

GREATER LOWNDES 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP) FY 2012 -2016

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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 | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$15,000 | General Fund | | |
| | 1.1.2 - Continued Support of Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce (Val-Low VLC Chamber) Programs | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val-Low VLC Chamber | Varies | Varies | | |
| | 1.1.3 - Ensure supporting services such as healthcare, transportation, and commercial resources are developed to attract retirees. For example Feed the Elderly Program– Senior Citizens Nutrition Center. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | \$17,000 | 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, Valdosta Wiregrass Technical College (Val-Tech), Valdosta State University (VSU) and the Arts Commission. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | General Fund | | |
| | | | | | | | | | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies | | |
| 1.3 - Retain Young Professionals | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Efforts shall be made to attract and retain young professionals to the Greater Lowndes community to assist in achieving goals such as providing an adequate workforce and maintaining high wage jobs. | 1.3.1- Funding and support for Metro One Young Professionals . | X | X | X | X | | | | Val-Low VLC Chamber | Varies | Varies | | |
| | 1.3.2 - Implement results of TechSmart Road Map. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val Low VLC Chamber Local Governments | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$432,000 | Varies | General Fund Hotel Motel Fund Dedicated Millage | |
| | 2.1.2 - Continuation of Targeted Business Expansion Committee Opportunity Central | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val-Low VLC Chamber | Varies | Varies | | |
| | 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 theV-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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$432,000 | Varies | General Fund Hotel Motel Fund Dedicated Millage |
| | | | | | | | | | | V-LCIA | Staff time | Varies | |
| 2.1.4 -Promote development of entrepreneurial small businesses. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Remerton / SBCD SBDC | \$50,000 | Various | | | |

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| | 2.1.5 -Encourage entrepreneurial and small-business development by continuation of S.E.E.D.S. Center. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val-Low VLC Chamber | Varies | Varies |
| | 2.1.6 Develop a community-wide workable business plan geared towards marketing the community to regional, national, and global high-wage employers. | X | | | | | | | V-LCIA | Varies | Varies |
| 2.2 - Address Workforce Adequacy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The issue of declining workforce adequacy shall be addressed through greater collaboration among businesses, educational institutions, and local government to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities possessed by the existing workforce. | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 2.2.2 - Advertise services available through and promote continued utilization of skills centers through the Workforce Investment Program and the Labor Department. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Workforce Investment Act (WIA) / Val Wiregrass Tech Labor Department | Varies | Varies |
| | 2.2.3 -Increase standards of performance including high school graduation rates and CRTC scores to meet or exceed state averages by implementing strategies of the Lowndes County School System Continuous Improvement Plan. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County School | Varies | Varies |
| | 2.2.4 - Increase standards of performance including high school graduation rates and Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRTC) 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 | X | X | X | X | | | Valdosta City Schools | Varies | Varies |
| | 2.2.5- Support programs which promote positive workforce ethics, life skills, and professionalism such as the Haven, Southside Recreation/ QUOLA, and Boys & Girls Club. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | \$128,000 | General Fund and Victim Witness Fund |
| | 2.2.6 - Funding and support for Metro One. | X | X | X | X | | | | Val-Low Chamber | Varies | Varies |
| 2.3 - Support Regional Economic Engine | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The continued growth of primary regional economic engines such as Valdosta State University (VSU), South Georgia Medical Center (SGMC), Moody Air Force Base (Moody AFB), Valdosta Technical College (Val Tech), and Georgia Military College (GMC) shall be actively supported. | 2.3.1 - Promote collaboration among the various business, education, and local government organizations through Partnership for Regional Development. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val-Low Chamber | Varies | Varies |
| | 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 | X | X | X | | | Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 2.3.3 - Encourage quality growth of economic engines without unnecessary impact on surrounding natural and built environments by continued support of through regional boards such as the Greater Lowndes Planning Commission (GLPC). | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Varies | General Fund |

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| | 2.3.4 - Encourage quality growth of economic engines without unnecessary impact on surrounding natural and built environments by implementation of the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) with Moody AFB and neighboring Counties. | X | X | X | X | X | | | SGRC | \$175,000 | Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) / Department of Defense (DOD) |
| | 2.3.5 - Encourage quality growth of economic engines without unnecessary impact on surrounding natural and built environments for example supporting agriculture as a primary economic engine through the Georgia Grown Georgia Made Program. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 2.4 - Target Reinvestment | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The community will target reinvestment in declining neighborhoods to further encourage private sector redevelopment and accommodate future growth. | 2.4.1 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 2.5 - Downtown Development | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The community will encourage the development of downtowns as vibrant centers for culture, government, dining, residential, and retail diversity. | 2.5.1 - Continue to support Remerton's newly created Downtown Development Authority (DDA). | X | X | X | X | X | | | City of Remerton SBCD | \$20,000 | General Fund |
| | 2.5.2 - Continue to support Remerton's DDA by hiring a BetterHometown Coordinator. | X | | X | | | | | City of Remerton SBDC | \$10,000 | General Fund |
| | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | 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, Holiday Open House, Brown Bag Concert Series, Jazz Festival, and more. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta /CVDA | \$61,000 | Various |
| | 2.5.5 - Develop and Implement a Billboard Program to promote downtown Valdosta events. | X | | | | | | | City of Valdosta /CVDA | \$14,400 | Millage Tax |
| | 2.5.5 - Implement goals and provisions of the updated Downtown Master Plan | | | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta /CVDA | \$3,000 | Various |
| | 2.5.7 - Promote and coordinate citizen involvement in Martin Luther King Jr.(MLK) Streetscape Project and year-round continue promoting farmers market events in Olympic Park the downtown area. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta /CVDA | Various | Various |
| | 2.5.8 - Reestablish and support Hahira's Downtown Development Authority. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Hahira | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 2.5.9 - Ensure LDR development regulations encourage mixed use and dense developments in downtown areas by reviewing regulations and amending if necessary. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Cities of Hahira and Remerton / CVDA | Staff Time | General Fund | |

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| | 2.5.10 – Provide educational opportunities regarding programs, financial assistance, etc., to promote adaptive reuse and infill development. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Cities of Hahira and Remerton / CVDA | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 2.5.11 - Provide financial assistance to existing and new business for redevelopment opportunities. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Cities of Hahira and Remerton / CVDA | Varies | State/ Federal / General Funds |
| | 2.5.12 - Coordinate with Industrial Authority to continue marketing Hahira Business Park. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Hahira / V-LCIA | Varies | Varies |
| | 2.5.13- Promote infill development in established industrial parks. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | V-LCIA | Varies | Varies |
| | 2.5.14 - Coordinate with Industrial Authority in making plans and preparations for development of new or expanded industrial parks as existing parks become full. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County, City of Valdosta, and Industrial Authority | N/A | N/A |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | General Fund |
| | | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | Varies | General Fund |
| | 3.1.3 - Implement programs and strategies identified by Consolidated Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Plans. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | General Fund/ Community Developmepnt Block Grant (CDBG) |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 3.2.2 - Implement and utilize DCA's Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grants, Low-Interest Loans, and Community Services to assist low income home-owners with housing maintenance. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 3.2.3 - Implement and utilize CHIP grants to assist low to moderate income households with down payment assistance and closing cost. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | \$300,000 | Department of Community Affairs (DCA) |
| | 3.2.4 - Implement programs and strategies identified by Consolidated Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Plans. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | General Funds GDBG |
| | 3.2.5– Protect well established neighborhoods from incompatible uses by utilizing and supporting residential zoning districts. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |

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| 3.3- Encourage Housing Mix | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A mixture of housing types in varying income levels shall be encouraged and actively promoted. | 3.3.1 - Evaluate the use of incentive programs and other innovative programs to promote mixed housing options. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Funds |
| 3.4- Universally Designed Housing | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | N/A | N/A |
| | 3.4.2 – Education regarding methods of providing universal access and completion of community accessibility inventory. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Mayor’s Council for Persons with Disabilities | N/A | N/A |
| | 3.4.3 - Update Consolidated Housing Plan including Annual Action Plans. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds GDBG |
| | 3.4.4 - Complete remaining 10 Neighborhood Revitalization Plans based on federal standards. | X | X | X | X | | | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds GDBG |
| | 3.4.5 - Implement CHIP grants to assist low to moderate income households with down payment assistance and closing cost. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | \$300,000 | DCA |
| Goal 4: NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES – To provide for the continued protection of our natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.1 - Conserve Sensitive Areas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | | | City of Valdosta Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |
| | 4.1.2 - Provide education on importance of Groundwater Recharge Areas and Wetlands. | X | X | X | X | X | | | City of Valdosta Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Funds |
| | 4.1.3 - Direct growth away from natural areas unsuitable for development through development review and rezoning processes. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |
| | 4.1.4 - Continue active enforcement of ordinances such as the Water Resource Protection District Ordinance (WRPDO) regulations pertaining to protected water resources | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | N/A | N/A |
| | 4.1.5 - Support and enforce Storm-Water, Land-Disturbance, and WRPDO related Programs. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | N/A | N/A |
| | 4.1.6 - Utilize public sewer systems in areas not suitable for on-site absorption systems. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | N/A | N/A |
| | 4.1.7 - Promote E-One Service Extensions. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds NPDES funds |
| | 4.1.9 - Continued education of BMP regarding stormwater runoff and innovative design concepts through Low Impact Development. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds NPDES funds |

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| | 4.1.10 - Develop an effective Stormwater Management Program. | X | | X | X | X | | | Cities of Hahira , Remerton, Lake Park , Dasher | Varies | General Funds SPLOST Funds |
| | Continue discussions with Regional Water Council regarding regional reservoirs to address flooding issues in the City | | | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 4.2 – Preserve and Utilize Natural Greenspace and Parkland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Active preservation and utilization of natural greenspaces and parkland shall be encouraged and actively supported. | 4.2.1 – Complete update to existing County Greenspace Plan to include a comprehensive mapping of the community's green-infrastructure, designation of future Linear Greenspace areas, and identification of potential funding sources for acquisition of such areas. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.2.2 - Continue preparation and implementation of the Withlacoochee River Greenway Plan. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.2.3 - Adopt, implement, and update provisions of the Greenspace Initiative Plan to include land acquisition and resource enhancement / protection. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | \$500,000 | Special-Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) and General Fund |
| | 4.2.4 - Identify funding sources and pursue acquisition of appropriate greenspace areas. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | General Fund / SPLOST / GLPC/ Grants & Loans |
| | 4.2.5 - Provide regular educational opportunities regarding benefits of greenspace conservation and mechanisms. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority / SGRC | Staff Time | General Funds |
| | 4.2.6 - Pursue grants for the upgrade of park facilities. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Staff Time | SPLOST Funds |
| | 4.2.7 - Upgrade public park facilities to include more lights, shelters, pathways, etc. where applicable. | | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | SPLOST Funds |
| | 4.2.8 - Continue to develop alternative-use trails within public parks. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | SPLOST Funds |
| | 4.2.9 - Continue new construction and implementation of the Freedom Park Master Plan. | X | | | | | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | SPLOST Funds |
| | 4.2.10 - Investigate ways to further promote the preservation and/or creation of urban forests. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Hahira | Staff Time | General Funds |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | N/A | N/A |
| | 4.3.2 - Maintain 5 year updates to Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta SGRC | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Varies | User Fees / General Funds |
| | 4.3.4 - Implementation of grant program to promote local recycling and litter control efforts. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Deep South SWA | Varies | Deep South SWA / General Funds |

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| 4.4 - Protect and Utilize Historic Resources | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The continued protection, preservation and utilization of historic resources shall be encouraged and actively supported. | 4.4.1 - Publicize information contained in most recent historic resources survey. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies | |
| | 4.4.2 - Promote heritage tourism opportunities including historic driving tours and seek grant funding opportunities. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds | |
| | 4.4.3 - Create historic preservation education program for dissemination of local preservation program benefits and regulations. | X | | | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds | |
| | 4.4.4 - Support the Valdosta-Lowndes County Conference Center & Tourism Authority (VLCCCTA). | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | | | | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$1,020,000 | General Fund Hotel/Motel Fund |
| | 4.4.5 - Advertise Historic Driving Routes. | X | X | X | X | X | | | VLCCCTA | Varies | Varies | |
| | 4.4.6 - Investigate and promote Agritourism . | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund | |
| | 4.4.7 - Investigate and Promote Eco-Tourism. | X | X | X | X | X | | | VLCCCTA | Varies | Varies | |
| | 4.4.8 - Promote use of National Register Nominations for qualified sites and structures. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds | |
| | 4.4.9- Support Historic Preservation Society Valdosta Heritage Foundation and Lowndes County Historical Society | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies General Funds SPLOST |
| | | | | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$20,000 Varies | |
| 4.4.10 - Seek professional training and guidance for members of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) with regard to official responsibilities. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies | |
| 4.4.11 - Continue updating and publicizing Historic Resources Inventory. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies | |
| 4.5 – Ensure Cultural and Community Facility Availability | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Develop, maintain and improve the availability of adequate cultural facilities such as community arenas, performing arts venues, museums, monuments, visual art galleries and conference/meeting centers through public-private partnerships. | 4.5.1 - Investigate the establishment of a Countywide Performing Arts Center and/or Civic Center Municipal Auditorium and coordinate with the Five Points Steering Committee | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County City of Valdosta VLCCCTA | Varies | Varies | |
| | Support the Five Points Steering Committee and the development and implementation of a master development plan for the Five Points Area | | | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta Five Points Steering Committee | Varies | Varies | |
| | 4.5.2 - Continue developing Strategies to Promote Destination Oriented Tourist Attractions. | X | X | X | X | X | | | VLCCCTA | \$1,020,000 | General Fund & Hotel /Motel Fund | |
| | 4.5.3 - Pursue development of a general purpose community center. | X | X | X | X | X | | | City of Remerton / State | \$1-2,000,000 | Varies | |

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| | 4.5.4 - Pursue development of City park (Passive recreation, skateboard park, dog park). | X | X | | | | | | City of Remerton Valdosta-Lowndes Recreation | \$250,000 | Varies |
| | 4.5.5 - Pursue development of City park around newly refurbished Tom's Pond area. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Lake Park | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.5.6 - Implement Commercial Tourism District. | X | | | | | | | VLCCTA | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.5.7 - Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to include creation of parks within walking distance of all neighborhoods. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | Varies |
| 4.6 – Green Building & Environmental Conservation | | | | | | | | | | | |
| In response to environmental concerns and rising energy costs, green building principles shall be researched and encouraged in order to conserve natural resources, improve indoor air quality and reduce energy costs. | 4.6.1 -Implement funding from Energy Efficiency & Conversation Block Grant (EECBG) funding to improve energy efficiency at City facilities | X | X | | | | | | City of Valdosta | \$221,600 | EECBG |
| | 4.6.2 -Promote reuse of existing / historic building stock and the incorporation of green building strategies in historic building rehabilitation. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | Varies |
| | 4.6.3 - Encourage education regarding green energy conservation and implement cost effective green building principles to improve air quality and reduce energy costs. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments | Staff Time | Grant Funds General Funds |
| | 4.6.4 -Acquiring additional land for roads and converting surplus property to conservation. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Dasher | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 4.6.5 - Educating industrial community on Greenbuilding principles through Work shops in collaboration with Val-Tech. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val-Low Chamber | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.6.6 - Research Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design System (LEEDS) program for possible implementation . | X | | | | | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Staff Time | Staff Time |
| | 4.6.7 -Research and identify "Green grants" applicable to the delivery of Lowndes County services. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | Staff Time |
| | 4.6.8 -Continue to investigate and experiment with the addition of hybrid vehicles into the Lowndes County fleet. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.6.9 - Virtualizing Lowndes County server farm data center | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.6.10 - Explore Design, develop and implement virtualizing desktop computers. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 4.6.11 - Complete design to send treated wastewater to plant nursery. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Hahira | 1,100,000 | Federal, State & Local |
| | 4.6.12 - Manhole rehabilitation & slipline construction performed in various locations. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Hahira | 5,000,000 | Local |
| | 4.6.13 - Implementing greenbuilding standard in all future development of low income housing. Incorporate Greenbuilding guildlines within the contracts of development projects. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds GDBG/ CHIP |

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| | 4.6.14 - All military construction (MILCON) projects, with climate control, will be designed capable of achieving LEED Silver certification. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Moody AFB | Varies | MILCON |
| | 4.6.15 - Reduce utility expenditures by 2% per every year. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Moody AFB | Varies | Headquarters Air Combat Command (HQ ACC) |
| | 4.6.16 - Reduce water consumption by 2% per every year. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Moody AFB | Varies | HQ ACC |
| | 4.6.17 - Reduce energy intensity by 3% per every year. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Moody AFB | Varies | HQ ACC |
| | 4.6.18 - Increase renewable energy 7.5% per every year. | | | X | X | X | X | X | Moody AFB | Varies | HQ ACC |
| | 4.6.19 - Increase renewable energy 5% per year. | X | X | X | | | | | Moody AFB | Varies | HQ ACC |
| | 4.6.20 - Accomplish comprehensive facility energy audits on 25% percentage of covered facilities per year. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Moody AFB | Varies | HQ ACC |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Promote and encourage retrofitting of existing and establishment of new developments that assent to active lifestyles for residents of all age groups. | 5.1.1 - Direct growth towards designated activity centers through appropriate expansion of infrastructure and incentive programs. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 5.1.2 - Concentrate infrastructure improvements in existing or planned Activity Centers. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 5.1.3 - Investigate incentive programs for growth in activity centers. | X | X | | | | | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds |
| | 5.1.4 - Include non-profits in growth and development discussions. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Funds |
| | 5.1.5 - Support public-private partnerships and collaboration with community organizations including the Wellness Council of Lowndes County. | X | X | X | X | X | | | GLGAC | N/A | N/A |
| | 5.1.6 - Complete the development of the Azalea City Multipurpose Trail. | X | | | | | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | \$2,075,000 | SPLOST Grants |
| | 5.1.7 - Update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to include creation of parks within walking distance of all neighborhoods. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | Varies |
| 5.2 – Youth Involvement in the Community | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community involvement and programming opportunities for youth shall be maintained and enhanced through public-private partnerships. | 5.2.1 - Market recreational facilities for community programs and functions. | X | X | X | X | X | | | VLCCCTA Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | Varies |
| | 5.2.2 - Support Park and Recreation Youth Programs. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Parks & Recreation Authority | Varies | Varies |
| | 5.2.3 - Continue Support of the Boys & Girls Club. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |

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| 5.3 - Utilize Existing Community Resources | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Existing non-profit, community resources shall be utilized where possible to address community wellness issues and opportunities. | 5.3.1 - Promote greater collaboration and partnership among local governments and non-profit resources. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 5.3.2 -Support Habitat for Humanity Program, Valdosta Block Club, YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, and Lowndes Advocacy Resource Center (LARC). | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Policy decisions shall maximize the efficient use of existing infrastructure as well as future investments in capital improvements, long term operation, and maintenance. | 6.1.1-Construct County Judicial/Administrative Buildings Phase II. | X | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$14,000,000 | Bonds |
| | 6.1.2 -Construct Jail Upgrades Phases II. | X | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$6,000,000 | Bonds |
| | 6.1.3 -Construct a new Emergency Operations Facility. | X | | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$500,000 | General Fund and SPLOST |
| | 6.1.4 - Investigatefuture facility for District Health Office. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Funds |
| | 6.1.5 -Implement Updates to the Water and Sewer Master Plan (For Project List Please See Utility Master Plan). | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 6.1.6 - Implement roads, water, sewer, and drainage master plans and review for revisions / additions. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | SPLOST Bonds Loans |
| | 6.1.7 - Investigate implementation strategies for gray water (treated wastewater) utility, including possible re-use for industrial and recreational facilities. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Grants |
| | 6.1.8 - Expand well field and water storage capacity Continue implementation of Phase 1 and Phase 2 items of the City's Capital Improvements Plans Implementation Schedule for water and sewer system infrastructure improvements. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | SPLOST Bonds Loans Grants |
| | 6.1.9 - Upgrade water and sewer metering technology. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | \$500,000 | SPLOST Bonds Loans |
| | 6.1.10 -Implement Drainage Master Plan provisions for regional retention areas. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | SPLOST Bonds Loans |
| | 6.1.11- Expand the existing water service area and transmission system. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | SPLOST Bonds Loans |
| | 6.1.12 - Construct a new wastewater treatment facility in the Cherry Creek Basin area. | X | X | X | X | | | | City of Valdosta | Varies | SPLOST Bonds Loans |
| | 6.1.13- Purchase of building and land for the expansion of City Hall and Police Department Offices. | X | X | | | | | | City of Remerton | \$880,000 | SPLOST |

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| | 6.1.14- Begin implementing findings of the previous inflow and infiltration study. | X | X | | | | | | City of Remerton | \$250,000 | SPLOST |
| | 6.1.15 - Continue to address "Looping" of City water distribution lines. | X | | | | | | | City of Remerton | \$180,000 | SPLOST |
| | 6.1.16 - Purchase water from City of Valdosta. | X | | | | | | | City of Remerton | \$500,000 | Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) |
| | 6.1.17 - Investigate feasibility of public sewer system. | X | X | X | X | X | | | City of Lake Park | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.1.18 - Modify and enhance existing water and wastewater treatment facilities through major capital expenditure. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | State / Federal City of Hahira | \$2-3,000,000 | SLOST/ State / Federal |
| | 6.1.19 - Promote infill development by directing industrial growth in existing or planned industrial parks where appropriate infrastructure is available. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | V-LCIA | Varies | Varies |
| | 6.1.20 - Coordinate with V-LCIA in making plans and preparations for development of new or expanded industrial parks as existing parks become full. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta V-LCIA | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.1.21 - Educate agencies on the comprehensive plan and future development maps | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |
| | 6.1.22 - Locate facilities such as parks, schools, and community centers in appropriately planned activity centers according to adopted future development plans. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |
| | Pursue remaining appeals processes with FEMA for funding approval of relocating the Withlacoochee WPCP. | | | X | | | | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Finalize plans and construct a relocated Withlacoochee WPCP and its related offsite infrastructure | | | | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | Investigate feasibility and grant opportunities for the design and construction of a Municipal Complex facility. | | | | | X | X | X | City of Hahira | Varies | General Fund Grants |
| 6.2 – Coordinate Planning and Facilities with Land Use Plans | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 6.2.2 - Market Maps Highlighting Urban Service Area. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.2.3 - Reduce development pressures on agricultural land through conservation tools and increased density of new residential development. | X | X | | | | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.2.4- Facilitate meetings for collaboration among local governments, agencies and community organizations for future facilities planning. | X | X | X | X | X | | | GLGAC | Staff Time | General Fund |

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| 6.3 – Anticipate Service Impacts of Growth | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The effects of new development should 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.3.2 - Annually Update Capital Improvement Element. | X | X | X | X | | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.3.3 - Investigate feasibility of Impact Fees Pursuant to the Georgia Development Impact Fees Act. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | \$10,000 | General Fund |
| | 6.3.4 - Upgrade/Renovate Public Safety Communications and Replace Equipment with Newer Technology (MESH Network and Software Upgrades). | X | | | | | | | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 6.3.5 - Review and Revise / Update the Speed Zone Ordinance. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.3.6 - Reduce the County ISO Fire Rating Through the Implementation of Fire Master Plan (For Specific Project List Please See Master Plan). | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | General Fund SPLOST |
| | 6.3.7 - Finalize plan for Construct Phase 1 and investigate Phase II of Fire/Rescue training facility | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | General Fund SPLOST |
| | 6.3.8 - Construct and Implement Public Safety Radio System (800MHZ). | X | X | | | | | | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 6.3.9 - Investigate Video Security Options for Judicial Building. | X | X | | | | | | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 6.3.10 - Update Fiscal Impact Analysis. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 6.3.11 - Conduct study for the development of multi-jurisdictional public safety training facility. | X | | | | | | | City of Valdosta | Varies | Grants / SPLOST |
| The effects of new development should be anticipated so as to maintain or improve appropriate levels of service. | 6.3.12 - Expand street lighting network to illuminate high crime areas. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 6.3.13 - Upgrade traffic signals to incorporate preemption devices for emergency vehicles. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | Investigate the benefits and feasibility of constructing a new Fire Station to serve the western areas of Valdosta in anticipation of future growth | | | X | X | X | | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |

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| 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. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7.1 - Urban Service Area to guide development | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Hahira City of Valdosta Lowndes County SGRC VALOR | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 7.1.2 - Direct new development within the Urban Service Area. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |
| 7.2 – Protect Rural Service Area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Rural Service Area shall be protected from incompatible, dense development. | 7.2.1 - Encourage use of conservation techniques to maintain rural landscapes and market Conservation Subdivision Regulations within the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC). | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |
| | 7.2.2 - Educate public on Conservation Use Valuation Program. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Local Governments Tax Assessor | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 7.3 - Promote Appropriate Mixed-Use Development | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mixed use developments in appropriate areas shall be encouraged to promote the connection of employment and residential activity centers. | 7.3.1 -Annually review and update land development regulations to ensure land development regulations do not hinder mixed use developments. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 7.4 – Promote High Standard of Development | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 7.4.2 - Annually Update the ULDC. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 7.4.3 - Implement Gateway Study. | X | | | | | | | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 7.4.4 - Establishment of City Market on MLK Corridor. | X | | | | | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| 7.5 – Use land efficiently and Focus on Redevelopment | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Available land shall be utilized in the most efficient manner while focusing on redevelopment of land where feasible. | 7.5.1 - Maintain, Update, and Market Existing Land Use Database. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Valdosta GLGAC / VALOR | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 7.5.2 - Support and administer Signature Communities, a public-private partnerships for marketing and redevelopment of unique infill, greyfield, and brownfield opportunities including available financing options. Complete the site inventories and assessments for the Brownfields Grant, and seek additional grant funding. | X | X | X | X | X | | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time Varies | Varies Grants |

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| 7.6 – Recognizable transition from Urban to Rural Area | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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, updateing, and publicizing Urban Service Area, Zoning, and Existing Land Use Maps. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County City of Valdosta / VALOR | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 7.7 - Encourage Commercial Development at Intersections | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | X | X | X | | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 7.7.2 - Facilitate interconnected developments and shared parking to lessen traffic congestion and improve circulation. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 7.7.3 - Promote use of nodal development in unincorporated county to protect natural resources and increase traffic management. | X | X | X | X | | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 7.8 - Innovative Planning Concepts | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Innovative planning concepts shall be employed to achieve desirable and well-designed neighborhoods, protect the environment, preserve meaningful open space, improve traffic flow, and enhance our community's overall quality of life. | 7.8.1 - Through organizations such as the GLGAC and the GLPC, provide regular educational opportunities to the development community and citizens regarding up-to-date planning concepts. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | SGRDC GLPC / GLGAC | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 7.9 – Protect Regional Economic Engines | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Major institutions such as MAFB, VSU, SGMC, GMC, Val Tech and Valdosta Wiregrass Tech shall continue to be protected from incompatible land uses through appropriate and consistent land development decisions. | 7.9.1 - Coordinate regular meetings to facilitate data sharing. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | SGRC / GLGAC | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 7.9.2 - 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 | X | X | X | X | X | SGRC / GLGAC City of Valdosta Lowndes County Valdosta Schools Lowndes County Schools | Staff Time | General Fund |

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| 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 | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 8.1.2 - Investigate activation of countywide Water/Sewer Authority. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 8.1.3 - Continue participation on the Deep South Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments | N/A | N/A |
| | 8.1.4 - Continued Support of Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Authority, Tourism Authority | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments | Varies | Varies |
| | Begin discussions and planning among the local governments to develop a SPLOST-VII project list. | | | X | X | | | | Local Governments | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Coordinate proposed projects list with the Regional Council for T-SPLOST funding, and inform citizens regarding the Fall 2012 T-SPLOST referendum | | | X | X | | | | Local Governments | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 8.2 - Greater Lowndes Planning Commission to promote Quality Growth | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Greater Lowndes Planning Commission shall serve as a leader in promoting quality growth and development through appropriate planning and land use decisions. | 8.2. 1 Greater Lowndes Planning Commission will review development cases to determine appropriate land uses on a monthly basis and make recommendations to local governments. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | GLPC /SGRC | Staff Time | General Fund /Varies |
| 8.3 - Recognize value of Joint-Comprehensive Planning | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Joint comprehensive planning efforts and resulting documentation shall be employed as a vital tool for addressing community issues and opportunities. | 8.3.1 - GLGAC Facilitate major Comp Plan Updates (every 5 Years) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments SGRDC /GLGAC / GLPC | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 8.3.2 - Coordinate regular meetings to review implementation of Comp Plan. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | SGRC GLPC / GLGAC | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 8.3.3 - SGRDC shall Facilitate the annual periodic updates and review of the Short Term Work Program (STWP). | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments SGRC /GLGAC / GLPC | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 8.3.4 - Review & update-quantifiable measures for Goals and Policies annually. | X | X | X | X | X | | | SGRC | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 8.4 - Utilize Shared Services and information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public entities within each community shall utilize shared services and information to ensure consistent planning efforts. | 8.4.1 - Central organizations such as the Chamber, Labor Department, Health Department, and SGRC VLCIA should maintain up-to-date data regarding community growth and development. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | SGRC GLGAC | Staff Time | General Fund |

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| 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. | 9.1.1 - Investigate innovative traffic management techniques to eliminate traffic tie-ups and emergency vehicle delays, while improving vehicular and pedestrian safety and enhancing the community's overall quality of life. | X | X | X | X | | | | City of Remerton | Staff Time | Various |
| | 9.1.2 - Investigate possibility of railroad crossing at Remer Lane. | X | X | | | | | | City of Remerton | Staff Time | Various |
| | 9.1.3 - Maintain awareness of feasibility for future high-speed rail services. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Metro Planning Organization (MPO) | N/A | N/A |
| | 9.1.4 - Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems Planning to aid in providing information and improve transportation opportunities to travelers. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta Lowndes County MPO GDOT | Staff Time | Varies |
| | Continue communication with the Railroads concerning the condition of railroad crossings throughout the City and request repair of those crossings that present a safety hazard. | | | | X | X | | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Investigate other communities with high railroad traffic and learn how they work with Railroad companies to prevent excessive blockage of streets. Continue seeking a local solution to the railroad switching issue. | | | | X | X | X | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 9.2 - Efficient Air Service | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Encourage development of efficient air and rail service to promote economic development by connecting the community with major regional centers. | 9.2.1 - Protect airport approach zones through land use regulations to avoid unnecessary land use conflicts and accurately map and enforce Airport Overlay. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County VALOR | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 9.2.3 - Identify economic development opportunities relying on quality air service and implement recommendations made in the Airport Master Plan. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Valdosta-Lowndes County Airport Authority (VLCAA) | \$250,000 | Hotel and Motel Fund |
| | 9.2.4 - Assist the business community in the recruitment of additional airline service and/or connection to non-Atlanta airports. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Local Governments VLCAA | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 9.2.5 - Conduct an air service study to investigate feasibility of an additional air line. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Local Governments VLCAA | Staff Time | General Fund |
| 9.3 - Support the Viability of Walking, Biking, and Public Transit | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Walking, biking, and accessible public transit shall be considered viable and sustainable forms of transportation supported through appropriate land use and infrastructure decisions. | 9.3.1 - Locate high density land uses in major activity centers to increase efficiency of future public transportation plans and market maps highlighting Urban Service Area. | X | X | X | X | | | | Lowndes County VALOR | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | N/A | N/A |

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| | 9.3.3 -Maintain activation of the sidewalk committee to seek community input into development of a Sidewalk Master Plan. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | N/A | N/A |
| | 9.3.4 - Continue sidewalks inventory to identify potential expansion and improvement areas. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta VALOR | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 9.3.5-Install sidewalk between Plum and Poplar Streets. | X | X | | | | | | City of Remerton | \$5,000 | Varies |
| | 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 | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Remerton City of Valdosta City of Hahira City of Lake Park Lowndes County / MPO | \$1,300,000 Varies | State / Federal / Local |
| | 9.3.7 - Market Existing County Bus Transit Service. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | N/A | N/A |
| | 9.3.8 - Pursue transit possibilities within Valdosta Urbanized Areas. | X | X | X | X | X | | | City of Remerton City of Valdosta Lowndes County / MPO | \$4,000,000 N/A | Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Local |
| 9.4 - Recognize Importance of Roadway Design and Construction | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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. | 9.4.1 - Implement TE Grant funding to complete West Gordon streetscape improvements. | X | X | X | X | | | | City of Remerton / State | \$460,000 | Varies |
| | 9.4.2 - Update and Maintain County Bridge and Road Pavement Conditions Assessment. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 9.4.3 – Newly constructed, reconfigured, or retrofitted roadways shall reflect community standards of aesthetics, environmental stewardship, and urban design. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 9.4.4– Newly constructed, reconfigured, or retrofitted roadways shall fully accommodate multiple functions, including pedestrian movements, accessible parking, alternate modes of transportation and local vehicular circulation. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 9.4.5 - Update of Metropolitan Transportation Plan to 2040. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | MPO | Staff Time | MPO |
| | 9.4.6 - Implement VLMPO Transportation Improvement Program. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | GDOT / MPO Local Governments | Staff Time | MPO |
| | 9.4.7 - Implement Transportation Master Plan | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | Varies | Varies |
| | 9.4.8 - Coordinate road and underground utilities improvements with GDOT regarding I-75 widening and interchange improvements projects. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County City of Hahira | Varies | Varies |
| | Implement TE Grant funding for streetscape improvements to North Patterson Street between downtown and Gordon Street, and seek additional funding for other streetscape projects. | | | | X | X | X | X | X | City of Valdosta | \$500,000 |

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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. | 9.5.1 - Construct frontage roads to avoid proliferation of entrances to high volume arterials and highways to encourage interconnected access between new developments. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 9.5.2 -Update Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to encourage, and in some areas require, cross access easements and shared parking areas to improve on site traffic circulation and reduce congestion. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Local Governments | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community-wide technology infrastructure shall be considered a basic community facility and as such will be adequately planned for. | 10.1.1 - Upgrade Computer (4 -year Life Cycle) and Telephony (5-year Life Cycle) Systems in All County Facilities. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 10.1.2- Upgrade Internet Services to Include On-line Bill Paying, E-commerce, etc. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 10.1.3- Implement SCADA Utilities Monitoring System. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | \$500,000 | Water and Sewer Fund |
| | 10.1.4 - Implement Remote Monitoring Systems (Utilities and Engineering). | X | X | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$7,000 | Water and Sewer Fund |
| | 10.1.5 - Implement EDEN and GBA Billing Software. | X | X | | | | | | Lowndes County | \$750,000 | General Fund and SPLOST |
| | 10.1.6 - Upgrade County Network Capabilities to In-building Wireless for all County Facilities. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | \$50,000 | General Fund |
| | 10.1.7 – Pursue innovative technology funding sources and implementation programs to further extend the community-wide network. | X | X | X | X | | | | Lowndes County | \$50,000 | General Fund |
| | 10.1.8 - Investigate Video Conferencing Technology. | X | | | | | | | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 10.1.9 - Implement Probate Court/Jail Video Conferencing Technology. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 10.1.10- Complete County VOIP Telephony Upgrade. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County | \$40,000 | General Fund |
| | 10.1.11 - Implement results of TechSmart Road Map. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val Low Chamber Local Governments | Varies | Varies |
| | 10.1.12 - Implement Georgia Tech WebFit Program encourage community organizations to provide technology access. | X | X | X | X | | | | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 10.1.13 - Continue and expand Intranet Website. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| | 10.1.14 - Single sign on for network services using AAA Server. | X | | | | | | | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |

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| 10.2 – Community-Wide Citizen Access | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Access to basic technology infrastructure shall be made available to all citizens. | 10.2.1 - Update County Website. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | 10.2.2 - Update Aerial Tax Assessor Maps. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Lowndes County VALOR | Varies | Varies |
| | 10.2.3 - Upgrade Methods of Maintaining Public Records Using Modern Technology and Making Them Available to the Public. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | Varies |
| 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 | X | | | X | X | X | Cities of Hahira | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Develop- Sign Regulations. | X | X | | | | | | City of Remerton SGRC | \$5,000 | General Fund |
| | Review and revise all development regulations, investigate feasibility of document consolidation. | X | | | | | X | X | Hahira, Lake Park | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Educate Citizenry on SPLOST VI Projects. | X | X | X | X | X | | | Local Governments | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Regularly Publish an Electronic Newsletter. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Support newly established Gateway Committee to improve gateways into the greater Lowndes Communities. | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | Val Low Chamber | Varies | Varies |
| | Explore next phase of Telephony upgrades -- virtualized VOIP infrastructure | | | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Bring selective network services to 99.99% up time | | | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Real-time Network Management and Monitoring Solutions | | | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | South Lowndes Data Center | | | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Maintain/update existing land use database | X | X | X | X | X | | | Local Governments/ VALOR | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Prepare and adopt new official digital Zoning Map for the City of Valdosta | | | X | X | | | | City of Valdosta | Staff Time | General Fund |
| | Implement ULDC customer survey experiment | | | X | | | | | Lowndes County | Varies | General Fund |

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| | Complete construction of Phase I of the Sheriff's Office firearm training facility | | | X | | | | | Lowndes County | \$150,000 | SPLOST |
| | Adopt and implement GEMA-Lowndes County Local Emergency Operations Plans updates | | | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Staff Time | Grants |
| | Adopt and explore 5-year update to GEMA Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitgation Plan | | | X | X | X | X | X | Lowndes County | Varies | General Fund Grants |

Abbreviations KEY:

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| CVDA | Central Valdosta Development Authority |
| GDOT | Georgia Department of Transportation |
| GLGAC | Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee |
| GLPC | Greater Lowndes Planning Commission |
| MPO | Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| SBDC | Small Business Development Center |
| SGRC | Southern Georgia Regional Commission |
| VALOR | Valdosta Lowndes Regional GIS (SGRC) |
| VLC Chamber | Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce |
| VLCCCTA | Valdosta Lowndes County Conference Center & Tourism Authority |
| VLICIA | Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority |