

May 16, 2023

Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
Office of Planning  
60 Executive Park South, NE  
Atlanta, GA

RE: TRRC Regional Plan Annual Implementation Program Report Submittal

Three Rivers Regional Commission has completed an annual update of its regional plan and is submitting it with this letter for review by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

I certify that we have held one required public hearing, which took place on Thursday, April 27, 2023 and have involved regional stakeholders in development of the annual update in a manner appropriate to our region's dynamics and resources and in accordance with the Standards and Procedures for Regional Planning, Chapter 110-12-6. Evidence of the public hearing has been included with our submittal.

I certify that appropriate regional staff and decision-makers have, at a minimum, reviewed the following planning documents and taken them into consideration in formulating our plan:

- Georgia's Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2022-2026,
- Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District Water Resource Management Plan; and the Middle Chattahoochee, Middle Ocmulgee, and Upper Fling Regional Water Plans,
- Three Rivers Regional Commission Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS),
- Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) Regional Transportation Plan, and
- ARC Regional Development Plan, Middle Georgia RC Regional Plan, River Valley RC Regional Plan, Northeast Georgia RC Regional Plan, and Northwest Georgia RC Regional Plan.

If you have any questions concerning our submittal, please contact Jeannie Brantley, Planning Director, at 678-692-0510 or by email at [jbrantley@threeriversrc.com](mailto:jbrantley@threeriversrc.com).

Sincerely,



Mark Butler  
Executive Director

Enclosures

AGENDA  
Regular Scheduled Council Meeting  
Three Rivers Regional Commission Council Meeting  
April 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.  
Turin Town Hall

Welcome

Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda (action item)

Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2023 (action item)

Chairman's Report

Executive Director's Report

Committee Report:

Finance, Audit and Administration Committee

Meeting: April 27, 2023

Consent Agenda

- Proposed Change in By-Laws for Quorum Flexibility
- Proposed Change in TRRC's Holiday Schedule
- EDA Resolution Naming New Executive Director for TRRC
- Review of Executive Director's February and March Expenditures
- Authorize County Transit Contract Renewals for FY'24
- Approve Selection of Transit Insurance Broker
- Approve Transit Consultant Task Order and Contract Renewal

Reports

- FY'22 Audit Update
- Direct Deposit Option for Council Members
- Transit Program Update

Planning and Projects Committee

Meeting: April 27, 2023

Consent Agenda

- Public Hearing for Annual Implementation Plan

Reports

- TRRC Broadband Task Force Update
- Update on DRI Projects January 2023 to March 2023

Old Business

None

New Business

Other Business

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Date and Location of Next Meeting – June 22, 2023

Adjournment

AGENDA  
Planning and Projects Committee  
April 27, 2023  
11:00 a.m.  
Turin Town Hall


Welcome  
Call to order  
Approval of January 26, 2023 Minutes (action item)  
Approval of Agenda (action item)  
Public Hearing for Annual Implementation Plan (action item) – presented by Paul Jarrell  
and Stephanie Wagner  
TRRC Broadband Task Force Update – presented by Paul Jarrell  
Update on DRI Projects January 2023 to March 2023 – presented by Stephanie Wagner  
Other Business  
Date and Location of Next Meeting – May 25, 2023  
Adjournment

The TRRC staff is committed to providing equal access to all of its programs, services and activities regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. Any individual who needs an accommodation because of a disability should contact **Jan Perez** at **(678) 692-0510** or [jperez@threeriversrc.com](mailto:jperez@threeriversrc.com) as far in advance of the meeting as possible.




# **Three Rivers Regional Plan Annual Implementation Report – FY'23**

**Three Rivers Regional Commission  
April 2023 Draft**



TRRC REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM  
2019-2023 UPDATE  
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2023



Priority	Strategy	Action	Partners	Short-Term (1-5 yrs)	Long-Term (6-10 yrs)	Status
There is a priority need for the expansion of broadband to serve rural communities.	Advocate for and support the expansion of telecommunications technology infrastructure and broadband capability and access within the Region.	Assist local governments with incorporation of a broadband component in their comprehensive plan updates in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.	Local Governments, DCA, USDA	\$2,000 per year		Underway
		Utilize TRRC Broadband Task Force for collaboration and convening of issues and needs.	RC Council, Local Governments	\$5,000 per year		Underway
		Assist local governments with identifying funding and other partnerships for the expansion of broadband.	RC, Local Governments, DCA	RC staff time		Underway
There is a high priority need for improving transportation infrastructure, safety and mobility throughout the region.	Support local government efforts to improve the built environment and sustainable development through project planning and funding assistance.	Host as requested a TSPLOST workshop in the TRRC region to educate the local governments and citizens on the importance of TSPLOST.	RC, GDOT	\$3,000 per event		Postponed. Other priority workshops have been completed.
		Hold two Complete Streets workshops per year in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.	RC, GDOT	\$1,000 per event		Underway
		Complete Transit Plan for Troup County and Carroll County	RC, GDOT, Local Governments	\$25,000 each (GDOT Planning Contract)		Complete

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This is a high priority need to improve education and workforce skills in our Region.	Utilize existing programs and support efforts to enhance workforce development and job skills improvements and to further educational attainment within the Region.	Assist the City of Lagrange with a CDBG project to improve workforce skills in the Whitesville Road target area.	RC, EDA, DCA, private partners	Staff time	Staff Time	Dropped Project was cancelled by the City
		Collaborate with Work Source Three Rivers on the promotion of workforce development initiatives and cross departmental strategies.	RC, EDA, DCA, private partners	RC staff time	Staff Time	Ongoing

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There is a need to protect historic structures and cultural and natural resources for the preservation of our regional identity and the environment.	Seek to protect historic resources of the region and promote adaptive reuse when possible.	Attend the Georgia State Historic Preservation Conference and HPC trainings.	RC, HPD, Local Governments	\$500 per event		Ongoing
		Provide technical assistance and support to the regional historic preservation commissions.	RC, HPD, Local Governments	\$3,500 per year		Underway
		Assist the City of Griffin with the updates of the Downtown Urban Redevelopment Plan and the North Hill Street Redevelopment Plan in 2022.	RC, Local Governments	\$25,000 each		Partially complete Downtown URP is complete



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		Full update of CEDS (Every Five Years)	EDA	\$45,000		Complete
		Complete the Comprehensive Plans for the Carroll County cities of Mount Zion, Ropville, and Temple in 2022-2023	DCA, RC, Local Governments	\$16,000 each		Underway
		Complete the Joint Comprehensive Plan for Meriwether County and Cities in 2022-2023.	DCA, RC, Local Governments	\$70,000		Underway
		Complete the Comprehensive Plans for the Butts County cities of Flovilla, Jackson, and Jenkinsburg in 2022-2023.	DCA, RC, Local Governments	\$16,000 each		Complete
		Complete the Joint Comprehensive Plan update for Pike County and the Cities of Concord, Meansville, Molena, Williamson, and Zebulon	DCA, RC, Local Governments	\$70,000		Complete
		Create a regional tourism story-map.	RC, GDEcD	Staff Time	Staff Time	Postponed
		Update Regional Plan.	DCA, RC, Local Governments	\$35,000		Underway

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There is a need for better coordination among governments in our region in all areas of planning.	Serve as an identifier and monitor of regional issues and opportunities while developing sustainable solutions and/or strategies for goal attainment.	Hold a bi-annual TRRC Regional Issues Forum in 2020 and 2022.	RC, Local Governments	\$2,000 per event		Ongoing
There is a need to improve community facilities such as water and sewer infrastructure.	Identify funding to support infrastructure expansion.	Hold a bi-annual TRRC Regional Infrastructure Grant & Loan Workshop in 2021 and 2023.	RC, EDA, GEFA, ARC	\$2,000 per event		Ongoing as needed



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		Collaborate with Work Source Three Rivers on the promotion of workforce development initiatives and cross departmental strategies.	RC, EDA, DCA, private partners	RC staff time	Staff Time
There is a need to protect historic structures and cultural and natural resources for the preservation of our regional identity and the environment.	Seek to protect historic resources of the region and promote adaptive reuse when possible.	Attend preservation related trainings including the Georgia State Historic Preservation Conference and HPC trainings.	RC, EDA, DCA, private partners	\$500 per event	
		Provide technical assistance and support to the regional historic preservation commissions.	RC, HPD, Local Governments	\$3,500 per year	
		Assist the City of Griffin with the completion of the North Hill Street Redevelopment Plan Update.	RC, Local Government	\$25,000	
		Assist the City of Thomaston with the completion of a new Northwest Thomaston Urban Redevelopment Plan	RC, Local Government	\$30,000	

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		Complete the Comprehensive Plans for the Carroll County cities of Mount Zion, Roopville, Temple, Villa Rica, and Whitesburg in 2023.	DCA, RC, Local Governments	DCA Contract	
		Complete the Joint Comprehensive Plan for Meriwether County and the Cities of Gay, Greenville, Lone Oak, Luthersville, Manchester,	DCA, RC, Local Governments	DCA Contract	
		Complete the Lamar County Comprehensive Plan and the Joint Cities of Barnesville and Aldora Comprehensive Plan	DCA, RC, Local Governments	DCA Contract	
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		Attended Georgia Water Funders 2022 Workshop: Accessing Funds for Water Projects	RC, EDA, GEFA, EPD, USDA, DCA	Staff time	

**Local Government Performance Standards Update – FY'23**

<b>Local Government</b>	<b>Minimum Performance Standard(s) Not Met</b>	<b>Specific Action Steps Taken to Assist Government</b> (Optional: Also, identify resources that may aid LG achievement)
<b>Yatesville (Upson County)</b>	The local government is compliant with E-Verify as of this FY23 update.	No further action needed.
<b>Barnesville (Lamar County)</b>	The local government has not posted codes and ordinances to the Municode website as of this FY23 update.	Encourage the city to post their codes and ordinances to the Municode website.
<b>Bowdon (Carroll County)</b>	The local government has posted codes and ordinances to the Municode website as of this FY23 update.	No further action needed.
<b>Zebulon (Pike County)</b>	The local government has not posted codes and ordinances to the Municode website as of this FY23 update.	Encourage the city to post their codes and ordinances to the Municode website.
<b>Pike County</b>	The local government has not posted codes and ordinances to the Municode website as of this FY23 update.	Encourage the county to post their codes and ordinances to the Municode website. County ordinances are located on the local government's website.