

Monroe County
Short-Term Work Program

Economic Development Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Redevelop the abandoned Indian Springs subdivision into a Business Park to include signage, road infrastructure, and traffic redistribution (see also Transportation #7).	Monroe County, Development Authority	TBD	Budget/T-SPLOST	2013-2017
2. Undertake Workforce Development programs and activities.	Monroe County, Development Authority	Staff Time, TBD	Budget/Grants	2013-2017
3. Establish a sliding scale incentive package for business and industry.	Monroe County, Development Authority, Monroe County Board of Education (BOE), Monroe County Tax Assessor	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2014
4. Continue acquisition and development of future industrial sites/acreage (infrastructure support needed around Johnsonville Road).	Monroe County, Development Authority	Staff Time, TBD	Budget/Grants	2013-2017
5. Capitalize on 2011 designation by the Governor as the 'Public Safety Capitol of Georgia' through seeking complimentary business and industry.	Monroe County, Chamber of Commerce, Development Authority	Staff Time, TBD	Budget/Grants	2013-2017

6. Institute an annual “Public Safety Games” event target public safety officials from all across Georgia as well as support industries to the GPSTC and DOC.	Development Authority, Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC), Department of Corrections (DOC)	Staff Time, TBD	Budget	2013-2017
7. Recruit new businesses/encourage entrepreneurial business opportunities.	Development Authority	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
8. Work with established businesses to promote job retention, creation and expansion as a way to solidify the economic base and provide residents the opportunity to live and work in the County.	Development Authority	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
9. Utilize the Camera Ready designation to attract movies, commercials and television shows to locations throughout Monroe County.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth, City of Culloden, Forsyth-Monroe Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
10. Maximize visibility and increase visitorship to Monroe County tourism anchors High Falls and Juliette.	Monroe County, CVB	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017

**Housing Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Promote community involvement through action groups and citizen participation and programs such as Neighborhood Watch.	Monroe County Sherriff's Department	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
2. Consider funding opportunities that aid housing rehabilitation in efforts to guard against the degradation of existing housing stock.	Monroe County	Staff Time, TBD	CDBG	2013-2017

**Natural & Cultural Resources Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Rehabilitate the Hubbard Dormitory and Teacher's Cottage into a Center for Public Health and Service Agencies, such as: Family Connection, Neighborhood Service Center, County Extension, Save the Children and other community-oriented groups/organizations providing adult education programs.	Monroe County	\$600,000	Budget/SPLOST/Grants	2014
2. Promote the nomination of rural resources to the National Register of Historic Places.	Monroe County, Monroe County Historical Society	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget/Grants	2013-2017
3. Promote nature-based tourism activities throughout the county, particularly at High Falls State Park (HFSP) and along the Ocmulgee River.	Monroe County, Forsyth-Monroe County CVB, Friends of HFSP	Staff/Volunteer Time	Budget	2013-2017

4. Maintain active involvement in the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition.	Monroe County	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
5. Connect property owners to resources for conservation of farmland, open spaces and forested areas.	Monroe County	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
6. Expand the public river access/recreational amenities onto the 13.7 acres adjacent to Pope's Ferry (walking trails, camp sites, picnic areas, etc.).	Monroe County, MGRC	TBD	Recreational Trails/ Land and Water Conservation Grants	2013-2017
7. Maintain free public access along River at various locations (i.e. Juliette, Pope's Ferry).	Monroe County	Staff Time/TBD	Budget/Grants	2013-2017

**Community Facilities Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Expand, rehabilitate or enhance water and wastewater system to meet future demand as necessary.	Monroe County	\$7 million	SPLOST/Budget	2013-2017 (Annually)
2. Complete construction/expansion of County Government Facility.	Monroe County	\$3.5 million	SPLOST	2013
3. Initiate an annual Capitol Improvements Program (CIP) to aid in planning and implementing infrastructure improvements.	Monroe County	Staff Time	Budget	2015-2017
4. Construct Water Treatment Plant along Highway 87 by Juliette.	Monroe County, Private entities	TBD	SPLOST	2017

5. Construct a Civic Center/Business Incubator to serve as an anchor to the new Indian Springs Business Park.	Monroe County	\$1.2 million	SPLOST	2016-2017
6. Acquire property adjacent to the Monroe County Recreation Park and construct a covered arena for agricultural and equestrian events.	Monroe County	\$2.5 million	SPLOST	2014-2017
7. Purchase new equipment/make improvement at the Forsyth-Monroe County Library.	Monroe County	\$150,000	SPLOST	2015-2017
8. Explore potential for public-private partnership to establish additional recreational opportunities.	Monroe County, Development Authority, Private entities	TBD	Budget/Grants/Private	2013-2017
9. Replace a portion of the Sheriff's Department fleet of patrol vehicles.	Monroe County, Sheriff's Department	\$800,000	SPLOST	2014-2017
10. Purchase new equipment for Monroe County Emergency Services, including a new headquarters, ambulance, trucks and equipment.	Monroe County, EMS	\$1.5 million	SPLOST	2014-2017
11. Renovate and equip the Monroe County hospital.	Monroe County, Monroe County Hospital	\$1 million	SPLOST	2014-2017
12. Replace/upgrade public works equipment such as motor graders, loader and dozers.	Monroe County Road Department	\$1.25 million	SPLOST	2014-2017
13. Complete upgrades to the Emergency 911 equipment and infrastructure as required by the FCC Narrowbanding mandate.	Monroe County	\$3.1 million	SPLOST	2014-2017

Land Use Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Establish attractive entrances to the County through signage and landscaping.	Monroe County, Chamber of Commerce	TBD	Budget/Grants	2017

Intergovernmental Coordination Short-Term Work Program 2013-2017				
Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Promote coordination and cooperation between governments and organizations.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
2. Encourage total community involvement.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017
3. Capitalize on membership in the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority to further economic development initiatives.	Monroe County, City of Forsyth	Staff Time	Budget	2013-2017

**Transportation Short-Term Work Program
2013-2017**

Action Item	Responsible Party	Estimated Cost	Funding Source(s)	Estimated Completion Time
1. Establish and implement a county-wide Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan which promotes connectivity with the Regional Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan.	Monroe County, City of Culloden, City of Forsyth, Middle Georgia Regional Commission	TBD	Budget/Grants	2015-2017
2. Coordinate with GDOT when roads/highways are widened to include raised, landscaped medians as a way to retain the rural character of the county.	Monroe County, GDOT	Staff Time/ TBD	Budget/GDOT	2013-2017
3. Construct, renovate and improve roads, streets and bridges.	Monroe County, GDOT	\$7,000,000	SPLOST	2013-2017
4. Construct roundabout at Hwy 74 and Hwy 42 (RC06-000100).	Monroe County, GDOT	\$3,834,992	T-SPLOST	Project Start: 2016 (Estimated Project Completion: 2019)
5. Complete Johnsonville Rd Bridge Replacement @ I-75 (RC06-000154).	Monroe County, GDOT	\$2,300,000	T-SPLOST	Project Start: 2016 (Estimated Project Completion: 2019)
6. Construct roundabout at SR 83 and SR 87 (RC06-000101).	Monroe County, GDOT	\$1,020,000	T-SPLOST	2013-2015
7. Complete Indian Springs Drive /L. Cary Bittick Drive/ Georgia PSTC Intersection Improvement (RC06-000095).	Monroe County, GDOT	\$6,915,155	T-SPLOST	Project Start: 2016 (Estimated Project Completion: 2019)

8. Complete Montpelier Road Minor Widening and Reconstruction (RC06-000097).	Monroe County, GDOT	\$6,994,254	T-SPLOST	2013-2015
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