

WHITFIELD COUNTY SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

Element	Work Program	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Responsible Party	Cost Estimate	Funding Source
1. Econ. Dev.	Designate a single point of contact and reliable public funding for local economic development activities.	X					Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$100,000	Local
2. Econ. Dev.	Upgrade the appearance of I-75 interchanges and major commercial corridors leading into Dalton by adding landscaping and tourist oriented signage.		X	X	X	X	Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$75,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
3. Econ. Dev.	Select one of the I-75 interchanges as the primary "tourist" entrance and locate a visitor center.			X			Dalton City Council/County Commission	To be determined	Local/State & Federal Grants
4. Econ. Dev.	Conduct a feasibility study for a business incubator to encourage and assist startup companies.		X				Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$50,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
5. Econ. Dev.	Prepare a tourism development strategy that more specifically determines opportunities, priorities, funding and agency coordination.	X					Dalton City Council/County Commission/ Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$35,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
6. Econ. Dev.	Conduct a feasibility study for an interactive exhibit or museum(s).	X	X				Dalton City Council/County Commission	Included in above costs.	Local/State & Federal Grants
7. Econ. Dev.	Identify and seek Scenic Byway designation for highway routes that feature unique scenic, natural, cultural, historic, archaeological or recreational resources.	X					County Commission/ Murray County	\$10,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
8. Econ. Dev.	Continue to foster partnerships between business and education to identify workforce training and literacy needs, continue support for the Phoenix High School, support continued expansion of both curriculum and facilities at Dalton State College, and add High School curriculum to ensure job skills for local industries and businesses are attained for graduates .	X	X	X	X	X	Dalton City Council/Board of Commissioners/ Board of Education/ Private Sector	Staff activity only	Local/State & Federal Grants
9. Housing	Establish an organization responsible for implementing Comprehensive Plan housing policies and action agenda			X			Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$20,000	Local
10. Housing	Create a joint City/County Infrastructure Financing Bond Fund to support projects that will provide affordable housing home ownership opportunities		X				Dalton City Council/County Commission	City currently has \$1 million available	Local/State & Federal Grants

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11. Housing	Conduct a comprehensive review of manufactured home site design standards and enforcement polices.	X					County Commission	\$1,000	Local
12. Housing	Conduct a comprehensive review of current housing codes and enforcement policies.	X					County Commission	\$1,000	Local
13. Housing	Update housing condition studies and target specific neighborhoods for housing improvements.	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	Staff activity only	Local/State & Federal Grants
14. Housing	Continue to seek and utilize HUD Community Block Grants, Georgia Residential Finance Authority rehabilitation assistance programs, and similar programs to improve deteriorated housing stock.		X		X		County Commission/ Dalton City Council	Staff activity only	Local/State & Federal Grants
15. Hist. Pres.	Develop and adopt a historical preservation ordinance that protects Civil War battlefield sites.		X				County Commission	\$3,600	Local/State & Federal Grants
16. Hist. Pres.	Establish a Joint Historic Preservation Commission.			X			Cohutta/Varnell/Tunnel Hill/County Commission	Staff activity only	Local/State & Federal Grants
17. Nat. Res.	Implement the adopted Whitfield County Green Space Plan.	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	\$200,000/ Year	Local/State & Federal Grants
18. Nat. Res.	Support and adequately fund Keep Dalton Beautiful, Inc. for environmental education.	X	X	X	X	X	Dalton/ Whitfield Solid Waste Authority	\$60,000 per year	Local/State & Federal Grants
19. Nat. Res.	Implement Georgia Department of Natural Resources' minimum protection standards for water supply watersheds, major river corridors, wetlands, and significant groundwater recharge areas.		X				County Commission	\$2,500	Local
20. Nat. Res.	Educate the public regarding proper siting and maintenance of conventional on-site wastewater treatment systems, and provide information on alternative on-site sewage treatment technology.	X	X	X	X	X	Whitfield County Board of Health	\$5,000/ Year	Local/State & Federal Grants
21. Nat. Res.	Develop and implement storm water management programs to minimize non-point source pollution.	X					Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$50,000	Local/State & Federal Grants

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22. Nat. Res.	Develop site design standards for steep slope areas and sign restrictions to prevent blocking of scenic views.	X					Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$3,600	Local/State & Federal Grants
23. Nat. Res.	Develop scenic view easement mechanisms, and public acquisition of crucial scenic areas.	X	X	X	X	X	Dalton City Council/County Commission	See Green Space Plan Impl.	Local/State & Federal Grants
24. Comm. Fac.	Update and prepare a joint City/County Recreational Master Plan.				X		Recreation Commissions	\$30,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
25. Comm. Fac.	Construct additional fire station in northeast side of the county			X			County Commission	\$350,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
26. Comm. Fac.	Construct a new City/County Training/Burn Facility		X				Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$250,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
27. Comm. Fac.	Upgrade fire fighting equipment and vehicles and add personnel.	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	\$100,000 per year	Local/State & Federal Grants
28. Comm. Fac.	Establish and equip a Hazardous Response Team			X			Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$75,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
29. Comm. Fac.	Conduct a needs assessment for current public health care facilities and programs to determine future expansion requirements					X	Whitfield County Board of Health/County Commission	\$10,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
30. Comm. Fac.A10	Conduct an independent level of service needs assessment for the Whitfield County Sheriffs Department.	X					County Commission	No cost. Study to be done by Georgia Sheriffs Assoc.	Local
31. Comm. Fac.	Update the joint city/county Ten Year Solid Waste Plan		X				Dalton /Whitfield Solid Waste Management Authority	\$15,000	Local

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32. Comm. Fac.	Develop a Sewer Services Expansion Plan that is compatible with Future Land Use Map.	X					Dalton City Council/County Commission/ Dalton Utilities	\$50,000	Local
33. Comm. Fac.	Prepare and adopt a Capital Improvements Plan and Budget for implementing and financing the Sewer Services Expansion Plan.	X	X				Dalton City Council/County Commission	Staff activity only	Local
34. Comm. Fac.	Conduct a fixed route (or alternative) Public Transportation Study			X			Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$35,000	Local/State & Federal Grants
35. Comm. Fac.	Add staff, books and other circulation materials, and technology resources to Dalton-Whitfield Regional Library		X	X	X	X	Dalton City Council/County Commission/ State	\$1.2M over 4 year period	Local/State & Federal Grants
36. Comm. Fac.	Develop a 20-year Transportation Plan that is compatible with the Future Land Use Map		X				Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$35,000	Local
37. Comm. Fac.	Revise Subdivision Regulations and minimum design specifications regarding access points on major roads, interconnection between subdivisions, traffic impact analysis, traffic safety standards, right of way dedications and frontage roads on major arterials.	X					County Commission	\$1,000	Local
38. Land Use	Revise Zoning Ordinance to add mixed use Planned Unit Development regulations; Planned Industrial Development regulations; minimum housing standards per Zone District; strengthen Sign Regulations, incorporate adequate site design standards and site plan review requirements; and require higher minimum lot sizes in agriculturally zoned areas .	X					County Commission	\$1,000	Local
39. Land Use	Revise Subdivision Regulations to incorporate open space conservation design standards.		X				County Commission	\$1,000	Local
40. Land Use	Study the appropriateness of tree protection and minimum landscaping requirements.			X			County Commission	\$1,000	Local
41. Land Use	Determine future Urban Service Area and define uniform design and construction standards regarding streets, storm drainage, sidewalks, and other improvements applicable to this area.	X	X				Dalton City Council/County Commission	\$15,000	Local

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42. Land Use	Revise County Zoning Map for consistency with the Future Land Use Map	X					County Commission	\$7,500	Local