

WASHINGTON COUNTY FIVE-YEAR SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM 2005-2009

ELEMENT		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Responsibility	Cost	Fund Source
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
1	Perform professional market study to fully identify the Washington County trade area and its potential for recruiting additional retail businesses.	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce	\$30,000	Local/Private
2	Develop and promote common promotional activities for the County as a whole	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000	Local/Private
3	Promote, with the Chamber of Commerce, educational programs and activities for County merchants designed to upgrade retail practices	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce	\$2,000	Local/Private
5	Work with Chamber of Commerce to maintain a list of all available speculative buildings and industrial sites	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce	No cost associated	Local/Private
6	Investigate the possibility of an additional industrial park in Washington County	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce	\$5,000	Local/Private
7	Work with State officials to promote the four-laning of SR-15 between I-20 and I-16	X	X	X	X	X	County/Sandersville/Chamber of Commerce	No cost for negotiations.	Local/State/Federal
8	Update Business Retention and Expansion Program (BREP) in-depth survey of exiting industries	X	X	X	X	X	County/Tennille	\$5,000	Local/Private
9	Work with planned Technical institute to offer continuing educational and non-credit programs to upgrade and expand existing industries	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce/DTAE	\$2,000	Local/Private
10	Work with area post-secondary institutions to offer continuing educational and non-credit programs to upgrade and expand technical skills of workforce.	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce/ WIB	\$2,000	Local/State
11	Work with existing Adult Literacy program to ensure that Washington County remains a Certified Literate Community	X	X	X	X	X	County/Board of Education/Chamber of Commerce	\$2,000	Local/State

12	Work with local farmers to fully utilize the potential for canola production, including the possibility of a canola refinery and distribution center	X	X	X	X	X	County/County Extension Service/Farm Bureau	\$10,000	Local
13	Continue to work with Chamber of Commerce and kaolin companies to attract "spin-off" industries	X	X	X	X	X	County/Kaolin Industry	\$10,000	Local
14	Continue to promote, support and enhance cultural activities such as the Kaolin Festival	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce	\$7,500	Local
15	Update the Industrial Diversification Study for Washington County to broaden and diversify industrial base	X	X	X	X	X	County/Chamber of Commerce	\$15,000	Local
HOUSING									
1	Investigate Community Development Block Grant funding for substandard home modernization	X	X	X	X	X	City/ County/ Development Community/RDC	\$10,000/year	Local
2	Work with local developers on public/private ventures to construct affordable rental and owner occupied housing	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$30,000	State/Local/private
3	Investigate financing strategies, government subsidies, tax breaks and loans which would make housing the projects feasible and affordable	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$3,000	Local
NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES									
1	Adopt and pursue ground water recharge protection criteria outlined by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$1,000	GADNR/Local
2	Identify and protect prime agricultural and forest land from development	X	X	X	X	X	County/RDC	\$6,000	Local
3	The County shall participate in the National Flood Insurance Program	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$5,000/year	Local/NFIP
4	Adopt a River Corridor Protection Plan	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$2,000	GADNR/Local
5	Seek nomination of additional important historic structures to the National Register of Historic Places and the Georgia Historic Register	X	X	X	X	X	County/ DNR/ SHPO	\$500/structure	County/ DNR/ SHPO
COMMUNITY FACILITIES									

1	Continue to work with Sandersville to provide water service for areas outside City limits.	X	X	X	X	X	County/ Sandersville	\$100,000/yr	City/County/ GEFA
2	Investigate the possibility of a County Water System to serve future development on Fall-Line Freeway	X	X	X	X	X	County	\$10,000	Local/State/ Federal
3	Work with Chamber of Commerce to form a civic center steering committee	X	X	X	X	X	County, Georgia DOT	\$1,000	Local/Chamber
4	Investigate funding alternatives and grants for civic center project development	X	X	X	X	X	County/ Chamber of Commerce/RDC	\$2,500	Local
5	Coordinate health care and transportation assistance outreach programs to assist more rural residents of the County	X	X	X	X	X	County/DHEC	\$3,000	County
6	Add additional classroom space at all schools to meet the needs of a growing population	X	X	X	X	X	County/School System	\$150,000	Cities/County/ School System
7	Work with area post-secondary institutions and the Board of Regents to develop a satellite college in Washington County, possibly in conjunction with the Technical Institute	X	X	X	X	X	County/ Board of Education	N/A	County