OCONEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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AGENDA

6:00 pm- Monday, November 18th- 2019 Council Chambers - Oconee County administrative complex

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Invocation
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)
- 5. Planning Commissioner response
- 6. Approval of minutes from 11042019
- 7. Conservation Easements Guest speaker from UpState Forever
- 8. Comprehensive Plan 2020
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. Discussion/Vote
- 9. Unfinished Business
- 10. New Business
- 11. Adjourn

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Minutes

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Members Present

Mike Johnson Frankie Pearson Mike Smith Andrew Gramling Gwen McPhail Stacey Lyles Alex Vassey

Staff Present

Adam Chapman Vivian Kompier

Media Present

None

- 1. Call to Order Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- 2. Invocation by Ms. Lyles
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items (3 minutes per person)
 Mr. Barnett spoke about the Planning Commission members who are for the County and thanked them.
- 5. Planning Commissioner response None
- Approval of minutes from 10/21/2019
 AM meeting Motion by Mr. Gramling, seconded by Ms. McPhail approved 7/0.
 PM meeting Motion by Ms. McPhail, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 7/0.
- 7. Review of the draft 2030 Comprehensive Plan
 - a. Public Comment

Mr. Barnett asked please do not use the Comprehensive Plan as a weapon against Oconee County and understand the Bill of Rights and Right to Farm Act.

Mr. Markovich mentioned that Clemson is in a dilemma and we do not want to have the same problem. The Goals, Objectives, and Strategies are redundant and need to be rewritten. Also, the County has until November 9, 2020 to finalize the Comprehensive Plan, that is a whole year to refine it.

b. Discussion / Vote –

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to change the first page, last line to "This plan was made by and for the people of Oconee County." Seconded by Ms. McPhail and approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to change the title of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan to 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Mr. Gramling seconded, the motion passed 7/0.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to go over the Time Frame for Evaluation; annually vs. occasionally with staff, seconded by Ms. McPhail and approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Ms. Lyles to change the last paragraph in the Executive Summary's - How to implement the Plan to add "and inform the Planning Commission annually of the progress", seconded by Ms. McPhail and approved 7/0.

A motion was made by Ms. McPhail for her to edit the document for grammatical errors, seconded by Mr. Pearson and approved 7/0.

- 8. Corridor Plan working group
 - a. Public Comment None
 - b. Discussion / Vote -

Ms. McPhail made a motion to have a Corridor Plan subcommittee, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved 7/0.

Ms. McPhail made a motion to adopt the working group makeup (attached), seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved 7/0.

At this point Mr. Pearson excused himself for a family emergency and Mr. Johnson (Vice Chairman) took over the meeting.

Ms. McPhail made a motion for Ms. Lyles and Mr. Gramling be on the first subcommittee.

Ms. McPhail amended the motion to include Mr. Johnson and to have a start date as January 1st, 2020, seconded by Ms. Lyles and the motion passed 6/0.

- 9. Unfinished Business None
- 10. New Business None
- 11. Adjourn The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:01pm



Oconee County Planning

LAND-USE

SITE-PLAN REVIEW

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Possible Corridor Planning working-group flow

1.	Build working group	1-2 meetings
2.	Intent	2-3 meetings
3.	Planning Commission update	
4.	Traffic/Safety	3-5 meetings
5.	Planning Commission update	
6.	Landscaping	3-5 meetings
7.	Planning Commission update	
8.	Signage	3-5 meetings
9.	Planning Commission update	
10.	Building design standards	3-5 meetings

11. Planning Commission update Possible Corridor Planning working-group makeup

A. Planning Commissioners 2-3 (Rotating out as topics change)

B. Property/Business / Industry owners 2-5

C. Stakeholder groups 2-5

D. Staff

E. Industry professionals as needed, such as:

- SCDOT
- OC Roads and Bridges
- Landscapers
- Signage professionals
- Architects
- Builders
- other Planners

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Element Goals, Objectives and Strategies

The goals, objectives and strategies for implementation (GOIS) table summarizes the actions that will be undertaken in the coming decade to achieve the goals and objectives identified in each element.

2. POPULATION

Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Goal 2.1. Improve the quality of life for existing and		<u>-</u>	
Objective 2.1.1. Increase understanding of the Coun			istics.
Strategy 2.1.1.1. Monitor demographic patterns in	 Oconee County 	2023	
the County and its municipalities in order to	 Service Providers 		
respond to growth and the changing needs of			
residents, especially special populations.			
Strategy 2.1.1.2. Coordinate and collaborate with	Oconee County	On-Going	
regional agencies and neighboring jurisdictions to	• ACOG		
share demographic data and update population	 Neighboring 		
projection data and methodologies.	Jurisdictions		
Objective 2.1.2. Encourage and attract young adults	and families to remain in	•	T
Strategy 2.1.2.1. Create economic opportunities for	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
residents and potential residents through	 Upstate SC Alliance 		
recruitment and retention of industries and	 Chamber of 		
businesses.	Commerce		
	 Clemson University 		
Strategy 2.1.2.2. Develop and promote policies and	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
programs that improve economic opportunity for	 Municipalities 		
residents and potential residents.			
Strategy 2.1.2.3. Develop opportunities to provide	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
or encourage entertainment and recreation options	 Municipalities 		
that are attractive to young adults and families.			
Strategy 2.1.2.4. Interface with the Oconee County	 Oconee County 	2023	
School District (SDOC), private schools, Clemson	• SDOC		
University, and Tri-County Technical College (TCTC)	 Private Schools 		
to optimize educational quality and access to	• TCTC		
advanced training opportunities.	Clemson University		
	 Inter-regional 		
	Education Center		
	representative		



Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Objective 2.1.3. Assess and seek to address the need Strategy 2.1.3.1. Seek partnerships to assess the unmet needs of alternative populations and develop strategies and leverage resources to address these needs.	 Oconee County Municipalities State and Local Agencies Non-profits Interfaith Ministries 	On-Going	
Strategy 2.1.3.2. Provide opportunities for local service agencies and organizations to explore efforts to prevent and eliminate homelessness and provide needed services for the County's homeless population.	 Oconee County Municipalities United Way Local Service Agencies and Organizations Faith-based Organizations 	On-Going	
Strategy 2.1.3.3. Reduce language barriers in the provision of health care, public safety, and other public services to all Oconee County residents.	 Oconee County Municipalities Health Providers Other Public Service Providers 	2025	
Strategy 2.1.3.4. Assess measures to accommodate the needs of the County's aging population in areas such as signage, lighting, and transportation options.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesCAT Bus Service	2025	
Goal 2.2. Promote a livable community in which Co			productive.
Objective 2.2.1. Ensure access to adequate health of Strategy 2.2.1.1. Coordinate the provision of a continuum of supportive services, home repair programs, and infrastructure that enable elderly residents to age in place to the extent possible.	 Oconee County Municipalities Council on Aging Faith-based Organizations Oconee County DSS Oconee County DSNB YMCA SDOC 	2025	



	Accountable	Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 2.2.1.2. Support access to adequate health care facilities and services for all segments of the population to reduce the incidence and high costs associated with chronic health conditions for local residents, especially geriatric care and accessible care for veterans.	 Oconee Memorial Hospital/Prisma Health County Health Department DSNB Rosa Clark Free Medical Clinic YMCA SDOC Nonprofits 	On-Going	
Strategy 2.2.1.3. Provide a range of fitness and recreational opportunities that encourage health and well-being and that also safely accommodate residents with disabilities, older adults, youth, families, and other special needs populations.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesSDOCYMCA	2025	
Objective 2.2.2. Promote educational attainment a	nd job readiness among (•	
Strategy 2.2.2.1. Create a safe and healthy environment for education and socialization for students at all levels.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesSDOCTCTC	2023	
Strategy 2.2.2.2. Support and promote workforce development programs that address the skilled labor needs of current and potential employers in the County in trades, high tech, and high demand pathways.	 Oconee County Municipalities Worklink WIA SDOC TCTC Oconee Adult Education Local Employers 	2021	
Strategy 2.2.2.3. Support local efforts to raise literacy levels of County residents through afterschool programs, family and early literacy efforts, and church-based programs.	 Oconee County Municipalities SDOC Oconee County Adult Education/ Literacy Program Faith-based Providers 	2026	



	Accountable	Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Goal 2.3. Foster a high level of efficiency, coordination	on, and cooperation am	ong County and m	unicipal
services.			
Objective 2.3.1. Coordinate planning efforts among	the County, municipaliti	es, and neighborii	ng
jurisdictions.			
Strategy 2.3.1.1. Review and/or update the County's	Oconee County	2023	
Population Element at least once every five years.			
Strategy 2.3.1.2. Coordinate service delivery	Oconee County	2025	
planning among the County, municipalities, and	 Municipalities 		
neighboring jurisdictions to eliminate duplication of	• Utilities		
effort and address long-term needs of residents.	Neighboring		
	Jurisdictions		
	• ACOG		
Strategy 2.3.1.3. Foster on-going coordination and	Oconee County	On-Going	
communication among Oconee County,	Municipalities		
municipalities, and neighboring jurisdictions on a	• ACOG		
wide range of issues including land use planning and	Neighboring		
regulation, facilities planning, transportation, and	Jurisdictions		
the extension and upgrade of utilities.	Utility Providers		
	Nonprofits		
Strategy 2.3.1.4. Review current land use planning,	Oconee County	2022	
building codes, zoning and development regulations,	Municipalities	2022	
and other County ordinances for potential impact on	• Municipanties		
population growth and special populations.			

3. HOUSING

Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed	
	Goal 3.1. Encourage a broad range of housing opportunities and a balance of housing types to meet the current and future needs of Oconee County residents.			
Objective 3.1.1. Promote the development of a diverse housing stock to meet the needs of residents and accommodate a variety of economic levels, occupations, age groups, and lifestyle preferences.				
Strategy 3.1.1.1. Encourage the development of a range of housing types and densities to include single-family, site-built homes; patio homes, multifamily developments, and manufactured homes.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesResidential Developers	2021		
Strategy 3.1.1.2. Encourage housing development that will accommodate residents of all ages and stages of life.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesResidential Developers	2025		



	Accountable	Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 3.1.1.3. Review and amend land use plans and regulations, relevant policies, and proposed residential developments, to ensure compatibility between new residential developments and existing	Oconee County Municipalities	2021	Completed
agricultural uses.			
Strategy 3.1.1.4. Review and amend land use plans and regulations to identify and remove possible barriers to the development of a variety of housing options and residential development types.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2021	
Objective 3.1.2. Encourage housing development that	t will enable residents to	"age-in-place."	
Strategy 3.1.2.1. Work with public and private agencies and organizations to assess the housing and associated needs of senior citizens. Strategy 3.1.2.2. Encourage and promote housing development that will allow the County's older residents to age in place such as higher density single-family and multi-family developments, assisted living, and nursing facilities.	 Oconee County Municipalities ACOG Oconee County Senior Center Senior Solutions Other Public and Private Organizations Oconee County Municipalities Assisted Living Providers Residential 	2023	
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Goal 3.2. Promote and enhance access to affordable, through public and private cooperation.	sare, and decent nousin	g for all Oconee r	esidents
Objective 3.2.1. Encourage the provision of affordable	e, safe, and decent hous	ing.	
Strategy 3.2.1.1. Encourage and promote programs that provide assistance and education on the responsibilities and requirements of homeownership to potential homeowners.	 USDA Rural Development Financial Institutions Habitat for Humanity Oconee County Municipalities 	2025	



		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 3.2.1.2. Encourage and promote the development of housing options that are affordable for low- and middle-income families.	 USDA Rural Development Residential Developers Habitat for Humanity Community Non- profits Oconee County Municipalities 	On-Going	
Strategy 3.2.1.3. Encourage infill housing development on vacant properties in developed residential areas already served by infrastructure.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesResidential Developers	2025	
Strategy 3.2.1.4. Work with the State and other organizations to identify and secure funding for housing and neighborhood rehabilitation for declining and unsafe residential areas through the public, non-profit, and private sectors.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesResidential Developers	2021	
Strategy 3.2.1.5. Work to encourage affordable housing development in Opportunity Zones identified in Oconee County.	 Oconee County ACOG Financial Institutions Community Non-Profits S.C. State Housing Finance and Development Authority HUD Municipalities 	2023	
Strategy 3.2.1.6. Protect existing neighborhoods from incompatible uses that could reduce safety and lower property values through consistent enforcement of zoning and subdivision regulations.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	On-Going	
Strategy 3.2.1.7. Promote and encourage development within defined Opportunity Zones featuring either mixed use or affordable housing elements.	Oconee CountyFinancial InstitutionsU.S. Senators from S.C.	On-Going	



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Objective 3.2.2. Work with the State, municipalities	•	L	<u> </u>
private organizations to remove barriers to, and ide			
Strategy 3.2.2.1. Encourage the expansion of water	Oconee County	2023	
and sewer infrastructure and facilities to increase	 Municipalities 		
opportunities for new residential development and	Water and Sewer		
provide service for existing residential areas that	Providers		
are currently unserved.	S.C. Dept. of		
	Commerce		
Strategy 3.2.2.2. Work with local, State, and	Oconee County	2025	
Federal agencies to identify and reduce or remove	 Municipalities 		
barriers to housing affordability.	State and Federal		
,	agencies		
Strategy 3.2.2.3. Coordinate with adjacent	Oconee County	2025	
jurisdictions to address the provision of low- and	Municipalities		
moderate-income workforce housing on a regional	Neighboring Counties		
scale.	• ACOG		
Strategy 3.2.2.4. Work with the State Housing	Oconee County	On-Going	
Authority and other relevant agencies to assess the	Municipalities		
extent of the shortage of housing affordable for	State Housing		
low and moderate-income residents in the County	Authority		
and identify potential possible solutions to alleviate	Clemson University		
the shortage.	,		
Strategy 3.2.2.5. Review and amend land use and	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
development regulations and other relevant	 Municipalities 		
requirements and procedures to remove potential			
barriers and provide incentives for the provision of			
safe, decent, and affordable housing options for			
Oconee County families.			
Goal 3.3. Provide appropriate housing and associate	ed services, assistance, and	d access to resou	rces for
Oconee County residents with special needs.	Language Colonia		
Objective 3.3.1. Assess and address the housing and			opulations.
Strategy 3.3.1.1. Support and encourage	Oconee County	Annually	
participation in the annual Point-in-Time Homeless count to determine the extent of homelessness in	Municipalities		
Oconee County in the effort to prevent and	United Housing		
eliminate homelessness.	Connections		
eminidate nothelessitess.	Local Service		
	Providers		



Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Strategy 3.3.1.2. Work with local agencies and service providers to explore options for providing short-term and permanent housing and associated services for homeless veterans in Oconee County.	 Oconee County Municipalities United Housing Connections Local Service Providers Oconee County Veterans Affairs 	2022	
Strategy 3.3.1.3. Encourage cooperation between agencies, non-profits, and private developers to meet the housing needs of other special populations such as individuals with special needs and victims of domestic violence.	 State and Local Agencies Residential Developers Oconee County Municipalities 	Annually	

4. ECONOMIC

		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Goal 4.1. Increase the County's tax base through a	thriving and diversified ed	conomy.	
Objective 4.1.1. Strengthen Oconee County as an e	mployment center.		
Strategy 4.1.1.1. Maintain economic incentives for new and expanding industry.	Oconee CountyUpstate SC AllianceSC Dept. of Commerce	2021	
Strategy 4.1.1.2. Maintain communication with existing business and industry to assess the local business climate, public services, workforce quality, and potential areas for improvement.	 Oconee County Oconee County Industrial Group (OCIG) Oconee County Chamber of Commerce 	On-Going	
Strategy 4.1.1.3. Continue to develop the I-85 industrial corridor with associated infrastructure to support fully utilized industrial parks.	 Oconee County Utility Providers Upstate SC Alliance SC Dept. of Commerce 	On-Going	
Strategy 4.1.1.4. Promote the inventory of industrial sites and buildings in Oconee County with an emphasis on vacant and certified industrial sites and parks.	Oconee CountyUpstate SC AllianceSC Dept. of CommerceACOG	2025	



		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 4.1.1.5. Recruit new industry to the	Oconee County	On-Going	Completed
County and assist in expansion of existing	•	On-doing	
employers in the target sectors of advanced	Upstate SC Alliance GC Basel of		
, ,	SC Dept. of		
manufacturing, biosciences, automotive, and	Commerce		
energy.	. 0	On Caina	
Strategy 4.1.1.6. Continue to support the Oconee	Oconee County	On-Going	
Economic Alliance as the primary entity to	Upstate SC Alliance		
represent the County and pursue industrial	SC Dept. of		
development with broad-based public and private	Commerce		
representation.			
Objective 4.1.2. Balance support for retention, expa			T
Strategy 4.1.2.1. Strengthen relationships and	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
partnerships among the County, civic organizations,	Chamber of		
municipalities, educational institutions, service	Commerce		
agencies, and the private sector to support	• OCIG		
economic development.	• SDOC		
	• TCTC		
Strategy 4.1.2.2. Maintain a formalized business	Oconee County	2025	
and retention program (BRE) dedicated to existing	• OCIG		
employers in Oconee County.	Municipalities		
Strategy 4.1.2.3. Conduct annual visits and tours of	Oconee County	Annually	
County industrial facilities to establish and maintain	• OCIG	,	
rapport and working relationships with existing	Workforce		
businesses.	Development		
	Partners		
Strategy 4.1.2.4. Develop and coordinate positive	Oconee County	2025	
economic and business messages and case studies	Upstate SC Alliance		
and marketing for local, regional, and national	OCIG		
media outlets.	• Employers		
media datiets.	Media		
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Goal 4.2. Improve the skills, productivity, and economic competitiveness of the Oconee County workforce. Objective 4.2.1. Increase employer satisfaction with workforce readiness.			
Strategy 4.2.1.1. Align workforce development and	Oconee County	2023	
training programs with economic development	SDOC/TCTC	2025	
efforts to include targeted industries, current and	WorkLinks		
projected workforce needs and provide robust			
apprentice and internship opportunities in a wide	ApprenticeshipSC		
variety of County businesses and industries.	• Employers		
variety of County businesses and muustries.	Clemson University		



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 4.2.1.2. Work to improve the completion rate including alternative credit sources.	• SDOC	On-Going	Completed
Objective 4.2.2. Raise incomes and earnings potent	ial of the County workford	e.	
Strategy 4.2.2.1. Increase the number of jobs with higher than average County wages and demand outlook.	Oconee CountyUpstate SC AllianceSC Dept. of Commerce	On-Going	
Strategy 4.2.2.2. Prepare Oconee County graduates and residents for high demand, higher wage careers and occupations, equipping them with the training and education to apply their skills in a broad and diverse economy.	Oconee CountySDOCTCTC	2021	
Strategy 4.2.2.3. Increase access to local employment opportunities that can reduce overall commuting distance and costs for residents.	Oconee CountyUpstate SC AllianceSC Dept. of Commerce	2021	
Strategy 4.2.2.4. Support and promote the continued expansion of the consolidated Oconee County Workforce Development Center Campus at the Oconee Industrial and Technology Park to include Tri-County Technical College and the new School District Career Center.	Oconee CountySDOC/TCTCBusiness/ Industry	2023	
Strategy 4.2.2.5. Add defined career pathways for existing and projected opportunities in sectors including advanced manufacturing, automotive, healthcare, entrepreneurship, retail, hospitality, and biosciences.	SDOCTCTCWorkforceDevelopmentPartners	2025	
Strategy 4.2.2.6. Leverage corporate giving by employers for academic, career, and cultural enrichment programs that raise college and work readiness of County students.	Corporate and Community FoundationsSDOC/TCTC	2025	
Goal 4.3. Increase business and commercial activity	<u> </u>		
Objective 4.3.1. Strengthen downtown commercial Strategy 4.3.1.1. Promote the development of downtown retail and commercial niche markets in Seneca, Walhalla, West Union, Westminster, and Salem.	MunicipalitiesOconee CountyChamber of Commerce	2025	
Strategy 4.3.1.2. Promote policies that preserve and promote the unique nature of downtowns, key buildings, streets, and public spaces.	MunicipalitiesOconee County	Annually	



		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 4.3.1.3. Identify and inventory	Municipalities	2023	
commercial and industrial infill and greyfield sites	Oconee County		
throughout the County and prioritize for reuse and	,		
redevelopment.			
Strategy 4.3.1.4. Explore local incentives for	Municipalities	2025	
location of businesses and industries in existing	Oconee County		
properties and the use of infill properties such as			
tax or fee reductions or zoning incentives.			
Strategy 4.3.1.5. Establish a county-wide loan pool,	 Municipalities 	2023	
in partnership with area banks, focused on	Oconee County		
downtown revitalization.	Chamber of		
	Commerce		
Objective 4.3.2. Foster a climate of entrepreneuria	activity and small busine	ss success.	
Strategy 4.3.2.1. Support small business start-up	Oconee County	Annually	
and expansion and assist in clearing key steps in	Small Business		
the development and start-up process to include	Development Center		
permitting and inspections, licensing, and eligibility	(SBDC)		
for State and local incentives.	Chamber of		
	Commerce		
	Tri-County		
	Entrepreneurial		
	Development		
	Corporation (TCEDC)		
Strategy 4.3.2.2. Establish and maintain local	Oconee County	On-Going	
business incubation capabilities.	SBDC/Clemson		
	University		
	Chamber of		
	Commerce		
	• TCEDC		
Strategy 4.3.2.3. Support efforts to expand the	Oconee County	On-Going	
reach and economic impact of the <i>Think Oconee</i>	Chamber of		
buy local campaign throughout the County.	Commerce		
Strategy 4.3.2.4. Explore the benefits of Certified	Oconee County	2025	
Connected Community status.	Utility Providers		
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	Providers		
Strategy 4.3.2.5. Identify projects and promote	Oconee County	2021	
Opportunity Zone incentive areas.			



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed	
Objective 4.3.3. Leverage the County's cultural, historic, agricultural, and natural resources as economic				
assets.				
Strategy 4.3.3.1. Continue implementation of the	 Oconee County 	2023		
Destination Oconee plan objectives.	 Municipalities 			
Strategy 4.3.3.2. Capitalize on the local traditional	Oconee County	2025		
arts, culture, and heritage of the County as an	 Municipalities 			
economic opportunity for small business	Chamber of			
development, downtown revitalization, and	Commerce			
tourism.	 Arts and Cultural 			
	Groups			
	 Festival and Event 			
	Organizers			
Strategy 4.3.3.3. Support economic development	Oconee County	2023		
activity that leverages the assets and strengths of	• SBDC			
the County's rural areas to include agribusiness	 Chamber of 			
and agritourism, outdoor recreation, heritage	Commerce			
tourism, and eco-tourism.	• TCEDC			

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

		Time Frame	Date		
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed		
Goal 5.1. Protect the historic and cultural heritage of	Goal 5.1. Protect the historic and cultural heritage of Oconee County, as embodied and reflected in its				
historic structures, sites, and districts.					
Objective 5.1.1. Emphasize the importance of histor	ric and cultural resources	in the policies, pla	ns, and		
ordinances of local governments to ensure that the	unique character of the C	County is preserved	d and		
enhanced.					
Strategy 5.1.1.1. Identify and address the	 Oconee County 	2025			
protection of historical and cultural resources	 Municipalities 				
through County and municipal land use plans and					
regulations.					
Strategy 5.1.1.2. Enhance the visual and aesthetic	 Oconee County 	2021			
character of the County and its municipalities using	 Municipalities 				
codes enforcement, architectural review boards,					
and other measures as appropriate.					
Strategy 5.1.1.3. Survey, list, and record the	 Oconee County 	2020			
County's archaeological and historical assets, and	 Municipalities 				
inventory and add potential sites within the County	 SC Archives and 				
that have historical and cultural significance.	History				
	 Property Owners 				



Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed		
Objective 5.1.2. Protect local sites, structures and districts which represent or reflect elements of cultural,					
Strategy 5.1.2.1. Promote the on-going improvement and maintenance of property condition and appearance of historic structures and districts.	 Oconee County Municipalities Nonprofits Property Owners/ Businesses Neighborhood Associations 	2021	te levels.		
Strategy 5.1.2.2. Encourage the adaptive reuse of historic or architecturally significant buildings that connect the County and its communities with their histories.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesProperty Owners	2025			
Strategy 5.1.2.4. Explore the purchase and adaptive reuse of the Utica Mill site.	Oconee CountyCity of SenecaPrivate Businesses/ Nonprofits	2021			
Strategy 5.1.2.5. Educate the public and businesses on the economic and cultural benefits of historic preservation and available incentives.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2025			
Strategy 5.1.2.6. Work with the School District of Oconee County School and private schools to establish and deliver programs on historic preservation and community history.	SDOC Private and Home Schools	2030			
Goal 5.2. Strengthen countywide access, involvement	nt, and appreciation of the	e arts.			
Objective 5.2.1. Strengthen the creative capacity of diverse opportunities for arts participation.	the community by provid	ing all County res	idents with		
Strategy 5.2.1.1. Encourage residents to connect with one another and their communities through a strong awareness of and commitment to local history and historic places, as well as a deep appreciation for the arts.	Oconee CountySDOCMuseums and Historic Sites	On-Going			
Strategy 5.2.1.2. Increase the awareness of Oconee County residents of all ages and income levels in visual, performing, and literary arts, and cultural programming.	 Fine/ Performing Arts Centers SDOC Other Cultural and Arts Groups 	On-Going			



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies		
Goals/Objectives/Strategies Strategy 5.2.1.3. Support the School District of Oconee County and community arts groups in maintaining a comprehensive arts program in local schools, including the Arts-in-Education programs to expose students to a lifetime of visual and performing arts, music, and creative writing. Strategy 5.2.1.4. Enable residents of all ages to acquire knowledge and skills in the arts by supporting arts projects that address lifelong	Accountable Agencies SDOC Oconee County Artists and Arts Groups Employers SDOC Cultural and Arts Groups	for Evaluation 2025 On-Going	Completed
Strategy 5.2.1.5. Promote opportunities for volunteerism and sponsorships of tourism, cultural, and recreational offerings. Objective 5.2.2. Strengthen the creative and operate	 Oconee County Municipalities Cultural Organizations Businesses/ Employers 	On-Going community arts ar	nd cultural
organizations.			
Strategy 5.2.2.1. Increase local arts funding by supporting arts organizations in federal and state grants applications, as well as corporate and private funding.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesPrivate Businesses/ Nonprofits	2030	
Strategy 5.2.2.2. Maximize funding from sources including the National Endowment for the Arts, the S.C. Arts Commission, the S.C. Humanities Council and the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.	Oconee County Cultural and Arts Groups	2030	
Strategy 5.2.2.3. Continue to support cultural and arts venues through annual appropriation of accommodations tax revenues.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2030	
Strategy 5.2.2.4. Encourage volunteer involvement in cultural programming, organizations and events by community, faith-based, and civic groups, as well as businesses.	 Cultural and Arts Groups Faith-based Organizations SDOC Civic and Community groups 	On-Going	



Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Goal 5.3. Leverage the County's historic and cultura			
Objective 5.3.1. Integrate the County's heritage into as it relates to building a cultural tourism industry.	the overall economic dev	elopment proces	s, especially
Strategy 5.3.1.1. Maintain and communicate a shared vision and guiding principles for tourism and recreation development in Oconee County among the public and private sectors.	 Oconee County Municipalities Museums/Arts Organizations Business Owners Oconee Chamber of Commerce 	2021	
Strategy 5.3.1.2. Increase awareness of the rich genealogical resources in Oconee County as a means to attract additional heritage tourists.	Oconee County Museums	2030	
Strategy 5.3.1.3. Ensure the County's visibility in the regional tourism market to support sustainable tourism development and make the County a destination for cultural enrichment, leisure, entertainment, and the arts.	 Upcountry SC Tourism Association Visit Oconee SC Oconee Chamber of Commerce Oconee County 	On-Going	
Strategy 5.3.1.4. Recognize, build upon and promote the County's historic and cultural assets with agricultural, Colonial and Civil War, African-American, Native American (Cherokee), and Appalachian themes through local historical and arts institutions and programming.	 Oconee County Municipalities Museums/Arts Organizations Business Owners Upcountry SC/Visit Oconee SC 	2025	
Objective 5.3.2. Support employers engaged in the classed tourism sectors.	ultural and heritage touris	sm, agritourism, a	nd nature-
Strategy 5.3.2.1. Pursue additional SCPRT and other grants for local governments and non-profits to supplement promotional efforts in tourism marketing for festivals, attractions, and events.	MunicipalitiesOconee CountyCultural Organizations	2030	
Strategy 5.3.2.2. Launch hospitality and tourism sector training and workforce development to support excellence in quality of services.	SDOCTCTCOconee Chamber of CommerceEmployers	2025	



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Strategy 5.3.2.3. Collaborate with the private sector to expand local shopping, dining, and lodging amenities as an important means of capturing tourist dollars.	 Oconee Chamber of Commerce Oconee County Municipalities Business Owners 	2021	
Strategy 5.3.2.4. Preserve the culture and identity tied to agriculture and the landscape of the County's rural communities.	 Oconee County Farms and Agribusinesses Land Conservation Groups 	2023	

6. NATURAL RESOURCES

		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Goal 6.1. Protect and improve air quality in Oconee	County.		
Objective 6.1.1. Continue to support local, regional,	and state plans and initiati	ves related to air	r quality.
Strategy 6.1.1.1. Continue coordination and partnership in the S.C. Early Action Ozone Reduction Compact with other jurisdictions in the Appalachian COG Region, adopting and maintaining ozone-reducing reduction strategies as necessary.	 Oconee County Appalachian COG (ACOG) ACOG Counties SCDHEC and EPA 	2030	
Goal 6.2. Preserve, protect, and enhance Oconee Co			
Objective 6.2.1. Promote partnerships and voluntary habitats, and scenic areas under development press		to preserve signif	ficant lands,
Strategy 6.2.1.1. Support existing land conservation organizations in their efforts to preserve and protect rural lands, sensitive areas, and significant natural resources and transfer of development rights and conservation easements to protect rural lands, sensitive areas, and significant natural resources.	 Oconee County Oconee County Soil and Water Conservation District Land Trusts and Conservation Organizations 	2030	
Strategy 6.2.1.2. Provide appropriate assistance from County departments and agencies in efforts to identify and preserve significant lands, and scenic areas.	Oconee County	2021	



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private organizations to protect critical habitats in	 Property/Business 		
Oconee County through conservation easements	Owners		
and other measures as appropriate.	 Conservation 		
	Organizations		
	• SCDNR		
	 Keowee-Toxaway 		
	Habitat Enhancement		
	Program		
Objective 6.2.3. Manage natural assets to ensure na	atural resources enhance th	e quality of life f	or residents
and visitors and increase economic opportunities.	a Oceanos Country	Annually	<u> </u>
Strategy 6.2.3.1. Protect and preserve natural resources for recreational use and develop new	Oconee County Municipalities	Annually	
opportunities for recreational access.	MunicipalitiesSCDNR		
opportunities for recreational access.			
	SCPRTUSFS		
Strategy 6.2.3.2. Work with public conservation	USFS Oconee County	2021	
partners to identify additional significant natural	Conservation	2021	
resources including viewsheds and habitats that	Organizations		
warrant protection.	• SCDNR		
	• SCPRT		
	• USFS		
Strategy 6.2.3.3. Promote parks and recreation	Oconee County	2023	
facilities, both public and private, as part of a	 Municipalities 		
comprehensive countywide recreation system.	• SCDNR		
	SCPRT		
	• USFS		
Strategy 6.2.3.4. Expand and maintain public parks	Oconee County	Annually	
and recreation spaces to a uniform standard of	 Municipalities 		
excellence.	• SCDNR		
	• SCPRT		
	• USFS		
Objective 6.2.4. Continue to promote reasonable ac	cess to Oconee County's p	ublic natural ame	nities for
residents and visitors.		2225	
Strategy 6.2.4.1. Encourage compatible land use	Oconee County	2030	
adjacent to National and State Forests, wildlife			
management area, and County, State and			
municipal parks to protect such lands from incompatible uses.			
Strategy 6.2.4.2. Review existing regulations and	Oconee County	2030	
policies to identify barriers and additional	Oconee countyMunicipalities	2030	
opportunities to protecting current natural areas	- ividilicipalities		
and open space.			



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Strategy 6.2.4.3. Encourage and support efforts by	† 			Completed
public and private organizations to provide public	•	Oconee County	On-Going	
	•	Property Owners		
access when conserving open space, natural areas	•	Conservation		
and scenic vistas in Oconee County.		Organizations		
Strategy 6.2.4.4. Work with community partners to	•		2023	
promote programs for residents of all ages to	•	Keep Oconee		
discourage littering and encourage participation in		Beautiful Assn.		
litter pickup programs and initiatives.	•	SDOC		
	•	Local Civic Groups		
Goal 6.3. Preserve, protect, and enhance the qualit	y ai	nd quantity of the wate	r resources of Oc	onee
County.				
Objective 6.3.1. Expand sewer service to additional	are	eas as feasible.		
Strategy 6.3.1.1. Support wastewater treatment	•	Oconee County	2025	
providers in the extension of sewer service to	•	Oconee Joint		
currently unserved or underserved areas to		Regional Sewer		
minimize the need for septic tanks where		Authority (OJRSA)		
conditions are not suitable or water sources may	•	Municipal Providers		
be compromised.	•	Other Public and		
		Private Providers		
Strategy 6.3.1.2. Support wastewater treatment	•	Oconee County	2023	
providers in the upgrade and expansion of existing	•	OJRSA		
treatment facilities to accommodate the expansion	•	Municipal Providers		
of sewer service.	•	Other Public and		
		Private Providers		
Objective 6.3.2. Monitor, maintain and improve wa	ter		meet the needs o	of County
residents, employers, and institutions.		quanty and quantity to	meet the needs t	or country
Strategy 6.3.2.1. Partner with adjacent jurisdictions		Oconee County	2025	
on comprehensive water studies detailing		Municipalities	2023	
availability of all water sources, usage, and outflow.		Adjacent Jurisdictions		
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	•	Oconee County Soil &		
		Water Conservation		
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Strategy 6.3.2.2. Explore local and regional	•	Oconee County	Annually	
strategies to minimize non-point source pollution	•	Municipalities		
and institute Best Management Practices for the	•	Utility Providers		
protection of water resources.	•	SCDHEC		
	•	Oconee County Soil &		
		Water Conservation		
		District		



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Strategy 6.3.2.3. Support and coordinate with	 Oconee County 	2021	
SCDHEC to mitigate identified water quality	 Municipalities 		
impairments.	 Utility Providers 		
	 NPDES Permitted 		
	Dischargers		
	 SCDHEC 		
	• Oconee County Soil &		
	Water Conservation		
	District		
Strategy 6.3.2.4. Utilize incentives, technical	 Oconee County 	2030	
assistance, and regulations to promote sustainable	 Property Owners and 		
environmental best practices by individuals,	Developers		
businesses, and developers to maintain and	 Oconee County Soil & 		
improve water quality.	Water Conservation		
	District		
Strategy 6.3.2.5. Study the potential water quality	Oconee County	2025	
impact of higher-density residential development	 Developers 		
near the lakes and explore options for mitigating	• SCDHEC		
any negative impacts.	 U.S. Army Corps of 		
	Engineers (USACOE)		
	 Duke Energy 		
Objective 6.3.3. Encourage development practices the		ater resources.	
Strategy 6.3.3.1. Establish strategies and adopt	Oconee County	2030	
measures necessary to create a framework for the	Oconee County Soil &		
efficient implementation of erosion and sediment	Water conservation		
control regulations.	district		
Strategy 6.3.3.2. Develop a County stormwater	Oconee County	2025	
management program to prepare for efficient and	 Municipalities 		
cost-effective implementation in the event of			
Federal designation.			
Objective 6.3.4. Manage water quantity and quality	to ensure efficient utilizat	ion and appropri	ate
conservation of the County's water resources.			
Strategy 6.3.4.1. Participate in and support regional	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
efforts to protect watersheds.	 SCDHEC 		
	 Public and Non-profit 		
	Organizations		
	Oconee County Soil &		
	Water Conservation		
	District		
Strategy 6.3.4.2. Explore partnerships to develop a	Oconee County	2021	
master plan for preserving the watershed areas	 U.S. Army Corps of 		
master plan for preserving the watershed areas			
surrounding our lakes including Keowee, Jocassee,	Engineers		



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Strategy 6.3.4.3. Identify and explore ways to protect the water quality of lesser known waterways and "hidden gems" such as the Little River in Salem.	Oconee County Municipalities	2022	
Strategy 6.3.4.4. Explore and promote best practices to protect waterways in agricultural and developing areas.	 Oconee County Municipalities Oconee County Soil & Water Conservation District 	2021	
Strategy 6.3.4.5. Support regulatory authorities in their efforts to preserve water quality and habitat through shoreline management policies and regulation.	Oconee CountyDuke EnergyUSCOEUSFS	2030	
Strategy 6.3.4.6. Work with community partners to provide educational materials on best practices for septic tank maintenance.	Oconee CountySCDHECPublic and Non-profit organizations	2025	
Strategy 6.3.4.7. Explore options for establishing and protecting riparian buffers and identify waterbodies in need of such protection.	 Oconee County Municipalities Oconee County Soil & Water Conservation District 	2023	
Objective 6.3.5. Minimize flooding risk to County re floodplains and floodways.	esidents and business owne	ers through the p	rotection of
Strategy 6.3.5.1. Periodically review floodplain regulations and procedures to ensure protection per FEMA requirements and to evaluate conditions that may require more stringent standards.	Oconee County	Annually	
Strategy 6.3.5.2. Review and update the Oconee County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as needed.	Oconee County	Annually	
Goal 6.4. Enhance and promote access to natural reresidents and visitors.	esources and associated rec	reational activiti	es for
Objective 6.4.1. Encourage coordination among Coumanagers.	inty and municipal recreati	on and natural re	esource
Strategy 6.4.1.1. Explore opportunities for coordination and cooperation in Oconee County to include planning for and implementing public and private recreation and natural resource programs and activities.	 Oconee County Municipalities SCDNR SCPRT Duke Energy USFS USCOE 	2030	



7. COMMMUNITY FACILITIES

		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Goal 7.1. Provide adequate, safe, and efficient infra	structure to support curren	it and projected i	needs.
Objective 7.1.1. Work to guarantee adequate water	distribution systems for pr	esent and future	
development in Oconee County.			
Strategy 7.1.1.1. Work to facilitate the	 Oconee County 	Annually	
establishment of a partnership with water	 Municipalities 		
providers aimed at expanding service into	Other Water		
underserved unincorporated areas of the County	Providers		
and to encourage service providers to share			
resources where possible.			
Strategy 7.1.1.2. Partner with municipalities and	Oconee County	Annually	
other providers to inventory the current condition	 Municipalities 		
of their water infrastructure systems to determine	Other Water		
ability to accommodate future growth.	Providers		
Strategy 7.1.1.3. Partner with adjacent jurisdictions	Oconee County	2023	
on comprehensive water studies detailing	Adjacent		
availability from all sources and usages/outflows.	Jurisdictions		
Objective 7.1.2. Improve and expand wastewater tr	eatment within Oconee Co	unty.	
Strategy 7.1.2.1. Expand sewer service throughout	Oconee County	2021	
areas identified by the Land Use Element as	• OJRSA		
potential areas of development, while	Other Sewer		
implementing appropriate measures to avoid	Providers		
negative impacts on sensitive areas.			
Strategy 7.1.2.2. Work with neighboring	 Oconee County 	Annually	
jurisdictions when possible to establish regional	 Neighboring 		
efforts to expand sewer service into prime	Jurisdictions		
commercial and industrial locations.			
Strategy 7.1.2.3. Partner with municipalities and	 Oconee County 	Annually	
the Joint Regional Sewer Authority to coordinate	 Municipalities 		
efforts to provide sewer throughout high growth	OJRSA		
corridors.	Other Sewer		
	Providers		
Strategy 7.1.2.4. Establish partnerships with	Oconee County	Annually	
regional, state, and federal agencies to seek and	• OJRSA		
secure funding for wastewater treatment facility	Other Sewer		
upgrade and expansion needs.	Providers		
	Relevant Regional,		
	State and Federal		
	Agencies		



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 7.1.2.5. Encourage septic tank and leach	Oconee County	2025	
field education.	Duke Energy		
	 U.S. Army Corps of 		
	Engineers		
	• SCDNR		
	• SCDHEC		
	Other Potential		
	Partners		
Objective 7.1.3. Implement the goals, objectives, and	d implementation strategie	es of the Commu	nity
Facilities Element.	,		•
Strategy 7.1.3.1. Determine staff, facility and	Oconee County	2020	
resource needs and partnerships to implement the	,		
Comprehensive Plan.			
Strategy 7.1.3.2. Regularly update and utilize the	Oconee County	Annually	
County Capital Improvements Plan to			
systematically construct and upgrade facilities			
identified in the Community Facilities Plan.			
Strategy 7.1.3.3. Seek alternative funding sources	 Oconee County 	Annually	
to taxpayer financing of projects such as private			
partnerships and user-based fees.			
Goal 7.2. Manage community facilities, infrastructur	e, and public resources in a	a manner that en	sures both
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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 7.2.2.2. Seek out innovative and alternative technologies that provide a long-term solution to current and projected solid waste needs	Oconee County	2025	,
and may also be used in the future to mitigate and			
reclaim closed facilities.			
Objective 7.2.3. Regularly review public safety need		1	ded.
Strategy 7.2.3.1. Review and upgrade existing emergency facilities plans on a regular basis, implementing established goals in a systematic manner.	Oconee CountyEmergency ServicesCommission	Annually	
Strategy 7.2.3.2. Provide local public safety agencies appropriate assistance in obtaining funding to expand and upgrade operations.	Oconee CountyEmergency ServicesCommission	Annually	
Strategy 7.2.3.3. Partner with private entities in the development of emergency satellite facilities and specialized response equipment.	Oconee CountyEmergency Services Commission	Annually	
Strategy 7.2.3.4. Continue to conduct regular updates to the County Disaster Preparedness Plan.	Oconee CountyOther Relevant Local Agencies	Annually	
Strategy 7.2.3.5. Work closely with local energy and utility providers and emergency management agencies to ensure coordination in the event of major natural or man-made events.	 Oconee County Emergency Services Commission Energy Providers Utilities 	Annually	
Strategy 7.2.3.6. Work with communications providers to ensure optimum communications access and speed for emergency services, local governments, businesses, residents, and visitors.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesCommunications Providers	Annually	
Strategy 7.2.3.7. Communicate frequently with citizens of County about emergency plans.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Objective 7.2.4. Ensure access to quality and timely	health care for all resident	s and visitors.	
Strategy 7.2.4.1. Review and upgrade Countyowned medical and other healthcare facilities as needed.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 7.2.4.2. Continue to explore ways to increase the efficiency of emergency medical services throughout the County.	Oconee CountyEmergency Services CommissionOconee EMS	On-Going	



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Objective 7.2.5. Strengthen coordination among the	County, municipalities, ne	ighboring counti	es, regional
and State agencies, and other public and private org	ganizations.		
Strategy 7.2.5.1. Continue coordination with	Oconee County	On-Going	
municipalities, neighboring jurisdictions and the	 Municipalities 		
State on matters relating to public safety,	 Neighboring 		
homeland security, emergency preparedness, and	Jurisdictions		
other matters of regional or statewide importance.	 State Agencies 		
Strategy 7.2.5.2. Continue coordination of the	Oconee County	On-Going	
provision of water, sewer, and electricity with	 Municipal Utility 		
municipalities and other public and private	Providers		
providers.	 Public & Private 		
	Utilities		
Strategy 7.2.5.3. Continue coordination with public	Oconee County	On-Going	
and private organizations for the provision of	 Municipalities 		
services, programs, and facilities such as those for	Other Public and		
the elderly, for recreation, and for transportation.	Private Organizations		
	• ACOG		
Objective 7.2.6. Ensure access to quality, lifelong ed			
Strategy 7.2.6.1. Reduce the high school dropout	• SDOC	Annually	
rate.	SC Dept. of Education		
	SC Dept. of Social		
	Services		
Goal 7.3. Preserve, maintain, expand, and promote	<u> </u>		
Objective 7.3.1. Provide passive and active recreating residents and visitors.	onal opportunities to meet	the diverse need	is of County
Strategy 7.3.1.1. Partner with public and private	Oconee County	2025	
entities to develop a countywide greenway system	 Municipalities 		
that will offer opportunities for nature-based	Other Recreation		
recreation in areas where few currently exist and to	Providers		
connect existing parks to enable safe cycling			
routes.			
Strategy 7.3.1.2. Upgrade and maintain County	Oconee County	2025	
parks and recreation facilities to encourage and			
promote ecotourism opportunities.			
Strategy 7.3.1.3. Evaluate, amend, and implement	Parks, Recreation and	2030	
recreation plans, as necessary.	Tourism Commission		
	 Recreation Task 		
	Force		
Strategy 7.3.1.4. Seek partnerships to explore ways	Oconee County	2030	
to increase recreational opportunities for children	Parks, Recreation and		
and families throughout the County, such as access	Tourism Commission		
to sports venues and programs.	Municipalities		
	Other Parks and		
	Recreation Providers		



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 7.3.1.5. Continue cooperative efforts and seek additional opportunities with the YMCA to provide recreational programs for County residents of all ages.	Oconee CountySDOCYMCA	2025	

8. AGRICULTURAL

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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed	
Goal 8.1. Support and Protect the Agricultural Industry in Oconee County. Objective 8.1.1. Recognize important agricultural land as a valuable natural resource to protect for future				
generations.	nu as a valuable natural res	source to protect	ior iuture	
Strategy 8.1.1.1. Advocate use of "Best	Soil & Water	2025		
Management Practices" in farmland and forest	Conservation	2023		
operations.	Commissions			
	Oconee County			
	Clemson Cooperative			
	Extension (CCE)			
	SC Forestry			
	Commission			
Strategy 8.1.1.2. Encourage and support	Oconee County	2025		
collaboration between landowners and public and	• CCE			
private agencies in the development of ecologically	Conservation groups			
and economically sound plans for preservation and				
restoration of farmland and forests.				
Strategy 8.1.1.3. Work with SCDOT and other state	 Oconee County 	2021		
and regional agencies to ensure projects for	• SCDOT			
infrastructure facility maintenance and expansion	 Oconee County 			
will not be detrimental to the continuation of	Chamber of			
agriculture and silviculture.	Commerce			
	 Municipalities 			
Strategy 8.1.1.4. Limit non-agricultural	Oconee County	2021		
development in productive and prime agricultural				
areas to densities and development patterns that				
are consistent with the continuation of				
economically viable agriculture. Strategy 8.1.1.5. Support state legislation that links	a Oceanos Courativ	2025		
incentives to continue farming (such as state	Oconee County Oconee County	2025		
income tax credits or differential assessment for	Oconee County Chamber of			
property taxes and affirmative supports for the	Commerce			
business of agriculture) with controls preventing	Commerce			
conversion of the recipient's agricultural land to				
non-farm uses.				



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	
Strategy 8.1.1.6. Seek grants and take advantage of state and federal programs to assist with the purchase of development rights and agricultural easements on prime agricultural land. Strategy 8.1.1.7. Ensure that the impacts to adjacent farms and forest land is part of the deliberation and decision making for proposed public projects.	Accountable Agencies Oconee County Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Conservation groups Oconee County Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service Oconee County Chamber of	2023 2021	Completed
Strategy 8.1.1.8. Work with the state Real Estate Licensing commission to add an "Agricultural Disclosure Act" to ensure that potential home/land/business purchasers are made aware that agricultural activity is occurring on land adjacent to the purchaser's property of interest. Strategy 8.1.1.9. Activate vacant and underutilized County owned property to facilitate a program that invites entrepreneurs, non-profits, residents, and other groups to begin entry-level agricultural businesses, community gardens, and pilot programs for engaging residents in the agricultural processes. (A motion was made but no second and no vote occurred)	Cnamber of Commerce Oconee County State Real Estate Licensing Commission Oconee County NGO Not-for-Profit organizations CCE Municipalities Agriculture organizations School District of Oconee County (SDOC)	2023	
Strategy 8.1.1.10. Create a staff position of Agricultural communication and coordination to coordinate and communicate with farmers, foresters, local governments, agricultural groups, and the public on agricultural and forestry matters. Worded slightly differently than voted upon motion Objective 8.1.2. Enhance agricultural operations and	Oconee County	2023	
Strategy 8.1.2.1. 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.	Oconee County	2021	



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 8.1.2.2. Provide appropriate assistance to expand non-traditional and specialty agribusiness opportunities.	Oconee County	2021	
Strategy 8.1.2.3. Ensure the ability of a farm to have a farm-related business onsite.	Oconee County	2021	
Strategy 8.1.2.4. Promote the establishment of new farm enterprises through support of training for interested persons.	 Oconee County Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service 	2023	
Strategy 8.1.2.5. Allow agricultural products processing facilities to locate in areas with convenient access to farms, but ensure that they do not negatively impact rural character or scenic vistas.	Oconee County	2025	
Strategy 8.1.2.6. Support South Carolina right-to-farm laws and consider adopting a county right-to-farm policy.	 Oconee County Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service Oconee County Chamber of Commerce 	2021	
Strategy 8.1.2.7. Promote farm stands and farmers markets in rural and urban areas and local food hub(s) with adjoining counties	 Oconee County Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service FARM Center 	2023	
Strategy 8.1.2.8. Consider adopting a Voluntary Agricultural and Forestal Areas program.	 Oconee County Oconee County Cooperative Extension Service 	2025	
Strategy 8.1.2.9. Encourage and support programs that educate and engage residents of all ages in aspects of farming and agriculture.	 Oconee County Oconee Cooperative Extension Service Agriculture Advisory Board Organizations such as FFA and the Oconee Cultivation Project FARM Center 	2023	



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Goal 8.2. Protect Oconee County's Forest Resources		101 Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 8.2.1.1. Maintain an accurate inventory of	Oconee County	2025	
important forestland.	SC Forestry	2023	
	Commission		
	US Forest Service		
Strategy 8.2.1.2. Coordinate and plan infrastructure	Oconee County	2025	
and development to protect forestland.	SC Forestry		
	Commission		
	• SCDOT		
	US Forest Service		
	 Conservation groups 		
Strategy 8.2.1.3. Support efforts to permanently	Oconee County	2021	
preserve important forestland.	SC Forest Commission		
	 US Forest Service 		
	 Conservation groups 		
Strategy 8.2.1.4. Work with the Forestry	 Oconee County 	2025	
Commission to educate citizens about wildfire	SC Forestry		
hazards.	Commission		
	Rural Fire		
	Departments		
	US Forest Service		
	• CCE	2020	
Strategy 8.2.1.5. Consider adopting the	Oconee County	2030	
International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, or relevant portions, to help mitigate wildfire risk.	Rural fire		
	departments		
Goal 8.3. Ensure continuing access to healthy, fresh Objective 8.3.1. Eliminate food deserts and ensure			
Strategy 8.3.1.1. Integrate food system policies and	Oconee County	2025	
planning into County land use, transportation, and	Local food banks	2023	
capital improvement plans.	Oconee County		
Supreur improvement plans.	Cooperative		
	Extension Service		
	• SDOC		
Strategy 8.3.1.2. Encourage residents to	Oconee County	2025	
supplement personal food sources with gardening	Oconee County		
and fresh food preservation.	Cooperative		
	Extension Service		
	• SDOC		
Strategy 8.3.1.3. Recruit, support, and incentivize	Oconee County	2023	
businesses that provide healthy food choices in all	Oconee County		
areas of the County.	Chamber of		
	Commerce		
	• CCE		



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 8.3.1.4. Revise land use policies to require healthy food access as a part of development standards, prohibit private restrictions that limit gardens, and community gardens, in residential areas when economic incentives are offered by the County to a developer.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2023	
Strategy 8.3.1.5. Work collaboratively with non-profits and other entities to address the needs of vulnerable populations (e.g. elderly, children, homeless).	 Oconee County Municipalities Local non-profits Faith-based community Farmers' markets 	2023	
Strategy 8.3.1.6. Support new opportunities for distribution of locally and regionally produced food.	Oconee County	2023	
Strategy 8.3.1.7. Revise the zoning code to require healthy food access as a part of development standards.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2023	
Strategy 8.3.1.8. Work collaboratively to ensure that regional emergency preparedness programs include food access and distribution and are working toward the goal of establishing regional capacity for feeding the population for 2-3 months in an emergency.	 Oconee County Municipalities SC Emergency Management Private organizations NFPO Disaster relief organizations 	2023	
Strategy 8.3.1.9. Educate and assist in mitigating the harmful effects of Climate Change in Oconee County through agricultural means.	 Oconee County SDOC CCE Agricultural groups Private organizations Municipalities Conservation groups Local non-profits Faith-based community Farmers' markets Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Local food banks SC Forestry Commission 	2023	



9. TRANSPORTATION

Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Goal 9.1. Plan the location and development of tran future needs.	•	accommodate p	-
Objective 9.1.1. Develop and implement plans to gu	ide decision-making on trar	sportation issues	5.
Strategy 9.1.1.1. Continue regional coordination with the Appalachian COG, municipalities and neighboring counties, and other public and private agencies in matters related to transportation, transit planning, and prioritization.	 Oconee County Municipalities ACOG Neighboring Counties Related Public and Private Organizations 	2025	
Strategy 9.1.1.2. Assign Oconee County planning staff to attend regional transportation planning meetings coordinated by ACOG to provide input from the County's future land use perspective into the process.	Oconee County ACOG	2027	
Strategy 9.1.1.3. Commission studies for transportation corridors to examine conditions, seek multi-modal options, increase safety, optimize travel times and access to residential, commercial, recreation, and other essential services.	 Oconee County Municipalities ACOG SCDOT County Transportation Committee 	2025	
Strategy 9.1.1.4. Implement commissioned and in-house studies, in-part or completely. (For example: make CATbus stops safer)	Oconee CountyRelevant stakeholders	2025	
Goal 9.2. Upgrade and maintain the County road sy population and provides safe and efficient routes the		ts the needs of th	ne growing
Objective 9.2.1. Meet current and future need for o	uality transportation facilit	ies throughout th	ne County.
Strategy 9.2.1.1. Acquire and allocate C-funds and leverage in-kind resources to maintain and enhance the County road network and supporting infrastructure.	 Oconee County SCDOT County Transportation Committee 	2025	
Strategy 9.2.1.2. Develop an ongoing systematic road maintenance and upgrade program based on steady revenue sources.	Oconee County	2021	



Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Strategy 9.2.1.3. Maintain a priority road upgrade list that addresses existing traffic "bottlenecks" and other traffic issues and reasonably anticipates issues expected to emerge in the coming decade.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2025	
Strategy 9.2.1.4. Explore and adopt appropriate traffic management tools and techniques available through land use regulation that utilize concepts such as limiting the number of curb cuts in high traffic areas.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2021	
Strategy 9.2.1.5. Prioritize evaluation of all roads within identified potential development areas.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesCounty	2025	
Strategy 9.2.1.6. 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 cost of such road upgrades.	Oconee County	2023	
Strategy 9.2.1.7. Enhance communication with local and State departments of transportation on current and proposed projects.	Oconee County ACOG	2021	
Strategy 9.2.1.8. Upgrade County roads that were built prior to current standards and align roads that pose safety hazards, if feasible.	Oconee County	Annually	
Goal 9.3. Provide a safe, efficient, and accessible r	nulti-modal transportation	system.	
Objective 9.3.1. Provide and maintain a safe, effic	ient, and interconnected ro	padway network.	
Strategy 9.3.1.1. Encourage connected street systems within new developments and between new and existing developments.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	2023	
Strategy 9.3.1.2. Explore incentives or requirements that increase the connectivity of local, connector, and arterial components of the County's roadway network.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesDevelopers	Annually	
Strategy 9.3.1.3. Examine the need and feasibility of providing alternative-fuel stations at relevant County-owned properties.	Oconee CountyACOG	2025	



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed	
Objective 9.3.2. Provide and maintain adequate, safe, and accessible trails, sidewalks and bicycle lanes in appropriate areas to promote alternative modes of travel by residents and visitors and to promote ecotourism opportunities.				
Strategy 9.3.2.1. Provide and encourage pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between existing and planned residential, parks and recreation areas, trails, public facilities, and commercial and industrial uses that will enable alternative transportation opportunities.	 Oconee County Developers Municipalities Trail and Park Providers 	2023		
Strategy 9.3.2.2. Develop standards that encourage developers to incorporate sidewalks and bicycle trails and lanes into residential developments.	Oconee County	2021		
Strategy 9.3.2.3. Seek funding opportunities to create nature trails, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and other facilities designed to make communities more walkable, reduce vehicular traffic, and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.	Oconee CountyMunicipalitiesSCPRTCommunity Partners	2023		
Strategy 9.3.2.4. Find and repair any conflicts that exist within the current code of ordinances to provide and maintain adequate, safe, and accessible trails.	Oconee County	2021		
Objective 9.3.3. Continue to evaluate and fund pub County, expanding as needed to provide for ongoin			onee	
Strategy 9.3.3.1. Promote and assist in the establishment of commuter parking lots to encourage ride sharing and decrease traffic	Oconee County	2025		
Strategy 9.3.3.2. Continue to partner with Clemson Area Transit to provide existing service levels, while exploring opportunities to expand modes of public transportation such as van services and other non-traditional forms of mass transit.	 Oconee County Clemson Area Transit Community Partners 	2025		
Strategy 9.3.3.3. Seek and secure methods of expanding public transportation in remote areas for clients of facilities such as SCDSS, hospitals, medical complexes, government facilities, and parks and recreation facilities.	 Oconee County Clemson Area Transit Community Partners 	2025		
Strategy 9.3.3.4. Evaluate environmental and economic impacts and explore efforts to establish high-speed rail through the County, including rail stops in Clemson, SC and Toccoa, Georgia.	Oconee CountyNeighboring Counties	2025		



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Strategy 9.3.3.5. Seek and establish appropriate	Visit Oconee SC	2025	
methods of mass transit that will promote and	Parks, Recreation		
enhance tourism such as water taxis, tour boats,	and Tourism		
and other modes that allow tourists and residents	Commission		
to enjoy natural resources without substantial	Oconee County		
traffic increases.			
Strategy 9.3.3.6. Support municipalities in their	Oconee County	2025	
efforts to establish public transportation, while	Clemson Area		
seeking options to expand service into	Transit		
unincorporated areas of the County as appropriate.	 Municipalities 		
	 Community 		
	Partners		
Strategy 9.3.3.7. Work with public transportation	Oconee County	2023	
providers to increase their rideshare and coverage	 City of Seneca 		
to impact as many potential riders as possible.	Clemson Area		
	Transit		
Goal 9.4. Provide a state-of-the-art regional airport	for residents, businesses a	nd industries, and	d visitors to
the County and region.			
Objective 9.4.1. Continue upgrades to the Oconee C clientele and establishes the facility as one of the pr			es existing
Strategy 9.4.1.1. Complete planned upgrades,	SC Aeronautics	2025	
including relocation of roads, strengthening of	Commission		
runway, and other necessary improvements as	Oconee County		
funding becomes available.	Public/Private		
	partnerships		
Strategy 9.4.1.2. Develop an on-going capital	SC Aeronautics	2025	
improvements program aimed at upgrading the	Commission		
Airport facilities to attract use by additional	Oconee County		
employers and potential occupants of the business			
parks in the County.			
Strategy 9.4.1.3 Seek and establish ways to utilize	SC Aeronautics	2025	
the Airport to foster partnerships with Clemson	Commission		
University in areas such as hanger lease	Oconee County		
agreements and facility use agreements.			
Strategy 9.4.1.4 Identify Federal and State funds	SC Aeronautics	2025	
for investment in airport enhancements, including	Commission	-3-3	
additional hangar space.	Oconee County		
Strategy 9.4.1.5. Seek public/private partnerships	SC Aeronautics	2025	
to fund airport operations and expansions,	Commission	2023	
including additional hangar space.	Oconee County		
morading additional number space.	Public Private		
	Partnerships		



10. PRIORITY INVESTMENT

		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Goal 10.1. Identify and prioritize long range public	c infrastructure and faciliti	es needs.	
Objective 10.1.1. Continue to plan for and prioriti	ze public infrastructure an	d facilities needs.	
Strategy 10.1.1.1. Continue to update the	Oconee County	2025	
County's Five-Year Capital Plan as part of the	·		
annual budget process to provide the highest			
level of service and facilities for Oconee County			
citizens.			
Strategy 10.1.1.2. Review, update, and adopt the	Oconee County	Annually	
Infrastructure Master Plan.		Allitually	
Strategy 10.1.1.3. Utilize the County's Five-Year	Oconee County	2030	
Capital Plan to systematically construct and			
upgrade facilities identified in the Infrastructure			
Master Plan			
Strategy 10.1.1.4. Create and update plans and	Oconee County		
cost estimates that address specific		Annually	
infrastructure priorities with accurate inventories		Aillidally	
and analyses of existing county conditions.			
Strategy 10.1.1.5. Establish programs to review	 Oconee County 	2030	
all existing community facilities to determine			
needed upgrades resulting from both the aging			
of the facilities and the population growth of			
Oconee County.			
Strategy 10.1.1.6. Prioritize infrastructure and	 Oconee County 	Annually	
facilities needs and capital investment.			
Objective 10.1.2. Continue a comprehensive capit	al projects planning and ir	nplementation proce	ess to
address future conditions and needs.	T		•
Strategy 10.1.2.1. Encourage development in a	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
way that protects and preserves our natural			
resources.			
Strategy 10.1.2.2. Manage development in a	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
manner that ensures our natural resources and			
lifestyle enhance sustainable economic growth			
and job opportunities.			
Strategy 10.1.2.3. Promote and enhance access	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
to affordable housing through both public and	 Housing Developers 		
private cooperation.			
Strategy 10.1.2.4. Upgrade solid waste facilities	 Oconee County 	2030	
to improve services and allow for needed			
upgrades and expansion to provide for			
anticipated growth.			



Strategy 10.1.2.5. Regularly review public safety needs and enhance facilities as required and needed.	Oconee County	Annually	
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Strategy 10.1.2.6. Work to address the agerelated challenges and needs that may arise among Oconee County's aging population, particularly focusing on issues not adequately dealt with by state and federal programs.	 Oconee County Aging Services Faith-based Communities Healthcare Providers 	2025	
Strategy 10.1.2.7. 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.	Oconee CountySCDOTACOG	Annually	
Strategy 10.1.2.8. Continue to evaluate and fund public transportation in urbanizing areas of Oconee County, expanding as needed to provide for ongoing growth and development.	Oconee CountyCATbusSCDOTACOG	Annually	
Strategy 10.1.2.9. Expand bicycle and pedestrian routes to allow for greater use of alternative forms of transportation and to promote ecotourism opportunities.	Oconee CountySCDOTACOGMunicipalities	2030	
Strategy 10.1.2.10. Continue upgrades to the Oconee County Airport in a manner that not only serves existing clientele, but establishes the facility as a premier small airport.	Oconee County	2030	
Strategy 10.1.2.11. Promote a countywide arts program to facilitate an appreciation for the arts and other cultural facilities in Oconee County.	Oconee CountyArts OrganizationsSDOC	2030	
Strategy 10.1.2.12. Conserve and protect features of significant local, regional, and national interest, such as scenic highways, state parks, historic sites, and expand efforts to promote these features for tourism.	 Oconee County SCPRT SCDOT Historic Preservation Organizations 	2025	
Strategy 10.1.2.13. Maintain and update the County's geographic information system (GIS) and related data.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Objective 10.1.3. Support adjacent jurisdictions a	nd relevant agencies in pla	nning for future pu	blic
infrastructure and facility's needs. Strategy 10.1.3.1. Support and participate in the efforts of Oconee County municipalities in planning for future public infrastructure and facilities needs.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	Annually	



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Strategy 10.1.3.2. Support and participate in the	 Oconee County 	2025	
efforts of adjacent and relevant jurisdictions in	 Neighboring 		
planning for future public infrastructure and	Counties and		
facilities needs.	Municipalities		
	 State and Federal 		
	Agencies		
	• ACOG		
Strategy 10.1.3.3. Support and participate in the	 Oconee County 	2030	
efforts of relevant agencies in planning for future	• SDOC		
public infrastructure and facilities needs.	• TCTC		
	 Cultural 		
	Organizations		
	 Utilities 		
	 Aging and Social 		
	Services providers		
	 Healthcare providers 		
Goal 10.2. Pursue funding and partnerships to sup	port identified public infra	astructure needs.	
Objective 10.2.1. Explore and evaluate alternative	e methods of obtaining rev	enue and grant mor	ies to fund
capital improvement and new infrastructure.			
Strategy 10.2.1.1. Identify and work to establish	 Oconee County 	2025	
alternative revenue sources such as special tax			
districts and the local option sales tax.			
Strategy 10.2.1.2. Broaden utilization of grants to	 Oconee County 	2030	
assist with capital projects and leverage existing			
resources to provide matching funds for grant			
opportunities.			
Strategy 10.2.1.3. Explore and pursue other	 Oconee County 	Annually	
revenue sources such as user-based fees, impact			
fees, and other sources to help fund			
infrastructure.			
Strategy 10.2.1.4. Work with state and federal	 Oconee County 	2025	
leaders to change formulas for state and federal			
funding that rely on Census figures that fail to			
account for the large percentage of non-resident			
property owners that strain public resources.			
Strategy 10.2.1.5. Encourage and seek	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
partnership opportunities to eliminate	 Municipalities 		
unnecessary redundancies, strengthen funding	Adjacent/		
proposals, and establish public/private	Relevant		
partnerships to meet public infrastructure and	Jurisdictions and		
facilities needs.	Agencies		
	 Private Industries 		



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Goal 10.3. Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions	and relevant agencies in p	lanning for capital	
improvements.			
Objective 10.3.1. Notify and coordinate with adja-			hen
recommending projects for the expenditure of fu	nds for public infrastructur	e and facilities.	
Strategy 10.3.1.1. Improve communication and	 Oconee County 	On-Going	
cooperation between the County and			
municipalities, state and federal agencies, and			
other public and private entities.			
Strategy 10.3.1.2. Coordinate with adjacent and	 Oconee County 	Annually	
relevant jurisdictions and agencies on updates to	 Municipalities 		
the Oconee County <i>Priority Investment Element</i> .	Adjacent/		
	Relevant		
	Jurisdictions and		
	Agencies		
Strategy 10.3.1.3. Notify and coordinate with	Oconee County	2030	
appropriate adjacent and relevant jurisdictions	 Municipalities 		
and agencies when recommending public	Adjacent/		
infrastructure and facilities projects that require	Relevant		
the expenditure of public funds.	Jurisdictions and		
	Agencies		
Strategy 10.3.1.4. Consider relevant existing	Oconee County	2030	
plans from adjacent jurisdictions and relevant	·		
agencies when recommending public			
infrastructure and facilities projects that require			
the expenditure of public funds.			

11. LAND USE

		Time Frame	Date
Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	for Evaluation	Completed
Goal 11.1. 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 11.1.1. Encourage development in a wa	y that protects and preser	ves the County's nat	ural
resources.			
Strategy 11.1.1.1. Review and update existing land use regulations as needed to facilitate development that preserves forests, prime agricultural lands, sensitive areas, and natural resources.	Oconee County	On-Going	



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Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Strategy 11.1.1.2. Explore ways to incorporate procedures, guidelines, requirements, and educational programs that will protect natural resources from incompatible or potentially harmful land uses without unduly limiting growth	Oconee County	On-Going	Completed
and development.			
Objective 11.1.2. Manage development in a man			es and
lifestyle enhance sustainable economic prosperity		. , .	
Strategy 11.1.2.1. Utilize the zoning process to enhance development.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.2.2. Coordinate urban/suburban development in Oconee County to ensure adequate infrastructure is in place to support balanced growth in primary growth areas, while minimizing urban sprawl and protecting natural resources, prime agricultural lands, and sensitive areas.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.2.3. Review and consolidate land use regulations to improve clarity, remove duplication, ensure consistency, and streamline review and administration.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.2.4. Use incentives, tools, and regulatory options for reducing and preventing conflict between incompatible land uses and reducing such issues in high growth areas.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.2.5. Use corridor overlays, design guidelines, and performance standards to ensure the protection of the environment, community appearance, and property values while respecting private property rights.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.2.6. Address on-premise and off- premise signs, and billboards, and their life-safety and visual impacts along roadways in the County.	Oconee County	2025	
Strategy 11.1.2.7. Identify the location and density of RV parks within the County to determine if additional regulation is needed to manage traffic, ensure health and safety, and address environmental impacts, with particular emphasis on waterbodies.	Oconee County	2021	
Strategy 11.1.2.8. Enable and promote the development of cluster subdivisions, with design features incorporating site amenities and resources such as open space, greenways, and wetland preserves.	Oconee County	2025	



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Strategy 11.1.2.9. Consider requiring landscaping and buffer provisions for new non-residential	Oconee County	2022	
development along specific corridors and within			
specific areas of the County.			
Strategy 11.1.2.10. Encourage landscaping,	Oceano County	2022	
beautification, and repair of properties through	Oconee County	2022	
volunteer community programs.			
Objective 11.1.3. Protect agricultural land throug	h processation and land us	o stratogios dosign	ad to
mitigate higher density residential and commercia			eu to
Strategy 11.1.3.1. Map prime and functioning	Oconee County	2021	
agricultural properties to determine areas that			
may request protection from incompatible uses.			
Strategy 11.1.3.2. Implement as feasible the	Oconee County	On-Going	
incorporation of voluntary mechanisms such as	,	· ·	
the use of conservation easements, purchase of			
development rights, and transfer of development			
rights to preserve agricultural lands and			
environmentally sensitive areas.			
Strategy 11.1.3.3. Utilize the zoning process to	Oconee County	On-Going	
accommodate appropriate development as			
requested.			
Objective 11.1.4. Address the changes and emerging	ing needs of areas transition	oning to a more into	ensive land
USE.	0	2025	T
Strategy 11.1.4.1. Develop additional corridor plans focused on safety and design issues but	Oconee County	2025	
with additional focus on reducing visual blight			
and inappropriate and incompatible			
development.			
Strategy 11.1.4.2. Develop overlay districts,	Oconee County	2021	
primarily along principle community entrances	o oconec county	2021	
(highway corridors) to meet the individual needs			
of each district in areas such as signage,			
appearance, transportation needs, etc.			
Strategy 11.1.4.3. Promote development that is	Oconee County	2021	
consistent with the scenic character of S.C. Hwy.	,		
11 through the incorporation of a corridor			
overlay, conditional use provisions, or other			
mechanisms; and explore ways to preserve and			
maintain tree lines and scenic vistas along S.C.			
Hwy. 11.			
Strategy 11.1.4.4. Continue to work with the	Oconee County	On-Going	
OJRSA and other infrastructure providers on	 OJRSA 		
expansions to serve residents and businesses and	Infrastructure		
provide opportunities for economic growth.	providers		



Goals/Objectives/Strategies	Accountable Agencies	Time Frame for Evaluation	Date Completed
Strategy 11.1.4.5. Seek resources, plan for, and implement the innovative development and redevelopment of unincorporated areas such as Fair Play, Oakway, Newry, and Utica.	Oconee County	On-Going	•
Strategy 11.1.4.6. Continue to seek new opportunities to coordinate, collaborate, and cooperate with municipalities, adjacent jurisdictions, and associated agencies and organizations. Objective 11.1.5. Enable and promote a range of I	 Oconee County Municipalities Adjacent jurisdictions Agencies and organizations 	On-Going	c that
accommodate a variety of economic levels, age gr	_	ie neeus or resident	s triat
Strategy 11.1.5.1. Work with developers and other public and private agencies and organizations to encourage and enable development of affordable housing options to meet current and projected housing needs.	 Oconee County Developers Public and private agencies and organizations 	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.5.2. Work with developers and other public and private agencies and organizations to encourage and enable the redevelopment and revitalization of dilapidated and unsafe housing in declining residential areas.	 Oconee County Developers Public and private agencies and organizations 	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.5.3. Encourage new and innovative approaches to residential development that will expand housing options.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Objective 11.1.6. Expand and promote opportunit	ies for recreation and acce	ess to natural resou	rces and
Strategy 11.1.6.1. Work with the State, Sumter National Forest, Duke Energy, the Army Corps of Engineers, and other organizations to provide reasonable and safe access to the County's lakes and rivers for residents and visitors while protecting private property rights.	 Oconee County State of South Carolina Sumter National Forest Duke Energy U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Other related organizations 	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.6.2. Explore partnerships and alternative methods of connecting residential, employment, recreation, other essential services, and communities such as greenways and trails.	Oconee CountyMunicipalities	On-Going	



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Strategy 11.1.6.3. Continue to seek and utilize resources and partnerships to connect to regional trail and park systems.	 Oconee County State of South Carolina Park and trail providers 	On-Going	,
Strategy 11.1.6.4. Continue to cultivate ecotourism opportunities in key areas such as near the new mountain bike facility at Stumphouse Tunnel and planned expansions of County parks.	 Oconee County Municipalities State of South Carolina Sumter National Forest 	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.6.5. Seek opportunities to increase greenspaces, to include exploring requiring open space/greenspace as a component of new development.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Objective 11.1.7. Continue support of a comprehe Oconee County possess accurate inventories and to better manage future conditions.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Strategy 11.1.7.1. Review and update the components of the Oconee County Comprehensive Plan as needed, not restricted to the minimum time periods established in the S.C. Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act, as amended.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.7.2. Expand public access to the County's geographic information system (GIS), emphasizing the accuracy and maintenance of data collected and the usability of the GIS website.	Oconee County	On-Going	
Strategy 11.1.7.3. Utilize Assessor's data and GIS technology to better track development trends for use in planning for future growth and change.	Oconee County	On-Going	

