

Byron Short Term Work Program 2012-2016

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
Develop strategies and pursue funding for financing water and wastewater infrastructure in undeveloped areas.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	USDA, DCA, GEFA, SPLOST, developers	2012-2016
Determine the feasibility of extending water and wastewater infrastructure to additional unserved areas of Peach Co.	Byron, FVUC, Fort Valley, Peach Co. Water & Sewer Authority, Peach Co.	TBD	General Fund, Grants, SPLOST	2012-2016
Upgrade signage in the city and the historic district.	City of Byron, Better Hometown, CVB, Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce	\$15,000	General Fund, Local Assistance Grant	2013-2014
Better Hometown Program and Historical Society to promote preservation activities in Byron.	Byron Better Hometown Program, Byron Area Historical Society	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Support and enhance police programs designed to provide educational opportunities to school children on the danger of various drugs.	Byron P.D.	\$5,000/year; Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Coordinate between cities and county to better address stormwater management issues.	Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Conduct evaluation of infrastructure in water and wastewater systems for each jurisdiction.	Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley	\$15,000	General Fund	2012-2016
Continue communication with NRCS to ensure that funding is available for stormwater improvement projects.	Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Ensure beautification activities are completed along entranceways into the community	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Pursue recreational facility upgrades at the Byron Community Center.	City of Byron	\$20,000	Grants, SPLOST, General Funds	2014-2016
Increase Fire Dept. full-time manpower positions.	City of Byron	TBD	General Funds	2012-2014

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
Continue marketing of property in industrial areas by Peach County Development Authority	Peach County Development Authority	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Conduct mass marketing campaign to promote the community's assets.	Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley, PCDA, BDA, BDDA, FVDDA/Main St., BHT, Chamber	\$10,000/year	Budget	2012-2016
Encourage joint meetings of all entities involved in economic development activities to further cooperation and collaboration.	Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley, PCDA, BDA, BDDA, FVDDA/Main St., BHT, Chamber	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Cooperate with Peach County Chamber of Commerce to develop a marketing strategy for the City of Byron	City of Byron	Staff-Time; \$5,000	Budget	2013-2014
Pursue professional, managerial, and high-tech jobs for Peach County.	Development Authorities	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Seek businesses and industries that complement existing businesses and industries in the community.	Development Authorities, Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Conduct more coordination between all economic development entities within Peach County.	Development Authorities, Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Promote the economic development resources available within the community (FVSU, Middle Georgia RC – Georgia Small Business Lender, community financial institutions, etc.)	Peach County, Byron, Fort Valley, FVSU, GSBL, local banks, development authorities, Chamber	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016

HOUSING

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
Encourage the development of upscale, downtown loft apartments with mixed retail developments in downtown Byron.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Provide opportunities for community residents to participate in housing rehabilitation programs (USDA, DCA, FVSU).	Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley, FVSU, USDA, DCA	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Educate community of need for diverse housing alternatives	Peach County, Byron, Fort Valley, FVSU	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Encourage landlords to clean up overgrown and run-down properties	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Continue demolition of dilapidated structures	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Encourage the development of in-town housing to sustain downtown businesses	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Develop and enact an abandoned property ordinance	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2013

NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
Explore the creation of landscaping ordinances for future developments.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2013
Explore the adoption of landscaping ordinances for future developments.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2013
Review sign ordinances.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Increase directional signage to points of attention within the community, including historical properties.	City of Byron	\$20,000	General Fund	2012-2016
Design and develop additional cemetery property.	City of Byron	Staff-Time; TBD	General Fund	2012-2014

LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
Pursue funding from Georgia DOT to make necessary road improvements to alleviate congestion around major corridors.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Continue participation in the Warner Robins Area Transportation Study (WRATS).	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Coordinate zoning to ensure that compatible land uses are along the major highway corridors.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2013
Identify road expansions necessary to enhance economic development opportunities.	City of Byron	Staff Time	Budget	2012-2013
Improve I-75 access in northeast Peach County to alleviate traffic congestion along and near S.R. 49 in Byron.	City of Byron, GDOT	TBD	GDOT, SPLOST, Grants, General Fund	2013-2015
Capitalize on the presence of S.R. 96 within the community to further economic development activities.	Development Authorities, Peach Co., Byron, Fort Valley	Staff-Time	Budget	2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
Strictly enforce zoning regulations, approve ordinances, approve subdivision regulations, and minimize rezoning requests in agricultural areas.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Ensure that plans and designs for development in/near flood-prone areas properly address excess water due to flooding.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Evaluate traffic flow patterns in Byron near schools	Peach Co. BOE, Byron, GDOT	Staff-Time	Budget	2013-2014
Encourage Georgia DOT to make S.R. 247-C a four-lane highway from its intersection with I-75 to S.R. 49	Peach County, Byron, Fort Valley, WRATS	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Rework Frontage Road to reduce the amount of traffic congestion	Peach County, Byron, GDOT	TBD	GDOT, SPLOST, Grant Funds	2012-2016
Pursue grant funding assistance (Gateway Program) to enhance entrance ways to the city.	City of Byron	Staff-Time; \$2,000	GDOT; Gateway	2013-2014
White Road at SR 49, Intersection Improvement/Realignment with SR 42.	City of Byron	\$6,467,269	GDOT; TIA	2014-2016
Chapman Road Widening	City of Byron	\$9,520,000	GDOT; TIA	2014-2016

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
Participate in the Clean Air Coalition.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Participate in the Georgia Military Affairs Committee.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Participate in the 21 st Century Partnership to support Robins Air Force Base in future Base Realignment & Closure processes.	City of Byron	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Increase awareness of the City of Byron/Peach County community in Houston County welcome centers, chambers of commerce, and other attractions.	Byron CVB, BHT, Historical Society, COC	Staff-Time	Budget	2012-2016
Extend invitation to legislators to attend quarterly meetings of local officials	Peach County, Byron, Fort Valley	Staff-Time	General Fund	2012-2016
Update Service Delivery Strategy	Peach County, Byron, Fort Valley	Staff-Time	General Fund	2016
Work with Keep Peach County Clean and Beautiful to ensure that cleanliness of community is maintained	Byron, Keep Peach County Clean	Staff-Time	General Fund	2012-2016

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#	ACTIVITY	STATUS	EXPLANATION
Economic Development			
1	Seek Entrepreneur Friendly Community designation from the Georgia Dept. of Economic Development.	Complete	
2	Conduct mass marketing campaign to promote the community's assets.	Underway	PCCOC is constantly promoting through its website and improving its effectiveness through redesign and promotion (Billboard, radio/TV appearances, magazine article input, newspaper and TV news availability for interviews or POC).
3	Encourage joint meetings of all entities involved in economic development activities to further cooperation and collaboration.	Ongoing	
4	Survey students at Peach County schools to determine the types of businesses and industries that the community is suited for.	Complete	Peach County Schools Needs assessment was promoted throughout Chamber of Commerce membership.
5	Pursue professional, managerial, and high-tech jobs for Peach County.	Ongoing	Continuous effort to attract desirable jobs according to targeted marketing program.
6	Conduct a needs assessment that can better position industry, Fort Valley State University, and economic development entities in Peach County to train potential employees with the proper skills sets required for employment.	Complete	Georgia Work Ready has been instrumental in helping assess the community's workforce and to offer ways to improve scores as well ease of assessment.
7	Seek businesses and industries that complement existing businesses and industries in the community.	Ongoing	
8	Conduct more coordination between all economic development entities within Peach County.	Ongoing	
9	Promote the economic development resources available within the community (FVSU, Middle Georgia RC – Georgia Small Business Lender, community financial institutions, etc.).	Ongoing	
10	Byron Better Hometown Program to promote newly defined downtown area to encourage development and investment within the area.	Complete	
11	Continue marketing of property in industrial areas by Peach County Development Authority.	Ongoing	
12	Cooperate with Peach County Chamber of Commerce to develop a marketing strategy for the City of Byron.	Underway	

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Housing			
1	Encourage the development of upscale, downtown loft apartments with mixed retail developments in downtown Byron.	Postponed	Other activities and priorities during the planning period.
2	Provide opportunities for community residents to participate in housing rehabilitation programs (USDA, DCA, FVSU).	Ongoing	USDA offices recently relocated to nearby Fort Valley. Referrals made to their office.
3	Educate community of need for diverse housing alternatives.	Ongoing	Annual housing conference conducted at FVSU.
4	Encourage landlords to clean up overgrown and run-down properties.	Ongoing	
5	Continue demolition of dilapidated structures.	Ongoing	
6	Encourage the development of in-town housing to sustain downtown businesses.	Ongoing	
Natural and Cultural Resources			
1	Explore the creation of landscaping ordinances for future developments.	Underway	
2	Explore the adoption of landscaping ordinances for future developments.	Underway	
3	Review sign ordinances.	Ongoing	
4	Increase directional signage to points of attention within the community, including historical properties.	Ongoing	
5	Develop U.S. Genealogy Web Archives program.	Not Accomplished	Not a community priority.
6	Acquire property for use as a cemetery.	Complete	
Community Facilities and Services			
1	Develop strategies and pursue funding for financing water and wastewater infrastructure in undeveloped areas.	Ongoing	CDBG and other funding assistance sources to be pursued.

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2	Determine the feasibility of extending water and wastewater infrastructure to additional unserved areas of Peach County.	Ongoing	
3	Upgrade signage in the city and the historic district.	Ongoing	
4	Develop brochures and driving routes to attract tourists to locations of interest in the City of Byron.	Complete	A Walking and Driving Tour brochure of Byron's Historic District was developed by the Byron Area Historical Society.
5	Support and enhance police programs designed to provide educational opportunities to school children on the danger of various drugs.	Underway	
6	Construct a Byron Municipal Complex.	Complete	
7	Construct Veterans Memorial in front of new Municipal Complex in Byron.	Complete	
8	Seek grant funding to refurbish the Byron Community Center.	Complete	
9	Seek collaborative partnership with Kaboom! to construct playground adjacent to Byron Community Center.	Underway	Some recreational facility upgrades have been accomplished.
10	Develop and approve a Historic Preservation Ordinance for the City of Byron.	Complete	
11	Form a Historic Preservation Committee.	Complete	Byron Area Historical Society.
12	Better Hometown Program and Historic Preservation Committee to promote preservation activities in Byron.	Ongoing	
13	Coordinate between cities and county to better address stormwater management issues.	Ongoing	Have met with other jurisdictions to discuss stormwater management on projects that impact multiple jurisdictions.
14	Develop a stormwater management ordinance for each of the governmental jurisdictions.	Complete	
15	Continue communication with NRCS to ensure that funding is available for stormwater improvement projects.	Ongoing	
16	Conduct evaluation of infrastructure in water and wastewater systems for each jurisdiction.	Ongoing	

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17	Provide avenues for communication to address healthcare concerns within Peach County.	Complete	
18	Improve conditions of the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Byron by connecting to Warner Robins sewer system.	Complete	
19	Development of Memorial Park and Walking Area near new Municipal Complex in Byron.	Complete	
20	Ensure beautification activities are completed along entranceways into the community.	Ongoing	
21	Consider developing and implementing a "jake-brake" ordinance for the community.	Not Accomplished	Change in community priority. An ordinance identifying appropriate truck routes and streets on which trucks are prohibited was developed and adopted.
22	Provide full-time certified fireman.	Complete	Will continue to seek additional firefighting personnel; to be reflected in new STWP.
Land Use & Transportation			
1	Pursue funding from Georgia DOT to make necessary road improvements to alleviate congestion around major corridors.	Ongoing	
2	Continue participation in the Warner Robins Area Transportation Study (WRATS).	Ongoing	
3	Coordinate zoning to ensure that compatible land uses are along the major highway corridors.	Ongoing	
4	Identify road expansions necessary to enhance economic development opportunities.	Ongoing	
5	Improve I-75 access in northeast Peach County to alleviate traffic congestion along and near S.R. 49 in Byron.	Underway	
6	Strictly enforce zoning regulations, approve ordinances, approve subdivision regulations, and minimize rezoning requests in agricultural areas.	Ongoing	
7	Ensure that plans and designs for development in/near flood-prone areas properly address excess water due to flooding.	Ongoing	
8	Review International Property Maintenance Code to determine if appropriate for local jurisdictions.	Not Accomplished	Not a community priority.
9	Evaluate traffic flow patterns in Byron near schools.	Ongoing	

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10	Encourage Georgia DOT to increase lighting along Interstate corridor.	Not Accomplished	Not a community priority.
11	Encourage Georgia DOT to make S.R. 247-C a four-lane highway from its intersection with I-75 to S.R. 49.	Ongoing	
12	Rework Frontage Road to reduce the amount of traffic congestion.	Ongoing	
Intergovernmental Coordination			
1	Participate in the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition.	Ongoing	
2	Participate in the Georgia Military Affairs Committee.	Ongoing	
3	Participate in the 21 st Century Partnership to support Robins Air Force Base in future Base Realignment & Closure processes.	Ongoing	
4	Increase awareness of the City of Byron/Peach County community in Houston County welcome centers, chambers of commerce, and other attractions.	Ongoing	Ongoing initiative of Byron Convention & Visitors Bureau, Byron Better Hometown, Byron Area Historical Society, Peach County Chamber of Commerce.
5	Establish incentives to make land preservation attractive to sellers and owners of agricultural property.	Not Accomplished	Not a community priority.
6	Update Service Delivery Strategy.	Postponed	To be accomplished at next full update of the community's Comprehensive Plan.
7	Create and provide an annexation notification list.	Not Accomplished	Annexation examined and accomplished when requested.
8	Pursue Unified Zoning Ordinance.	Not Accomplished	Not a community priority.
9	Extend invitation to legislators to attend quarterly meetings of local officials.	Ongoing	
10	Work with Keep Peach County Clean and Beautiful to ensure that cleanliness of community is maintained.	Ongoing	

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA ADOPTING THE FIVE-YEAR UPDATE TO THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) COMPONENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Byron has prepared a five-year update to the Short Term Work Program (STWP) component of the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the STWP update was prepared in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed the STWP update and found it to be in compliance with all local planning requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron does hereby adopt the five-year STWP update to the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLVED this 12th day of December, 2011.

MAYOR: absent
Lawrence C. Collins

Attest: Betty Sims
Betty Sims, City Clerk

absent
Michael L. Chidester, Mayor Pro-Tem

James Richardson
James Richardson, Council Member

Farrell W. Bass
Farrell W. Bass, Council Member

Presiding officer Michael S. Chumbley
Michael S. Chumbley, Council Member

Mark C. Waters
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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BYRON, GEORGIA TRANSMITTING THE FIVE-YEAR UPDATE TO THE SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) COMPONENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Byron has prepared a five-year update to the Short Term Work Program (STWP) component of the community's Joint Comprehensive Plan; and

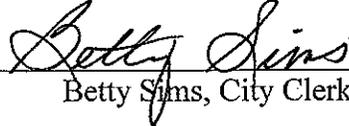
WHEREAS, the STWP update was prepared in accordance with the Rules of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning effective May 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 10, 2011 presenting the five-year STWP update to the public for review and comment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Byron does hereby transmit the five-year STWP update to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for official review.

RESOLVED this 10th day of October, 2011.

MAYOR: 
Lawrence C. Collins

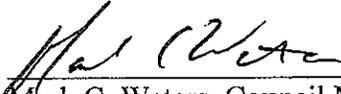
Attest: 
Betty Sims, City Clerk


Michael E. Chidester, Mayor Pro-Tem


James Richardson, Council Member


Farrell W. Bass, Council Member


Michael S. Chumbley, Council Member


Mark C. Waters, Council Member