

## RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

### THREE RIVERS REGIONAL COMMISSION RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2016-2020 REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM UPDATE TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR REVIEW

**WHEREAS**, the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC) is required to complete an annual review and update of the Regional Work Program, and;

**WHEREAS**, the annual update has been completed in accordance to the Minimum Planning Standards, and has been reviewed and approved by the TRRC Council, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed and approved the 2016-2020 TRRC Regional Work Program,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission does hereby approve the adoption of the 2016-2020 Regional Work Program Update.

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

By:   
Peter L. Banks, Council Chairman  
Three Rivers Regional Commission

Attest:   
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***REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM UPDATE***  
***2016 — 2020***

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# TRRC REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM — REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The activities listed below were implemented by the Three Rivers Regional Commission during the timeframe specified. The status of the activities is also provided in this Report of Accomplishments.

Activity #	Description of Activity	Timeframe	Estimated Cost	Funding Source	Responsible Party	Issue/Opportunity Addressed	Status
<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>							
1	Continue to provide grant writing and administrative services to local governments to promote new and expanding business development and entrepreneurship throughout the region.	2015-2019	TBD	N/A	RC	ED-O-1,6, 8,12, ED-I-1,2 ,9 CF-I-3,11,17 CF-O-5, P-I-3,4 P-O-5,6	On-going
2	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact in support of economic development growth for local governments throughout the region.	2015-2019	\$25,000	DCA, RC	RC	CF-O-2, CF-I-11, IC-2,3,4 IC-O-2,3 LU-I-8 LU-O-1,2,3,4 ED-O-8 NC-I-6 NC-O-6	On-going
3	Assist local governments in promoting economic development through historic preservation and cultural tourism.	2015-2019	N/A	HPD, DCA, RC	RC	ED-O-7,8,12 ED-I-9 T-I-3, H-O-6 NC-I-8, O-8,9	On-going
4	Continue to assist the West GA Broadband Authority and/or individual governments in seeking funding for the expansion of broadband services	2015-2019	\$20,000	EDA	RC	ED-I-6	On-going
5	Assist local governments in the implementation of projects identified in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Three Rivers Region.	2015-2019	TBD	EDA, RC	LG, RC	ED-1,7,8,9	On-going

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<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>							
1	Continue to participate in the RiverWay South Water Planning Program to preserve, protect and promote the heritage of the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint (ACF) watershed.	2015-2019	N/A	USDA	RiverWay South, RC	ED-O-12 H-O-6 NC-O-7,10	On-going
2	Continue to support water planning issues that affect the region.	2015-2019	\$5,000	Undetermined	LG, RC	NC-I-1,5 NC-O-2,4, 12	On-going
3	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact that protect natural and cultural resources.	2015-2019	\$20,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-1,2,3,14,15 NC-O-5,7,11,12	On-going
4	Assist the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Griffin, as requested, in the implementation of its Historic Preservation Ordinance.	2015-2019	\$8,500	DCA, LG	LG, RC	NC-I-8,10,11,12 NC-O-7,9	On-going
5	Work with the African-American Heritage Tourism Program to reconvene the planning committee in support of additional cultural activities.	2015-2019	UNK	HPD, RC	RC	NC-I-7,8,9 NC-O-7,8,10	Postponed
6	Continue serving on the West Georgia Textile Trail Board of Directors and providing technical assistance.	2015-2019	UNK	HPD, RC	RC	NC-I-7,8,9 NC-O-7,8,10	On-going
7	Maintain and update the Three Rivers RIR Plan and encourage governments to regularly review and consult the Plan for activities that impact natural and cultural resources.	2015-2019	\$3,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I 5,7	On-going
8	Assist the City of Villa Rica in cataloging its historic properties to be a Certified Local Government for DNR	2015-2019	\$10,500	LG, RC, DNR, DCA	LG, RC	HR-II,15,17	On-going

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<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES</b>							
1	Continue to educate local governments on funding resources available for local infrastructure improvement/enhancement projects.	2015-2019	N/A	N/A	RC	CF-I-1,6,7,14,15 CF-O-1 T-I-3	On-going
2	Assist local governments in seeking funding for the development of recreational parks.	2015-2019	N/A	Not Determined	RC	CF-I-2,4,5,12 CF-O-3	On-going
3	Assist local governments in the development and/or implementation of hazard mitigation plans	2015-2019	N/A	LG, GEMA	LG, RC	CF-O-7	On-going
4	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact that support logical and sustainable community facilities and services that are best suited for the region.	2015-2019	\$20,000	DCA, RC	RC	CF-I-1,5 NC-I-1,2, NC-O-10,11, CF-O-3	On-going
5	Assist member governments with GIS services for various mapping projects to include cemetery, waterlines, etc.	2015-2019	TBD	DCA, EDA	LG, RC	ED-I-8,10 HR-I-2	On-going
6	Provide technical assistance transportation planning activities that are local or multijurisdictional in nature.	2015-2019	TBD	LG, RC, GDOT	LG, RC	LU-I2,8 CF-I-9,11,13	On-going
7	Maintain a map and database of critical facilities for the region.	2015-2019	\$3,000	DCA, RC	RC	CF-I-12	On-going
8	Assist local governments in obtaining CDBG Grants for infrastructure projects in the region to enhance local services and support project development.	2015-2019	\$5,000	DCA, LG, RC	LG, RC	ED-I-7,8 CF-I-1	On-going

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<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>HOUSING</b>							
1	Assist local governments to seek funding in their efforts to rehabilitate substandard housing.	2015-2019	N/A	N/A	LG, RC	HI-1-9 H-O-1	On-going
2	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact that support logical and sustainable housing facilities that are best suited for the region.	2015-2019	\$20,000	DCA, RC	RC	HI-1, 9 HO-1-5 NC-I-6	On-going
3	Conduct a housing evaluation study for Spalding County	2015-2019	\$75,000	LG, RC	RC	H-I-6,7,10,	Cancelled. County seeking other options for project.

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<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>LAND USE</b>							
1	Encourage the use and implementation of the Regionally Important Resources (RIR) Plan and Regional Agenda for Three Rivers RC.	2015-2019	\$5,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-1,2,3 NC-O-12, CF-O-3	On-going
2	Perform an annual update to the Three Rivers Regional Plan.	2015-2019	\$5,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-14, NC-O-12	On-going
3	Assist governments in the preparation of full Comprehensive Plan Updates: Hogansville, La-Grange, West Point, Senoia, Grantville, Haralson, Turin, Moreland, Sharpsburg, and Coweta County	2015-2019	\$15,000 each	DCA, LG	LC, RC	IC-O-2 LU-I-9 LU-O-1,2,3,4	On-going
4	Assist the Cities of Bowdon, Temple, and Milner with the update of its land use and zoning maps.	2015-2019	\$5,000 each	LG, RC	LG, RC	IC-O-2 LU-I-9 LU-O-1,2,3,4	On-going
5	Continue work on activities in support of the development of an East-West Corridor from La-Grange to Macon.	2014-2019	N/A	GDOT, LG	GDOT, LG, RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4 IC-O-1,2,3 T-I-7	On-going
6	Develop and implement a curriculum for a one-day training of Planning Commissioners for local governments.	2015-2019	\$15,000	LG, RC	RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4 IC-O-1,2,3; I-I-1	On-going
7	Develop a training of Development of Regional Impact for local governments.	2015-2019	\$2,000	LG, RC	RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4 IC-O-1,2,3; I-I-1	On-going
8	Continue to assure that local governments maintain their appropriate QLG status through monthly evaluations and communication.	2015-2019	\$8,000	DCA, RC	RC	LU-I-9 IC-O-2 LU-O-1,2,3,4	On-going

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<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>							
1	Update the Regional Transit Development Plan for Spalding County.	2015-2017	\$35,000	GDOT	GDOT, LG, RC	CF-I-4; ED-I-7,8; T-I-4,5	On-going
2	Continue to encourage and support Safe Routes to School Projects throughout the Three Rivers Region.	2015-2019	\$20,000	GDOT	GDOT, School Districts, RC	CF-O-4, T-O-1,3,5, CF-O-1,2	On-going
3	Continue to develop and maintain the Three Rivers RC Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	2015-2019	\$35,000	GDOT	GDOT, LG, RC	CF-O-4, T-O-1,2,3,5, CF-O-1,2,5	On-going
4	Promote the expansion of the Regional Transit System to all member counties.	2015-2019	UNK	GDOT, LG, RC	LG, RC	ED-I-7,8; T-I-4,5; CF-I-4	On-going

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<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>							
<b>REVIEW ACTIVITIES</b>							
1	Continue to perform reviews of Developments of Regional Impact that may impact the region.	2015-2019	\$45,000	DCA, RC	RC	IC-I-4 IC-O-1,2,3 NC-O-11,12,15	On-going
2	Review regional projects which could have an affect on sites listed within the Regionally Important Resources Plan (RIR)	2015-2019	5,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-1,2,3,9,11, 12,14 NC-O-12	On-going
3	Review proposed telecommunications tower projects for possible adverse affects on historic resources.	2015-2019	5,000	HPD, RC	RC	NC-I-11, NC-O-9,11	On-going
4	Assist local historic preservation commissions in the review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) as needed.	2015-2019	4,000	HPC, RC	RC	NC-I-8,10,11,12 NC-O-9	On-going
5	Review Georgia Department of Transportation Section 106 projects which may have adverse affects on historic resources.	2015-2019	5,000	GDOT, RC	RC	NC-I-7,8,10 NC-O-6,9,11	On-going
6	Review local government CIE and Comprehensive Plans as required.	2015-2019	TBD	DCA, RC	RC	IC-O-2 LU-O-1-4	On-going
7	Review local government Service Delivery Strategies.	2015-2019	UNK	DCA, RC	RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4, O-2 LU-O-1-4	On-going

# TRRC REGIONAL WORK PROGRAM — 2016—2020

The activities listed below are the activities the Regional Commission will undertake to implement the regional plan during the upcoming five-year period. The Regional Work Program will be monitored by the Three Rivers Regional Commission (TRRC). The TRRC will assist local governments and other partners with the activities that must be carried out within the five year review period.

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1	Continue to provide grant writing and administrative services to local governments to promote new and expanding business development and entrepreneurship throughout the region.	2016-2020	TBD	N/A	RC	ED-O-1,6, 8,12, ED-I-1,2 ,9 CF-I-3,11,17 CF-O-5, P-I-3,4 P-O-5,6
2	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact in support of economic development growth for local governments throughout the region.	2016-2020	\$20,000	DCA, RC	RC	CF-O-2, CF-I-11, IC-2,3,4 IC-O-2,3 LU-I-8 LU-O-1,2,3,4 ED-O-8 NC-I-6 NC-O-6
3	Assist local governments in promoting economic development through historic preservation and cultural tourism.	2016-2020	N/A	HPD, DCA, RC	RC	ED-O-7,8,12 ED-I-9 T-I-3, H-O-6 NC-I-8, O-8,9
4	Continue to assist the West GA Broadband Authority and/or is individual governments in seeking funding for the expansion of broadband services	2016-2020	\$10,000	EDA, USDA, ARC	RC	ED-I-6
5	Assist local governments in the implementation of projects identified in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Three Rivers Region.	2016-2020	TBD	EDA, RC	LG, RC	ED-1,7,8,9

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1	Continue to participate in the RiverWay South Water Planning Program to preserve, protect and promote the heritage of the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint (ACF) watershed.	2016-2020	N/A	USDA	RiverWay South, RC	ED-O-12 H-O-6 NC-O-7,10
2	Continue to support water planning issues that affect the region.	2016-2020	\$5,000	GEFA, USDA	LG, RC	NC-I-1,5 NC-O-2,4, 12
3	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact that protect natural and cultural resources.	2016-2020	\$20,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-1,2,3,14,15 NC-O-5,7,11,12
4	Assist the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Griffin, as requested, in the implementation of its Historic Preservation Ordinance.	2016-2020	\$2,000	DCA, LG	LG, RC	NC-I-8,10,11,12 NC-O-7,9
5	Continue serving on the West Georgia Textile Trail Board of Directors and providing technical assistance.	2016-2020	UNK	HPD, RC	RC	NC-I-7,8,9 NC-O-7,8,10
6	Maintain and update the Three Rivers RIR Plan and encourage governments to regularly review and consult the Plan for activities that impact natural and cultural resources.	2016-2020	\$3,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I 5,7
7	Assist the City of Villa Rica in cataloging its historic properties to be a Certified Local Government for DNR	2016-2020	\$10,500	LG, RC, DNR, DCA	LG, RC	HR-11,15,17

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<b>PLANNING AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES</b>						
<b>COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES</b>						
1	Continue to educate local governments on funding resources available for local infrastructure improvement/enhancement projects.	2016-2020	N/A	N/A	RC	CF-I-1,6,7,14,15 CF-O-1 T-I-3
2	Assist local governments in seeking funding for the development of recreational parks.	2016-2020	N/A	Not Determined	RC	CF-I-2,4,5,12 CF-O-3
3	Assist local governments in the development and/or implementation of hazard mitigation plans	2016-2020	N/A	LG, GEMA	LG, RC	CF-O-7
4	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact that support logical and sustainable community facilities and services that are best suited for the region.	2016-2020	\$20,000	DCA, RC	RC	CF-I-1,5 NC-I-1,2, NC-O-10,11, CF-O-3
5	Assist member governments with GIS services for various mapping projects to include cemetery, waterlines, etc.	2016-2020	TBD	DCA, EDA	LG, RC	ED-I-8,10 HR-I-2
6	Provide technical assistance transportation planning activities that are local or multijurisdictional in nature.	2016-2020	TBD	LG, RC, GDOT	LG, RC	LU-I2,8 CF-I-9,11,13
7	Maintain a map and database of critical facilities for the region.	2016-2020	\$3,000	DCA, RC	RC	CF-I-12
8	Assist local governments in obtaining CDBG Grants for infrastructure projects in the region to enhance local services and support project development.	2016-2020	\$5,000	DCA, LG, RC	LG, RC	ED-I-7,8 CF-I-1
9	Assist governments in the update of their Service Delivery Strategies, as requested, in coordination with the update of their comprehensive plan updates .	2016-2020	\$3,000.00 each	DCA, RC	RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4, O-2 LU-O-1-4

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<b>HOUSING</b>						
1	Assist local governments to seek funding in their efforts to rehabilitate substandard housing.	2016-2020	N/A	N/A	LG, RC	HI-1-9 H-O-1
2	Continue to review Developments of Regional Impact that support logical and sustainable housing facilities that are best suited for the region.	2016-2020	\$20,000	DCA, RC	RC	HI-1, 9 HO-1-5 NC-I-6

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1	Encourage the use and implementation of the Regionally Important Resources (RIR) Plan and Regional Agenda for Three Rivers RC.	2016-2020	\$5,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-1,2,3 NC-O-12, CF-O-3
2	Perform an annual update to the Three Rivers Regional Plan.	2016-2020	\$5,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-14, NC-O-12
3	Assist governments in the preparation of full Comprehensive Plan Updates: Butts County and the Cities of Jackson, Jenkinsburg and Flovilla; Pike County; Cities of Zebulon, Concord, Molena, Meansville; Heard County and the City of Franklin and Towns of Centralhatchee and Ephesus; Spalding County and the Cities of Sunnyside and Orchard Hill	2016-2020	\$15,000 each	DCA, LG	LC, RC	IC-O-2 LU-I-9 LU-O-1,2,3,4
4	Assist the Cities of Bowdon, Temple Thomaston, Sharpsburg, Williamson, and Milner with the update of its land use and zoning maps.	2016-2020	\$1,000 each	LG, RC	LG, RC	IC-O-2 LU-I-9 LU-O-1,2,3,4
5	Continue work on activities in support of the development of an East-West Corridor from LaGrange to Macon.	2016-2020	N/A	GDOT, LG	GDOT, LG, RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4 IC-O-1,2,3 T-I-7
6	Develop and implement a curriculum for a one-day training of Planning Commissioners for local governments.	2016-2020	\$15,000	LG, RC	RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4 IC-O-1,2,3; I-I-1
7	Develop a training of Development of Regional Impact for local governments.	2016-2020	\$2,000	LG, RC	RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4 IC-O-1,2,3; I-I-1
8	Continue to assure that local governments maintain their appropriate QLG status through monthly evaluations and communication.	2016-2020	\$8,000	DCA, RC	RC	LU-I-9 IC-O-2 LU-O-1,2,3,4

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<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>						
1	Update the Regional Transit Development Plan for Pike County.	2016-2017	\$35,000	GDOT	GDOT, LG, RC	CF-I-4; ED-I-7,8; T-I-4,5
2	Continue to encourage and support Safe Routes to School Projects throughout the Three Rivers Region.	2016-2020	\$20,000	GDOT	GDOT, School Districts, RC	CF-O-4, T-O-1,3,5, CF-O-1,2
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4	Promote the expansion of the Regional Transit System to all member counties.	2016-2020	UNK	GDOT, LG, RC	LG, RC	ED-I-7,8; T-I-4,5; CF-I-4

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2	Review regional projects which could have an affect on sites listed within the Regionally Important Resources Plan (RIR)	2016-2020	\$5,000	DCA, RC	RC	NC-I-1,2,3,9,11,12,14 NC-O-12
3	Review proposed telecommunications tower projects for possible adverse affects on historic resources.	2016-2020	\$5,000	HPD, RC	RC	NC-I-11, NC-O-9,11
4	Assist local historic preservation commissions in the review of applications for Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) as needed.	2016-2020	\$4,000	HPC, RC	RC	NC-I-8,10,11,12 NC-O-9
5	Review Georgia Department of Transportation Section 106 projects which may have adverse affects on historic resources.	2016-2020	\$5,000	GDOT, RC	RC	NC-I-7,8,10 NC-O-6,9,11
6	Review local government CIE and Comprehensive Plans as required.	2016-2020	TBD	DCA, RC	RC	IC-O-2 LU-O-1-4
7	Review local government Service Delivery Strategies.	2016-2020	UNK	DCA, RC	RC	IC-I-1,2,3,4, O-2 LU-O-1-4

# AREAS REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION UPDATE

The Regional Commission reviewed the Areas Requiring Special Attention identified in the 2013-2033 Plan. The following report discusses activities undertaken to implement the Regional Vision within the six (6) identified areas.

## 1. Regionally Important Resources

- ◆ Regional Commission Staff promotes the Resource Management Plan for Regionally Important Resources among local governments and local organizations in meetings and workshops, as well as through a variety of historic preservation, housing, and transportation programming initiatives. Examples of promotion include: meetings with Main Street Managers, Downtown Development Authorities, Cities and County staff, elected officials, and during Plan Implementation Meetings.
- ◆ Staff continues to review the Resource Management Plan to make sure it is still useful and applicable to the region.

## 2. Urban Areas

- ◆ The Regional Commission has surveyed local governments in the region and there have been minimal changes and development in the urban areas. Infill development opportunities are being considered in local comprehensive plan updates.
- ◆ Local governments are effectively implementing their respective plans, and there have been no significant changes in the urban areas. Specifically, the cities of Newnan, LaGrange, West Point, and Hogansville included goals for infill opportunities in their most recent comprehensive plan updates.

## 3. Rural Areas

- ◆ The Regional Commission has surveyed local governments in the region, and there have been minimal changes and development in the rural areas. Unemployment in the rural areas is declining as the economy is steadily improving.
- ◆ Local governments are effectively implementing their respective plans, and there have been no significant changes in the rural areas.

## 4. Rapid Development Corridor

- ◆ During Plan Implementation Meetings, staff will emphasize the opportunity to plan for new development that incorporates transportation choices through complete streets concepts, conservation subdivisions, housing options, traditional neighborhoods and town centers.
- ◆ Active engagement in corridor development has been made with governments in Troup and Coweta Counties through the development of Comprehensive Plan Updates. Information gathered through public input assisted in the development of policies to ensure that development adjacent to the rapid development corridors would be performed with respect to preferred local character and scale. The outcome was a clearer vision for Troup and Coweta Counties that incorporated several of the identified Quality Community Objectives.

## 5. Scenic Corridors

- ◆ During Plan Implementation Meetings, staff will emphasize the opportunity to plan for new development that preserves scenic corridors in the region.

# AREAS REQUIRING SPECIAL ATTENTION UPDATE—Continued

- ◆ Active engagement has been made with entities in Troup and Coweta Counties through the development of their Comprehensive Plan Updates. Information gathered through public input assisted in the creation of policies to ensure that development along and adjacent to the scenic corridors would respect the designated scenic routes.

## 6. Infill Opportunities

- ◆ Housing has been the focus for the region. In 2015-2016, RC staff assisted several local governments by addressing and planning for future housing needs. Specifically, housing and infill opportunities were prioritized during the development of the Newnan, LaGrange, Hogansville, and West Point Comprehensive Plan updates.
- ◆ RC Staff assisted several local governments develop strategies, goals, and policies to address aging and deteriorating strip commercial development during the update of the LaGrange, Hogansville, and West Point Comprehensive Plan updates.

The table below is the TRRC Staff Assessment of recent changes and developments in the region.

**Table 1**  
**TRRC Staff Assessment of Regional Changes and Developments**

Categories	Are desired changes occurring?	If not, what changes to implementation activities are needed?	Does this target areas need to be removed?
Regionally Important Resources	Yes	N/A	No
Urban Areas	Yes	N/A	No
Rural Areas	Yes	N/A	No
Rapid Development Corridors	Yes	N/A	No
Scenic Corridors	Yes	N/A	No
Infill Opportunities	Yes	N/A	No

Based upon this assessment, there are no new target areas that need to be added to the Areas Requiring Special Attention.

# EVALUATION AND MONITORING

## REGIONAL PLANNING

The Three Rivers Regional Commission adopted the Three Rivers Regional Plan 2033 in 2013, thereby fulfilling the State of Georgia's requirement for a full update to its regional plan once every five years. Annual updates to the plan's Regional Work Program (RWP) component are also required. This section updates Evaluation and Monitoring.

## PROCEDURES

Procedures for evaluation and monitoring the implementation of the Three Rivers Regional Plan 2033 are conducted throughout the year in a coordinated effort to ensure that the Plan is achieving the desired results. A description of each of the procedures and results are provided below.

- ◆ **Review by Regional Commission Staff** - Staff assessed recent changes and developments in the region to determine whether the plan, as a whole, and its components are being effectively implemented and having the desired impact on regional development patterns. Based on the results of this assessment, no obstacles to implementing the plan were apparent. Since the adoption of the Regional Plan in 2013, the pace of development within the region has been slow, primarily due to the economy. Developments, while still at a slower pace, have been active in the region, as measured by the number of Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) that have been submitted to the Regional Commission for review. During FY'15 and FY'16, a total of six (6) reviews were submitted and completed. An internal review of the RWP occurs at monthly staff meetings of the TRRC Planning Department. At the monthly staff meeting, the TRRC Planning Director leads discussion on the RWP that includes a review of current work items and potential future work items.
- ◆ **Results of the Review by Regional Commission Staff** - Each project in the RWP for 2015-2019 was classified according to the Regional Commission departments responsible for the projects. In 2016, staff at the Regional Commission was surveyed to evaluate the status of the work items in the RWP based on the following criteria:
  - 1) completed 2) ongoing 3) upcoming 4) postponed and estimated completion date and 5) abandoned/cancelled and the reason for such action. There were 43 projects identified in the 2015-2019 RWP. Based on these projects, one (1) was cancelled, one (1) was postponed, and 41 are on-going. The new 2016-2020 RWP carries some ongoing projects and eliminates cancelled and postponed projects. For more explanation about the previous RWP, please see the Report of Accomplishments.
- ◆ **Review by Regional Commission Council** - The Regional Commission Council is tasked with providing oversight for the RWP of the planning staff. A component of the Council's work includes a regular review of RWP activities, as well as reporting and making recommendations to the planning department on current and future RWP activities. At its April 28, 2016, meeting the Council will review and discuss a draft of the 2016-2020 RWP. If approved, the draft RWP will be accepted and recommended for transmittal to DCA for review by the Council.
- ◆ **Results of Review by the Regional Commission Council** - At its April 28, 2016, meeting the Council of the Three Rivers Regional Commission accepted and transmitted by resolution the 2016-2020 RWP to DCA for review.
- ◆ **Review by Local Governments**- Since the adoption of the Three Rivers Plan 2033 in 2013, the planning staff has conducted Plan Assessment meetings with multiple jurisdictions throughout the region. The objective of these meetings is to inform local governments of the services that the planning department is capable of providing to assist them with implementing their Plan on a local level, and to conduct an assessment of their progress towards meeting the performance standards set by the Plan. The performance standards are seen as essential steps that local governments must take to ensure that the Plan can be effectively implemented.

## EVALUATION AND MONITORING — Continued

- ◆ ***Results of Review by Local Governments*** - The Regional Commission staff has determined, through the above described Plan Assessment meetings as well as Quality Growth Effectiveness Assessments, that all communities are currently meeting the minimum standards outlined in the Regional Plan, which include:
  - ◆ Update the local Comprehensive Plan, including the Future Development Map and/or Future Land Use Map, at regular intervals as required by the State of Georgia.
  - ◆ Utilize the Future Development Map and/or Future Land Use Map to steer new development to appropriate areas of the community.
  - ◆ Update the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) and Capital Improvements Element (CIE), where applicable, as required by the State of Georgia.
  - ◆ Submit potential Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) to the Regional Commission, per the Development Thresholds established by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.
  - ◆ Comply with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Part V Environmental Planning Criteria by adopting appropriate ordinances for Groundwater Recharge Areas, Wetlands Protection, and River Corridor Protection, where applicable.
  - ◆ Update the local pre-disaster mitigation plan per the standards established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
  - ◆ Share updated Tax Assessor's data tables and land parcels with the Three Rivers Regional Commission annually, where applicable.

Table 2 identifies communities within the region that have achieved the Excellence Performance Standards established by the Three Rivers Regional Plan 2033. In order to achieve this level a minimum of two activities from each category must have been implemented. All of the communities within the region implement at least one activity in each category identified in the Excellence Performance Standards.





# EVALUATION AND MONITORING

TABLE 2—TRRC GOVERNMENT ASSESSMENT FOR EXCELLENCE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS - (Continued)

Government	Minimum Performance Standards	Housing	Economic Development	Transportation	Community Facilities and Services	Natural and Cultural Resources	Land Use	Intergovernmental Coordination
<b>SPALDING COUNTY</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Griffin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Orchard Hill	X		X	X		X	X	X
Sunny Side	X		X	X		X	X	X
<b>TROUP COUNTY</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hogansville	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Lagrange	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
West Point	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>UPSON COUNTY</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thomaston	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Yatesville	X		X	X		X	X	X