Hall County Community Work Plan (CWP) Amendment

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Community Work Program

The following section presents the Community Work Program (CWP) for Hall County. Relevant action items are identified within each component of the Comprehensive Plan as part of the implementation strategy.

The updated Community Work Program is provided to supplement the Impact Fee Update in accordance with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requirements. It was adopted as part of the minor Comprehensive Plan update approved in December 2024. The CWP is intended to document the status of each listed item.

The comments column of the CWP identifies accomplishments and provides status updates for each task. Items are noted as completed, ongoing, canceled, or postponed, along with a brief explanation. When applicable, the expected timeframe for completing the work task is also included.

Hall County 2024-2032 Community Work Program (CWP)					
Action Item	**Timeframe**	**Estimated Cost**	**Responsible Party**	**Funding Source**	**Notes**
Work with the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission (GMRC) and its participating counties to tackle regional issues with growth management	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development; GMRC	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County Planning has partnered with GMRC to do a comprehensive plan update and ensure regional issues are considered in this plan.
Track the construction of new developments to ensure that growth is happening as projected and to update level of service projections.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County GIS has developed a dashboard to track approved rezonings, issued land disturbance permits, and issued building permits. This continues to be monitored and utilized in appropriate updates such as the level of service.
Establish regular communication with Hall County Schools to share data on new construction and population estimates so that educational facilities can be updated or added to accommodate projected enrollment.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development; Hall County Schools	General Fund	Ongoing. The school system was added to our tentative packet group where they are notified of upcoming rezoning applications that may impact the school system.
Prepare a Unified Development Code to update, consolidate, and streamline land use and development regulations and to support the goals of the Comprehensive Plan	2025	$25,000	Planning & Development	General Fund	Completed. The UDC will continue to be refined as we evaluate its effectiveness for Hall County goals.
Evaluate the effectiveness of the County's tree protection standards and identify potential amendments, as necessary	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate this code section and suggest updates where appropriate.
Evaluate the effectiveness of the County's Conservation Subdivision Design Option and identify potential amendments, as necessary	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development; Consultant	General Fund	Part of UDC scope - Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate this code section and suggest updates where appropriate.
Evaluate zoning buffer standards to ensure they are sufficient where commercial or industrial uses abut residential properties and identify potential amendments, as necessary	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development; Consultant	General Fund	Part of UDC scope - Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate this code section and suggest updates where appropriate.
Review use and outdoor storage/display standards in the Gateway Corridor Overaly District to identify apporpriate locations and screening requirements	2025	Staff Time	Planning & Development; Consultant	General Fund	Part of UDC scope - Complete.
Assess compatibility of municipalities' corridor standards/design guidelines with the County's; identify any requirements that could enhance the quality of development in the county.	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development; Consultant	General Fund	Part of UDC scope. Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate this code section and suggest updates where appropriate.
Review existing regulations for impediments to special housing needs and oppoortunities such as senior housing, accessory dwelling units, and affordable housing	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development; Consultant	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate this and suggest updates where appropriate.
Amend regulations to reinforce infrastructure requirements for single-family development (based on commonly applied conditions of zoning)	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Part of UDC scope. Further evaluation continues to occur while Hall County is in a residential suspension with a completion date of August 2026.
Update Gateway Corridor Overlay District standards to help blend existing and new development in rural areas, particularly along US-129/Cleveland Highway and SR 365/Cornelia Highway	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate this code section and suggest updates where appropriate. Anticipated completion date of 2027.
Implement the recommendations from the neighborhood-level planning effort with the Morningside Heights, Black and Cooley Drive, and Gaines Mill Road Communities	2026-2027	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, County Staff, Citizens of Gainesville and Hall County	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will consider these recommendations for implementation through its ongoing effort to make major UDC updates through 2027.

Maintain residential or agricultural use as the primary use(s) along roadways that do not have a "corridor" designation on the Future Development Map	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. This continues to be a consideration in all Hall County UDC and Comp Plan updates
Develop design guidelines that reflect the Quality Development Strategies shown in the plan that inform standards for landscaping, connectivity, site design, amenities, etc.	2026-2027	$50,000	Planning & Development; Consultant	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate these standards and propose amendments to the UDC for implementation purposes.
Create a small area study for the Inland Port area	2025-2027	$200,000	Planning & Development, Consultant	General Fund	Not started. This initiative will be prioritized as part of the upcoming Hall County Comprehensive Plan update.
Conduct a small area plan for the Sardis Connector that could be used as a basis for the development of a zoning overlay to guide future land use decisions as the corridor develops.	2026-2027	$50,000	Planning & Development, Consultant	General Fund	Not started. This initiative will be prioritized as part of the upcoming Hall County Comprehensive Plan update.
Housing					
Coordinate and discuss affordable/workforce housing-related needs and initiaitves with the cities, Habitat for Humanity, and other public or private stakeholders	2025-2032	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, Joint Municipal Association, Habitat for Humanity, County Administration, Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate these opportunities and propose amendments to the UDC where appropriate.
Establish a joint program with the City of Gainesville to address housing attainability through the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing (GICH) program	2025-2026	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Complete. The County is directly involved with the GICH program.
Continue to review existing regulations that create barriers for special housing needs and opportunities such as senior housing, accessory dwelling units, and affordable housing.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will continue to evaluate these existing regulations and propose amendments to the UDC where appropriate.
Conduct an affordability study that examines the existing house inventory, housing market, and housing needs in Hall County to develop policy that reflect the needs and priorities of all members of the community.	2025	$100,000	Planning & Development, Consultant	General Fund	Complete. This was conducted as part of the 2024 comprehensive plan update.
Establish affordability incentives for new development as part of the affordability study.	2025	$100,000, Staff Time	Planning & Development, Consultant	General Fund	Complete. This was conducted as part of the 2024 comprehensive plan update.
Continue to identify properties suitable for federal Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grants to assist with home repairs/rehabilitation and to provide affordable housing opportunities.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County will continue to identify grant opportunities and apply as eligibility criteria are met.
Create an affordable housing task force with developers, banks, and housing advocates.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing. A housing task force is established and is continues to review existing regulations that create barriers for special housing needs and opportunities such as senior housing, accessory dwelling units, and affordable housing.
Infrastructure Maintenance & Expansion					
Sardis Road Connector – SR 60/Thompson Bridge Road to Sardis Road/Chestatee Road	2025-2028	$85,619,201	**GDOT**/GHMPO	HB 170; SPLOST	GH-016; PI 003626 **Currently under construction – estimated open to traffic date is 2027/2028.** **SPLOST (complete): $27,647,764** **HB 170: $57,971,437**

Widening of SR 11/US 129 from Lakeview Street to south of Nopone Road (Phase I)	2025-2029	$86,386,207	**GDOT**/GHMPO	HB 170	GH-020A; PI 122060 **Construction set for FY 2026. Estimated open to traffic date 2028.** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
Widening of SR 211/Old Winder Highway From SR 53/Winder Highway To SR 347/Friendship Road	2027-2029	$147,698,585	**GDOT**/GHMPO	HB 170	GH-025; PI 007233 **Construction set for FY 2029, estimated open to traffic date of 2031.** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
Widening of SR 60/Candler Rd.– From south of I-985 to SR 124	2027-2031		**GDOT**/GHMPO	GDOT	GH-111**A & GH111B** **Construction currently in unfunded long range of GHMPO MTP (2055+)** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
East-West Corridor Study / (Northern Bypass Study)	2028-2029	$110,000	GHMPO	Parks & Leisure Fund / **Public Works**	Potential study on hold until Sardis Connector is complete, per Hall County Admin.
Widening of I-985 From I-85/Gwinnett to SR 53/Mundy Mill Road	Unknown	$169,504,413	**GDOT/ GHMPO**	**TBD**	**GH-120; PI 0014130** **Construction currently in unfunded long range of GHMPO MTP (2055+)** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
Widening of US 129/Cleveland Highway - Lakeview Street to S of Nopone Road, Phase I	Unknown			**TBD**	**Repeat project – delete**
Widening of US 129/Cleveland Highway - Brittany Court to S of Lakeview Street, Phase II	2028-2030	$36,000,000	**GDOT/ GHMPO**	**HB 170**	**GH-020B; PI 0016862** **Construction currently scheduled for 2030, with open to traffic date of 2032.** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
Widening of US 129/Cleveland Highway - Limstone Parkway to N of Brittany Court, Phase III	2028-2030	$48,468,238	**GDOT/ GHMPO**	**HB 170**	**GH-020C; PI 0016863** **Construction currently scheduled for 2030, with open to traffic date of 2032.** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
SR 365/Cornelia Highway At Howard Road - New Interchange	2025-2027	$27,927,892	**GDOT/ GHMPO**	**HB 170**	**GH-133; PI 0016074** **Under construction. Expected open to traffic date is 2027/2028.** **No Hall County local funding required.**
Widening of SR 369/Browns Bridge Road From SR 53/McEver Road To Forsyth County Line	Unknown	$61,280,557	**GDOT/ GHMPO**	**HB 170**	**GH-018; PI 0013626** **Construction scheduled for 2034. Expected open to traffic date is 2036.** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
Widening of SR 11/US 129/Cleveland Highway From North of CR 65/Nopone To SR 284/Clarks Bridge Road	Unknown	$52,495,154	**GDOT/ GHMPO**	**HB 170**	**GH-035; PI 0014129** **Construction scheduled for 2040. Expected open to traffic date is 2042.** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
Widening of SR 60/Thompson Bridge Rd From SR 136/Price Rd to CR 158/Yellow Creek Rd in Murrayville	2027-2029	$138,652,259	**GDOT/ GHMPO**	**HB 170**	**GH-038; PI 132610** **Construction scheduled for 2030. Expected open to traffic date is 2032.** **No Hall County local funding expected.**
White Sulphur Rad Realignment (New Roadway)	2029	$5,800,000	Hall County	**SPLOST, EDA, GDOT**	Complete
Widening of Spout Springs Road Phase II From Union Circle to South of Thompson Mill Road	2032	$51,400,000	Hall County	**SPLOST, GDOT, Impact Fees**	Impact Fees to be used for construction when implemented by Hall Co.; Also pursuing state/federal funding for construction ;project currently in ROW acquisition
Widening of McEver Road from SR 347/Lanier Islands Parkway TO CS 537/Gainesville Street/Jim Crow	2029	$5,700,000	Hall County	**SPLOST, GDOT**	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded

Widening of Cagle Road improvements	2029	$4,000,000	Hall County	**SPLOST, GDOT**	Complete
Resurfacing of Access Road to Laurel Park (Old Cleveland to End)	Unknown	$2,500,000	Hall County	TSPLOST	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Intersection improvements at Sloan Mill Road/Schubert Road roundabout	Unknown	$2,500,000	Hall County	TSPLOST	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Intersection improvements at Little Five Points (Belton/Skits Mtn/Lula)	Unknown	$2,500,000	Hall County	TSPLOST	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Intersection improvements at Mount Vernon/Rilla Road Intersection Improvement	Unknown	$3,000,000	Hall County	TSPLOST	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Intersection improvements at Mount Vernon/Jim Hood intersection improvements	Unknown	$2,500,000	Hall County	TSPLOST	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Intersection improvements at McEver Road and Lights Ferry intersection	Unknown	$2,500,000	Hall County	**SPLOST**	Under construction
Railroad crossing improvements at West Ridge Road near Short Street	Unknown	$1,870,000	Hall County	**SPLOST**	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Ed Cobb wooden bridge replacement	Unknown	$5,000,000	Hall County	**SPLOST**	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
County-wide roadway pipe replacemernt	2027-2029	$10,000,000	Hall County	**SPLOST**	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Resurfacing of access Road to Laurel Park (Old Cleveland to End)	Unknown	$1,500,000	Hall County	**SPLOST**	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
County-wide resurfacing program	2025-2032	$12,000,000	Hall County	**SPLOST**	TSPLOST did not pass therefore this project remains unfunded
Review regulations for any impediments to low impact development (LID) or green infrastructure approaches to stormwater management	2025-2026	Staff Time	Engineering	General Fund	Complete – GA Stormwater Manual and Hall County regulations allow for both LIP and green infrastructure.
Construct and operate a new regional material recycling facility (MRF)	2025-2027	TBD	Engineering, Public Works & Utilities	Landfill, SPLOST	Ongoing – In Solid Waste Mater Plan and HC CIP (FY 28-30).
Continue to seek innovative approaches to landfill operations to extend its life	2025-2032	TBD	Engineering, Public Works & Utilities	Landfill	Ongoing – Major modification to Landfill Permit ongoing for increased elevation and removal of terracing. Also, acquired equipment for improved compaction.
Continue to implement and update the *Sewer Master Plan and Rate Study.*	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering, Public Works & Utilities	Water & Sewer Fund	Sewer Maste Plan updated ongoing.
Study the feasibility of future sewer extensions in strategic areas SR 60/Athens Highway to support commercial and industrial growth along the corridor going into both Gainesville and Jackson County.	2026-2027	TBD	Engineering, Public Works & Utilities, Consultant	General Fund	Ongoing – Partially addressed by Pond Fork Phase 1 project which will be completed end of 2026. Improvements in this area is also being contemplated by Sewer Master Plan Update.
Use data from corridor development study for SR 365/Cornelia Highway to determine infrastructure capacity for the Inland Port	2025-2026	TBD	GHMPO	GDOT	Ongoing – Hall County completed White Sulphur Rd. Phase 1 improvements, Phase 2 ongoing. GHMPO will also be performing a Freight Study in FY 28.
Use the future land use map along with development data to guide future planning for sewer infrastructure projects.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering, Public Works & Utilities	General Fund	Ongoing – Sewer Master Plan Update ongoing, will use latest Comprehensive Master Plan to guide future improvements.

Continue intergovernmental coordination with Hall County City and Town governments on issues related to transportation, water, and sewer.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering, Public Works & Utilities	General Fund	Transportation – GHMPO continually coordinates (ongoing).
Adopt the Department of Community Affairs' Broadband Model Ordinance to apply for a Broadband Ready Community Designation.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering, Public Works & Utilities	General Fund	Not Started – HC to continue evaluating.
Update Impact Fee Program and Amend Capital Improvements Element (CIE)	2025-2032	TBD	Planning & Development, Finance	Impact Fees	Ongoing – Recommended Impact Fees developed and will be presented to BOC for approval in 2026.
Parks & Recreation					
Work with Hall County Schools to identify opportunities for shared use between the County and Schools and build new facilities most in need by the schools.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Parks & Leisure; Hall County Schools	General Fund, Grants	Ongoing
Prioritize East Hall and the Chestnut Mountain/Candler areas for new park land.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Parks & Leisure	General Fund, Grants	Ongoing. For Chestnut Mountain/Candler areas, no funding for land acquisition has been identified.
Acquire additional land to expand Cool Springs Park, North Hall Park, and East Hall Park.	2025-2032	TBD	Parks & Leisure	TBD	Ongoig: Cool Springs – additional land not currently needed as significant portions of this property are undeveloped. North Hall Park – expansion of this park has not been considered. Further research needed. East Hall Park – acquisition of parcel(s) to connect East Hall Park to Cedar Creek Reservoir mentioned as a strategic goal in Parks Facilities Master Plan, but has not yet been pursued. Cedar Creek Reservoir is leased from City of Gainesville, with management rights set to revert to city in 2031. Administration has led conversations to extend lease, but nothing has been finalized, to my knowledge.
Acquire an additional 1,000 acres of park land to build 30+ new parks.	2025-2032	TBD	Parks & Leisure	TBD	Off track but ongoing efforts: Between new, re-opened and currently planned parks (since 2019): • total additional acreage = 628. • Total additional parks: 11 • Potential to add up to 12 additional USACE locations with total acreage of 425. These properties are currently under assessment to determine recommended long-term plan • If all 12 are absorbed by county, we will exceed the recommended acreage but be short of stated goal by seven parks.
Create incentives to fund new park facilities through private redevelopment.	2025-2032	TBD	Parks & Leisure, Private Developers	TBD	Ongoing: • Created “Friends of Hall County Parks” fund with North Georgia Community Foundation. Pathway for charitable, tax-deductible giving • Evaluating other opportunities • Tax Allocation Districts a potential tool used by other municipalities; further research/education needed
Construct new park at South Springs with new sports fields and senior center	2025-2029	TBD	Parks & Leisure	General Fund	Ongoing: •Park land identified •Master Plan complete •Funding for senior center and adjacent amenities (trails, pickleball courts) has been identified. •Sports fields included in master plan, but funding not yet identified
Conduct a 10-year update to the Parks & Facilities Master Plan.	2028	$200,000	Parks & Leisure, Consultant	General Fund	On track: Scheduled to occur 2028-2029
Greenspace					
Update the tree ordinance	2025-2027	Staff Time	Planning & Development, Consultant	General Fund	Ongoing. Scheduled for 2027 UDC edits.

Evaluate and promote options for the permanent conservation of land	2025-2032	Staff Time	County Administration; Parks & Leisure; Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee	General Fund	Ongoing. In process of setting up metrics for evaluation.
Create a new full-time County staff position and division to promote and implement greenspace recommendations and to liaise with Vision 2023 Greenspace Committee.	2025-2032	TBD	County Administration; Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee	General Fund	Ongoing. Requested as part of 2027 fiscal year budget, to recruit a staff under Planning and Zoning Department.
Strengthen partnerships with the Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee, the Chattahoochee Riverkeepers, and Lake Lanier community groups.	2025-2032	Staff Time	County Administration; Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee	General Fund	Ongoing. Actively engaged as part of Greenspace working group.
Collaborate with the newly formed North Georgia Land Trust to acquire new land for greenspace preservation and expand green infrastructure.	2025-2032	Staff Time	County Administration; Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee	General Fund	Ongoing. Actively engaged as part of Greenspace working group.
Create a process that identifies land for permanent protection based upon its recreational, ecological, environmental, aesthetic, cultural, historic, or agricultural value. Identify land using this process and begin implementation measures that assure protection of the land identified	2025-2032	Staff Time	County Administration; Parks & Leisure, Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee, North Georgia Land Trust	General Fund	Ongoing. In process of setting up metrics for evaluation.
Create a dedicated Greenspace Acquisition Fund using SPLOST funding and other funding tools.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Parks & Leisure	SPLOST, General Fund, Developers	No started.
Create a nature preserve at Glade Farm.	2028-2031	TBD	Parks & Leisure, Consultant	General Fund, Grants	Not started.
Resource Conservation					
Implement the recurring items in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District's Water Resource Management Plan	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering	General Fund	Ongoing. Engineering Dept. prepares an audit every 5 years as well as an annual report to EPD.
Coordinate with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division on its Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Lake Lanier to address pollutants.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering	Water & Sewer Fund	Ongoing. Engineering maintains its NPDES permit with EPD requiring an annual report and renewal of a Stormwater Management Plan every 5 years. Local ordinances in place (septic tanks, stormwater) that address local water quality.
Promote public awareness of annual community and lake clean-up events	2025-2032	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, Lake Lanier Association, Keep Hall Beautiful	General Fund	On track. Additional groups include Elachee Nature Science Center, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, and Vision 2030 Greenspace Committee. Concensus it to leverage their collective stength, networks and expertise for greater impact.
Leverage SPLOST funds to address shoreline erosion on Lake Lanier	2025-2032	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, Lake Lanier Association, DNR, USACE, Private donors	General Fund, SPLOST	Not started.
Partner with and promote local recycling initiatives and events	2025-2032	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, Hall County Schools, Keep Hall Beautiful	General Fund	Ongoing. Parner wtih Keep Hall Beautiful, Georgia Recycling Coalition, Hall County Schools
Partner with Gainesville on pollution prevention activities and public outreach	2025-2032	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, City of Gainesville	General Fund	Not started.
Identify eligible projects for federal Sec. 319(h) Non-Point Source Implementation Grants to address pollutants in impaired waters.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering, USDA National Resources Conservation Office	General Fund	Not started.

Leverage greenspace, conservation easements, zoning, and buffers as instruments to provide watershed protection to Lake Lanier and its tributaries.	2025-2032	Staff Time	County Administration	General Fund	Ongoing through site development standards.
Partner with a University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Office to promote sustainable agricultural practices.	2025-2032	Staff Time	County Administration, University of Georgia	General Fund	Ongoing. UGA actively works with local farmers and landscape maintnant companies to encourage sustanable practics. Opportunity to support UGA in grant applications to assist farmers and ranchers with capital improvements that would reduce run-off.
Multi-Modal Transportation					
Prioritize sidewalk and street lighting needs based on frequency of use.	2025-2032	Staff Time	GHMPO and County Staff	General Fund	Ongoing – discussion needs to be had with GHMPO about the possibility of doing more sidewalk inventory across the County and try to get pedestrian counters installed to document frequency of use.
Coordinate with City and Town efforts to build and connect multi-modal infrastructure.	2025-2032	Staff Time	GHMPO, County and City Staff	General Fund	Ongoing – collaboration between jurisdictions continues to expand the Highlands to Islands trail network, which is the spine of bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure in Hall County.
Incentivize mixed-use developers to include trails and trail connections, where appropriate, in their plans.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Hall County	General Fund	Ongoing – no specific incentives have been made, but should be discussed at the Planning level regarding new developments near the Highlands to Islands Trail system.
Encourage developers to construct trail systems within a half-mile of mixed-use projects.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Hall County	General Fund	Ongoing – no specific incentives have been made, but should be discussed at the Planning level regarding new developments near the Highlands to Islands Trail system.
Encourage connections to activity centers within the Cities and Towns.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Hall County	General Fund	Ongoing
Examine how County and City/Town parks can be connected through new trails.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Hall County	General Fund	Complete – the GHMPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan was completed in 2025 and provided the community with a roadmap to connectivity across jurisdictions.
Continue building the Highlands to Islands Trail Network	2025-2032	$14,000,000	GHMPO, County and City Staff	General Fund, TSPLOST	Developer contribution as part of zoning or development conditions of approval where possible
Implement projects from the 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan	2025-2032	TBD	Engineering	General Fund, SPLOST	Ongoing – GHMPO adopted a new Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan in 2025, which replaced the 2014 plan. This plan includes various trail and sidewalk connectivity projects to be implemented over the coming decades.
Implement projects from the 2019 South Hall Trail Study	2025-2032	TBD	Engineering	General Fund, SPLOST	Ongoing – the Tumbling Creek Trail is complete. Other projects are underway, such as the downtown Flowery Branch trails (Phases I & II). The new Trail Study (UNG to McEver Road) is scheduled to be adopted in May and will replace the recommendations made in the South Hall Trail Study.
Adopt a complete streets policy.	2025-2032	TBD	Hall County	General Fund	Not started – GHMPO staff will work with Hall County Public Works to mirror the Complete Streets Policy that was adopted by GHMPO and other local jurisdictions.
Implement an ADA plan that identifies existing ADA barriers on sidewalks and crossings to allow for updates to be made on an ongoing basis.	2026-2029	TBD	Hall County	General Fund	Not started
Saftey & Security					
Establish benchmarks to assist in setting measurable and attainable goals for decreasing the level of crime in Hall County.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Public Safety, Sheriff's Office	General Fund	Ongoing - FBI crime data explorer data as of August 2025 shows overall crime data for the Hall County Sheriff's Office is down 13.5 % from 2023 to 2024.We had less calls for service in FY 2025 compared to 2024. Priority calls for service had a faster response time in 2025 than 2024.
Continue to monitor crime statistics and make them easily accessible to the public.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Public Safety, Sheriff's Office	General Fund	Ongoing - The most universally recognized crime statistics source is the FBI crime Data Explorer. This is readily available online to anyone who desires to view it.

Ensure that new developments are accessible for emergency vehicles.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing - Our fleet managers remain actively involved with companies which produce and develop law enforcement vehicles and equipment. They attend the annual fleet expo to keep informed of the best and safest products. We strive to secure annual funding to keep our fleet modern and safe.
Track the construction of new developments to ensure that police and fire services can serve the growing population at the ideal level of service.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Planning & Development	General Fund	Ongoing - The Sheriff's Office constantly reviews the latest developments in law enforcement techniques. We attend annual conferences on methodology, technology and equipment as it relates to the newest law enforcement techniques and products.
Create a plan for long-term capital investments to fund new public safety facilities.	2025-2027	Staff Time	Public Safety, Sheriff's Office	General Fund	Ongoing - We continuously work in cooperation with County Administration to prioritize projects (e.g., new training center, renovations, technology upgrades) and develop a phased timeline. We strive to identify diverse funding sources such as local taxes, bonds, state and federal grants, and public-private partnerships.
Establish a Citizens Advisory Committee on public safety.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Public Safety, Sheriff's Office	General Fund	Ongoing - Members of our agency participated in approximately 90 community / special events in 2025. This included larger events, such as ADVANCE Camp and the Sheriff's Citizens Academy, as well as smaller focused events.
Assess the ability to form a Neighborhood Watch program, with the assistance of the Sheriff's Office Public Information and Community Services Unit.	2025-2032	Staff Time	Public Safety, Sheriff's Office	General Fund	Ongoing - The Sheriff's Office has had a neighborhood watch program for over 30 years. We currently have 69 registered Neighborhood Watch Programs (NWP) in Hall County and continue to develop the program.
Research the requirements needed to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) Program to potentially reduce flood insurance premium rates	2025-2032	Staff Time	Engineering	General Fund	Not started.
Fire Station #17	2024	$3,385,846	Fire	Impact Fees, SPLOST	Completed. Fire Station 17 was opened in May 2024 and built with SPLOST VII and SPLOST VIII funds, as well as Impact Fees and Capital Projects. It is located at 5719 Holiday Road in Buford.
Fire Station #18	2025-2030	$3,385,846	Fire	Impact Fees, SPLOST	postponed. This station is proposed to be on the 365 corridor.
Fire Apparatus for Station #18	2025-2030	$1,133,269	Fire	Impact Fees, SPLOST	postponed. This station is proposed to be on the 365 corridor.
Economic Development					
Prepare and update county-wide Economic Development Plan	2025-2032	Staff Time	Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce	General Fund	On track. GHCC prepares the annual county-wide Economic Development Report.
Collaborate with the City of Gainesville on a Tax Allocation District for Atlanta Highway from exit 17 on I-985 to Browns Bridge Road	2025-2027	$10,000	County Administration, City of Gainesville	General Fund	Ongoing - This area is partially located within the Westside TAD but only extends from Browns Bridge Road to the intersection of Atlanta Hwy and Hilltop St.
Collaborate with the City of Gainesville on a Tax Allocation District for Athens Highway from Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd to Gaines Mill Road	2025-2027	$10,000	County Administration, City of Gainesville	General Fund	Ongoing - A TAD or Opportunity Zone never approved by DCA but was identified as Subarea 1 within the Urban Redevelopment Plan.
Continue to work with the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce in support of their economic development initiatives	2025-2032	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, County Administration, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce	General Fund	Ongoing. County representative participate in multiple committees at GHCC.
Coordinate with the Lake Lanier Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote agritourism in the county	2025-2032	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, County Administration	General Fund	Ongoing. Hall County Convention & Visitor's Bureau
Coordinate with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to seek Less Developed Census Tract designation for the Chicopee Mill area along Atlanta Highway	2025-2027	Staff Time	Board of Commissioners, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce	General Fund	Complete. The entirety of Chicopee Mill Road along Atlanta Highway within Gainesville and Hall County, is within Hall County's census tract 13.04. Hall County's census tract 13.04 is a Less Developed Census Tract for 2025 and 2026.

Prepare a Historic Preservation Plan	2025-2032	$40,000	Planning & Development, Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce	General Fund	Not started.
Promote the Healan's-Head's Mill Visitor and Heritage Center upon its completion	2025-2032	Staff Time	Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Bureau, County Administration	General Fund	Not started.
Conduct a corridor development study for SR 365/Cornelia Highway to determine optimal industrial capacity, the best industries to locate along them, the impacts to infrastructure, and propose alternative locations for new industry.	2025-2026	**GDOT**	**GDOT**	**GDOT**	Completed by GDOT
Create a placemaking strategy that integrates public art into economic development projects	2025-2032	Staff Time	Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, Planning & Development	General Fund, Grants	Not started.