen County has a recycling program that has been in existence since the late 1990s. The County and the City of Soperton fund and operate a staffed recycling center located at the Treutlen County Airport. Citizens countywide can bring certain recyclable items they may have and drop them off at the recycling center on a voluntary basis. Items that are accepted for recycling include cardboard, paper, clothes, and plastics. The County has bins located at each of its 12 dumpster sites in the unincorporated area to accept cardboard. The County

collects the cardboard on an as needed basis and takes it to the recycling center. A trailer is also set up at the Treutlen Middle/High School in Soperton where citizens may drop off paper and plastics. Newspapers may also be dropped off voluntarily at the Treutlen Mental Health Center in Soperton. There is also a trailer at the Treutlen County Jail for residents to bring their aluminum cans, which are then collected by the local Shriners organization. The City of Soperton also has a curbside recycling program within its jurisdiction in conjunction with the county's program. Items that are collected include appliances, metals, tires, batteries, oil, clothes, and plastics. The items are collected on a daily basis and taken to the recycling center. The City also has 45 bins located at commercial businesses within the City to accept cardboard. The City collects the cardboard once per week and takes it to the recycling center as well. The City of Soperton also has a composting/mulching program to recycle residential yard waste collected within the municipal area. The mulch is made available to both city and county residents upon request. The use of recycling by local citizens appears to be rather effective at the present time.

The County utilizes its Codes Enforcement program to promote increased recycling activities among the general public by utilizing the local media for various promotional efforts, and by speaking to the local schools and distributing informational materials. Since the formation of recycling activities in the County, there has been a small but noticeable increase in the use of recycling participation by the public. The lack of available resources due to the County's small tax base creates limits on the scope of any program that is undertaken. The County recognizes the need to foster increased utilization of recycling activities countywide and will continue to pursue avenues to expand its recycling operations and increase its use by the local citizenry.

Local government participation in local or regional public involvement programs is mixed. The City of Soperton currently participates in the Keep America Beautiful program through an annual Cleanup Week, where each day of that week the City emphasizes a different item to be collected, and the City plans to continue its participation in the future. Treutlen County does not participate in such a program at this time. The City of Soperton also has two

active Garden Clubs. There is a need for the County to look into the possibility of participating in some type of local or regional program in the future.

#### **B. Solid Waste Advisory Committee/Task Force**

This is not applicable currently in either of the two local governments in Treutlen County. There are no plans to establish such a committee in the near future.

#### **C. School System Programs**

The only currently organized education program through the Treutlen County School System is that mentioned earlier in conjunction with the countywide codes enforcement program.

#### **D. Litter Control Programs**

In addition to its codes enforcement program, Treutlen County and the City of Soperton have previously utilized inmate labor from local law enforcement to conduct roadside pickups and other cleanup methods. Treutlen County presently uses those sentenced to community service details to conduct cleanup activities on Saturdays. The City of Soperton has three prison details from the Treutlen Probation Detention Center for the same purpose in that jurisdiction. One full prison detail is utilized on a daily basis, and others are available to the City upon request. Although this program has declined somewhat at the present time due to budget cuts at the state level, the local governments hope that funding will be available in the future to maintain and expand the program. Both Garden Clubs in Soperton have also been active in this arena.

#### **E. Regional RDC Programs**

There currently are no RDC programs in effect in Treutlen County, nor are there any plans to establish a program(s) in the near future.

#### **F. Summary of Needs/Assessment**

The general priority needs as determined by the local governments for public education and involvement are as follows:

1. There is a need to continue an active codes enforcement program countywide with an increased emphasis on litter control, promoting the use of recycling, source reduction, and reuse where appropriate. Additional funds to expand the program's scope should be pursued as necessary.
2. There is a need to increase the promotion and utilization of recycling activities throughout Treutlen County.
3. There is a need to continue a recycling/waste reduction education program within the Treutlen County School System, in conjunction with the Treutlen County Codes Enforcement.
4. There is a need for Treutlen County to participate in local, regional, and state beautification activities.

#### **G. Education and Public Involvement Goals**

1. Maintain a countywide education and technical assistance program as a joint effort among Treutlen County and the City of Soperton in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting; and seek funding as appropriate to expand the program to full-time.
2. Support the continuation of educational programs within the Treutlen County School System concerning recycling and source reduction activities, and establish new programs as needed.
3. Increase the voluntary recycling and reduction opportunities for businesses and industries.
4. Increase participation in local, regional, and state beautification efforts, both in the incorporated and unincorporated areas, and form local programs as appropriate.

# **The Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan**

## **Reports of Accomplishments**

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**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
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**Treutlen County – Waste Stream Element**

**STWP ITEM:**           **Maintain an ongoing data collection system/procedure addressing collection, reduction, transfer and disposal.**

**COMPLETE:**           Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County will continue to maintain a data collection system on an ongoing basis. This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Manage data collection system.**

**COMPLETE:**           Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County will continue to manage a data collection system on an ongoing basis. This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.**

**COMPLETE:**           Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County will continue to monitor the quantity and composition of waste received at its transfer station on an annual basis. This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
Report of Accomplishments**

**Treutlen County – Collection Element**

**STWP ITEM:** Continue status quo for solid waste collection.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County provides approximately 5-7 unstaffed green boxes each at 11 sites throughout the county for residential solid waste, and the County is responsible for collection in the unincorporated areas. The green boxes are collected twice per week. Once waste is collected, it is transported by the County to its transfer station and then to the Toombs County Landfill for proper disposal. This current arrangement will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Select sites for convenience stations.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County provides 11 unstaffed green box sites for residential solid waste, which are collected by the County on a twice per week basis. This current arrangement will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Operate and maintain convenience station.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County provides 11 unstaffed green box sites for residential solid waste, which are collected by the County on a twice per week basis. This current arrangement will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Maintain commercial collection throughout Treutlen County.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** Commercial businesses may rent a dumpster(s) from the County, and these are collected by the County anywhere from once to twice per week. This current arrangement will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Consolidate the Treutlen County green boxes into eleven sites.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County now provides 11 unstaffed green box sites with approximately 5-7 green boxes per site for residential solid waste collection. This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Develop service centers to replace green boxes.

**COMPLETE:** No.

REASON NC: Service centers have not been developed due to a lack of adequate and available funding at the present time.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Purchase a new truck for green box collection.**

COMPLETE: No

REASON NC: It was determined that a new truck was not needed at this time.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
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**Treutlen County – Waste Reduction Element**

**STWP ITEM:**            **Develop drop-off system for recyclable materials.**

**COMPLETE:**            Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** Utilizing GEFA funding, Treutlen County has one established recycling center. This site has allowed Treutlen County the opportunity to move its recycling efforts forward and better assist the County in its waste reduction efforts. The County currently has a total of 12 bins for the collection of various recyclables. Operation of the drop-off system for recyclable materials will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**            **Determine additional drop-off sites for recyclable materials.**

**COMPLETE:**            Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** Treutlen County will continue to explore future sites for additional recycling centers/recycling bins as the need arises and as funds are available. This item will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**            **Procure private services for collection of recyclables at drop-off sites.**

**COMPLETE:**            Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The Treutlen Mental Health Center currently collects recycled newspapers and takes them to Southeastern Paper Company in Dublin. Paper and plastics are collected by the County from a trailer located at the Treutlen Middle/High School and taken to the Montgomery County Recycling Center. Clothes are collected by the Salvation Army store in Dublin. Other recyclables are sold to Carnstar of Austell, Georgia. This item will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**            **Operate drop-off program.**

**COMPLETE:**            Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County will continue to operate its recycling center located at the Treutlen County Airport on an ongoing basis. This item will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**            **Target specific recyclables for commercial collection.**

**COMPLETE:**            Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** Among the commercial recyclables that the County accepts are cardboard, plastics, oil, tires, metals, appliances, and batteries. Appliances are sold to Whitfield Recycling, LLC of Bristol, Florida, and tires are sold to Greenman Technologies of Georgia. This item will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Coordinate commercial recycling program with residential drop-offs.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Administer a commercial recycling program.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for reduction and recycling for industries.**

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Establish and maintain a mulching program at the Treutlen County Recycling Center.**

COMPLETE: No.

REASON NC: A mulching program is operated by the City of Soperton, and county residents are allowed to receive mulch upon request.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
Report of Accomplishments**

**Treutlen County – Disposal Element**

**STWP ITEM:**           **Contract and transfer solid waste to Toombs County Sanitary Landfill.**

**COMPLETE:**        Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Maintain an ongoing data collection system for monitoring disposal quantities.**

**COMPLETE:**        Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The County will continue to maintain a data collection system on an ongoing basis. This item will be restated in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
Report of Accomplishments**

**Treutlen County – Joint Education Element**

**STWP ITEM:**           **Maintain the countywide education and technical assistance program regarding reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: Solid waste/recycling education efforts in the County are handled by the County’s part-time codes enforcement/recycling coordinator. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Employ a part-time staff person to assist in coordinating public education programs in the region.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The County has a part-time codes enforcement/recycling coordinator. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue to target specific audiences for education programs and to administer the education program.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue school system curriculum focusing on reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue to develop informative programs for the local community regarding solid waste and composting.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue education outreach efforts in conjunction with the commercial recycling industries.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continued development of an education program focusing on voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continue utilizing the local media as an outlet for solid waste and recycling education.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continue developing educational materials on recycling, reuse, reduction, and composting for public use.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continue establishing special promotions relating to recycling activities, such as the “Christmas Tree Recycling” program.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continued development and coordination of a volunteer base for educational activities.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
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**Treutlen County – Financing Element**

**STWP ITEM: Determine tipping fees for disposal facility.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Maintain a full cost accounting system for solid waste management.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Update user fees for waste collection and drop-off system when necessary.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Determine the most cost effective ways of revenue recovery for solid waste programs.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for commercial and industrial sectors.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Pursue additional funding for waste reduction and recycling projects through state grants.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will be restated in the Waste Reduction Element in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
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**City of Soperton – Waste Stream Element**

**STWP ITEM:**           **Maintain an ongoing data collection system/procedure addressing collection, reduction, transfer and disposal.**

**COMPLETE:**        Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The City will continue to maintain a data collection system on an ongoing basis. This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Manage data collection system.**

**COMPLETE:**        Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The City will continue to manage a data collection system on an ongoing basis. This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Monitor waste quantity and composition annually.**

**COMPLETE:**        Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The City will continue to monitor the quantity and composition of waste collected on an annual basis. This item will not be restated in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
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**City of Soperton – Collection Element**

**STWP ITEM:** Continue status quo for solid waste collection.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The City provides curbside collection within the incorporated area for residential solid waste, and waste is collected once per week. Once waste is collected, it is transported by the City to the Toombs County Landfill for proper disposal. This current arrangement will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continued business level of service collection system.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** Individual businesses will continue to contract with Sullivan Environmental Services for commercial solid waste collection. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Reopen and maintain the City of Soperton Inert Landfill.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The City has an EPD permitted 17-acre inert landfill located on U.S. 221 South, and maintenance will continue on an ongoing basis. The maintenance of the inert landfill will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Purchase a new collection vehicle to provide for future planned city annexations.

**COMPLETE:**

**PROJECT STATUS:**

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**City of Soperton – Waste Reduction Element**

**STWP ITEM:** Examine economic incentives for reduction and recycling for industries.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Encourage Soperton residents to utilize the Treutlen County Recycling Center.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Explore recycling endeavors for the City of Soperton.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** The City of Soperton has approximately 40-45 collection bins to collect cardboard and newspapers. Each commercial business has its own bin. These items are collected by the City once per week and are taken to Treutlen County’s Recycling Center at the Treutlen County Airport. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan  
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**City of Soperton – Disposal Element**

**STWP ITEM:** Continue to dispose of the City of Soperton’s solid waste at the Toombs County Landfill.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Maintain an ongoing data collection system for monitoring disposal quantities.

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

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**City of Soperton – Joint Education Element**

**STWP ITEM:**           **Maintain the countywide education and technical assistance program regarding reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: Solid waste/recycling education efforts in the County are handled by the County’s part-time codes enforcement/recycling coordinator. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Employ a part-time staff person to assist in coordinating public education programs in the region.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: The County has a part-time codes enforcement/recycling coordinator. This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue to target specific audiences for education programs and to administer the education program.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue school system curriculum focusing on reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an ongoing basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue to develop informative programs for the local community regarding solid waste and composting.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:**           **Continue education outreach efforts in conjunction with the commercial recycling industries.**

COMPLETE:           Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continued development of an education program focusing on voluntary reduction and recycling activities of industries.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continue utilizing the local media as an outlet for solid waste and recycling education.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continue developing educational materials on recycling, reuse, reduction, and composting for public use.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continue establishing special promotions relating to recycling activities, such as the “Christmas Tree Recycling” program.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM:** Continued development and coordination of a volunteer base for educational activities.

COMPLETE: Yes.

PROJECT STATUS: This item will be continued on an as needed basis and will be restated in the new STWP.

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**City of Soperton – Financing Element**

**STWP ITEM: Determine tipping fees for disposal facility.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Maintain a full cost accounting system for solid waste management.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Update user fees for waste collection and drop-off system when necessary.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Determine the most cost effective ways of revenue recovery for solid waste programs.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Examine economic incentives for commercial and industrial sectors.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will not be restated in the new STWP.

**STWP ITEM: Pursue additional funding for waste reduction and recycling projects through state grants.**

**COMPLETE:** Yes.

**PROJECT STATUS:** This item will be continued on an as needed basis but will be restated in the Waste Reduction Element in the new STWP.

# **The Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan**

## **Short Term Work Programs**

**Treutlen County  
City of Soperton**

TREUTLEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE  
2007-2016

<b>COLLECTION ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue current method of solid waste collection	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$28/ton	Local
Select sites as needed for convenience stations	2007-2016	Treutlen County	NA	Local
Continue to operate and maintain convenience stations	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$28/ton/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Continue to maintain commercial collection throughout Treutlen County	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$28/ton	Local
Develop manned green box sites	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$850,000/site	Local, State (GEFA Grants)
<b>WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to operate and maintain drop-off system for recyclable materials	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$24,350/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Continue to research the possibility of adding new drop-off sites throughout the county	2007-2016	Treutlen County	NA	NA
Continue to procure private services for collection of recyclables at drop-off sites	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Private Vendors	\$2,700/yr.	Local

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2007-2016

<b>WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to target specific recyclables for commercial collection	2007-2016	Treutlen County	NA	NA
Continue to coordinate and administer commercial recycling program	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$24,350/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Continue to examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection	2007-2016	Treutlen County	NA	NA
<b>DISPOSAL ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to contract and transfer solid waste to the Toombs County Sanitary Landfill	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$28/ton	Local
Monitor disposal quantities through a data collection system	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$25,000/yr.	Local

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<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Maintain a countywide education and technical assistance program as a joint effort among the County and the City of Soperton in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton, Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	\$20,000/yr.	Local
Continue to employ a part-time staff person to assist in coordinating public education programs in the region	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$10,000/yr.	Local
Continue to target specific audiences and administer an educational program	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue school system curriculum focus on reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement, School System	\$1,500/yr.	Local
Continue to develop informative programs for the local community regarding solid waste and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Create educational opportunities as needed in conjunction with the commercial recycling program	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA

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<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to administer an education program directed toward encouraging industries to undertake voluntary reduction and recycling activities	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue to utilize the local media as an outlet for educational activities	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton, Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue to develop educational materials as needed for recycling, reuse, reduction, and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue to coordinate special promotions for recycling activities	2007-2016	Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Solicit and coordinate a volunteer base to assist with solid waste and recycling educational activities	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton, Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	NA	NA

CITY OF SOPERTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
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<b>COLLECTION ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue current method of solid waste collection	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$28/ton	Local
Continue to maintain commercial collection within the City of Soperton	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$28/ton	Local
Continue to maintain the City of Soperton's inert landfill	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$50,000/yr.	Local
<b>WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to operate and maintain drop-off system for recyclable materials	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$10,000/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Continue to research the possibility of adding new drop-off sites throughout the county	2007-2016	Treutlen County	NA	NA
Continue to procure private services for collection of recyclables at drop-off sites	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Private Vendors	\$24,350/yr. (part of solid waste collection)	Local
Pursue the purchase of a trailer for recycling	2007	City of Soperton	\$15,000	Local
Purchase containers for curbside collection of recyclables	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$20,000	Local, State (GEFA)

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<b>WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to examine economic incentives for commercial businesses in disposal and collection	2007-2016	City of Soperton	NA	NA
Continue to encourage residents to utilize the Treutlen County Recycling Center	2007-2016	City of Soperton	NA	NA
Continue to explore additional endeavors as needed	2007-2016	City of Soperton	NA	NA
Pursue the purchase of a chipper	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$20,000	Local, State (GEFA)
Construct a storage building for equipment at the inert landfill	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$3,000	Local
<b>DISPOSAL ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to contract and transfer solid waste to the Toombs County Sanitary Landfill	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$28/ton	Local
Monitor disposal quantities through a data collection system	2007-2016	City of Soperton	\$20,000/yr.	Local

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<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Maintain a countywide education and technical assistance program as a joint effort among the County and the City of Soperton in source reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton, Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	\$20,000/yr.	Local
Continue to employ a part-time staff person to assist in coordinating public education programs in the region	2007-2016	Treutlen County	\$10,000/yr.	Local
Continue to target specific audiences and administer an educational program	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue school system curriculum focus on reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement, School System	\$1,500/yr.	Local
Continue to develop informative programs for the local community regarding solid waste and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Create educational opportunities as needed in conjunction with the commercial recycling program	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	NA	NA

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<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>YEARS THE PLAN IS COVERING</b>	<b>PARTY OR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST OF PROPOSED PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE</b>
Continue to administer an education program directed toward encouraging industries to undertake voluntary reduction and recycling activities	2007-2016	Treutlen County Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue to utilize the local media as an outlet for educational activities	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton, Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue to develop educational materials as needed for recycling, reuse, reduction, and composting	2007-2016	Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	\$1,000/yr.	Local
Continue to coordinate special promotions for recycling activities	2007-2016	Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	NA	NA
Solicit and coordinate a volunteer base to assist with solid waste and recycling educational activities	2007-2016	Treutlen County, Soperton, Treutlen Co. Codes Enforcement	NA	NA

**The Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste  
Management Plan**

**Assurance of Ten-year Disposal Capacity**

**Treutlen County  
City of Soperton**

# Toombs County Commissioners

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October 31, 2006

Mr. George L. McClendon, Chairman  
Treutlen County Board of Commissioners  
302 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Soperton, Georgia 30457

Dear Chairman McClendon:

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by Treutlen County. Waste is hauled by Treutlen County to the Toombs County Landfill, and the GA EPD permit number for this facility is 138006D. This facility has a remaining capacity of 20 years. This assurance is based upon Treutlen County disposing of approximately 2,622 tons of waste on an annual basis.

We thank Treutlen County for this business partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,  
Toombs County Commissioners



Charles Rustin  
Chairman

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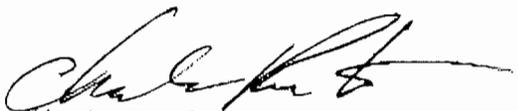
Mayor Greg Higgs  
City of Soperton  
PO Box 229  
Soperton, Georgia 30457

Dear Mayor Higgs:

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by the City of Soperton. Waste is hauled by the City of Soperton to the Toombs County Landfill and the GA EPD permit number for this facility is 138-006D. This facility has a remaining capacity of 20 years. This assurance is based upon the City of Soperton disposing of approximately 1,000 tons of waste on an annual basis.

We thank the City of Soperton for this business partnership and look forward to providing environmentally sound waste disposal options for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,



Charles Rustin  
Commissioner Chairman

## **APPENDIX C**

# **Treutlen County Service Delivery Strategy Certification and Service Delivery Strategy Revised Forms**

# **Treutlen County Service Delivery Strategy Update Certification**



## SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY UPDATE CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions:

This two page form must, at a minimum, be signed by an authorized representative of the following governments: 1) the county; 2) the city serving as the county seat; 3) all cities having a 2000 population of over 9,000 residing within the county; and 4) no less than 50% of all other cities with a 2000 population of between 500 and 9,000 residing within the county. Cities with a 2000 population below 500 and local authorities providing services under the strategy are not required to sign this form, but are encouraged to do so.

### UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

We, the undersigned authorized representatives of the jurisdictions listed below, certify that:

1. We have reviewed our existing Service Delivery Strategy and have determined that:  
(Check only one box for question #1)

- A. Our Strategy continues to accurately reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services throughout our county and no changes in our Strategy are needed at this time; or
- B. Our Strategy has been revised to reflect our preferred arrangements for providing local services.

If Option A is selected, only this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives must be provided to DCA.

If Option B is selected, this form, signed by the appropriate local government representatives, must be submitted to DCA along with:

- an updated "Summary of Service Arrangements" form (page 2) for each local service that has been revised/updated;
  - any supporting local agreements pertaining to each of these services that has been revised/updated; and
  - an updated service area map depicting the agreed upon service area for each provider if there is more than one service provider for each service that has been revised/updated within the county, and if the agreed upon service areas do not coincide with local political boundaries.
2. Each of our governing bodies (County Commission and City Councils) that are a party to this strategy have adopted resolutions agreeing to the Service Delivery arrangements identified in our strategy and have executed agreements for implementation of our service delivery strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-21);
3. Our service delivery strategy continues to promote the delivery of local government services in the most efficient, effective, and responsive manner for all residents, individuals and property owners throughout the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1));
4. Our service delivery strategy continues to provide that water or sewer fees charged to customers located outside the geographic boundaries of a service provider are reasonable and are not arbitrarily higher than the fees charged to customers located within the geographic boundaries of the service provider (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (2));
5. Our service delivery strategy continues to ensure that the cost of any services the county government provides (including those jointly funded by the county and one or more municipalities) primarily for the benefit of the unincorporated area of the county are borne by the unincorporated area residents, individuals, and property owners who receive such service (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (3));

6. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the officially adopted County and City land use plans of all local governments located in the County are compatible and nonconflicting (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(A));
7. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to ensure that the provision of extraterritorial water and sewer services by any jurisdiction is consistent with all County and City land use plans and ordinances (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(B)); and
8. Our Service Delivery Strategy continues to contain an agreed upon process between the county government and each city located in the county to resolve land use classification disputes when the county objects to the proposed land use of an area to be annexed into a city within the county (O.C.G.A. 36-70-24 (4)(C))' and;
9. DCA has been provided a copy of this certification and copies of all forms, maps and supporting agreements needed to accurately depict our agreed upon strategy (O.C.G.A. 36-70-27).

*'If the County does not have an Annexation/Land Use dispute resolution process with each of its cities, list the cities where no agreed upon process exists: \_\_\_\_\_*

<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<b>NAME:</b> (Please print or type)	<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>JURISDICTION:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
	Greg Higgs	Mayor	City of Soperton	11/3/2006
	George L. McLendon	Chairman	Treutlen County	11/07/06

# **Treutlen County Service Delivery Strategy Revised Forms**



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY

FOR \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

PAGE 1

**I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Only one set of these forms should be submitted per county. The completed forms should clearly present the collective agreement reached by all cities and counties that were party to the service delivery strategy.
2. List each local government and/or authority that provides services included in the service delivery strategy in Section II below.
3. List all services provided or primarily funded by each general purpose local government and authority within the county in Section III below. It is acceptable to break a service into separate components if this will facilitate description of the service delivery strategy.
4. For **each** service or service component listed in Section III, complete a separate *Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements* form (page 2).
5. Complete one copy of the *Summary of Land Use Agreements* form (page 3).
6. Have the *Certifications* form (page 4) signed by the authorized representatives of participating local governments. Please note that DCA cannot validate the strategy unless it is signed by the local governments required by law (see Instructions, page 4).
7. Mail the completed forms along with any attachments to:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
Office of Coordinated Planning  
60 Executive Park South, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

*For answers to most frequently asked questions on Georgia's Service Delivery Act, links and helpful publications, visit DCA's website at [www.dca.servicedelivery.org](http://www.dca.servicedelivery.org), or call the Office of Coordinated Planning at (404) 679-3114.*

*Note: Any future changes to the service delivery arrangements described on these forms will require an official update of the service delivery strategy and submittal of revised forms and attachments to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.*

**II. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:**

In this section, list all local governments (including cities located partially within the county) and authorities that provide services included in the service delivery strategy.

**III. SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY:**

For each service listed here, a separate *Summary of Service Delivery Arrangements* form (page 2) must be completed.



**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY**  
**SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS    PAGE 2**

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**Instructions:**

**Make copies of this form and complete one for each service listed on page 1, Section III.** Use exactly the same service names listed on page 1. Answer each question below, attaching additional pages as necessary. If the contact person for this service (listed at the bottom of the page) changes, this should be reported to the Department of Community Affairs.

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**County:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): \_\_\_\_\_

Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): \_\_\_\_\_

One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service): \_\_\_\_\_

One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the county will provide the service in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service.): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (If this box is checked, **attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider**, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): \_\_\_\_\_

2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

If these conditions will be eliminated under the strategy, **attach an implementation schedule** listing each step or action that will be taken to eliminate them, the responsible party and the agreed upon deadline for completing it.

3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

7. Person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy?  Yes  No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

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**SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY  
SUMMARY OF SERVICE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS    PAGE 2**

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**Instructions:**

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**County:** Trentlen

**Service:** Animal Control

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1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

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2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
City of Soperton	General Fund
Treutlen County	General Fund

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated. The City of Soperton and Treutlen County have an informal agreement whereby the County may bring stray animals from the unincorporated area to the county jail, where the City will pick them up and take them to the Humane Society in Dublin. The County contributes some General Fund monies toward this end.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

None

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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Courts

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2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund and Fines

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

The City of Soperton now contracts with Treutlen County for law enforcement protection. Therefore, the County now provides for all courts countywide.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Economic Development

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

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Other (If this box is checked, **attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider**, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.):

Treutlen County Development Authority, Soperton Downtown Development Authority, Laurens - Treutlen Joint Development Authority

2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

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<b>Local Government or Authority:</b>	<b>Funding Method:</b>
Treutlen County	General Fund
City of Soperton	General Fund
Treutlen Co. Dev. Auth.	General Fund, Grants
City of Soperton DDA	General Fund (Soperton)

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

Economic Development services are provided primarily through the Treutlen County Development Authority and secondarily through the Laurens-Treutlen Joint Development Authority. However, neither the County nor the TCDA contribute funding to the JDA. The City of Soperton plans to reactivate the Soperton Downtown Development Authority in the future, and this will provide a higher level of service.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

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6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

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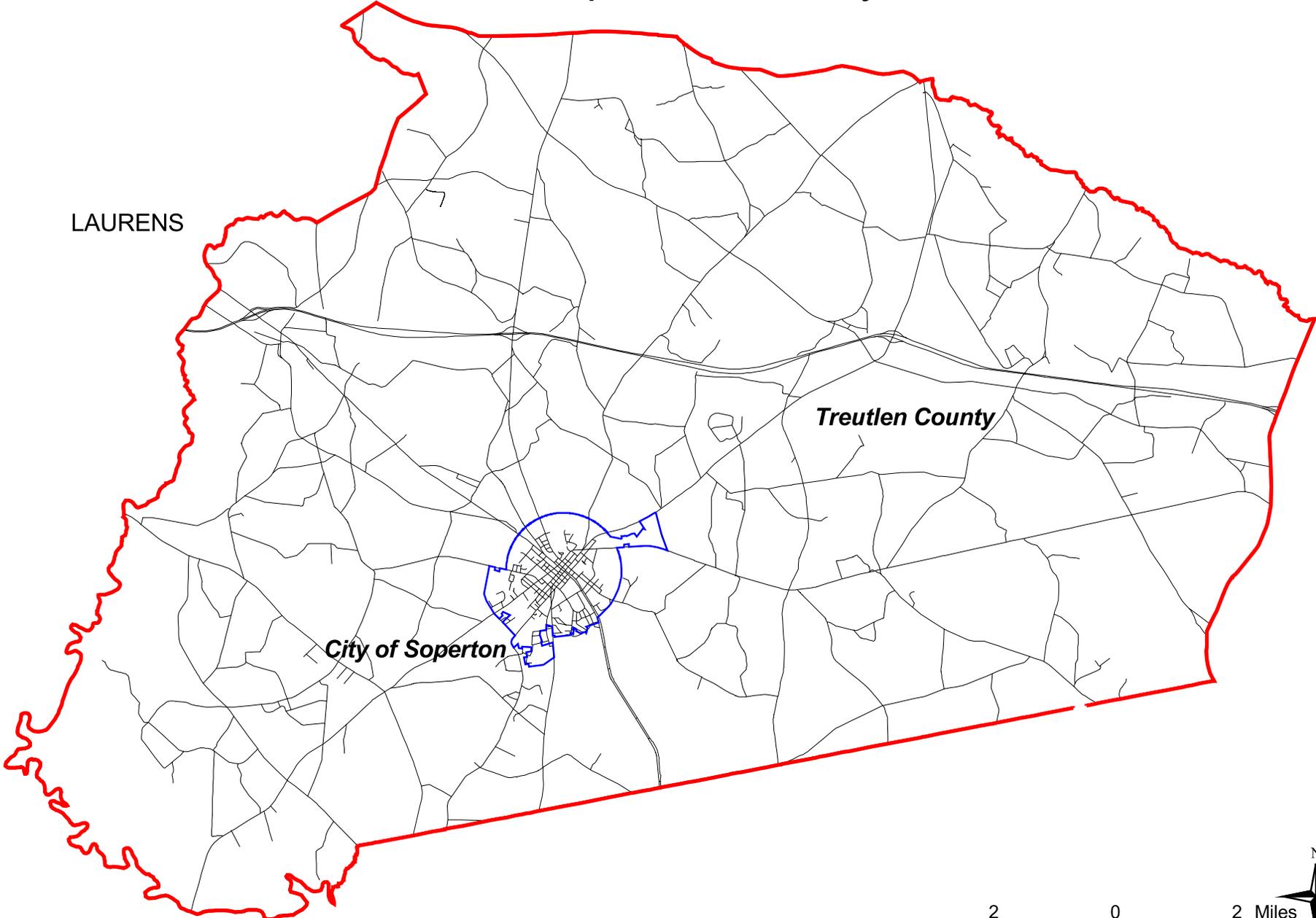
# Laurens - Treutlen Joint Development Authority

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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** E-911

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Yes  No

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund, Grant, and User Fees

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Fire Protection

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Treutlen County, City of Soperton

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Yes  No

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund, Grants
City of Soperton	General Fund, Grants

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

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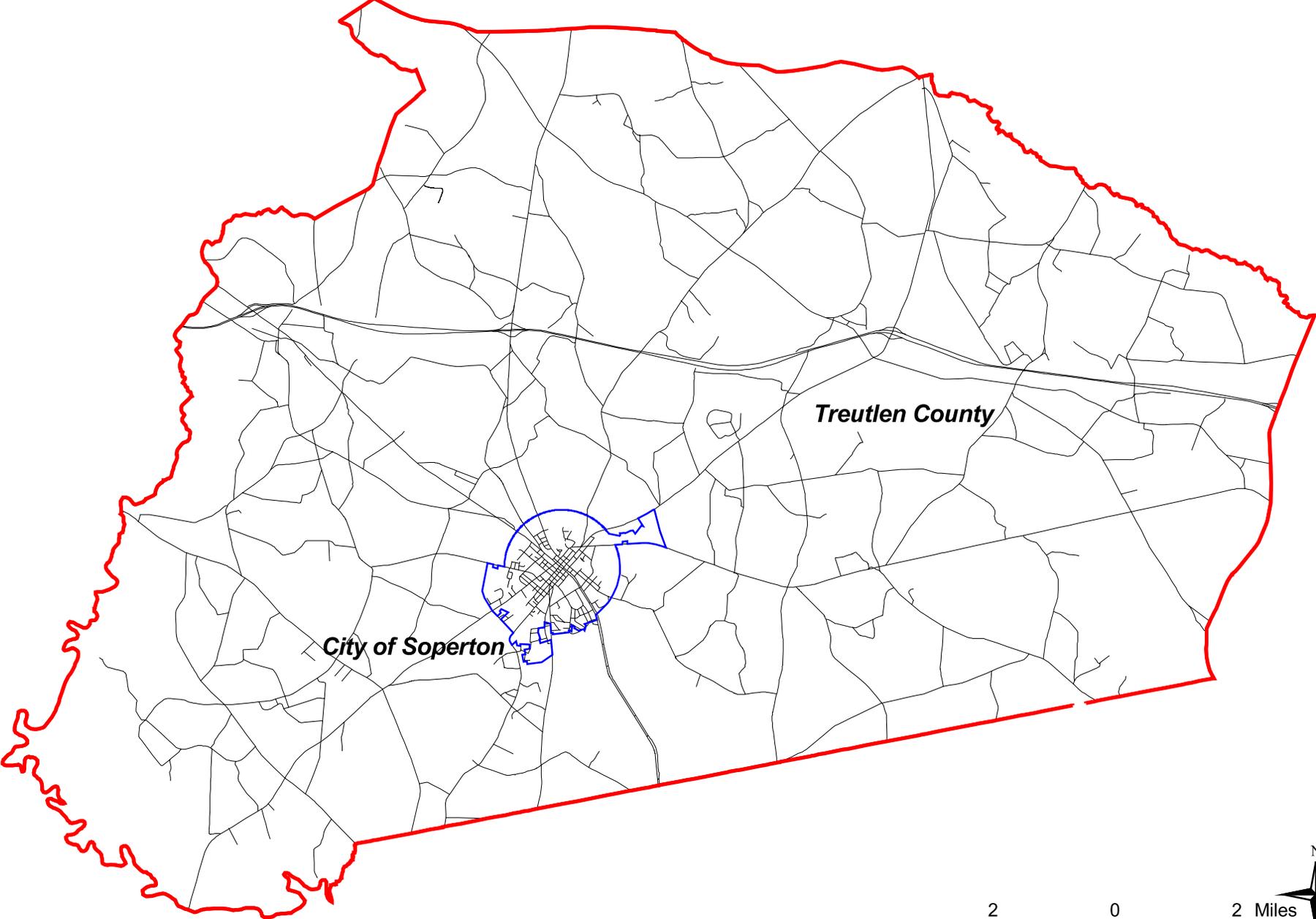
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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Jail

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund, Fines, & SPLOST
City of Soperton	General Fund

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

The City of Soperton now contracts with Treutlen County for law enforcement protection. Therefore, jail service is now provided countywide by Treutlen County, with the City contributing funding.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

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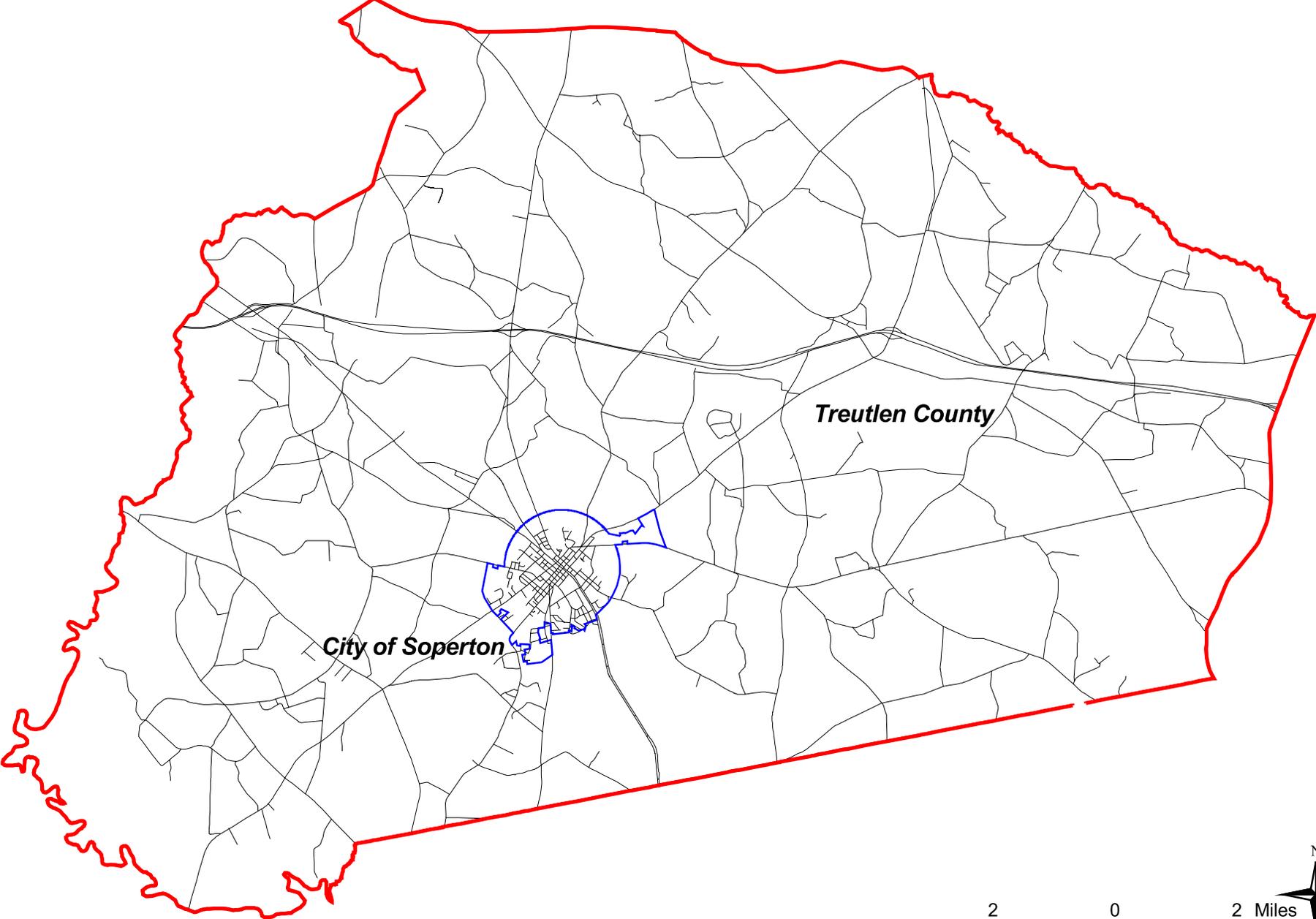
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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Law Enforcement

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund and Fines, Grants
City of Soperton	General Fund

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

The City of Soperton now contracts with Treutlen County for law enforcement protection, with the City contributing some of the funding. Each party may give the other 30 days notice if they wish to terminate the contract and return to the previous arrangement.

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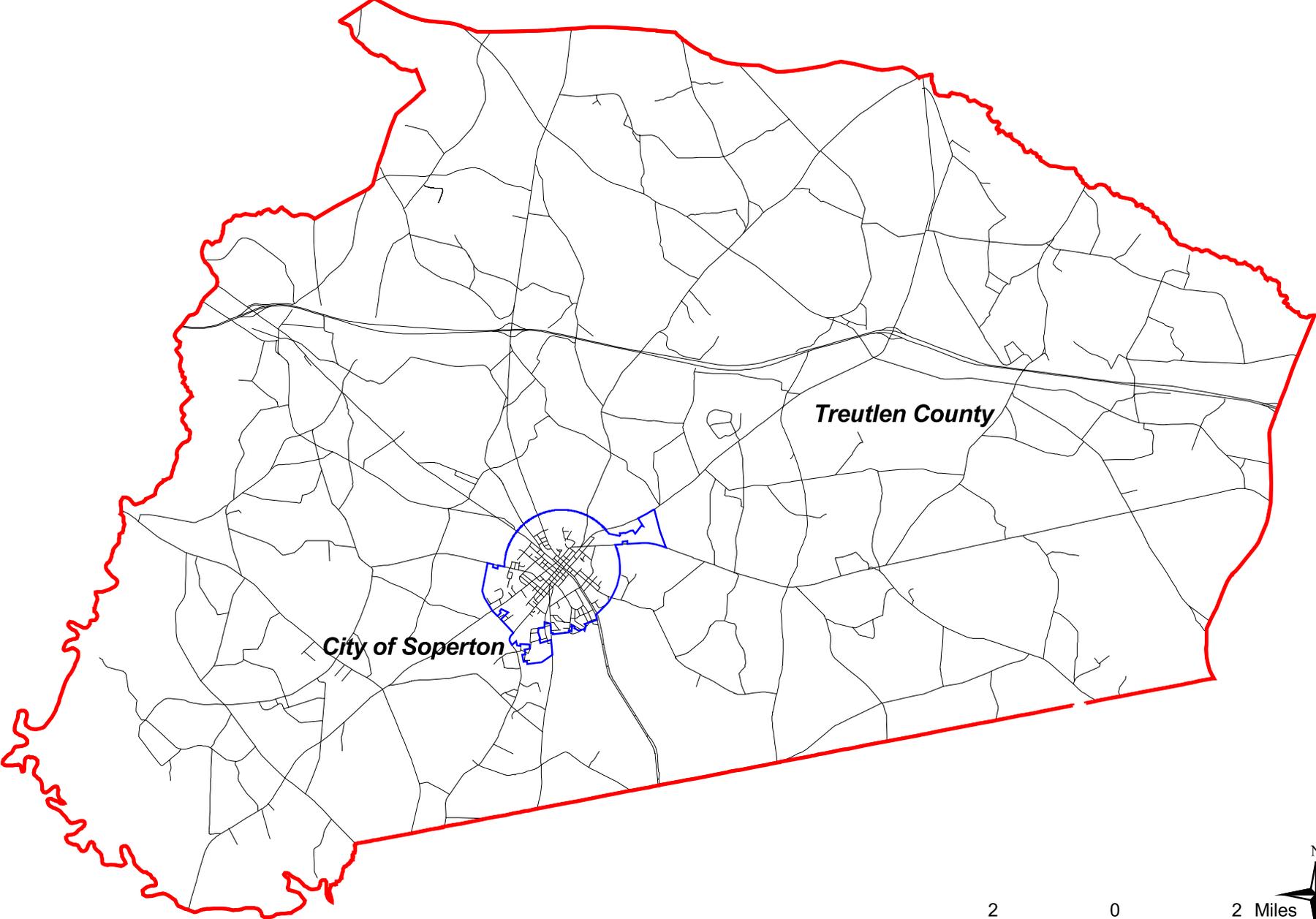
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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Library

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**Local Government or Authority:**

**Funding Method:**

Treutlen County	General Fund and State Funds
City of Soperton	General Fund
Treutlen County BOE	General Fund

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

**Agreement Name:**

**Contracting Parties:**

**Effective and Ending Dates:**

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treullen County Hospital Authority	Contract, State Fund, User Fees

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

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**County:** Trentlen

**Service:** Public Housing

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): Soperton Housing Authority

Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): \_\_\_\_\_

One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service): \_\_\_\_\_

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Other (If this box is checked, **attach a legible map delineating the service area of each service provider**, and identify the government, authority, or other organization that will provide service within each service area.): \_\_\_\_\_

2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

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3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Soperton Housing Authority	HUD

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

None

7. Person completing form: Sylvia Norris, County Clerk  
 Phone number: 912-529-3664 Date completed: 9/2606

8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy?  Yes  No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Public Welfare

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

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2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund and State

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

None

7. Person completing form: Sylvia Norris, County Clerk  
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8. Is this the person who should be contacted by state agencies when evaluating whether proposed local government projects are consistent with the service delivery strategy?  Yes  No

If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:  
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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Recreation

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

Service will be provided countywide (i.e., including all cities and unincorporated areas) by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): City of Soperton

Service will be provided only in the unincorporated portion of the county by a single service provider. (If this box is checked, identify the government, authority or organization providing the service.): \_\_\_\_\_

One or more cities will provide this service only within their incorporated boundaries, and the service will not be provided in unincorporated areas. (If this box is checked, identify the government(s), authority or organization providing the service): \_\_\_\_\_

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2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

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3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
City of Soperton	General Fund, User Fees, and Grants
Treutlen County	General Fund

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated. A higher level of service is provided by the City of Soperton. The County has no formal program of its own due to its small population, and therefore the County contributes \$35,000/year to the City to provide recreation service to county residents.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

None

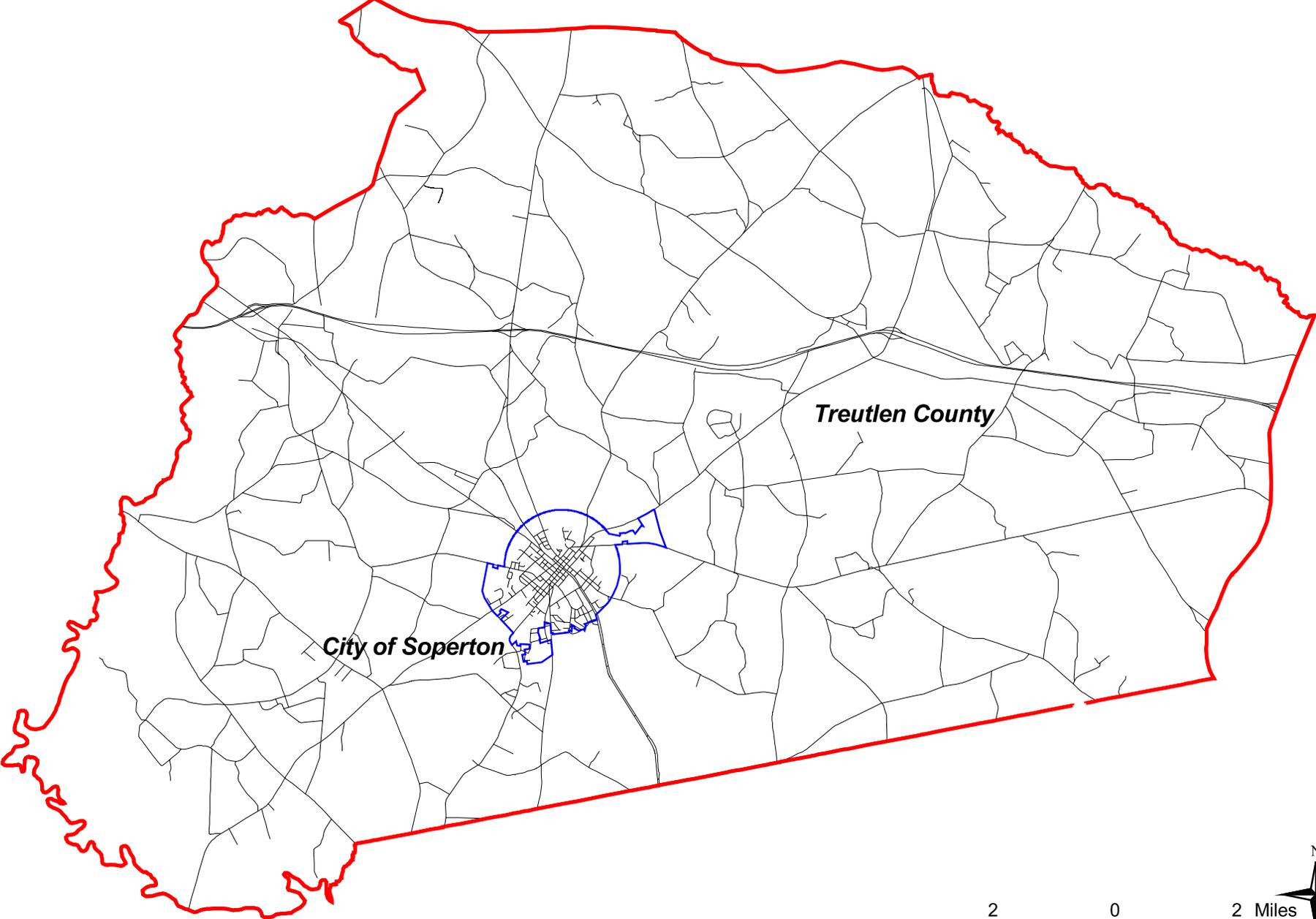
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If not, provide designated contact person(s) and phone number(s) below:

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# Treutlen County and City of Soperton



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3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund, Grants
City of Soperton	General Fund, Grants

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

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None

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund and Grants
City of Soperton	General Fund and Grants

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

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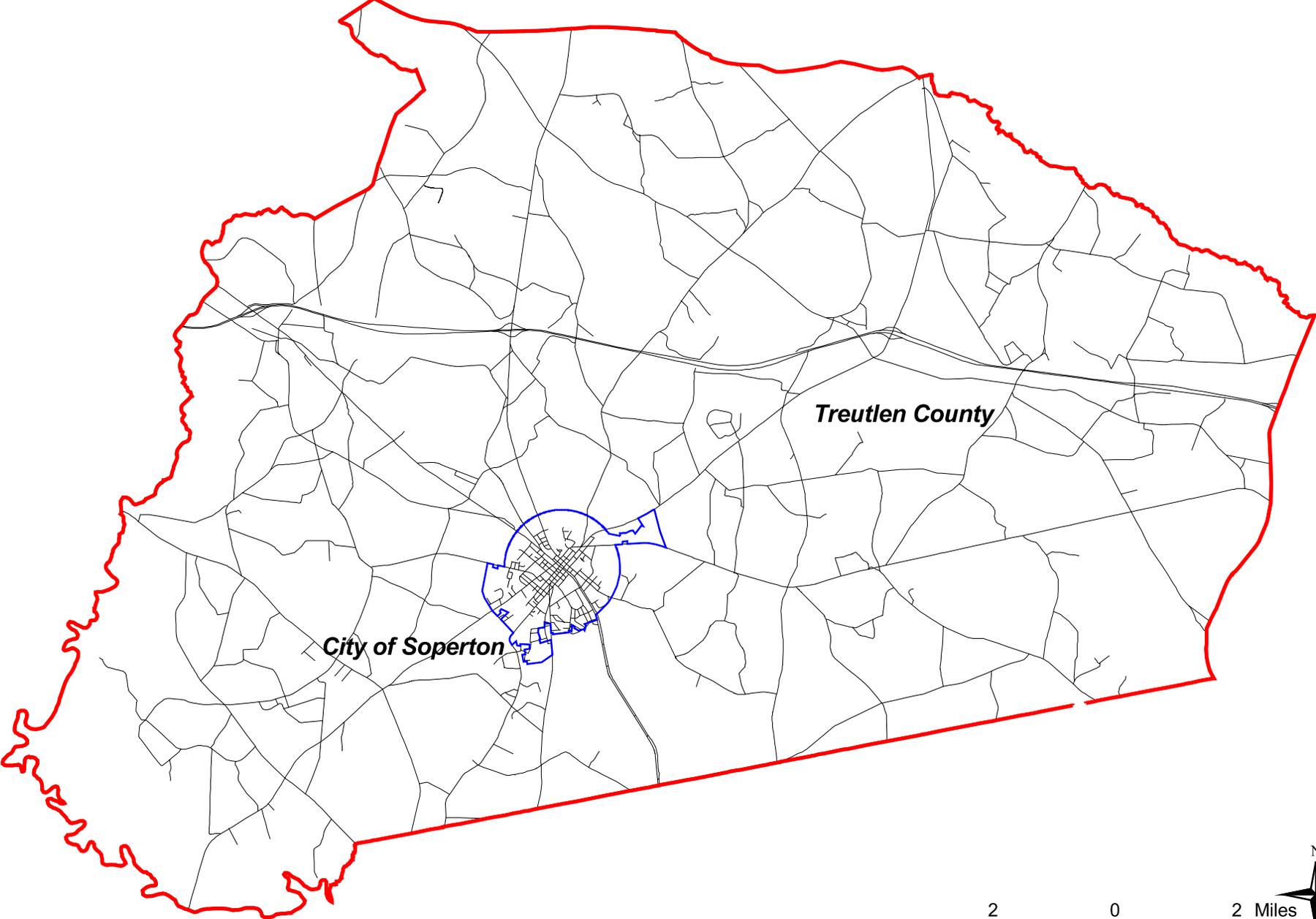
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# Treutlen County and City of Soperton



2 0 2 Miles





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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
City of Soperton	Enterprise Fund, User Fees, Grants, SPLOST

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated. The City of Soperton plans to take over the sewer system in the Treutlen County Industrial Park in the future, possibly in conjunction with the annexation of the park.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

6. What other mechanisms (if any) will be used to implement the strategy for this service (e.g., ordinances, resolutions, local acts of the General Assembly, rate or fee changes, etc.), and when will they take effect?

None

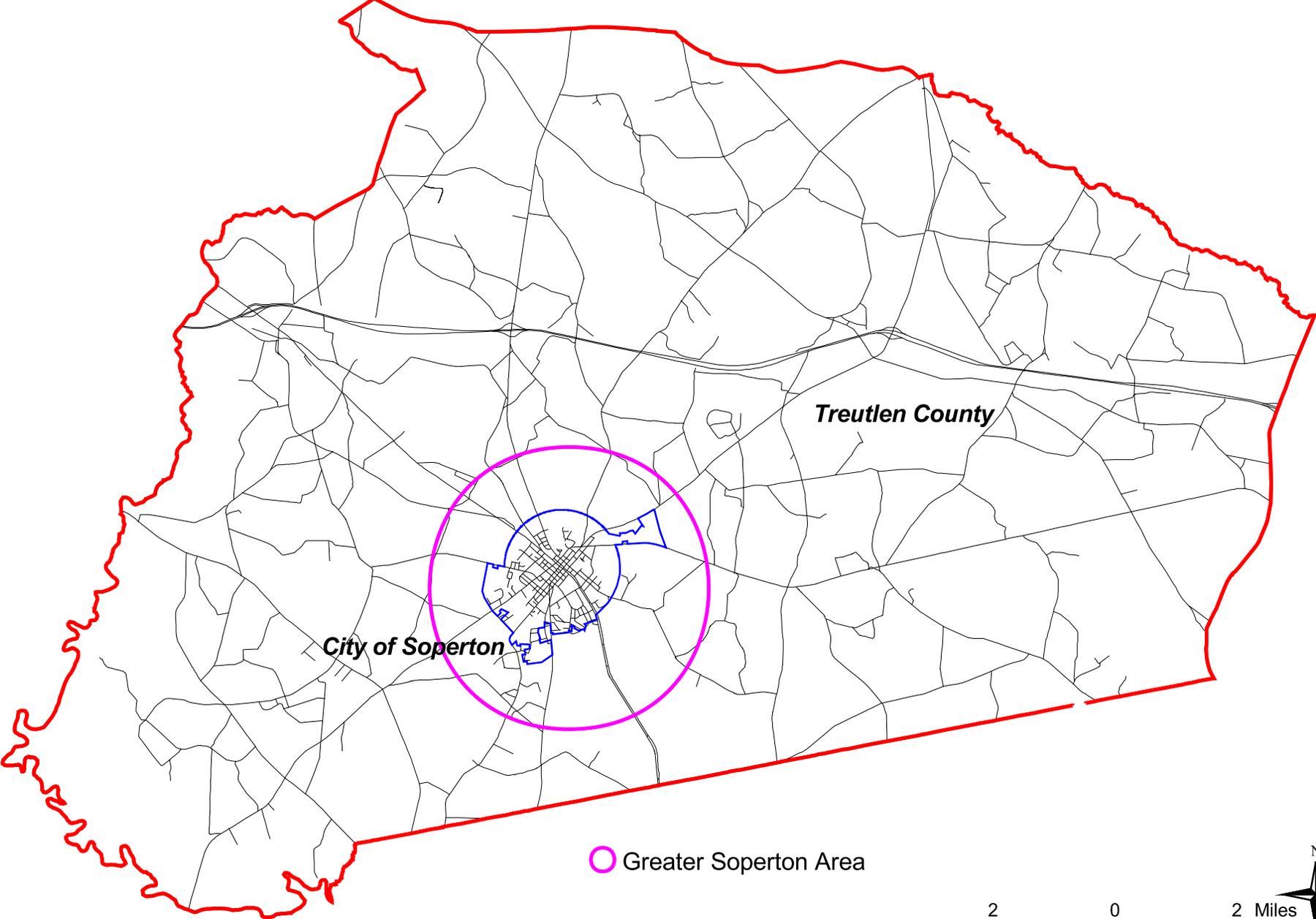
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# City of Soperton (Greater Soperton) Service Area



○ Greater Soperton Area

2 0 2 Miles





3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
City of Soperton	Water Fund, Fees, Grants
Treutlen County Dev. Auth.	General Fund, Grants

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated. The Treutlen County Industrial Park, which is located outside of the city limits of Soperton, has its own water system. There is the possibility that the City may take over the Industrial Park water system sometime in the future.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

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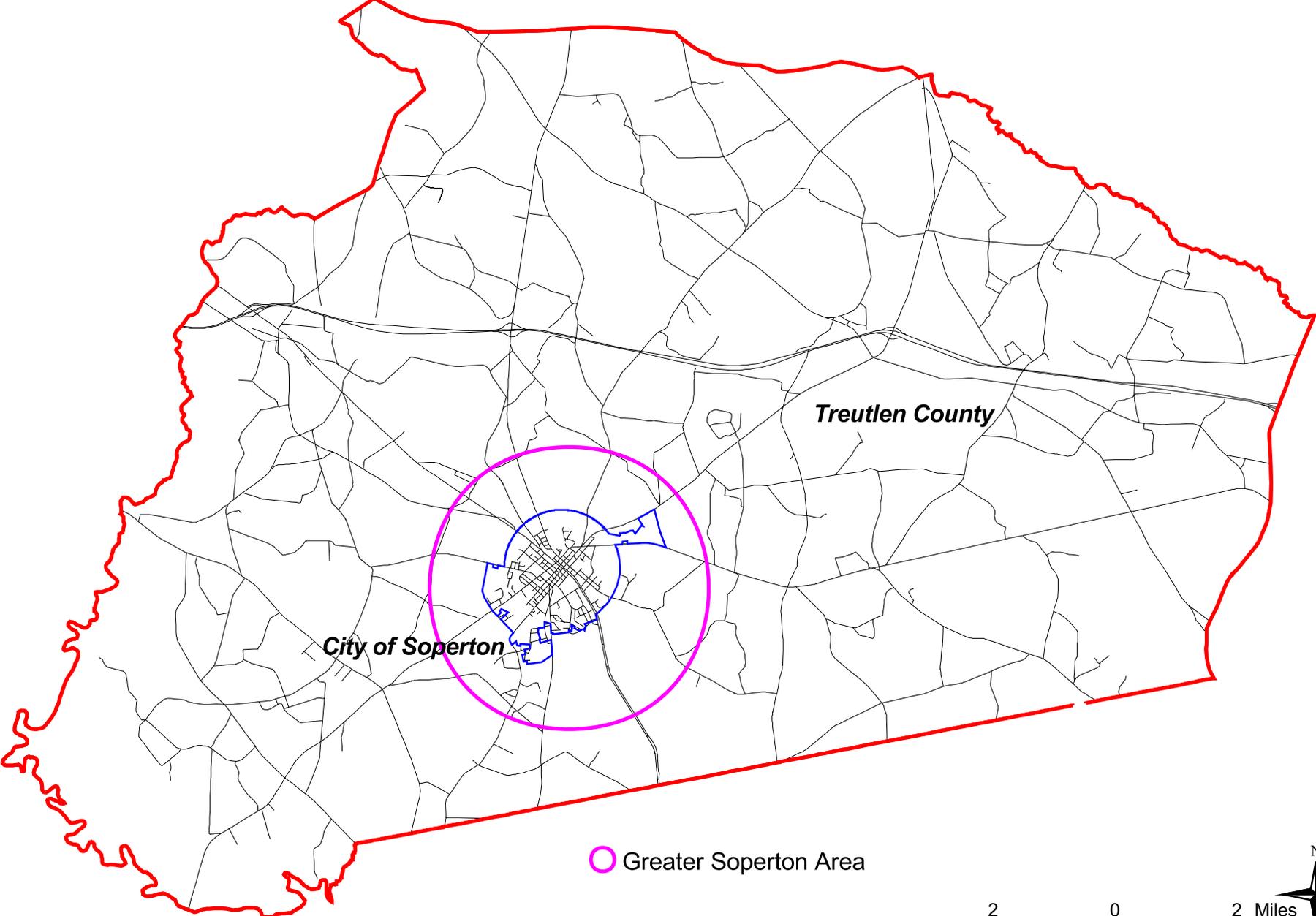
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# City of Soperton (Greater Soperton) Service Area



○ Greater Soperton Area

2 0 2 Miles





3. List each government or authority that will help to pay for this service and indicate how the service will be funded (e.g., enterprise funds, user fees, general funds, special service district revenues, hotel/motel taxes, franchise taxes, impact fees, bonded indebtedness, etc.).

<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	General Fund

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

<i>Agreement Name:</i>	<i>Contracting Parties:</i>	<i>Effective and Ending Dates:</i>

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**County:** Treutlen

**Service:** Crime-Victim Assistance Program

1. Check the box that best describes the agreed upon delivery arrangement for this service:

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2. In developing the strategy, were overlapping service areas, unnecessary competition and/or duplication of this service identified?

Yes  No

If these conditions will continue under the strategy, **attach an explanation for continuing the arrangement** (i.e., overlapping but higher levels of service (See O.C.G.A. 36-70-24(1)), overriding benefits of the duplication, or reasons that overlapping service areas or competition cannot be eliminated).

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<i>Local Government or Authority:</i>	<i>Funding Method:</i>
Treutlen County	State Court Fines

4. How will the strategy change the previous arrangements for providing and/or funding this service within the county?

No change is anticipated.

5. List any formal service delivery agreements or intergovernmental contracts that will be used to implement the strategy for this service:

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **Local Government Transmittal Resolutions**

**Treutlen County Comprehensive Plan**

**City of Soperton Comprehensive Plan**

**Treutlen County Solid Waste Plan**

**City of Soperton Solid Waste Plan**

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established new "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and

**WHEREAS**, Treutlen County, Georgia has participated with the City of Soperton in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Treutlen County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center to update its existing adopted comprehensive plan with a new full plan update; and

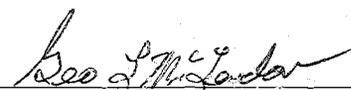
**WHEREAS**, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process thus far has resulted in the development of a new draft comprehensive plan, including an approved *Community Assessment* and an approved *Community Participation Program*, and now a draft *Community Agenda* for Treutlen County; and

**WHEREAS**, requirements for public participation in the development of this comprehensive plan component as mandated by the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, including a joint public hearing held on October 30, 2006 in part to brief the public on the draft *Community Agenda*, and to receive further input prior to submission of the draft plan for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, Treutlen County has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved the *Community Agenda*, including a new, separate five-year short-term work program for Treutlen County, as part of its local comprehensive plan update under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Treutlen County Board of Commissioners certifies that public participation and other requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, and that the *Community Agenda* of *The Treutlen County and Soperton Joint Comprehensive Plan* is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before finalization and adoption of its local comprehensive plan update as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

BY:   
George I. McLendon, Chairman

ATTEST:   
Sylvia Norris, County Clerk

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments in Georgia to prepare a comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established new "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 for coordinated and comprehensive planning, including standards and procedures for the preparation of local comprehensive plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Soperton, Georgia has participated with Treutlen County in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, and the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures through the Treutlen County Comprehensive Plan Executive and Local Plan Coordination committees, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center to update its existing adopted comprehensive plan with a new full plan update; and

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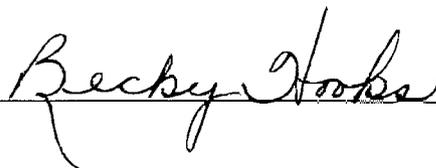
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**WHEREAS**, the City of Soperton has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved the *Community Agenda*, including a new, separate five-year short-term work program for the City of Soperton, as part of its local comprehensive plan update under the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Soperton certify that public participation and other requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, and that the *Community Agenda* of *The Treutlen County and Soperton Joint Comprehensive Plan* is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before finalization and adoption of its local comprehensive plan update as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 31st day of October, 2006.

BY:  \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, including standards and procedures for the preparation of these plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and

**WHEREAS**, Treutlen County, Georgia has participated with the City of Soperton in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, to update its existing adopted solid waste management plan with a new full plan update;

**WHEREAS**, this coordinated and comprehensive planning process has resulted in the new joint plan, *The Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan 2016*, including a separate "Ten-Year Work Program" for Treutlen County in the plan;

**WHEREAS**, requirements for public participation in the development of this solid waste management plan as mandated by the appropriate Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, including an initial joint public hearing prior to development of the plan held on May 24, 2006 to receive input, and a final public hearing held on October 30, 2006 to brief the public on the draft plan and receive further input prior to submission of the plan for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, Treutlen County has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved *The Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan 2016*, including the Treutlen County Work Program, as its solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Treutlen County Board of Commissioners certifies that public participation and other requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for its solid waste management plan have been met, and that the *Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan 2016* is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of the plan by the Treutlen County Board of Commissioners as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

BY: Geo L McLendon  
George L. McLendon, Chairman

ATTEST: Sylvia Norris  
Sylvia Norris, County Clerk

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 requires all local governments to prepare a solid waste management plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has established "Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures" under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, including standards and procedures for the preparation of these plans and implementation thereof, public participation, and coordinated review; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Soperton, Georgia has participated with Treutlen County in a coordinated and comprehensive planning process under the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, and with the assistance of the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center, to update its existing adopted solid waste management plan with a new full plan update;

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**WHEREAS**, requirements for public participation in the development of this solid waste management plan as mandated by the appropriate Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures have been met, including an initial joint public hearing prior to development of the plan held on May 24, 2006 to receive input, and a final public hearing held on October 30, 2006 to brief the public on the draft plan and receive further input prior to submission of the plan for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Soperton has participated in the development, reviewed, and approved *The Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan 2016*, including the City of Soperton Work Program, as its solid waste management plan under the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Soperton certify that public participation and other requirements of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for its solid waste management plan have been met, and that the *Joint Treutlen County Solid Waste Management Plan 2016* is hereby authorized to be submitted to the Heart of Georgia Altamaha Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for formal review, comment, and recommendation before formal adoption of the plan by the City of Soperton as mandated by Georgia law and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

**SO RESOLVED**, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2006.

BY: 

ATTEST: 