

**GREATER LOWNDES 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS (ROA) 2011**

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Goal 1: POPULATION - To ensure overall community growth and development benefits all segments of the increasingly diverse population.										
1.1 - Retiree Marketing										
Greater Lowndes shall be marketed as a viable location for retirees due to its prime location, community resources, and climate.	1.1.1- Support collaboration between Triple Crown Hometown and the local development community to identify appropriate locations for future Active Adult Retirement Communities.		X		X	Lowndes County does not currently have an intentional active role in this collaboration.	City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500	Varies	Varies
							Lowndes County	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400	\$20,000	General Fund
1.2 - Integrate Minority Population										
The integration of minority populations shall be encouraged through language programs, cultural awareness programs, and community events.	1.2.1 – Continued support of language and cultural programs such as those at South Georgia Regional Library, Wiregrass Technical College, Valdosta State University (VSU) and the Arts Commission.		X		X	Lowndes County does not currently have an intentional active role in this collaboration.	Lowndes County	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400	Varies	General Fund
							City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500	Varies	Varies
Goal 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - To support a growing and balanced economy that bolsters the community's position as a regional economic engine offering high-wage jobs, by ensuring a high-level of workforce adequacy.										
2.1 - Secure High-Wage Jobs										
The need for additional high-wage jobs shall be addressed through greater collaboration of community resources.	2.1.1 - Continue marketing the fields of environmental technology, information technology, and medical services by continuing support of the Val-Low Chamber and the Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority (V-LCIA).		X		X	Lowndes County does not currently have an intentional active role in this collaboration.	City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500	Varies	Varies
							Lowndes County	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400	Varies	General Fund / Industrial Authority Debt Service Fund - Dedicated Millage
	2.1.3 - Encourage entrepreneurial and small-business development through the development of business incubator sites and large -scale Office Parks by resources such as the-LCIA, the Chambers of Commerce, VSU's Small Business Development Center, and the Val-Low Chamber Sowing Entrepreneurial Economic Development Success (S.E.E.D.S.) Center.		X		X	Lowndes County does not currently have an intentional active role in this collaboration.	City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500	Varies	Varies
							Lowndes County	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400	Varies	General Fund / Industrial Authority Debt Service Fund - Dedicated Millage
						V-LCIA	Industrial Authority, 259-9972	Staff time	Industrial Authority Debt Service Fund - Dedicated Millage	
2.2 - Address Workforce Adequacy										
The issue of declining workforce adequacy shall be addressed through greater collaboration among businesses, educational institutions, and local Government regarding the knowledge, skills, and abilities possessed by the existing workforce and	2.2.1 - Continue to support adult literacy programs through educational institutions and libraries to increase the community's average literacy rates to meet or exceed state averages.		X		X	Lowndes County does not currently have an intentional active role in this collaboration.	City of Valdosta Lowndes County	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500 Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400	Varies	Varies
	2.2.4 - Increase standards of performance including high school graduation rates and Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) scores to meet or exceed state averages by implementing strategies of the Valdosta Schools Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan, the early College Academy and the International Baccalaureate Programme at Valdosta High School (VHS).		X				Valdosta City Schools	Dr. William Cason, Valdosta City Schools 229-333-8500	Varies	Varies

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<b>2.3 - Support Regional Economic Engine</b>											
The continued growth of primary regional economic engines such as Valdosta State University (VSU), South Georgia Mecial Center (SGMC), Moody Air Force Base (Moody AFB), Valdosta Technical College (Val-Tech), and Georgia Military College (GMC) shall be actively supported.	2.3.2 - Promote collaboration among the various business, education, and local Government organizations through the Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee (GLGAC) quarterly meetings.	X			X	While performed for a season ultimately, the agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC)	Planner 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund	
	2.3.3 - Encourage quality growth of economic engines without unnecessary impact on surrounding natural and built environments through regional boards such as the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission (GLPC).			X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400 Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Varies	Unincorporated Lowndes County Special Services Fund
<b>2.4 - Target Reinvestment</b>											
The community will target reinvestment in declining neighborhoods to further encourage private sector redevelopment and accommodate future growth.	2.4.1 - Promote infill development, especially within Valdosta's designated revitalization areas by implementing residential infill zoning district.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta Png & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Varies	General Fund	
	2.4.2 Develop and implement incentive and recognition programs, such as density bonuses through the Land Development Regulations (LDR), for businesses willing to redevelop existing properties.			X				City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta Png & Zng Admin - 259-3561	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>2.5 - Downtown Development</b>											
The community will encourage the development of downtowns as vibrant centers for culture, governments, dining, residential, and retail diversity.	2.5.3 - Continue investment in the Central Valdosta Development Authority (CVDA) by managing the Main Street Program which partners with the community by organizing and promoting events downtown.		X				City of Valdosta	Amanda Peacock, Valdosta Main Street Manager 259-3577	Staff Time	General Fund	
	2.5.4 - Main Street Organization and Promotions Committee continue coordinating a variety of events such as First Fridays After Dark, Jingle Bell Festival, Brown Bag Concert Series, Jazz Festival, Farm Days, and more.		X				City of Valdosta /CVDA	Amanda Peacock, Valdosta Main Street Manager 259-3578	\$61,000	Various	
	2.5.5 - Develop and Implement a Billboard Program to promote downtown Valdosta events.	X					City of Valdosta /CVDA	Amanda Peacock, Valdosta Main Street Manager 259-3579	\$14,400	Millage Tax	
	2.5.6 - Main Street Design Committee educates building and business owners in appropriate design, implement Building Marker Program, provide brochure racks and maintain greenspaces downtown.			X				City of Valdosta /CVDA	Amanda Peacock, Valdosta Main Street Manager 259-3580	\$3,000	Various
	2.5.7 - Promote and coordinate citizen involvement in Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Streetscape Project and year-round farmers market in Olympic Park.			X				City of Valdosta /CVDA	Amanda Peacock, Valdosta Main Street Manager 259-3581	Various	Various

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	2.5.10 - Ensure LDR encourages mixed use and dense developments in downtown areas by reviewing regulations and amending if necessary.		X				Cities of Hahira and Remerton / CVDA	Cornelius Holsendolph, City of Remerton Mayor 229-247-2320 Amanda Peacock, Valdosta Main St, Manager - 259-3577 Jonathan Sumner, Hahira City Manager 794-2330	Staff Time	General Fund
	2.5.11 – Provide educational opportunities regarding programs, financial assistance, etc., to promote adaptive reuse and infill development.		X				Cities of Hahira and Remerton / CVDA	Cornelius Holsendolph, City of Remerton Mayor 229-247-2320 Amanda Peacock, Valdosta Main Street, Manager - 259-3577 Jonathan Sumner, Hahira City Manager 794-2330	Staff Time	General Fund
	2.5.12 - Provide financial assistance to existing and new business for redevelopment opportunities.		X				Cities of Hahira and Remerton / CVDA	Jonathan Sumner, Hahira City Manager 794-2330 Cornelius Holsendolph, City of Remerton Mayor 229-247-2321	Varies	State/ Federal / General Funds
	2.5.15 - Coordinate with Industrial Authority in making plans and preparations for development of new or expanded industrial Parks as existing Parks become full.		X				Lowndes County / City of Valdosta / V-LCIA	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Industrial Authority, 259-9972	N/A	N/A
	2.5.16 - Pursue production of community highlight video for use in economic development and community marketing efforts		X				Tourism. Authority/ Film Com.	Tourism Authority - 245-0513	Varies	Hotel/Motel Fund

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Goal 3: HOUSING - To ensure access to adequate and affordable housing options for all residents in all income levels.										
3.1 – Provide Workforce & Affordable Housing										
The growing need for workforce and affordable housing shall be addressed through public-private partnerships.	3.1.1 - Review existing land development regulations for impediments to development of workforce/affordable housing.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Varies	General Fund
					X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	Varies	General Fund
	3.1.2 - Investigate the development of incentive programs for developers who provide workforce/affordable housing in addition to market-rate housing.		X				City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Varies	General Fund
					X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	Varies	General Fund
	3.1.3 - Implement programs and strategies identified by Consolidated Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Plans.		X				City of Valdosta	Sabrina Riley-Randolph , Valdosta Neighborhood Dev. Coord. - 671-3617	Varies	General Fund/ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
	3.1.4 - Promote the appropriate use of infill and redevelopment in established residential neighborhoods.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Varies	Varies
	3.1.5 - Implement residential infill zoning district.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3564	Varies	Varies
	3.1.6 - Provide quarterly training on innovative development concepts.				X	The agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	SGRC	Planner 333-5277	Varies	Varies
3.2 - Maintain Existing Housing Stock										
The existing housing stock shall be proactively protected and maintained, utilizing public-private partnerships when necessary.	3.2.1 - Continued support and training of Code Enforcement staff to ensure progressive code-enforcement and encourage property maintenance.		X				City of Valdosta	Mike Martin, Valdosta Comm Dev Dir. - 259-3506	Varies	Varies
	3.2.2 - Implement and utilize Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grants, Low-Interest Loans, and Community Services to assist low income home-owners with housing maintenance.		X				City of Valdosta Lowndes County	Kathy Brunot, Valdosta Grants Admin - 259-3576 Sabrina Riley-Randolph , Valdosta Neighborhood Dev. Coord. - 671-3617 Carmella Braswell, LC Zoning Admin., 671-2430	Varies	Varies
	3.2.3 - Implement programs and strategies identified by the Consolidated Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Plans.		X				City of Valdosta	Sabrina Riley-Randolph , Valdosta Neighborhood Dev. Coord. - 671-3617	Varies	General Funds CDBG

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	3.2.4- Protect well established neighborhoods from incompatible uses by utilizing and supporting residential zoning districts.		X				City of Valdosta Lowndes County	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	N/A	N/A
<b>3.3- Encourage Housing Mix</b>										
A mixture of housing types in varying income levels shall be encouraged and actively promoted.	3.3.1 - Provide regular educational opportunities to the development community on innovative design concepts.				X	The agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	SGRC	Planner 333-5277	Varies	Varies
	3.3.2 - Implement Mixed-Use Development District (MXD) & Traditional Neighborhood District (TND) listed in the LDR.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Funds
	3.3.3 - Evaluate the use of incentive programs and other innovative programs to promoted mixed housing options.		X		X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	Staff Time	General Funds
<b>3.4- Universally Designed Housing</b>										
New housing developments should be universally designed to provide access to all persons.	3.4.1 -Continuation of the Mayor's Council for Persons with Disabilities to promote accessibility.		X				City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	N/A	N/A
	3.4.2 - Education regarding methods of providing universal access and completion of community accessibility inventory.		X				Mayor's Council for Persons with Disabilities	John Armstrong, Chairman Mayors Council PD, 293-7262	N/A	N/A
	3.4.3 - Update Consolidated Housing Plan including Annual Action Plans.		X				City of Valdosta	Sabrina Riley-Randolph , Valdosta Neighborhood Dev. Coord. - 671-3617	Staff Time	General Funds CDBG
	3.4.4 - Complete remaining 10 Neighborhood Revitalization Plans based on federal standards.		X				City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Funds CDBG
<b>Goal 4: NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES – To provide for the continued protection of our natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.</b>										
<b>4.1 - Conserve Sensitive Areas</b>										
Areas where natural processes would be endangered by development (i.e. floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, etc.) shall be conserved.	4.1.1 - Direct growth away from natural areas unsuitable for development by utilizing Environmental Resource and Conservation Zoning districts.				X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	N/A	N/A
	4.1.2 - Provide education on importance of Groundwater Recharge Areas and Wetlands.				X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	Staff Time	General Funds

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	4.1.3 - Conserve Sensitive areas through the use of conservation zoning and/or buffers in the development review or rezoning process.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	N/A	N/A
	4.1.4 - Continue active enforcement of regulations pertaining to protected water resources.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, 671-2424 Pat Collins, Valdosta Engineer - 259-3530	N/A	N/A
	4.1.5 - Support Storm-Water and Land-Disturbance Programs.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, 671-2424 Pat Collins, Valdosta Engineer - 259-3531	N/A	N/A
	4.1.6 - Utilize public sewer systems in areas not suitable for on-site absorption systems.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Mike Allen, LC Utilities Director, 671-2500 Jason Scarpace, Asst. Utilities Director - 259-3592	N/A	N/A
	4.1.8 – Utilize innovative site design through Low Impact Development and to promote on-site Best Management Practices (BMP) to reduce stormwater runoff.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Dan Johnson, LC Stormwater Tech 671-2424	Staff Time	NPDES Funds
	<b>4.1.9</b> - Continued education of BMP regarding stormwater runoff and innovative design concepts through Low Impact Development.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Dan Johnson, LC Stormwater Tech 671-2424	Staff Time	NPDES Funds
4.2 – Preserve and Utilize Natural Greenspace and Parkland										
4.3 – Solid Waste Reduction & Recycling										
Enhanced solid waste reduction and recycling initiatives shall be supported.	4.3.1 –Maintain involvement and membership on Deep South Solid Waste Authority (SWA).		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400 John Whitehead, Dep. City Mngr - Operations, 259-3597	N/A	N/A
	4.3.2 - Maintain 5 year updates to Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).				X	Recent changes to OCGA impact this supporting action.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Kevin Beals, LC SW, 671-2424 John Whitehead, Dep. City Mngr - Operations, 259-3597	Staff Time	User Fees / General Funds
	4.3.3 Encourage education regarding local recycling efforts and investigate ways to increase the recycling program in both volume and number of users.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Kevin Beals, LC SW, 671-2424 John Whitehead, Dep. City Mngr - Operations, 259-3597	Varies	User Fees / General Funds

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<b>4.4 - Protect and Utilize Historic Resources</b>											
The continued protection and utilization of historic resources shall be encouraged and actively supported.	4.4.1 - Publicize information contained in most recent historic resources survey.		X				City of Valdosta	Emily Foster, Valdosta HP Planner - 259-3563	Varies	Varies	
	4.4.2 - Continue updating and publicizing Historic Resources Inventory.	X					City of Valdosta	Emily Foster, Valdosta HP Planner - 259-3563	Varies	Varies	
	4.4.3 - Promote heritage tourism opportunities including historic driving tours.		X				City of Valdosta	Emily Foster, Valdosta HP Planner - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Funds	
	4.4.4 - Create historic preservation education program for dissemination of local preservation program benefits and regulations.		X				City of Valdosta	Emily Foster, Valdosta HP Planner - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Funds	
	4.4.6 - Support the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center & Tourism Authority (VLCCCTA).			X				City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500	Varies	Hotel/Motel Fund
				X				Lowndes County	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400	Varies	Hotel/Motel Fund
	4.4.9 - Promote use of National Register Nominations for qualified sites and structures.		X				City of Valdosta	Emily Foster, Valdosta HP Planner - 259-3564	Staff Time	General Funds	
	4.4.10- Support Historic Preservation Society.			X				City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500	Varies	Varies
				X				Lowndes County	Paige Dukes, County Clerk, 671-2400	Staff Time	General Fund
	4.4.11 - Reevaluate existing boundaries and nature of locally designated historic districts.	X						City of Valdosta Valdosta HPC	Matt Martin, Valdosta Plng & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Funds
4.4.12 - Seek professional training and guidance for members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) with regard to official responsibilities.			X				City of Valdosta	Emily Foster, Valdosta HP Planner - 259-3564	Varies	Varies	
<b>4.5 - Ensure Cultural and Community Facility Availability</b>											
The availability of adequate cultural facilities such as community arenas, performing arts venues, and conference/meeting center space shall be pursued through public-private partnerships.	4.5.1 - Investigate the establishment of a Municipal Auditorium.		X		X	This investigation is being primarily lead by the City of Valdosta.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta VLCCCTA	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400 Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500 Tourism Authority - 245-0513	Varies	Varies	

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Goal 5: COMMUNITY WELLNESS –To utilize our community resources to promote healthy and active lifestyles for all population segments.										
5.1 – Promote Development that encourages Active Living										
Development that allows for active lifestyles for residents of all age groups shall be promote and encouraged.	5.1.1 - Direct growth towards designated activity centers through appropriate expansion of infrastructure and incentive programs.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Mike Allen, LC Utilities Director, 671-2500 Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	Varies	Varies
	5.1.2 - Concentrate infrastructure improvements in existing or planned Activity Centers.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Mike Allen, LC Utilities Director, 671-2500 Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3593	Varies	Varies
	5.1.3 - Investigate incentive programs for growth in activity centers.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta PIng & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Funds
	5.1.4 - Include non-profits in growth and development discussions.		X				City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta PIng & Zng Admin - 259-3564	Staff Time	General Funds
5.2 – Youth Involvement in the Community										
5.3 - Utilize Existing Community Resources										
Existing non-profit, community resources shall be utilized where possible to address community issues and opportunities.	5.3.1 - Promote greater collaboration and partnership among local Governments and non-profit resources.		X				City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3500	Varies	Varies
	5.3.2 -Support Habitat for Humanity Program, Valdosta Block Club, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, and Lowndes Advocacy Resource Center (LARC).		X				City of Valdosta	Larry Hanson, City Manager 259-3501	Varies	Varies
Goal 6: COMMUNITY FACILITIES – To ensure the provision of infrastructure, community facilities, and public services that support efficient growth and development patterns.										
6.1 - Maximize Efficient Use of Existing and Future Infrastructure Investment										
Wise policy decisions shall maximize the efficient use of existing infrastructure as well as future investments in capital improvements, long-term operation, and maintenance.	6.1.7 -Build New S.L. Mason Elementary School to improve infrastructure.	X					Valdosta City Schools	Dr. William Cason, Valdosta City Schools 333 8504	Varies	Varies
	6.1.8 -Build New W.G. Nunn Elementary School to improve infrastructure.	X					Valdosta City Schools	Dr. William Cason, Valdosta City Schools 333 8504	Varies	Varies
	6.1.9 - Implement roads, water, sewer, and drainage master plans and review for revisions/additions.		X				City of Valdosta	Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530 Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	Varies	SPLOST Bonds Loans
	6.1.10 - Investigate implementation strategies for gray water (treated wastewater) utility, including possible re-use for industrial and recreational facilities.		X				City of Valdosta	Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	Varies	Grants
	6.1.11 - Expand well field and water storage capacity.		X				City of Valdosta	Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	Varies	SPLOST Bonds Loans



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	6.1.12 - Upgrade water and sewer metering technology.		X				City of Valdosta	Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	\$500,000	SPLOST Bonds Loans	
	6.1.13 -Implement Drainage Master Plan provisions for regional retention areas.		X				City of Valdosta	Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	Varies	SPLOST Bonds Loans	
	6.1.14- Expand the existing water service area and transmission system.		X				City of Valdosta	Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	Varies	SPLOST Bonds Loans	
	6.1.15 - Construct a new wastewater treatment facility in the Cherry Creek Basin area.				X		Construction of this facility has been postponed for more than 5 years due to slow City growth in this Basin.	City of Valdosta	Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director 259-3592	Varies	SPLOST Bonds Loans
	6.1.23 - Coordinate with V-LCIA in making plans and preparations for development of new or expanded industrial Parks as existing Parks become full.			X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta V-LCIA	Industrial Authority, 259-9972 Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta Plng & Zng Admin - 259-3562	Staff Time	General Fund & Industrial Authority Debt Service Fund - Dedicated Millage
	<b>6.2 – Coordinate Planning and Facilities with Land Use Plans</b>										
Public facilities and services shall be coordinated with land use planning to promote more compact urban development, preservation of natural resources, and development of activity centers.	6.2.1 – Encourage future development to expand in areas contiguous to existing developed areas by implementing sequential and phased utility master plans.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Mike Allen, LC Utilities Director, 671-2500 Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director - 259-3592	Varies	Varies	
	6.2.3 - Reduce development pressures on agricultural land through conservation tools and increased density of new residential development.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund	
				X			Pending further research.	Lowndes County	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	Staff Time	General Fund
	6.2.4- Facilitate meetings for collaboration among local Governments, agencies and community organizations for future facilities planning.		X				The agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	GLGAC		Staff Time	General Fund

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<b>6.3 – Anticipate Service Impacts of Growth</b>										
The effects of new development shall be anticipated so as to maintain or improve appropriate levels of service.	6.3.1 - Coordinate development review processes to ensure appropriate public facility capacity is available and appropriate expansions are planned and implemented as necessary.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta Png & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund
	6.3.12 - Conduct study for the development of multi-jurisdictional public safety training facility.	X					City of Valdosta	Frank Simons, Valdosta Police Chief - 259-242-2606	Varies	Grants / SPLOST
	6.3.13 - Expand street lighting network to illuminate high crime areas.		X				City of Valdosta	Pat Collins, City Engineer - 259-3530	Varies	Varies
	6.3.14 - Upgrade traffic signals to incorporate preemption devices for emergency vehicles.		X				City of Valdosta	Pat Collins, City Engineer - 259-3530	Varies	Varies
Goal 7: LAND USE – To ensure the community's anticipated growth occurs in a well-integrated yet organized fashion, which protects our community resources, promotes efficient use of infrastructure and transportation facilities, and supports quality economic development.										
<b>7.1 - Urban Service Area to guide development</b>										
The Urban Service Area, based on existing and planned infrastructure improvements, shall serve as a guide for future development.	7.1.1 - Update the Urban Service Area on an annual basis to reflect advancement in utility services, infrastructure improvements, public safety facilities, etc.		X				City of Hahira City of Valdosta Lowndes County VALOR	Mike Allen, LC Utilities Director, 671-2500 Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director - 259-3592 Jonathan Sumner, Hahira City Manager 794-2330 Rachel Strom, VALOR - 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>7.2 – Protect Rural Service Area</b>										
<b>7.3 - Promote Appropriate Mixed-Use Development</b>										
Mixed use developments in appropriate areas shall be encouraged to promote the connection of employment and residential activity centers.	7.3.1 - Provide regular education opportunities and publications of innovative mixed-use development techniques within the development community.				X	The agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	SGRC	Planner 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
	7.3.2 -Annually review and update land development regulations to ensure land development regulations do not hinder mixed use developments.	X			X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta Png & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund

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<b>7.4 – Promote High Standard of Development</b>										
Positive impacts on the built and natural environment shall be anticipated through only the highest standard of development throughout all parts of the community.	7.4.1 - Develop and implement appropriate design guidelines / standards for specific areas of the community depending on existing and anticipated growth.		X		X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta Png & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund
	7.4.3 - Implement Gateway Study.				X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	City of Valdosta	Mara Register, Asst. to City Manager - 259-3571	Varies	Varies
	7.4.4 - Establishment of City Market on Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Corridor.		X				City of Valdosta	Mara Register, Asst. to City Manager - 259-3571	Varies	Varies
<b>7.5 – Use Land Efficiently and Focus on Redevelopment</b>										
Available land shall be utilized in the most efficient manner while focusing on redevelopment of land where feasible.	7.5.1 -Promote educational opportunities regarding innovative infill and redevelopment techniques.				X	The agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	SGRC	Planner 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
	7.5.2 - Maintain, Update, and Market Existing Land Use Database.		X		X	Lowndes County is not actively pursuing this action at this time.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta GLGAC / Valdosta- Lowndes Regional GIS (VALOR)	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta Png & Zng Admin - 259-3563 Rachel Strom, VALOR - 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
	7.5.3 - Support and administer Signature Communities, a public-private partnerships for marketing and redevelopment of unique infill, greyfield, and brownfield opportunities including available financing options.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta Png & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	Varies
<b>7.6 – Recognizable transition from Urban to Rural Area</b>										
A recognizable transition from the urban to the rural areas of the community shall be developed.	7.6.1 - Discourage leapfrog development across undeveloped areas and encourage future development to expand in areas contiguous to existing developed areas by maintaining, updating, and publicizing Urban Service Area, Zoning, and Existing Land Use Maps.				X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County City of Valdosta / VALOR	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Rachel Strom, VALOR - 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
<b>7.7 - Encourage Commercial Development at Intersections</b>										
Commercial development of varying sizes shall be encouraged at the intersections of major roadways.	7.7.1 - Ensure land development regulations promote clustering of development at major roadways.				X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund
					X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Lowndes County	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	Staff Time	General Fund

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	7.7.2 - Facilitate interconnected developments and shared parking to lessen traffic congestion and improve circulation.		X				Lowndes County City of Valdosta	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund
7.8 - Innovative Planning Concepts										
7.9 - Protect Regional Economic Engines										
	7.9.2 - Coordinate regular meetings to facilitate data sharing.		X		X	The agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	SGRC / GLGAC	Planner 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
	7.9.3 - Encourage data sharing at GLGAC, GLPC, Technical Review Committee (TRC) and First Step Development meetings to ensure new facilities are properly designed and located to meet future population growth and community needs.		X		X	Lowndes County is not actively pursuing this supportive action at this time.	GLGAC City of Valdosta Lowndes County Valdosta Schools Lowndes County Schools	Jason Davenport, LC Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Dr. William Cason, VC Schools 229-333-8504 Dr. Steve Smith, LC Schools 229-245-2250x122	Staff Time	General Fund
Goal 8: Intergovernmental COORDINATION – To encourage coordination of planning efforts with other local service providers and authorities, neighboring communities and state and regional planning agencies.										
8.1 - Pursue Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration and Coordination										
Cross jurisdictional coordination and collaboration shall be actively pursued to promote positive impacts of growth and development across jurisdictional boundaries, which is vital to a successful economy and a high quality of life.	8.1.1 - Promote the use of joint development authorities and local and regional planning and economic development efforts such as the Targeted Business Expansion Committee, Triple Crown Hometown, and the SEEDS Center.		X		X	Lowndes County does not currently have an intentional active role in this collaboration.	City of Valdosta Lowndes County		Staff Time	General Fund
	8.1.2 - Investigate activation of countywide Water/Sewer Authority.				X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	City of Valdosta	Mike Allen, LC Utilities Director, 671-2500 Jason Scarpate, Asst. Utilities Director - 259-3593	Staff Time	General Fund
	8.1.3 - Continue participation on the Deep South Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.		X				Local Governments	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400 John Whitehead, Dep. City Mngr - Operations, 259-3597	N/A	N/A
	8.1.4 - Continued Support of Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Authority and Tourism Authority.		X				Local Governments	Joe Pritchard, County Manager, 671-2400	Varies	General Fund, Dedicated Millage, and Hotel/Motel Fund

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8.2 - Greater Lowndes Planning Commission to promote Quality Growth										
8.3 - Recognize value of Joint-Comprehensive Planning										
The value of joint comprehensive planning efforts and resulting documentation shall be appreciated as a vital tool for addressing community issues and opportunities.	8.3.1 -GLGAC facilitate Comp Plan Updates (every 5 Years).		X		X	Not actively being pursued at this time.	Local Governments GLGAC	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund
	8.3.3 - SGRC shall facilitate the annual update of the Short Term Work Program (STWP).				X	The agreement governing this initiative between Valdosta, Lowndes, and the SGRC has been discontinued.	Local Governments SGRC /GLGAC	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta Plng & Zng Admin - 259-3563 Planner 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
8.4 - Utilize Shared Services and information										
Goal 9: TRANSPORTATION – To encourage coordination of land use planning and transportation planning to support sustainable economic development, protection of natural and cultural resources, and provision of adequate and affordable housing.										
9.1 – Well- Maintained System of Rail Lines										
A well-maintained system of rails lines shall facilitate safe and efficient movement of goods to serve the economic needs of the community and region.	9.1.4 - Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems Planning to aid in providing information and improve transportation opportunities to travelers.		X				City of Valdosta Lowndes County / MPO	Corey Hull, MPO Planner SGRC, 333-5279 / Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, 671-2424 / Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530	Staff Time	Varies
	9.1.6 – Investigate opportunities for noise abatement along railroad corridors, particularly those within residential neighborhoods and discuss options with Valdosta-Lowndes MPO (VLMPO) Technical Committee.					X	On-Hold Not a priority project this year.	City of Valdosta Lowndes County / MPO City of Remerton	Corey Hull, MPO Planner SGRC, 333-5279 / Cornelius Holsendolph, City of Remerton Mayor 229-247-2320 / Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, 671-2424 / Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530	Staff Time

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<b>9.2 - Efficient Air Service</b>										
Efficient air service shall promote economic development by connecting the community with major regional centers.	9.2.4 - Assist the business community in the recruitment of additional airline service and/or connection to non-Atlanta airports.		X				Local Governments VLCAA	Executive Director Val-Low Airport Authority, 333-1833	Staff Time	Varies
	9.2.5 - Conduct an air service study to investigate feasibility of an additional air line.		X				Local Governments VLCAA	Executive Director Val-Low Airport Authority, 333-1833	Staff Time	Varies
<b>9.3 - Support the viability of walking, biking, and public transit</b>										
Walking, biking, and accessible public transit shall be considered viable and sustainable forms of transportation supported through appropriate land use and infrastructure decisions.	9.3.2 - Implement bike and pedestrian master plans to include provision of accessible facilities along identified transportation corridors to connect major activity centers.		X				City of Valdosta	Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530	N/A	N/A
	9.3.3-Maintain activation of the Sidewalk Committee to seek community input into development of a Sidewalk Master Plan.		X				City of Valdosta	Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3531	N/A	N/A
	9.3.4 - Continue sidewalks inventory to identify potential expansion and improvement areas.		X				City of Valdosta VALOR	Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530 Rachel Strom, VALOR - 333-5277	Staff Time	General Fund
	9.3.6 - Implement South Georgia Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Valdosta Lowndes Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and Valdosta Transportation Master Plan Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects.		X				Cities of Remerton, Valdosta, Hahira, Lake Park Lowndes County /MPO	Corey Hull, MPO Planner SGRC, 333-5278 Cornelius Holsendolph, City of Remerton Mayor 229-247-2320 Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, 671-2424 Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530	\$13,000,000	State / Federal / Local
	9.3.8 - Pursue transit possibilities within Valdosta Urbanized Areas.		X		X	Not actively being pursued by the Local Governments at this time (MPO Only).	Cities of Remerton & Valdosta Lowndes County /MPO	Cornelius Holsendolph, City of Remerton Mayor 229-247-2320 Mike Fletcher, County Engineer, 671-2424 Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530 Corey Hull, MPO Planner SGRC, 333-5277	N/A	Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Local
<b>9.4 - Recognize Importance of Roadway Design and Construction</b>										
It is recognized that design and construction of residential and non-residential streets contributes to the overall character and development pattern of the community and thus shall be considered one of the community's most important components.	9.4.9 - Implement and maintain the VLMPO Transportation Improvement Program.		X				GDOT / MPO Local Governments	Corey Hull, MPO Planner SGRC, 333-5277	Staff Time	MPO
	9.4.10 - Implement Transportation Master Plan.		X				City of Valdosta	Pat Collins, City Engineer 259-3530	Varies	Varies

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9.5 - Preserve Traffic Carrying Capacity Through Land Use Planning										
The traffic carrying capacity of existing and planned roadways shall be preserved through coordinated land use and transportation planning decisions.	9.5.2 -Update Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. Encourage, and in some areas require, cross access easements and shared parking areas to improve on site traffic circulation and reduce congestion.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta Plng & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund
			X				Lowndes County	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430	Staff Time	General Fund
Goal 10: TECHNOLOGY – To promote the use of existing and future technology infrastructure for community-wide economic development, education, and marketing.										
10.1 – Planning for Community Wide Technology										
10.2 – Community-wide citizen access										
General Planning and Administration										
OTHER	Prepare and adopt proactive Zoning Map and revised Zoning Ordinance, based on comprehensive land use inventory and new Future Development Map.	X					Cities of Valdosta, , Lake Park, Dasher, Remerton	Matt Martin, Valdosta P&Z Admin - 259-3563 Kenneth Allen, Mayor, City of Dasher, 229-559-1133	Staff Time	General Fund
			X				City of Hahira	Jonathan Sumner, Hahira City Manager , 794-2330	Staff Time	General Fund
	Review and revise all development regulations, investigate feasibility of document consolidation.	X					City of Valdosta	Matt Martin, Valdosta Plng & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund
			X				City of Hahira	Jonathan Sumner, Hahira City Manager , 794-2330	Staff Time	General Fund
	Educate Citizenry on SPLOST VI Projects.	X					Local Governments	Paige Dukes, County Clerk, 671-2400	Staff Time	General Fund
Maintain/update existing land use database.		X			X	Lowndes County is not actively pursuing this action at this time.	Local Governments/ VALOR	Jason Davenport, County Planner, 671-2430 Matt Martin, Valdosta Plng & Zng Admin - 259-3563	Staff Time	General Fund