

REGIONAL REVIEW NOTIFICATION

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DATE: July 2, 2021

ARC REVIEW CODE: P2107021

TO: Mayor Tommy Allegood, City of Acworth
ATTN TO: Alex Almodovar, Assistant to the City Manager
FROM: Douglas R. Hooker, Executive Director, ARC



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The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) has received the following proposal and is initiating a regional review to seek comments from potentially impacted jurisdictions and agencies. The ARC requests your comments related to the proposal not addressed by the Commission's regional plans and policies.

Name of Proposal: 2021 City of Acworth CIE Annual Update

Review Type: Local Comprehensive Plan

Description: A regional review of the draft 2021 City of Acworth CIE Annual Update

Submitting Local Government: City of Acworth

Action Under Consideration: Approval

Date Opened: July 2, 2021

Deadline for Comments: July 23, 2021

Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed: Upon approval by Georgia DCA

THE FOLLOWING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES ARE RECEIVING NOTICE OF THIS REVIEW:

ARC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ARC RESEARCH & ANALYTICS
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CITY OF KENNESAW
PAULDING COUNTY

ARC TRANSPORTATION ACCESS & MOBILITY
ARC AGING & HEALTH RESOURCES
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
BARTOW COUNTY
NORTHWEST GEORGIA REGIONAL COMMISSION

ARC NATURAL RESOURCES
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
COBB COUNTY
CHEROKEE COUNTY

Attached is information concerning this review.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact Andrew Smith at asmith@atlantaregional.org or 470-378-1645. If ARC staff does not receive comments from you on or before **Friday, July 23, 2021**, we will assume that your agency has no comments and will close the review. Comments must be emailed. The ARC review website is located at <http://www.atlantaregional.org/land-use/planreviews>.

NOTICE OF LOCAL PLAN SUBMITTAL AND HEARING/COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Submitting Local Government:	City of Acworth	Date Received:	July 2, 2021			
Local Contact:	Alex Almodovar, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Acworth					
Phone:	678-801-4024	E-Mail:	aalmodovar@acworth.org			
Fax:		Website:	www.acworth.org			
Street	4415 Center Street	City State, Zip:	Acworth, GA 30101			
Department of Community Affairs Review Required						
Review Title:	2021 City of Acworth CIE Annual Update					
Description:	A regional review of the draft 2021 City of Acworth CIE Annual Update Document can be viewed on the ARC website at: http://www.atlantaregional.org/landuse Under Plan Review, search for the City of Acworth.					
The submitted documents are available for review at ARC and the local government.						
Reviewing Regional Commission:						
Atlanta Regional Commission 229 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 100 Atlanta, GA 30303 Phone 404-463-3100						
Contact Person:	Andrew Smith, Principal Planner, 470-378-1645					
E-Mail	asmith@atlantaregional.org					

DATE: July 2, 2021

TO: ARC Managers

Community Development: Smith, Andrew

Transportation Access & Mobility: James, Reginald

Research & Analytics: Skinner, Jim

Earliest the Regional Review can be Completed: Upon approval by Georgia DCA

- 1) ☐ Proposal is CONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 2) ☐ While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 3) ☐ While neither specifically consistent nor inconsistent, the proposal relates to the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 4) ☐ The proposal is INCONSISTENT with the following regional development guide listed in the comment section.
- 5) ☐ The proposal does NOT relate to any development guide for which this division is responsible.
- 6) ☐ Staff wishes to confer with the applicant for the reasons listed in the comment section.

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Tommy Allegood, Mayor

Board of Aldermen:

Gene Pugliese
Albert L. Price
Brett North
Tim Houston
Tim Richardson



James Albright, Interim City Manager
Douglas R. Haynie, City Attorney
Regina R. Russell, City Clerk

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"The Lake City"

July 2, 2021

Jared Lombard
Atlanta Regional Commission
229 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Lombard:

Attached for your review is the annual update to the Short-Term Work Program (STWP) and Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the City of Acworth's Comprehensive Plan. Included with this submittal are the following:

- Resolution of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopting the draft updates to the STWP and CIE of the Comp Plan
- Photocopy of notice of public hearing published in newspaper of record
- The text of the STWP/CIE update

Please contact me if you have any questions about this information (e-mail to aalmodovar@acworth.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Almodovar'.

Alex Almodovar
Assistant to the City Manager

**A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ARC AND DCA A DRAFT ANNUAL UPDATE
TO THE SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
ELEMENT (CIE) OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen adopted The City of Acworth Comprehensive Plan 1996-2016 on February 20, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the City of Acworth amended its Comprehensive Plan on August 23, 1999 by adopting a recreation impact fee; and

WHEREAS, due to the adoption of the recreation impact fee, the City of Acworth must implement and follow new minimum requirements as set by the Georgia Planning Act by making an annual update to the Short-Term Work Program (STWP) and Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Acworth conducted a public hearing at City Hall on July 1st, 2021 before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the proposed Update to the Short-Term Work Program (STWP) and Capital Improvement Element (CIE) of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Acworth desires to submit all necessary documents to the State Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission in order to meet the minimum requirements of relevant State planning statute and regulation.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN that the attached draft update to the Short-Term Work Program and CIE of the Comprehensive Plan is hereby adopted and shall be submitted to the State Department of Community Affairs and the Atlanta Regional Commission pursuant to State statute and regulation. Once approved, by the ARC and DCA, the Mayor and Board shall adopt the update.

Passed and adopted this ____ day of July, 2021 at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Acworth.



Thomas W. Allegood, Mayor

Attest:



Regina R. Russell, City Clerk



MDJ ♦ FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021 ♦

**MDJ-4136
GPN-16
City of Acworth
Public Hearing**

The City of Acworth hereby gives notice that a Public Hearing will be held to consider a proposed update to the City's Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement Element and Short-Term Work Program. The Mayor and Board of Alderman will hold a Public Hearing on this matter on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and give final consideration on this matter at the same meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall (Board Room) located at 4415 Center Street, Acworth, Georgia. Anyone wishing to attend the public hearing may do so and be heard relative thereto.

6/18/25-2021

MDJ ♦ FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021 ♦

MDJ-6136

GPN-16

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6:18,25-2021

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2018

(1) Public Facility Type	Parks & Recreation	<i>TOTAL</i>
(2) Service Area	city-wide	
(3) Beginning Impact Fee Fund Balace	5,384.00	5,384.00
(4) Impact Fees Collected	151,500.00	151,500.00
(5) Accrued Interest	1,165.00	1,165.00
(6) Project Expenditures	15,748.00	15,748.00
(7) Administrative Costs	-	-
(8) Impact Fee Refunds	-	-
(9) Ending Impact Fee Fund Balance	142,301.00	142,301.00
(10) Impact Fees Encumbered	142,301.00	142,301.00

* Audited numbers from Fiscal year ended 6/30/18

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2019

(1) Public Facility Type	Parks & Recreation	<i>TOTAL</i>
(2) Service Area	city-wide	
(3) Beginning Impact Fee Fund Balance	142,301.00	142,301.00
(4) Impact Fees Collected	78,000.00	78,000.00
(5) Accrued Interest	2,468.00	2,468.00
(6) Project Expenditures	184,775.00	184,775.00
(7) Administrative Costs	-	-
(8) Impact Fee Refunds	-	-
(9) Ending Impact Fee Fund Balance	37,994.00	37,994.00
(10) Impact Fees Encumbered	37,994.00	37,994.00

* Audited numbers from Fiscal year ended 6/30/19

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020

(1) Public Facility Type	Parks & Recreation	<i>TOTAL</i>
(2) Service Area	city-wide	
(3) Beginning Impact Fee Fund Balance	37,994.00	37,994.00
(4) Impact Fees Collected	11,000.00	11,000.00
(5) Accrued Interest	502.00	502.00
(6) Project Expenditures	-	-
(7) Administrative Costs	-	-
(8) Impact Fee Refunds	-	-
(9) Ending Impact Fee Fund Balance	49,496.00	49,496.00
(10) Impact Fees Encumbered	49,496.00	49,496.00

* Audited numbers from Fiscal year ended 6/30/20

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENTS-STWP ADDENDUM

Year Range covered by Community Work Program (2017-2024)

(1) Project Description	(2) Service Area	(3) Project Start Date	(4) Project Completion Date	(5) Estimated Project Cost	(6) Portion Chargeable to Impact Fees	(7) Sources of Funds (& Share)	(8) Responsible Party
	Parks and Recreation						
Parking Lot & Batting Practice Facility at Newberry Park		2017	Complete	\$525,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Parks & Recreation
Renovations of Logan Park Farm House		2017	Complete	\$700,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Parks & Recreation
Renovations of Logan Park Art House		2017	Complete	\$495,000	0%	50% SPLOST; 50% Bond	Parks & Recreation
Tourism Marketing Program Update		2017	ONGOING	\$50,000	0%	100% Tourism Authority	Parks & Recreation
Construction of Community/Recreation Center		2018	Complete	\$12,000,000	Less than 1%	99% SPLOST/1% Rec Impact Fees	Parks & Recreation
Depot Park / History Center		2018	Complete	\$1,000,000	0%	100% Downtown Redevelopment Bond	Parks & Recreation
Lake Acworth / Cauble Park / South Shore Master Plan		2021	2022	\$100,000	20%	25% Acworth Lake Authority; 70% SPLOST; 5%Impact Fees	Parks & Recreation
Phase III of Trail system around Lake Acworth		2022	ONGOING	\$750,000	2%	98% SPLOST; 2% Rec Impact Fees	Parks & Recreation
Improvements to Overlook Park		2023	2024	\$750,000	10%	2% Impact Fees & 98% SPLOST	Parks & Recreation
Hill Park and Rosnewald School Renovation		2021	2022	\$750,000	0%	100% Community Development Block Grant Funding	Parks & Recreation
Pavillions at Cauble Park and Implementation of Phase One of Master Plan		2022	2023	\$1,500,000	2%	99% SPLOST; 1% Impact Fees	Parks & Recreation
Phase IV of Trail System around Lake Acworth		2023	2024	\$1,500,000	20%	2% Impact Fees; 28% Grant & 70% SPLOST	Parks & Recreation
Construction of Dog Park		2022	2023	\$150,000	85%	100% Impact Fees	Parks & Recreation
SPLASH Pad		2025	2025	\$1,000,000	5%	5% Impact Fees & 95% Community Development Block Grant	Parks & Recreation
	Finance Department						
OPEB Valuation		2018	2018	\$12,000	0%	100% Health Insurance Fund	Finance Staff
Replace Existing Desktop PC with Windows 10		2019	2019	\$6,000	0%	100% General Fund	Finance / IT Staff
GMA Alcoholic Beverage Tax Operation and Compliance Services		2019	ONGOING	\$15,000	0%	100% General Fund	Finance
Replace Existing Desktop PCs with Windows 10		2020	2020	\$10,000	0%	50%General & 50% Customer Service Funds	Finance / Customer Service / IT
OPEB Valuation		2020	2020	\$16,000	0%	100% Health Insurance Fund	Finance Staff
	Information Technology						

Upgrade Sonicwall Firewall		2017	Complete	\$5,500	0%	100% General Fund	IT
3rd Party Network Security Audit		2017	Complete	\$15,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT
Upgrade Council Chambers Audio/Visual System		2018	Complete	\$50,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT
Virtualize Police Department & City Hall		2018	Complete	\$50,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT & Police
Upgrade Fiber Data Bandwidth at City Hall		2018	Complete	\$75,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT
Install 3rd Fiber Connection at new Rec Center		2018	Complete	\$100,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT
Implement SAN data replication - Upgrade existing NAS devices		2019	Complete	\$45,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT
Install redundant Fiber connection at PD for internet usage		2019	Complete	\$5,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT & Police
Upgrade Video Surveillance and Security System at City Hall		2019	2021	\$97,000	0%	100% Capital Improvement Funds	IT
Upgrade Video Surveillance and Security System at Logan Farm Park		2021	2022	\$30,000	0%	100% Capital Improvement Funds	IT
Complete Virtual Server environment with replication and redundancy between City facilities		2020	Complete	\$20,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT & Police
Re-configure Internal Network Routing infrastructure to utilize PD Power Generator (zero downtime)		2021	2022	\$4,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT & Police
Replace two Layer 3 network switches at City Hall (EOL of existing switches)		2021	2021	\$15,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT
Complete Virtual Server environment with replication and redundancy between City facilities		2020	Complete	\$20,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT & Police
Server room AC upgrades/replacement		2022	2022	\$6,000	0%	100% General Fund	IT
	Power						
Reconduct poweline at Maple to East Lakeshore / remove feeder pole at Southside Drive		2017	Complete	\$90,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Power reconfiguration of Downtown Redevelopment Project		2017	Complete	\$75,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Remove Powerlines - Main Street at Cowan Road		2019	complete	\$5,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Reconduct & Reconfigure Lines at SR 92		2019	2021	\$1,500,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Reconfigure lines at Glade Road & remove feeder at Ross Road		2020	2022	\$200,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Re-lamp Cowan Road - Main to Baker Road		2020	2021/2022	\$70,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
LED Conversion of Main Street / City Parks / City Parking Lots		ongoing	Complete	\$75,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Reconduct Terrace Drive - Poles, Conductors, Crossarms		2021	2021/2022	\$35,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Re-lamp / Add lighting of North Main Street from the Enclave to the County Line		2022	2022	\$4,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power

Install additional circuit protection / reclosures		2022	2022	\$1,000,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
Re-lamp Logan Rd to SR 92		2022	2022	\$35,000	0%	100% Power Fund	Power
	Public Works						
Road reconfiguration of Lemon Street / Downtown Improvement Project		2017	Complete	\$7,150,000	0%	75% Bond/10% SPLOST/15% GTIB	Public Works
Mitchell Hill Extension - Taylor St. to Mitchell Hill Dr.		2018	Complete	\$1,000,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Public Works
Improvements of Main Street / Old 41 from Nance to Nowlin		2018/2019	Complete	\$3,000,000	0%	100% SPLOST	City/County Public Works
Implement Directional Signage		2019	ongoing/2022	\$350,000	0%	100% Downtown Bond	Public Works
Miscellaneous Sidewalks		2019	Ongoing/2022	\$1,000,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Public Works
Miscellaneous Paving		2019	ongoing/2022	\$2,500,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Public Works
Improvements to Northside Drive - Cherokee Street to McLain		2020	2021/2023	\$1,300,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Public Works
Improvements to Winn Street - Main to Robinson		2020	2020	\$1,000,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Public Works
Improvements to Dallas St. - From Dallas to Beach		2021	2021/2022	\$1,000,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Public Works
Improvements to Robinson St. - From Maple to Eastlake Shore		2019	Complete	\$1,165,000	0%	100% LMIG	Public Works
	Community Development						
Conduct a Review and Inventory of Historic Assets		2019	2022	\$0	0%	100% General Fund	Development Staff / HPC Members
Identify Distressed Areas of the City and Research/Implement Outreach Efforts to Enhance		2021	2022	\$0	0%	100% General Fund	Development Staff & Code
Hotel Code Enforcement		2018	ongoing	na	0%	100% General Fund	Development Staff & Code
Integrate All Potential Components of City Operations into GIS Platform		2020	2022	\$20,000	0%	100% General Fund	GIS Staff
Assess Redevelopment of Key Commercial & Residential Corridors		2019	ongoing	na	0%	100% General Fund	Development Staff
Consider/Complete request to conduct new LCI Study		2018	ongoing	25000	0	100% General Fund	Develoment Staff / Consultant
Begin masterplan of redevelopment of North Main Street		2019	2021	75000	0	100% General Fund	Development Staff
Assess Current Housing Options for Residents and Assess Options to Address Needs		2021	2022	0	0	100% General Fund	Development Staff
Zoning Ordinance Review for Update Including Workforce Housing Options		2020	2022	0	0	100% General Fund	Development Staff
Seek full certifications for all employees in respective fields (i.e. building inspectors, permit tech, etc.)		2021	Ongoing/2022	5000	0	100% General Fund	Development Staff
Assess feasibility of adopting new impact fees to provide services for future growth		2022	2022	20000	0	100% General Fund	Development Staff

	Police Department						
Implement new zone patrol with motorcycles in Downtown & Parks		2017	complete	\$40,000	0%	100% Drug Seizure Funds	Police Staff
Review video surveillance plan for downtown / high-density traffic points		2019	ongoing	\$100,000	0%	50% Drug Seizure Funds / 50% General Fund	Police IT & City IT
Install Stationary LPR System in ten strategic locations for crime reduction, detection, and investigation		2019	Complete	\$20,000	0%	100% Drug Forfieture Funds	Police Staff
Maintain Stationary LPR System in ten strategic locations, ongonig annual agreement		2021	Complete	\$20,000	0%	100% General Fund	Police Staff
Upgrade record/reporting/operating software		2019	ongoing	\$400,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Police IT & City IT
Implement degree and experience incentive for sworn positions for retention and recruiting		2018	ongoing	unknown	0%	100% General Fund	Police Staff
Obtain National Certification from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA)		2022	2023	unknown	0%	100% General Fund	Police Staff
Buildout of single office space for training division		2019	Complete	\$15,000	0%	100% Drug Forfieture Funds	Police and Building Maitnenace
Community Room Roof Replacement at PD		2020	Complete	\$50,000	0%	100% Capital Improvement	Building Maintenance
Implement Court Security		2021	Complete	\$25,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Police Staff
Jail Improvements		2019	Complete	\$150,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Police Staff
Upgrade CCTV and Card Access for Detention Facilities		2021	2021	\$140,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Police and IT Staff
Upgrade Remaining Jail Locks to Add to PLC System		2021	2021	\$37,000	0%	100% SPLOST	Police and IT Staff
	Administration						
City Hall Building Maintenance (painting)		2018	Completed	\$13,000	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk/Building Maintenance
Replace Board Room Recording System		2018	Completed	\$50,200	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk/Building Maintenance
City Hall Grounds (landscaping)		2018	Ongoing	\$5,000	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk/Building Maintenance
Cemetery Maintenance and Enhancements (entrance signs, fence replacements, sectional markers, columbarium, french drain for stormwater management)		2021-22	Ongoing	\$100,000	0%	60% SPLOST/40% General Fund	City Clerk/Parks and Recreation
GMA Recovery Program for Alcohol Taxes		2021-22	Pending Approval	\$15,000 (annually)	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk
Court Software for Records Management		2021	Ongoing	\$17,000	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk/Court Services
Business License Audits		2021-22	Ongoing/Annual	In-House	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk/Customer Service
Electronic Records Management (software)		2019-22	Ongoing/Annual	\$2,500 (annually)	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk
Records Management (storage/work area)		2022	Pending Plan and Approval	\$5,000	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk/Building Maintenance
City Hall - Carpet Replacement		2020-21	Completed	\$20,000	0%	100% General Fund	City Clerk/Building Maintenance

	Human Resources						
Creating a city-wide policy manual and removing the personnel policy from the City Ordinance		2018	2021	In-house	0%	N/A	Human Resources
HR Space Renovation		2021	2022	100,000 (approx)	0%	100% General Fund	Human Resources