

RESOLUTION NO. 616

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONYERS, GEORGIA, TO SUBMIT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM UPDATE TO THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR REVIEW.

WHEREAS, City of Conyers has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City to update the Short Term Work Program of the City for the Conyers Comprehensive Land Use Plan Five Year Work Plan as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Short Term Work Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the Short Term Work Program is required to be updated to maintain compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to update the Short Term Work Program for the purpose of scheduling specific actions the City intends to implement during the next five years to address needs and goals identified in the Comprehensive Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council of the City, the governing authority of the City, hereby authorizes the transmittal of the Short Term Work Program Update to the Atlanta Regional Commission and for review and recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all acts heretofore taken to effectuate the intent of this resolution is hereby ratified and approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City be and hereby is authorized and directed to certify to the Atlanta Regional Commission a copy of the Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any and all resolutions in conflict with this resolution be and the same hereby are repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Conyers, Georgia this 6th day of November, 2013.



Randal S. Mills, Mayor

Attest



Patricia I. Smith, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Michael S. Waldrop, City Attorney

Exhibit “A”

Short Term Work Program

City of Conyers

Updated - October 2013

The current City of Conyers Comprehensive Plan was prepared in accordance with the Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning as established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The last major Comprehensive Plan was updated and adopted on May 19, 2004 by the Mayor and City Council of Conyers. This plan included a 20 year framework that addressed local demographics, economic development, land use, natural resources, community facilities, and housing. The Comprehensive Plan has served as the City of Conyers guideline for the decision making process relating to zoning, land development, transportation system improvements and the provision of facilities to meet other community facilities and infrastructure needs.

In October 2008, a Partial Update of the Comprehensive Plan was approved to address quality community objectives promulgated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. As stated by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs these objectives include the following:

Economic Prosperity: Encourage development or expansion of businesses and industries that are suitable for the community. Factors to consider when determining suitability include job skills required; long-term sustainability; linkages to other economic activities in the region; impact on the resources of the area; or prospects for creating job opportunities that meet the needs of a diverse local workforce.

Resource Management: Promote the efficient use of natural resources and identify and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the community. This may be achieved by promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy generation; encouraging green building construction and renovation; utilizing appropriate waste management techniques; fostering water conservation and reuse; or setting environmentally sensitive areas aside as green space or conservation reserves.

Efficient Land Use: Maximize the use of existing infrastructure and minimize the costly conversion of undeveloped land at the periphery of the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development or redevelopment of sites closer to the traditional core of the community; designing new development to minimize the amount of land consumed; carefully planning expansion of public infrastructure; or maintaining open space in agricultural, forestry, or conservation uses.

Local Preparedness: Identify and put in place the prerequisites for the type of future the community seeks to achieve. These prerequisites might include infrastructure (roads, water, sewer) to support or direct new growth; ordinances and regulations to manage growth as desired; leadership and staff capable of responding to opportunities and managing new challenges; or undertaking an all-hazards approach to disaster preparedness and response.

Sense of Place: Protect and enhance the community's unique qualities. This may be achieved by maintaining the downtown as focal point of the community; fostering compact, walkable, mixed-use development; protecting and revitalizing historic areas of the community; encouraging new development that is compatible with the traditional features of the community; or protecting scenic and natural features that are important to defining the community's character.

Regional Cooperation: Cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions to address shared needs. This may be achieved by actively participating in regional organizations; identifying joint projects that will result in greater efficiency and less cost to the taxpayer; or developing collaborative solutions for regional issues such as protection of shared natural resources, development of the transportation network, or creation of a tourism plan.

Housing Options: Promote an adequate range of safe, affordable, inclusive, and resource efficient housing in the community. This may be achieved by encouraging development of a variety of housing types, sizes, costs, and densities in each neighborhood; instituting programs to provide housing for residents of all socio-economic backgrounds; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure availability of adequate workforce housing in the community.

Transportation Options: Address the transportation needs, challenges and opportunities of all community residents. This may be achieved by fostering alternatives to transportation by automobile, including walking, cycling, and transit; employing traffic calming measures throughout the community; requiring adequate connectivity between adjoining developments; or coordinating transportation and land use decision-making within the community.

Educational Opportunities: Make educational and training opportunities readily available to enable all community residents to improve their job skills, adapt to technological advances, or pursue life ambitions. This can be achieved by expanding and improving local educational institutions or programs; providing access to other institutions in the region; or coordinating with local economic development programs to ensure an adequately trained and skilled workforce.

Community Health: Ensure that all community residents, regardless of age, ability, or income, have access to critical goods and services, safe and clean neighborhoods, and good work opportunities. This may be achieved by providing services to support the basic needs of disadvantaged residents; instituting programs to foster better health and

fitness; or providing all residents the opportunity to improve their circumstances in life and to fully participate in the community.

While not all objectives have been achieved, they are useful in terms of identifying additional issues and opportunities that have to be addressed by the appropriate entity. According to the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, the vision of the City of Conyers is to retain the traditional values of a small town, while continuing to grow and prosper. This vision remains as the focus of the City of Conyers now and for the future.

And finally, the current Comprehensive Plan as amended and reviewed by the City of Conyers still serves the community well, so no plan update is needed at this time.

City of Conyers
SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM

City of Conyers

Short-Term Work Program 2009-2013 Accomplishments and 2014 -2018 Short –Term Work (New) Programs

Description	Year(s) To Be Implemented	Estimated Cost (\$)	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
NATURAL RESOURCES				
Revise regulations as necessary to protect integrity of “303(d)” List of Impaired Waters. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program. Regulations were revised in 2010 to strengthen the Environmental Services ability to control illicit discharges as well implementing mandates as required by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District. The enforcement of this program will continue.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Environmental Services	Staff Function
Prepare and implement guidelines or regulations for low impact development. Standards were adopted in 2010 to address low impact developments. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program The implementation of this program is ongoing.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Environmental Services	Staff Function
Continue to implement the 2002 stormwater management plan. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program The implementation of the stormwater program will continue.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Environmental Services	Staff Function
Monitor flooding and request updated floodplain boundary maps from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for areas experiencing 100-year flooding events	As appropriate	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Maintain, and periodically update as appropriate, the city’s landscape and tree protection ordinance. No action taken at this time. The current Tree and Landscape Ordinance is scheduled to be revised and presented to city council for adoption.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
HISTORIC RESOURCES				
Continue to evaluate and modify, if appropriate, the city’s existing historic district regulations and guidelines. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program. Future plans are to revise the Olde Town Overlay District Regulations and to rename Zoning District.	2014 -2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function

Description	Year(s) To Be Implemented	Estimated Cost (\$)	Responsible Party	Possible Funding Sources
Complete acquisition of an easement that will allow for complete restoration of the Dinky Trail. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program. Will continue efforts to acquire of an easement that will allow for the completion of the restoration of the Dinky Trail.	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Staff Function
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES				
Continue to monitor and report crime statistics. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Police Chief	Staff Function
Annually review staffing and equipment needs of the Police Department and add new positions commensurate with population growth and incidences of crime. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program. As the population continues to grow within the City of Conyers, the annual review of staff and equipment will continue.	2014-2018	NA (personnel costs as determined)	Police Chief, City Council, and City Manager	Operating Budget; fees and fines
Complete a comprehensive review of office space and personnel needs. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program The City of Conyers is currently evaluating options for relocation or the reconfiguration of currently owned facilities to meet the future office space needs of all City Government entities.	2014-2018	To be Determined	City Manager and Chief Operating Officer	Operating Budget
Police Dept. received State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification	2012	NA	Police Chief, City Council, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer	Operating Budget
Police Dept. received National Certification through Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)	2012	NA	Police Chief, City Council, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer	Operating Budget
Police Dept.to replace radio communications systems to include radio tower and supporting infrastructure.	2014 -2018	\$5,100,000	Police Chief, City Council, City Manager, and Chief Operating Officer	Operating Budget
Participate in updating of a joint city-county comprehensive solid waste management plan. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	To be Determined	City Council ; Board of Commissioners; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Operating Budget

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Outsourced Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling Services.	2013	NA	City Council, City Manager, Public Works Director, Chief Operating Officer, Finance Director	NA
Complete development of (implement master plan for) the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center Several projects have been completed in Phase I-Construction of canoe docks, observation platforms, interpretative stations, primitive camp site, council rings, fire pits, walking trails, etc.	Per Master Plan- Phase I 2009-2013	\$114,000	Chief Operating Officer & Dept. of Public Works and Transportation &	Hotel/Motel Tax
Complete construction of Phase II of the Big Haynes Creek Nature Center includes welcome center, plant identification signs, outdoor amphitheater, multi-purpose and river trails within the Georgia International Horse Park and Big Haynes Creek Nature Center.	Phase II- Per Master Plan 2014 - 2018	\$1,500,000	Chief Operating Officer & Dept. of Public Works and Works and Transportation	Hotel/Motel Tax
Continue to participate in countywide stormwater utility	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Environmental Services	Stormwater Utility Fund
Establish a Municipal Parks and Recreation Department – Public Works and Transportation Dept. will primarily maintain established park area and trail system.	Completed	NA	City Manager	General Fund/Splost
Implement the Olde Town Conyers Trail Master Plan) 3.77 miles was constructed from the Nancy Quinn Library to Johnson Park.	2009-2013	\$850,000 City Share Total Cost = \$1,700,000	City of Conyers and Rockdale County; Downtown Development Authority	SPLOST, PATH Foundation and Private Funding
Expand Olde Town Conyers Trails Master Plan. The City of Conyers proposes to expand the Olde Town Trail by 2.5 miles.	2014-2018	\$1,300,000	City of Conyers, Rockdale County, and Downtown Development Authority	SPLOST and PATH Foundation
Participate in county-sponsored Greenway Master Plan as component to Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan	Continuing	City Share to be Determined	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Public Works & Transportation	County Operating Budget; Conyers
Evaluate and if appropriate implement the following additional (potential) recreation funding mechanisms: dedicated millage rate, bond referendums, SPLOST participation and development impact fees	Continuing	NA	City Manager; City Council; Chief Operating Officer; Finance Director	Staff Function
Pursue additional federal and state funding for open space acquisition and park and greenway improvements	Continuing	NA	City Manager	Staff Function
Continue to prepare and annually update the city's capital improvement program	Continuing	NA	City Manager; All Depts.	Staff Function

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URBAN DESIGN AND AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT				
SR 138 Beautification and Economic Initiative (including Conyers). Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	Completed	\$1,000,000	Rockdale Co. Board of Commissioners	Congressional Appropriations; County Capital Fund
Prepare overlay district for the West Avenue Corridor. West Avenue was rezoned to Mixed Use Development Zoning District included with other properties that included a total of 424 acres. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2011-Completed	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Rezoned 300 plus acres on the Georgia Hwy 138/20 corridor to Gateway Village.	2012-Completed	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Created Opportunity Zone in Central Conyers LCI and the Olde Town Historic District.	2011-Completed	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Adopted Urban Redevelopment Plan.	2010-Completed	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Revised Mixed Use Development Zoning Regulations	2010-Completed	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Added new zoning district (Gateway Village)	2012-Completed	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Analyze all residential and commercial zoning regulations and revise in an effort to further the process of revitalizing and promoting the redevelopment of areas of Conyers through building aesthetics landscaping, and uses to encourage connectivity and economic development	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT				
Continue to pursue efforts to establish a Tax Allocation District in Olde Town . Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	Unknown	City Manager; Chief Operating Officer; Finance Director	Operating Budget
Attract desirable businesses and industries to Rockdale County through active recruitment efforts and business assistance programs. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Chamber; Economic Development Council; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs	Operating Budget Staff Function
Maintain an inventory of vacant industrial and commercial building spaces and market vacant spaces to new users (implement industrial marketing plan) Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Economic Development Council; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs	Council Operating Budget

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Formalize more detailed strategies for the redevelopment of aging and obsolete commercial strip centers. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Chamber; Economic Development Council, Inc.; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs; Department of Planning & Inspection Services	Operating Budget Staff Function
Continue pursuit of a new technology park area emphasizes office-distribution-technology. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Chamber; Economic Development Council, Inc.; Department of Tourism and Public Affairs; Department of Planning & Inspection Services	Operating Budget Staff Function
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HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
Monitor housing and neighborhood conditions in Census Tract 603.09. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Apply for Community Development Block Funds (CDBG) for improvement of low- and moderate income areas. Application Denied.	2009 – 2013 Funding was not granted	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Evaluate the need and if necessary implement housing code enforcement programs targeted in Census Tract 603.09. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
LAND USE				
Monitor and report on efforts to implement the ACTIPS (2001) (now LCI) study for four activity centers in Conyers. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function
Monitor the balance of residential and non-residential development in the city by regularly updating the existing land use map. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; GIS Department	Staff Function)
Develop a marketing program that can be distributed to Atlanta area developers having prior experience with “smart growth” and LCI type projects. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function; Technical assistance ARC

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Prepare a strategy and regulations to promote residential infill development on lots within the original 1-mile circular limits of the city. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services or Consultant;GIS	Operating Budget
Annually update future land use plan map. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Service; GIS	Staff Function
Prepare New Comprehensive Plan	2018	\$150,000 (Consultant)	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Operating Budget
Prepare amendments to land use regulations after five year comprehensive review	2018	Unknown	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services	Staff Function or Consultant
TRANSPORTATION				
Participate in preparation of five-year update of Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	Completed	City Share to be determined	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Operating Budget
Complete regional and local road and intersection improvements per Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Regional Plans. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014 - 2018	Per Adopted Plans	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Federal, State, and Local Funding Sources Per Adopted Plans
O'Kelly/Hardin corridor improvements	2014 -2018	\$840,000	Dept of Public Works & Transportation	Federal, State, and Local Funding/SPLOST
Irwin Bridge Road revitalization, Railroad Street Widening, and operational upgrades at Railroad Street, North Street, and Almand Street.	2014-2018	To be Determined		
Coordinate with Georgia DOT and CSX to secure additional traffic signals and crossing enhancements for those intersections identified in the LCI Plan as posing crossing problems for pedestrian traffic. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014 - 2018	See LCI Plan	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Staff Function
Develop bikeways along Main Street, Oakland Avenue and Sigman Road to link with bikeways planned by Rockdale County. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program.	2014-2018	Per Transportation Plan	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation and Dept of Planning and Inspection Services	
City of Conyers installed bike sharrows on several streets within the city to encourage cycling.	2011-Completed	\$40,000	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	
Conyers Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan	2011-Completed	NA	Dept. of Public Work and Transportation and Planning & Inspection Services	

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Consider implementing the bus shuttle system recommended in the LCI Plan that would provide linkage between the City's four activity centers.	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation			
Continue to monitor studies of the Georgia Department of Transportation with regard to implementing commuter rail. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	NA	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Staff Function
Monitor operation of traffic signals in the city limits and improve where possible. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	Completed	NA	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Staff Function
Evaluate incidences of speeding in the city and reduce speed limits where warranted. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2011-Completed	NA	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Staff Function
West Avenue Beautification Project Included drainage improvements, landscaping, installation of pedestrian lighting, sidewalks, and gateway entrance signage.	2010-Completed	\$860,000	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	SPLOST
INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION				
Continue to participate in the Intergovernmental Planning Committee	2018	NA	Dept. of Planning and Inspection Services; Chief Operating Officer	Staff Function
Monitor plan amendment efforts and continue to comply with all mandates of the Metro North Georgia Water Planning District	2018	Unknown	Dept. of Environmental Services	Staff Function
Work with Rockdale County to agree upon a future annexation plan or sphere of influence for the City of Conyers	2018	NA	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Staff Function
Participate in the Update of the Rockdale County Service Delivery Strategy	2018	NA	City Council; City Manager; Chief Operating Officer	Staff Function
ACTIVITY CENTERS				
AC1 Intersection Improvements – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined
AC1 Off-Street Parking Modifications – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined
AC1 Main Street Streetscape Project – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined
AC2 Complete Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements– Project listed in the 2009	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and	To Be Determined

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Short Term Work Program			Transportation	
AC2 Multi-Use Path/Dinky Trail – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined
AC3 Complete Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation; Dept. of Planning & Inspections	To Be Determined
AC3 Dinky Trail Connections – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined
AC4 Multi-Use Path/Boar Tusk Greenway – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program Development	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation; Dept. of Planning & Inspections	To Be Determined
AC4 Landscaping/Aesthetic Improvements – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation; Dept. of Planning & Inspections	To Be Determined
AC4 Intersection Improvements is complete with center turn lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic signal (Sigman Road and East View Road)	2009-Completed	\$720,000	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	Staff Function
AC1-4 Sidewalk/Crosswalk Improvements. Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined
AC1-4 Bikeway Development – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined
AC1-4 Signage/Landscaping – Project listed in the 2009 Short Term Work Program	2014-2018	Unknown	Dept. of Public Works and Transportation	To Be Determined