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CITY OF ROME

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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A.1 REPORTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This section of the Appendix shows the reports of accomplishment for the 2008-2012 Short Term Work Program and the 2013-2017 Short Term Work Program.



2008-2012 SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAMS

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PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION	COMPLETE	UNDERWAY	POSTPONED	DROPPED	NOTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Continue to develop a Revolving Loan Fund with capital assets of one million dollars		x			Ongoing
Encourage local governments and businesses to shop locally		x			Ongoing
HOUSING					
The City will continue to review and adapt if necessary its development codes to encourage the development of housing that is diverse in type and pricing		x			Ongoing
Continuing loan fund offering assistance to first-time home buyers and expand the program county-wide		x			Ongoing
Habitat for Humanity and similar housing efforts and organizations will be encouraged by the City		x			Ongoing
Build new affordable single family housing units as infill development in existing residential neighborhoods		x			Ongoing
The City of Rome will encourage, and work with, neighborhood groups to actively promote redevelopment in blighted neighborhoods and preservation of the existing, healthy neighborhoods		x			Ongoing
The City of Rome will work with developers to create a mix of housing in South Rome based on the Master Plan		x			Ongoing; as of 2012, 82 units in the Mercy Housing project
Create an East Rome Development Plan	x				
Create and implement a Comprehensive Housing Plan which will include a housing needs assessment and housing task force	x				
INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES, SERVICES					
Increase the number of police officers on patrol within the City by expanding the fleet of patrol cars by 6 (2 per shift)				x	Dropped as written, likely to be re-written as an activity

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INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES, SERVICES (CON'T)					
Complete the process of equipping Automated Locator Systems on emergency vehicles, and tie this system into the Rome - Floyd County GIS system	x				Completed in 2010
Improve communication infrastructure and upgrade the emergency management and public safety communication system	x				
The City will continue its contract with Floyd County to provide fire protection		x			Ongoing
The Fire Department will relocate the existing stations as the joint facility study indicates when funds are available		x			Ongoing
Renovate stations #2, #9, and #10	x				
Construct new fire training facility	x				
Address isolated "pockets" of water distribution between Floyd County and the City of Rome in accordance with the Service Delivery Strategy Act of 1997	x				
Replace small water mains along Woodland Drive, North McLin Street, Wilkins Street, Central Avenue, Plymouth Road, Crestwood Drive, Susan Wayne Circle, Griffin Road, Brown Fox Drive, Ross Street and Beaver Run	x	x			Mains were replaced on nine streets; mains will be replaced on additional streets as the need arises and funds are available
Carry out water tank maintenance		x			Ongoing
Renovate operations building	x				
Construct new Etowah River pumping station			x		Rescheduled for 2017
Conduct a watershed assessment	x				
Construct Trend Mills Complex fire protection system improvements	x				
Conduct water rate study		x			Ongoing
Construct Darlington Drive water main	x				
Major upgrade to Blacks Bluff Wastewater Treatment Plant	x				
Relocate utilities to accommodate street and road improvement projects as necessary		x			Ongoing
Construct Woodbine Avenue sewer main		x			Scheduled for completion in 2013
Replace Avenue A sewer main	x				
Construct Possum Technology Parkway Station			x		Postponed to 2014
Construct Wilshire Road sewer main			x		Postponed to 2014
Install new bar screen on Coosa Wastewater Treatment Plant	x				

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INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES, SERVICES (CON'T)					
Carry out individual maintenance and improvement projects listed on the Water and Sewer Department 5-Year Plan (Water)	x				Completed, however the activity will advance into the next five-year plan period
Carry out individual maintenance and improvement projects listed on the Water and Sewer Department 5-Year Plan (Sewer)	x				Completed, however the activity will advance into the next five-year plan period
Construct sludge handling facility at Water Filter Plant	x				
The City will continue to encourage further public and private development along the rivers, in areas where development is appropriate		x			Kingfisher Trail completed in 2012
Construct town green adjacent river, near Forum	x				Completed in 2010
Construct parking deck adjacent river, near Forum	x				Completed in 2011
Construct South Rome youth center	x				
Renovate City Hall/Carnegie Building	x				
RECREATION					
At-risk and low-income youth will be encouraged to participate in organized recreation activities via a scholarship program		x			Ongoing
Additional recreational opportunities will be provided within the neighborhoods incorporating the use of greenways and trails system, particularly using the existing Heritage Trail system		x			Some are complete, others remain
Construct a pedestrian bridge over the Oostanula River from West 3rd Street to downtown area	x				
Additional greenways and trails will be provided within the community incorporating the Pinhoti Trail through Floyd County, additional access to streams, and additions to the Rome and Cave Spring trail systems		x			Ongoing
Support opportunities for low/moderate income youth to play golf		x			Ongoing
Renovate North Community Park and Rome Swim Center	x				
Renovate existing building for recreation administrative complex	x				

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TRANSPORTATION					
The community will implement the 20-year Transportation Plan by: 1. Developing a multi-modal approach to transportation incorporating trail and river corridors and public transit as well as roads to meet the future transportation needs of the community. 2. Improving and expanding the role of public transit services within the county. 3. Committing adequate dollars to repair and maintain existing local roads, highways and bridges. 4. Continuing efforts to improve traffic flow on the three major arterials passing through Rome: Turner McCall Blvd., Shorter Ave., and Martha Berry Blvd.		x			Ongoing
Complete the projects identified within the Floyd-Rome Urban Transportation Study Area as part of the duly adopted Transportation Improvement Program.		x			Ongoing
Complete the projects identified by the Jordan, Jones and Golding study of 2002		x			Ongoing
The community will actively support the development of a direct connection to I-75 and I-85 from US411		x			Ongoing
The community will actively support the development of the completion of the Veteran's Memorial Highway road system around Rome		x			Ongoing; should be completed by 2014
Relocate Heritage Park access and upgrade levee	x				
Construct new Rome High/Middle School access road	x				
Improve Shorter Avenue/Redmond Road intersection	x				
Improve South Broad Street corridor and sidewalk	x				
Replacement transit coaches		x			Ongoing
Replacement tools and equipment		x			Ongoing
Capital maintenance parts		x			Ongoing
Facility repairs (includes repair and paving of parking lot)		x			Ongoing
Purchase fare boxes		x			Ongoing
Replacement buses (hybrid)		x			Ongoing
Replacement shop and maintenance vehicles		x			Ongoing
Office equipment		x			Ongoing
Renovate Bus Shelters		x			Ongoing

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TRANSPORTATION (CON'T)					
Upgrade bus wash	x				
Purchase security radios and cameras		x			Ongoing
SOLID WASTE					
The current Short-Term Work Program in the Joint Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan is hereby incorporated by reference.		x			"Waste collection is now mechanical using carts; also recycling"
Design, permit, and construct new phases of the landfill as needed		x			New Phase VII is now open
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES					
Continue to develop River Education Center at Old Pumping Station in Ridge Ferry Park	x				Completed in 2010
The City will continue its environmental awareness and education programs through participation in the Clean Community and Adopt-a-Stream/Wetland/Highway/Lake programs; and by conducting special events, workshops, and educational programs		x			Ongoing
Conduct a comprehensive survey of Rome's historic resources.				x	Lack of funding and staff
Use survey data as basis to identify individual properties and districts with potential for National Register eligibility or local designation.				x	Lack of funding and staff
Consider the nomination of additional historic properties to the National Register or Georgia Register, as opportunities arise		x			Ongoing
Analyze local zoning ordinance and land use for impacts upon historic properties		x			Ongoing
Work on associated problems that impact historic properties, such as code enforcement		x			Ongoing
Assist local non-profit organizations to maintain and improve property owned in Historic Downtown Rome (ex. Desoto Theater and RAHM)		x			Ongoing
The community will continue to support a diverse and active level of cultural activity		x			Ongoing

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LAND USE					
Consider revisions to the ULDC to support the goals and objectives of the new Comprehensive Plan		x			Ongoing
Re-write and strengthen the City's Tree Ordinance.	x				
Complete an overlay district for the area surrounding the Richard B. Russell Airport				x	County project
Complete an overlay district for the Highway 411 Corridor				x	County project
Actively promote redevelopment in blighted neighborhoods and preservation of the existing, healthy neighborhoods		x			Ongoing
Encourage the formation of neighborhood groups, and work with them to promote safe, viable neighborhoods.		x			Ongoing
Continue to enforce housing codes, nuisance ordinance, and solid waste ordinance.		x			Ongoing
Support the efforts of the South Rome Redevelopment Comm. and agency		x			Ongoing
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Work with City government to minimize the Hispanic language barrier.	x				
Update service delivery through incorporation of technology in city offices		x			Ongoing
The governments will develop a more equitable method of cost sharing based on level of service in accordance with the Service Delivery Strategy Act of 1997. Agreement between Cave Spring, Rome and Floyd County will be reviewed and revised in 2008		x			Ongoing
The City of Rome will work with Floyd County to address the impacts of their anticipated annexation		x			Ongoing

2013-2017 SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAMS

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PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION	COMPLETE	UNDERWAY	POSTPONED	DROPPED	NOTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
Continue to develop a Revolving Loan Fund with capital assets of one million dollars.		x			City facilitated creation of Banking on Downtown Loan program with local banks and continue to utilize state RLF programs through Georgia DCA and GA Cities Foundation.
Encourage local governments and businesses to shop locally.				x	The DDA works through the committee process and through direct marketing to encourage the community to shop local. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
HOUSING					
The City will continue to review and adapt if necessary its development codes to encourage the development of housing that is diverse in type and pricing.		x			As the City of Rome becomes aware of development codes that potentially hinder affordable housing, they can and will be reviewed. The Rome/ Floyd Planning Department works to maintain the Unified Land Development Code and recommends code changes as necessary and prudent.
Continuing loan fund offering assistance to first-time home buyers and expand the program county-wide.	x				This program has been completed under a joint effort through a grant awarded to Floyd County.

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HOUSING (CON'T)					
Habitat for Humanity and similar housing efforts and organizations will be encouraged by the City.					x The City of Rome strives to support affordable housing developers. One example of this cooperation is the waiver of water and sewer tap fees along with discounted building permit fees for organizations and non-profits working to improve the quality of housing in the City of Rome and Floyd County. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Build new affordable single family housing units as infill development in existing residential neighborhoods.		x			This program is ongoing with five new houses constructed as in-fill redevelopment in partnership with the SRRC on Wilson Ave. in South Rome. Three houses were sold and two are currently for sale. Additional in-fill housing construction is planned for 2018 and 2019.
The City of Rome will encourage, and work with, neighborhood groups to actively promote redevelopment in blighted neighborhoods and preservation of the existing, healthy neighborhoods.					x The City has been a leader in neighborhood redevelopment for many years and continues to work closely with neighborhoods. An example of this would be the successful NEP program completed in North Rome and Summerville Park. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.

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HOUSING (CON'T)					
The City of Rome will work with developers to create a mix of housing in South Rome based on the Master Plan.		x			The City worked in partnership with SRRRC and Laurel Street Residential to construct 84 affordable housing rental units on a scattered site development through the LIHTC program. Construction was completed in 2017 and 80% of the units have been leased.
The City will continue to enforce housing codes, nuisance ordinance, and solid waste ordinance.				x	The Rome/Floyd County Building Inspections department employees three Code Enforcement Officers (one specifically for three low income neighborhoods) to help battle slum and blight. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
The City will actively promote redevelopment in blighted neighborhoods and reservation of the existing, healthy neighborhoods.				x	The City of Rome supports redevelopment efforts and is always willing to lead the conversation of redevelopment and assist neighborhood groups as needed. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Encourage the formation of neighborhood groups, and work with them to promote safe, viable residential neighborhoods.				x	The City of Rome supports efforts and is always willing to lead the conversation of redevelopment and assist neighborhood groups as needed. The City employees a Neighborhood Sustainability Director to facilitate neighborhood efforts. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.

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INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES, SERVICES					
Re-develop the former General Electric property for commercial and recreational use.		x			The City of Rome is working with private organizations to construct bicycle paths, pedestrian paths and other forms of passive recreation on the GE property. The opportunity for further recreational opportunities are being studied for further implementation.
Analyze police activity and increase manpower available to optimize resources, as needed.	x				
The City will continue its contract with Floyd County to provide fire protection.		x			Fire protection services are contracted between Rome and Floyd County and shall remain in place for the next performance period.
The Fire Department will relocate the existing stations as the joint facility study indicates when funds are available.				x	This is to be removed from the next short-term work program performance period.
Replace small water mains along streets in the City of Rome and Floyd County, as needed.		x			This activity is ongoing.
Carry out water tank maintenance.		x			This activity is considered ongoing and will remain on the next short-term work program performance period.
Construct new Etowah River pumping station.		x			This activity is considered ongoing and will remain on the next short-term work program performance period.
Conduct water rate study.		x			This activity is considered ongoing and will remain on the next short-term work program performance period.
Carry out individual maintenance and improvement projects listed on the Water and Sewer Department 5-Year Plan.		x			This activity is considered ongoing and will remain on the next short-term work program performance period.

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INFRASTRUCTURE, UTILITIES, SERVICES (CON'T)					
Relocate utilities to accommodate street and road improvement projects as necessary.				x	This activity is ongoing, but is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Construct Woodbine Avenue sewer main.			x		Pending the completion of approved engineering design documents.
Construct Wilshire Road sewer main.			x		This project is postponed due to insufficient funding. Engineering design will also need to be completed to proceed with this project.
Construct Possum Technology Parkway Station.			x		This project is postponed due to previous station improvements which appear to have extended the useful life of the existing station.
RECREATION					
The City will continue to encourage public and private development along the rivers, in areas where development is appropriate				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
At-risk and low-income youth will be encouraged to participate in organized recreation activities via a scholarship program				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Additional recreational opportunities will be provided within the neighborhoods incorporating the use of greenways and trails system, particularly using the existing Heritage Trail system				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Additional greenways and trails will be provided within the community incorporating the Pinhoti Trail through Floyd County, additional access to streams, and additions to the Rome and Cave Spring trail systems	x				Additional trail develop activity is currently underway
Support opportunities for low/moderate income youth to play golf			x		This activity is currently postponed in our community due to lack of support from a private entity.

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TRANSPORTATION					
The community will actively support the development of the completion of the Veteran's Memorial Highway road system around Rome				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
The community will actively support the widening to four lanes of Highway 101 from Rome to Rockmart, including intersection changes at the Ledbetter Interchange in Rome to feed traffic from SR 101 onto US411 and US27 without the use of Dean Street				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
The community will actively support completion of widening to four lanes of SR140 from US27 in northern Floyd County east to I-75				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
The community will actively support the development of a direct connection to I-75 and I-85 from Rome				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Replace under-rated Crescent Avenue Bridge	x				
Improve Chulio Road at SR411 intersection			x		Funding constraints; was considered for the 2017 SPLOST, but was withdrawn.
2008 (Redmond Trail) and 2011 (Connectivity and Accessibility) TE grant match		x			
The City will replace transit coaches, with hybrid vehicles when possible		x			Presently purchasing 3 tripper buses, 1 Main Line bus on order and delivery is expected late February or early March; 1 Paratransit bus on order and delivery expected late March or early April; working on bid package for 3 Main Line low floor buses; I am also presently working on bid package for a 15-pass van to transport bus operators for shift changes at Midtown Transit Station and other needs such as Paratransit as necessary; and replacing 1 Administrative vehicle and 2 Supervisor vehicles.

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TRANSPORTATION (CON'T)					
The City will continue to replace tools and equipment for the transit department		x			These are funds put in capital grants each year for continued replacement for tools and equipment for Transit as needed.
The City will continue its capital maintenance parts program		x			These are funds put into capital grants each year for continued replacement for capital maintenance parts.
The City will repair and improve its transit facility to maintain efficiency				x	At present, there is no repairs or improvements to the transit facility scheduled
The City will purchase fare boxes		x			These are funds put in capital grants and we are presently in the process of purchasing fare boxes.
Transit department furniture and equipment will be replaced as needed		x			These are funds put into capital grants each year for replacement if needed for furniture, computers, etc.
Replacement shop and maintenance vehicles				x	At present, there is no shop or maintenance vehicle scheduled to be replaced in a capital grant.
Renovate Bus Shelters		x			City has obtained a grant to purchase additional shelters and is in the process of going out for bid, if necessary, or plans to purchase off of the last bid process.
Purchase security radios and cameras				x	These are funds put in capital grants and we purchase additional or replacement as needed each year.
SOLID WASTE					
The current Short-Term Work Program in the Joint Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan is hereby incorporated by reference.	x				
Design, permit, and construct new phases of the landfill as needed	x				

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NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES					
The City will continue its environmental awareness and education programs through participation in the Clean Community and Adopt-a-Stream/Wetland/Highway/Lake programs; and by conducting special events, workshops, and educational programs		x			The City of Rome encourages continuing education through an aggressive Keep America Beautiful local affiliate and through our Environmental Education Center (ECO).
Consider the nomination of additional historic properties to the National Register or Georgia Register, as opportunities arise				x	The City of Rome currently manages 5 historic districts. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Analyze local zoning ordinance and land use for impacts upon historic properties		x			All impacts upon historic properties with respect to ordinances and land use located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Rome are managed through the Rome/Floyd Planning Department.
Work on associated problems that impact historic properties, such as code enforcement		x			This activity is on-going with activity being managed through both the Rome/Floyd Planning Department and Building Inspection Department.
Assist local non-profit organizations to maintain and improve property owned in Historic Downtown Rome (ex. DeSoto Theater and RAHM)	x				This activity is considered to be complete and will not be included in the next short-term work performance period.
The community will continue to support a diverse and active level of cultural activity.				x	This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
LAND USE					
Consider revisions to the ULDC to support the goals and objectives of the new Comprehensive Plan		x			The Rome/Floyd Planning Department is constantly reviewing the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC).

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
The governments will develop a more equitable method of cost sharing based on level of service in accordance with the Service Delivery Strategy Act of 1997. Agreement between Cave Spring, Rome and Floyd County will be reviewed and revised in 2018		x			
Floyd County will work with The City of Rome to address the impacts of their anticipated annexation				x	Ongoing with minimal annexations in last 5 year period. This item is better suited as a policy, rather than a project.
Update service delivery through incorporation of technology in city offices		x			Efforts of service delivery are ongoing, including the use of various technologies (GIS, etc).

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