

## Population Element Goals

### 1) Encourage and assist orderly population growth in a manner that protects and enhances Oconee County’s natural resources, cultural resources, and prime farmlands

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe	Update 2009
Review and Update Existing Land Use Regulations	Ongoing	Updated Future Land Use-2008 Updated Subdivision Regulations and Road Regulations ~2008 Litter Ordinance ~2006 Tattoo Ordinance 2006 Billboard Ordinance~2007 Scenic Highway Ordinance~2008
Adoption of New Land Use Ordinances as Needed	Ongoing	Zoning Enabling Ordinance was adopted in 2008 by County Council
Adopt Infrastructure Master Plan	2004	Plan was never adopted
Examine sewage capacity, it’s influence on population growth, and the feasibility designating capacity for specific purposes	2014	Updated goal
Study the possibility of establishing a County land conservation bank	2014	Updated goal
Encourage and promote County wide water conservation by individuals, public entities, and golf courses	2014	Updated goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Sewer Authority; Various Utilities; Stakeholders

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**2) Insure that all governmental actions be considerate of all racial, religious, and cultural groups that comprise Oconee County’s population.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe	Update 2009
Expand Opportunities for Public Input	Ongoing	Updated and developed Planning Department website, where comments can be sent at anytime
Hold Community Informational Meetings	Ongoing	This continues to be an ongoing necessity of county government

Responsible Agencies: County Council; County Staff; Appointed and Elected Officials; Stakeholders

**3) Assist all appropriate local, state, and federal efforts directed at enhancing the quality of education in Oconee County.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe	Update 2009
Expand Communication between School District and County Government	Ongoing	
Coordinate Planning Efforts with School Officials	Ongoing	
Prioritize the upgrade of libraries and coordinate their location with available infrastructure and the location of schools	Ongoing	Updated goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; School District of Oconee County; Oconee County Library Board; State and Federal Education Agencies; Stakeholders

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**4) 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.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Review and Upgrade County-Owned Medical/Residential/Nursing Care Facilities as Needed	Ongoing	
Assist Local Charities in Efforts to Obtain Grants	Ongoing	
Support Municipalities in Efforts to Establish Public Transportation	Ongoing	Clemson Area Transit Authority began running routes in 2007
Continue to explore ways to increase the efficiency of Emergency Medical Services throughout the county.	Ongoing	Emergency Services throughout the county are continually working to improve efficiency and response time Emergency Response Equipment Access Ordinance~2007

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Municipalities; Stakeholders, Emergency Services, Hospital Board

**5) Continue to actively promote the recruitment of employment opportunities that provide the best lifestyle for all Oconee residents.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Adopt Infrastructure Master Plan	2004	
Implement Expansion of Infrastructure as Put Forth in Infrastructure Master Plan	Ongoing	Movement has been made toward having sewer service available at the County’s industrial park in Fair Play
Secure and Develop Additional Industrial Park	2007	Current focus should be placed on the development of the industrial

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		park in Fair Play.
Review and Update Land Use Regulations as Needed	Ongoing	Updated Future Land Use-2008  Updated Subdivision Regulations and Road Regulations ~2008  Litter Ordinance ~2006 Tattoo Ordinance 2006 Billboard Ordinance~2007 Scenic Highway Ordinance~2008 Zoning Enabling Ordinance~2008
Support Expansion of Technical Training Facilities	Ongoing	
Continue Partnership in Regional Recruitment Efforts	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Regional, State and Federal Economic Development Agencies; Stakeholders

**6) Evaluate ways of providing public transportation for future needs in Oconee County.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Adopt Infrastructure Master Plan	2004	L
Support Municipalities in Effort to Establish Public Transportation	Ongoing	Clemson Area Transit Authority began running routes in 2007  Look at establishing a shuttle bus system to serve areas of Oconee County where a full bus system is not feasible

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Municipalities; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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## Natural Resource Goals

### 1) Preserve, protect and enhance the quality and quantity of Oconee County’s groundwater and surface water.

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Adopt Infrastructure Master Plan	2004	
Implement Steps to Expand Wastewater Treatment System as Put Forth in Infrastructure Master Plan	Ongoing	2014
Develop and Adopt Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations	2006	2014
Develop and Adopt Vegetative Buffer Requirement to Protect Sensitive Natural Features	2009	Vegetative Buffer Requirement is included in Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance (Overlay Area)--2008
Continue to expand natural vegetative buffer to all lake front properties and consider increasing the size of the buffer to fifty or seventy five feet so that the quality of our water will be maintained	2014	Updated Goal
Support Regional Efforts to Protect Watersheds	Ongoing	Continuing
Establish a true 7Q10 rating for all water basins in Oconee County.	2014	Updated Goal
Consider how water supply impacts ISO ratings for fire insurance and look for opportunities (such as alternative water sources) so areas can receive better ratings.	2014	Updated Goal
Utilize a phased approach for implementing a Storm water Management Program. Focus on preventative measures that include incentives for dealing with storm water issues responsibly.	2014	Updated Goal
Develop a Drought Management Plan	2014	Updated Goal
Begin developing a water quantity and quality monitoring system throughout the	2014	Updated Goal

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Establish more access and locations of sanitary boat dump stations on the areas lakes s	2014	Updated Goal
Develop a mechanism so that all users of the County’s water share the burden when reductions are needed. That way both the origin and receiving basin share the burden during water shortages	2012	Updated Goal
Develop a County Wide Water Plan	2012	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Sewer Commission; Economic Development Commission; Stakeholder

**2) Preserve, protect and enhance Oconee County’s environmentally sensitive lands, unique scenic views, agrarian landscapes, and topographic features.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Review and Amend Land Development Regulations to Encourage Development in Less Sensitive Areas	2006	Subdivision Regulations were updated in 2008
Establish Greenspace Requirements for Regulated Subdivisions	2014	No action was taken but should be considered over the next 5 years
Promote Stabilization of Agricultural Land Acreage	Ongoing	Promote Conservation Programs
Monitor Support for Establishing a Countywide Greenway System	Ongoing	
Develop reasonable regulations regarding the Counties steep slope areas	2011	Updated Goal
Explore the possibilities of creating a program to provide for the transfer of development rights or conservation easements to protect rural lands.	2014	Updated Goal
Establish a Local Conservation Bank for Oconee County	2013	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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**3) Manage natural assets in a manner that ensures the resources continue to enhance Oconee County’s lifestyle and provide increased economic opportunities.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Evaluate, Amend and Implement Recreation Plans as Necessary	Ongoing	
Support Economic Development Commission Efforts to Increase Nature-based Tourism	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Parks, Recreation & Tourism Commission; Stakeholders

**4) Continue to ensure reasonable access to and use of Oconee County’s natural amenities for both residents and visitors.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Evaluate, Amend and Implement Recreation Plans as Necessary	Ongoing	
Upgrade County Maintained Parks and Recreational Facilities as Necessary	Ongoing	
Look at opportunities to create walking trails, equestrian trails,		Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Commission; Stakeholders

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**5) Work to expand the utilization of accepted best management practices in all agricultural and forestry activity in Oconee County.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Support Efforts to Educate Public in Use of Best Management Practices	Ongoing	Ongoing
Develop and Implement Appropriate Local Regulations as Necessary	Ongoing	Ongoing
Develop and Implement Regulations Limiting Damage to County Owned and Maintained Lands	2007	2014
Work to promote the existing programs of conservation available to citizens	Ongoing	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; NRCS; Soil & Water Conservation District; Stakeholders

**6) Complete and properly maintain Oconee County’s Geographic Information System (GIS).**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Complete Digitization of Parcel Data	2006	Completed 2008
Expand Public Access to GIS, emphasizing the accuracy of data collected, usability of mapping website, and the maintenance of data collected	2010	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Information Technology Department; Stakeholders

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**7) Evaluate and address the threat of radon across Oconee County as necessary.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Monitor Results of Current and Future Radon Research	Ongoing	
Amend Building Codes to Require Protective Measures Against Radon in New Construction	2012	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Building Codes Department; Stakeholders

**8) Evaluate the need for the county to begin a program to control storm water runoff and sediment.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Conduct Study to Determine Scope of Impact from Storm Water Runoff	2006	2011
Adopt Regulations Based on Results of Above-Referenced Study	2007	2012

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Soil & Water Conservation District; Stakeholders

**9) Explore and evaluate the need for a program of development fees. This would involve the paying of upfront fees by developers to offset the impact of the new development on schools and infrastructure.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Conduct Study to Determine Cost of Development on Taxpayers	2006	No action; 2014
Adopt Regulations Based on Results of Above-Referenced Study	2007	No action; need to consider by 2014

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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**10) Continue as an active partner in the South Carolina Early Action Ozone Reduction Compact, adopting and maintaining ozone-causing emission reductions strategies as necessary.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	Update 2009
Continue to Meet Requirements Agreed to in the Early Action Ground-level Ozone Reduction Compact	Ongoing	
Amend the Oconee County Ground-level Ozone Reduction Plan as Necessary to Maintain Compliance with the Clean Air Act	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Ozone Action Coordinator; Stakeholders

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## Cultural Resource Goals

### 1) Pursue heritage and cultural tourism opportunities for nationally recognized historic sites as they pertain to the Pre-Colonial, Colonial, Revolutionary, and Civil Wars periods.

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Partner with Regional, State and Federal Entities to Promote Local Historical Sites	Ongoing	
Provide Assistance to Local Historical and Cultural Groups in Efforts to Obtain Funding to Study, Maintain and Manage Oconee County Historical Sites	Ongoing	
Develop 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.	June 2011	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Oconee County GIS; Economic Development Commission; Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission; Stakeholders

### 2) Promote partnerships and voluntary conservation easements to preserve historic structures, significant lands, and scenic areas under pressure.

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Provide Appropriate Assistance from County Departments and Agencies in Efforts to Identify and Preserve Historic Structures, Significant Lands, and Scenic Areas	Ongoing	Scenic Highway Ordinance was adopted in 2008
Establish a local conservation bank to help protect historically significant properties and structures	2013	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Soil and Water Conservation District; Stakeholders

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**3) Establish an effort to document existing cultural and historical resources throughout Oconee County, with the goal of managing the resources in the best manner possible.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Conduct Comprehensive Study of Existing Cultural and Historical Resources in Oconee County	2012	Updated Timeframe
Assist Local Groups in Obtaining Funding to Support the Management of Cultural and Historical Resources Identified in the Above-Referenced Study	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission, Stakeholders

**4) Conserve and protect features of significant regional and national interest as they pertain to cultural and historical value (scenic highways, state parks, etc).**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Partner with Regional, State, and Federal Entities in Efforts to Protect Cultural and Historical Sites	Ongoing	
Adopt Appropriate Regulations to Protect Threatened Cultural and Historical Sites	Ongoing	
Utilize Scenic Hwy Corridor Plans, submitted to the State, to explore reasonable regulations along scenic highways	Ongoing	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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**5) Foster and promote a countywide arts program to facilitate an appreciation for the arts and other cultural facilities found within Oconee.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Provide Appropriate Assistance to the School District of Oconee County in Supporting the Countywide Arts Program	Ongoing	
Explore ways of supporting local festivals that promote the heritage of the region	Ongoing	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; School District of Oconee County; Stakeholders

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## Housing Goals

### 1) Continue to evaluate and update land development and subdivision regulations.

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Review Effectiveness of Land Development and Subdivision Regulations Annually, with Amendments Adopted as Needed	Ongoing	Updated in 2008
Look at ways to provide incentives to developers that can promote affordable housing within current building and land use regulation	2012	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

### 2) Work to develop public utility systems that serve existing housing, provide service to needed future development, and direct growth into areas suitable for development.

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Revisit and Implement the Elements of the Infrastructure Master Plan	2011	Modified goal
Assist Municipalities in Obtaining Funding for Expansion of Utility Services into Underserved Areas	Ongoing	
Coordinate Planning for Infrastructure Upgrades with All Water and Sewer Service Providers	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; Municipalities; Utilities; Stakeholders

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**3) Expand affordable housing options for lower-income families by such means as possible (this may include obtaining grants for redevelopment of vacant older housing stock and encouraging the increase of multi-housing units).**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Provide Appropriate Assistance to Public and Private Entities Seeking Funding to Develop and Rehabilitate High-quality Low Cost Housing	Ongoing	
Review and Amend Land Development and Subdivision Regulations as Needed to Facilitate Development of High-quality Low Cost Housing	Ongoing	
Look to establish a housing task force to examine options and methods for dealing with affordable housing issues	2010-2011	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

**4) Encourage development in a manner that preserves prime forest and agricultural lands**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Review and Amend Land Development and Subdivision Regulations as Needed to Facilitate Development that Preserves Prime Forest and Agricultural Lands	Ongoing	
Provide Appropriate Assistance to Groups and Individuals Attempting to Preserve Prime Forest and Agricultural Lands	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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**5) Work to protect the safety and welfare of all housing occupants**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Adopt and Enforce Substandard Housing Regulations	2006	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Building Codes Department; Stakeholders

**6) Work to protect property values**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Adopt and Enforce Substandard Housing Regulations	2006	
Review and Amend Land Development and Subdivision Regulations as Needed	Ongoing	Review completed in 2008
Adopt Additional Land Use Regulations Needed to Protect Property Values	Ongoing	The county adopted

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Building Codes Department; Stakeholders

**7) Promote and enhance access to affordable housing through both public and private cooperation**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Create a Housing Task force or Trust which would analyze regulatory barriers and market based incentives to promote affordable housing; work toward educating citizens and developers on the need for affordable housing; and existing assistance already available through non-profits and state agencies	2010	Updated Goal

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Utilize and partner with existing non-profit housing agencies to increase access to affordable housing for Oconee County Citizens. The County may also want to look towards the creation of a local non-profit housing agency.	2011-2012	Updated Goal
Look at ways to provide incentives to developers that can promote affordable housing within current building and land use regulations keeping a balance with health and safety requirements	2011	Updated Goal
Amend Land Development and Zoning Ordinances to include options for traditional neighborhood development and planned unit developments.	2010	Updated Goal
Work with County, State, and Federal Agencies to reduce barriers to affordability which may include: One stop permitting Pre-approved affordable housing plans Payback mechanisms for upgrades to infrastructure	Ongoing	Updated Goal
Provide appropriate assistance to public and private entities seeking funding to develop and rehabilitate high-quality low cost housing	Ongoing	Updated Goal
Review and adopt land development and subdivision regulations as needed to facilitate development of high-quality low cost housing	Ongoing	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Utility Providers, Planning Commission; Realtors, Developers, Non-profits,

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## Community Facility Goals

- 1) Upgrade and maintain county road system in a manner that both meets the needs of Oconee County’s growing population and insures that negative environmental effects are minimized**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Revisit, Adopt, and Implement the Infrastructure Master Plan	2012	Updated
Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to Continue Systematic Upgrading of Road Department as Budget Allows	Ongoing	
Expand Communication with SC Department of Transportation to Insure that State Road Projects Enhance County Growth Management Plans	Ongoing	

Responsible Parties: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Road Department; SC Department of Transportation; Stakeholders

- 2) Work to enhance and coordinate expansion of potable water service across the county and work to establish a partnership with water providers to increase fire protection throughout the county.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Revisit, Adopt, and Implement the Infrastructure Master Plan	2012	Updated
Work to Establish Better Communication Between County and Water Providers	Ongoing	
Provide Appropriate Assistance Water Providers in Efforts to Obtain Grants and Other Funding to Expand Water Systems	Ongoing	
Work to partner with public water providers to explore ways of increasing fire protection	Ongoing	Updated
Begin to develop a mechanism for water line upgrades when new development required upgrades to the water	2014	Updated

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system to provide fire protection. Further study will be needed on this issue		
Inventory the amount of water available for development purposes	2014	Updated

Responsible Parties: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Municipalities and Other Water Providers; Stakeholders

**3) Expand sewer service throughout areas designated by Land Use Element as primary areas of development**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Revisit, Adopt, and Implement the Infrastructure Master Plan	2012	Updated
Work to Establish Better Communications Between County and Municipalities	Ongoing	
Work with Neighboring Counties When Possible to Establish Regional Efforts to Expand Sewer Service into Prime Commercial/Industrial Locations	Ongoing	

Responsible Parties: County Council; Planning Commission; Sewer Commission; Municipalities; Stakeholders

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**4) Establish long-range plan for Oconee County’s solid waste issues. This may or may not include creation of a new landfill in Oconee County, partnership in a regional landfill, or long-term contract with outside parties. In addition, work to reduce volume of solid waste through increased recycling, composting, and/or other methods**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Revisit, Adopt, and Implement the Infrastructure Master Plan	2012	Updated
Expand Program(s) to Reduce Volume of Solid Waste	Ongoing	
Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to Systematically Upgrade Solid Waste Facilities and Equipment as Budget Allows	Ongoing	

Responsible Parties: County Council; Planning Commission; Solid Waste Department; Stakeholders

**5) Regularly review public safety needs, and enhance facilities as needed**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Monitor Population Growth and Development Throughout County, Establishing and Expanding Public Safety Facilities as Needed	Ongoing	
Provide Local Public Safety Agencies Appropriate Assistance in Obtaining Funding to Expand and Upgrade Operations	Ongoing	
Coordinate Local Public Safety Planning and Activity with Regional, State and Federal Agencies	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Sheriff’s Department; Emergency Management; Local Public Safety Agencies; Stakeholders

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**6) Provide support for local schools in efforts to enhance and upgrade educational opportunities for area residents**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Provide the School District of Oconee County Appropriate Assistance in Efforts to Enhance and Upgrade Education	Ongoing	
Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to Upgrade and Expand County Library System as Budget Allows	Ongoing	
Monitor Growth and Development Throughout County to Determine Areas of Greatest Need	Ongoing	
Work to establish criteria for locating new schools, with special consideration to the available infrastructure, access, and traffic planning	2011	Updated Goal
Continue to look for opportunities to support and enhance job training, education, and adult back to school programs	Ongoing	Updated Goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; School District of Oconee County; Libraries; Stakeholders

**7) 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**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Review and Update Community Facilities Plan, Amending to Reflect Impact of Recent Growth and Development and Needs of Aging Population	2011	Updated date
Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to Systematically Construct and Upgrade Facilities Identified in Community Facilities Plan	Ongoing	
Look for alternative to tax payer financing of projects suchas private partnerships, user based fees, etc.	Ongoing	Updated goal

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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**8) Revisit and adopt the Infrastructure Master Plan**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	
Revisit, Adopt, and Implement the Infrastructure Master Plan	2012	Revised Goal and date

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Sewer Commission; Municipalities; Utilities; Stakeholders

**9) Identify, secure and develop additional property for county-owned industrial park(s) in prime industrial areas**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Identify, Evaluate and Prioritize Prime Industrial Areas Throughout the County	Ongoing	
Work with Public and Private Entities to Secure Funding for Potential Projects	Ongoing	
Purchase and Develop Prime Properties as Funding Becomes Available	Ongoing	

Responsible Parties: County Council; Economic Development Commission; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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**10) Continue upgrades to the Oconee County Airport, including expansion of the runway length to 5000 feet, installation of modern aircraft instrument landing system, and construction of additional hangar space**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Complete Expansion of Runway Length to 5000 Feet	2007	
Install Modern Instrument Landing System	2005	
Construct Additional Hangar Space as Needed	Ongoing	
Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to Continue to Upgrade Facility as Allowed by Budget	Ongoing	

Responsible Parties: County Council; Planning Commission; Aeronautics Commission; Stakeholders

**11) Improve communication and cooperation between county government and local municipalities; work to develop coordinated 5 and 10-Year capital improvement plans**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeline	2009 Update
Provide Appropriate Assistance to Municipalities in Economic Development Efforts	Ongoing	
Partner with Municipalities to Develop Coordinated 5 and 10-year Economic Development Plans	2014	Updated date

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Economic Development Commission; Municipalities; Stakeholders

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**12) Work to guarantee adequate water treatment and distribution systems for present and future economic development in Oconee County**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Establish Partnership with Municipal Water Providers and Pioneer Rural Water District to Develop Mechanism Allowing Extension of Service into Unincorporated Areas of the County, and Collection of Water Revenues from these Areas	2012	Updated date
Extend Water Service to the I-85 Corridor to Increase Economic Development Potential for the County	2010	Updated date
Plan for Extension of Water Service to Additional Areas of the County, including US Highway 123 and SC Highway 28 Corridors	2012	Updated date
Identify and Establish Revenue Sources such as Special Tax Districts and Local Option Sales Taxes to Fund Water System Extension	2015	Updated date
Assist Municipalities in Inventorying Current Condition of Their Water Infrastructure Systems to Determine Ability to Accommodate Future Growth	2014	Updated date
Encourage Water Providers to Coordinate Efforts with Other Utility Providers in Planning for Future Growth	2012	Updated date
Work to partner with public water providers to explore ways of increasing fire protection	Ongoing	Updated
Begin to develop a mechanism for water line upgrades when new development required upgrades to the water system to provide fire protection. Further study will be needed on this issue	2014	Updated
Inventory the amount of water available for development purposes	2014	Updated

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Economic Development Commission; Municipalities; Stakeholders

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**13) Improve and expand wastewater treatment within the county**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009-Update
Establish Partnership(s) with the Municipal Sewer System Providers and the Oconee County Sewer Commission to Develop Plan to Extend Service into Unincorporated Areas of the County	2009	
Establish Partnership(s) with Oconee County Sewer Commission and Municipal Sewer Providers to Coordinate Efforts to Provide Sewer to the I-85 Corridor within 10 years; Included in this Effort will be the Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Facility Capable of Expansion to Serve Both Present and Future Needs of the Surrounding Region, Including the South Carolina Welcome Center Area, Oconee County Exits 1-4, and Areas in Anderson County that may be the Focus of Projects Developed Jointly by Oconee and Anderson Counties.	2009	
Plan Extension of Sewer Service to Additional Areas Near Highways U.S. 123, SC 28 and the Oconee County Airport	2009	
Establish Partnership(s) with Local, Regional, State and Federal Agencies to Find Funding Sources for Wastewater Treatment Needs- This Effort May Include Establishment of Revenue Sources Such As Special Tax Districts and Local Option Sales Taxes	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Sewer Commission; Municipalities; Stakeholders

**14) Work to establish plans to meet the transportation needs of Oconee County for the next 30 Years**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Updated
Finalize Road Maintenance Plan giving special attention to those road identified in the primary development areas on the future land use map	2010	Updated goal
Identify High-growth Areas and the Best Way to Serve Them	Ongoing	

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Examine Possibility of Constructing a Southern Bypass Around Seneca	2009	
Develop Methods of Encouraging Through Oconee County on Route from Atlanta, GA to Ashville, NC	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; South Carolina Department of Transportation; Stakeholders

**15) Upgrade solid waste services in key industrial areas of Oconee County**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Continue to Work to Establish a Future Regional Landfill	Ongoing	
Work to Develop Solid Waste Research Facility at a Regional Landfill	Ongoing	
Identify and Construct Additional Construction and Demolition Landfill Sites Within the County	2007	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Solid Waste Department; South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; Stakeholders

**16) Work to develop a planning process focused on establishing an efficient, equitable, and mutually compatible distribution of land uses that supports economic development while providing for future changes**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Continue Support of Comprehensive Planning Process that Accurately Inventories and Analyzes Existing County Conditions	Ongoing	
Consideration of Countywide Zoning Process that Includes Public Education and Opportunities for a Wide Range of Public Input	2007	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Stakeholders

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**17) Expand efforts to increase tourism revenues**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Work with State and Federal Agencies to Access Additional Monies as Available	Ongoing	
Develop and Host Regionally and Nationally Promoted Sporting and Recreational Events	2007	
Continue to Support Local Festivals, Entertainment Events, and Other Tourism Activities in Oconee County	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Economic Development Commission; Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission; Stakeholders

**18) Work to renew and expand local agribusiness opportunities**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Work with State and Federal Agencies to Attract Agribusiness-Related Grants and Revenue Sources	Ongoing	
Support Efforts to Establish Pilot Programs Related to New Agricultural Methods, Technologies, and Products	Ongoing	
Provide Appropriate Assistance to Efforts to Expand Non-traditional And Specialty Agribusiness Opportunities	Ongoing	

Responsible Parties: County Council; Economic Development Commission; State and Federal Agricultural Agencies; Stakeholders

## Economic Development Element Goals

**1) Complete and adopt the Infrastructure Master Plan currently being developed by County Council.**

- Completed but never adopted.

**2) Identify, secure and develop additional property for county-owned industrial park(s) in prime industrial areas.**

- The second park area was identified and purchased. The Golden Corner Commerce Park is a SC Certified Industrial Site and a waste water treatment facility is in the permitting stage; assuming approval of the plant, in mid-2009 the construction could be completed by late 2010.

**3) Continue upgrades to the Oconee County Airport, including expansion of the runway length to 5000 feet, installation of modern aircraft instrument landing system, and construction of additional hanger space.**

Strategies	Timeframe
Complete Expansion of Runway Length to 5000 ft	2010
Install Modern Instrument Landing System	2011
Construct Additional Hanger Space as Needed	Ongoing
Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to Continue to Upgrade Facility as Allowed by FAA, SC and County Budgets	Ongoing

**4) Improve communication and cooperation between county government and local municipalities; work to develop coordinated 5 and 10-Year capital improvement plans.**

**5) Work to guarantee adequate water treatment and distribution systems for present and future economic development in Oconee County. This effort may include:**

- Creating a partnership with the municipal water providers and the Pioneer Rural Water District to develop a mechanism that would allow the extension of services into unincorporated areas of the county and the collection of water revenues from the users in these areas.
- Coordinating efforts to extend water service to the I-85 corridor to increase economic development potential for the corridor and the total county.
- Planning for the extension of water services to additional areas of the county, such as the US Highway 123 and SC Highway 28 corridors.

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- Identification and establishment of revenue sources such as special tax districts and local option sales taxes to fund water system extension .
- Request municipalities inventory the current conditions of their water infrastructure systems to accommodate residential, commercial and industrial growth and offer solutions to correct challenges as well as define future needs.
- Encourage water providers to coordinate their efforts with other utility providers in planning for future growth for Oconee County.

**6) Improve and expand wastewater treatment within the county.  
This effort may include:**

Strategy	Timeframe
Establishing partnership(s) with the municipal sewer system providers and the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority to develop a plan to extend service into unincorporated areas of the county.	2009
Establishing partnership(s) with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority and the municipal sewer providers to coordinate efforts to provide sewer to the I-85 corridor within 10 years; included in this effort will be the construction of a wastewater treatment facility capable of expansion to serve both present and future needs of the surrounding region, including the South Carolina Welcome Center area, Oconee County Exits 1-4, and areas in Anderson County that may be the focus of projects developed jointly by Oconee and Anderson Counties.	2009
Planning the extension of sewer service to additional areas of the Highways U.S. 123, SC 28, and the Oconee County Airport to encourage development of these areas.	2009
Establishing partnership(s) with local, regional, state, and federal agencies to find funding sources for wastewater treatment needs. This effort may include the establishment of revenue sources such as special tax districts and local option sales taxes.	Ongoing

**7) Work to establish plans to meet the transportation needs of Oconee County for the next 30 Years.**

Strategies	Timeframe
These plans should inventory all roads and bridges in the county;	2006
Identify potential high-growth areas and the best approach to serving them;	Ongoing
Examine the possibility of a southern bypass of Seneca;	2012
Develop methods of encouraging more travel through Oconee County on the route from Atlanta, Ga. to Ashville, N.C.	Ongoing

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**8) Upgrade solid waste services in key industrial areas of Oconee County. This effort may include working to establish a future regional landfill; the development of a solid waste research facility at a regional landfill; and identifying and constructing additional construction and demolition landfill sites within the county.**

**9) Work to develop a planning process focused on establishing an efficient, equitable, and mutually compatible distribution of land uses that supports economic development while providing for future changes. This efforts may include:**

- Continued support of a comprehensive planning process that accurately inventories and analyzes existing county conditions.
- Consideration of a countywide zoning process that includes public education and opportunities for a wide range of public input.

**10) Expand efforts to increase tourism revenues. This effort may include:**

Strategies	Time Frame
Working with state and federal agencies to access additional grant funding as available.	Ongoing
Developing and hosting regionally and nationally promoted sporting and recreational events.	2010-12
Develop and support local festivals, entertainment events, and other activities that attract tourists to the county.	Ongoing
Development of the Southern Appalachian Farmstead Project	Approval in process

**11) Work to renew and expand local agribusiness opportunities. These efforts may include:**

- Working with state and federal agencies to attract agribusiness-related grants and other revenue sources.
- Supporting efforts to establish pilot-programs related to new agricultural methods, technologies, and products.
- Providing appropriate assistance to efforts to expand non-traditional and specialty agribusiness opportunities.

## Land Use Element Goals

### 1) Manage development in a manner that will expand economic growth and promote job opportunities.

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Extend Water and Sewer Service into Priority Areas Identified by the Infrastructure Master Plan	2009	
Identify and Secure Prime Commercial and Industrial Sites	Ongoing	
Promote Economic Diversity to Insure Oconee County Remains Economically Competitive	Ongoing	
Encourage Development that Both Creates New Jobs and Enhances Oconee County's Tranquil, Safe and Healthy Lifestyle	Ongoing	
Review Water and Sewer Service Needs to Insure Adequate Supplies are Available for Future Growth	Ongoing	
Upgrade Existing Water and Sewer Lines to Provide for Additional Business Recruitment and Expansion	Ongoing	
Upgrade and Expand Transportation Network	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; Economic Development Commission; Sewer Commission; Water Providers; Stakeholders

### 2) Work to protect and preserve both the quantity and quality of Oconee County's water.

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Study Oconee County's Water Assets to Determine the Most Effective Ways to Protect Quantity and Quality	2007	
Implement Appropriate Measures Based on Water Study	2008	
Monitor and Evaluate Impact of Development on Oconee County's Water	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; State and Federal Agencies; Stakeholders

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**3) Work to manage urban/suburban development in Oconee County.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Extend Water and Sewer Service into Priority Areas Identified by the Infrastructure Master Plan	2009	
Encourage Development of Varying Housing Types to Meet the Needs of All Oconee County Residents	Ongoing	
Monitor Impact of Development on Road and Transportation Facilities	Ongoing	
Work to Plan and Construct Infrastructure Upgrades and Expansions to Meet Future Needs	Ongoing	
Encourage Set Aside and Preservation of Forestland, Vegetative Buffers, and Greenspace to Enhance the Tranquil, Safe and Healthy Lifestyle of Oconee County	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; State and Federal Agencies; Stakeholders

**4) Protect and Preserve Our Forests, Farmland, and Natural Resources.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe	2009 Update
Encourage and Support Collaboration Between Landowners and Public and Private Agencies in the Development of Ecologically and Economically Sound Plans for Development, Preservation and Restoration of Forests and Farmland	Ongoing	
Encourage Use of “Best Management Practices” in Farming and Forestry Operations	Ongoing	
Monitor Impact on Tax Base of Land Held by Public Entities; Work with State and Federal Governmental Agencies to Return Unneeded and Unused Properties to the Tax Base	Ongoing	
Encourage Developments that Set Aside and Preserve Forestland and Vegetative Buffers	Ongoing	

Responsible Agencies: County Council; Planning Commission; State and Federal Agencies; Stakeholders

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## Priority Investment Element Goals

- 1) Identify and utilize the funding sources necessary to support an innovative capital projects program that provides the highest level of service and facilities for Oconee County’s citizens.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe
Research and pursue all available grant monies to assist with all capital projects	Ongoing
Work with Private Industry and Development to increase the level of services	Ongoing

Responsible Agencies: County Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, Non-profit Agencies, Private Industry

- 2) Eliminate waste in capital funding and unnecessary redundancy in facilities and services through expansion of support and cooperation with municipalities, the school district, utilities, and other relevant agencies and jurisdictions.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe
Look for ways to partner with other agencies and private industry to eliminate duplication	Ongoing

Responsible Agencies: County Council, School District, Planning Commission, Municipalities

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**3) Establish an ongoing capital projects funding mechanism that provides for regular upgrades and replacement based on an amortization schedule that prolongs usefulness and reduces replacement costs.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe
Create a Capital Project Plan with specifics on estimated cost for all projects with a timeframe for getting new estimates;	2011
Establish a policy on new capital projects will be evaluated for inclusion into the capital projects plan	2011

Responsible Agencies: County Council, Planning Commission, School District, Municipalities

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## Transportation Element Goals

- 1) Work to upgrade road system in a manner that provides safe and efficient routes throughout the county, while limiting the negative impacts on sensitive areas.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe
Develop a list of “trouble spots” through out the county and prioritize those in requesting funding	2010
Look into the feasibility of traffic circles	Ongoing
Look at limiting curb cuts along major routes	2011
Consider implementing impact fees to offset the cost of development on infrastructure	2013
Create commuter parking lots to help encourage car pooling to work, which decreases traffic congestion	2103

Responsible Agencies: County Council, Planning Commission, DOT, Oconee County Public Works

- 2) Support the expansion of mass transit in Oconee County.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe
Look of opportunities to provide public transportation to facilities such as DSS, Hospital, Doctor Offices, Government Offices	Ongoing
Continue to partner with CAT in keeping existing services while looking for opportunities to expand	Ongoing

Responsible Agencies: County Council, Planning Commission, Municipalities

- 3) Encourage the establishment of high-speed rail in the region.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe
Look for ways to support high-speed rail as opportunities present themselves	Ongoing

Responsible Agencies: County Council, Planning Commission, Legislative Delegation, DOT, Municipalities

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**4) Upgrade and expand 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.**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategies	Timeframe
Complete Expansion of Runway Length to 5000 ft	2010
Install Modern Instrument Landing System	2011
Construct Additional Hanger Space as Needed	Ongoing
Utilize Capital Improvements Plan to Continue to Upgrade Facility as Allowed by FAA, SC and County Budgets	Ongoing

Responsible Agencies: County Council, Planning Commission, School District, Municipalities

**5) Encourage the expansion of bicycle and pedestrian routes in appropriate areas**

Implementation Strategies:

Strategy	Timeframe
Encourage developers to incorporate pedestrian and bicycle trails into subdivision developments	Ongoing
Look for opportunities to obtain grants for creating public trails and paths	Ongoing

Responsible Agencies: County Council, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, DNR