



County Council

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The following slides highlight the goals recommended in the Planning Commission's draft Comprehensive Plan update, as well as some of the objectives and strategies set forth to accomplish them.

Please note that not all objectives and strategies are listed in this presentation.

Goal #1

Preserve, protect, and enhance the quality and quantity of Oconee County's natural resources.

Objective 1: Establish a program of managing both water quantity and water quality throughout the county that will ensure efficient utilization and appropriate conservation of our greatest natural resource.

Specific Plans: *Permitting, Storm Runoffs, Wetland Development, LULUs*

| Strategies for Success | Agency Responsible | Timeline for Completion |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Work with state and federal agencies to establish a permit review process to reduce redundant review by Oconee County employees. | Permitting Commission County Council | 2012 |
| 2. Develop a permit permitting fee schedule to fund the permit review process. | Planning Commission County Council | 2011 |
| 3. Develop a permit permitting fee schedule to fund the permit review process. | Planning Commission County Council | 2011 |
| 4. Review and update the county's storm runoff management ordinance to meet current standards. | Planning Commission County Council | 2011 |
| 5. Develop a permit permitting fee schedule to fund the permit review process. | Permitting Commission County Council | 2012 |
| 6. Review and update the county's storm runoff management ordinance to meet current standards. | Permitting Commission County Council | 2012 |

Objective 6: Promote partnerships and voluntary conservation easements to preserve significant lands and scenic areas under pressure.

Applicable Elements: Natural Resources, Land Use, Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Establish a county conservation bank to provide for the transfer of development rights under conservation easements to preserve rural lands, sensitive areas, and significant natural resources. | County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Identify and establish various funding sources for the county council to develop identified areas; these may include grants, corporate gifts, a percentage of development permit fees, and shared revenue designations. | County Council | 2011 |
| 3. Provide appropriate assistance from county governmental agencies in efforts to identify and preserve historic structures, significant lands, and scenic areas. | Planning Commission, County Council | Ongoing |

Goal #2

Identify, develop and utilize all tools and funding sources necessary to meet the present and future economic development needs of Oconee County.

Objective 3: Develop and implement an effective Capital Projects Program that provides the highest level of service and facilities for Geauga County's citizens.

Applicable Elements: Population, Community Facilities, Priority Investments

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Seek partnerships with other agencies, municipalities, and private industry to eliminate unnecessary redundancy in facilities and services. | Planning Commission County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Minimal Capital Projects Program identifies on estimated costs for operations and replacements, with maintenance for getting new estimates. | Planning Commission County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 4: Explore and evaluate alternative methods of obtaining revenue and grant monies to fund capital improvements and new infrastructure.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities, Economic Development, Transportation, Priority Investments

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Identify and explore methods alternative revenue sources and/or expansion of existing and future revenue sources. | Planning Commission County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Adopt and/or create development fees for local officials and the general public to fund public works. | Planning Commission County Council | 2017 |
| 3. Review and/or create grant request forms and current projects. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Seek to establish public-private partnerships, user fees, fees, and other revenue sources to fund and fund projects. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Work with state and federal leaders to create projects for state and federal funding that use County agencies that are involved in the development of transportation projects and/or. | County Council | Ongoing |

Goal #3

Establish an efficient, equitable, and mutually compatible distribution of land uses that complements Oconee County's traditionally rural lifestyle, yet supports sustainable economic development, protects the environment, and manages future growth and changes.

Objective 1: Encourage development in a way that protects and preserves our natural resources.

Applicable Elements: Equitable Status, Regional, Cultural, Economic Community, Utilities, Economic Development, Land Use, Transportation, Private Investment.

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeline for Completion |
|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Review and update existing land use codes as needed to be more comprehensive, consistent, clearly promulgated and to address any special concerns. | Oconee County Board County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Adopt a natural resource (NR) to regulate the development of very high areas. | Hazing Commission County Council | 2011 |
| 3. Adopt and promulgate a wetland protection and tree ordinance. | Hazing Commission County Council | 2011 |
| 4. Subdivide and parcel size minimums should be within the jurisdiction of the applicant to be the same as the land being subdivided. | Planning Commission County Council | 2011 |
| 5. Support and encourage the use of the local agricultural market for local products. | Oconee Commission County Council Private Community Private Industry | Ongoing |
| 6. Support and encourage the use of the local agricultural market for local products. | Oconee Commission County Council Private Community Private Industry | 2011 |
| 7. Create a local economic plan for the rural and small business market for the future to be developed and implemented in the next 10 years to provide a vision for the future of the county. | Planning Commission County Council | 2011 |

Goal #4

Manage our community facilities, infrastructure, and public resources in a manner that ensures both the existing population and future generations may enjoy the benefits and economic opportunities that make Oconee County an attractive and affordable place to live.

Objective 2: Promote and enhance access to affordable housing through both public and private cooperation.

Applicable Strategic Initiatives: Strategic Initiative 10A (Housing), Strategic Initiative 11 (Economic Development)

| Strategies for Success | Agencies/Responsibility | Timeline for Completion |
|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Develop a Housing Code that addresses the needs of all income levels and provides for the development of affordable housing units. | Oconee County Council (County Council) | 2011 |
| 2. Increase the number of affordable housing units through public and private partnerships. | Oconee County Council (County Council) | 2011 |
| 3. Establish a Housing Trust Fund to provide financial assistance to low-income households for the purchase of affordable housing. | Oconee County Council (County Council) | 2011-2015 |
| 4. Develop a Housing Trust Fund to provide financial assistance to low-income households for the purchase of affordable housing. | Oconee County Council (County Council) | 2011-2015 |
| 5. Develop a Housing Trust Fund to provide financial assistance to low-income households for the purchase of affordable housing. | Oconee County Council (County Council) | 2011 |

Goal #5

Expand appreciation for the art, cultural heritage, significant natural features, and historic treasures in a manner that both enhances our lifestyle and promotes sustainable economic prosperity.

Objective 5: Increase and protect the number of significant local, regional and national historic, natural, and cultural sites and resources, and support efforts to preserve them for posterity.

Applicable to the following Departmental Units and Executive Director's Office

| Strategic Objective | Agency Responsibility | Target/Score Complete |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| 1. Identify, evaluate, and protect historic, natural, and cultural resources, including historic landmarks, historic districts, and historic sites, and support efforts to preserve them for posterity. | Historic Resources, Planning, and Economic Development | 100% |
| 2. Support the preservation and restoration of historic, natural, and cultural resources, including historic landmarks, historic districts, and historic sites. | Historic Resources, Planning, and Economic Development | 100% |
| 3. Support the preservation and restoration of historic, natural, and cultural resources, including historic landmarks, historic districts, and historic sites. | Historic Resources, Planning, and Economic Development | 100% |
| 4. Support the preservation and restoration of historic, natural, and cultural resources, including historic landmarks, historic districts, and historic sites. | Historic Resources, Planning, and Economic Development | 100% |
| 5. Support the preservation and restoration of historic, natural, and cultural resources, including historic landmarks, historic districts, and historic sites. | Historic Resources, Planning, and Economic Development | 100% |
| 6. Support the preservation and restoration of historic, natural, and cultural resources, including historic landmarks, historic districts, and historic sites. | Historic Resources, Planning, and Economic Development | 100% |



Goals

This section contains the goals established by this Comprehensive Plan, which are based on the needs and desires set forth in the various elements. Each broad goal is supported by constituent objectives that address those identified needs, with appropriate strategies designed to ensure a successful outcome. It should be noted that specific objectives and strategies stemming from priorities established in more than one element have been appropriately stated to accomplish the desired results expressed in all elements (the elements to which each objective applies is noted). In addition, the county agencies deemed responsible for monitoring and facilitating the success of the effort are also named, as well as a timeline considered sufficient for completion.

Goal # 1

Preserve, protect, and enhance the quality and quantity of Oconee County's natural resources.

Objective 1: Work to guarantee adequate water distribution systems for present and future economic development in Oconee County.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities; Economic Development

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Work to facilitate the establishment of a partnership with water providers aimed at expanding service into underserved unincorporated areas of the county. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 2. Partner with municipalities in inventorying current condition of their water infrastructure systems to determine ability to accommodate future growth. | Infrastructure Advisory Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Work to develop agreements with water providers to coordinate with County on a plan provide for required fire protection for new development. | Emergency Services Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |

Objective 2: Improve and expand wastewater treatment within Oconee County.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities; Economic Development

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Expand sewer service throughout areas designated by the Land Use Element as primary areas of development, while implementing appropriate limits needed to avoid negative impacts on sensitive areas. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Implement requirements for all developer-initiated sewer expansions to be configured with sufficient capacity to allow existing and future affected property owners to connect to the proposed line. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 3. Work with neighboring counties when possible to establish regional efforts to expand sewer service into prime commercial and industrial locations. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Partner with municipalities and Joint Regional Sewer Authority to coordinate efforts to provide sewer throughout high growth corridors. | Infrastructure Advisory Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Establish partnership(s) with regional, state, and federal agencies to find funding sources for wastewater treatment needs. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 6. Study and establish increased access to sanitary boat dump stations on area lakes. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | 2013 |

Objective 3: Initiate efforts to develop the foundation of a county stormwater management program prior to federal mandates, thereby allowing for the most efficient and cost-effective implementation possible in the event of designation.

Applicable Elements: Population; Natural Resources; Economic Development; Land Use

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Study and evaluate options available to jurisdictions designated by EPA to establish storm water management programs, identifying those attributes desirable for an Oconee County program. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Work with state and federal agencies as required to create necessary components of storm water program, when possible, through a phased approach that will lessen impact of meeting mandates. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 3. Support regional efforts to protect watersheds. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 4: Establish a program of managing both water quantity and water quality throughout the county that will ensure efficient utilization, and appropriate conservation, of our greatest natural resource.

Applicable Elements: Population; Natural Resources; Economic Development; Land Use

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Work with state and federal agencies to establish a comprehensive network of water monitoring stations in Oconee County watersheds. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 2. Establish accurate RQID rating for all water basins in Oconee County. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 3. Develop a county-wide water usage plan that defines water conservation practices for both normal and drought conditions, and insures that all users share equally in restrictions during drought conditions. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 4. Partner with both public and private entities to develop a county-wide education program designed to promote water conservation. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 5. Study and evaluate the impact of Oconee County's water supply on ISO ratings, and the resulting cost of fire insurance, seeking to identify opportunities for better ratings. | Emergency Services Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 6. Partner with adjacent jurisdictions on comprehensive water studies detailing availability from all sources and usages/outflows. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 5: Preserve, protect and enhance Oconee County's environmentally sensitive lands, unique scenic views, agrarian landscapes, and topographic features.

Applicable Elements: Natural Resources; Land Use

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Encourage use of "Best Management Practices" in farming and forestry operations. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Work to partner with public and private entities in developing a county-wide greenway system that will offer opportunities for nature-based recreation in areas where few currently exist. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 3. Encourage and support collaboration between landowners and public and private agencies in the development of ecologically and economically sound plans for preservation and restoration of forests and farmland. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 6: Promote partnerships and voluntary conservation easements to preserve significant lands and scenic areas under pressure.

Applicable Elements: Natural Resources; Land Use; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Establish a county conservation bank to provide for the transfer of development rights and/or conservation easements to protect rural lands, sensitive areas, and significant natural resources. | County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Identify and establish various funding sources for the county conservation bank identified above; these may include grants, corporate gifts, a percentage of development permit fees, and annual revenue designations. | County Council | 2011 |
| 3. Provide appropriate assistance from county departments and agencies in efforts to identify and preserve historic structures, significant lands, and scenic areas. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Goal #2

Identify, develop and utilize all tools and funding sources necessary to meet the present and future economic development needs of Oconee County.

Objective 1: Continue support of a comprehensive planning process to insure that the citizens of Oconee County possess accurate inventories and analyses of existing county conditions, and the opportunity to better manage anticipated future conditions.

Applicable Elements: Population; Natural Resources; Cultural; Housing; Community Facilities; Economic Development; Land Use; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Review and update the various components of the Oconee County Comprehensive Plan as needed, not restricted to the minimum time periods established in state regulations. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Improve communication and cooperation between the County and municipalities, state and federal agencies, and other public and private entities. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 2: Review, update, and adopt the Infrastructure Master Plan.

Applicable Elements: Economic Development; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Review and update the Infrastructure Master Plan, insuring that those steps identified provide for the future growth in the county and limit damage to sensitive areas and resources. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Adopt and implement the Infrastructure Master Plan. | County Council | 2011 |
| 3. Utilizing the elements of the Infrastructure Master Plan as a guide, work to establish a sustainable infrastructure upgrade and maintenance program. | Economic Development Commission, Planning Commission, | Ongoing |

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| supported by a steady revenue stream. | County Council | |
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Objective 3: Develop and implement an effective Capital Projects Program that provides the highest level of service and facilities for Oconee County's citizens.

Applicable Elements: Population; Community Facilities; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Seek partnerships with other agencies, municipalities, and private industry to eliminate unnecessary redundancy in facilities and services. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Maintain a Capital Projects Plan with specifics on estimated costs for upgrades and replacements, with timeframes for getting new estimates. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 4: Explore and evaluate alternative methods of obtaining revenue and grant monies to fund capital improvements and new infrastructure.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities; Economic Development; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Identify and work to establish alternative revenue sources such as special tax districts and local option sales taxes. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Adopt appropriate development impact fees to offset some of the cost of infrastructure and public services. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 3. Broaden utilization of grant monies to assist with capital projects. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Seek to establish public-private partnerships, user-based fees, and other revenue sources to help fund infrastructure. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Work with state and federal leaders to change formulas for state and federal funding that use Census figures that fail to account for the large percentage of non-resident property owners. | County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 5: Create and/or update plans for specific priorities.

Applicable Elements: Population; Natural Resources; Cultural; Housing; Community Facilities; Economic Development; Land Use; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Review and update the Community Facilities Plan, amending it to reflect the impact of recent growth and the needs of the aging population. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 2. Partner with municipalities to develop coordinated 5- and 10- year Economic Development Plans. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 3. Update and adopt the 2004 Infrastructure Master Plan. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 4. Evaluate, amend, and implement recreation plans, as necessary. | Parks, Recreation and Tourist Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 6: Complete and properly maintain Oconee County's Geographic Information System (GIS).

Applicable Elements: Population; Natural Resources; Cultural; Housing; Community Facilities; Economic Development; Land Use; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Complete digitization of parcel data, and implementation and integration of Tax Assessor's CAMA system. | County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Expand public access to GIS, emphasizing the accuracy of data collected, usability of mapping website, and the maintenance of data collected. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Establish and maintain a GIS administrative structure that not only promotes efficient service for county agencies, but also serves the mapping needs of other public and private entities. | County Council | 2010 |

Objective 7: Continue to actively promote the recruitment of employment opportunities that provide the best lifestyle for all Oconee residents.

Applicable Elements: Population, Economic Development

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Work with state and federal agencies to attract agribusiness-related grants and revenue sources, and support efforts to establish pilot programs related to new agricultural technologies and products. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Provide appropriate assistance to expand non-traditional and specialty agribusiness opportunities. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Continue partnerships in regional economic development recruitment efforts. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Partner with area colleges and universities to expand local technical training facilities. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Develop sustainable funding mechanism to maintain availability of structures adequate for the needs of modern industry; this may include, but is not limited to, expansion of revenues designated to economic development, public-private partnerships, and grants. | Economic Development Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 6. Ensure that all governmental actions be considerate of racial, religious, and cultural groups that comprise Oconee County's population. | County Council | Ongoing |

Goal #3

Establish an efficient, equitable, and mutually compatible distribution of land uses that complements Oconee County's traditionally rural lifestyle, yet supports sustainable economic development, protects the environment, and manages future growth and changes.

Objective 1: Encourage development in a way that protects and preserves our natural resources.

Applicable Elements: Population; Natural Resources; Cultural; Housing; Community Facilities; Economic Development; Land Use; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Review and update existing land use regulations as needed, to facilitate development that preserves forests, prime agricultural lands, sensitive areas, and natural resources. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Develop reasonable regulations regarding the development of steep-slope areas. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 3. Establish green space/open space requirements for new developments. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 4. Establish strategies and adopt measures necessary to create the framework for the efficient implementation of erosion and sediment control regulations. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 5. Support efforts to educate public in the use of best management practices for construction sites. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 6. Consider, and possibly adopt, regulatory components of a program to expand the natural vegetative buffer requirement to all lake front properties; this may or may not include provisions for increasing the size of the buffer to 50 feet. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2013 |
| 7. Establish a mitigation program for littered and unsafe properties, utilizing funding from alternative funding sources such as state and federal grants, or possibly specialized tax levies. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |

Objective 2: Manage development in a manner that ensures our natural resources and lifestyle serve to enhance a sustainable economic prosperity.

Applicable Elements: Population; Natural Resources; Cultural; Housing; Community Facilities; Economic Development; Land Use; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Utilize the countywide zoning process to plan appropriate development and protect special areas through rezonings and overlays. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Work to manage urban/suburban development in Oconee County to insure adequate infrastructure is in place to support balanced growth in primary growth areas, while limiting urban sprawl and protecting those areas deemed special. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Identify potential county industrial sites in appropriate areas, and work with public and private entities to secure funding to purchase select properties for potential projects within prime industrial areas. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Promote a diverse economy that includes a mix of employment sectors, including tourism, to insure Oconee County remains economically competitive. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Goal #4

Manage our community facilities, infrastructure, and public resources in a manner that ensures both the existing population and future generations may enjoy the benefits and economic opportunities that make Oconee County an attractive and affordable place to live.

Objective 1: Seek local, state, and federal funding support in efforts to expand and enhance educational opportunities for Oconee County residents.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities; Economic Development

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Expand coordination of planning efforts with School District of Oconee County to ensure decisions related to school projects are made with the most complete information available, to include all issues related to infrastructure, accessibility, and traffic planning. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Continue to look for opportunities to support and enhance job training, education, and adult back-to-school programs by fostering ties with area universities and vocational technical colleges; this may include promoting the development of satellite programs for better access by local residents. | Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Provide the School District of Oconee County appropriate assistance in efforts to enhance and upgrade education. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Prioritize expansion and upgrades of libraries through the capital improvements plan and coordinate their location with available infrastructure and the location of schools. | Library Board; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 2: Promote and enhance access to affordable housing through both public and private cooperation.

Applicable Elements: Population; Housing; Economic Development; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Create a Housing Task Force, non-profit housing agency, or Trust which would analyze regulatory barriers and seek market-based incentives to promote affordable housing. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Review and amend land development and subdivision regulations as needed to provide incentives to promote the development of high-quality, low-cost housing. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 3. Work with state and local government to find funding sources, such as growth management infrastructure grants, to assist public and private entities seeking funds to develop and rehabilitate high-quality, low-cost housing. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Work with local, state, and federal agencies to reduce barriers to affordability; this may include one-stop permitting, pre-approved affordable housing plans, and payback mechanisms for upgrades to infrastructure. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Adopt and enforce substandard housing regulations needed to ensure health and safety; this may include the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |

Objective 3: Upgrade solid waste facilities to improve services and allow for needed upgrades and expansion to provide for anticipated growth.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities; Economic Development; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Study options and develop long-range solutions for the County's solid waste needs; these may include, but are not limited to, constructing an in-county landfill, partnering with other jurisdictions in developing a regional landfill, or the continuation of long-term contracts with outside parties. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2011 |
| 2. Seek to partner in the development of a solid waste research facility at a regional landfill. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Identify and construct additional construction and demolition landfill sites within the county. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 4. Work to reduce the volume of solid waste through increased recycling and composting. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Seek out innovative and alternative technologies that not only provide for a long-term solution to current and projected solid waste needs, but may also be used in the future to mitigate and reclaim closed facilities. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 6. Seek and establish appropriate uses for closed landfill areas, which may include, but will not be limited to, the establishment of solar power generation facilities and appropriate recreation facilities. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2014 |

Objective 4: Regularly review public safety needs and enhance facilities as required.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Review and upgrade existing emergency facilities plans on a regular basis; implementing established goals in a systematic manner. | Emergency Services Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Provide local public safety agencies appropriate assistance in obtaining funding to expand and upgrade operations. | Emergency Services Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Coordinate local public safety planning and activity with regional, state, and federal agencies. | Emergency Services Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Seek to partner with private entities in the development of emergency satellite facilities and specialized response equipment. | Emergency Services Commission; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 5: Continue to monitor closely Oconee County's compliance with state and federal air-quality standards, adopting and maintaining reduction strategies as necessary.

Applicable Elements: Natural Resources; Housing; Land Use

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Monitor results of current and future radon research. | Planning Commission | Ongoing |
| 2. Partner with Home Builder's Association and other stakeholders to develop a radon response program; this may include, but is not limited to, an educational component that provides information related to both the cost-savings and potential health benefits of incorporating a radon-mitigation option in early construction stages, or the adoption of new standards requiring proven mitigation methods. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 3. Amend and adopt standards as necessary to maintain compliance with the Clean Air Act. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 6: Work to address the age-related problems that may arise among Oconee County's aging population, particularly focusing on issues not adequately dealt with by state and federal efforts.

Applicable Elements: Population; Community Facilities; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Review and upgrade county-owned medical/residential/nursing care facilities as needed. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Support municipalities in efforts to establish public transportation, seeking ways to expand into various parts of the unincorporated areas as appropriate. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Continue to explore ways to increase the efficiency of emergency medical services throughout the county. | Emergency Services Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Seek partnerships with public and private entities to study age-related issues, particularly as they relate to potential impacts on Oconee County. | County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 7: Upgrade and maintain the county road system in a manner that meets the needs of Oconee County's growing population and provides safe and efficient routes through the county.

Applicable Elements: Population; Community Facilities; Economic Development; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Develop an ongoing, systematic road maintenance and upgrade program based on a steady revenue source. | Road Department; Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 2. Develop and maintain a priority road upgrade list that not only considers existing traffic "hotspots" and other sources of trouble, but also reasonably anticipates those expected to emerge in the coming decade. | Road Department; Planning Commission; County Council | 2012 |
| 3. Consider and adopt appropriate traffic management tools and techniques that utilize concepts such as limiting the number of curb cuts in high-traffic areas. | Road Department; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Prioritize evaluation of all roads lying within primary development areas shown on the Future Land Use Map. | Road Department; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Continue to require developers to provide traffic studies to determine if a road must be upgraded to safely handle increased traffic loads and to cover the costs of road upgrades when necessary. | Road Department; Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 6. Enhance communication with local and state D.O.T. staff and projects. | Road Department; Other County Staff | Ongoing |

Objective 8: Continue to evaluate and fund public transportation in urbanizing areas of Oconee County, expanding as needed to provide for ongoing growth and development.

Applicable Elements: Population; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Promote and assist in the establishment of commuter parking lots to help encourage car pooling, and decrease traffic congestion. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Continue to partner with Clemson Area Transit (CAT) in keeping existing services, while looking for other opportunities to expand public transportation, to include, but not be limited to, van services and other non-traditional forms of mass transit. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Seek and secure methods of expanding transportation in remote areas for clients of facilities such as DSS, hospitals, medical complexes, government facilities, and parks. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Support efforts to establish a high-speed rail stop in Clemson, SC and/or Toccoa, Georgia. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 5. Seek and establish appropriate methods of mass transit that will promote and enhance tourism; these may include, but are not limited to, water taxis, tour boats, and other modes of transport that allow tourists and residents to enjoy natural resources without dramatically increasing traffic. | Mar. Lakes Conv. & Visitors Bureau; Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 9: Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes to allow for greater use of alternative forms of transportation, and to promote ecotourism opportunities.

Applicable Elements: Natural Resources; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Develop standards that encourage developers to incorporate sidewalks and bicycle trails into subdivision developments. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2013 |
| 2. Seek grants for creating nature trails, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and other tools designed to make communities more walkable, reduce vehicle traffic, and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Upgrade county-maintained parks and recreational facilities to encourage and promote ecotourism opportunities. | Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 10: Continue upgrades to the Oconee County Airport in a manner that not only serves existing clientele, but will establish the facility as one of the premier small airports in the nation.

Applicable Elements: Community Facilities; Economic Development; Transportation; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Complete ongoing expansion of runway length and upgrade of instrument landing system. | Aeronautics Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 2. Construct planned future upgrades, to include relocation of roads, strengthening of runway, as well as any other necessary components as funding becomes available. | Aeronautics Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 3. Construct additional hangar space as needed to accommodate anticipated demand. | Aeronautics Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Develop ongoing capital improvements program aimed at upgrading facility to attract additional employers and potential occupants of business parks within the county. | Aeronautics Commission; County Council | 2014 |
| 5. Seek and establish ways to utilize airport to foster partnerships with Clemson University. | Aeronautics Commission; County Council | Ongoing |

Objective 11: Establish programs to review all existing community facilities to determine needed changes resulting from both the aging of the facilities and the rapid population growth of Oconee County.

Applicable Elements: Population; Community Facilities; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Review and update Community Facilities Plan, amending to reflect impact of recent growth and development and needs of aging population. | Planning Commission; County Council | 2013 |
| 2. Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to systematically construct and upgrade facilities identified in Community Facilities Plan. | Planning Commission; County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Look for alternative to tax-payer financing of projects such as private partnerships, user-based fees, etc. | County Council | Ongoing |

Goal #5

Expand appreciation for the arts, cultural heritage, significant natural features, and historic treasures in a manner that both enhances our lifestyle and promotes sustainable economic prosperity.

Objective 1: Promote a countywide arts program to facilitate an appreciation for the arts and other cultural facilities found within Oconee.

Applicable Elements: Population; Cultural; Community Facilities; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Seek partnerships and other forms of assistance for the School District of Oconee County in supporting the arts. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Support local festivals and entertainment events that promote the heritage of the region; this may include, but not be limited to, grants and other appropriate forms of financial assistance. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, County Council | Ongoing |
| 3. Seek to expand role of the Oconee County Heritage Museum in documentation and preservation of local cultural and historical treasures; this may include, but not be limited to, funding of facility upgrades, establishment of various programs and partnerships aimed at promoting specific resources, and addition of staff positions. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Support high quality library facilities, programs, and services that enhance, enrich, entertain, and educate our diverse and growing population and present opportunities for life-long learning and the exchange of culture. | Library Board, County Council, School District | Ongoing |

Objective 2: Conserve and protect features of significant local, regional and national interest, such as scenic highways, state parks, and historic sites and expand efforts to promote them for tourism.

Applicable Elements: Natural Resources; Cultural; Land Use; Priority Investment

| Strategies for Success | Agencies Responsible | Timeframe for Completion |
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| 1. Seek to insure the preservation and protection of sites and facilities currently listed on historic registers in Oconee County; this may include, but is not limited to, the development of partnerships to assist in the purchase of development rights, and adoption of standards governing future alterations. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, Planning Commission, County Council | Ongoing |
| 2. Study and identify any additional cultural and historic properties worthy of consideration on historic registers. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, Planning Commission, County Council | 2012 |
| 3. Provide assistance to local historical and cultural groups in efforts to obtain funding to study, maintain and manage Oconee County historical sites. | County Council | Ongoing |
| 4. Update and maintain GIS data and maps that can be printed and/or displayed on the county website, to provide the public with information on the location of historical and cultural sites. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, Planning Commission, County Council | 2013 |
| 5. Provide appropriate financial and technical support to the development of the Southern Appalachian Fossiliferous Project currently underway in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service and other governmental entities. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, County Council | 2014 |
| 7. Review and adopt appropriate standards aimed at maintaining the state 'Scenic Highway' designation for SC Highway 11 and other routes; such standards may be based on adopted Scenic Hwy Consider Plans or best practices, and may include the designation of the route as a County Scenic Highway. | County Scenic Highway Committee, Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, Planning Commission, County Council | 2013 |
| 8. Review and update adopted regulations as needed to ensure all cultural, historical, and natural resources receive the protection necessary to remain a viable component of our lifestyle, as well as playing a role in an expanding tourism economic sector. | Parks, Recreation, Tourism Commission, Planning Commission, County Council | Ongoing |