

Atkinson County Ten-Year Solid Waste Management Plan

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ATKINSON COUNTY
CITY OF PEARSON
CITY OF WILLACOCHEE
SOLID WASTE PLAN
2005-2015

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Two public meetings were held. The first was at 5:30 p.m. on April 28, 2004. The second public meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. on September 9th, 2004. Copies of the two notices are enclosed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Collection

The unincorporated parts of Atkinson County are served by the Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County, which provides a weekly curbside service.

The City of Pearson is provided weekly curbside service for residences and dumpsters for commercial customers by the Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County.

The City of Willacoochee is provided weekly curbside service for residences and dumpsters for commercial customers by the Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County.

Cardboard bins are also available to local businesses and are collected weekly by the Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County. These recyclable materials are usually baled and recycled.

Disposal

Atkinson County opened a Construction & Demolition landfill in 1996 and a SubTitle D SR50 lined Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfill in 1997. All county generated MSW and Construction & Demolition is disposed of at this facility. The initial footprint of both the MSW and Construction & Demolition landfills is 10 acres each. The Solid Waste Management Authority has recently been awarded a vertical permit to increase the original finished height of both landfills giving the MSW landfill a finished height of 310 feet and the C&D landfill a finished height of 290 feet. The Solid Waste Management

Authority is presently actively seeking a lateral permit to increase acreage in their MSW by 40.99 acres and their Construction & Demolition by 10.2 acres of added space which will increase the life of the MSW landfill from the current 2 ½ years to 32 years and increase the life of the C&D landfill from the current 3 years 18 years of remaining capacity. The majority of volume comes from out of county haulers.

Recycling

Recycling is slowly growing in Atkinson County. While we generally subscribe to the state goal of a 25% waste reduction by various means, including recycling, we are seeing some short-term counter effects. We are collecting and accounting for more waste per person. People who once burned household waste and yard waste in their backyards, in the ditches along side the roads or disposed of waste at illegal dumpsites are now placing household waste in waste containers or bringing the waste into the landfill themselves.

Some of the recycling activities and efforts:

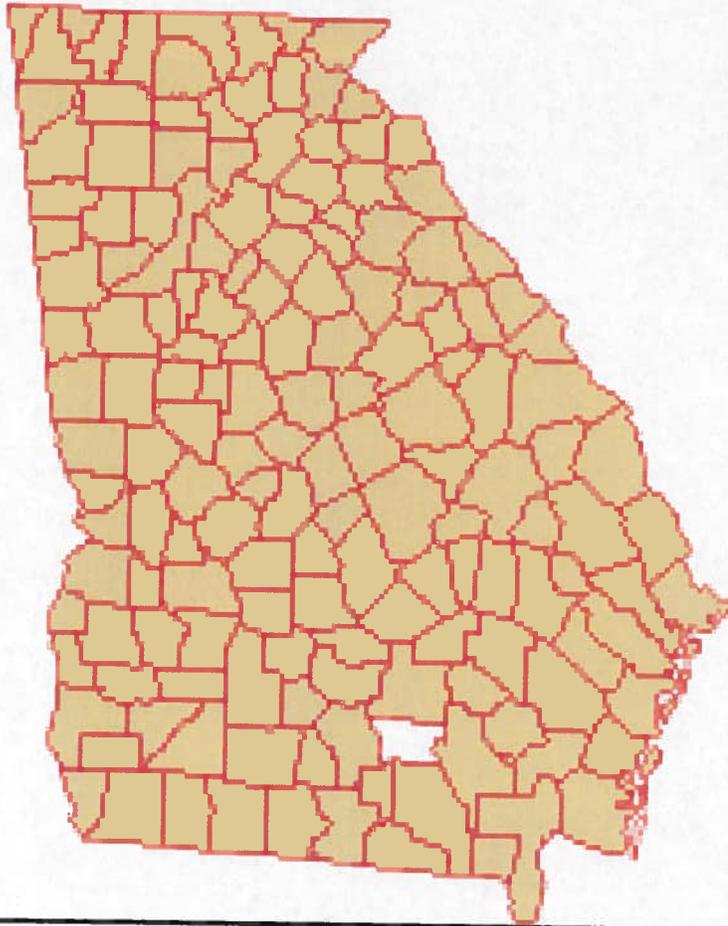
- ◆ Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County is recycling scrap metal (ferrous and non-ferrous metals) and white goods.
- ◆ Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County is permitted for scrap tire disposal.
- ◆ Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County collects and recycles cardboard.
- ◆ Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County participates in Keep America Beautiful and Bring one For the Chipper involving the school and civic groups with public education and recycling.

Progress is being made in both litter control and recycling and eventually in overall reduction in the waste stream.

INTRODUCTION

Location

Map 1



<http://www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/courthouses/atkinsonCH.htm>

In 1995, Atkinson County and its respective municipalities adopted its first Ten Year Solid Waste Plan. This document was updated in 2000. This update to the plan focuses

on revised population and employment projections to the year 2025. This plan will cover the ten year period from 2005-2014, and revisions to the developed short-term work program will be made as needed.

Atkinson County is located in south-central Georgia. Atkinson County covers approximately 344 square miles or 220,160 acres of land –of the 220,160 acres 150589.44 (68.4%) is forested land. This plan will cover all the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Atkinson County.

Atkinson County is rural and is surrounded by rural counties. Pearson, the county seat, is 15 miles south of Coffee County, 30 miles west of Ware County, 45 miles north of Lowndes County, and 40 miles east of Tift County.

Atkinson County has an excellent location between I-10, I-95, I-16, and I-75; centrally located between the Ports of Savannah, Brunswick, and Jacksonville; and is bisected east-west by the St Marys Railway West(US 82) and north –south by US 441¹.

The purpose of this update of the Atkinson County Solid Waste Management Plan is to provide a tool to measure and manage our solid waste over the next ten-year period. This plan meets requirements of the Georgia comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act of 1990 and the Minimum Planning Standards established by the Department of Community Affairs on January 1, 2004

¹ Atkinson County Comprehensive Plan 2005-2025, Economic Development Element, February 26, 2004

The original plan was prepared in 1995 and revised in 2000. A Short Term Work Program (STWP) was prepared in 2000 also. This update of both the basic plan and the STWP attempts to correct some previous errors in the data presentation, explain some significant changes, which have occurred since the original plan and make realistic forecast of the future needs and plans.

Topography

Atkinson County is basically divided into two parts separated by Highway 82, which runs east, and west. The land north of US 82 is gently rolling and the land south is nearly level with poor drainage. The north part is mostly cropland, and the south is mostly forestry. Uniquely, Atkinson County has a number of Carolina bays and water runoff travels to the Atlantic and to the Gulf.

In the southern part, shallow ponds, swamps and wetlands are common. Due primarily to a high water table, most of the soils have severe to very restrictive limitations for development. For the most part, woodland lines the creeks draining the area and, consequently acts as buffer zones between potential sources of non-point water pollution and siltation from urban lands and farmlands and from contiguous water bodies. Forest topsoil and leaf litters reduce the speed of urban and rural runoff to creeks through absorption, adsorption and mere eater flow deterrence. At the same time, absorbed and adsorbed runoff nutrients (dissolved as well as particulate detritus from such sources as fertilizers and farm animal waste) are incorporated into the nutrient cycles of the forest fringe communities for production and maintenance. The importance of maintaining the

viability of these wooded farm fringe areas cannot be overestimated. These peripheral uncut strips of forest account in large part, for the generally good visual quality of surface waters as well as the abundance of “farm game,” such as squirrel, deer, turkey, rabbits, quail and mourning doves, that are prized by local hunters. Where these fringe areas are greatly diminished or absent, algae blooms and subsequent anaerobic conditions and odor problems testify to eutrophication.

Also of great ecological importance are the Carolina Bays and other wetlands within the county. These bays and wetlands provide valuable wildlife habitat and nesting areas for migratory and indigenous waterfowl and other bird species. Deer, turkeys, quail, squirrels, opossums, rabbits, raccoons, foxes, wildcats, mourning doves, herons, turkey vultures plus hawks and eagle (both are protected species) are among the wildlife species dependant upon these bays and wetlands for habitat and final retreat from human encroachment.

Because of the unusual ecological systems present in the area, it is likely that protected plant and animal habitats can occur anywhere in Atkinson County.

A review of **Map 2**, wetlands inventory map prepared from the Comprehensive Plan Builder map view tools indicates the presence of wetlands in the Cities of Pearson, Willacoochee, and throughout Atkinson County.

Map 2

 Interstate Highway

 US and State Highway

 Railroad

 City

 County

 Stream

National Wetlands Inventory

 Upland

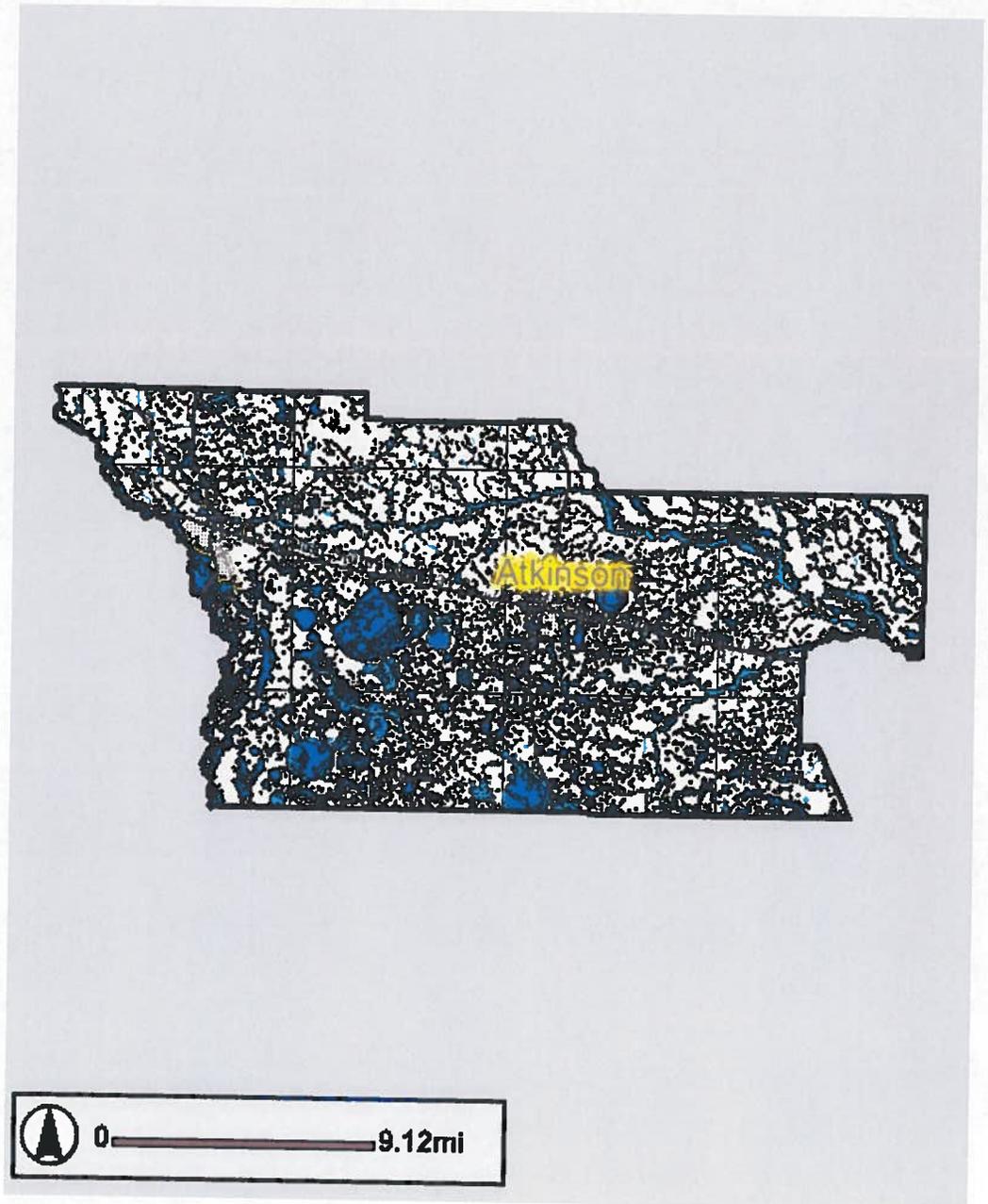
 Estuarine

 Lacustrine

 Marine

 Palustrine

 Riverine



Growth & Population

TABLE 1

Population									
1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
6,150	6,332	6,216	6,880	7,614	7,923	8,246	8,587	8,955	9,343

TABLE 2

Housing									
1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
2,025	2,086	2,223	2,454	2,730	2,870	3,004	3,129	3,235	3,327

Atkinson County grew an estimated 1.15% annually from 2000-2002. The City of Pearson on average grew 1.0% in the same period, whereas the City of Willacoochee grew at an estimated rate of 1.3% annually. The estimated annual growth rate from 1980 to 2000 was approximately 1.0%. Approximately 57.4% of the population of Atkinson County resides in the unincorporated areas of the county.²

However, the footprint of growth will be small when compared to other Georgia communities. To fully appreciate good land use decisions, it is imperative that one understands that connectivity to surrounding available resources. The coordinated planning effort ensures that mismatches between land uses and surrounding resources do not come about. View maps 3-8 for current and planned land uses in Atkinson County.

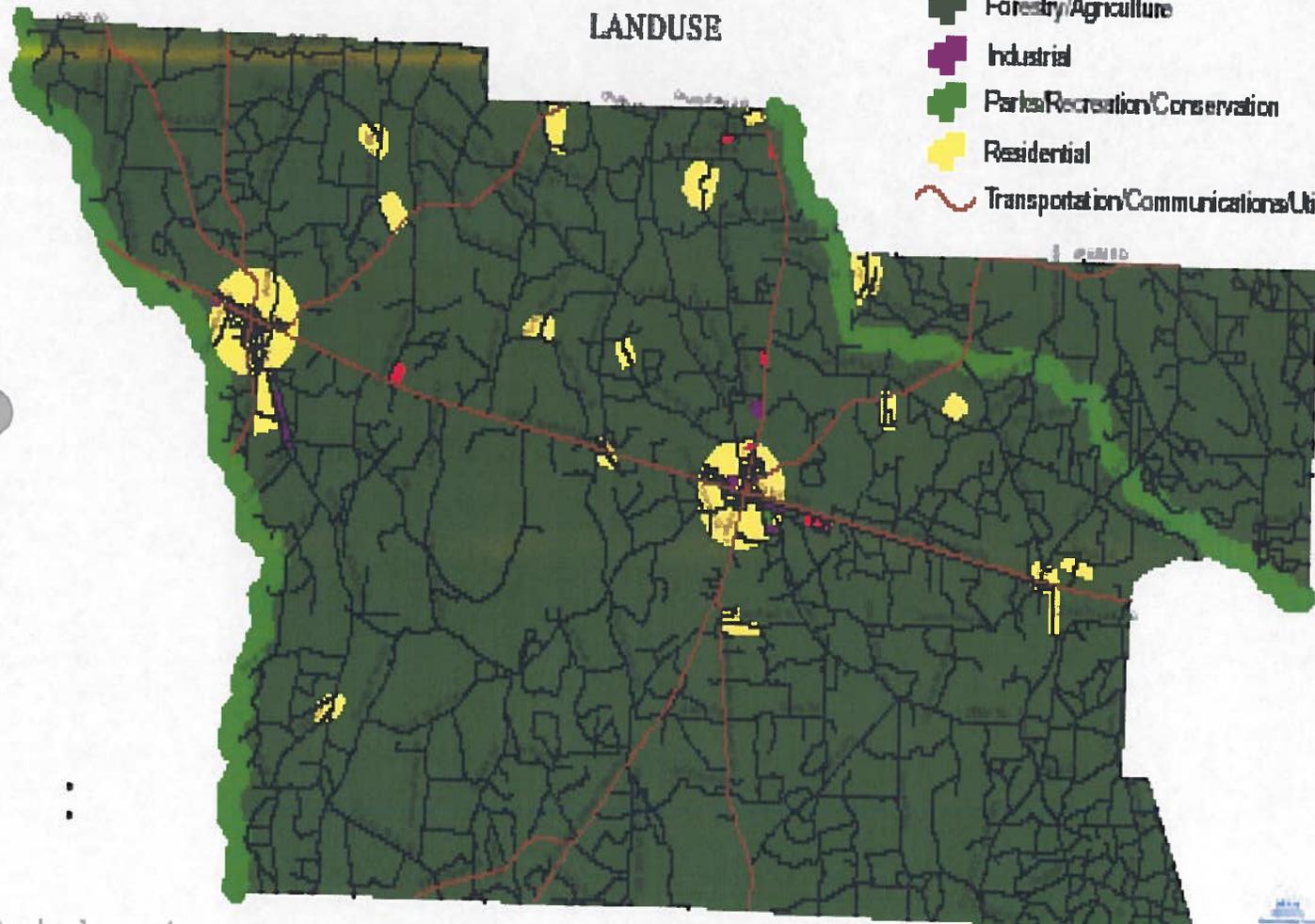
² Georgia County Guide 2003, 22nd Edition, digital media, August 16, 2004.

Map 3

ATKINSON COUNTY,
GEORGIA

LANDUSE

-  Roads
-  Commercial
-  Forestry/Agriculture
-  Industrial
-  Parks/Recreation/Conservation
-  Residential
-  Transportation/Communications/Utilities



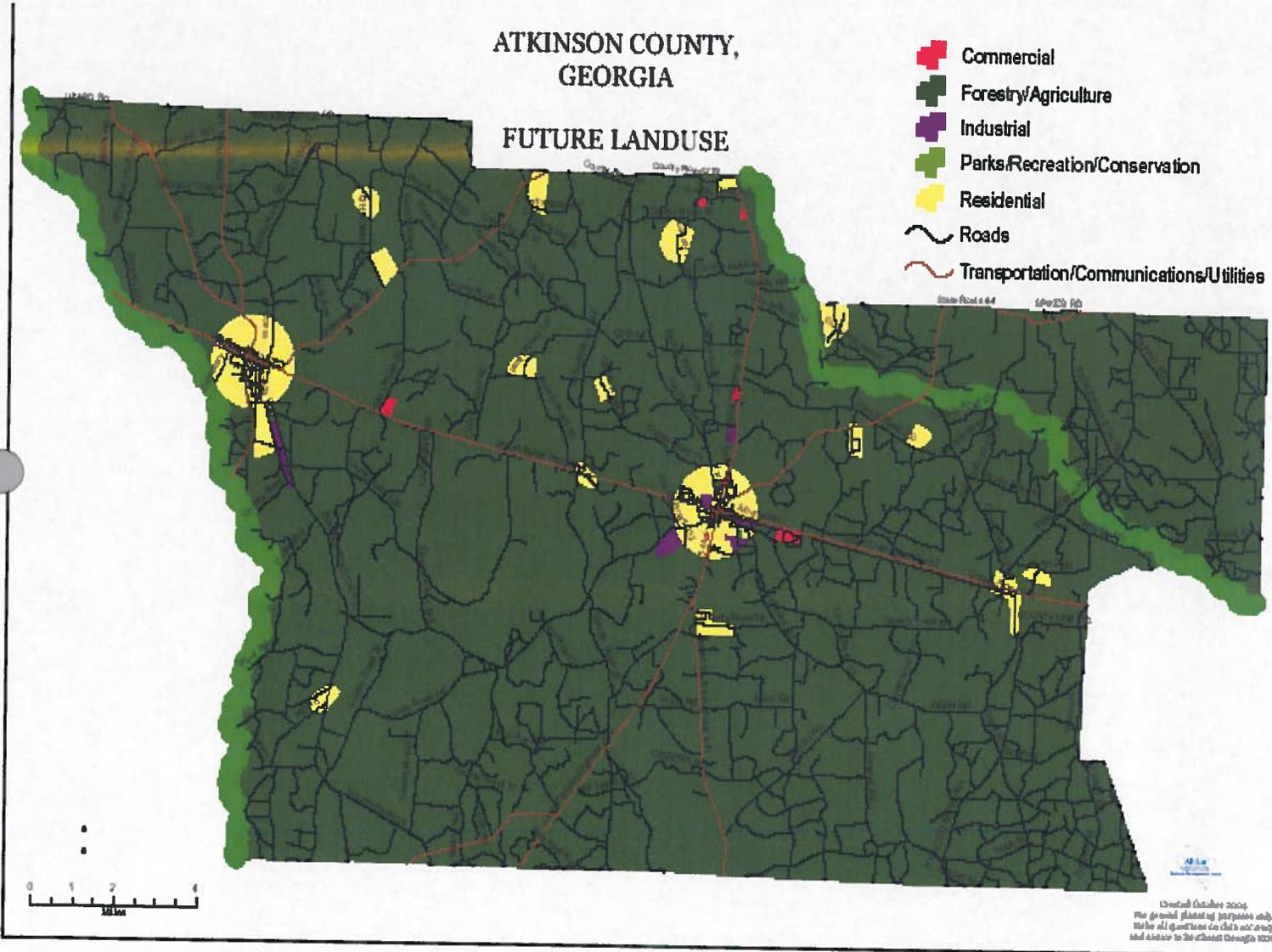
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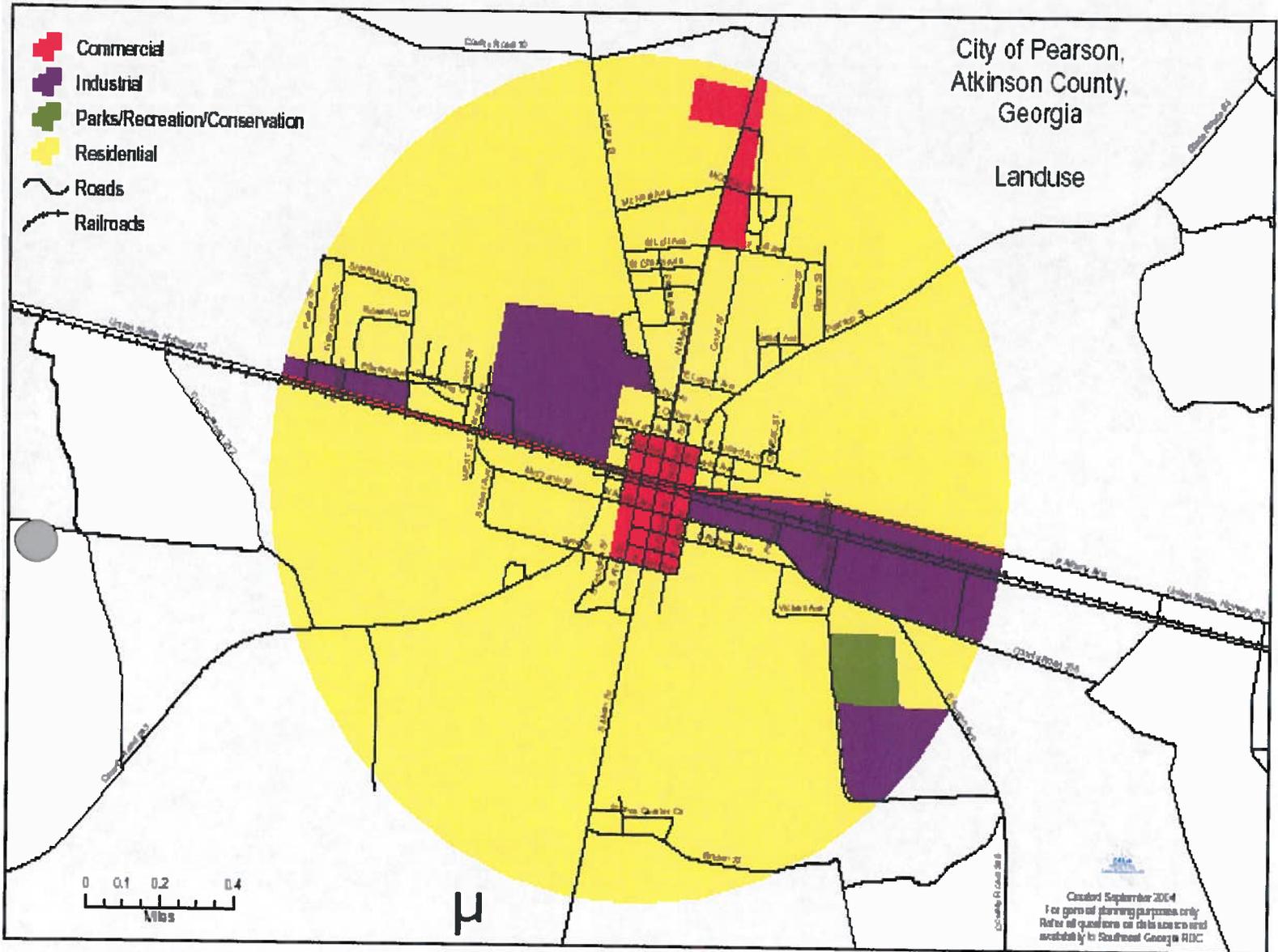
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FUTURE LANDUSE

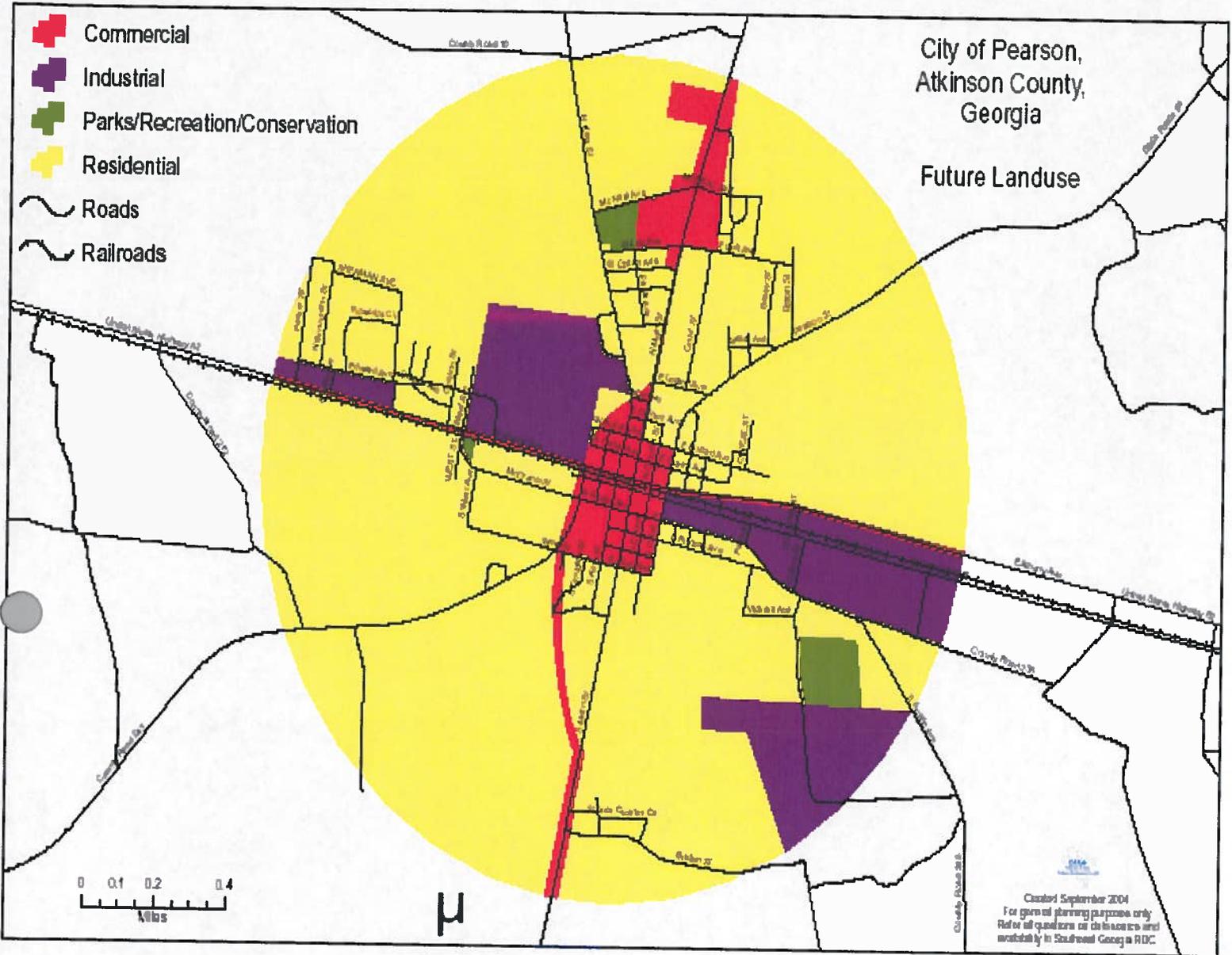
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Map 5



Map 6



Commercial, Manufacturing and Industrial Businesses in Atkinson County

- Eagle Trace: A manufacturer of mobile homes that employs approximately 140 workers. Eagle Trace is part of the Fleetwood Homes family.
- First Line Inc.: Recently reopened the Cady Bag plant in Pearson, which closed in April of 2004. They will manufacture the same products as the former company.
- SpringHill Homes: A manufacturer of mobile homes located in the City of Willacoochee, which employs 140 workers.
- Langboard Inc.: A manufacturer of medium density fiberboard primarily used in molding, furniture, and cabinets with a work force of 135 employees.
- Willacoochee Industrial Fabrics: This is a local company located in the City of Willacoochee and is a manufacturer of woven polypropylene fabrics and employs 45 workers.
- L&M Bag and Supply Company: A manufacturer and supplier of nursery products with 25 employees.
- Langboard Molding: An extension of Langboard Inc., they manufacturers molding, base board, and door frames. They employ 43 workers.
- Progro, Inc.: This is a local company that manufactures shade cloth and employs 21 workers.
- Specialized Structures Inc.: A manufacturer of modular homes that employs 95 workers.
- Cherokee Manufacturing: A manufacturer and distributor of nursery products in Pearson have continued to grow in sales and distribution. This manufacturing plant has remained stable in its employment numbers with the expectation of increasing in the near future.

Atkinson County has many niche industries that revolve around natural resources. This trend will continue into the next ten-year planning period. No major industries are

planned for development or expansion. The solid waste generators will continue to generate the same amount of waste unless production is increased or manufacturing facilities are expanded. The only foreseen disruption to the current waste stream would be an increase in output or new industrials.

WASTE DISPOSAL STREAM ANALYSIS

Inventory

CHART 1

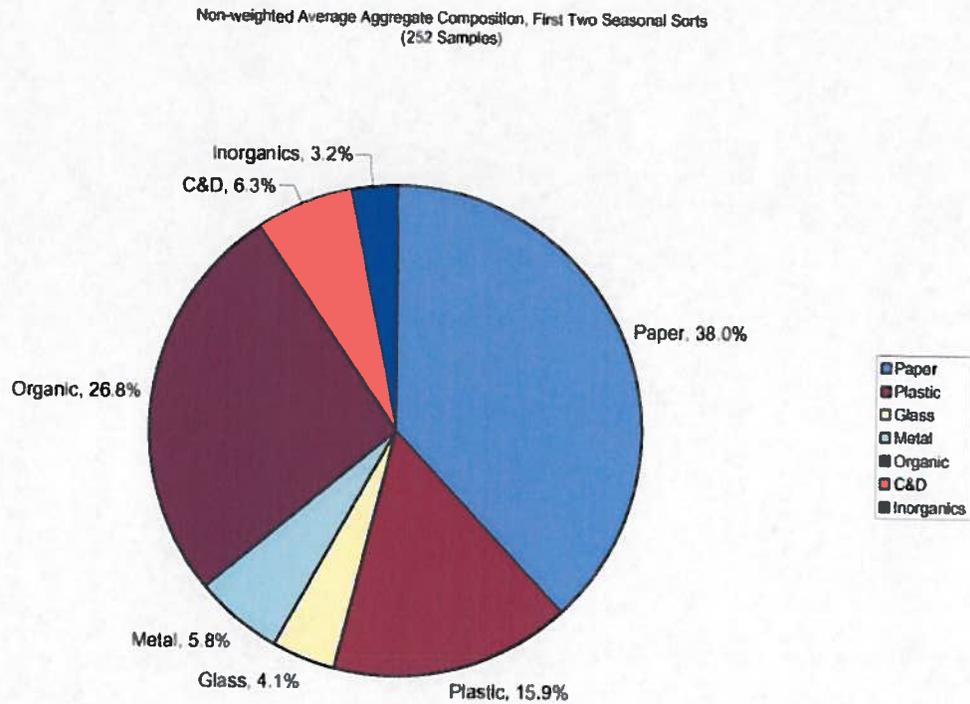
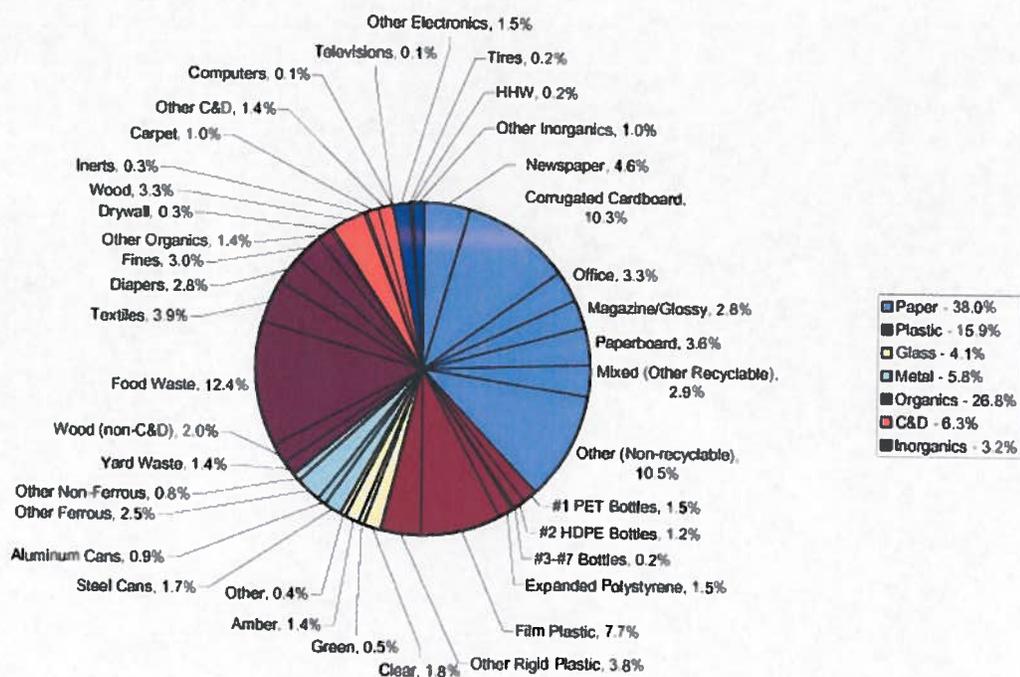


Chart 1 is a depiction of the characterization of the Atkinson County Waste disposal stream. The State of Georgia conducted the characterization study.

Chart 2 is a break down of the seven categories of materials that were analyzed while conducting the waste disposal stream characterization study.

CHART 2

Non-weighted Average Aggregate Composition, First Two Seasonal Sorts
(252 Samples)



The average person in Atkinson County contributes approximately 4.70 pounds of MSW daily or .86 of a ton annually. The average Georgian contributes 6.05 pounds of MSW daily or 1.10 of a ton annually. Individuals in Atkinson County contribute approximately 1/6 of a ton less MSW annually than other Georgian's.

TABLE 3

Year	Total Tons of Solid Waste Disposed
1997	1539
2004	6741

It was calculated in 1997 that the average person in Atkinson County produced 1.16 pounds of MSW per day or .21 of a ton annually. The 2004 MSW generated per person calculation for Atkinson County is 4.70 or .86 of a ton annually (Source: Atkinson County SR 50 MSW Landfill No.002-009D (MSWL)).

Methodology

TABLE 4

Atkinson County Estimated MSW Short Tons and Pounds 1997-2004								
Category	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Population	7242	7274	7458	7614	7677	7733	7808	7864
Pounds Per Person	1.16	3.25	4.41	4.44	4.12	4.67	5.04	4.70
Annual Short Ton Per Person	0.21	0.59	0.80	0.81	0.75	0.85	0.92	0.86
Annual County Short Ton Total	1539	4316	6014	6130	5775	6590	7184	6741

TABLE 5

Atkinson County Project MSW Short Tons and Pounds 2005-2015										
Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Projected Population	7923	7994	8049	8108	8165	8246	8311	8373	8456	8516
Pounds Per Person	4.90	5.09	5.31	5.54	5.77	6.00	6.25	6.51	6.78	7.06
Annual Short Ton Per Person	0.89	0.92	0.97	1.01	1.05	1.09	1.14	1.19	1.24	1.29
Annual County Short Ton Total	7078	7432	7804	8194	8603	9034	9485	9960	10458	10980

Combining the county's estimated population with the per capita waste generation rate yields a total waste stream forecast. Atkinson County employed projections from the Atkinson County Comprehensive Plan. The per capita waste generation rate for the county was calculated by taking the 1st and 2nd quarter report from Atkinson County Landfill and extrapolating it to cover a full one-year period. Dividing the total calculated waste for FY 2004 by the county's total estimated 2004 population of 7,664 yields a per capita waste generation rate of 4.70 pounds per day. Projected tonnage for the ten-year planning period was based on an annual 5% increase.

Industries and Types of Waste Generated

- First Line Inc.: Inorganic, (felt fiber), plastic, and organic. Low Tech Industry.
- Fleetwood-Pearson Springhill: Plastic, paper, organic (wood), C&D. inorganic. Low Tech Industry.
- Fleetwood-Pearson Eagle Trace: Plastic, paper, organic (wood), inorganic, C&D. Low Tech Industry.
- Cherokee Manufacturing: Organic, plastic, inorganic (felt fiber). Low Tech Industry.
- Fleetwood-Willacoochee Springhill: C&D, plastic, paper, organic (wood) and inorganic. Low Tech Industry.
- Willacoochee Industrial: Plastic, organic, and inorganic (groundcover). High Tech Industry.
- Langboard Inc.: C&D, paper, plastic, organic (wood, wood fiber, ash) and inorganic. High Tech Industry.
- Specialized Structures Inc.: C&D, paper, plastic, organic, inorganic. Low Tech Industry.
- L&M Bag: C&D, plastic, paper, organic, inorganic. Low Tech Industry.
- Progro, Inc.: C&D, plastic, paper, organic, inorganic. Low Tech Industry.
- Langboard Molding: C&D, plastic, paper, organic, inorganic. High Tech Industry.
- Atkinson County School System: C&D, inorganic, paper, organic, metal, glass, plastic. Public Institution.

Conclusion

Presently the largest contributor to the MSW stream is the citizens of Atkinson County.

The majority of industries are niche industries that center on the natural resources of Atkinson County.

Atkinson County does not have a seasonal population fluctuation. The population is fairly constant throughout the year. As indicated in **Table 5** population will increase by 8.38% over the next ten-year planning period. No major plant expansions are planned for the next ten-year planning period. Production levels should remain constant.

During the next ten-year planning period, land being converted from agricultural/forestry use to residence use will be minimal. The City of Willacoochee is expected to annex along Springhead Road. Land will be annexed for residential use. Commercial use will mainly be small businesses. No large waste generators are expected.

WASTE REDUCTION ELEMENT

According to the 2002 Georgia Solid Waste Management Update, the State of Georgia's 25% waste disposal reduction goal is a per capital reduction goal base upon all municipal solid waste disposed within the state. It does not exclude waste generated from out of state sources and disposed in landfills located within the state. The impact of out of state waste imports plays a role in the state achieving its 25% disposal reduction goal. The average amount of waste disposed in Georgia was recorded as 8.25 pounds per person per day including construction and demolition material and 6.05 pounds including only municipal waste and excluding out of state waste imports. This average is several pounds

above the national average waste generation of approximately 4.0 pounds per person per day.

At present, there are no recycling centers located in Atkinson County. The Atkinson County Landfill does provide cardboard pickup, which is baled and recycled. The Atkinson County Landfill also recycles white goods, metals, and tires. The Atkinson County Landfill participates annually in the Department of Community Affairs, "Bring One For The Chipper" program recycling old Christmas trees. The trees have been mulched and given to the citizens of the county or used whole for fish habitats in local area ponds.

To reduce solid waste, the residents of the county have the opportunity to be educated on the importance of natural resources, conservation and the benefits of recycling. The education programs can be provided to businesses regarding source reduction and recycling is available from the local governments and the County Extension Service.

Data for MSW and recyclables collected in Atkinson County are received from the Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County. This data can be helpful for assessing the waste reduction needs of the county.

Needs and Goals

Atkinson County has a goal to ensure, at minimum, a 25% annual waste reduction (i.e. reduce, reuse and recycle) through the year 2015 for MSW being collected in Atkinson County.

1) Source and Waste Reduction

This option of reduction will inevitably prove to be the most effective and environmentally sound component to reduce waste.

- i) **Increase Public Awareness**- The County needs to expand public information programs on and about solid waste, what it cost, persons responsible for paying and how we together can reduce the volume as well as cost. The following guidelines should be encouraged.
 - ii)
 - ❖ The reuse of appliances, furniture and clothing is becoming more acceptable and necessary. Reuse, rather than discard, products by donating, reselling or swapping products, appliances, clothing, etc., whenever possible. Churches, thrift shops and consignment houses are good alternatives to placing reusable goods in the landfill.

- ❖ Educate the public about product design/packing to reduce the purchase of materials that cannot be recycled or that are “wasteful” in our market.
Encourage consumers and business to reduce the amount of waste through more conscientious purchasing and use of products with increased product life and reusability.
 - ❖ Encourage programs that award individuals and organizations that are involved in the Department of Community Affairs Keep America Beautiful waste reduction and recycling programs.
 - ❖ Expand public education programs for source reduction through posters, media campaigns, weekly newspaper columns and radio announcements.
- iv) Protect the integrity of the solid waste stream-Local government units shall support programs that encourage composting, recycling and reuse of durable goods.
- vi) “Volume Based” Rate System-Study data to see if this would encourage local businesses to reduce the amount of recyclables entering the solid waste stream.

2) Recycling

- i) Recycling Education-Encourage public officials and business owners to inform the public about the benefits of recycling.
- ii) Expand the types of items recycled at landfill

- iii) Expand County School Recycling Programs-Continue partnership with Board of Education on recycling in the schools.
- iv) Continue to support and expand seasonal collection events and drives-Continue to support “Bring One For The Chipper”, and expand the program within the next ten-year planning period to include the recycling of HHW, electronics, and special waste.
- v) Government Units recycling reduction plan-Continue to encourage government employees to participate in recycling paper in government buildings as an example to the community.

3) Yard Trimming Mulching/Composting

Composting operations are environmentally and ecologically beneficial. By returning yard waste and organic materials back into rich humus, we reduce the amount of materials in our gardens and lawn.

Because of the law passed in September 1, 1996, local governments have programs to collect yard waste that is not suitable for composting. To reduce yard trimmings from entering the MSW stream Atkinson County, and the Cities of Pearson and Willacoochee may implement a mulching program. If implemented, citizens will have access to free mulch manufactured from gathered yard trimming.

- i) Home Composting-Encourage all homeowners and residents, who have access to an appropriate area, to produce their own compost. Instruction on home composting is readily available from the county extension agent’s office.

WASTE COLLECTION ELEMENT

Solid Waste Collection

At present, the Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson collects all solid waste throughout Atkinson County.

Recycling Collection

The County has no recycling centers but residents may bring their metals and white goods to the landfill free of charge. Residents may also dispose of tires at the landfill. A size-based fee is charged to offset the cost the landfill pays a private hauler for collecting the tires.

The Solid Waste Management Authority is approved by the Environmental Protection Division as of November 13, 1999 to provide a site as a temporary emergency storage site for limbs, trees, boards, etc, in case of major storms or hurricanes.

The Solid Waste Management Authority provides cardboard bins and collection service for local area businesses. The cardboard is baled and recycled at the Landfill.

Within the City of Pearson yard trimmings are collected as needed. This is a free service provided by the City of Pearson.

Within the City of Willacoochee yard trimmings are collected as needed. This is a free service provided by the City of Willacoochee.

The collection programs are adequate for Atkinson County. To facilitate solid waste collections efforts, Atkinson County will remain progressive in its methods and utilize funding from current solid waste collection efforts to support new programs.

Needs and Goals

Atkinson County has a goal to ensure the efficient and effective collection for the subsequent 10-year planning period of solid waste and recyclable materials able to be composted within Atkinson County.

There is a need in Atkinson County for all residents to have the opportunity for both waste collection service and recycling pickup. The current system must be progressive and operate in a way that makes the handling of garbage efficient countywide to keep the community free from roadside litter and illegal dumping.

The local government feels that Atkinson County would benefit from employment of a Code Enforcement Officer. At present grant funding for a Code Enforcement Officer is not available from the state so other avenues may need to be explored to find ways to fund this position. Having a Code Enforcement Officer should help with illegal dumping in the county.

WASTE DISPOSAL ELEMENT

INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

Atkinson County opened the SR 50 MSW Landfill in May of 1997. All county generated MSW waste is disposed of at this facility.

The MSW Landfill acreage at present is 10 acres. A vertical permit has been obtained to increase the finished height from 283 feet to a new finished height of 310 feet. The Solid Waste Management Authority is actively seeking a lateral permit, which would increase the total acreage of the MSW Landfill by 40.99 acres. With these permits the extended life of the MSW landfill will be 32 years. When permitted for lateral expansion the MSW Landfill would increase their acreage in stages of approximately 7 acres or 5 to 6 working cells during the each phase until reaching the total acreage of 40.99 acres.

The Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County also operates a C&D Landfill that opened in September 1996. The C&D Landfill acreage at present is also 10 acres. A vertical permit has been obtained and will increase the finished height from 264 feet to a new finished height of 290 feet. A lateral expansion permit is also being sought that will increase total acreage by 10.2 acres and extend the life of the C&D Landfill 18 years.

Needs and Goals

Atkinson County has a goal to ensure that solid waste disposal facilities serving local governments and regions meet regulatory requirements and are in place when needed to support and facilitate effective solid waste handling programs today and for subsequent 10-year planning period, thereby maintaining and enhancing the quality of life of the citizens of Atkinson County.

All MSW collected in Atkinson County is disposed of in the Atkinson County SR 50 MSW Landfill. Industries contract with private haulers to collect and dispose of their C&D waste, which is disposed of in the Atkinson County C&D Landfill. Cardboard is collected by the Solid Waste Management Authority and is baled at the Atkinson County Landfill then sold to private companies for recycling.

LAND LIMITATION ELEMENT

INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

Natural Environmental Limitations

Atkinson County has adopted the Part V Environmental Ordinances. These ordinances endeavor to protect environmentally sensitive areas throughout the County. These areas include groundwater recharge areas, wetlands and river corridors. These criteria act as an overlay district that increases buffering and impervious surface setbacks along wetlands and river corridors. The Georgia Forestry Commission has established Stream-side Management Zones to prevent sediment loading of streams and creeks along with water bars and turn outs because of forestry operations.

Map 9 points out conservation areas located in Atkinson County, **Map 10** shows the location of recharge areas in Atkinson County, and **Map 2** shows the location of wetlands in Atkinson County.

Atkinson County has no Land Development Codes. Nonetheless, Atkinson County does have a very aggressive Code Enforcement and Building Permitting System and the adopted Part V Environmental to limit the placement of landfills.

A “Land Limitation Review” was done when choosing a site for the current landfill of various regions in Atkinson County to host a solid waste management facility.

According to the study the best-suited land was found north of Highway 82 where the

Atkinson County SR 50 MSW Landfill is located. The site is 5 miles from the nearest incorporated area. The following were site observations and conditions that are still applicable:

Contingency Plan for Emergency Collection and Disposal

There are two alternate landfill sites available in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Onyx Pecan Row Landfill LLC
2995 Wetherington Lane
Valdosta, GA 31601

Republic Services-Broadhurst Landfill
4800 Broadhurst Road
Screven, GA

In the event of a disaster or other emergency, Mr. Lamar Park, SWMA Director, will notify Mr. Edwin Davis, Chairman of the Atkinson County Commission, of the need to utilize alternate landfills. Mr. Davis will notify those involved in the collection and disposition of refuse of the appropriate location of alternate landfill locations and services

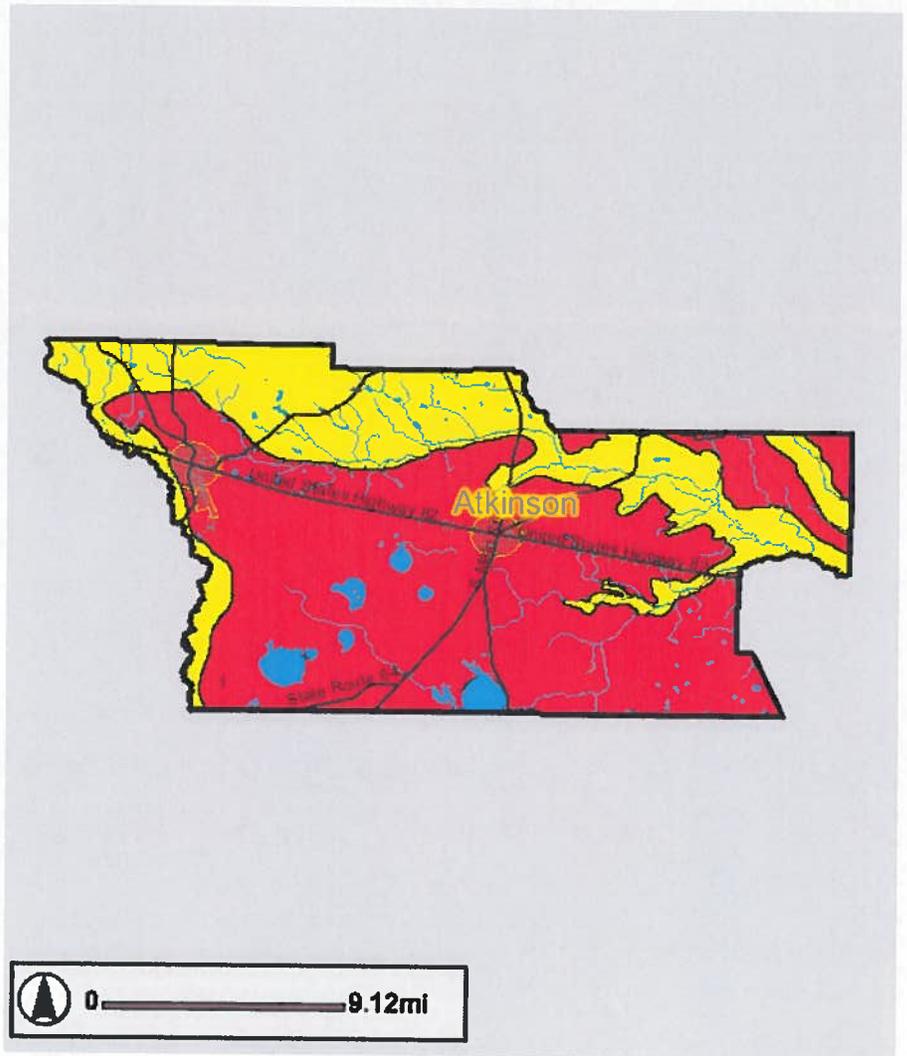
Map 9

-  Interstate Highway
-  US and State Highway
-  Railroad
-  City
-  County
-  Stream
-  Water Body
-  Conserved Land
-  Block with Archaeology Sites
-  Priority Ecological Area



Map 10

-  Interstate Highway
-  US and State Highway
-  Railroad
-  City
-  County
-  Stream
-  Water Body
- Pollution Susceptibility**
-  AVERAGE
-  HIGH
-  LOW
-  WATER
-  Recharge Area



Groundwater

Due to the relatively shallow water table at the site and the possibly of seasonal water table variation, an under drain system was installed beneath the liner subbase across the entire site. The bottom of the liner subbase was not constructed below an elevation of 17 ft., to allow average of 7.5 ft separation between the liner and the water table and at least 5 ft. above the 100 year floodplain reference.

Soils

The blueprints for the lined landfill facility indicated that the soils within the landfill area include clay. All areas that would receive municipal solid waste are fully lined, including the slopes surrounding such areas, and the liners meet federal and state regulations.

Animal and Plant Habitat

The site is not known to threaten any endangered animal or plant habitat. Approximately 260 acres is in federal easement for the protection of Gopher Tortoises and Indigo snakes.

Environmental Concerns

The site is not known to contain any historical or archaeological area.

Plan Consistency

To determine if a new sitings or expansions are consistent with the Atkinson County Solid Waste Management Plan the Solid Waste Management Authority shall perform the following:

- Determine the anticipated impact the facility will have upon current solid waste management facilities.

- Determine if the new facility or expansion will have an impact on the current collection and/or disposal system.
- Determine if the new facility or expansion will help achieve the State's goal of 25% per capita waste disposal reduction goal.
- Notify the public through public meetings and the media.

Implementation

Atkinson County's expanded landfill will be designed to process the waste stream for the next ten years. Therefore, the county will not need to site any additional solid waste disposal facilities in the ten-year planning period.

Natural Environmental Limitations:

- Groundwater Recharge Areas: DNR Rule 391-3-16-02(3)(a)
- Wetlands: DNR Rule 391-3-16-03(3)(e)
- River Corridors: DNR Rule 391-3-16-04(4)(h)

Criteria for siting:

- Airport safety: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(c)
- Flood plains: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(d)
- Wetlands: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(e)
- Fault areas: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(f)
- Seismic impact zones: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(g)
- Unstable areas: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(h)
- Significant groundwater recharge areas: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(j)

Required applicant action relating to landfill siting:

- Disposal facility siting decision: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(b)
- Hydrological assessment: DNR Rule 391-3-4-05(1)(k)

Needs and Goals

Atkinson County has a goal to prevent solid waste disposal activities in environmental protected areas or areas that have land use limitations.

The Solid Waste Management Authority is considering forming a quarterly flyer or quarterly reports in the local newspaper to keep the citizens of the county abreast of policy changes, policy procedures, expansions etc., to ensure the public that the landfill is operating in a safe and effective manner.

EDUCATION/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ELEMENT

Like many rural counties, Atkinson County faces a significant challenge in meeting the goals of O.C.G.A. §12-8-31.1. In order for the county to succeed in reaching its goals of 25% reduction in solid waste deposited at the landfill, public participation is critical.

Fortunately, the public's interest in solid waste management issues and recycling is high. However, there is also much misunderstanding about recycling among the general public.

In its public education programs, the Solid Waste Management Authority stresses that recycling is actually a three-step process. First, potential recyclables must be removed from the waste stream. Secondly, new product must be developed from the recycled materials. Finally, a market for recycled materials must be identified, and the public must accept recycled products. Unfortunately, many local recycling programs concentrate on the first phase of this cycle. The Solid Waste Management Authority will also stimulate the markets for recycled products by purchasing recycled products whenever possible.

School System Programs

The Solid Waste Management Authority coordinates with the local school system to promote recycling with a poster contest for grades K-7. This contest is held in conjunction with the "Bring One For The Chipper", campaign and students posters reflect different ways to recycle old Christmas trees. Future plans include sponsoring a science fair focusing on recycling.

Special Promotions

Annually, Christmas trees are chipped and given to the citizens for free. Young seedling trees are given to those residents who bring their old Christmas trees in for recycling.

The Solid Waste Management Authority also hosts an annual Fishing Rodeo.

Community billboards in town halls, schools, churches, civic meeting rooms, and the county offices also promote recycling.

Source Reduction Program

Source reduction is the least expensive and perhaps the most important component of any recycling strategy. When you reduce the waste stream the volume of material to be recycle or dispose of decreases. Unfortunately, source reduction is also the most difficult strategy to achieve.

The source reduction programs target the largest generators of MSW and recyclable waste, the citizens of Atkinson County. Industries and businesses are secondary contributors to the MSW stream and are more efficient at gathering recyclables from the solid waste stream.

The key to source reduction is informing citizens of the high costs of disposing of convenience based products and encouraging them to find new and innovative ways of

reusing materials. This extends the life of the product and reduces the total waste stream to be managed.

The entire Solid Waste Management Authority's recycling education programs stress waste reduction as the primary goal. By communicating to school students, civic groups and private enterprises the benefits of source reduction to taxpayers, the SWMA can further reduce the amount of waste to be buried in its landfill.

Costs for Public Education Programs

The Solid Waste Management Authority's employees coordinate the logistics, planning, and publicity efforts for recycling events with the school system, community groups, and chamber of commerce. The SWMA finances the programs with monies recovered from the recycling effort and general funds.

Needs and Goals

The Solid Waste Management Authority has a goal to help the residents of Atkinson County reach an awareness and understanding of the importance of solid waste management in terms of waste collections, waste reduction, recycling, environmental issues and conservation of natural resources.

(1) Keep Atkinson County Beautiful

The establishment of a Keep Atkinson County Beautiful organization would fulfill a much-needed long-range plan goal to increase public awareness of environmental and solid waste issues.

A need to motivate volunteers to establish and participate in a Keep Atkinson County Beautiful organization is a top priority. Giving sponsors public recognition through event flyers, promotional materials and other special event activities can increase corporate sponsorship. Giving annual awards to members and sponsors who participate will help the general public. Keep Georgia Beautiful and a established Keep Atkinson County Beautiful organization can offer assistance and information to a large audience and establish a confident reputation amongst county citizens.

(2) Environmental Enforcement-The Code Enforcement/Building Inspector Program should be expanded to include more aggressive enforcement of litter ordinances; programs to point out the seriousness of illegal dumping and the importance of litter prevention and how littering effects the environment.

(3) **Recycling**-There is no recycling centers located in Atkinson County. If recycling receptacles were provided this would make for a quick and easy recycling.

(4) **Solid Waste Plan Update**-It is necessary to monitor and evaluate this ten-year plan with a strong emphasis on establishing an ongoing KAB program. With an established KAB its members could provide an annual review of this plan and recommend modifications as necessary.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT 1995-2004 FIVE-YEAR SWMP STWP
REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Atkinson County: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

Waste Collection Element			
Project	Activity	Status	Explanation
1	Conduct annual review of collection system	Underway	
2	Replace truck SW2	Completed	
3	Replace S-10	Completed	
4	Continue and expand cardboard collection (bins furnished by SWMA)	Underway	
5	Replace truck SW3	Underway	
6	Change out SW2 automated cans to universal cans	Completed	
7	Replace Director truck	Underway	
8	Trailers for SSR collection	Postpone	Not economically feasible
9	Continue weekly curbside collection of commercial and residential waste	Underway	

City of Pearson: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

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City of Willacoochee: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

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Atkinson County: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

Waste Reduction Element			
Project	Activity	Status	Explanation
1	Source Separation Recycling	Underway	
2	Start joint composting project with UGA	Postpone	Solid Waste Authority Board decided not to invest in this project did not feel that it was economically sound.
3	Continue to divert white goods from waste stream and seek recycler to handle them.	Underway	
4	Continue to divert tires from waste stream	Underway	
5	Bale system for reversing conveyer	Postpone	Not a necessity and not feasible at this time
6	Cardboard storage area	Postpone	Cardboard prices not high enough to warrant a storage area would not be economically sound to construct a space for storage
7	Repair roof and walls of Baler building	Underway	
8	Conduct annual review of waste reduction program	Underway	

**City of Pearson: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments
1995-2004**

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2	Make composting available to citizens	Postpone	Solid Waste Authority Board decided not to invest in this project did not feel that it was economically sound.
3	Continue to divert white goods from waste stream	Underway	
4	Continue to divert tires from waste stream	Underway	
5	Conduct annual review of waste reduction	Underway	

City of Willacoochee: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

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Atkinson County: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

Education & Public Involvement Element			
Project	Activity	Status	Explanation
1	Science Fair for grades 1-8	Underway	
2	Bring one for the Chipper poster contest	Underway	
3	Annual fishing rodeo	Underway	
4	Continue working with Help Keep America clean programs	Underway	
5	Continue working with the Cities of Pearson and Willacoochee in county-wide education and public involvement program	Underway	

City of Pearson: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

Education & Public Involvement Element			
Project	Activity	Status	Explanation
1	Continue to work with City of Willacoochee and Atkinson County with education and public involvement programs	Underway	
2	Encourage citizens to participate in all "Keep America Beautiful Programs	Underway	

City of Willacoochee: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

Education & Public Involvement Element			
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1	Continue to work with City of Pearson and Atkinson County	Underway	

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Atkinson County: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

Waste Disposal Element			
Project	Activity	Status	Explanation
1	C&D Expansion	Underway	Vertical expansion is permitted and underway a permit is being sought for a lateral expansion
2	Municipal landfill Expansion	Underway	Vertical expansion is permitted and underway a permit is being sought for a lateral expansion
3	Replace compactor for C&D landfill	Completed	
4	Battery backup for scales	Postpone	Not economically feasible
5	Scrapper for roads	Underway	
6	Road sweeper unit	Postpone	Not a priority, revenues would best be served in another area
7	Replace sprockets and undercarriage of D6	Completed	
8	Clean out sediment pond	Underway	
9	Pave road from office to Baler building	Underway	
10	Camera security system for office	Postpone	Low priority, funding not available
11	Upgrade scale system	Completed	
12	Picnic and record storage area	Completed	
13	Remote capability system for scales	Postpone	Low priority, funding not available

City of Pearson: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2004

Waste Disposal Element			
Project	Activity	Status	Explanation
1	Continue door-to-door curbside collection; hauling waste to the county landfill	Underway	
2	Conduct annual review of disposal methods and associated cost	Underway	

City of Willacoochee: SWMP STWP Report of Accomplishments

1995-2005

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IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

2005-2015

TEN-YEAR WORK PROGRAM

ATKINSON COUNTY/PEARSON/WILLACOOCHEE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
COLLECTION
Ten-Year Plan

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Responsible Agency	Annual Cost	Revenue Source
1. Conduct annual review of collection system to ensure effective and efficient collection	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	N/A
2. Continue and expand cardboard collection (bins furnished by SWMA)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	Based on bin size	User Fees
3. Replace truck SW3		X									SWMA	\$75,000	General revenues
4. Replace Directors truck	X										SWMA	\$25,000	General revenues
5. Continue weekly curbside collection of commercial and residential waste	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$144	User Fees
6. Explore ways for funding of Code Enforcement Officer.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	User Fees General revenues Available grants

ATKINSON COUNTY/PEARSON/WILLACOOCHEE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

WASTE REDUCTION

Ten-Year Plan

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Responsible Agency	Annual Cost	Revenue Source
1. Conduct annual review of waste reduction program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	N/A
2. Continue to divert white goods from waste stream and seek recycler to handle them	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	N/A
3. Repair roof and walls of Baler building			X								SWMA	\$30,000	General Funds
4. Continue to divert tires from waste stream	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$0	N/A
5. Source Separation Recycling	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$20,000	General Funds
6. Increase public awareness by encouraging reuse, educating the public, expanding public education programs, and encouraging programs that reward individuals/organizations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds Fees from recyclables
7. Support programs that encourage composting, recycling and reuse of durable goods	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds
8. Study feasibility of Volume Based Rate System	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds
9. Encourage public officials and business	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds

owners to inform public about benefits of recycling													
10. Expand types of items recycled at landfill	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds
11. Expand County School Recycling Programs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds
12. Continue to support and expand seasonal collection drives and events.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds
13. Encourage home composting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds

ATKINSON COUNTY/PEARSON/WILLACOOCHEE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

WASTE DISPOSAL

Ten-Year Plan

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Responsible Agency	Annual Cost	Revenue Source
1. Conduct annual review of disposal methods and associated cost.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA Pearson Willacoochee	\$ N/A	City and County Funds User Fees
2. Continue door-to-door curbside collection; hauling waste to the county landfill	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$144/per customer per year	User Fees
3. C&D Landfill Expansion	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$20,000	User Fees Tipping Fees
4. Municipal Landfill Expansion	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$75,000	User Fees Tipping Fees
5. Pave road from office to Baler building						X					SWMA	\$7,500	User Fees Tipping Fees
6. Clean out sediment pond		X									SWMA	\$15,000	User Fees Tipping Fees
7. Ensure that solid waste disposal facilities serving local governments and regions meet regulatory requirements and are in place to support and facilitate effective solid waste handling programs today and for the 10-year planning period.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	User Fees Tipping Fees

ATKINSON COUNTY/PEARSON/WILLACOOCHEE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

LAND LIMITATIONS

Ten-Year Plan

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Responsible Agency	Annual Cost	Revenue Source
1. Annually review the map for areas most suitable and unsuitable for placement of a solid waste management facility and recycling centers.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$ 200	General Funds/User Fees/Tipping Fees
2. Prevent solid waste disposal activities in environmental protected areas or areas that have land use limitations.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds/User Fees/Tipping Fees
3. Consider forming a quarterly flyer and/or quarterly report for local paper to keep citizens abreast of landfill news and to ensure the public that the landfill is operating in a safe effective manner.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	General Funds/User Fees/Tipping Fees

**ATKINSON COUNTY/PEARSON/WILLACOOCHEE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Ten-Year Plan

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Responsible Agency	Annual Cost	Revenue Source
1. Science Fair for grades 1-8	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$1,500	Recycling monies
2. Bring one for the Chipper poster contest	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$500	Recycling monies
3. Continue working with Help keep America clean programs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	N/A	N/A
4. Annual fishing rodeo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA	\$500	General Fund
5. Encourage citizens to participate in all "Keep America Beautiful" programs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA Pearson Willacoochee	N/A	N/A
6. Continue working with the Cities of Pearson and Willacoochee in count-wide education and public involvement program	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA Pearson Willacoochee	\$1000	City Funds SWMA General Fund
7. Encourage citizens to establish a Keep Atkinson County Beautiful organization.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA Pearson Willacoochee	N/A	N/A
8. Expand environmental enforcement to include more aggressive enforcement of litter ordinances, importance of litter intervention, effects of littering on environment.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SWMA Pearson Willacoochee	N/A	N/A

RESOLUTION

**OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PEARSON THE CITY OF WILLACOOCHEE,
AND ATKINSON COUNTY
TO ADOPT THE ATKINSON COUNTY JOINT SOLID WASTE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 requires all local governments to prepare a comprehensive plan in accordance with the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Local Planning; and

WHEREAS, this joint Solid Waste Plan was updated in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated planning process has resulted in a Joint Solid Waste Plan for Atkinson County, City of Pearson and City of Willacoochee; and

WHEREAS, the minimum requirements for public participation in the development of the Update as mandated by the *Minimum Standards* have been met through the holding of a two public hearings;

WHEREAS, Public hearings were held: one on April 28, 2004, 5:30 p.m. advertising the process and the second one on September 9, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in Pearson, Georgia at the County Commission Chamber, P.O. Box 518, Pearson, Georgia showing the final project recommendations.

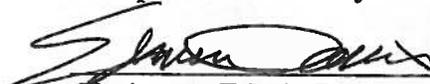
WHEREAS, the Cities of Pearson, Willacoochee and Atkinson County Commission submitted the Atkinson County Joint Solid Waste Plan to the SEGa RDC and DCA for review, as per the requirements of the Georgia Planning Act of 1989 and;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has approved the Atkinson County Solid Waste Plan and;

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Cities of Pearson, Willacoochee and Atkinson County Commission adopt the Atkinson County Joint Solid Waste Plan;

SO RESOLVED this day of May 2005.

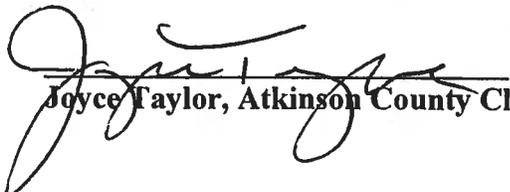
Adopted on the day of May, 2005:


Chairman Edwin Davis

Adopted on the day of May, 2005:


Mayor, Ellie Morris

Witness:


Joyce Taylor, Atkinson County Clerk

Witness:


Sandra Morris, Pearson City Clerk

(Seal)

Adopted on the of May, 2005:

Jim Mills
Mayor, Jim Mills

Witness:

Phoebe Brown
Phoebe Brown, Willacochee City Clerk

Adopted on the of May, 2005:

Lamar Park
SWNA Director, Lamar Park

Witness:

Barbara Nugent
Barbara Nugent, SWMA Office
Manager/Clerk

(Seal)

Seal)

Bowlin Sentenced In Connection With Scheme To Defraud Investors

SAYANNAH: Lisa Gofhey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that Mark Bowlin, was sentenced on August 11, 2004 in U.S. District Court in Waycross, Georgia, by Chief U.S. District Judge William T. Moore, Jr.

Bowlin had previously entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with a conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud and money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371. Specifically, the charges related to his involvement in an investment fraud scheme in the Coffee County area and elsewhere between January 1998 and February 2000.

During the guilty plea hearing, the evidence showed that Bowlin and others devised a scheme to obtain investors in Universal Interiors, a corpora-

tion through which Mark Bowlin conducted a drywall installation business in Atlanta, Georgia. Potential investors were told by Mark Bowlin and others that they would receive up to a forty percent (40%) return on investments over short periods of time. To persuade potential investors to invest in Universal Interiors, Bowlin and others made false representations concerning Universal Interiors, including falsely representing that Universal Interiors had millions of dollars worth of projects on hold until it obtained additional start-up capital from investors and falsely stating that investments in Universal Interiors were used strictly to purchase materials and to pay labor with regard to a new project. In fact, the investors own funds were used to pay interest payments back to

the investors to create an illusion of profitability. Investor funds were also used for Bowlin's and others' own use and enjoyment, including the purchase of homes, a boat, cars and other expenses.

Bowlin was sentenced to thirty-two (32) months imprisonment and ordered to make full restitution to victims in the amount of \$2,720,411.42. Upon release from imprisonment, Bowlin will be on supervised release for three (3) years.

Wood stated that the sentencing was the culmination of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The Government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Dublin of Savannah.

Happy Birthday "Sweet 16" Becka

We Love you Mom, Dad, Barton



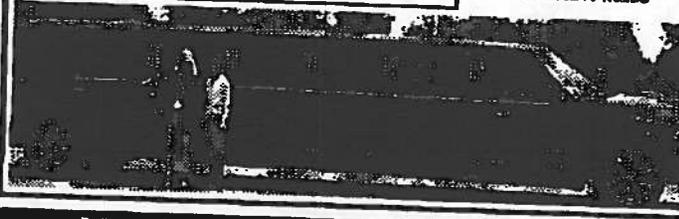
Pictured with best friend Jessie.

All softball players enjoyed Pizza after practice but no more them cruising in the Navigator Stretch Limo.



Becka w/16 Roses

Tiffany, Becka, Jessie, Sabrina, Jasmine, Amber G. Ashley, Amber M, Lauren, Jcanna, Jayne, Alesia



Call 912-422-3824 to subscribe

Public Meeting

Atkinson County Ten Year Solid Waste Plan

All Public Entities hereby post notice of an open public meeting as required by Georgia Code. The meeting will be held in the boardroom of the Atkinson County Commission on Thursday September 9, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. Questions and comments can be directed to (912) 422-3391.

The Public is invited to attend.

MISS LISA

2810 Memorial Dr. Waycross, GA

283-3206

Do you have negative energy and problems in life? (Obsession, Worrying, your happiness, love, a piece of mind) You're not alone, I can help!

We can get you in a new home for

Notice From DMVS And Your Local Tax Office

Insurance

Insurance Cards

- No longer valid for vehicle registration
- No longer proof of valid insurance for a law enforcement inquiry
- Current, valid card is required to be in the vehicle at all times.

Note: IRP vehicles are excluded from GEICS requirements

ACCEPT THESE EXCEPTIONS:

Temporary Insurance

- Binder less than 30 days from the date of issuance
 - Declaration page accompanied by a buyer's order, purchase agreement or bill of sale less than 30 days from the date of sale.
- NOTE: See exception Codes

Fleet Cards

- Name on the insurance card does not have to match name on the registration
- Must be a Georgia insurance card
- May or may not have a VIN on the card
- Must have the word "FLEET" on the card

*Payment of all taxes and fees will be required during the registration period each year.
*Prior to driving the vehicle, the applicant must:

- Obtain new insurance,
- Notify the County Tax Commissioner to "Un-Cancel" the registration,
- Pay any Taxes and Fees.

Insurance Lapse Information

Notice of pending suspensions and letters stating requirement to pay lapse/registration fees will be mailed starting April 2004.

What is a Lapse in Insurance?

A period greater than one day from the date of termination to the date of new insurance.

What is the Lapse Fee?

The penalty for a lapse in insurance is \$25. For each lapse: \$5 is retained by the County, \$20 is remitted to the State.

What if the Lapse Fee is not

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912 382 1022
BLALOCK LOVETT
AM 10:30
10:30-11:00

Letter continued

you wrote the articles and you may have been, I don't know, but when you talk about the Willacoochee Police Dept. In general you are talking about me and the profession that I have devoted a lot of time and money in and just like you I will defend anything I have an interest in. By the way, I have found that when people stand up for what they believe in and are telling the truth they don't mind signing their name to it. These views are my own and have nothing to do with anyone else at the Willacoochee Police Department. If anyone would like to

make a comment about anything I have said or discuss this further, you can reach me at the Willacoochee Police Dept. or E-mail me at ed717521e@msit.com.

Thank you,
Officer Edward English
P.S. I would like to thank all the citizens of Willacoochee that assisted the Police Dept. on Easter Sunday; you made a great difference. I would also like to thank the Atkinson County Sheriff's Dept., the Pearson Police Department, and the Georgia State Patrol for all the help and support.

Commission and would not cost the state any money.

Protecting Guide Dogs - HB 311, makes it illegal to harm or bother a guide dog or otherwise interfere with a working animal and establishes a fine of up to \$500 or a 90 day jail sentence.

Emergency Dams - HB 373 requires power companies to hold public meetings before they begin legal proceedings to condemn private property for the construction of electric transmission lines.

Condemned Inmate DNA samples - SB 482, which is a part of the Lt. Governor's legislative agenda, will allow the state to take DNA samples from death row inmates

some private law cases. Current law only allows DNA samples to be taken upon an inmate's release from prison.

Stream Buffers - SB 460 requires the Environmental Protection Division to develop rules on how it issues permits that allow streamside land to be disturbed. Buffers of trees, grass and other vegetation serve as natural filters of polluted runoff from parking lots and streets.

Electronic Prescriptions - SB 179 allows pharmacist to receive prescription orders through e-mail.

Civil War Memorials - SB 588 bars desecration to any private war veteran display.

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The purpose of this meeting is to notify the public that Atkinson County, the City of Pearson and the City of Willacoochee, and The Solid Waste Management Authority of Atkinson County are preparing the Comprehensive Plan to meet the statutory requirements under the Georgia Planning Act, the solid Waste Management Act and the Service Delivery Strategy law (HB 489).

The meeting is Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at 5:30 PM in the conference room of the Atkinson County Commission.

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**REGARDING CLOSING OF COUNTY ROAD
COUNTY ROAD 62
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The Property Owners have requested that the road be closed. The request from the owners is so that they can better protect their property.

**ATKINSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

NOTICE

The Regular Meeting
of the
Atkinson County Planning Commission
will be held
Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at 10:00 AM
in the Atkinson County
Commission Building.

On the Agenda:

- Item 1: Call To Order/Roll Call
- Item 2: Invocation
- Item 3: Visitors & Guests
- Item 4: Minutes
- Item 5: Subdivision Ordinance
- Item 6: Mullis & Tanner Subdivision Plans
- Item 7: Public Comments
- Item 8: Adjournment

The Public is Encouraged To Attend!