

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMBINED WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Invocation –
- 4. Consider adoption of the following meeting minutes:
 - June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting,
 - June 13, 2024 Budget Public Hearing,
 - June 17, 2024 Called Meeting including executive Session Minutes, and
 - June 20, 2024 Called Meeting.

New Business

- 5. Consider approval of the contracts for purchase of the following items associated with the recreation Center Construction Project not included in the project's guaranteed maximum price (GMP):
 - IT Related Equipment: 1) Network Cabling, 2) Security Camera System, 3) Paxton Door Access Controls, 4) Network Switches & Access Points, and
 - Outdoor Lighting Installation and Service.
- 6. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 contract for concessionaire services at Parks & Recreation.
- 7. Consider approval of the following agreements with the White County Board of Education for 2024-2025:
 - Joint Use Agreement for Facilities and Active Use Areas, and
 - Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for designation of an area at the Central Office for a secondary / back-up Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and 911 Center.
- 8. Consider adoption of the updated White County Bicycle Pedestrian Plan as a supplement to the White County Comprehensive Plan County Resolution No. 2024-12.
- 9. Consider approval of a contract with GIS1, LLC for geographic information system (GIS) parcel data maintenance in the Assessor's Office with included technical support and conservation use valuation assessment (CUVA) and Forest Land Protection Act (FLPA) calculations.
- 10. Consider approval of application for the 2024 Scrap Tire Amnesty Grant through the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).
- Consider reappointment of Mr. Bill Scandrett to the Georgia Department of Public Health Northeast Georgia Region 2 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council for a three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2027.

- 12. Discuss the proposed White County Library Construction Project.
- 13. County Manager Comment.
- 14. Commissioner Comment.
- 15. Public Comment.
- 16. Announcements:
 - Monday, July 1, 2024 No Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
 - Thursday, July 4, 2024 County Offices closed in observance of Independence Day
- 17. Consider entering into Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel.
- 18. Adjourn.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION & REGULAR MEETING HELD

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session & Called Meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Billy Pittard, Interim Finance Director Rose Kisaalita, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Rev. Burnetta Armour with the Cleveland Presbyterian Church & White County Ministerial Alliance, provided the invocation.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to adopt the minutes of the May 6, 2024 Regular Meeting (including Executive Session) and of the May 20, 2024 Called Meeting.

Mr. John Sell, Director of Community & Economic Development, presented the appeal filed by Mr. John Mitchell requesting the addition of Yonah Mountain Heights Subdivision Cleveland, Georgia to the White County Short-Term Rental Subdivision Map. He explained that Mr. Mitchell was requesting a total of 33 parcels to be added to the map as a subdivision, which would result in no additional short-term rentals being allowed (under current regulation) in Yonah Mountain Heights. He stated the subdivision had not been platted and the subdivision map was based on platted subdivisions of four (4) or more lots in common development. Mr. Mitchell had researched and provided deeds for all 33 parcels which referenced the properties being part of the Yonah Mountain Heights Subdivision and being subject to restrictive covenants. Mr. Sell noted that 32% of the properties in this subdivision are already approved as short-term rentals and many of the property owners had said that they do not want any more short-term rentals in the area. He also advised that there is a road owner's association, but no valid homeowner's association and for that reason at least one (1) property owner (Morales) has expressed that he is against the appeal. Mr. John Mitchell spoke on behalf of his application of appeal and provided a history of the development. He confirmed that in 1998 there was a valid homeowner's association. Commissioner Bryant confirmed that the properties in appeal are accessed by a private road which is gated. Mr. Mitchell stated that past the gate, there are properties in four (4) different developments – Yonah Peak, Eagles Pass, Cameron Acres, and Yonah Mountain Heights - and his request only pertained to the properties in Yonah Mountain Heights.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to approve the appeal filed by Mr. John Mitchell requesting the addition of Yonah Mountain Heights Subdivision Cleveland, Georgia to the White County Short-Term Rental Subdivision Map.

Mr. Sell presented a proposal for amending numerous articles of the White County Code of Ordinances to require the digital submission of site plans, plats, plans, and drawings and amending the Code to update the procedure for recording plats and adding the definition of a subdivision to Appendix A to match the definition in Article 16.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution 2024-09 amending numerous articles of the White County Code of Ordinances

to require the digital submission of site plans, plats, plans, and drawings and amending the Code to update the procedure for recording plats and adding the definition of a subdivision to Appendix A to match the definition in Article 16 as follows:

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

<u>A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL CODE OF WHITE COUNTY,</u> <u>GEORGIA,</u> FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING VARIOUS ARTICLES TO REQUIRE THE DIGITAL SUBMISSION OF SITE PLANS, PLATS, PLANS, AND DRAWINGS AND AMENDING THE CODE TO UPDATE THE PROCEDURE FOR RECORDING PLATS AND ADDING THE DEFINITION OF A SUBDIVISION TO APPENDIX A TO MATCH THE DEFINITION IN ARTICLE 16.

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners wishes to revise the White County Code as hereinafter set out;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of White County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the White County Code be revised as follows.

The effective date of this amendment shall be June 3, 2024.

RESOLVED, this 3rd day of June, 2024.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Travis C. Turner, Chairman

Attest:

Sharda Murphy

Shanda Murphy County Clerk

Chapter 30, Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C Proposed Amendments for 2024: Digital Submission Requirements and Subdivision Procedural

Updates/Definitions

Chapter 30/Article II/ Sec. 30-35 (b)(2):

The application for a permit shall be submitted to the planning department and must include the applicant's erosion, sedimentation and pollution control plan with supporting data, as necessary. Said plans shall include, as a minimum, the data specified in subsection 30-35(c) of this article. Soil erosion and sedimentation control plans shall conform to the provisions of subsections 30-34(b) and (c) of this article. Applications for a permit will not be accepted unless accompanied by two hard copies and one digital copy of the applicant's soil erosion and sedimentation control plans. All applications shall contain a certification stating that the plan preparer or the designee thereof visited the site prior to creation of the plan or that such a visit was not required in accordance with EPD Rule 391-3-7-.10.

Chapter 30/Article III/ Sec. 30-106 (b)(1):

No separate permit shall be issued under this article; however, when permits for grading, construction or development is requested from the applicable issuing authorities in the county (the county planning commission and/or county building inspections department), sufficient data to determine applicability of this article to the proposed activity shall be included in the application. The regulations herein set out shall apply to any land disturbing activity or development; and, the exemption from the requirement of a permit under the county soil erosion and sediment control regulations, the county land subdivision regulations or the county building inspection regulations does not relieve the activity from the regulations and penalties under this article. All plan submittals must include two hardcopies and one digital copy.

Chapter 30/Article IV/Sec. 30-123 (b):

Permit procedures. Application for a development permit, including building permits, shall be made to the county building inspector on forms furnished by the community prior to any development activities, and may include, but not be limited to the following: plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the elevations of the area in question and the nature, location, dimensions, of existing or proposed structures, earthen fill placement, storage of materials or equipment, and drainage facilities. All plan submittals must include two hardcopies and one digital copy.

Chapter 30/Article V/Sec. 30-146 (a):

All persons desiring to undertake a permitted activity within a river corridor as mapped in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as amended January 27, 1994, must first obtain a permit from White County. Permit applications shall be filed according to White County Erosion and Sediment Control Resolution, as amended. All plan submittals must include two hardcopies and one digital copy. Chapter 30/Article VI/Sec. 30-164 (2):

Permit review and site plan requirement. With the exception of certain exempted activities identified in subsection (3) here-in-below, applications for a development permit within the groundwater recharge area district shall include a site plan, submitted in the form of two hardcopies and one digital copy if not included as part of a land disturbing permit. The following information is required for all site plans. Chapter 30/Article VII/Sec. 30-183 (d):

Site plans. Applications for a development permit within the generalized wetland protection district shall include a site plan, submitted as two hardcopies and one digital copy, drawn at a scale of one inch equals 100 feet (the county may approve a different scale where necessary to clearly provide the required information) with the following information:

Chapter 30, Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C Proposed Amendments for 2024: Digital Submission Requirements and Subdivision Procedural Updates/Definitions

Appendix A/Article 3/Definitions:

Common Development: A group of 4 or more platted lots approved by White County Planning Commission, the White County Community and Economic Development Department and/or recorded in a plat book with the White County Clerk of Court.

Appendix A/Article 5/Section 505/ Table 5.1

Requirement Preliminary Plat Development Plans Final Plat Number of hard copies of plat/plans 7 3 Copies 3 Copies 4 Copies Digital copy of plat/plans Required Required Required

Appendix A/Article 5/Section 513 (b):

One time-stable reproducible film Digital copy or and original of the plat.

Appendix A/Article 5/Section 515:

If said plat is in conformance with the preliminary plat and is approved by the administrative officer, the signatures of the administrative officer shall be placed on the reproducible film **digital** copy or original plat.

Appendix A/Article 5/Section 516:

Upon approval and without undue delay, the administrative officer applicant or designated representative shall have approved final plats recorded in the records of the clerk of the superior court of the county, and a time-stable reproducible film digital copy or original shall be filed in the office of the administrative officer. Recording fees shall be included in the fee charged for final plats and therefore paid by the county. Recording fees shall be paid by the applicant or designated representative at the time of plat recording to the clerk of superior court. The clerk of the superior court shall indicate on the filed copy as well as the time-stable reproducible film copy or original, the book and page number in the county records where the final plat is recorded. Recordation of a final plat constitutes approval to begin the sale or transfer of subdivision lots.

In addition to the requirements of this Development Code for the submission of printed copies, as-built data drawings and all final plats approved for recordation shall be submitted to the Planning Director in a digital format as follows:

a. Digital drawing files shall be submitted in AutoCAD DWG or DXF format and shall include:

(1) Final plat as approved.

(2) Model space drawing of the engineering plans, reflecting any changes approved by the county.

b. The DXF or DWG file shall have data divided into the following distinct and separate layers:

(1) Parcel Lines (PL)

(2) Right-Of-Way (ROW)

(3) Boundary (BL)

- (4) Water Lines (WL), when available
- (5) Sewer Lines (SL), when available
- (6) Electrical Lines (EL), when available

(7) GPS Monuments, when required or available. A digital index spreadsheet in a Microsoft Excel compatible format must also be provided of the pipe chart.

c. In engineering plans, line and arc data must be unbroken where appropriate, such as no breaks in intersecting lot lines at corner pins and no breaks in utility lines.

d. The projection shall be in Georgia State Plane West Coordinate System North American Datum 1983.

Chapter 30, Appendix A, Appendix B, and Appendix C Proposed Amendments for 2024: Digital Submission Requirements and Subdivision Procedural Updates/Definitions

e. Control shall be indicated.

f. Such additional information or requirements as may be established by the White County GIS Administrator necessary to convert the DXF or DWG file to ArcGIS format.

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Appendix B/Article 5/Section 513:

If said plat is in conformance with the preliminary plat and is approved by the plan review committee, the signature of the administrative officer shall be placed on the reproducible film digital copy or original of the plat.

Appendix B/Article 5/Section 514:

Upon approval and without undue delay, the administrative officer applicant or designated representative shall have approved final plats recorded in the records of the clerk of the superior court of the county, and a time-stable reproducible film digital copy or original shall be filed in the office of the administrative officer. Recording fees shall be included in the fee charged for final plats and therefore paid by the county. Recording fees shall be paid by the applicant or designated representative at the time of plat recording to the clerk of superior court. The clerk of the superior court shall indicate on the filed copy, as well as the time stable reproducible film copy or original, the book and page number in the county records where the final plat is recorded. Recordation of a final plat constitutes approval to begin the sale or transfer of subdivision lots.

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Appendix C/Article XVIII/Section 1804:

Applicants shall submit three copies two hardcopies and one digital copy of any required site plans or development plans and letters of intent to the planning director for distribution to the applicable bodies and/or review agencies. The planning director may require more or less copies depending on the nature and extent of required review.

Chapter 14/Article 3/Section 14-78 (5a):

When required by state statute, two paper and a digital .pdf file of specifications and of drawings drawn to scale with sufficient clarity and detail to indicate the nature and character of the work, shall accompany the application for a permit. Such drawings and specifications shall contain information as to the quality of materials, where quality is essential to conformity with the construction codes. Such information shall be specific, and the construction codes shall not be cited as a whole or in part, nor shall the term "legal" or its equivalent be used, as a substitute for specific information. All information, drawings, specifications and accompanying data shall bear the name and signature of the person responsible for the design.

-End of County Resolution No. 2024-09-

Mr. Derick Canupp, Director of Public Works, presented a proposal to purchase a 35-cubic yard compactor for plastics recycling at the Convenience Center for the total cost of \$30,690.00. He stated that recently a cardboard compactor had been purchased and installed and it had made a very positive impact on the efficiency with the cardboard recycling, and they would like to do the same with the plastics recycling bin, which is currently collected in a closed top roll off container and customer currently have to dispose small amounts through an opening in the front of the container. He advised that the new set-up would allow customers to dump containers of plastics in at one time and would greatly reduce the number of times the plastics had to be hauled each week due to the compaction. He stated that the return on investment would be seen in 24 months conservatively (15 to 16 months realistically).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a 35-cubic yard compactor for plastics recycling at the Convenience Center through Fleet Genius in the amount of \$30,390.00 (including installation) to be funded by the Solid Waste Fund.

Mr. Canupp presented a request to purchase a replacement Ford F-150 for the Road Department. He stated this would replace a 1997 F-150 that had 275,000 miles and had been in the repair shop 14 times in the past two (2) years. He advised that sealed bids had been accepted for the truck and the lowest bidder was Jacky Jones Ford of Hayesville, NC at \$44,002.52. He said the lead time on delivery of the vehicle would be three (3) months.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Holcomb there was a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ford F150 from Jacky Jones Ford Hayesville, NC in the amount of \$44,002.52 – to be funded through SPLOST.

Ms. Kimberly McEntire, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented an annual contract for chemical application for all the Parks & Recreation athletic fields. She explained that the contract was bid out, only two (2) bids were

received, and the current contractor (Tru Green) was the low bidder. She stated that there had been some previous issues with Tru Green, however their service had improved, and she is comfortable renewing the contract with them.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to award the annual contract for chemical application for all the Parks & Recreation athletic fields to Tru Green in the amount of \$13,200.00 – to be paid from the department's operational budget.

Commissioner Nix stated that a soil sample needs to be taken on the bare spots along the side of the bridge & road leading into Yonah Preserve as there needs to be grass growing there by now. Various solutions were discussed, and Ms. McEntire said that she would have a soil sample done and apply topsoil and fertilizer.

Ms. Murphy presented the 2024-2025 ACCG- IRMA (Association County Commissioners of Georgia-Interlocal Risk Management Agency) Liability Insurance Renewal. She stated that the increase was \$9,720.00 (2.55%) and the annual premium would be \$390,414.00 – which had been included in the proposed FY 2025 budget. She said this premium increase was following the 2023-2024 increase of \$81,152.00 (27.09%) and the increase of the county per occurrence deductible from \$2,500.00 to \$10,000.00 – which had more to do with circumstances in the insurance industry, the insured pool, and the economy than with White County's experience. The coverage insures - property, vehicles, law enforcement liability, public officials' liability, general liability, and cyber security.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the 2024-2025 ACCG-IRMA (Association County Commissioners of Georgia-Interlocal Risk Management Agency) Liability Insurance Renewal.

Ms. Murphy presented the mid-year board appointments.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote (4-0) to make the following board appointments – with Commissioner Nix abstaining due to his employment with the White County Water Authority:

- <u>Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors:</u> Reappointment of Mr. Jason Hogan for a two (2) year term expiring June 30, 2026.
- <u>Department of Family & Children's Services (DFACS) Board</u>: Reappointment of Mr. Michael Fisher for a five (5) year term expiring June 30, 2029.
- •Development Authority: Reappointment of Ms. Virgina Roberts and Mr. Michael Meuse for a six (6) year term expiring June 30, 2030.
- <u>Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Council (GMRC) Private Sector Representative</u>: Appointment of Ms. Lauren Williams for a one (1) year term expiring June 30, 2025.
- <u>White County Water Authority:</u> Reappointment of Mr. David Sills representing the Upper Chattahoochee River Soil and Water Conservation District and Mr. Mike Mays representing the general public – both for a two (2) year term expiring June 30, 2026.

Following these appointments, the mid-year board appointments remaining to be filled were as follows:

<u>Avita Community Partners</u>: One (1) appointee for a two (2) year term expiring June 30, 2026, and
<u>Department of Family & Children's Services (DFACS) Board</u>: One (1) appointee for a five (5) year term expiring June 30, 2029.

Ms. Murphy was instructed to re-advertise these vacancies.

Ms. Rose Kisaalita presented the preliminary Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. She stated that representatives of the four (4) circuit counties met on May 23, 2024 and each segment of the circuit presented their proposed budget. She provided a summary of the information presented by the Superior Court, Juvenile Court, District Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office. In summary, she said the portion of the circuit administered by White County (Superior Court, Juvenile Court, District Attorney's Office) would be utilizing \$68,891.00 of fund balance and the Public Defender would be utilizing \$68,891.00 of fund balance. The Superior Court, Juvenile Court, District Attorney's Office combined budgets decreased \$10,532.00 (0.75%) to \$1,387,182.00 and the Public Defender's Office Court, Juvenile Court, and District Attorney's Office would remain the same from FY 2024 to FY 2025 at \$326,481.00 and White Courty's contribution to the Public Defender's budget would increase from \$135,903.00 to \$136,084.00 (\$181.00).

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Nix, there was a unanimous vote to approve the preliminary Enotah Judicial Circuit Budget for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. Chairman Turner asked that Ms. Kisaalita advise the other circuit counties that White County had approved this measure.

Mr. Pittard advised the Board that he had asked the county departments to review all fees charged by their various departments and to recommend any necessary changes. He said that he would make this an annual practice in conjunction with the annual budget. He advised that the proposed resolution contained all fees, however the departments with recommended changes are Planning & Development, Public Works, Senior Center, and Business Licensing. The departments with proposed changes presented those revisions and the Board discussed all the various fees.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution 2024-10, Establishing the 2024-2025 County Departments Fee Schedule:

COUNTY RESOLUTION 2024- 10

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WHITE COUNTY FEE SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO SECTION 1-4 OF THE WHITE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia reviews its Schedule of Fees from time to time which is set in accordance with the requirements of Section 1-4 of the White County Code; and

WHEREAS, County staff have conducted the annual review for reasonableness of said fees during the county's budgetary process to determine if any adjustment to the schedule of fees is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of White County, Georgia that it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same as follows: Upon motion, second and approval of the Commission, the Schedule of Fees attached hereto is adopted as the Fee Schedule for the White County Board of Commissioners, effective upon passage of the within resolution, and shall remain in effect until revised or amended in accordance with Section 1-4 of the White County Code.

A copy of the approved schedule shall be maintained at the County's Administration Building by the County Clerk and shall be made available on the website to the public, or upon request, therefore.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners for White County, Georgia this <u>3</u>rd day of <u>June</u> 2024.

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

The above Resolution was adopted by the White County Board of Commissioners on this 3^{H} day of \overline{Jucc} 2024.

ATTEST: Shanda murphy ___ Shanda Murphy, County Clerk



Fiscal Year 2025 County Department Fee Schedules

Building Inspection – Proposed Changes Included Development – Proposed Changes Included Land Use – Proposed Changes Included GIS/Mapping – No Change Public Works – Proposed Changes Included Senior Center – Proposed Change Included Fire Services – No Change Animal Control – No Change Parks & Recreation – No Change Business Tax Fees – Proposed Change Included

BUILDING PERMITS	Туре	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Residential New	0-672 sq ft	\$30	\$ 75 3
	673-2,500 sq ft	\$30 + \$.15 per sq ft above 200 sq ft	\$ 75 + \$.15 per sq ft above 672 sq ft
	2501 - 5,000 sq ft	\$375 + \$.12 per sq ft above 2,500 sq ft	\$450 + \$.12 per sq ft above 2,500 sq ft
	5,001 or more sq ft	\$800 + \$.10 per sq ft above 5,000 sq ft	\$875 + \$.10 per sq ft above 5,000 sq ft
Residential Other	0-250 sq ft	\$15	\$30
	251-5,000 sq ft	\$15 + \$.06 per sq ft	\$30 + \$.06 per sq ft
	5001 - 10,00 sq ft	\$300 + \$.05 per sq ft above 5,000 sq ft	\$350 + \$.05 per sq ft above 5,000 sq ft
	10,001 or more sq ft	\$550 + \$.04 per sq ft above 10,000 sq ft	\$600 + \$.04 per sq ft above 10,000 sq ft
Mechanical Fees			
Residential	Electric	\$45	\$50
	Mechanical	\$45	\$50
	Plumbing	\$45	\$50
	Fuel Gas	\$45	\$50
Mechanical Fees			
Commercial	Electric	\$70	\$75
	Mechanical	\$70	\$75
	Plumbing	\$70	\$75
	Fuel Gas	\$70	\$75
Commercial new/remodel	0-250 sq ft	\$30 (under roof) \$20 (open area)	\$100 (under roof) \$90 (open area)
	251 or more sq ft	\$30 + \$.12 per sq ft \$20 + \$.08 per sq ft	\$100 + \$.12 per sq ft \$90 + \$.08 per sq ft
Non-Residential			
Occupancy		\$60	No change
Agriculture	Farm or Farm Accessory	\$35 plus applicable utility fees	No change
Plan Review	Buildings 5,000 Sq Ft or more	\$100	No change
	Three or more retail stores or offices	\$100	No change
	Assembly, educational, hotels, boarding etc	\$100	No change
	All others	\$50	No change
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Manufactured Homes	Building Permit	\$100	No change		
	Electrical, mechanical, plumbing	\$135	\$150 4		
	Fuel Gas	\$45	\$50		
	Inspection Fee	\$25	No change		
RV Parks - pads and					
driveway	0-250 sq ft	\$30	No change		
	251 sq ft or more	\$30 + \$.08 per sq ft	No change		
	Inspection fee	\$25	No change		
RV Parks structures - decks	0-250 sq ft	\$15	No change		
	251 sq ft or more	\$15 + \$.06 per sq ft	No change		
Permit Renewal Fee	1 year only	\$100	No change		
Reinspection Fee	If project is not ready or fails inspection	\$25	No change		
County Road Access	Road access permit	\$150	Included in Public Works fees		
DEVELOPMENT FEES	Residential Subdivision Preliminary	\$100 + \$5/lot	\$200 + \$10/lot		
DEVELOPIMENT FEES	Residential Subdivision Final Plat	\$100 + \$5/lot	\$200 + \$10/lot		
	Commercial Subdivision Preliminary	\$100 + \$5/lot	\$200 + \$10/lot		
	Commercial Subdivision Final Plat	\$100 + \$5/lot	\$200 + \$10/lot		
Land Disturbance	0-5 acres	\$100	\$200		
	>5-25 acres	\$250	\$350		
	25 + acres	\$250 + \$10/acre more than 25 acres (\$1,000 max)	\$350 + \$10/acre more than 25 acres (\$1000 max)		
NOI	EPD Fee (\$80 total County gets half)	\$40 per acre	\$40 per acre		
Upper Chattahoochee Fee	Natural Resource Review	\$25	\$25		
RV Park	Preliminary Development Plan	\$50	\$100		
	Final Development Plan	\$50	\$100		
Mobile Home Park	Preliminary Development Plan	\$40	\$100		
	Final Development Plan	\$25	\$100		

Rental Cabin Development	Preliminary Development Plan	\$50	\$100
	Final Development Plan	\$50	\$100 5
Miscellaneous Fees	Signs	\$50	No change
	Cell Towers	\$1,000	No change
	Variance (non-land use)	\$100	No change
	Appeals	\$100	No change
	Addressing	no charge	\$25
	Plan Review Committee	no charge	\$150.00
	Stand-Alone Tree Cutting Permit (MHPA)	\$100.00	\$100.00
LAND USE	Map Amendments (All Districts)	\$250	\$300
	Conditional Use	\$250	\$300
	Special Use	\$250	\$300
	Variance (Land Use)	\$250	\$300
	Processing Plats	No charge	\$50

MAPPING

Custom Maps					
Size Availability	8.5X11	11X17	17X22	22X34	36X48
Price	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00

Available Map Layers

Digital GIS Layers

*Available Formats:	
Geodatabase, Shapefile, Coverage	
2023 Imagery	\$2,500
Parcels	\$2,500
Road Centerlines	\$2,500
Other Layers as requested and	\$2,500
approved by the GIS Staff	

Pre-Made Maps	Size	Price
Road Map (Color)	36X48	\$25.00
Road Map (Black and White)	36X48	\$10.00
Mtn. Protection Map	36X48	\$25.00
Map Book (Color)	11X17	\$100.00
Map Book (Black and White)	11X17	\$50.00
Map Book (Digital)	CD	\$50.00

Public Works Fees

				410 - R	oad Depa	rtment Fee	5		
Description	Cur	rent Fee	Prop	oosed Fee	Increas	e Amount		Notes	
Residential Driveway Permit	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	-			
Commercial Driveway Permit	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-			
Private Utility Encroachment	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	-			
Public Utility Encroachment	\$	-	\$		\$	-			
Major S/D Inspection	\$	500.00	\$	500.00	\$	-			
Minor S/D Inspection	\$	250.00	\$	250.00	\$	-			

				540 - 42	0 Transf	er Station Fe	es
Description	Curr	ent Fee	Prop	oosed Fee	Increa	ise Amount	Notes
Tipping Fee (Per Ton)	\$	64.00	\$	65.50	\$	1.50	(The new fee would not go into effect until January 2025. Disposal fee at GFL increases \$1.50 per the contract)
Minimum Fee	\$	5.50	\$	6.00	\$	0.50	
Mattress Fee (New Fee / EA)	\$	-	\$	15.00	\$	15.00	

540 - 425 Convenience Center Fees								
Description	Curr	ent Fee	Pro	posed Fee	Increa	ase Amount	Notes	
1 - 6 Bags	\$	5.00	\$	6.00	\$	1.00	(Breakeven costs avg. \$8 - \$9)	
Each bag over 6	\$	0.50	\$	1.00	\$	-		

White County Senior Center Fees

Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Guest Lunch	\$6.00	\$8.00

Fire service fees and charges. (County Code Sec. 26-127.)

Mitigation Rates Based on Per Hour

The mitigation rates below are average "billing levels", and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it will be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

Motor Vehicle Incidents

Level 1-\$487.00

Provide hazardous materials assessment and scene stabilization. This will be the most common "billing level." This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an accident/incident.

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Level 2-\$554.00

Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents) for hazardous fluid clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up any gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

Level 3-Car Fire-\$677.00

Provide scene safety, fire suppression, breathing air, rescue tools, hand tools, hose, tip use, foam, structure protection, and clean up gasoline or other automotive fluids that are spilled as a result of the accident/incident.

Add-On Services:

Extrication-\$1,461.00

Includes heavy rescue tools, ropes, airbags, cribbing etc. This charge will be added if the fire department has to free/remove anyone from the vehicle(s) using any equipment. We will not bill at this level if the patient is simply unconscious and fire department is able to open the door to access the patient. This level is to be billed only if equipment is deployed.

Creating a landing zone-\$448.00

Includes Air Care (multi-engine company response, mutual aid, helicopter). We will bill at this level any time a helicopter landing zone is created and/or is utilized to transport the patient(s).

Itemized response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates, for each incident using, itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (CUR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus, per personnel, plus products and equipment used.

Additional Time On-Scene

Engine billed at \$448.00 per hour.

Truck billed at \$560.00 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$336.00.

Hazmat

Level 1-\$784.00

Basic response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command.

Level 2-\$2,800.00

Intermediate response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment. Set-up and removal of decon center.

Level 3-\$6,608.00

Advanced response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, hazmat certified team and appropriate equipment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, Level A or B suit donning, breathing air and detection equipment and robot deployment. Set-up and removal of decon center, detection

equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene, includes three hours of on-scene time—*Each additional hour at \$336.00 per hazmat team*. 9

Additional Time On-Scene (for all levels of service)

- Engine billed at \$448.00 per hour.
- Truck billed at \$560.00 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$336.00.

Fire Investigation

Fire investigation team—\$308.00 per hour.

- Includes:
- Scene safety
- Investigation
- Source identification
- K-9/arson dog unit
- Identification equipment
- Mobile detection unit
- Fire report

The claim begins when the fire investigator responds to the incident and is billed for logged time only.

Fires

Assignment—\$448.00 per hour, per engine/\$560.00 per hour, per truck.

- Includes:
- Scene safety
- Investigation
- Fire/hazard control

This will be the most common "billing level." This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to an incident.

Optional: A fire department has the option to bill each fire as an independent event with custom mitigation rates.

Itemized, per person, at various pay levels and for itemized products use.

Illegal Fires

Assignment-\$448.00 per hour, per engine/\$500.00 per hour, per truck.

When a fire is started by any person or persons that requires a fire department response during a time or season when fires are regulated or controlled by local or state rules, provisions or ordinances because of pollution or fire danger concerns, such person or persons will be liable for the fire department response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department to respond and contain the fire. Similarly, if a fire is started where permits are required for such a fire and the permit was not obtained and the fire department is required to respond to contain the fire the responsible party will be liable for the response at a cost not to exceed the actual expenses incurred by the fire department. The actual expenses will include direct labor, equipment costs and any other costs that can be reasonably allocated to the cost of the response.

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Water Incidents

Level 1

Basic response: Claim will include engine response, first responder assignment, perimeter establishment, evacuations, first responder set-up and command, scene safety and investigation (including possible patient contact, hazard control). This will be the most common "billing level." This occurs almost every time the fire department responds to a water incident.

Billed at \$448.00 plus \$56.00 per hour, per rescue person.

Level 2

Intermediate response: Includes Level 1 services as well as clean up and material used (sorbents), minor hazardous clean up and disposal. We will bill at this level if the fire department has to clean up small amounts of gasoline or other fluids that are spilled as a result of the incident.

Billed at \$896.00 plus \$56.00 per hour, per rescue person.

Level 3

Advanced response: Includes Level 1 and Level 2 services as well as D.A.R.T. activation, donning breathing apparatus and detection equipment. Set up and removal of decon center, detection equipment, recovery and identification of material. Disposal and environment clean up. Includes above in addition to any disposal rates of material and contaminated equipment and material used at scene.

Billed at \$2,240.00 plus \$56.00 per hour per rescue person, plus \$112.00 per hour per hazmat team member.

Level 4

Itemized Response: You have the option to bill each incident as an independent event with custom mitigation rates for each incident using itemized rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized, per trained rescue person, plus rescue products used.

Back Country or Special Rescue

Itemized response: Each incident will be billed with custom mitigation rates deemed usual, customary and reasonable (UCR). These incidents will be billed, itemized per apparatus per hour, per trained rescue person per hour, plus rescue products used.

Minimum billed \$448.00 for the first response vehicle plus \$56.00 per rescue person.

Additional rates of \$448.00 per hour per response vehicle and \$56.00 per hour per rescue person.

Chief Response

This includes the set-up of command and providing direction of the incident. This could include operations, safety, and administration of the incident.

Billed at \$280.00 per hour.

Miscellaneous/Additional Time On-Scene

Engine billed at \$448.00 per hour.

Truck billed at \$560.00 per hour.

Miscellaneous equipment billed at \$336.00.

Mitigation Rate Notes

The mitigation rates above are average "billing levels", and are typical for the incident responses listed, however, when a claim is submitted, it will be itemized and based on the actual services provided.

These average mitigation rates were determined by itemizing costs for a typical run (from the time a fire apparatus leaves the station until it returns to the station) and are based on the actual costs, using amortized schedules for apparatus (including useful life, equipment, repairs, and maintenance) and labor rates (an average department's "actual personnel expense" and not just a firefighter's basic wage). The actual personnel expense includes costs such as wages, retirement, benefits, workers comp, insurance, etc.

Late Fees

If the invoice is not paid within 90 days, a late charge of ten percent of the invoice, as well as one and one-half percent per month, as well as the actual cost of the collections, will be accessed to the responsible party.

The fire chief and county clerk are hereby directed to issue invoices to insurance companies for such fire services and to collect such fees on behalf of the county and to deposit such fees in the county's fire fund, which shall be used to purchase equipment, training, services and supplies for the county fire department. However, if no response or payment is received from the applicable insurance company, the insured will not be contacted or invoiced by the county or any representative or contractor thereof.

Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this section shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days in jail.

Editor's note(s)—Section 6 of Res. No. 2018-24, adopted Nov. 5, 2018, states "The Mitigation Rates lists in Exhibit A will increase by 1.5% annually or based on the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), as developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, whichever is more. Rate adjustments will occur on the anniversary date of this ordinance/resolution to keep the fire department's cost recovery program in conformity with increasing operating expenses.

WHITE COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FEES

Pet Adoption Fee—\$90.00* Dogs and Cats

Includes Spay/Neuter, Microchip, and rabies shots (if necessary)

*Note: Some animals have been sponsored to assist in cost of adoption. Please Ask.

*Director of Public Safety authorized to allow half-price adoptions, once quarterly (four times a year)

Owner Redemption Fees-

Altered Animal- \$10.00 Impound fee

Plus one-time charge of \$35.00 (without proof of rabies) for rabies shots. **

Unaltered Animal- \$25.00 impound fee

One-time charge of \$35.00 (without proof of rabies) for rabies shots. **

Horses/Cattle- \$150.00 impound fee

Chickens/Ducks- \$25.00 impound fee

Exotic Animals/Birds- Impound fees based on type of animal and specialized handling- Minimum of \$100.00

Any special care/feeding - \$20.00 per hour.

Out of County Redemption = \$ 50.00 per animal.

Out of State Redemption = \$ 100.00 per animal.

Impound Fees

- Animals brought to the shelter-
 - Cats/Dogs -\$10.00
 - Litters of cats/dogs less than 8 weeks old- \$20.00 per litter
 - Litters older than 8 weeks- \$10.00 per animal
 - o Evictions- \$10.00 -
- Animal Control Pet Pickups (from original owner or landlord) **
 - o 50.00 transport fee (landlords & individuals)

**Exception to the above fees may be made for elderly and disabled without the ability to transport. Waivers will be given on a case-by-case basis.

Trap Rental

Traps may be rented for a fee of \$25.00 refundable when trap is returned. Animals brought in a trap to Animal Control will be charged an impound fee as shown above.

WCPRD Fee Schedule

Current Services Provided	Fee	Current Services Provided	Fee
Athletics		Facility Rentals	
Instructional Basketball (ages 3-4)	\$35.00	Daytime Ballfield (per hour, normal facility hours)	\$25.00
Instructional Basketball (ages 5-6)	\$60.00	Lighted Ballfield (per hour, normal facility hours)	\$50.00
Basketball (ages 7 & up)	\$70.00	Daytime Ballfield (per hour, non-facility hours)	\$50.00
Tackle Football	\$110.00	Lighted Ballfield (per hour, non-facility hours)	\$75.00
Cheerleading	\$95.00	Travel team/Seasonal Team Ballfield (per month)	\$75.00
Girls' Flag Football	\$70.00	Tournament Field Rental (per field, per day)	\$150.00
Heroes Baseball	\$45.00	Gymnasium (per hour, normal facility hours)	\$25.00
Heroes Golf	\$60.00	Small Meeting Room (up to four hours)	\$50.00
Heroes Basketball	\$45.00	Pavilion Rental	\$25.00
Instructional Baseball (ages 3-4)	\$35.00	YP Trail Rental (per day)	\$100.00
Instructional Baseball (ages 5-6)	\$70.00		
Baseball/Softball (ages 7 & up)	\$80.00		
Instructional Soccer (ages 3-4)	\$45.00		
Youth Soccer (6U-12U)	\$60.00		
Youth Track & Field	\$70.00		
Youth Cross Country	\$70.00		
Youth Volleyball	\$70.00	,	
Adult Mens'/Womens' Leagues	\$500.00		
Adult Coed Leagues	\$500.00		
Membership Fees			
Household Family	\$48.00		
Couple Membership	\$38.00		
Adult Members	\$28.00		
Young Adult	\$18.00		
Teen	\$15.00		
Senior Adult	\$25.00		
Senior Couple	\$35.00		
Daily Fee (local youth up to 18 free)	\$5.00		
Open Gym (out of county resident)	\$5.00		

Occupational Tax Certificate Fee Schedule

Bracket No.	No. Employees	Annual Tax Amount
1	0-5	\$100.00
2	6—10	200.00
3	11—15	300.00
4	16—20	400.00
5	21—25	500.00
6	26+	600.00

A non-prorated, nonrefundable administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be required on all business and Occupation tax accounts for the initial start-up.

Short-Term Rental Host License Fee

\$125.00 / Annually Per Parcel

Alcohol License Fees

Annual License Fees:

	*	Retail Consumption Dealer:		
	*	Retail Package Dealer:	\$800.00	
		Each Additional Tasting Room Owned or Leased	By The Licensed Entity And Which Is Located Off The Primary Farm Winery Pr	remises \$750.00
		<u>Plus:</u>		
		Each Tasting Room Location On The Primary Far	rm Winery Premises \$100.00	
		<u>Plus:</u>		
		To Sell At Retail Beer, Malt Beverage Or Wine Fo	or Consumption On The Farm Winery Premises To Consumers \$	1.00
		<u>Plus:</u>		
		To Sell Beer, Malt Beverage Or Wine In Unbroke	en Packages On The Farm Winery Premises At Retail And Not For Resale \$	1.00
		<u>Plus:</u>		
*		Farm Wineries: Primary Farm Winery Site -	\$1,500.00	

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*	Retail Consumption Dealer: Beer & Wine	\$1,200.00	
		\$1,200.00	
	Distilled Spirits	\$2,500.00	
	Plus: Alcoholic Beverage Caterer fo	r Off Premise Catering	\$100.00

	or <u>Plus:</u> Brewpub	\$600.00	15
*	Alcoholic Beverage Caterer (not retail lic Or Per Event	censed) \$800.00 \$250.00	
*	Wholesale Dealer:	\$800.00	
*	Manufacturer	\$3,000.00	
*	Temporary Special Event Permit (Per Event)		
		Organization \$50.00 \$75.00 Per Event er cost of convening the Alcohol Beverage	Person, Firm, Corporation \$150.00 Per Event
		for each event; however, the \$150.00 applicat	ion fee applies only to the organization's first event of the calendar year with the -
General Fe	ees:		
	 Application Fee: For Each License Applied For: 	\$150.00	
	<u>Plus</u> :		
	Fingerprinting Fees Of:	\$50.00	
To be paid	to the White County Business Tax Office or	other designated county office for each re	quired applicant, owner, partner, etc.
* *	Change of Registered Agent	\$100.00 \$25.00 \$100.00	

During County Manager Comments, Mr. Pittard praised the Elections Department for their work on the Primary Election and he congratulated Ms. Holly Witcher (wife of IT Director Joel Witcher) on being named the Georgia State Teacher of the Year.

\$100.00

During Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Goodger asked that the Board provide the go ahead to architect BCA Studio, (Jeff Croker) to prepare the construction documents for the library project so the information for the bidding of the project would be ready. He stated that \$3,000,000.00 in state grant funds would be available for the project July 2024 and an announcement, concerning the \$3,000,000.00 in federal congressionally directed spending which had been applied for, should be made in October 2024. Commissioner Nix said he would like to have more information on the formula used to calculate the 20,000 square feet on the project. Chairman Turner stated that this could be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bryant asked for an update on the status of the proposed Duncan Bridge Road Fire Station. Mr. Pittard and Mr. Murphy said there should be project documents available from Mr. Jeff Crocker next week.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comments.

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Appeal

Ms. Debora Palmer, 310 Bonnie Pearl Lane Cleveland, Ga stated that she had an opportunity to work in the recent elections and she complimented the staff of the Elections Office for all their hard work and dedication.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Bryant, seconded by Commissioner Nix, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes of the June 3, 2024 Work Session & Regular Meeting were approved as stated this 24th day of June. 2024.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE FY 2025 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

HELD THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 AT 4:30 P.M.

On Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 4:30 p.m., the White County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on the proposed FY 2025 Budget in the Board Room at the Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Billy Pittard, Interim Finance Director Rose Kisaalita, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Pittard made the following presentation:



FY2025 Proposed Budget - Major Reclassification Changes

White County Georgia A few departments were added in the General Fund (GF) to better track the major GF Revenue and Expenses. Items transferred to the GF were primarily from the "County Wide" (110) Department. The following are the County Wide expenses that were transferred to the new GF department(s).

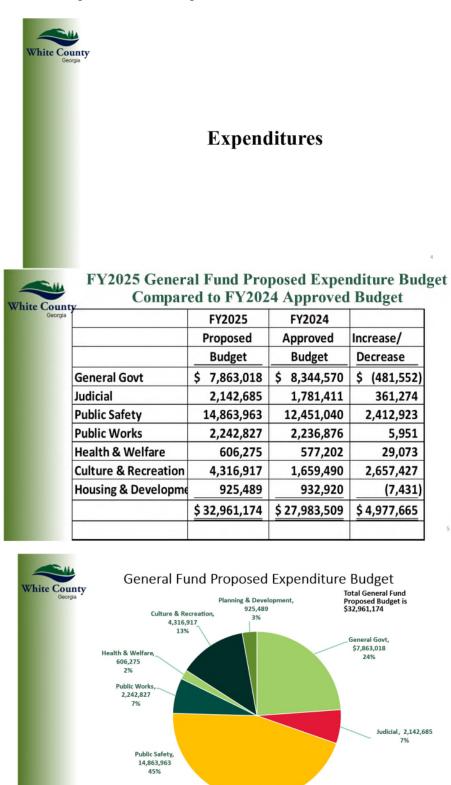
- $_{\odot}\,$ E911 Emergency Telephone GF supplement was moved from County Wide to its own department (250). This \$750,000 expense is now showing as an expense on the GF Summary Page.
- EMS (\$1,489,485) It was moved from "County Wide" to its own department (265) and is now showing as an expense on the GF Summary Page.
- o Health and Welfare It was added as a new GF Department (510). Health and Welfare captures expenses from the following "County Wide" line items: DFACS (\$38,500), Family Connection (\$15,000), Avita Mental Health (\$10,000), Public Health contribution (\$120,000), and Legacy Link (\$16,000).



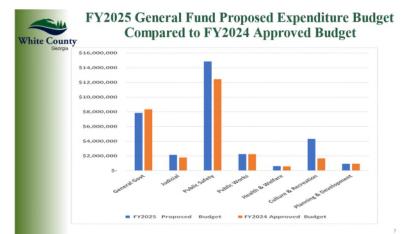
FY2025 Proposed Budget - Major Reclassification Changes in General Fund (Cont.)

- o Employee Relations (\$25,000) moved from "County Wide" to Human Resources (145).
- o Development Authority moved from "County Wide" to General Fund department Community and Economic Development (160).
- Enotah Circuit Contributions (\$326,481) moved from "County Wide" to District Attorney (\$146,917), Juvenile Court (\$96,620) and Superior Court (\$112,944).
- Georgia Forestry (\$9,540) moved from "County Wide" to Fire Department (280).
- DATE supplement (\$15,000) moved from "County Wide" to Clerk of Court (710).
- Enotah CASA contribution Moved from "County Wide" to Juvenile Court (750).

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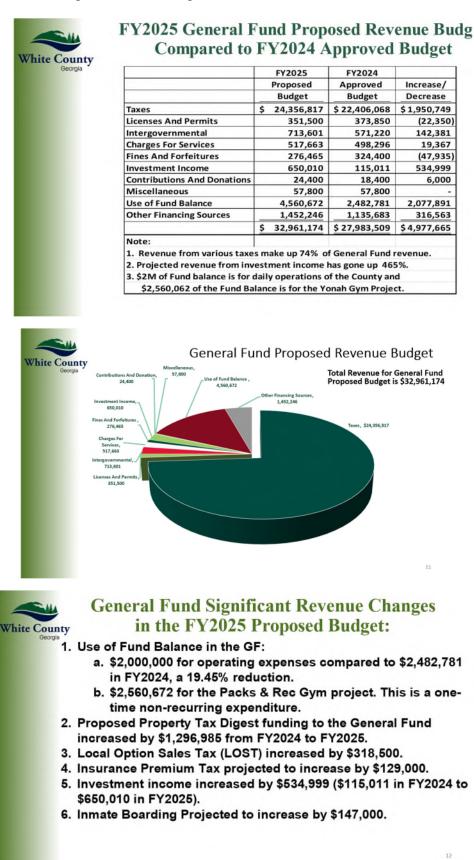
Significant Expenditure Changes in the FY2025 Proposed Budget:

- 1. Class Compensation Study \$1,530,860
- Health Insurance increased by \$257,562 (\$3,378,493 in FY2024 to \$3,636,055 in FY2025).
- 3. Liability insurance increased by \$90,872 (\$299,542 in FY2024 to \$390,414 in FY2025).
- 4. EMS Contract increased by \$189,485 (\$1,300,000 in FY2024 to \$1,489,485 in FY2025).
- 5. Contingency in the General Fund increased by \$72,000 (\$250,000 in FY2024 to \$322,000 in FY2025).
- 6. Four full time positions (one Accountant; two Fire fighters; one Deputy) and one part-time Community Service Supervisor.
- Capital Outlay for Parks & Rec. department increased by 2,560,672 for the Yonah Gym Project. This is funded by Fund balance from the General Fund.
- Use of Fund Balance for operating expenses decreased by \$482,781(\$2,482,781 in FY2024 to \$2,000,000 in FY2025).



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Revenues



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Other Funds



Other Funds

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Fund	FY2025 Requested Budget	FY2024 Approved Budget	Increase / (Decrease)
101 Sheriff Telephone Comm	\$ 35,330	\$ 35,330	\$-
205 Law Library	18,350	17,350	1,000
210 Confiscated assets	3,000	3,000	
222 Jail Fund	25,670	27,345	(1,675)
223 Inmate Commissary	100,000	15,685	84,315
224 Drug Education Fund	49,000	51,000	(2,000)
225 Drug Task Force	955,794	909,595	46,199
230 Juvenile Supervision	400	200	200
250 Grants (contingent upon approval)	2,802,937	20,000	2,782,937
Enotah ARPA Grant	2,330,797		2,330,797
275 Hotel/Motel	6,762,500	2,375,000	4,387,500
430 Debt Service (SPLOST)	732,686	732,828	(142)
540 Solid Waste (Enterprise Fund)	2,169,600	180,420	1,989,180
565 Development Authority	17,000	6,050	10,950
570 E-911 Fund (Including Restricted)	1,331,783	1,372,999	(41,216)
710 Enotah	1,387,182	1,397,714	(10,532)
Total Other Funds	\$ 18,722,029	\$ 7,144,516	\$ 11,577,513



Discussion



Expenditures by Departments in the General Fund

Department	FY2024 Approved Budget	FY2025 Requested Budget	
County Wide-110	\$ 4,593,804	\$ 2,379,653	
Building Maint-115	721,926	6 766,700	
Elections-120	436,239	444,460	
Commission Office-125	948,215	5 950,819	
Network-130	575,398	619,72	
Human Resources-145	134,172	2 171,730	
Finance-150	304,511	472,243	
Comm & Econ Dev-160	156,410	177,92	
Animal Control-210	392,271	415,410	
Coroner-220	109,723	118,499	
Detention Ctr-240	3,049,033	3,227,35	
E911-250		750,00	
EMA-260	381,270	390,16	
EMS-265		1,489,48	
GIS-270	126,791	128,78	
Fire Dept-280	2,592,950	2,935,08	
Sheriff-290	5,168,643	5,522,71	
Tax Comm310	779,827	816,26	
Tax Assessors-320	658,236	733,92	
Board of Equalization-325	13,370	15,24	



Expenditures by Departments in the General Fund (Continued)

Road Dept-410	2,139,602	2,242,827
Health and Welfare-510	-	185,500
Senior Center-540	555,599	606,275
Extension Svc550	74,920	89,192
Libraries-580	273,998	389,560
Park & Rec-590	1,329,579	3,927,357
Building Insp610	217,741	242,084
Planning-620	197,869	184,556
Code Enf630	97,398	102,952
Clerk-Superior Court -710	603,579	660,753
Clerk-Magistrate Court -720	77,487	82,653
Clerk Juvenile Court -725	8,273	8,870
District Attorney -740	7,400	154,317
Juvenile Court -750	128,741	211,332
Magistrate Court -760	268,698	284,277
Probate Court -770	408,142	426,453
Public Defender-775	135,903	135,903
Superior Court -780	57,091	169,394
Baliffs-790	8,700	8,733
Contingency-900	250,000	322,000
General Fund Total	27,983,509	32,961,174

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* End of Presentation *

Mr. Pittard highlighted how several expenses which were previously shown in Department 125 (Countywide), had been reclassified to a more appropriate department within the budget. He also noted that there was a one-time \$2,560,672.00 expense in the General Fund Budget (590 Parks & Recreation) for the gym construction project. Mr. also reviewed the Separate Funds, stating that since a significant amount of that fund's, fund balance (\$4,387,500.00) would be used for the gym construction project, this amount is included as both a revenue and expense within the Hotel / Motel Tax Fund – therefore the numbers associated with this fund are

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much higher than the actual revenues and expenses anticipated. He also reviewed that the Solid Waste Fund had increased significantly due revenue now coming to the County since the County has assumed the operations for the Transfer Station, which were previously contracted to Waste Management. He also advised that the increase in the Inmate Commissary Fund was due to the planned purchase of a body scanner for the jail. In closing, Mr. Pittard expressed his appreciation to Ms. Rose Kisaalita, the Elected Officials, and County Department Heads for their hard work on developing the FY 2025 Budget being presented.

Chairman Turner opened the floor for public comment on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. There were no comments, and the floor was closed.

It was stated that the Board would be considering approval of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget at a Called Meeting on Thursday, June 20th at 9:00 a.m.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the June 13, 2024 Public Hearing were approved as stated this 24th day of June, 2024.

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WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING

HELD MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

On Monday, June 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. the White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting in the Board Room at the Administration Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Billy Pittard, Interim Finance Director Rose Kisaalita, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Engagement Letter with Rushton LLC with stated costs remaining the same as the previous year's audit.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Commissioner Goodger there was a unanimous vote to take the following actions on mid-year board appointment:

- Appointment of Ms. Monika Knight to the Avita Community Partners Board for a two (2) year term expiring June 30, 2026, and
- (Correction from June 3, 2024 Actions) Mr. Michael Fisher will not be reappointed to the Department of Family & Children's Services (DFACS) Board as one (1) of two (2) appointees for a five (5) year term expiring June 30, 2029 both appointments remain open.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant, there was a unanimous vote to enter into Executive Session in order to discuss matters of personnel and litigation.

• See The Following Closed Meeting Affidavit •

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Goodger, there was a unanimous vote to exit Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Holcomb, seconded by Chairman Turner there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes of the June 17, 2024 Called Meeting were approved as stated this 24th day of June, 2024.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

Terry D. Goodger, District 1

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WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING HELD

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

The White County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Building. Present for the meeting were: Chairman Travis Turner, Commissioner Terry Goodger, Commissioner Lyn Holcomb, Commissioner Edwin Nix, Commissioner Craig Bryant, County Manager Billy Pittard, Interim Finance Director Rose Kisaalita, and County Clerk Shanda Murphy.

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order.

Mr. Pittard made the following presentation:



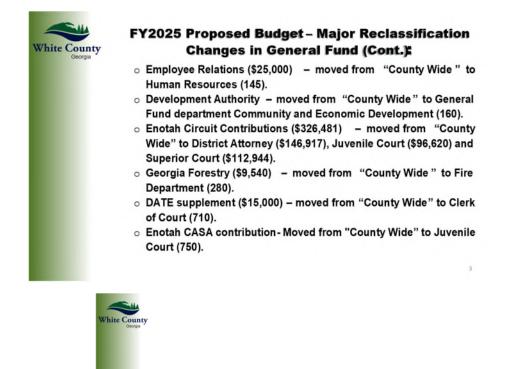
June 13, 2024



FY2025 Proposed Budget – Major Reclassification Changes in General Fund:

A few departments were added in the General Fund (GF) to better track the major GF Revenue and Expenses. Items transferred to the GF were primarily from the "County Wide" (110) Department. The following are the County Wide expenses that were transferred to the new GF department(s).

- E911 Emergency Telephone GF supplement was moved from County Wide to its own department (250). This \$750,000 expense is now showing as an expense on the GF Summary Page.
- EMS (\$1,489,485) It was moved from "County Wide" to its own department (265) and is now showing as an expense on the GF Summary Page.
- Health and Welfare It was added as a new GF Department (510). Health and Welfare captures expenses from the following "County Wide" line items: DFACS (\$38,500), Family Connection (\$15,000), Avita Mental Health (\$10,000), Public Health contribution (\$120,000), and Legacy Link (\$16,000).

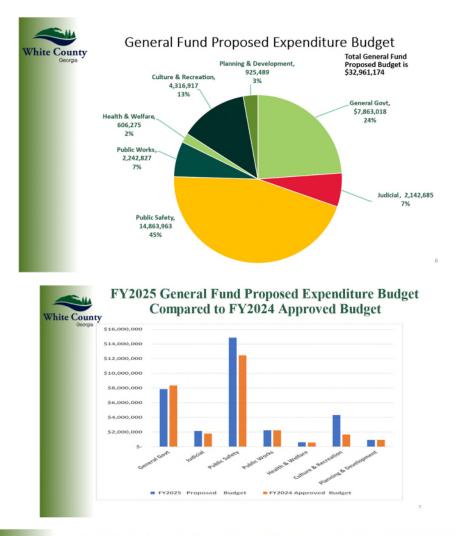


Expenditures



FY2025 General Fund Proposed Expenditure Budget Compared to FY2024 Approved Budget

	FY2025	FY2024	
	Proposed	Approved	Increase/
	Budget	Budget	Decrease
General Govt	\$ 7,863,018	\$ 8,344,570	\$ (481,552)
Judicial	2,142,685	1,781,411	361,274
Public Safety	14,863,963	12,451,040	2,412,923
Public Works	2,242,827	2,236,876	5,951
Health & Welfare	606,275	577,202	29,073
Culture & Recreation	4,316,917	1,659,490	2,657,427
Housing & Developme	925,489	932,920	(7,431)
	\$ 32,961,174	\$ 27,983,509	\$ 4,977,665





Significant Expenditure Changes in the FY2025 Proposed Budget:

- 1. Class Compensation Study \$1,530,860
- 2. Health Insurance increased by \$257,562 (\$3,378,493 in FY2024 to \$3,636,055 in FY2025).
- Liability insurance increased by \$90,872 (\$299,542 in FY2024 to \$390,414 in FY2025).
- EMS Contract increased by \$189,485 (\$1,300,000 in FY2024 to \$1,489,485 in FY2025).
- 5. Contingency in the General Fund increased by \$72,000 (\$250,000 in FY2024 to \$322,000 in FY2025).
- 6. Four full time positions (one Accountant; two Fire fighters; one Deputy) and one part-time Community Service Supervisor.
- Capital Outlay for Parks & Rec. department increased by 2,560,672 for the Yonah Gym Project. This is funded by Fund balance from the General Fund.
- 8. Use of Fund Balance for operating expenses decreased by \$482,781(\$2,482,781 in FY2024 to \$2,000,000 in FY2025).

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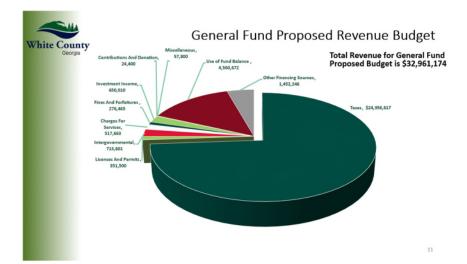


Revenues



FY2025 General Fund Proposed Revenue Budg Compared to FY2024 Approved Budget

		FY2025	FY2024	
		Proposed	Approved	Increase/
	_	Budget	Budget	Decrease
Taxes	\$	24,356,817	\$ 22,406,068	\$1,950,749
Licenses And Permits		351,500	373,850	(22,350)
Intergovernmental		713,601	571,220	142,381
Charges For Services		517,663	498,296	19,367
Fines And Forfeitures		276,465	324,400	(47,935)
Investment Income		650,010	115,011	534,999
Contributions And Donations		24,400	18,400	6,000
Miscellaneous		57,800	57,800	-
Use of Fund Balance		4,560,672	2,482,781	2,077,891
Other Financing Sources		1,452,246	1,135,683	316,563
	\$	32,961,174	\$ 27,983,509	\$4,977,665
Note:				
1. Revenue from various taxe	s m	ake up 74% o	f General Fund	revenue.
2. Projected revenue from inv	est	ment income	has gone up 46	5%.
3. \$2M of Fund balance is for	dail	y operations o	of the County an	d
\$2,560,062 of the Fund Ba	lan	ce is for the Yo	onah Gym Proje	ct.





- 1. Use of Fund Balance in the GF:
 - a. \$2,000,000 for operating expenses compared to \$2,482,781 in FY2024, a 19.45% reduction.
 - b. \$2,560,672 for the Packs & Rec Gym project. This is a onetime non-recurring expenditure.
 - 2. Proposed Property Tax Digest funding to the General Fund increased by \$1,296,985 from FY2024 to FY2025.
 - 3. Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) increased by \$318,500.
 - 4. Insurance Premium Tax projected to increase by \$129,000.
 - 5. Investment income increased by \$534,999 (\$115,011 in FY2024 to \$650,010 in FY2025).

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6. Inmate Boarding Projected to increase by \$147,000.



Other Funds



Other Funds

Fund	FY2025 Requested Budget	FY2024 Approved Budget	Increase / (Decrease)
101 Sheriff Telephone Comm	\$ 35,330	\$ 35,330	\$-
205 Law Library	18,350	17,350	1,000
210 Confiscated assets	3,000	3,000	
222 Jail Fund	25,670	27,345	(1,675)
223 Inmate Commissary	100,000	15,685	84,315
224 Drug Education Fund	49,000	51,000	(2,000)
225 Drug Task Force	955,794	909,595	46,199
230 Juvenile Supervision	400	200	200
250 Grants (contingent upon approval)	2,802,937	20,000	2,782,937
Enotah ARPA Grant	2,330,797		2,330,797
275 Hotel/Motel	6,762,500	2,375,000	4,387,500
430 Debt Service (SPLOST)	732,686	732,828	(142)
540 Solid Waste (Enterprise Fund)	2,169,600	180,420	1,989,180
565 Development Authority	17,000	6,050	10,950
570 E-911 Fund (Including Restricted)	1,331,783	1,372,999	(41,216)
710 Enotah	1,387,182	1,397,714	(10,532)
Total Other Funds	\$ 18,722,029	\$ 7,144,516	\$ 11,577,513

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Discussion



Expenditures by Departments in the General Fund

Department	FY2024 Approved Budget	FY2025 Requested Budget	
County Wide-110	\$ 4,593,804	\$ 2,379,653	
Building Maint-115	721,926	766,700	
Elections-120	436,239	444,460	
Commission Office-125	948,215	950,819	
Network-130	575,398	619,72	
Human Resources-145	134,172	171,73	
Finance-150	304,511	472,24	
Comm & Econ Dev-160	156,410	177,92	
Animal Control-210	392,271	415,410	
Coroner-220	109,723	118,499	
Detention Ctr-240	3,049,033	3,227,35	
E911-250	-	750,00	
EMA-260	381,270	390,16	
EMS-265	-	1,489,48	
GIS-270	126,791	128,78	
Fire Dept-280	2,592,950	2,935,08	
Sheriff-290	5,168,643	5,522,71	
Tax Comm310	779,827	816,26	
Tax Assessors-320	658,236	733,92	
Board of Equalization-325	13,370	15,24	

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Expenditures by Departments in the General Fund (Continued)

Road Dept-410	2,139,602	2,242,827
Health and Welfare-510	-	185,500
Senior Center-540	555,599	606,275
Extension Svc550	74,920	89,192
Libraries-580	273,998	389,560
Park & Rec-590	1,329,579	3,927,357
Building Insp610	217,741	242,084
Planning-620	197,869	184,556
Code Enf630	97,398	102,952
Clerk-Superior Court -710	603,579	660,753
Clerk-Magistrate Court -720	77,487	82,653
Clerk Juvenile Court -725	8,273	8,870
District Attorney -740	7,400	154,317
Juvenile Court -750	128,741	211,332
Magistrate Court -760	268,698	284,277
Probate Court -770	408,142	426,453
Public Defender-775	135,903	135,903
Superior Court -780	57,091	169,394
Baliffs-790	8,700	8,733
Contingency-900	250,000	322,000
General Fund Total	27,983,509	32,961,174

* End of Presentation *

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Mr. Pittard stated that several expenses which had been previously shown in Department 125 (Countywide), had been reclassified to a more appropriate department within the budget being presented. He also noted that there was a one-time \$2,560,672.00 expense in the General Fund Budget (590 Parks & Recreation) for the gym construction project, which was generated from the General Fund / Fund Balance. Mr. Pittard also reviewed the Separate Funds, stating that since a significant amount of that fund's, fund balance (\$4,387,500.00) would be used for the gym construction project, this amount is included as both a revenue and expense within the Hotel / Motel Tax Fund – therefore the numbers associated with this fund are much higher than the actual revenues and expenses anticipated. He also reviewed that the Solid Waste Fund had increased significantly due revenue now coming to the County since the County has assumed the operations for the Transfer Station, which were previously contracted to Waste Management. He also advised that the increase in the Inmate Commissary Fund was due to the planned purchase of a body scanner for the jail.

Chairman Turner expressed his appreciation to Mr. Pittard, Ms. Kisaalita, Ms. Murphy, County Department Heads, and Elected Officials for the effort they all put into developing the FY 25 Budget.

Mr. Pittard also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Rose Kisaalita, the Elected Officials, and County Department Heads for their hard work on developing the FY 2025 Budget being presented.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Goodger, seconded by Commissioner Nix there was a unanimous vote to adopt County Resolution 2024-11, approving the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for White County.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 have been prepared and submitted to the Governing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of White County has studied and revised the proposed budgets; and it is considered in the best interest of White County to adopt them;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of White County that the budgets attached hereto for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 are approved.

This 20th day of June, 2024.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/Travis C. Turner Travis C. Turner, Chairman

s/Terry D. Goodger

Terry D. Goodger, District 1

s/Lyn Holcomb Lyn Holcomb, District 2

s/Edwin Nix Edwin Nix, District 3

s/Craig Bryant Craig Bryant, District 4

ATTEST:

s/Shanda Murphy Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

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Finance-150	304,511	309,611	472,243
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E911-250	-	-	750,000
EMA-260	381,270	389,530	390, <mark>1</mark> 67
EMS-265	-		1,489,485
GIS-270	126,791	134,568	128,780
Fire Dept-280	2,592,950	2,829,159	2,935,081
Sheriff-290	5,168,643	5,392,546	5,522,710
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Baliffs-790	8,700	8,700	8,733
Contingency-900 General Fund Total	250,000 27,983,509	250,000 27,983,509	322,000 32,961,174

White County Separate Funds FY2022 -FY2025	FY2024 Approved Budget	FY2024 Amended Budget	FY2025 Requested Budget
101 Sheriff Telephone Comm	\$35,330	\$35,330	\$35,330
205 Law Library	\$17,350	\$17,350	\$18,350
210 Confiscated assets	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
222 Jail Fund	\$27,345	\$27,345	\$25,670
223 Inmate Commissary	\$15,685	\$15,685	\$100,000
224 Drug Education Fund	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$49,000
225 Drug Task Force	\$909,595	\$919,537	\$955,794
230 Juvenile Supervision	\$200	\$200	\$400
250 Grants (contingent upon approval)	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$2,802,937
Enotah ARPA Grant	\$0	\$0	\$2,330,797
275 Hotel/Motel	\$2,375,000	\$2,375,000	\$6,762,500
430 Debt Service (SPLOST)	\$732,828	\$732,828	\$732,686
540 Solid Waste (Enterprise Fund)	\$180,420	\$182,420	\$2,169,600
565 Development Authority	\$6,050	\$6,050	\$17,000
570 E-911 Fund (Including Restricted)	\$1,372,999	\$1,420,127	\$1,331,783
710 Enotah	\$1,397,714	\$1,397,714	\$1,387,182
Total Other Funds	<u>\$7,144,516</u>	<u>\$7,203,586</u>	<u>\$18,722,029</u>
General Fund Total	\$27,983,509	<u>\$27,983,509</u>	\$32,961,174
Other Separate Funds Total	<u>\$7,144,516</u>		\$18,722,029
Grand Total	<u>\$35,128,025</u>	<u>\$35,187,095</u>	\$51,683,203

* End of Resolution No. 2024-11*

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Nix, seconded by Commissioner Bryant there was a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

The minutes of the June 20, 2024 Called Meeting were approved as stated this 24th day of June, 2024.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

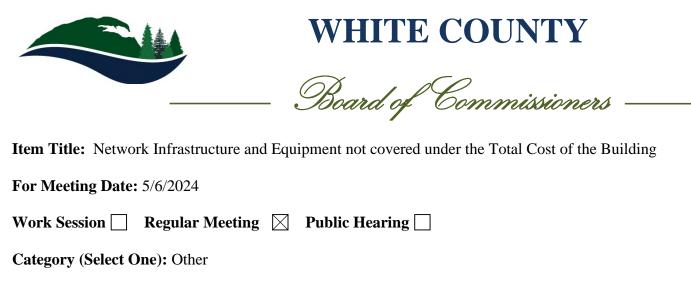
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Submitted By: Joel Witcher

Attachments: Yes 🛛 If yes, please list each file name below:

- 1. ACG Quote Cabling
- 2. <u>ACG Quote Security Camera System</u>
- 3. ACG Quote Paxton Door Access Control
- 4. CDWG Quote Network Switches and Access Points
- 5. _

Purpose:

The Original Cost of the GYM does not have any of the attached quotes included. This quotes are for: Network Cat6 Cabling - Required to provide Network access, wifi, camera connections etc. Security Camera System - Expand our Security Camera system to the New Gym. Paxon Door Access - Provide electronic secure access to certain doors in the GYM. Network Switches and Access Points - Required for network (Security Cameras, PCs, Phones etc) to function as well as WIFI

Background / Summary:

• This is similar to the previous Tax Office build out, only on a larger scale.

Department Recommendation:

IT department recommends Approval of quotes

Options:

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Budget Information: Applicable 🗌 Not Applicable 🖂

Budgeted: Yes 🗌 No 🔀

Finance Director's Comments (if applicable):

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County Manager Comments:

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9037- WC Gym Cabling 11226

Quote # 020023 Version 2

Prepared for: White County Commissioners

Prepared by: Howard Bell



Executive Summary

This quote provides labor and materials for the following:

Data, cameras, and access control cabling.

Furnish and install (73) Cat 6 cables per print provided by customer. (14) dual drops - data, (5) single drops - AP's, (32) single drops - cameras, and (8) single drops - access control.

Patch cords for each drop on patch panel will be provided.

ACG to terminate, test, and label each cable.

ACG assumes that work can be accomplished utilizing standard size step ladders during standard business hours. (8-5 Mon. thru Fri,)

If at any point a lift is required, customer must provide one for ACG until the project is complete.

Hardware

Description	Price	Qty	Ext. Price
RACK - ORT. 84" STD. 2-POST EQUIP. RACK ORTRONICS (LEGRAND) 84" STD. 2-POST EQUIP. RACK	\$356.00	1	\$356.00
Ortronics WRTRT-12B 5.5' Runway Wall-to-Rack Kit, Ortronics WRTRT-12B 5.5' Runway Wall-to-Rack Kit, Black	\$187.48	1	\$187.48
Ortronics OR-808045030 Front and Rear 2U Wire Mana Ortronics OR-808045030 Front and Rear 2U Wire Management	\$172.48	2	\$344.96
Standard Cable Manager with Cover, Double-Sided, V Standard Cable Manager with Cover, Double-Sided, Vertical, 84 H x 6 W x 13.71 in. D	\$593.98	1	\$593.98
SHELF SHELF 19" BLACK	\$114.51	1	\$114.51
CABLE CABLE CAT 6 PLENUM	\$0.39	10000	\$3,900.00
J-HOOK CAT 32 W/ BEAM CLAMP	\$11.60	20	\$232.00
CAT21 HOOK W/BC200 BEAMCLAMP ROTATES 360DEG. CAT21 HOOK W/BC200 BEAMCLAMP	\$15.18	30	\$455.40



Hardware

Description		Price	Qty	Ext. Price
Ortronics TechChoice Patch Panel Kit Flat Unloaded 48 Port - 48 Port(s) - 2U High - Black - Rack-mountable		\$103.41	2	\$206.82
Ortronics TechChoice Faceplate - 4 x Total Number of Socket(s) - 1- gang - Fog White - High Impact Thermoplastic, Stainless Steel		\$2.80	30	\$84.00
Ortronics Keystone Plastic Surface Mount Box, Single Port, Fog White - 1 x Total Number of Socket(s) - Fog White - High Impact Thermoplastic		\$6.40	37	\$236.80
Ortronics Category 6 Keystone Jack, Fog White - 25 Pack - 1 x RJ-45 Keystone Female - Fog White	I	\$13.00	140	\$1,820.00
PATCH CABLE PATCH CABLE C6 3 FT BLUE		\$6.56	110	\$721.60
Miscellaneous parts and supplies Miscellaneous parts and supplies		\$300.00	1	\$300.00
		Sı	ibtotal:	\$9,553.55

Services

Description	Price	Qty	Ext. Price
Cabling Lead - Labor Cabling Lead - Fixed Fee	\$70.00	64	\$4,480.00
Labor Cabling Lead - Fixed Fee			
Cabling Ast - FF Labor Cabling Assistant - Fixed Fee Labor Cabling Assistant - Fixed Fee	\$65.00	64	\$4,160.00
	Sı	ubtotal:	\$8,640.00



9037- WC Gym Cabling 11226



Prepared by:

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Prepared for:

White County Commissioners

327 Asbestos Rd Cleveland, GA 30528 Joel Witcher (706) 865-2235 jwitcher@whitecounty.net

Quote Information:

Quote #: 020023

Version: 2 Delivery Date: 05/24/2024 Expiration Date: 06/14/2024

Quote Summary

Description	Amount
Hardware	\$9,553.55
Services	\$8,640.00
Total:	\$18,193.55

Taxes, shipping, handling and other fees may apply. We reserve the right to cancel orders arising from pricing or other errors.

ACG Solutions

White County Commissioners

Signature:	Home BM	Signature:	
Name:	Howard Bell	Name:	Joel Witcher
Title:	Account Executive	Date:	
Date:	05/24/2024		

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Contract Terms

A convenience fee of 3.5% will be charged for all bills paid by credit card.

Disclaimer

General Notes:

#1: If customer has a Tax Exemption, please furnish copy with contract or purchase order.

#2: Work to be performed 8am to 5pm, M-F. All Walls and ceilings must be accessible.

#3: Costs does not include any electrical power or receptacle installation.

#4: Costs does not include any concrete wall/floor coring.

#5: Patch cords are not included in configuration unless listed above. Various lengths and colors are available upon request.

#6: Any work not listed above requires change order signed by representatives of both customer and ACG before requested work can commence.

#7: Costs does not include the installation of any firewall penetrations. If required, the determination of type and rating along with cost can be requested as a change order.

#8: Customer agrees to pay all freight charges.

#9 Customer will supply ground connection or assume responsibility.

SIGNATURE: It is understood the person signing for the customer has the authority to do so and that by signing this document it becomes a legal and binding contract.

TAXES: Customer agrees to pay taxes, however designated, imposed on or based upon the provision, sales, license, or use of the products provided.

WARRANTY: Manufacturer's warranty applies to equipment. Freight and other charges may be incurred on returned equipment. Labor is covered for 30 days from date of installation.

LEASE OPTIONS: Leases require credit approval by a finance provider. Stated lease amounts do not guarantee approval.

PRICE AND PAYMENT:Purchase price listed on Purchase Contract, Quote or Work Order is valid for 15 days (Server pricing is valid for 5 days). The product price listed on the Purchase Contract may vary for unforeseen configuration and/or technical changes. If the Customer delays delivery or installation for more than thirty days payment for all the equipment on the purchase contract will be due at that time. Unless otherwise stated on the quote, a deposit of 50% of the total purchase contract price is required upon acceptance of the contract by Customer. 25% is due on date of equipment delivery to customer site. Balance is due upon receipt of the equipment if installation is not provided by Ansley, 25% of the total purchase price is due the day of the completion of the installation. Finance charges will be accrued at 21% per annum on balances outstanding more than five (5) days after the due date.

TERMS OF SERVICE: Client hereby acknowledges and accepts that Ansley Communications Group, Inc. d/b/a ACG Solutions terms of service apply to this invoice.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Customer must sign the ACG Security Agreement.

The information contained in this document is confidential and proprietary to Ansley Communications Group, Inc. and customer named on document. No part of the document may be circulated, quoted, or reproduced for distribution outside the customer organization without prior written approval from Ansley Communications Group, Inc..

Please sign and return to ACG.

ACG Solutions

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9027 DW Camera System New Gym

Quote # 020022 Version 2

Prepared for: White County Commissioners

Prepared by: Howard Bell



Executive Summary

This quote is to install (1) Digital Watchdog Camera system.

This system will include (1) Blackjack P-Rack 2U NVR 100 T, (18) 5MP Turret cameras, (8) 8MP 180 Degree cameras, (8) 5MP Bullet cameras, (2) 5MP 360 Fisheye cameras, and (1) 4K Ai camera.

ACG will get with customers IT Department to get an IP scheme for this system.

ACG will set up system and have all cameras on server before project starts.

Once cable has been ran, and tested ACG will install each camera at there locations.

After cameras have been installed, ACG will make sure cameras come up on server, point cameras, and have views approved before final lock down.

If a lift is required, customer must provide one for ACG until the project is complete.

Anything beyond this scope of work will result in a change order.

All Digital Watchdog products have a 5 year warranty.

ACG labor warranty is 30 days.

Hardware

Description		Price	Qty	Ext. Price
BLKJCK 2U P-Rack, Win 10, 100TB		\$11,046.52	1	\$11,046.52
5MP IR Turrett Camera, 3.6mm Fixed Lens Digital Watchdog DWC-MT95WI36TW MEGApix 5MP IR Turret IP Camera, 3.6mm Fixed Lens, White	Dr.	\$275.87	18	\$4,965.66
Digital Watchdog Mounting Box for Surveillance C Digital Watchdog Mounting Box for Surveillance Camera		\$23.99	18	\$431.82
DIG WATCH ULTRA WIDE VIEW IP BULLET CAM W/ IVA Digital Watchdog DWC-MBW8WI2TW MEGApix 8MP Ultra-Wide View Single-Sensor IP Bullet Camera with IVA		\$675.12	8	\$5,400.96



Hardware

Description		Price	Qty	Ext. Price
Digital Watchdog MEGApix 5 Megapixel HD Network DIG.WATCHDOG 5MP IR BULLET IP CAMERA	Dr Control of the second	\$548.42	8	\$4,387.36
DW JUNCTION BOX - WHITE DIGITAL WATCHDOG Junction Box/White		\$40.95	16	\$655.20
Digital Watchdog MEGApix PANO 5 Megapixel Outd Digital Watchdog MEGApix PANO 5 Megapixel Outdoor Network Camera - Monochrome, Color - Fisheye - TAA Compliant - 80 ft - MJPEG, H.264, H.265 - 2592 x 1944 Fixed Lens - CMOS - Pole Mount, Wall Mount, Corner Mount, Ceiling Mount, Gang Box Moun	N.	\$588.43	2	\$1,176.86
4K Ai 2.7-13.5MM IR Vandal Dome		\$813.54	1	\$813.54
DIGITAL WD Junction Box for IP Vandal Dome Cam, Wte Digital Watchdog DWC-VFJUNCW Junction Box for IP Vandal Dome Cameras, White		\$46.49	3	\$139.47
Digital Watchdog Spectrum IPVMS - License - 1 IP C Digital Watchdog Spectrum IPVMS - License - 1 IP Camera		\$100.30	1	\$100.30
4 DW SPECTRUM LICENSE 4 DW SPECTRUM LICENSE		\$401.21	1	\$401.21
MISC - MISC.EQUIP		\$250.00	1	\$250.00
		Sı	ibtotal:	\$29,768.90

Services

Description		Price	Qty	Ext. Price
Security Crew	2 Man Security Crew per Hour 2 Man Security Crew per Hour	\$135.00	64	\$8,640.00

Subtotal: \$8,640.00



9027 DW Camera System New Gym



Prepared by:

ACG Solutions Howard Bell 706-778-5480 Fax 706.776.1934 hbell@acg-solutions.com

Prepared for:

(706) 865-2235

White County Commissioners 1241 Helen Highway Suite 160 Cleveland, GA 30528 Joel Witcher

jwitcher@whitecounty.net

Quote Information:

Quote #: 020022

Version: 2 Delivery Date: 05/24/2024 Expiration Date: 06/14/2024

Quote Summary

Description		Amount
Hardware		\$29,768.90
Services		\$8,640.00
	Total:	\$38,408.90

Taxes, shipping, handling and other fees may apply. We reserve the right to cancel orders arising from pricing or other errors.

ACG Solutions

White County Commissioners

Signature:	Hows Birl
Name:	Howard Bell
Title:	Account Executive
Date:	05/24/2024

Date:



Contract Terms

A convenience fee of 3.5% will be charged for all bills paid by credit card.

Disclaimer

General Notes:

#1: If customer has a Tax Exemption, please furnish copy with contract or purchase order.

#2: Work to be performed 8am to 5pm, M-F. All Walls and ceilings must be accessible.

#3: Costs does not include any electrical power or receptacle installation.

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#8: Customer agrees to pay all freight charges.

#9 Customer will supply ground connection or assume responsibility.

SIGNATURE: It is understood the person signing for the customer has the authority to do so and that by signing this document it becomes a legal and binding contract.

TAXES: Customer agrees to pay taxes, however designated, imposed on or based upon the provision, sales, license, or use of the products provided.

WARRANTY: Manufacturer's warranty applies to equipment. Freight and other charges may be incurred on returned equipment. Labor is covered for 30 days from date of installation.

LEASE OPTIONS: Leases require credit approval by a finance provider. Stated lease amounts do not guarantee approval.

PRICE AND PAYMENT:Purchase price listed on Purchase Contract, Quote or Work Order is valid for 15 days (Server pricing is valid for 5 days). The product price listed on the Purchase Contract may vary for unforeseen configuration and/or technical changes. If the Customer delays delivery or installation for more than thirty days payment for all the equipment on the purchase contract will be due at that time. Unless otherwise stated on the quote, a deposit of 50% of the total purchase contract price is required upon acceptance of the contract by Customer. 25% is due on date of equipment delivery to customer site. Balance is due upon receipt of the equipment if installation is not provided by Ansley, 25% of the total purchase price is due the day of the completion of the installation. Finance charges will be accrued at 21% per annum on balances outstanding more than five (5) days after the due date.

TERMS OF SERVICE: Client hereby acknowledges and accepts that Ansley Communications Group, Inc. d/b/a ACG Solutions terms of service apply to this invoice.

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Please sign and return to ACG.

ACG Solutions

1058 W. Airport Road Cornelia, GA 30531 770.869.9703 acg-solutions.com



9028 Paxton Access Controls 11208

Quote # 020026 Version 2

Prepared for: White County Commissioners

Prepared by: Howard Bell



Executive Summary

This quote is to install (1) Paxton Net 2 Access Control system. System will include (3) 2 Door Access control kits.

This kit will include door controllers, proximity readers, desktop reader, software for PC, and key fobs and key cards.

Customer must provide PC that has to be running at all times.

ACG will static each door controller to the network.

ACG will meet with the Contractor on what is required for this system before installation.

ACG WILL NEED TO BE ONSITE WHEN DOORS AND DOOR JAMBS ARE INSTALLED FOR CABLE INSTALLATION.

ACG may have to run exposed conduit inside the doors for card readers and mag locks.

ACG will install software on the computer and any other computer customer request during training.

ACG will conduct a training session once job is completed.

Training should last an hour,

Anything outside this scope of work will result in a change order.

Hardware

Description	Price	Qty	Ext. Price
Paxton Net2 Plus Starter Kit for 2 Door Paxton 682-920-US Net2 Plus Starter Kit for 2 Doors, PoE+ PSU	\$1,544.39	3	\$4,633.17
PAXTON NET2 E50 EXIT BUTTON EXIT BUTTON E50	\$58.48	8	\$467.84
MAGLOCK - DOUBLE DR.W/LED STAT.IND. B/SENS.& DR STAT. SENS. Double Magnetic Lock with Indicating LED, Bond Sensor and Door Status Sensor	\$320.17	3	\$960.51
MAGLOCK - SINGLE DR. 600LBS 600LB SINGLE MAGLOCK	\$188.99	3	\$566.97
18/2 PLENUM 18/2 PLENUM	\$0.18	300	\$54.00
CABLE - 22/4 STR. PLENUM CABLE - 22/4 STR. PLENUM	\$0.116	300	\$34.80



Hardware

Description	Price	Qty	Ext. Price
22/8 STRANDED 22/8 STRANDED	\$0.354	300	\$106.20
Miscellaneous parts and supplies Miscellaneous parts and supplies	\$500.00	1	\$500.00
	Sı	ubtotal:	\$7,323.49

Services

Description		Price	Qty	Ext. Price
Security Lead - FF	Labor Security Lead - Fixed Fee	\$70.00	48	\$3,360.00
	Labor Security Lead - Fixed Fee			
Security Assistant - FF	Labor Security Assistant - Fixed Fee	\$65.00	48	\$3,120.00
	Labor Security Assistant Fixed Fee			
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Subtotal: \$6,480.00



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Quote Information:

Quote #: 020026

Version: 2 Delivery Date: 05/24/2024 Expiration Date: 06/14/2024

Quote Summary

Description		Amount
Hardware		\$7,323.49
Services		\$6,480.00
	Total:	\$13,803.49

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Name:	Howard Bell
Title:	Account Executive
Date:	05/24/2024

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Quote # 1CF2PL2		-	
Description: GYM SWITCHES AND ACCESS P	Created Date: 06/06/24	Subtotal	\$10,322.48
Status: Open	Last Edited Date: 06/06/24	*US Tax	\$0.00
Requested By: JOEL WITCHER		Shipping	\$0.00
Customer Notes:		Grand Total	\$10,322.48
		*Tax may change if your account man	this quote is amended b ager.
Ship to:	Billed to:		
WHITE COUNTY BOC	WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF		
ATTN:JOEL WITCHER	COMMISSONERS	Ch	eckout
1241 HELEN HWY SUITE 160	ATTN: ACCT PAYABLE		leckout
CLEVELAND , GA 30528	1235 HELEN HWY		
	CLEVELAND, GA 30528-6937		
	(706) 865-7044	Ado	d to Cart
Shipping method:	Payment method:		
Drop Ship Ground	Select payment method during checkout.		

Product Details

ITEM		AVAILABILITY	PRICE	QUANTITY	ITEM TOTAL
1000 Marca 1	Cisco Business 350 Series 350- 48NGP-4X - switch - 48 ports - managed - rack MFG Part: CBS350-48NGP-4X-NA CDW Part: 6734513 UNSPSC:	1-3+ Days	\$2,621.50 Pricing Option Applied: Sourcewell 121923- CDWG Tech Catalog	2.0	\$5,243.00
1011	Ruckus 8x8:8 R850 802.111ax Wireless Access Point MFG Part: 9U1-R850-US00 CDW Part: 6363585 UNSPSC: 43222640	326 units In Stock	\$865.05 Pricing Option Applied: Sourcewell 121923- CDWG Tech Catalog	2.0	\$1,730.10
armanna 11111	Ruckus R650 - Unleashed - wireless access point - Wi-Fi 6 MFG Part: 9U1-R650-US00 CDW Part: 6256293 UNSPSC: 43222640	513 units In Stock	\$558.23 Pricing Option Applied: Sourcewell 121923- CDWG Tech Catalog	6.0	\$3,349.38



Item Title: Outdoor Lighting Project - YP Recreation Center

For Meeting Date: 6/24/2024

Work Session Regular Meeting Public Hearing

Category (Select One): Contract / IGA

Submitted By: Shanda Murphy For Billy Pittard

Attachments: Yes 🛛 If yes, please list each file name below:

- 1. <u>Georgia Power Lighting Service Agreement Option 1</u>
- 2. Georgia Power Lighting Service Agreement Option 2
- 3. <u>Schematic</u>

Purpose:

Consider approval of the Outdoor Lighting Project for the YP Recreation Center

Background / Summary:

- Outdoor lighting was not included in the Guranteed Maximum Price (GMP) with Charles Black Construction for this project.
- This will include installation of (13) 280 watt LED lighing fixtures in the parking area surrounding the recreation center.
- We have two (2) options for proceed on this with Georgia Power:
- 1. Pay \$1,170.00 per month every month / \$14,040.00 per year
- 2. Pay one-time pre-payment of \$40,000.00 and \$592.64 per month / \$7.111.68 per year
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Department Recommendation:

County Manager recommends option 2, cost saving of pre-payment will be realized in just under 6 years.

Options:

• Choose option 1 or option 2 as outlined above.

Budget Information: Applicable Not Applicable

Budgeted: Yes 🗌 No 🗌

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Finance Director's Comments (if applicable):

County Manager Comments:

Lighting Services Agreement



Project # LP91993

Customer Legal I	Name WHITE	CO BD OF CO	MM	DBA		
Service Address			LAND GA 30528		County Mile	C 1
Mailing Address			LAND GA 30528		County Whit	ie - GA
Email				706-400-8115		
Tax ID# 0000			Business Description	100-400-8113	Alt Tel #	
Existing Yes Customer	I No □ If Ye the	es (and if poss Service added	ible), does customer wa to an existing account	ant Yes ☑ No □ ?	If Yes, which Account Number?	06118-67013
			Selected Comp	onents		
Action Q	ty Wattag	e Type		Descrip	otion	
INS 1	3 280	LED	Area			
Service Cost (\$) Regulat	ed Cost (\$)*	Monthly Cost (\$)*	[Town (Marcal N	
\$1,042	2.08	\$127.92	\$1,170.00		Term (Months)	

* The actual Regulated Cost will be calculated using the tariffs approved by Georgia Public Service Commission at the time of billing. The estimate is based on Summer Rates in effect at the time of this proposal. Excludes applicable sales tax.

Project Notes:		

Customer agrees to this Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power Company under the attached terms and conditions and authorizes all actions noted on this agreement.

Customer also agrees to allow removal of existing lights. Yes $\Box\,$ N/A $\Box\,$

Туре	Customer	Tariff	Content
NESC	Gov	EOL	NLC

Pre-Payment	(\$)
\$0.00	

Customer recognizes that the individual signing this Agreement on its behalf has authority to do so.

Customer Authorization	Georgia Power Authorization
Signature:	Signature:
Print Name:	Print Name: Benjamin Jones
Print Title:	Print Title: Account Exec
Date:	Date:

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- 2. <u>Term and Termination</u>. The initial Agreement term is stated on Page 1, calculated from the date of the first bill. After the initial term, this Agreement automatically renews on a month-to-month basis until terminated by either party by providing written notice of intent to terminate to the other party (in accordance with the notice provisions of the *Miscellaneous* section below) at least 30 days before the desired termination date. The initial term and any renewal term or terms are collectively the "Term."
- 3. Intent and Title. This Agreement governs GPC's provision of the Service to Customer and is not a sale, lease, or licensing of goods, equipment, property, or assets of any kind. GPC retains the sole and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all GPC Assets. Customer acknowledges that GPC Assets, although attached to real property, always will remain the exclusive personal property of GPC and that GPC may remove GPC Assets upon Agreement termination. GPC makes no representation or warranty regarding treatment of this transaction by the Internal Revenue Service or the status of this transaction under any federal or state tax law. Customer enters into this Agreement in sole reliance upon its own advisors.
- 4. <u>Payment</u>. GPC will invoice Customer monthly for the Monthly Cost as described on Page 1. The Service Cost portion of the Monthly Cost will renew at the amount shown on Page 1, but the Regulated Cost portion will be determined by the applicable Georgia Public Service Commission-approved tariff at the time of billing. Customer agrees to pay the total amount billed in full by in order to continue Service. If applicable, Customer must provide a copy of its Georgia sales tax exemption certificate. Customer must pay costs associated with any Customer-initiated
- 5. Premises Activity. Customer hereby grants to GPC and its contractors, agents, and representatives the right and license to enter the Premises at any time to perform any activity related to the Service or to GPC's use of the GPC Assets, including the right to access the Premises with vehicles, GPC Assets, or other tools or equipment, and to survey, dig, or excavate, in order to: (i) install and connect GPC Assets, provide Service, or provide or install any other service; (ii) inspect, maintain, test, replace, repair, disconnect, or remove GPC Assets; (iii) install additional equipment or devices on GPC Assets; or (iv) conduct any other activity reasonably related to the Service or GPC Assets (collectively, "GPC Activity"). Customer represents or warrants that it has the right to permit GPC to provide the Service and to perform the GPC Activity upon the Premises and, if applicable, has obtained express written authority and required permission from all Premises owners, and any other person or entity with rights in the Premises, to enter into this Agreement and to authorize the GPC Activity and the Service.
- 6. Installation and Underground Work. Customer recognizes that the Service requires installation of GPC Assets. Customer warrants or covenants that: (i) the Premises' final grade will vary no more than six inches from the grade existing at the time of installation; and (ii) if applicable and required for proper installation, Premises property lines will be clearly marked before installation.
 - A. <u>Customer Work</u>. If GPC, upon Customer's request, allows Customer, itself or through a third party, to perform any activity related to installation of GPC Assets (including trenching), Customer warrants or covenants that the work will meet GPC's installation specifications (which GPC will provide to Customer and which are incorporated by this reference). Customer must provide GPC at least 10 days' prior written notice of its schedule for the work, so that GPC can schedule GPC's installation work promptly thereafter. Customer will be responsible for any additional costs arising from non-compliance with GPC's specifications, Customer's failure to complete Customer's work by the agreed completion date, or failure to provide GPC timely notice of any schedule change.
 - B. Underground Facility/Obstruction Not Subject to Dig Law. Because GPC Activity may require excavation not subject to the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act (O.C.G.A. §§25-9-1 – 25-9-13) ("Dig Law"), Customer must mark any private utility or facility (e.g., gas/water/sewer line; irrigation facility; fiber/data/communication line) or other underground obstruction at the Premises that is not subject to the Dig Law. If GPC causes or incurs damage due to Customer's failure to mark a private facility or obstruction before GPC commences GPC Activity, Customer is responsible for all damages and any loss or damage resulting from any such delay.
 - C. <u>Unforeseen Condition</u>. The estimated charges shown on Page 1 include no allowance for subsurface rock, wetland, underground stream, buried waste, unsuitable soil, underground obstruction, archeological artifact, burial ground, threatened or endangered species, hazardous substance, or similar condition ("Unforeseen Condition"). If GPC encounters an Unforeseen Condition in connection with any GPC Activity, GPC, in its sole discretion, may stop all GPC Activity until Customer either remedies the condition or agrees to reimburse all GPC costs arising from the condition. Customer is responsible for all costs of modification or change to GPC Assets requested by Customer or dictated by an Unforeseen Condition or circumstance outside GPC's control.
- 7. <u>GPC Asset Protection and Damage</u>. Throughout the Term, in the event of any work or digging near GPC Assets, Customer (or any person or entity working on Customer's behalf) must: (i) provide notices and locate requests to the Georgia Utilities Protection Center ("UPC") and other utility owners or operators as required by the then-current Dig Law; (ii) coordinate with the UPC and any utility facility owner/operator as required by the Dig Law; and (iii) comply with the High-voltage Safety Act (O.C.G.A. §§46-3-30 -- 46-3-40). As between Customer and GPC, Customer is responsible for any damage arising from failure to comply with applicable law or for damage to GPC Assets caused by anyone other than GPC or a GPC contractor, agent, or representative.
- 8. Pole Attachments. Nothing in this Agreement conveys to Customer any right to attach or affix anything to any GPC Asset. Customer agrees that it will not, and will not permit others to, rearrange, disconnect, remove, relocate, repair, alter, tamper with, or otherwise interfere with any GPC Asset. If Customer desires to attach or affix anything to GPC Assets, Customer must first obtain GPC's written consent. Customer may call GPC Lighting and Smart Services business unit at 1-888-660-5890 to request consent.
- Interruption of Service. Customer understands that Service is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis and may be interrupted. If there is a Service interruption, Customer must notify GPC. Following notice, GPC will restore Service, at no cost to Customer. Customer may notify GPC by either calling 1-888-660-5890 or by reporting online at: https://www.georgiapower.com/community/outages-and-stormcenter/power-outage-overview/street-light-outage.html.
- 10. Disclaimer; Damages. GPC makes no covenant, warranty, or representation of any kind (including warranty of fitness for a particular purpose, merchantability, or non-infringement) regarding Service, GPC Assets, or any GPC Activity. Customer acknowledges that, due to the unique characteristics of the Premises, Customer's needs, or selection of GPC Assets, the Service may not follow IESNA guidelines. Customer waives any right to consequential, special, indirect, treble, exemplary, incidental, punitive, loss of business or this Agreement, or arising from damage, hindrance, or delay involving the Service, GPC Assets, or this Agreement, whether or not reasonable, foreseeable, contemplated, or avoidable. To the extent GPC is liable under this Agreement, and to the extent allowed by applicable law, GPC's liability is expressly limited to: (i) with respect to the Service purchased by Customer for the Service; or (ii) with respect to any other liability, to proven direct damages in an amount not to exceed \$100.00. Customer is solely property damage or loss, or negative impact to Customer or any third party that occurs at the Premises.
- 11. Risk Allocation. Each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results of its acts, except as otherwise described in this Agreement.
- 12. <u>Georgia Security, Immigration, and Compliance Act</u>. Customer is a "public employer" as defined by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and this is a contract for physical performance of services in Georgia. Compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 is a condition of this Agreement and is mandatory. GPC will provide to Customer a contractor's affidavit for installation services as required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. If GPC employs any subcontractor in connection with installation under this Agreement, GPC also will secure from each subcontractor an affidavit attesting to compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.
- 13. Default. Customer is in default if Customer: (i) does not pay the entire amount owed to GPC within 45 days after the due date; (ii) terminates this Agreement without proper notice and prior to the end of the then-current Term; or (iii) breaches any material term, warranty, covenant, or representation of this Agreement. GPC's waiver of a past or concurrent default will not waive any other default. If a default occurs, GPC may: (a) immediately terminate this Agreement; (b) remove any GPC Asset from the Premises; or (c) seek any available remedy provided by law, including the right to collect any past due amount, or any amount due for the Service during the remaining Term.
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Lighting Services Agreement



Project # LP91993

Customer Legal N	ame WHITE C	D BD OF CO	MM	DBA	
Service Address	327 ASBESTO	S RD CLEVE	LAND GA 30528		County White - GA
Mailing Address			AND GA 30528		county write - GA
Email			Tel #	706-400-8115	Alt Tel #
Tax ID# 0000			Business Description		///////////////////////////////////////
Existing Customer	No D If Yes the Se	(and if possi rvice added	ible), does customer v to an existing accour	vant Yes ☑ No □ nt?	If Yes, which Account Number? <u>06118-67013</u>
Selected Components					
Action Q	y Wattage	Туре		Descrip	otion
INS 1	3 280	LED	Area		
Service Cost (\$		d Cost (\$)*	Monthly Cost (\$)*		Term (Months)

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\$592.67

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Туре	Customer	Tariff	Content	
NESC Gov		EOL	NLC	

\$464.75

Pre-Payment (\$)		
\$40,000.00		

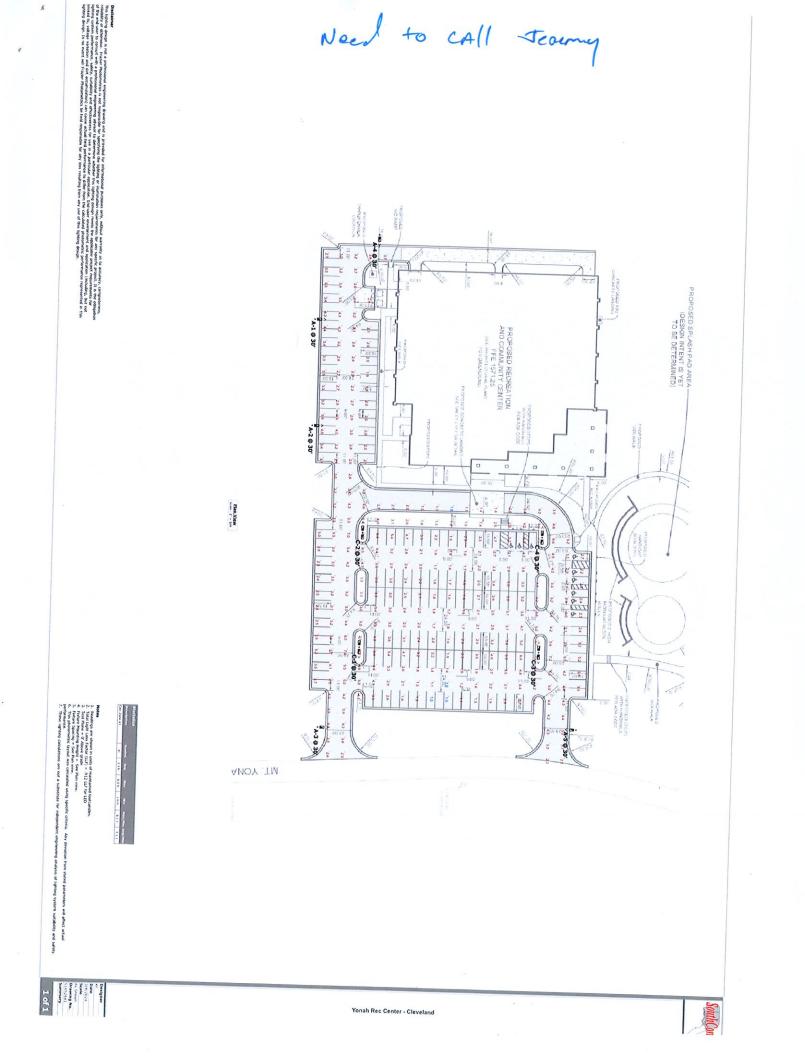
Customer recognizes that the individual signing this Agreement on its behalf has authority to do so.

\$127.92

Customer Authorization	Georgia Power Authorization Signature:	
Signature:		
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Print Title:	Print Title: Account Exec	
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- 4. <u>Payment</u>. GPC will invoice Customer monthly for the Monthly Cost as described on Page 1. The Service Cost portion of the Monthly Cost will renew at the amount shown on Page 1, but the Regulated Cost portion will be determined by the applicable Georgia Public Service Commission-approved tariff at the time of billing. Customer agrees to pay the total amount billed in full by in order to continue Service. If applicable, Customer must provide a copy of its Georgia sales tax exemption certificate. Customer must pay costs associated with any Customer-initiated
- 5. Premises Activity. Customer hereby grants to GPC and its contractors, agents, and representatives the right and license to enter the Premises at any time to perform any activity related to the Service or to GPC's use of the GPC Assets, including the right to access the Premises with vehicles, GPC Assets, or other tools or equipment, and to survey, dig, or excavate, in order to: (i) install and connect GPC Assets, provide Service, or provide or install any other service; (ii) inspect, maintain, test, replace, repair, disconnect, or remove GPC Assets; (iii) install additional equipment or devices on GPC Assets; or (iv) conduct any other activity reasonably related to the Service or GPC Assets (collectively, "GPC Activity"). Customer represents or warrants that it has the right to permit GPC to provide the Service and to perform the GPC Activity upon the Premises and, if applicable, has obtained express written authority and required permission from all Premises owners, and any other person or entity with rights in the Premises, to enter into this Agreement and to authorize the GPC Activity and the Service.
- 6. Installation and Underground Work. Customer recognizes that the Service requires installation of GPC Assets. Customer warrants or covenants that: (i) the Premises' final grade will vary no more than six inches from the grade existing at the time of installation; and (ii) if applicable and required for proper installation, Premises property lines will be clearly marked before installation.
 - A. <u>Customer Work</u>. If GPC, upon Customer's request, allows Customer, itself or through a third party, to perform any activity related to installation of GPC Assets (including trenching), Customer warrants or covenants that the work will meet GPC's installation specifications (which GPC will provide to Customer and which are incorporated by this reference). Customer must provide GPC at least 10 days' prior written notice of its schedule for the work, so that GPC can schedule GPC's installation work promptly thereafter. Customer will be to provide GPC timely notice of any schedule change.
 - B. Underground Facility/Obstruction Not Subject to Dig Law. Because GPC Activity may require excavation not subject to the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act (O.C.G.A. §§25-9-1 – 25-9-13) ("Dig Law"), Customer must mark any private utility or facility (e.g., gas/water/sewer line; irrigation facility; fiber/data/communication line) or other underground obstruction at the Premises that is not subject to the Dig Law. If GPC causes or incurs damage due to Customer's failure to mark a private facility or obstruction before GPC commences GPC Activity, Customer is responsible for all damages and any loss or damage resulting from any such delay.
 - C. <u>Unforeseen Condition</u>. The estimated charges shown on Page 1 include no allowance for subsurface rock, wetland, underground stream, buried waste, unsuitable soil, underground obstruction, archeological artifact, burial ground, threatened or endangered species, hazardous substance, or similar condition ("Unforeseen Condition"). If GPC encounters an all GPC costs arising from the condition. Customer is responsible for all costs of modification or change to GPC Assets requested by Customer or dictated by an Unforeseen Condition or circumstance outside GPC's control.
- 7. <u>GPC Asset Protection and Damage</u>. Throughout the Term, in the event of any work or digging near GPC Assets, Customer (or any person or entity working on Customer's behalf) must: (i) provide notices and locate requests to the Georgia Utilities Protection Center ("UPC") and other utility owners or operators as required by the then-current Dig Law; (ii) coordinate with the UPC and any utility damage arising from failure to comply with applicable law or for damage to GPC Assets caused by anyone other than GPC or a GPC contractor, agent, or representative.
- 8. Pole Attachments. Nothing in this Agreement conveys to Customer any right to attach or affix anything to any GPC Asset. Customer agrees that it will not, and will not permit others to, first obtain GPC's written consent. Customer may call GPC Lighting and Smart Services business unit at 1-888-660-5890 to request consent.
- Interruption of Service. Customer understands that Service is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis and may be interrupted. If there is a Service interruption, Customer must notify GPC. Following notice, GPC will restore Service, at no cost to Customer. Customer may notify GPC by either calling 1-888-660-5890 or by reporting online at: https://www.georgiapower.com/community/outages-and-stormcenter/power-outage-overview/street-light-outage.html.
- 10. Disclaimer; Damages. GPC makes no covenant, warranty, or representation of any kind (including warranty of fitness for a particular purpose, merchantability, or noninfringement) regarding Service, GPC Assets, or any GPC Activity. Customer acknowledges that, due to the unique characteristics of the Premises, Customer's needs, or selection of GPC Assets, the Service may not follow IESNA guidelines. Customer waives any right to consequential, special, indirect, treble, exemplary, incidental, punitive, loss of business or this Agreement, or arising from damage, hindrance, or delay involving the Service, GPC Assets, or this Agreement, whether or not reasonable, foreseeable, contemplated, or avoidable. To the extent GPC is liable under this Agreement, and to the extent allowed by applicable law, GPC's liability is expressly limited to: (i) with respect to the Service purchased by responsible for safety of the Premises; Customer agrees that GPC has no obligation to ensure safety of the Premises and that GPC has no liability for any personal injury, real or personal property damage or loss, or negative impact to Customer or any third party that occurs at the Premises.
- 11. Risk Allocation. Each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results of its acts, except as otherwise described in this Agreement.
- 12. <u>Georgia Security, Immigration, and Compliance Act</u>. Customer is a "public employer" as defined by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and this is a contract for physical performance of services in Georgia. Compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 is a condition of this Agreement and is mandatory. GPC will provide to Customer a contractor's affidavit for installation subcontractor an affidavit attesting to compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.
- 13. Default. Customer is in default if Customer: (i) does not pay the entire amount owed to GPC within 45 days after the due date; (ii) terminates this Agreement without proper notice and prior to the end of the then-current Term; or (iii) breaches any material term, warranty, covenant, or representation of this Agreement. GPC's waiver of a past or concurrent default will not waive any other default. If a default occurs, GPC may: (a) immediately terminate this Agreement; (b) remove any GPC Asset from the Premises; or (c) seek any available remedy provided by law, including the right to collect any past due amount, or any amount due for the Service during the remaining Term.
- 14. <u>Miscellaneous</u>. This Agreement contains the parties' entire agreement relating to the Service, GPC Assets, and GPC Activity and replaces any prior agreement, written or oral. Subject to applicable law, GPC may modify the terms of this Agreement by providing 30 days' prior written notice of such modification to Customer. If Customer uses the Service or makes any payment for notice is stated on Page 1. Either party may update administrative or contact information (e.g., address for notice is 1790 Montreal Circle, Tucker, GA 30084-6801; Customer's address in whole or in part, this Agreement or any right or obligation it has under this Agreement; any such assignment without GPC's prior written consent will be void and of no effect. In this means "for example, including, without limitation"; and (iv) "written" or "in writing" includes email communication. Georgia law governs this Agreement. If a court rules an Agreement.



WHITE COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Item Title: Parks & Recreation Concessionaire Contract
For Meeting Date: 6/24/2024
Work Session 🛛 Regular Meeting 🖾 Public Hearing 🗌
Category (Select One): Other
Submitted By: Kim McEntire
Attachments: Yes If yes, please list each file name below: 1. <u>Contract package</u> 2.

Purpose:

The purpose of this request is to continue with the concessions services of "Aw Shucks" (TJ Jenkins) for the period of July 2024 to July 2025.

Background / Summary:

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- "Aw Shucks" has been our concessions provider for the past 2 years. I am very pleased with their services and wish to continue the concessions contract with "Aw Shucks" (TJ Jenkins).
- The concessionaire will provide 10% of gross commission to the White County Parks & Recreation Department.

Department Recommendation:

Our department is very pleased with the concessions services provided by "Aw Shucks" (TJ Jenkins). We respectfully recommend that the current contract be approved.

Options:

- Approve contract
- Deny contract

Budget Information: Applicable 🗌 Not Applicable 🖂

Budgeted: Yes 🗌 No 🗌

Finance Director's Comments (if applicable):

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County Manager Comments:

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STATE OF GEORGIA WHITE COUNTY

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this ______ day of ______, 2023, by and between WHITE COUNTY, GEORGIA, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its governing authority, the White County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as the "COUNTY") and $\underline{\text{TIMM}} \sqrt{\frac{\int e_{\Lambda} |403}{\int e_{\Lambda} |403}}$ (hereinafter referred to as the "CONTRACTOR").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the CONTRACTOR has submitted to the COUNTY a description of the services it is willing to undertake in the performance of certain professional services; and

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted (as attached) by the CONTRACTOR has been approved and accepted by the COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to reduce the terms of this AGREEMENT to writing;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations set forth herein, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto mutually agree to the following:

1. Character of the Work:

The CONTRACTOR agrees to perform. <u>Parks and Recreation Concessionaire</u> $\lim_{M \to M} \sqrt{\frac{2}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{2}}}}$, in a manner satisfactory to the COUNTY, set forth in Exhibit "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. Compensation:

The CONTRACTOR agrees to pay the COUNTY for services rendered under this agreement in accordance with the bid price set forth in Exhibit "A". CONTRACTOR shall submit monthly statements of gross sales. CONTRACTOR shall make weekly payments to COUNTY. All payments shall be mailed to the COUNTY, unless prior arrangements to pick up the payment have been made.

3. Term of Agreement:

The term of this Agreement shall be for a period commencing on ______

4. Termination:

If, through any cause, the CONTRACTOR shall fail to fulfill in a timely and proper manner its obligations under this Agreement, the COUNTY shall thereupon have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the CONTRACTOR of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, which effective date shall be no earlier than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the written notice by the CONTRACTOR. Notwithstanding, the CONTRACTOR shall not be relieved of liability to the COUNTY for damages sustained by the COUNTY by the virtue of any breach of this Agreement, and the COUNTY may withhold payment to the COUNTY for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount of damages sustained by the COUNTY from such breach can be determined.

5. Indemnification:

The CONTRACTOR shall hold harmless and indemnify the COUNTY and its officials, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses of litigation (including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees) arising from or in any way related to the CONTRACTOR'S performance of this Agreement.

6. Proof of Insurance:

The **CONTRACTOR** shall maintain insurance in the types and amounts stated below during the term of this Agreement and any renewals or extensions thereof, and shall provide adequate proof of same to the **COUNTY** prior to commencing performance under this Agreement.

Insurance- Contractor shall maintain at a minimum the following types and amounts of insurance: (i) statutorily required workmen's compensation insurance; (ii) comprehensive general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, and with an endorsement naming White County as an additional insured; and (iii) automobile liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate. Workman's Compensation and Employer's Liability in limits of liability as provided by statutes of the State of Georgia.

7. Assignability/Transferability:

The CONTRACTOR shall not assign or transfer any interest in this AGREEMENT without the written consent of the COUNTY.

8. Entire Agreement; Amendments:

This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and all prior agreements relating to the subject matter hereof, whether written or oral, are nullified and superseded hereby, and neither party shall have any further rights or obligations under such superseded agreements. This Agreement may be amended or supplemented only by a written amendment duly executed and signed by all parties to this Agreement.

9. Notices

Any notices permitted or required to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed sufficient if sent via U.S. mail to the respective parties at the following addresses:

If to the COUNTY:

White County Board of Commissioners Attn: Shanda Murphy – County Clerk 1235 Helen Hwy Cleveland, GA 30528

If to the CONTRACTOR:

Attn: Timmy Jen	Kins
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CLEVELAND, SA	1 30528

If sent via regular U.S. mail, such written notice shall be deemed to have been "received" three business days after it is deposited in the mail with a proper address and with adequate postage affixed.

10. No Waiver:

No failure on the part of either party to this Agreement at any time to require performance by the other party of any term or condition of this Agreement shall be taken or held to be a waiver of such term or condition or in any way affect such party's right to enforce such term or condition, and no waiver on

the part of either party of any term or condition of this Agreement shall be taken or held to be a waiver of any other term or condition hereof.

11. Immunity:

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed or deemed to be a waiver of any immunity to which the parties or their officials, employees, or agents are legally entitled.

12. Legal Construction; Severability:

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement and this Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained in it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR have executed this agreement as of the first date above written.				
COUNTY:	CONTRACTOR:			
BY:	BY:			
TITLE:	TITLE:			
ATTEST:	ATTEST:			
DATE:	DATE:			



Appendix C

PRICING PROPOSAL – Page 1 Parks and Recreation Concessionaire RFP Project# 2023-RFP-PR05022023

I have read and understand the requirements of this Request for Proposal Project# 2022-RFP-PR02042022 and agree to provide required services in accordance with this proposal and all other attachments, exhibits, etc. I understand White County will not be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs not specifically set forth in this proposal.

<u>Vendor A:</u> The undersigned agrees, if awarded the contract, to pay White County <u>10</u>% (percent) of gross commission sales for the concessionaire services at the White County Parks and Recreation concession stands.

<u>Vendor B:</u> The undersigned agrees, if awarded the contract, to pay White County _____% (percent) of gross commission sales for the concessionaire services at the White County Parks and Recreation concession stands.

Company Name

Date

Printed Name

Proposals or Bids not signed shall be declared as "Non-Responsive" and may not be considered for award.

PRICING PROPOSAL – PAGE 2

Parks and Recreation Concessionaire RFP

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VENDORS MAY MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM AS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE RFP

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS A PART OF YOUR PROPOSAL

JOINT USE AGREEMENT THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES July 1, 2024

The WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ("BOARD") and the WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ("COUNTY"), here within, create a JOINT USE AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT") as a collaborative effort to maximize the use of White County's public facilities for recreational purposes.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the **BOARD** is the owner of real property and improvements thereon in White County, including facilities and active use areas which are capable of being used by the **COUNTY** for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is the owner of a public park and a sports complex in White County, which are capable of being used by the **BOARD** for recreational purposes and

WHEREAS, the **BOARD** and the **COUNTY** have mutual desires to improve recreational facilities and utilize all recreational facilities to the maximum benefit of the community and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the collaborative agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION I

SCHEDULING USE OF FACILITIES

(a) The BOARD and COUNTY shall develop a "Master Schedule for Joint Use of Facilities and Active Use Areas."

(b) The **BOARD and COUNTY** shall schedule an annual operational meeting prior to June 1 of each year to review and evaluate the status and condition of jointly used "Facilities and Active Use Areas."

(d) The **BOARD** shall have the responsibility for scheduling the use of **BOARD** "Facilities and Active Use Areas."

- (e) The **BOARD** "Facilities and Active Use Areas" shall be permitted in the following order of priority:
 - 1. School programs or activities
 - 2. BOARD-sponsored youth programs or activities
 - 3. COUNTY-sponsored youth programs or activities
 - 4. Other youth programs or activities
 - 5. **COUNTY** adult programs or activities
 - 6. Other adult programs or activities

(g) The **BOARD** and the **COUNTY** shall provide a minimum of fifteen (15)-calendar days' notice when canceling previously approved use dates. If either the **BOARD** or **COUNTY** cancels any previously approved reservation, the canceling party shall make a reasonable effort to provide an appropriate alternative reservation site.

(h) The **BOARD** may set aside varsity fields that are sport-specific during the course of the preseason, season, and postseason, releasing them for **COUNTY** use once play ceases. The **BOARD** shall provide notice to the **COUNTY** thirty (30) days in advance of the reservation date of specific fields and period during which the **BOARD** shall exercise this option. Fields used for more than one varsity sport are not eligible for this consideration.

(i) The **BOARD** shall not withhold fields from **COUNTY** use on an unreasonable, arbitrary, or recurring basis.

SECTION 2

OPERATIONAL COSTS

The **BOARD** agrees to provide access to the **COUNTY** for the use of gyms and athletic fields for a cost of \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, for the given year. This cost will be paid by the **COUNTY** directly to the **BOARD** upon receipt of an invoice from the **BOARD** in the month of July.

The **BOARD** will provide maintenance and care for all White County School System athletic fields. Also, all school gymnasiums will be maintained by the **BOARD**. The **COUNTY** will assure that all facilities and fields will be left in a state of cleanliness. The **COUNTY** staff will make sure the facility is left in the same condition as it was found.

ACCESS TO FACILITIES

The BOARD will furnish the **COUNTY's** Recreation Department Director with a key to the facilities required per the Master Schedule for Joint Use of Facilities and Active Use Areas noted in Section 1 upon commencement of each sport requiring usage of the facilities. The Recreation Department Director is responsible for the said key and is given permission by the Board to administer the key to his direct reports as necessary for the oversight of the **BOARD's** facilities.

SECTION 3

LIABILITIES AND INDEMNIFICATION

(a) The **COUNTY** is financially responsible for any damages caused by the **COUNTY's** use of **BOARD** "Facilities and Active Use Areas."

(b) The **COUNTY** shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the **BOARD**, its officers, agents, employees, representatives, and volunteers from damage to property and for injury to or death of any person and from all claims, demands, actions, liability, or damages of any kind or nature arising out of or in connection with activities or programs sponsored by the **COUNTY at BOARD** "Facilities and Active Use Areas" except those which arise out of the sole negligence of the **BOARD**,

(c) The **BOARD** shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the **COUNTY**, its officers, agents, employees, representatives, and volunteers from damage to property and for injury to or death of any person and from all claims, demands, actions, liability, or damages of any kind or nature arising out of or in connection with activities or programs sponsored by the **BOARD** at **COUNTY** "Facilities and Active Use Areas," except those which arise out of the sole negligence of the **COUNTY**.

SECTIONS APPLICABILITY AND MODIFICATION

(a) This **AGREEMENT** sets forth the entire **AGREEMENT** between the parties with respect to the facilities listed in Exhibit A.

(b) Modifications to the **AGREEMENT** shall be in the form of a written amendment executed by each party.

RENEWAL

This Agreement may be renewed and extended for successive terms of 12 months each by an appropriate written

instrument executed by both the **BOARD** and the **COUNTY**. Any decision by the **BOARD** to renew and extend this Agreement shall not bind the **BOARD** unless such decision is reviewed and approved by the Board of Education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION and the WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS duly approve this AGREEMENT.

White County BOE, Chair

Date

White County BOC, Chair

Date

Exhibit "A"

FACILITIES INVENTORY

BOARD

<u>White County Middle School</u> 1 Football Field with Concession Stand <u>White County High School Football Field</u> 3-4 games each fall

Basketball Gym – Old gym between NGA and MS

<u>Tesnatee Gap Elementary School</u> 1 Basketball Gym (practice and games)

<u>Mt. Yonah Elementary School</u> 1 Basketball Gym

Mossy Creek Elementary School 1 Basketball Gym

COUNTY

Gym & Fields located at Asbestos Road Park Sports Complex – Next to Tesnatee Gap Elementary School

<u>High School Auxiliary Gym</u> volleyball, Hero's League basketball games/practices

2024 - 2025 RENEWAL

Intergovernmental Agreement

Between the Parties of

White County Board of Education / White County School District

and

White County Government / White County Emergency Management Agency

Whereas, the White County School District and the White County Emergency Management Agency partner for mitigation, preparation, protection, response and recovery from All Hazards both natural and man-made that may affect White County citizens and visitors; and

Whereas, both parties play distinct and vital roles in the safety of our schools, staff and student population; and

Whereas, White County Emergency Management Agency is the lead agency for communications and coordination of resources during an event; and must maintain the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) for White County jurisdictions; and

Whereas, the EOC is located at the Government Complex on Helen Hwy and is vulnerable to the identified hazards; and

Whereas, it is required to have a back-up operations area for these functions; and

Whereas, the BOE has such facilities located at their Central Office on Old Blairsville Road.

Now, therefore both parties agree to allow for and utilize the Central Office Facility for such emergency operations as needed in coordination with the Superintendent of Schools.

This agreement is effective upon signature and terminates with 30-day notice by either party.

Signed this _____ day of, ______, 2024.

White County Board of Education

White County Government

Missy Jarrard, Board Chair White County Board of Education

White County School District

Travis Turner, Chairman White County Board of Commissioners

White County Emergency Management Agency

Laurie Burkett, Superintendent White County School District David L. Murphy, Jr, Director White County Emergency Management



WHITE COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Item Title: Review and consideration of adoption of the White County Bike Pedestrian Plan update

For Meeting Date: 6/24/2024

Work Session 🗌 Regular Meeting 🖂 Public Hearing 🗌

Category (Select One): Other

Submitted By: John Sell

Attachments: Yes 🖂 If yes, please list each file name below:

- 1. White County Bike Pedestrian Plan
- 2. <u>Appendices to WC Bike Ped Plan</u>
- 3. <u>WC Recreation Routes Map</u>
- 4. <u>Greenway/Blueway Map</u>
- 5. <u>Sky Lake request for removal</u>
- 6.

Purpose:

Consider adoption of the updated White County Bike Pedestrian Plan as a supplement to the White County Comprehensive Plan. The update of the plan was written by Joe Rothwell with the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission after working with a committee that included representatives of the City of Cleveland, Georgia DNR, SORBA, and a citizen of Sautee Nacoochee.

Background / Summary:

• White County developed a Bike Pedestrian Plan in 2011 to encourage the building of walking/biking trails and connectivity in the county. Among the successes of that plan was its usage to apply for grants that developed into the Yonah Preserve Trails that are part of the White County Parks and Recreation Department. The updated plan that was recently completed lays out a vision for future trails that can provide connectivity across the county that will link together the numerous trails that are currently available. The new plan also calls for the adoption of a blueway or paddle trail that will lay the groundwork for future access points to the Chattahoochee River. A joint meeting was held June 6 with the City of Cleveland. The only change from that meeting was the removal of Sky Lake's private trails from the plan at the request of the Property Owners Association. The plan will also be presented to the City of Cleveland for their approval.

Department Recommendation:

Community and Economic Development recommend approval of the Bike Pedestrian and Paddle Plan for use as a planning document to be used for future development of trails and as part of potential grants to fund those projects.

Options:

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- Adopt the plan.
- Refer the plan back to GMRC and the committee for amendments/revisions.
- Table the application for further review by the BOC.

Budget Information: Applicable 🗌 Not Applicable 🖂

Budgeted: Yes 🗌 No 🖂

Finance Director's Comments (if applicable):

County Manager Comments:

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF AND INCLUSION OF THE UPDATED WHITE COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE WHITE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan identifies a comprehensive system of bicycle/pedestrian facilities designed to serve a variety of users, integrate the system with the overall transportation systems, and identify design standards, specific projects, and potential funding sources. The plan will be integrated with other future transportation improvements and is regularly reviewed and updated; and

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners authorize the adoption of the updated White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as submitted; and

WHEREAS, the White County Board of Commissioners authorize the updated White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan be included as a supplement for the White County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the updated White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan dated May 2024.

RESOLVED, this 24^{TH} day of June, 2024.

WHITE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

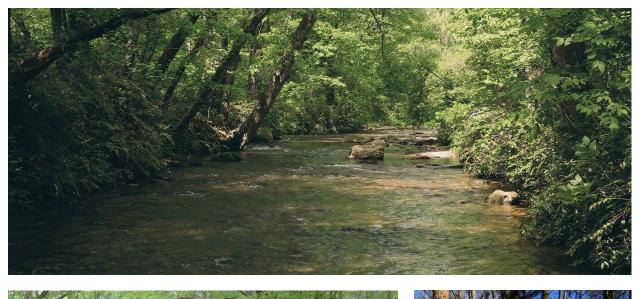
By: _____

Travis C. Turner, Chairman

ATTEST:

Shanda Murphy, County Clerk

GREENWAYS AND BLUEWAYS: BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, & PADDLE PLAN White County, Georgia







May 2024

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- B: White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Activity Routes
- C: White County Greenspace & Trail Plan Map
- **D:** City of Cleveland Sidewalk Map
- E: City of Helen Sidewalk Map

2: Stakeholder Meeting Information and Public Outreach

- A: Stakeholder Committee Meeting Sign- In Sheets
- B: 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Public Comment Survey Results
- **C:** 2011 Survey Results

3: Design Standards

4: Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Projects

Produced by:



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As both a land and a community, White County, Georgia, is shaped by the Appalachian Mountains and foothills. The intricate valleys, dells, and waterways nestled between steep slopes and national forests have forged not only tight-knit communities of people but also endeared residents and visitors alike to seek an outdoor lifestyle, enjoying the scenic vistas and recreational opportunities "where Mother Nature comes to play!"

To this end, White County, together with the Cities of Cleveland and Helen, routinely work together to bring about public facilities and infrastructure in support of this active lifestyle and public desire to celebrate the natural amenities that abound in the area. This document, the White County Greenways and Blueways: Bicycle, *Pedestrian, and Paddle Plan*, represents a part of that broader effort by helping the governments and other partners organize their actions and strategies regarding all outdoor recreational activities on land and water for roads, trails, sidewalks, and along rivers and streams in a Figure 1. Yonah Preserve Creek Trail fashion that maximizes accessibility, allowing people to



walk, bike, run, and paddle across many parts of the county and connecting with various amenities and destinations.



Figure 2. Smithgall Woods ADA Trail

This 2023 edition of the plan represents an update of the original 2011 document, done to reflect the latest conditions and resources available to the communities as well as revising select goals and opportunities. It builds upon previous planning processes to identify/ratify a comprehensive system of bicycle, pedestrian, and paddle routes and facilities designed to serve a variety of users, integrate this system with the overall transportation systems, and identify design standards, specific projects, and potential funding sources. This Plan will serve as the guide for each local government and partnering agencies to ensure

coordination, maximization of resources, and the highest degree of connectivity possible for all White County.

A. THE PLANNING PROCESS



Citizens and visitors participate in active outdoor recreation each year. These people spend money, create jobs, and support the White County economic sector. Simple, healthy outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, paddling, camping, or wildlife viewing generate enormous economic power and fuel ripple effects throughout the County. Many people do not realize that having fun and staying healthy outdoors is essential to the continued growth of our economy. To thrive, this industry needs to be recognized, stimulated, and supported. This plan will explain how the impact of the Active Outdoor Recreation Economy is determined, how it interacts with the economy and the impact to the enhancement of the quality of life for White County residents and visitors.

Economic impact studies have been conducted by several non-profit agencies such as the Bikes Belong Foundation and the Rails to Trails Conservancy. These studies show how the presence of bicycle and pedestrian facilities increase business revenues, housing values, tourist traffic, and new residents in the area. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities become destination points for on and off-road cyclists.

Sporting events enhance tourism, enhance lifestyle, promote outdoor recreation, i.e. the **Hogpen Hill Climb** (annual foot race since 1979), **Gone Riding Georgia State Championship Series** Mountain Bike Racing (since 2006, <u>www.goneriding.com</u>), **TNGA** Trans North Georgia Adventure (since 2013, <u>http://ridetoextraordinary.com</u> self-supported bike adventure over a 350-mile mountain bike route through the mountains of North GA on trails, forest roads and paved roads featuring challenging terrain, beautiful scenery, and approximately 56,000 feet of climbing), and the Tour of Georgia Gran Fondo (in Helen since 2017, <u>www.granfondonationalseries.com</u>).

The county is unique in the fact that visitors and residents can navigate from one end of the county to the other utilizing all these recreational modes of travel. Paddling the Chattahoochee River, cycling through Yonah Preserve, hiking along the Hardman trail or through Smithgall Woods, a visitor's imagination and amount of time is the only impediment to how much they want to explore and

discover through the county's scenic wonders during a day, weekend, or weeklong visit. When these tourists visit the facility or park they are also spending money at local businesses for lodging, food, and souvenirs. Plus, individuals and families looking to relocate value the presence of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and paddle launch sites for recreational and alternative transportation values.

The White County Greenways and Blueways: Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Paddle Plan,

provides an overall vision and specific actions for supporting policies of the development of a countywide recreation system. This plan also identifies a comprehensive network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and existing and proposed paddle launch sites designed to serve the growing outdoor recreational demand of these activities, with supporting policies, programs, and projects, as well as specific design standards and actions for implementation.

The specific goals of the updated Plan are:

- Updating the goals and objectives for future bicycle, pedestrian, and water/paddle mobility using a comprehensive public involvement program
- Confirmation of design standards for consistent and safe design of facilities
- Identification of a comprehensive system of bicycle/pedestrian/water routes and facilities to serve a variety of users
- Maintaining a project implementation and funding timeline
- Identification of funding sources can include but is not limited to: GOSP: Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Recreational Trails Grant Program LWCF: Land and Water Conservation Fund SPLOST: Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax

1. PUBLIC OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT

The planning process for this project is designed to incorporate multiple levels of input from a variety of stakeholders, ensuring that the updated Plan reflects the concerns and ambitions of White County stakeholders. It will feature multiple opportunities for direct public comment, as well as various measures designed to engage core stakeholder groups as identified by the County and Cities.

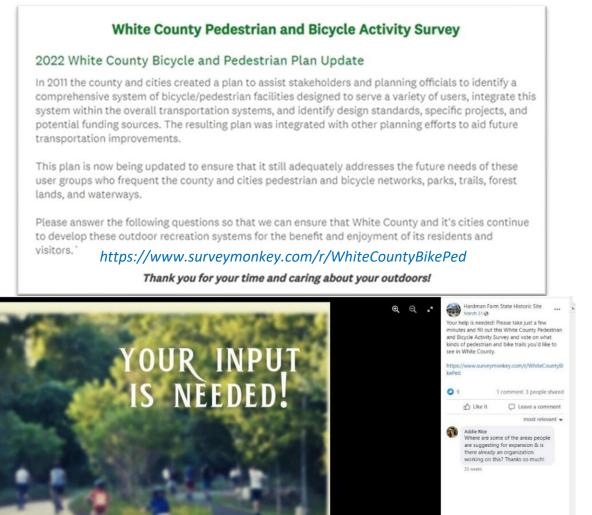
Advisory Committee

In October 2021, an Advisory Committee of several key local representatives and stakeholders was formed and tasked with helping to oversee the general planning process, providing GMRC and County staff with comments, questions, and guidance in assembling information and shaping the discussion of priorities and objectives. This group meets monthly to discuss the project and will continue doing so through the completion of the document and project in the first half of 2023. Their input also shaped how the process would seek out public involvement, with suggestions on where, when, and how to solicit comments. Meetings with the stakeholders focused on developing the final document, updating the survey for public feedback, and developing the maps that focused on existing and future activity corridors and their related points of interest.

Online Survey

An online survey was created in March 2022 to provide the public with an opportunity to rank priorities, identify key routes and destinations for improvements, and to provide other suggestions on how to improve pedestrian connectivity across the county. The survey was promoted via web

sites and email alerts for the local government, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau. **163 responses** were received **from March 2022 through May 2023 during the survey period**. This has far surpassed the thirty-eight responses received through public comment surveys in 2011. (These results from 2011 and a breakdown of the current survey are in Appendix B.) The following page underscores feedback for the project encompassing all White County and beyond.





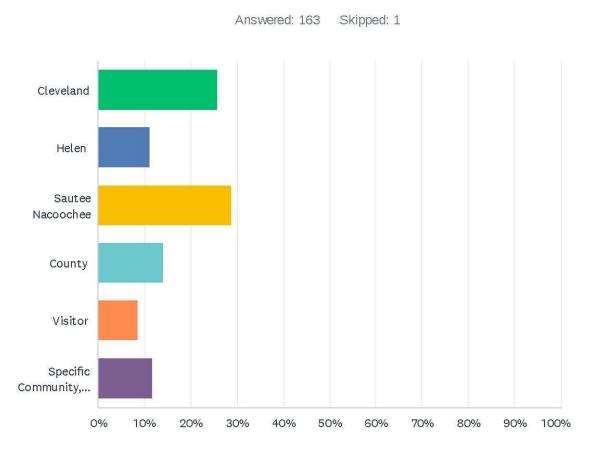
In 2011 the county and cities created a plan to assist stakeholders and planning officials to identify a comprehensive system of bicycle/pedestrian facilities designed to serve a variety of users, integrate this system within the overall transportation systems, and identify design standards, specific projects, and potential funding sources. The resulting plan was integrated with other planning efforts to aid future transportation improvements.

This plan is now being updated to ensure that it still adequately addresses the future needs of these user groups who frequent the county and cities pedestrian and bicycle networks, parks, trails, forest lands, and waterways.

Please follow the link below and answer the following questions so that we can ensure that White County and it's cities continue to develop these outdoor recreation systems for the benefit and enjoyment of its residents and visitors.



White County Pedestrian and Bicycle Activity Survey



Q1 I am submitting comments as a resident of:

Respondents to the 2022 – 2023 survey were received from:

• Cleveland, Sautee Nacoochee, Helen, and White County.

Individual communities/locations were represented near and far from more than **thirty areas** including:

• Town Creek, Clermont, Hall County, Hiawassee, Skylake, Elkmont, Habersham County, Clarkesville, Scorpion Hollow, Fannin County, Skits Mountain, the Sweetwater subdivision, Black Bear Ridge/Yonah Mountain, Cedar Hollow, Innsbruck, Kellum Valley, Rustic Ridge, Cornelia, Duncan Bridge/Whisperwood Way, Dahlonega, Laceola, Blairsville, Teel Mountain, Gwinnett County, Miner's Mountain, Mt Yonah Scenic Estates, Towns County, Gainesville, Alto, Adair Mill, Fairview, Lumpkin County, Jennys Cove, Swiss Colony, Toccoa, and North Hall County.

Project Web Site/Social Media

In 2011 a webpage was created on the White County government website dedicated to the planning process. The page was used as a home for announcing events, posting records of past events, and including draft materials for people to review. The page also included contact information for GMRC staff so that anyone could submit comments and questions at any time.

The current update for 2021 – 2023 has transitioned to having these announcements and public comment surveys regarding the plan on social media and through Survey Monkey. Sample slides from outreach can be seen on page 6.

Public Forums

Forums are planned for 2023 once the draft of the document and maps are completed to discuss the document and recommendations. It is anticipated that there will at least be a minimum of two public forums inviting anyone to come and review materials, see proposals, and offer comments and questions about issues and opportunities related to sidewalks and trails in White County.

B. ASSESSMENT

The first task in preparing the update to the plan included having the stakeholder committee review the 2011 document to analyze what had been accomplished and what new priorities had become imperative to achieve so that the county could have a robust outdoor network of trails and facilities for citizens and visitors alike. Subsequent actions included gathering, reviewing, and inventorying existing conditions that may impact outdoor mobility for bicycle, pedestrian, and paddle usage, including community needs, issues, and desires, as well as policies, plans, ordinances, and state statutes. This information provides the foundation for projects and aids in the identification of relevant policies and strategies. This section provides an overview of existing conditions and a baseline or snapshot of the area from which to build future recommendations.

1. COMMUNITY PROFILES

Household Income and Commutes to School and Work

Household income can correlate with the propensity to use alternate modes of transportation, such as bicycling, walking, or transit. Residents with lower household incomes have fewer resources available for operating and maintaining private automobiles and are therefore more likely to meet their transportation needs through alternate modes. Although single-occupancy vehicles clearly dominate White County commutes, there is evidence of bicycle and pedestrian work-related travel, indicating a need for facilities. Income levels in the City of Cleveland are significantly lower than the rest of the county. One fourth of the children under age 18 in Cleveland live below the poverty level. Increased bicycle and pedestrian facilities throughout White County would benefit the sector of the population who have historically had limited access to personal transportation. Any additional assistance in reaching employment or educational destinations could decrease the number of people living at or below the poverty level. White County currently has and will continue to have a considerable number of young and elderly persons who are likely to rely on walking or cycling.

Greenspace Preservation

White County does not currently have an official greenspace program to identify potential land acquisitions for green space preservation, parks, or potential stream green space corridors. In 2007 White County adopted conservation subdivision regulations to encourage the preservation of farmland and natural resources, contributing to an interconnected network of permanent open space in the community. These regulations provide the opportunity for developers to concentrate buildings in specific areas on the development site, allowing the remaining land to be used for common open space as well as passive and active recreation, including hiking trails and nature preserves. The information in this plan will help to identify desired locations for conservation subdivisions that can incorporate multiuse trails and origins/destinations for future recreational users.

AFFECTED POPULATIONS/POTENTIAL SYSTEM USERS

Survey material as seen on page 6 highlights that Individual communities/locations were represented near and far and expressed an interest in greater options for bicycle, pedestrian, and paddle recreation and connectivity.

- **29%** of the respondents were from Sautee Nacoochee, **26%** were from Cleveland, **13%** from the County, **11%** were from Helen, **9%** were visitors, and **12%** covered thirty specific communities as seen in the bullet below.
- Town Creek, Clermont, Hall County, Hiawassee, Skylake, Elkmont, Habersham County, Clarkesville, Scorpion Hollow, Fannin County, Skits Mountain, the Sweetwater subdivision, Black Bear Ridge/Yonah Mountain, Cedar Hollow, Innsbruck, Kellum Valley, Rustic Ridge, Cornelia, Duncan Bridge/Whisperwood Way, Dahlonega, Laceola, Blairsville, Teel Mountain, Gwinnett County, Miner's Mountain, Mt Yonah Scenic Estates, Towns County, Gainesville, Alto, Adair Mill, Fairview, Lumpkin County, Jennys Cove, Swiss Colony, Toccoa, and North Hall County.

In 2011 an additional assessment identified four affected populations or system users that can benefit from bicycle and pedestrian improvements at and around White County High School and Tesnatee Gap Elementary School can be identified based on their trip origin and primary route to the destination. These populations include the Sunset Vista/Sunset Valley users, Tesnatee Gap Valley/Jenny's Cove users, the City of Cleveland users, and White County's Cross-Country Teams. This assessment and information from that time for the 2011 document is still important to consider since these population groups connected to the High School will always desire greater transportation and recreation alternatives.

Sunset Vista/Sunset Valley is a residential node located along Georgia Highway 75 Alternate at Barker Trail. This origin for bicycle and pedestrian use falls slightly within the outer most extent of the High School and Tesnatee Gap Elementary School's functional bicycle and pedestrian service area. This route travels south along Georgia Highway 75 Alternate to US Highway 129, continuing south to the High School and Tesnatee Gap Elementary School. Bike lanes and/or wide shoulders should be placed along this route to provide a safe environment for bicycle and pedestrian users. This route is entirely managed by State and Federal agencies so construction of these facilities should occur in cooperation with the Georgia Department of Transportation. All bicycle and pedestrian facilities installed along this route should meet or exceed safety standards established by the appropriate design guidelines.

Residents of the Tesnatee Gap Valley/Jenny's Cove area are more apt to use bicycle and pedestrian facilities due to their proximity to both the High School and Tesnatee. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities such as bike safe lanes and wide shoulders should be placed along the full extent of Tesnatee Gap Valley Road at the entrance to the Tesnatee Gap Elementary School and across US Highway 129 at the intersection of US Highway 129 and Eugene Road to provide a linkage between the High School and the Tesnatee Gap Valley area. Due to heavy traffic volumes and high rate of vehicular speed associated with US Highway 129, a dedicated pedestrian bridge may be required to provide a safe crossing point of US Highway 129 to link the High School with Eugene Road.

Due to its high residential population density and existence of sidewalks within city limits, the City of Cleveland is a natural source for students prone to use bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Jess Hunt Road and Claude Sims Road provide excellent access from Cleveland to both the High School and Tesnatee Gap Elementary School due to the directness of the route, low traffic volumes (a result of a section of closed road along Claude Sims Road), and relatively slow speed limits on these roads. Proposed facilities should include the extension of sidewalks along Jess Hunt Road, bike safe lanes, wide shoulders, and/or sidewalks along Claude Sims Road, the construction of a connector from the Sports Complex to Claude Sims Road, and potentially the installation of additional traffic calming devices such as table breaks along both Claude Sims Road and Jess Hunt Road to ensure vehicular speed is limited to posted limits. These improvements will also provide ancillary benefits of providing bicycle and pedestrian access to the White County Head Start.

School Cross County Training Routes		
Virgil Hunt Road		
Town Creek Road from Virgil Hunt Road to Charlie Thomas Road		
Charlie Thomas Road		
Tesnatee Gap Valley Road		
Sports Complex Entrance		
Claude Sims Road		
Jess Hunt Road		
Twin Lakes Road		
Albert Reid Road		
Yonah Preserve		
Unicoi State Park		
Lynch Mtn. Rd.		
ABC Drive		
Poplar Stump Rd.		

The White County Cross Country Teams are pedestrian users that require additional discussion. Cross Country Teams exist for both White County High School and White County Middle School. These teams provide numerous benefits to the participants and the community and should be supported to the full extent possible. Currently these teams use a variety of training formats, including training on the school's track and on surrounding surface roads. In White County the use of surface roads are integral parts of the crosscountry training process as the roads provide the only cost-effective means to achieve the needed exercise duration for long distance training. Typically, training occurs on surface streets located within the three-mile radius of either the High School or Middle School. As such, any proposed bicycle and pedestrian routes discussed above serve the dual purposes as student access to and from school and provision of a safe training facility for cross country runners.

However, cross country athletes have needs beyond those requirements described above. From a safety

standpoint, cross country training can be accomplished on any pedestrian facility that meets appropriate design standards. However, from a physical standpoint, dirt and gravel surfaces provide increased shock absorption and decreases wear and tear on runners' joints, muscles, and ligaments. Currently, cross country runners are frequently forced to run on narrow and uneven road shoulders

constructed of dirt. Finally, cross country runners use the road system in a different manner than students commuting to school. The primary difference is that commuting students have a separate origin and destination and consistently use the same route. Cross country runners use the school as both the origin and destination but require a variety of training routes to reduce burnout from repetition. Similarly, these routes should provide connectivity to one another to provide a variety of trip lengths and difficulty levels. The following routes should, at a minimum, be modified through shoulder improvements to provide an adequate running surface for cross country teams and provide routing to acquire the needed training distances and connectivity for a variety of loop options. Additional bicycle and pedestrian facilities may be placed along these routes in the future as supplementary funding mechanisms become available.

Providing bicycle and pedestrian connectivity between the multiuse, natural surface trail loop at the High School and the Tesnatee Valley Nature Trail at the Tesnatee Gap Elementary School would offer the cross-country runners a substantial off-road trail network that could be incorporated into training exercises. High School students would also gain access to the nature trail's stream and wetland areas, providing a natural classroom setting for biology students.

2. ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Assessing issues and opportunities is an initial step in identifying barriers and/or constraints that must be overcome and potential avenues for implementation. It is critical to identify what the community sees as issues, barriers, and potential opportunities. The original plan in 2011 was assembled through community wide public meetings and specialized stakeholder meetings, several issues and/or barriers as well as potential outcomes for the bicycle and pedestrian plan were identified. In 2023 public forums will be held to continue the public outreach and data gained through the more than **163 surveys received from March 2022 to May 2023**.

The community identified user safety as a primary issue to be addressed by the plan in 2011 and 2022. Specifically, the community noted the existing conflict between pedestrians/bicyclists and vehicles caused by a lack of facilities, the limited separation of sidewalks from roadways, and a limited awareness of both bicyclists and drivers as to the rights of bicyclists on roadways. The community stated that the plan should address these issues by providing safe facilities and educating pedestrian/bicycle network users and drivers on the safe use of facilities and the rights of users of all systems.

The community also identified funding as a key issue in 2011. Limited funding is available to address problems with the existing network, including roads and existing bicycle/pedestrian facilities. As stated on page 4, there are specific funding sources available to aid in achieving some of the plan's priorities. These include: **GOSP**: Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program; **Recreational Trails Grant Program**; **LWCF**: Land and Water Conservation Fund; and **SPLOST**: Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, **BOLT**: Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act (federal legislation proposed but not approved/enacted yet).

The plan needs to clearly identify how bicycle and pedestrian facilities will help to alleviate current transportation problems as well as how to leverage existing funding and new avenues for funding. This could help obtain community support and understanding regarding the need, desire, and

usefulness of a bicycle and pedestrian system. In addition, the community identified maintenance as a funding issue, because inadequate funding for maintenance will result in deteriorated facilities, thus inhibiting use.

The presence of physical barriers of White County includes moderate to steep slopes and water bodies, therefore placing sever limitations, challenges, and costs on development opportunities. Associated with steep slopes are shallow and sensitive soils placing additional limitations on development opportunities.

White County's natural resources are the native conditions and elements that contribute to the local character and livelihood. As the rivers and lakes supplying public water, mineral deposits that support local industry or a scenic park serving locals and tourists alike, these resources can serve a community's health, culture, and economy when effectively managed. Because these sites and conditions are highly susceptible to disturbance from human activity, they are regarded environmentally sensitive and need to be preserved for public benefit.

Agriculture and tourism are the two largest contributors to the local economy, with Helen being the tourism center. Additional tourism opportunities are emerging through heritage tourism venues and agricultural related tourism venues. The county and cities should develop programs to enhance these venues and promote them. Promotion of this plan will help keep tourism active, valuable, and contributing to the local economy. Both cities should continue to plan and update their public facilities to serve and concentrate on development of the document in appropriate designated areas.

The community identified a lack of facilities in key areas, including the downtown areas as a major issue to be addressed. The community stated that identifying a comprehensive network of facilities that connects key origins/destinations will help those areas already in need of these facilities and will help to promote future use. In addition, new facilities should be prioritized for areas where they would benefit existing economic development efforts.

3. EXISTING FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

User Connectivity Routes and Points of Interest

The result of the *White County Greenways and Blueways: Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Paddle Plan* is the identification and selection of outdoor activity projects and routes for user connectivity to Points of Interest (POI's), solutions to issues and opportunities, best practice policies, and programs that support a regional bicycle and pedestrian system as well as a water-based recreation program. Existing conditions provide a base from which to start identifying needed projects, programs, and policies. Following this section identifies the community's goals and objectives for future recreational mobility opportunities, demand for facility types and locations, and preferences for those programs that will support an interconnected network throughout the county.

Identifying the most appropriate networks to meet the goals and objectives identified above and the need for White County is dependent on a variety of elements. A sidewalk network provides access for short trips, usually less than ¼ mile in length. Therefore, most facilities radiate from specific origins/destinations and/or districts and usually connect to other travel modes (i.e., the bicycle

and/or the car). A single sidewalk network does not necessarily have to connect to other sidewalk networks. A bicycle network, on the other hand, provides access for longer trips, is more comprehensive in nature, and radiates from a single trunk line. White County's bicycle network is currently better connected than the pedestrian network on a county-wide scale since unlike pedestrians, bicyclists are permitted to use travel lanes on all public surface streets. Appropriately designed canoe and kayak launch facilities allow users to access the county's waterways.

A variety of considerations were factored into creating project evaluation criteria to select and prioritize projects for the network in the following pages, these include predominant user types in White County, conditions along existing roadways and waterways, and facility type.

USER CONNECTIVITY NETWORK

A network of routes both existing and proposed weaves its way throughout the county as greenways and blueways. They have the potential to link users to both natural and historical points of interest with Cleveland, Helen, Sautee Nacoochee and beyond the county. Map of this route network available in Appendix 1B.

A. Gainesville Northwestern RR: This 37-mile abandoned railway line went from Gainesville to North Helen and was built between 1912-1914. It went through these towns: New Holland, Clark, Autry, Dewberry, Brookton, Clermont, County Line, Campground, Meldean, Cleveland, Asbestos, Mt. Yonah, Yonah, Nacoochee, and Helen. The line was abandoned in 1932 - 1933.



The historic rail bed of the Gainesville and Northwestern Railroad is currently being researched as future rails to trails project. This rail bed stretches from Downtown Gainesville to Robertstown, north of Helen. The creation of this trail project could create a regional bicycle and pedestrian facility, adding to the options for cyclists and pedestrians in White County. The rail bed follows US Highway 129 closely and leaves Hall County in the Clermont area and enters White County, going through Cleveland and Helen, terminating in Robertstown. The linear nature and extended reach of this facility would create an ideal trunk line through Hall and White Counties. Existing and future routes could branch from this facility, creating an ideal central location for parking, restrooms, and other trail head amenities.

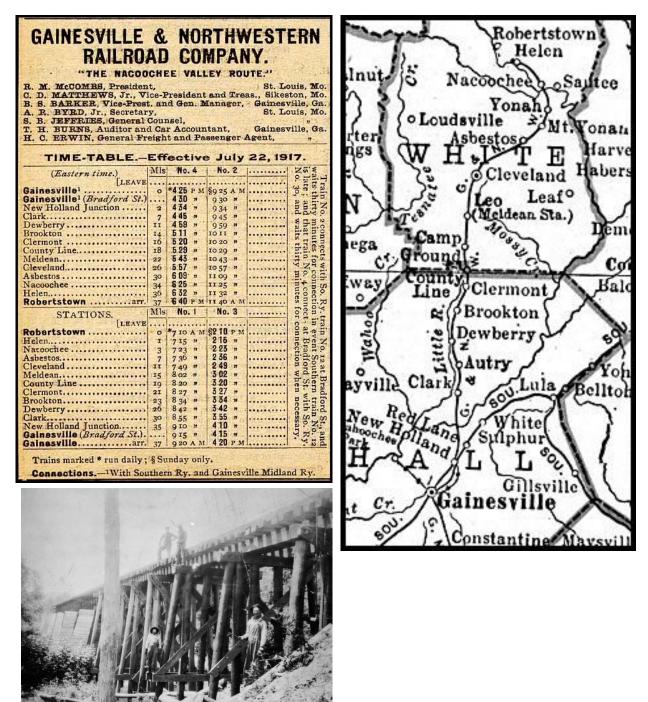
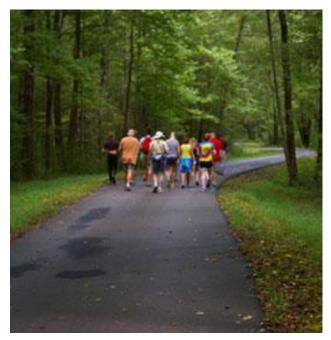


Figure 3. Gainesville & Northwestern Railroad Trestle at the Chattahoochee River, 1928

- **B. Helen Hwy:** Currently Helen Highway has bike/turn lanes to Asbestos Road. The opportunity is available to continue the right of way for bike lanes and a more pedestrian friendly network in future traffic management phases with a right-of-way center turn lane.
- C. Smithgall Woods State Park: Smithgall Woods has a considerable trail system open to



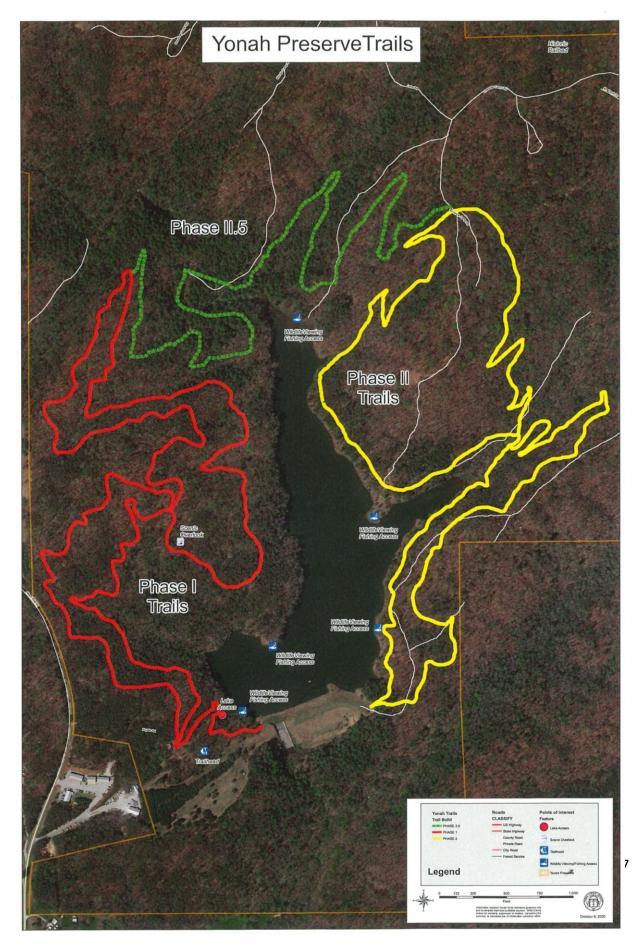
both bicycle and pedestrian users. The existing trail system covers a wide variety of terrain and difficulty levels, but modifications will need to be incorporated if these trails are to become part of a county-wide bicycle and pedestrian network.

This state managed conservation area also covers approximately 5,664 acres of north central White County. The area contains twenty-three miles of roads and trails open to both bicycles and pedestrians. The trails range from easy to difficult. There are natural trails and also paved trails that are ADA accessible. Trails are maintained by park maintenance crews and Friends of Smithgall Woods.



D. Yonah Preserve/ Yonah Preserve Trails (YPT): Yonah Preserve Trails are a multi-use trail system for mountain biking, hiking, trail running, and dog walking situated on a 1000-acre tract in White County. The trails have been designed by IMBA Trail Solutions and the first two phases have been completed. The first two phases were built by Flowmotion Trail Builders from Anniston, AL with funding from grants received through the Georgia RTP program, along with many other private grants and fundraising efforts by the local members of Northeast Georgia SORBA.





- **E. Hardman Rd:** Hardman Road is the connector road to Bean Creek Road and was historically called Old Bean Creek Road.
- **F. Bean Creek Rd:** Bean Creek Road is a paved/gravel road. Historically workers from the Bean Creek Community used this road to walk from their homes to work at Hardman Farm. Further information regarding the community is available in the July 2006 Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network/ GA State Historic Preservation publication: Reflections and titled: "Interpreting African American Life in the Sautee-Nacoochee Valley: The Bean Creek Historic Project".



This 1948 map identifies landmarks that are significant to the Bean Creek community and the places where family residences are located. Map reprinted courtesy of the Bean Creek History Project.



This photo shows Andy Allen's great-grandmother, Mary Ann Nicely (left) who was born enslaved in the Sautee-Nacoochee Valley. She is pictured in front of a log cabin with Allen's grandmother and grandfather, Lessie and Ed Nicely. Photo courtesy of Andy Allen



Bean Creek Missionary Baptist Church is a landmark in the African American community. The Old Bean Creek Cemetery is located on the hillside surrounding the church. The cemetery is the final resting place for generations of Bean Creek families. Photo by Jeanne Cyriaque



This photo shows the slave cabin resting on the original rock piers in its new home at the Nacoochee Valley African American Heritage Site & Nature Preserve. Stone mason David Vandiver will reassemble the rock chimney and hearth. Photo by Jeanne Cyriaque

G. Smith Creek Trail: The Smith Creek Trail spans just under 9 miles, round trip, following the Sautee Ditch, a historic gold mining waterway, from Unicoi State Park to Anna Ruby Falls.



H. Unicoi Turnpike: The Unicoi Turnpike was used as a Native American highway and was



Old Unicoi Turnpike historic photo



on Hardman farm today

"This road is the Old Unicoi Turnpike, first vehicular route to link East Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and North Georgia with the head of navigation on the Savannah River System. Beginning on the Tugalo River, to the east of the only trail across the Great Smoky Mountains between northeastern Georgia and the French Broad River Gorge. A portion of the old trail runs northwest across White County, coming out of Habersham County along GA Highway 17, through Helen, and into Towns County along GA Highway 75 North. Preliminary investigations have discovered portions of the trail preserved within the forest. Complete or partial restoration of this historic trail would provide additional facilities for cyclists and hikers, preserving an historic resource in the process.



THE UNICOL TURNPIKE

Toccoa, the road led this way, thence through Unicoi Gap and via Murphy, N.C. to Nine Mile Creek near Maryville, Tenn.

Permission to open the way as a toll road was given by the Cherokees in 1813 to a Company of Indians and white men. Tennessee and Georgia granted charters to the concern.

Prior to its establishment as a road, the trace was part of a trading path from Augusta to the Cherokees in East Tennessee."

I. Chattahoochee River/Paddle Launch Sites: Canoe paddle launch locations are located along the Chattahoochee River.



The above pamphlet details efforts in 2012 after the initial 2011 Bike/Ped plan to outline blueways and paddle opportunities on the Chattahoochee River. It is now recommended to utilize the 2023 maps from this document for the most updated information on proposed and existing putin locations.

DESTINATIONS/POINTS OF INTEREST

<u>Chattahoochee National Forest</u>



Hiking and mountain biking trails can be found in the northern portion of White County, where approximately 41,000 acres of the Chattahoochee National Forest are located. Here elevations and terrain provide a more challenging environment than other areas of the county. These forest lands through directives are managed within the Land and identified Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) and include habitat conservation, watershed management, wood product management, aesthetic quality, and recreation opportunities.

The Appalachian Trail follows the northern border of White County from Cowrock Mountain to Tray Mountain. The Appalachian Trail is directly accessible in White County at Richard Russell Scenic Highway, Highway 75N, and Tray Mountain Road. The Logan Turnpike and Andrews Cove hiking trails, located at lower elevations in White County, provide indirect access to the Appalachian Trail. In all, White County contains approximately thirty miles of hiking trails maintained by the Chattahoochee National Forest. Some of these include Raven Cliffs Trail, Dukes Creek Falls Trail, Whitley Gap Shelter Trail, Horse Trough Falls Trail, Anna Ruby Falls Trail, Smith Creek Trail, and the newly created Mt. Yonah Trail.

The White County portion of the Chattahoochee National Forest does not contain any official bicycle routes, but there are plenty of areas where bicycling is allowed. The Forest Plan states that, unless otherwise marked, bicycle users can ride on all open and closed roads. Approximately sixty miles of open and closed forest service roads exist within White County that can be traversed by bicycle. These routes are primarily gravel surfaced roads that have elevation changes of several hundred feet to several thousand feet and are therefore only suited for dedicated mountain bikes and riders in excellent physical condition. Currently these Forest Service routes are under used due to a combination of the challenging terrain, general preference for single track trails, public awareness of the trail's existence, and confusion concerning Forest Service policy regarding where and when bicycles are allowed on Forest Service Roads.

<u>Unicoi State Park</u>

Unicoi State Park is located between the City of Helen and the Chattahoochee National Forest, covering an area of approximately 1,063 acres. The park contains 4 hiking trails and one mountain biking trail, equaling 12 total miles of trails. These trails provide excellent coverage of the park and bicycle and pedestrian linkages from the City of Helen to Highway 356, the Chattahoochee National Forest, and Anna Ruby Falls Scenic Area. The hiking trails range from easy to moderate in difficulty. The mountain biking trail was designed primarily for competitions and is rated difficult. All the trails are maintained through a combination of park maintenance crews, Friends of Unicoi State Park, and SORBA.



Figure 4. Pedestrian Trail at Anna Ruby Falls.

OTP-Appalachian Wilderness Camp

OTP-Appalachian Wilderness Camp, a Georgia Department of Human Resources facility, served troubled youths from 1974 until it closed in 2010. That 1,000-acre plot of land is located in north central White County on Albert Reid Road and includes a 53-acre Lake. The White County Government eventually leased this property from DNR with the stipulation that the County shall create a multi-use recreational playground. In 2013, SORBA/IMBA made a formal presentation to the County proposing a network of Multi-Use Trails on the "OTP Land," approximately 20 miles of trail. That 1,000-acre plot of land is Yonah Preserve Trails, 1054 Albert Reid Road, Cleveland, GA, and was officially opened in June 2018. To date, some 10-miles of trail serves hikers, runners, cyclists, dog walkers; the 53-acre lake offers fishing and non-



motorized boating; the Pavilion offers picnic tables, restrooms, and water fountain. Hundreds of citizens and tourists visit Yonah Preserve Trails every day. In May 2019, White County dedicated the new Yonah Preserve ball fields, a part of White County Park and Recreation.



Buck Shoals State Park



Buck Shoals State Park is located along the Chattahoochee River in southeast White County. The site has recently been acquired by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and encompasses approximately six hundred acres. Occasional visitation is allowed via guided tours provided by staff from Smithgall Woods, but the area has not yet been opened to the public.

This property was formerly a private residence with accompanying agricultural and forestry lands, creating a system of existing roads and trails across the property. If these resources are utilized, additional trails and amenities could be created on the property. The beautiful setting, complex topography, and moderate elevation change within the park provides a variety of environments well suited for diverse recreational experiences. To date, only preliminary discussions with park officials regarding the true feasibility of developing a trail system have occurred. The initial concept identifies the possibility for as many as ten miles of trails to be placed within the park boundaries.

Chattahoochee National Forest

One of the primary goals White County hopes to achieve with completion of this bicycle and pedestrian plan is to develop the area as a regional ride center. Final implementation of the regional ride center concept may include using lands managed by the US Forest Service to provide additional off-road cycling activities within White County. Ideally, these trails would be within proximity to the City of Helen, providing linkages to a county-wide cycling network. These plans are currently preliminary at best and collaboration with the US Forest Service on trail locations has yet to begin.



Figure 5. Dangerous Conditions for cyclists.

<u>Tray Mountain</u>

Tray Mountain Loop is one of the most popular off-road cycling routes in White County. Riders often begin their trip at Unicoi State Park and travel the long single-track grade to Tray Mountain Road. The loop continues to climb, passing near the summit of Tray Mountain, before descending Tray Mountain Road's gravel double track to GA Highway 75 North. To complete the loop from the intersection of Tray Mountain Road to Unicoi State Park, riders must travel approximately 2.5 miles on GA Highway 75 North and GA Highway 356, heavily traveled roads that lack bike lanes or shoulders because of close guardrails and rocky outcroppings. This creates a dangerous situation which cannot be remedied due to the rugged topography. The safest and most cost-effective solution is to construct a 0.5-mile single track route linking the lower reaches of Tray Mountain Road with the eastern portion of Unicoi State Park. This trail would allow riders to bypass both GA Highway 75 North and GA Highway 356. Due to the overwhelming safety issues along these roads, one of the recommendations of this plan is for White County to pursue this connector trail with the cooperation of the USDA Forest Service, Unicoi State Park, and SORBA. Other safety issues in this area are terrain damage from an August 2005 tornado and erosion from a nearby spray field operation. These hazards may be so severe in areas that re-routing the trail path may be in order.

Babyland General

Babyland General, home of the famous Cabbage Patch Kids, is Cleveland's most significant tourist attraction. To accommodate more visitors, a new facility was constructed in 2009 on five hundred acres north of the city. Plans for the remainder of the 500-acre site include development of a tourism and recreation hub. Multiuse trails on the site would serve both Babyland General and the community due to the site's setting and orientation. The site has direct access to several important transportation corridors, including US Highway 129, Albert Reid Road, and Hulsey Road. Due to the large size of the tract, numerous multiuse trails can be constructed on the property. The provision of a linkage from US Highway 129 and Albert Reid Road to Nok Drive would be a critical part of a county wide system. The Gainesville and Northwestern Historic Rail Bed also runs through the Babyland General property. Constructing a multiuse trail along this property would not only serve citizens of White County as a recreational facility, but it could also serve as an additional tourist attraction linking various sites throughout the county.

<u>Hardman Farm Trail</u>

Provides bicycle and pedestrian access to the Hardman Farm and is a great opportunity for Helen to diversify its leisure offerings and increase the city's recreational and educational appeal. An abandoned roadbed and bridge serve as the bicycle and pedestrian route. This scenic route begins in Helen at the southernmost intersection of Edleweisse Strasse and Brucken Strasse and travels along the banks of the Chattahoochee River for 0.8 miles, terminating on the old Hardman Road at Hardman Farm. The Hardman Farm has been



restored and serves as a high quality interactive educational facility with historically themed interpretive tours, trade demonstrations, and other attractions.

Educational Institutions

Providing a safe environment for the school age population of White County is a primary concern of this plan. Schools in White County require special attention due to the increasing combination of bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular traffic at all campuses. As such, providing a safe environment for all three user types is paramount. Bicycle and pedestrian use associated with schools falls within a two-mile radius of the campus. This two-mile boundary marks the general area where bicycle and pedestrian improvements are most effective in creating a safer biking and walking environment for children and parents.

• *White County High School/* **Tesnatee Gap Elementary School** - Existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities at White County High School consist of a 1.5-mile multiuse, natural surface trail surrounding the campus. This trail was built by school staff and originally used as a mountain biking loop. This facility has also been used by members of the White County Cross Country Team and as an outdoor classroom for such courses as botany and biology. Due to inconsistent maintenance, the trail has fallen into disrepair.

The Tesnatee Valley Nature Trail is located at the Tesnatee Gap Elementary School. This facility is a network of natural surface trails, approximately 3,000 linear feet in length for hikers, walkers, etc. The trail system was originally designed for fitness activities along with historic and environmental education, but the system has never been completed. The completed portions of the trail have fallen into a state of moderate disrepair.

Because the White County High School multiuse trail and the Tesnatee Valley Nature Trails are both managed by the White County Board of Education and are located within proximity to one another, development and implementation of a joint maintenance schedule is recommended. This schedule would ensure the trails receive regular maintenance and reach their full potential as a community resource. Due to funding limitations of the White County Board of Education, labor and additional funding could be obtained through agreements with the Boy Scouts of America, White County High School Construction Department, and other community organizations.

• White County 9th Grade Academy, White County Middle School, Jack P. Nix Primary School - The 9th Grade Academy, Middle School, and Primary School are all located within the City of Cleveland. The city currently has an extensive sidewalk network that provides connectivity to all three educational facilities as well as to the surrounding city. Continued maintenance and expansion, if necessary, is recommended for these facilities.

White County High School and Tesnatee Gap Elementary School

Improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities surrounding White County High School and Tesnatee Gap Elementary School should be a high priority since there are no existing alternative transportation facilities that currently serve these schools. High school students are especially prone to use these facilities and travel a great distance on them due to the high level of independence associated with this age group. Although bicycle and pedestrian facilities are needed, the installation of these facilities

at both schools poses some unique challenges. Primarily these challenges include the schools' rural settings which make a cost-effective cost solution to the proposed regional system difficult. Also, the heavily trafficked US Highway 129 poses additional difficulty as it is the most direct route to most residential areas surrounding the schools as well as the most direct route to Cleveland. Therefore, any bicycle and pedestrian facilities placed along this highway should be well thought out and designed due to the route's inherent dangers. With these considerations in mind, plan implementers should strongly focus attention to the prioritization of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in direct connection to the goals of the project and student needs. Multiuse trails and bicycle lanes may serve as the best solution to the safety issue by separating cyclists and pedestrians from vehicular traffic.

Mossy Creek Elementary School

Mossy Creek Elementary School is in southern White County near the intersection of US Highway 129 and Westmoreland Road. This location is rural and is not located within proximity to a large population center. Nonetheless, three corridors have been identified that would enhance bicycle and pedestrian access and mobility to Mossy Creek Elementary School from surrounding population nodes. These corridors include Westmorland Road, Tommy Coward/Partin Road, and Collins Road.

Westmoreland Road serves as a primary east to west connector route in White County. To achieve maximum effectiveness for Mossy Creek Elementary School, bicycle and pedestrian facilities should be placed along Westmoreland Road from Maypop Circle to GA Highway 75 South. As with White County High School, the crossing of US Highway 129 at Westmoreland Road poses a serious safety concern, and a pedestrian bridge may be required to provide adequate access to both sides of US Highway 129. This section of Westmoreland Road should include sidewalks along both sides and be identified as a bicycle safe route. The eastern extent of Westmoreland Road's bicycle and pedestrian facilities will terminate at GA Highway 75 South, but will provide county-wide linkages via the Appalachian Gateway Trail, Georgia State Bicycle Route 55, passing through Gainesville and Cleveland on a northward track from Suwanee to Robertstown.

From a county-wide standpoint, US Highway 129 poses a safety concern for all bicycle and pedestrian users. Due to this concern, parallel routes that have lower traffic volumes have been identified within this plan to serve as the host for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Tommy Cowart Road and Partin Road are parallel routes to US Highway 129 South and provide a measure of connectivity to the City of Cleveland and Mossy Creek Elementary School. This route is also important as it supplies a source of alternative transportation for low to moderate income families located along US Highway 129 South. The three-mile service area for bicycle and pedestrian facilities extends beyond the northern terminus of Tommy Cowart Road. Therefore, it is recommended that these facilities extend from the northern most section of Tommy Cowart Road, at its terminus with US Highway 129, south along Partin Road, and then south along a short section of US Highway 129 to provide connectivity with the proposed Westmoreland Road bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities along this route should include sidewalks and bicycle lanes or extended paved shoulders.

Rolling Meadows subdivision and Brookwood Village subdivision are both served by Collins Road. Because of the high housing density of these neighborhoods and proximity to Mossy Creek Elementary School, Collins Road should be fitted with sidewalks and bicycle lanes from the intersection of Tow Road to the intersection of Westmoreland Road.

Mount Yonah Elementary School

Mount Yonah Elementary School is located on Duncan Bridge Road, GA Highway 384, near Helen Highway. This location is near several large neighborhoods including Swiss Colony, Sky Mountain Estates, Yonah Mountain Lake gated community, Bakers Fjord, Alpine Terrace, and Panorama Estates. To take advantage of this high density of residential housing, sidewalks should be placed along Duncan Bridge Road from Sonny's Circle to Glenns Drive. Proper timing for this improvement is important as GDOT has proposed several alignment and grade modifications to Duncan Bridge Road. Collaboration with GDOT to incorporate the necessary bicycle and pedestrian upgrades should be made to coincide with existing upgrades planned by GDOT for Duncan Bridge Road. Duncan Bridge Road is a primary route to connect Buck Shoals State Park with Smithgall Woods Conservation Area and the Hardman Farm property. Therefore, Duncan Bridge Road from Buck Shoals State Park to Helen Highway needs bicycle lanes. Further, homeowner associations in neighboring subdivisions to Mount Yonah Elementary School should be encouraged to install bicycle and pedestrian facilities within their respective subdivisions as necessary to provide students safe passage to Duncan Bridge Road and Mount Yonah Elementary School.

These safety improvements are the focus of the Safe Routes to Schools Program. The purpose of SRTS is to enable and encourage children to walk and bike to school. To accomplish these goals, SRTS to school focuses on pedestrian and bike safety, encouragement of a healthy lifestyle from an early age, and the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that improve safety, reduce traffic, and reduce air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

Funding is provided for infrastructure such as sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, and lighting that increase the safety of children as they walk or bike to and from school. The project being funded must be within a 2-mile radius of the school. Upon being awarded SRTS funding, the project is completed via a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) consultant.

The Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center provides guidance and assistance to communities who are interested in promoting pedestrian and cycling activities within their school districts. The Resource Center focuses on non-infrastructure activities such as education, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation. The Resource Center has divided the state into six regions with an outreach coordinator assigned to each region. The Georgia Mountains Region is included in the Northeast Region and the outreach coordinator assigned to this region is available for technical assistance. This technical assistance includes writing travel plans for your school and providing free educational and promotional materials for your school's pedestrian or cycling events.

School systems and individual schools can gain the most benefits from the Resource Center by becoming a Friend or Partner of the Georgia Safe Routes to School Resource Center. Within the Georgia Mountains Region there are a total of twenty-one schools signed up as Partners. Friends of the Georgia Safe Routes to Schools Resource Center serve in a supportive role to those schools that are Partners. Friends in the Georgia Mountains Region include the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission and the White County Child Safety Committee.

Jack P. Nix Elementary School

Jack P. Nix Elementary School is located at 342 West Kyle Street in Cleveland. The elementary school is popular for fitness due to the close proximity to downtown and parking at the school. Fitness

opportunities include utilizing the one-mile loop route at ABC Drive/Warrior Path towards the White County Middle School (parking also available at the middle school where the cross-country team utilizes this route as well) and playground facilities at the elementary school. Sidewalks along GA Hwy 115/W. Kyle Street are also available for a safe bike/ped environment.

Truett McConnell University

Truett McConnell features a network of activity paths for exercise and recreation but note that currently this is for students only.

White County



Figure 6. 1957 Centennial Celebration at Historic White County Courthouse

The extent of bicycle and pedestrian facilities within White County is limited. Until 2010 the White County Recreation Department operated a 40-acre facility on Asbestos Road containing fields for baseball, softball, and soccer, a basketball court, and a swimming pool. The area also includes picnic areas, a trail, and a sports complex near the intersection of Tesnatee Gap Valley Road and Highway 129 N, adjacent to the Tesnatee Gap Elementary School.

White County has a limited network of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Dedicated bicycle lanes and sidewalks by GDOT are along both sides of GA Highway 75/Helen Highway north of Cleveland. These facilities extend for 1.5 miles. No additional bicycle or pedestrian facilities are in the unincorporated portion of White County that are maintained by GDOT or White County.

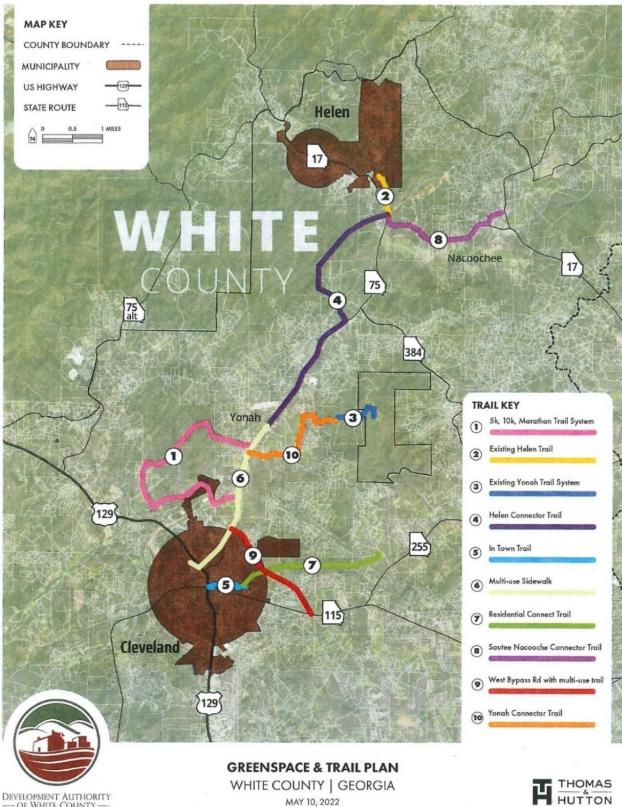
In 2021, White County completed an update to the Comprehensive Plan. Each county and city in Georgia are



Figure 7. Bike Lanes and Sidewalks along GA Hwy 75

required to have a current Comprehensive Plan and completely update this plan every ten years. A community's Comprehensive Plan is used to guide quality growth, devise effective strategies, and make implementation decisions. The implementation portion of the Comprehensive Plan includes a Short-Term Work Program detailing the specific actions a community will take to implement the policies and goals of the plan. This Short-Term Work Program must be updated on an annual basis. The county also updates its Economic Development Plan frequently to focus on new projects to improve these systems.

In 2022, White County completed a Greenspace & Trail Plan to guide development of these amenities.



City of Cleveland



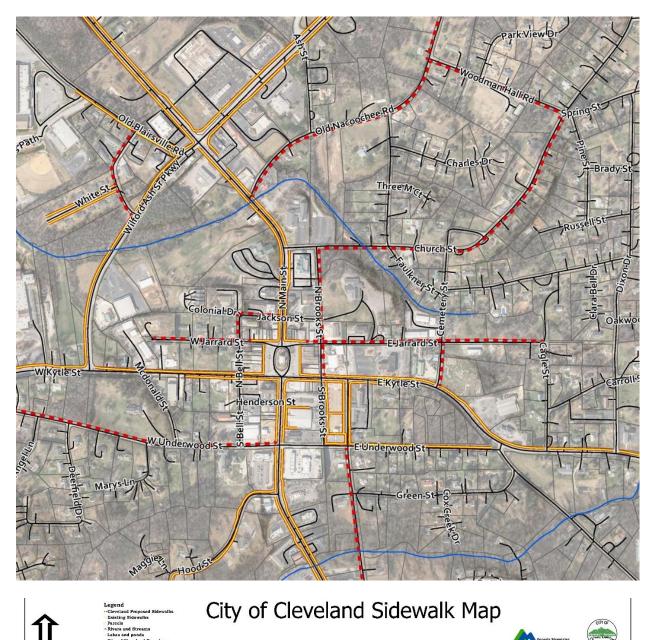
Proposed extensions to the existing sidewalk system in Cleveland will link key residential areas and recreation facilities while improving safety for pedestrians in critical areas of the city. Cleveland is one of the oldest cities in the region. During development, narrow streets were constructed making cyclists unsafe when attempting to share the road with vehicular traffic. Retrofitting city streets with bicycle lanes and widened shoulders is usually restricted due to narrow rights-of-way. Existing utility easements, including water and sewer rights- of-way, do not include provisions for recreational uses. The establishment of future easements and rights-of-way should include provisions of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. An additional recommendation is for the City of Cleveland to implement a series of bicycle routes within the city limits. The routes would facilitate bicycle use on existing roads using lower speed limits, traffic calming devices, and improved signage.

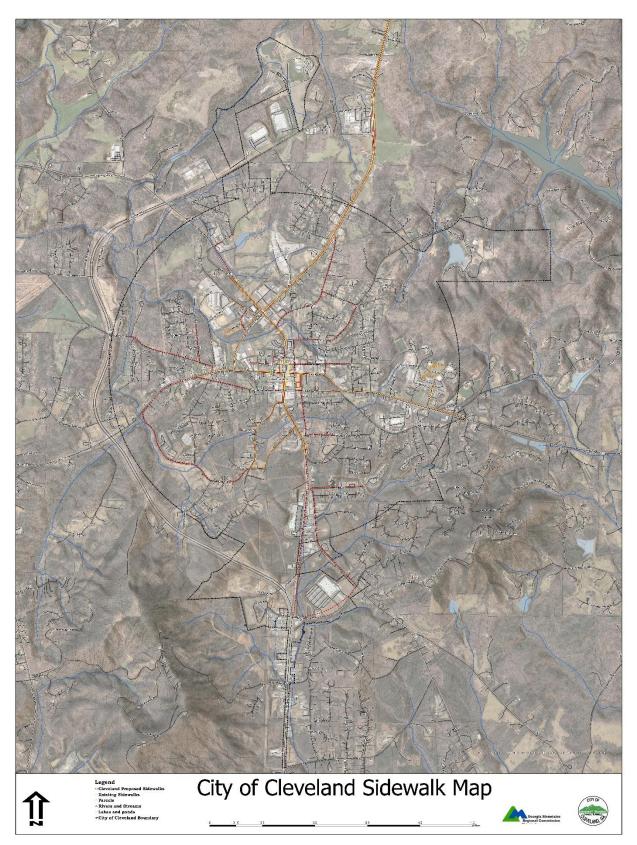
Within Cleveland, a 6-mile system of sidewalks provides access to all the public facilities located within the city including schools, city hall, and public safety centers. Most of the commercial centers are also accessible via the sidewalk network including the city square and large shopping nodes. The sidewalk system with the City of Cleveland is focused along US Highway 129, GA Highway 115, Helen Highway, Wilford Ash Sr. Parkway, and Truett McConnell University.

The city has minimized gaps in the existing sidewalk system and developed a connected pedestrian system that provides a means of alternative transportation to major commercial centers and educational facilities. The City of Cleveland also requires sidewalk facilities for all new apartment and townhome developments. Codes should also ensure connection of these new facilities to the existing network if economically feasible for the developer. Development of an annual inventory and assessment of the sidewalk system would ensure that this investment is maintained to proper

specifications and minor repairs can be made prior to the exacerbation of any issues. The only designated bicycle routes within the City of Cleveland are the bicycle lanes along GA Highway 75/Helen Highway that extend into unincorporated White County.

The city has also created several greenspaces for bike/ped destinations. The White County Water Authority on Claude Sims Road is a potential long-term opportunity over the next thirty years where once the wastewater plant ponds have been decommissioned, the area could be repurposed as a future activity lawn.





City of Helen

Helen is one of the most popular tourist destinations in North Georgia. The city is strongly pedestrian oriented due to the various festivals and activities held throughout the year. Due to elevated levels of vehicular congestion during peak tourism season, pedestrian travel becomes a more efficient way of navigating the city. The city contains approximately 3.3 miles of sidewalk, plus an additional downtown pedestrian zone composed of alleyways, open areas, and fountains. The network connects the major commercial districts and public facilities, including restaurants, hotels, and shopping venues. Many residents drive to the free public parking lots and walk throughout the city as a part of their regular fitness regime.



The only designated bicycle routes within the City of Helen are the bicycle lanes along GA Highway 75/Helen Highway that extend into unincorporated White County. There are currently no dedicated bicycle lanes or bicycle routes within the city but because the area is popular with cyclists, vehicles and pedestrians have learned to share the road. The City of Helen has even implemented a bicycle patrol to improve response times for police officers during the busy season.

Most residential development in the City of Helen is located along small side streets with proximity to the existing sidewalk network. Only a handful of new sidewalks will be required to fill in the gaps of the existing network and provide complete coverage of the city. In 2022, the city upgraded pedestrian crosswalks throughout Main Street, Helen.

The City of Helen has a unique setting and is bounded by Unicoi State Park to the northeast, Smithgall Woods Conservation Area to the west, and the Hardman Farm to the south. Existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities provide access to Unicoi State Park.

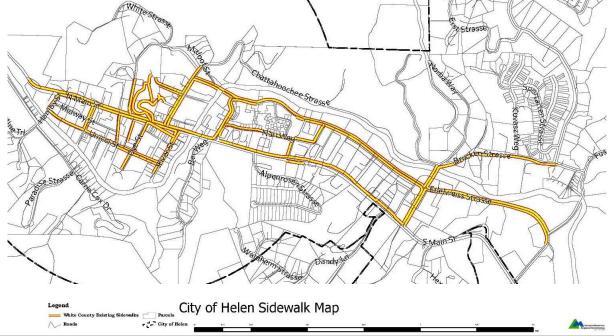


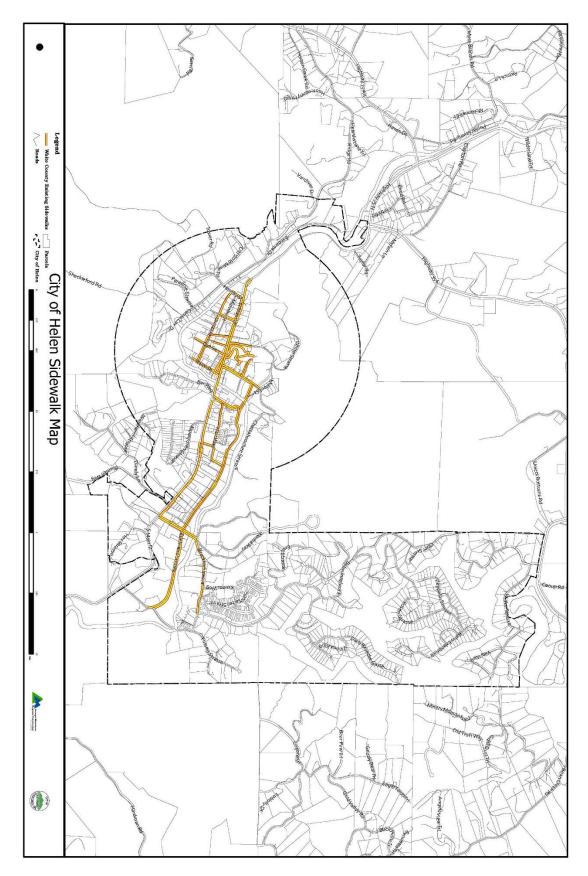
Figure 8. Pedestrian Bridge in Helen

Expansion of these facilities to include access to Smithgall Woods Conservation Area and the Hardman Farm would provide additional alternative transportation and recreation opportunities for visitors and residents, safely removing this traffic from the vehicle travel lanes. These linkages would complete a vital part of a county and region wide trail system.

Less than half a mile separates Helen's existing sidewalks from the existing trail network of Smithgall Woods. While the extension of the sidewalk system along Carrie Cox Road and Tower Road to Smithgall Woods is a simple matter, providing access to the park at Tower Road for the public will require adjustments to the operating procedures of the park. Currently Smithgall Woods Conservation Area has a single entrance located several miles away on GA Highway 75 Alternate. All visitors use this entrance and must register at the Visitors Center. Coordination with Smithgall Woods, GA DNR, the City of Helen, and White County would be required to provide an additional entrance near Helen while simultaneously developing a solution to meet Smithgall Woods' need for visitor registration and management.

As linkages are created to its neighboring parks, the City of Helen will have the great distinction of being the only city in Georgia with direct access to three separate state park facilities. This unique attribute can be used as a marketing tool to attract a new clientele to Helen. This clientele will be an extension of the already growing cycling culture in Helen as the vast network of trails surrounding the city will be most easily toured on two wheels. With an increasing number of cyclists visiting Helen, improving bicycle mobility within the city will become increasingly important. As in Cleveland, dedicated bike lanes in Helen are rare and the existing road structure is not well suited for the addition of these lanes. One of the recommendations of this plan is for the City of Helen to develop a series of safe bike routes. These routes should mimic the existing sidewalk system in that they provide connectivity between the city's commercial center, lodging areas, and state park access points. A special focus should be placed on efficient route selection that minimizes traffic conflicts and additional congestion, provides safe street crossings, and provides the necessary levels of community connectivity. These routes should be enhanced for safety using signage, pavement markings, traffic calming measures, and lowered speed limits.





C. ESTABLISHING THE VISION

1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives provide the basis for the type of recommendations and policies that should be a result of this plan and provide a mechanism, through performance measures, to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan over time. The following goals and objectives are based on public input and provide a vision for future bicycle and pedestrian mobility.

Quality of Life is a degree of well-being. It consists of physical and psychological components which help to provide a positive emotional state.

Goal #1: Implement an interconnected bicycle and pedestrian network that meets community needs in a cost effective and coordinated manner.

Objectives:

- Promote projects that provide bicycle and pedestrian access to key origins and destinations, including but not limited to, schools, downtowns, tourist attractions, shops, and parks, thereby providing for both transportation and recreational needs.
- Provide a system that serves the needs of the transportation disadvantaged.
- Prioritize projects that eliminate existing gaps within the bicycle and pedestrian network and connect neighborhoods to nearby destinations, with future phases to provide cross county and regional connections.
- Adopt local development ordinances and guidelines that support the community's desired level of bike and pedestrian facilities.
- Develop a forum that provides for ongoing bicycle and pedestrian planning.
- Maximize resources through use of public rights of way (with proper retrofitting) and corridors such as roadways, easements, and by coordinating with planned projects.

Goal #2: Improve the quality of life through the provision of a bicycling and pedestrian network with supporting amenities.

Objectives:

- Coordinate the provision of bicycling and walking facilities with designated destinations in land use plans, and especially in high growth areas, schools, and key destinations.
- Maximize economic development potential through provision of strategically located bicycle and sidewalk facilities.
- Provide ancillary facilities such as bicycle parking and storage, lighting, landscaping, and signalization where appropriate and encourage funding participation toward amenities.

• Support education and awareness programs that increase awareness of walking and bicycling benefits, including health, recreation, and energy savings.

System Users

White County has many types of cyclists, ranging from riders who use the bicycle as their primary form of transportation to riders who strictly use the bicycle as a form of recreation. Within both categories you also have experienced and novice riders with varying skill levels. In addition, White County has a variety of pedestrians, ranging from children to the elderly and from those who walk out of necessity to those who walk for recreational purposes. Recreational bike riding and pedestrian activity has increased steadily over the years all over White County due to a thriving tourist industry. The natural features and cultural destinations of White County draw year-round visitors from the state and region. The following definitions of users provided a basis from which the project team began to identify the types and locations of facilities needed.

Pedestrian Users

The Atlanta Regional Commission's (ARC) 2002 Regional Transportation and Pedestrian Walkways Plan defined adult pedestrians, child pedestrians, and pedestrians with disabilities. Environmental justice community participants are defined by the federal government. These definitions, adapted for applicability in White County, provided a basis for identifying to whom this plan is intended, facility types, project locations, and project prioritization. Definitions are provided below:

- <u>Adult Pedestrians</u>: Adult pedestrians use facilities for commuting, recreation, and exercise. Adult pedestrians are aware of the rules of vehicular traffic. Adult pedestrians can have difficulty crossing high-speed, multi-lane streets that lack median refuge islands or pedestrian signals.
- *Child Pedestrians:* Child pedestrians see and hear the world differently than adults. Children often have trouble judging traffic speed, gaps in traffic, or whether a car is coming, going, or standing still. Children are shorter than adults and have limited peripheral vision. Neighborhood streets with sidewalks and shared-use facilities can accommodate child pedestrians.
- **Environmental Justice Community Participants:** Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, education level, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws. Environmental justice seeks to ensure that minority and low-income communities have access to public information relating to human health and environmental planning, regulations, and enforcement. Environmental justice ensures that no population, especially the elderly and children, are forced to shoulder a disproportionate burden of the negative human health and environmental hazards.
- <u>Accessibility: Pedestrians with Disabilities:</u> The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibits discrimination of pedestrians with disabilities. Pedestrians who are blind, deaf, or rely on wheelchairs have needs specific to their type of disability. For instance, people who are deaf need visible warnings about crossing vehicular traffic. People with vision

impairments need tactile indications that they are approaching an intersection or other hazard. Because they cannot see safety signs, they need audible indicators to inform them of proper times to cross the street. When planning for trail upgrades it is imperative to consult the <u>USDA Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails.</u>

Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails



Roadway Network

Land use and transportation are the main factors of community development planning. Ensuring the best balance of land uses, levels of accessibility and the overall sustainability of a community requires an understanding of development trends and issues.

Vast amounts of White County are undeveloped, forested lands under the management of the United States Forest Service. The county consists of scattered rural residential and agricultural land uses. The largest concentrations of residential and other development occur in and surrounding the Cities of Cleveland and Helen, and along the corridors of 129 and 75.

Topography and steep slopes are major factors in the placement of developments throughout the County. In the northern half of White County especially, topography forces all land uses to co-exist in narrow mountain valleys. Careful planning of mountains, valleys and corridors for a variety and mixture of land uses is the most significant challenge. Local regulations currently meet many of these challenges.

Support Agencies



Several volunteer organizations are active in White County. These organizations are not only promoting biking and hiking as recreational activities and methods of alternative transportation but are also supporting natural resource conservation and dedicated to being mindful stewards of the land. Friends of Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites serve as a support system for the statewide network of parks and historic sites. Members participate in activities such as event coordination and participation, trail maintenance, and various other site improvement activities. Two branches located within White County are the Friends of Unicoi State Park and Friends of Smithgall Woods.

The Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association (SORBA) and the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) have a large presence in White County and the surrounding area. The mountains of north Georgia are popular areas for both on and off-road cyclists. Members of both these organizations work with land managers throughout the southeast United States to create trails and trail systems for bicyclists and others to enjoy.

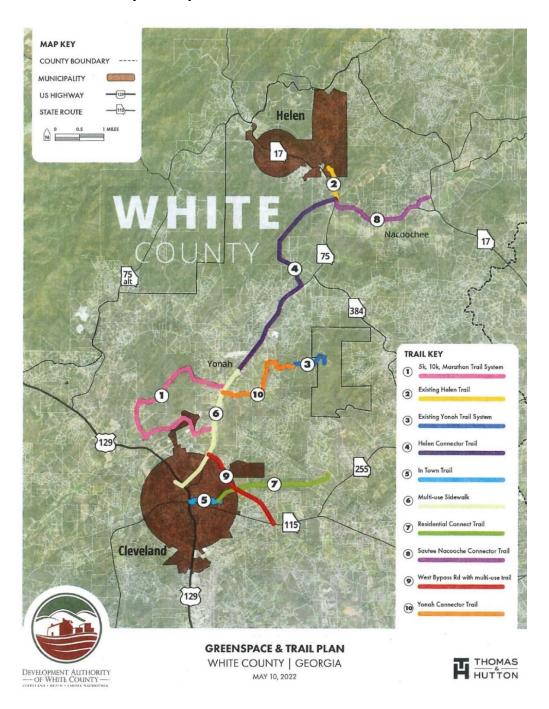
Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety/Assessment Methodology

In 2011 the below table was used to evaluate road conditions for users. A critical component in identifying conditions is analyzing the existing transportation network for suitability for bicycle travel. This assessment methodology was not used in 2022's update but it is still a good reference for identifying where specific activities should occur. In 2011, the criteria used assessed the suitability of existing corridors were applied to each roadway in White County classified as a collector or above. Although designed to analyze bicycle activity, the table can also be used to support where pedestrian activity is the safest under existing situations. This analysis was supplemented with input from stakeholders and geographic information system (GIS) data. The criteria, shown in the table below, are based on a Type B user as described in the Guide for Development of Bicycle Facilities, published by AASHTO. Corridors were assessed further using relevant GIS data by assigning a rating for each of the bicycle suitability criteria. After all criteria had been evaluated for a corridor, the ratings were totaled, and an overall ranking was assigned.

	Most Suitable	Suitable	Not Suitable
Criteria Traffic Volume (Observed)	N Z Z	SI	ZS
Light	X		
Medium	A	X	
Heavy		Λ	X
Roadway Width			Λ
Existence of Shoulders (2' min. width)	X		
No Shoulders (lane width 11' or greater)		X	
No Shoulders (lane width less than 11')			X
Driveways			
Very Few Driveways	X		
Mainly Residential Driveways		Х	
Numerous Driveways (including commercial)			X
Automobile Traffic Speed (posted and observed)			
Less than 35 Miles Per Hour	X		
Between 35 and 45 Miles Per Hour		Х	
More than 45 Miles Per Hour			X
Truck Traffic (observed)			
Light	X		
Medium		Х	
Heavy			X
Terrain			T
Smooth Grades, Excellent Sight Distance	X		
Moderate Grades, Moderate Sight Distance		X	
Severe Grades, Short Sight Distance			X
Pavement Surface			1
Smooth	X		
Some Uneven Surfaces		X	
Uneven and Cracked Surface, Drainage Grates			X

2. MASTER PLAN

This plan serves as a launching point for county, city, and private organizational efforts at working to bring these recommendations to fruition. Specific projects and areas discussed will utilize this information for economic development purposes and to guide development to ensure that alternative transportation options instead of the automobile are considered when updating land development policy. This plan is also meant to support other outdoor recreational plans such as the 2022 White County Greenspace & Trail Plan.



3. IMPLEMENTATION

This section identifies the policies, programs, and funding sources (page 11) that will create a bicycle and pedestrian system that supports the goals and objectives identified by the community. This section also includes funding recommendations, regional coordination, and plan monitoring, which are essential to accomplish the goals and objectives of the bicycle and pedestrian plan. Demands for the region's resources are high and funding is often scarce. White County and its partners must demonstrate that they are willing to undertake significant implementation measures. Interest from the private sector and nonprofit organizations is also required to ensure long-term success. The following action items are the initial responsibility of White County and are separated into short- and long-term actions based on the available staffing and funding of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

Plan Summary

The purpose of this project is to create a Greenways and Blueways: Bicycle, Pedestrian and Paddle Plan for White County to include all of White County, including the member jurisdictions of Cleveland and Helen. However, there is no comprehensive inventory for a route network that links the entire county and beyond for bicycles, pedestrian, and water-based activity facilities. This plan will identify a comprehensive system of bicycle/pedestrian/water activity facilities designed to serve a variety of users, integrate this system with the overall transportation system, and identify specific design standards, implementation actions, and potential funding sources. The resulting document will be a phased action plan with specific policies, strategies, and projects with cost estimates and identified funding opportunities.

The purpose of this Public Involvement Plan is to create a plan that meets countywide needs and is supported by the community. Public involvement ensures that the public is a partner in the process of determining strategies to be undertaken. In addition, federal regulations mandate that plans include a certain level of public involvement in the development of long-range transportation plans. The following federal regulations will provide guidance to this plan: National Environmental Policy Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

The following plan is designed to take the public beyond information and engage them in the discussion of this study. The activities described below are organized by type: Outreach, Involvement and Measures of Effectiveness.

Implementation Schedule

To complete existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian projects in White County, a realistic schedule must be created to maximize staff time, funding, and other available resources. This can be accomplished by prioritizing those projects requiring the least number of materials, time to completion, and right-of-way costs. Larger projects should be thoroughly planned before construction begins.

The planning stages of the larger projects should begin as soon as staff time and resources permit. As details of the larger projects emerge, these specifics should be included in any updates to this plan, the White County Comprehensive Plan, and the Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as soon as possible. When opportunities for funding present themselves, having specific projects in a plan will enable the county to create an application more quickly. Smaller projects already

included in this plan, the White County Comprehensive Plan, or the Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan should be the first ones to be completed. Additional projects to be included in short term plans should be the bridging of any gaps within the existing sidewalk, multiuse trail, or biking trail network, especially around schools. Funding for these projects can be obtained through programs such as Safe Routes to Schools grant or Transportation Enhancement grants. These projects will show a commitment to bicycle and pedestrian facilities by the county and cities. This commitment is also looked upon favorably during a grant or loan application process.

Mid-range goals and projects should center on improving any existing facilities such as bike trails. Maintenance, additional amenities, and expansions that connect with other facilities would require more funding and more staff time but would make great strides toward creating a county-wide, and eventually a region-wide, bicycle and pedestrian network.

Long term goals and projects should center on creating a non-profit or partnering with an existing non-profit such as SORBA: Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association, IMBA: International Mountain Bicycling Association, and others to champion the Gainesville & Northwestern Railroad Trail & Greenway. This project has the potential to become the backbone of a county-wide bicycle and pedestrian network. All current and future projects should take the location of this historic rail bed into account and work toward s creating a connection to these areas.

Programs

A key component in promoting multimodal accessibility is providing the actual facilities along which to walk and/or bike. However, there are additional programs that can help to create a multimodal environment. The following received the most community support:

There are four goal areas that potential projects should relate to:

- Increase job opportunities and per capita income in Appalachia to reach parity with the nation.
- Strengthen the capacity of the people of Appalachia to compete in the global economy.
- Develop and improve Appalachia's infrastructure to make the Region economically competitive.
- Build the Appalachian Development Highway System to reduce Appalachia's isolation.

Potential projects must be consistent with the priorities identified in the Governor's Annual Strategy Statement and contribute to an economic development strategy.

ARC recognizes the economic value of the region's culture, heritage, and heritage tourism. Bicycle and pedestrian projects could be classified as an economic development strategy that "build(s) on existing resources – natural, cultural, structural and leadership – to create valued products and services that can be sustained for local benefit."

Bicycle and pedestrian projects could also meet several objectives of the Appalachian Regional Commission's (ARC) Strategic Plan such as pursuing tourism development as an economic development tool and supporting efforts to develop intermodal transportation corridors in Appalachian Georgia.

Design

Design standards should follow recommendations from **USFS**: United States Forest System Standard Trail Plans and Specifications, **IMBA**: International Mountain Bicycling Association, **ADA**: Americans with Disabilities Act, **GDOT** and other recognized design professionals to ensure the system adheres to established best practices for trails and greenways. Trail networks should also take into consideration other trail connections located outside White County to maximize the success and viability of the system. Additional information on design standards is covered in Appendix: 3 Design Standards.

Safety

Safety criteria should take into consideration the following:

- Adequate design to serve all users: those with mobility disabilities, walkers, runners, cyclists, off-road cyclists, etc.
- Lighting
- Safety kiosks
- Wayfinding and course map identification
- Safety patrol as needed, trail ambassadors
- Opportunities to connect businesses and users

Plan Monitoring

Active monitoring is critical to successful implementation of the bicycle and pedestrian plan. Performance measures are important for tracking the progress of the plan and how well projects are meeting the plan goals and objectives. Data associated with the performance measures must be collected on a regular basis. The plan should be updated regularly, based on analyses of performance measures, as transportation conditions in the White County area change.

Performance Measures

Performance measures provide a mechanism to evaluate the effectiveness of the existing bicycle and pedestrian system and the success of the White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan over time. The following performance measures are based on the goals and objectives of the plan and should be quantifiable meaning actual data is available or can be collected to evaluate changing conditions:

Key origins and destinations connected by bicycle and pedestrian facilities:

• Government Offices

Schools

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- Parks
- Heath Care Centers

Commercial Centers

Statistics to reference when determining when and where to construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Percentage of population or employment within one mile of a bicycle facility and percentage within 1⁄4 mile of a sidewalk.

Number of Census blocks with a lower-than-average vehicle per household rate within ¹/₄ mile of bicycle or pedestrian facilities.

Amount of funding dedicated to bicycle/pedestrian facilities. Percentage of jurisdictions that adopt recommended design standards.

Number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

D. Appendices

1: Maps

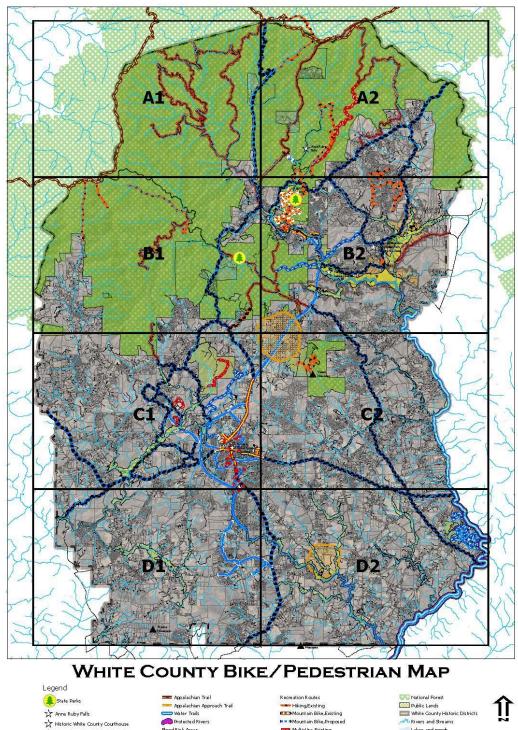
- A: White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Base Maps
- **B:** White County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Activity Routes
- **C:** White County Greenspace & Trail Plan Map
- **D:** City of Cleveland Sidewalk Map
- **E:** City of Helen Sidewalk Map

2: Stakeholder Meeting Information and Public Outreach

- A: Stakeholder Committee Meeting Sign- In Sheets
- B: 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Public Comment Survey Results
- **C:** 2011 Survey Results

3: Design Standards

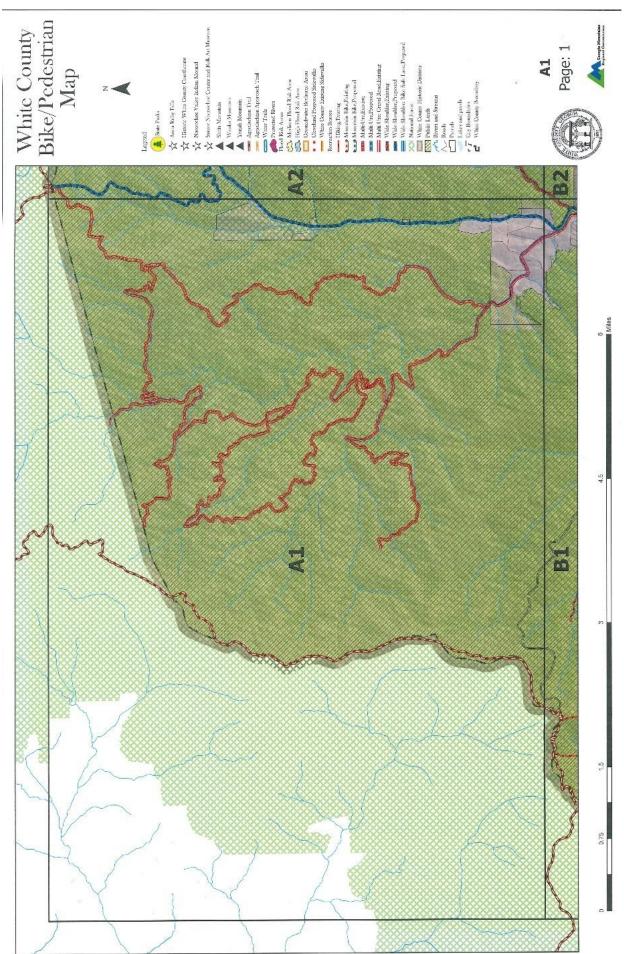
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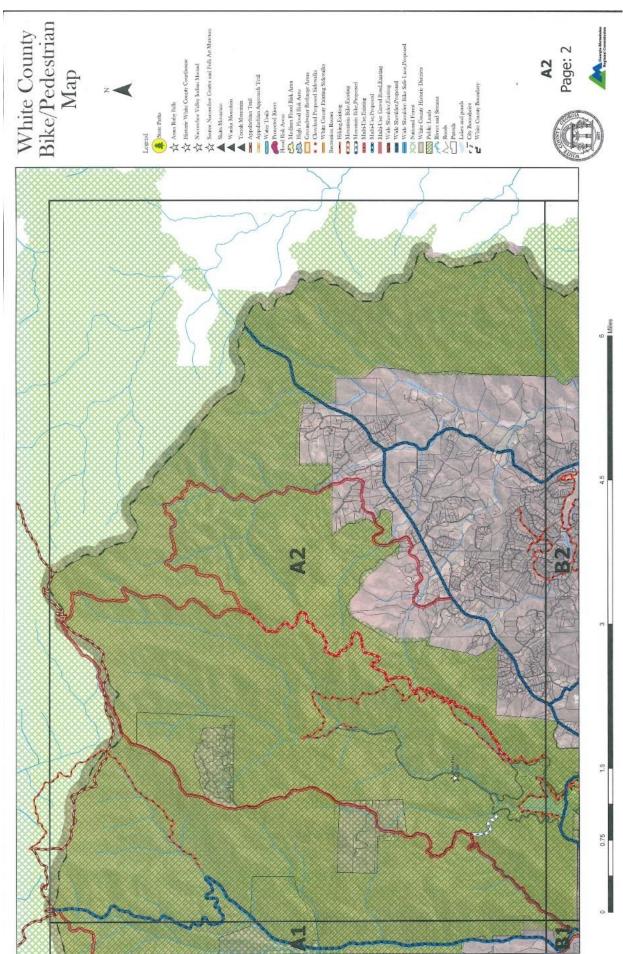


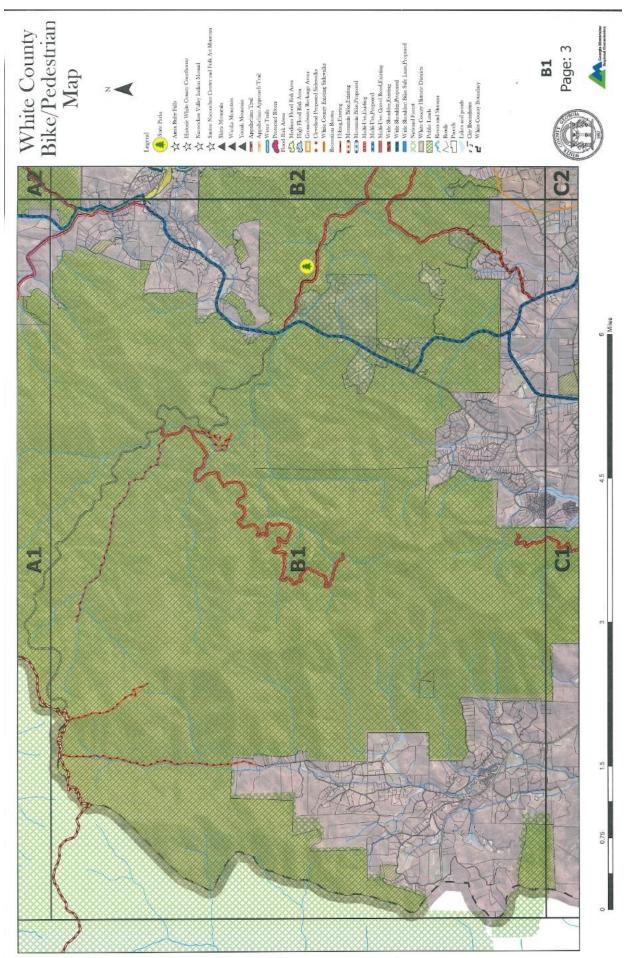
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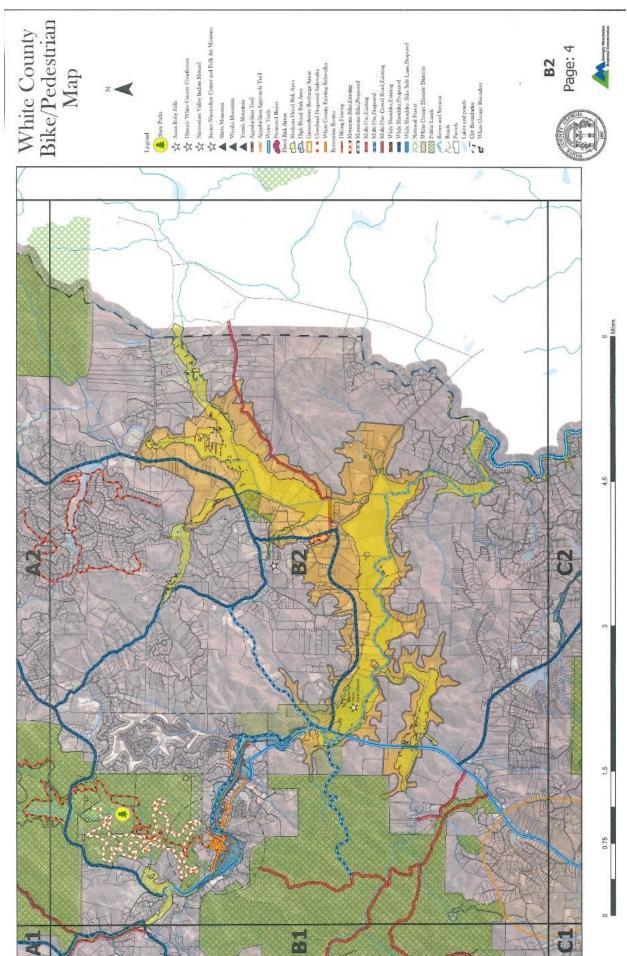


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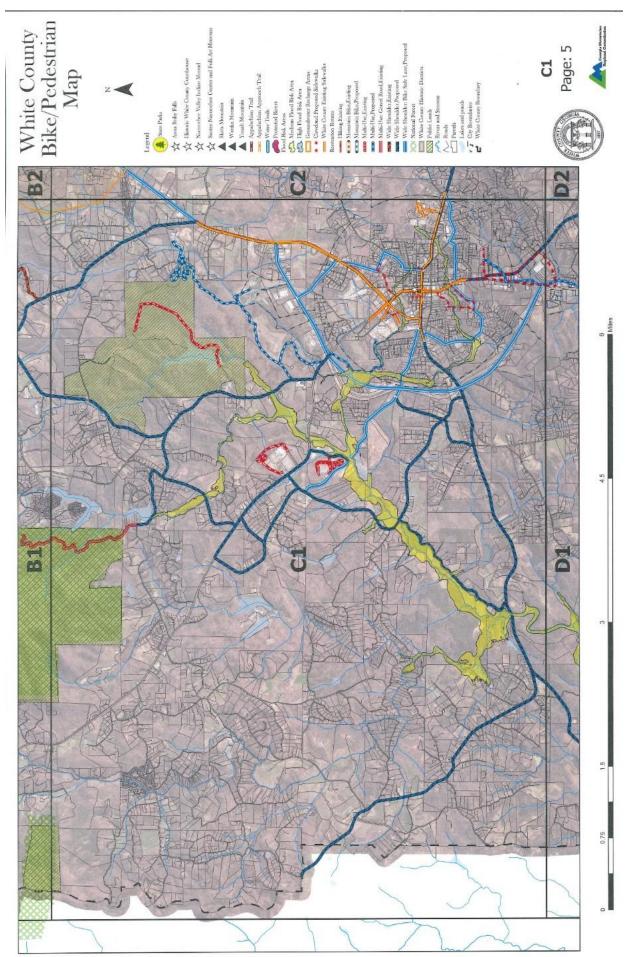


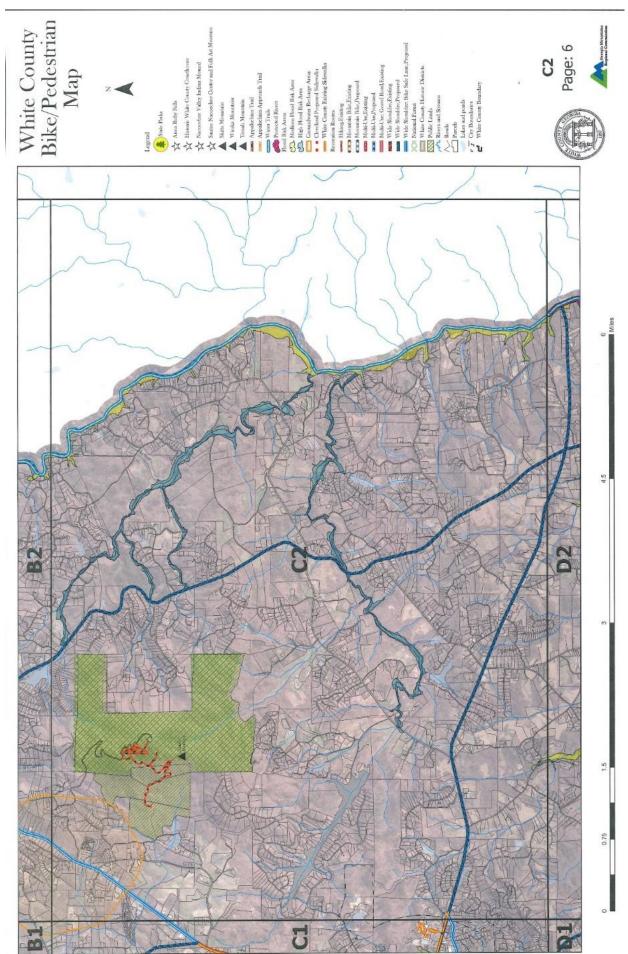


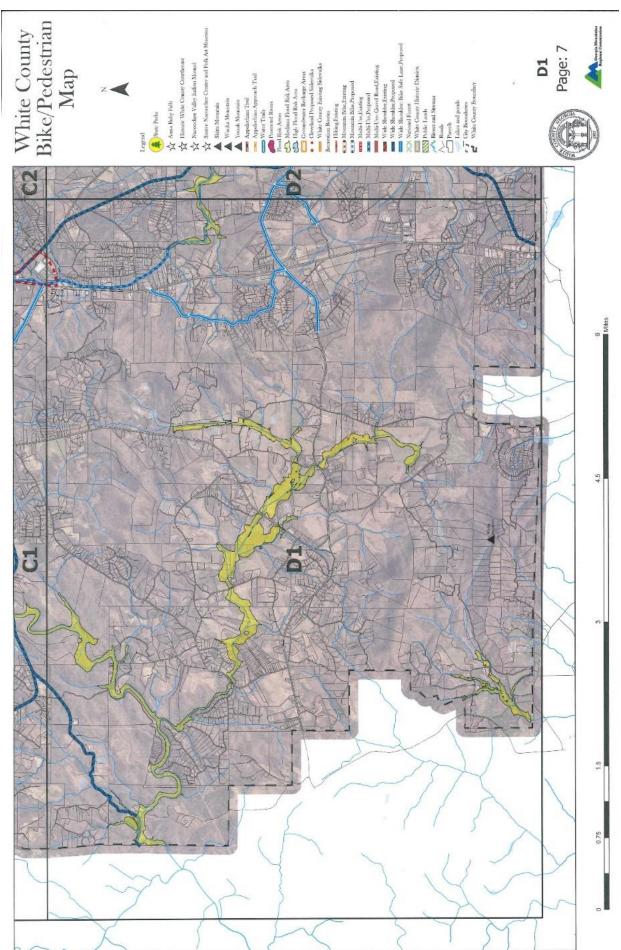


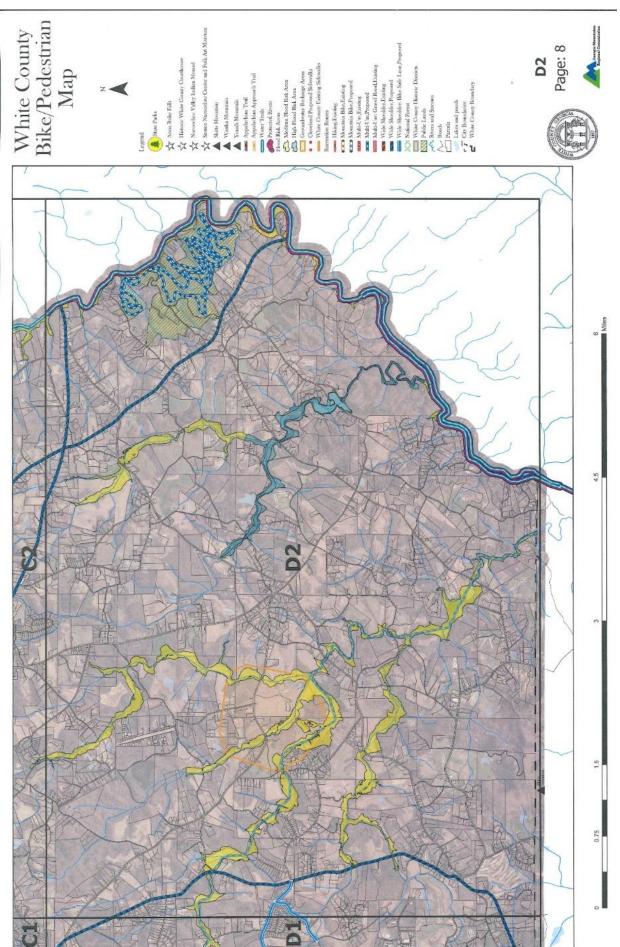


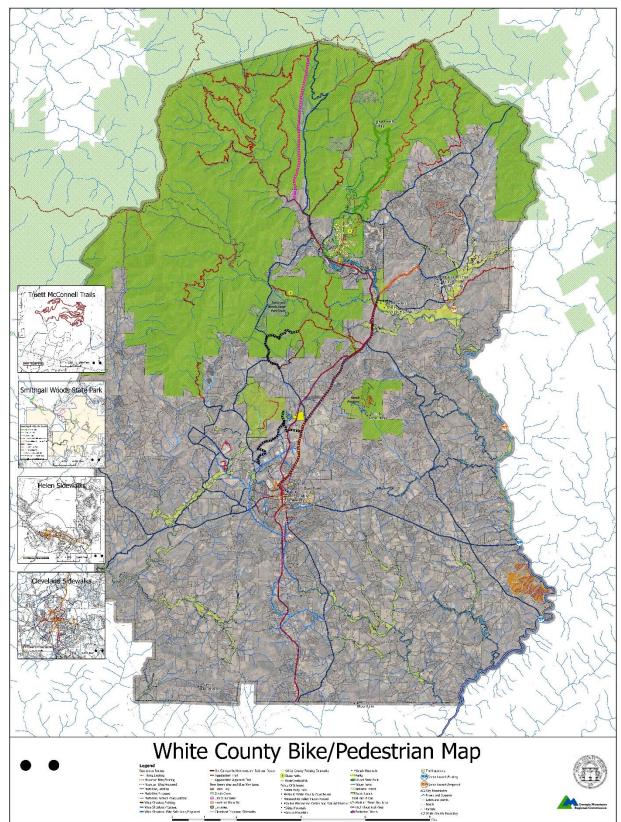
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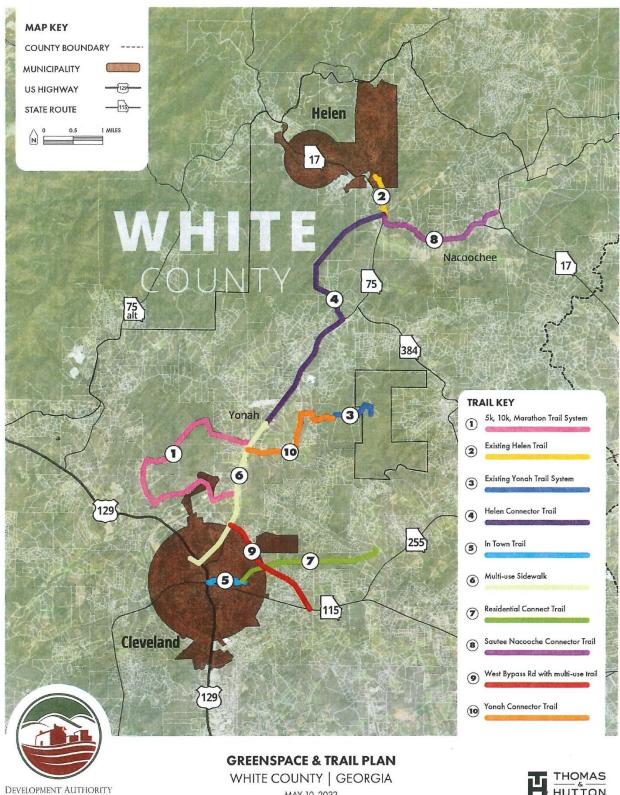








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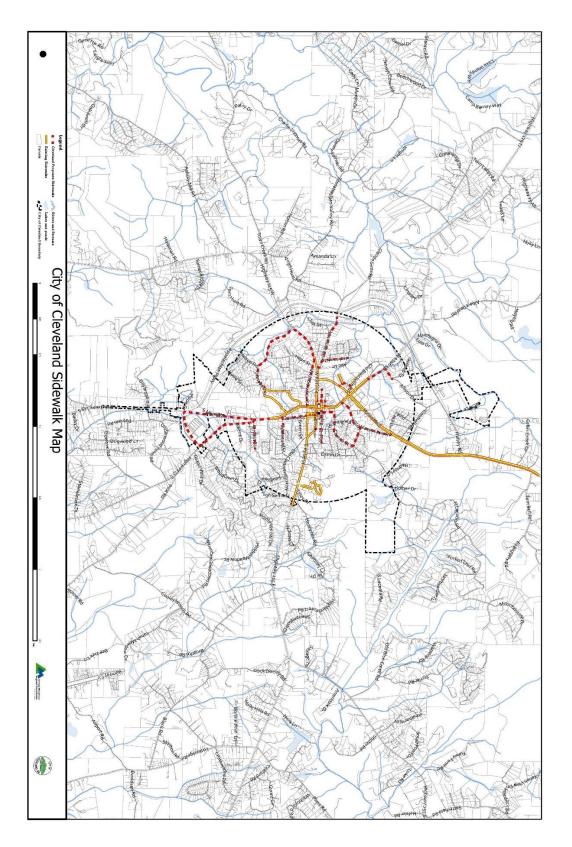


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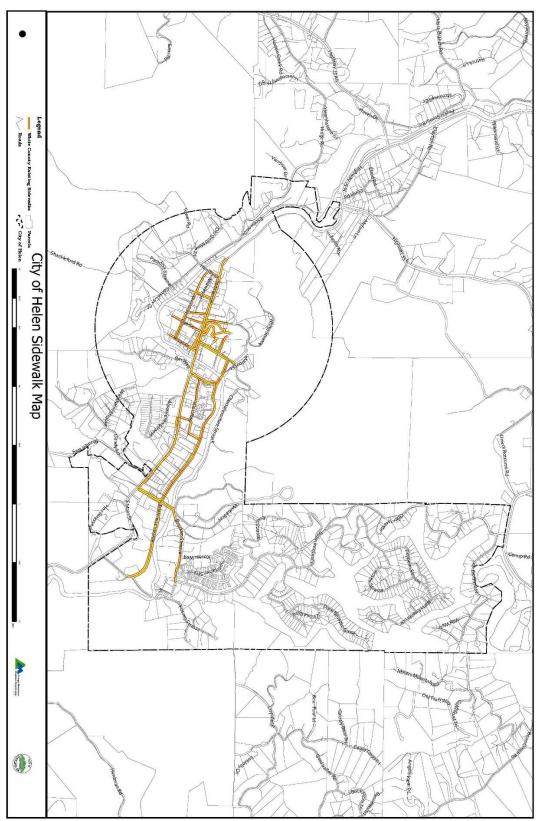
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WHITE COUNTY BIKE/PED PLAN UPDATE STAKEHOLDER MEETING

10:00 AM-Thursday October 14, 2021

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WHITE COUNTY BIKE/PED PLAN UPDATE **STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

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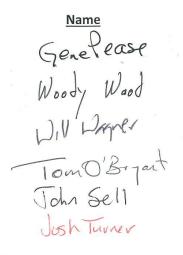
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WHITE COUNTY BIKE/PED PLAN UPDATE STAKEHOLDER MEETING

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE White County, Georgia

10:00 AM-Thursday April 28, 2022

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10:00 AM-Thursday May 26, 2022

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN UPDATE White County, Georgia

10:00 AM-Thursday August 25, 2022

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10:00 AM-Thursday September 22, 2022

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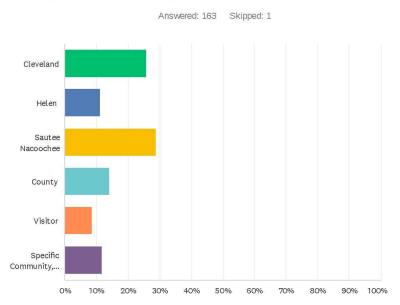
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B: 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Survey Results

White County Pedestrian and Bicycle Activity Survey



Q1 I am submitting comments as a resident of:

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Cleveland		25.77%	42
Helen		11.04%	18
Sautee	Nacoochee	28.83%	47
County		14.11%	23
Visitor		8.59%	14
Specific	Community, please specify in the comment box below.	11.66%	19
TOTAL			163
#	(PLEASE SPECIFY WHICH COMMUNITY YOU RESIDE IN)	DATE	
1	towncreek	11/18/2022 6:	27 PM
2	town creek	8/12/2022 7:2	23 AM
3	Clermont	7/26/2022 9:4	19 PM
4	Hall County	7/26/2022 1:03 PM	
5	Hiawassee	7/25/2022 5:43 PM	
6	Skylake	7/25/2022 3:44 PM	
7	Elkmont	7/24/2022 8:44 AM	
8	Habersham but close to White County	7/23/2022 10:53 F	

9	Elkmont	7/23/2022 3:22 PM
10	Elkmont	7/23/2022 1:48 PM
11	Elkmont resort	7/23/2022 1:19 PM
12	Elkmont	7/23/2022 10:40 AM
13	Elkmont	7/23/2022 10:40 AM
14	Habersham	7/23/2022 9:30 AM
15	Elkmont in Cleveland	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
16	Live in Clarkesville but frequently recreate in White county.	7/23/2022 8:51 AM
17	Scorpion Hollow	7/23/2022 7:43 AM
18	Fannin county	7/23/2022 7:07 AM
19	skits mountain	5/25/2022 3:24 PM
20	Sweetwater Subdivision	5/16/2022 3:10 AM
21	Black Bear Ridge, Yonah Mountain	5/15/2022 7:29 PM
22	Skylake	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
23	Sautee Hwy 17	5/12/2022 4:25 PM
24	Nacoochee Valley across the river Bottom Rd	5/8/2022 3:56 PM
25	We also own property in Cleveland	5/7/2022 3:03 PM
26	Leaf	5/5/2022 11:26 PM
27	Yonah Mountain Lake	5/4/2022 10:14 AM
28	Cedar Hollow	5/4/2022 7:55 AM
29	Innsbruck	5/4/2022 7:10 AM
30	Innsbruck	5/3/2022 10:21 PM
31	Innsbruck	5/3/2022 9:48 PM
32	Innsbruck	5/3/2022 7:12 PM
33	Innsbruck	5/3/2022 6:19 PM
34	Kellum Valley Area	5/3/2022 5:56 PM
35	Innsbruck	5/3/2022 5:41 PM
36	Innsbruck	5/3/2022 5:16 PM
37	Sautee	5/3/2022 4:56 PM
38	Skylake	5/3/2022 3:53 PM
39	Rustic Ridge	4/29/2022 8:50 PM
40	Cornelia	4/29/2022 6:36 PM
41	Duncan Bridge/ Whisperwood Way	4/29/2022 11:27 AM
42	Dahlonega	4/29/2022 11:07 AM
43	Laceola	4/29/2022 11:03 AM
44	Clermont	4/28/2022 2:43 PM
45	Blairsville	4/16/2022 8:11 PM
46	Teel Mountain	4/10/2022 9:24 AM

47	Habersham	4/6/2022 3:31 PM
48	cleveland/elkmont	4/3/2022 7:22 PM
49	Cornelia	4/2/2022 3:54 PM
50	Gwinnett county	4/1/2022 5:53 AM
51	Miner's mountain	4/1/2022 5:14 AM
52	Mt Yonah Scenic Estates	3/31/2022 11:45 PM
53	Innsbruck	3/31/2022 9:29 PM
54	Mt. Yonah	3/31/2022 7:40 PM
55	Towns County	3/31/2022 6:58 PM
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59	Adair Mill	3/29/2022 8:46 AM
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61	Mossy Creek	3/27/2022 10:51 PM
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63	Lumpkin county	3/27/2022 10:42 AM
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68	Swiss Colony	3/26/2022 1:59 PM
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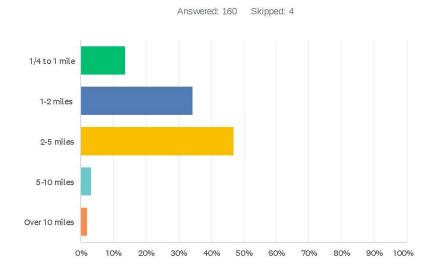
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ANSWER CHOICES		ESPONSES		
Once a day		7.04%	43	
1-6 times a week		7.86%	92	
1-3 times a month		.55%	12	
Rarely	7.	.55%	12	
TOTAL			159	
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)		DATE	
1	PT resident - walk 1-6 x / week when in town		7/23/2022 10:40 AM	
2	Visually impaired, can not drive, must walk to be able to independently travel in town, but currently can not because there are no safe routes.		5/12/2022 7:45 PM	
3	Hike trails in Skylake almost every day. Other trails each week.		5/12/2022 4:32 PM	
4	Twice a day		5/4/2022 11:29 AM	
5	When there several times a day		5/3/2022 5:41 PM	
6	Bike		3/28/2022 9:09 PM	
7	Run 2-3 days a week		3/27/2022 10:42 AM	
8	Cycle		3/26/2022 7:28 AM	

Q2 How often do you walk?

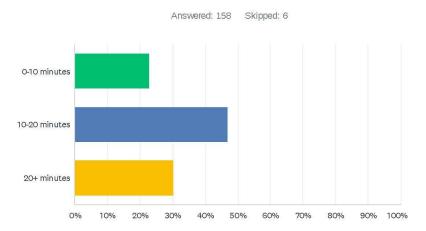


Q3 How far is your average trip?



ANSWE	R CHOICES F	RESPONSES	
1/4 to 1 r	mile 1	13.75%	22
1-2 miles	3 3	34.38%	55
2-5 miles	5 4	46.88%	75
5-10 mile	33	3.13%	5
Over 10	miles 1	1.88%	3
TOTAL			160
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)		DATE
1	Anywhere between the high school and downtown Cleveland (visual to drive, needing access to these areas)	ly impaired resident unable	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
2	Varies per hike and location. Usually at least one or two hours		5/12/2022 4:32 PM
3	I drive to the park and walk for exercise		3/29/2022 8:46 AM
4	Cycle		3/26/2022 7:28 AM

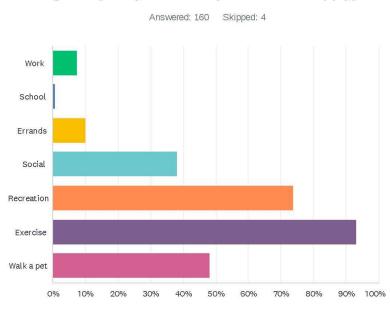
Q4 How many minutes are you willing to walk (one way) in order to travel to or from work or to run an errand?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10 minutes	22.78%	36
10-20 minutes	46.84%	74
20+ minutes	30.38%	48
TOTAL		158

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	rather bike	11/18/2022 6:27 PM
2	Where we leave would not walk on Helen Hwy	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
3	30 minutes	5/4/2022 11:29 AM
4	bike	4/30/2022 5:01 PM
5	Our work is in Sautee and we enjoy walking in Sautee.	3/31/2022 11:45 PM
6	I don't walk for travel	3/27/2022 10:51 PM
7	Cycle	3/26/2022 7:28 AM

Q5 Why do you walk? (mark all that apply)

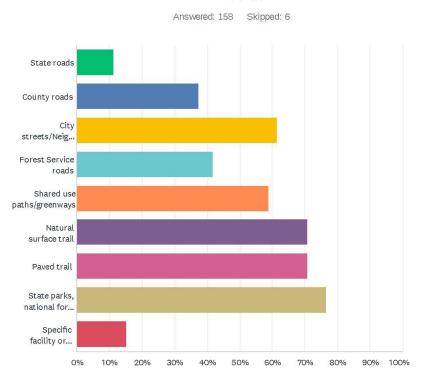


ANSWE	ER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work		7.50%	12
School		0.63%	1
Errands	5	10.00%	16
Social		38.13%	61
Recreat	tion	73.75%	118
Exercis	e	93.13%	149
Walk a	pet	48.13%	77
Total Re	espondents: 160		
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)		DATE
1	Visually impaired. Can not see well enough to drive.		5/12/2022 7:45 PM
2 Companionship			5/12/2022 4:32 PM
3	Mental health		5/4/2022 11:29 AM
4	I don't. I ride a bike.		4/1/2022 10:03 AM

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Only if I have to	3/29/2022 4:55 PM
Cycle	3/26/2022 7:28 AM

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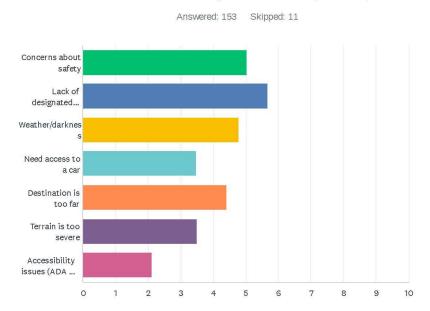
Q6 Which of the following facilities do you use when you walk? (mark all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
State roads		11.39%	18
County	roads	37.34%	59
City st	reets/Neighborhood streets	61.39%	97
Forest	Service roads	41.77%	66
Shared	l use paths/greenways	58.86%	93
Natura	l surface trail	70.89%	112
Paved	trail	70.89%	112
State p	parks, national forest lands, canoe paddling launch/river locations	76.58%	121
Specifi	c facility or location, please list in the comment box below	15.19%	24
Total R	espondents: 158		
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE	

1	Yonah Preserve, Downtown Helen, Unicoi SP., Hardman Trail	11/16/2022 2:45 PM
2	Unicoi. Hardman trail. Helen	8/19/2022 3:24 PM
3	Yonah preserve	7/26/2022 9:49 PM
4	Mount Yonah	7/26/2022 12:58 PM
5	Yonah Preserve	7/23/2022 6:28 PM
6	Hardman farm trail	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
7	Treadmill	7/23/2022 9:00 AM
8	yonah mountain preserve and yonah mountain	5/25/2022 3:24 PM
9	Sautee Park	5/22/2022 4:44 PM
10	YPT, Lynch Mtn Road	5/22/2022 2:33 PM
11	Woodman World park, Helen park	5/15/2022 9:43 PM
12	Route to the high school, downtown Cleveland, and Walmart	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
13	Hardman Farm to Helen trail, Helen to Unicoi Park, Smithgall Woods, Yonah Mountain	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
14	Private roads and woods	5/8/2022 3:56 PM
15	Hardman Trail	5/3/2022 7:12 PM
16	Yonah preserve trail, Unicoi Helen to Unicoi,	5/3/2022 6:19 PM
17	Hartman trail	5/3/2022 5:41 PM
18	Hardman Farm Trail	4/29/2022 4:05 PM
19	Smithgall, Unicoi	4/29/2022 11:27 AM
20	Hard man farm trail	4/29/2022 11:15 AM
21	YPT	4/29/2022 11:07 AM
22	Hardman	4/29/2022 11:03 AM
23	treadmill	4/3/2022 7:22 PM
24	N/A	4/1/2022 10:03 AM
25	We love walking and Helen, Sautee, Yonah Preserves Trail in Cleveland	3/31/2022 11:45 PM
26	Recreation Department	3/31/2022 7:40 PM
27	Private dirt roads.	3/31/2022 6:43 PM
28	YPT Trail System!!!!! Love it!	3/29/2022 12:30 PM
29	City parks	3/29/2022 8:46 AM
30	Gravel and neighborhood roads, hardman trail, AT, and other park trails	3/28/2022 9:58 PM
31	Yonah Preserve Trail	3/27/2022 10:42 AM
32	YPT	3/26/2022 11:19 AM
33	Yonah Preserve	3/26/2022 9:45 AM
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35	YONAH PRESERVE	3/26/2022 8:42 AM
36	Cleveland Park, Hardman, Truett, sidewalks on Helen Highway	3/26/2022 8:15 AM
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38	Cycle	3/26/2022 7:28 AM

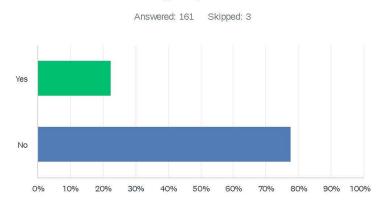
Q7 Which are the reasons that you do not walk more frequently? (Please rank, with 1 being the most important)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Concerns about safety	28.21% 33	25.64% 30	15.38% 18	7.69% 9	6.84% 8	7.69% 9	8.55% 10	117	5.03
Lack of designated sidewalks	39.69% 52	32.06% 42	10.69% 14	3.05% 4	5.34% 7	6.11% 8	3.05% 4	131	5.67
Weather/darkness	20.87% 24	11.30% 13	27.83% 32	20.87% 24	7.83% 9	6.96% 8	4.35% 5	115	4.78
Need access to a car	6.93% 7	6.93% 7	12.87% 13	15.84% 16	24.75% 25	21.78% 22	10.89% 11	101	3.47
Destination is too far	17.70% 20	11.50% 13	14.16% 16	24.78% 28	20.35% 23	6.19% 7	5.31% 6	113	4.42
Terrain is too severe	5.22% 6	8.70% 10	14.78% 17	13.91% 16	23.48% 27	26.09% 30	7.83% 9	115	3.49
Accessibility issues (ADA or other)	2.86% 3	4.76% 5	2.86% 3	10.48% 11	6.67% 7	15.24% 16	57.14% 60	105	2.12

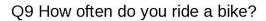
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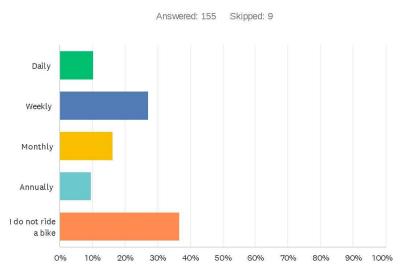
Q8 Are you a member of a walking/running club, cycling club, or advocacy group?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.36%	36
No	77.64%	125
Total Respondents: 161		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Currahee Pedalers	7/23/2022 8:51 AM
2	NEGA SORBA	5/5/2022 11:26 PM
3	Cycling	4/29/2022 11:07 AM
4	Rails to Trails Conservancy	4/16/2022 8:11 PM
5	White County mountain bike team	4/1/2022 10:03 AM
6	SORBA & Coach for Georgia Youth Cycling (White Co & Yonah Comp)	3/29/2022 12:30 PM
7	CPCC and Chainbusters Womens team	3/26/2022 9:18 AM
8	White County Mountain Bike Team	3/26/2022 8:42 AM
9	SORBA	3/26/2022 8:38 AM
10	Yonah Composite and White County Mountain Bike team	3/26/2022 8:15 AM



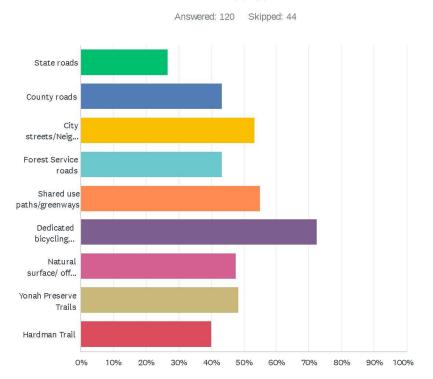


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	10.32%	16
Weekly	27.10%	42
Monthly	16.13%	25
Annually	9.68%	15
I do not ride a bike	36.77%	57
TOTAL		155

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	no safe accessI would ride 3x a week	11/18/2022 6:27 PM
2	I would ride daily if there were a paved bike path accessible without needing a car to drive to it.	8/12/2022 7:23 AM
3	Used to ride lots but the roads are not safe for bikes	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
4	Would ride daily if access to safe bike path (not mountain)	7/23/2022 9:00 AM
5	Only ride on trails and not many available	7/23/2022 7:07 AM
6	Would ride more often with designated paths	5/16/2022 3:10 AM
7	occasionally	5/15/2022 7:29 PM
8	Would ride more if there were safe bike lanes along roadways	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
9	We ride bikes on vacation. If there were a safe area we would ride more often.	5/7/2022 3:03 PM
10	Probably twice a month	5/4/2022 7:55 AM
11	When at home in Innsbruckdaily	5/3/2022 5:41 PM

12	I would road/path bike more if there was a safe place. I used the Greenway in Alpharetta or Silver comet every day	4/3/2022 7:22 PM
13	Need flat terrain	4/1/2022 4:27 PM
14	Stationary bike	4/1/2022 5:53 AM
15	monthly but would so more often with safer roads	3/26/2022 3:38 PM
16	3-4 times a week	3/26/2022 7:28 AM

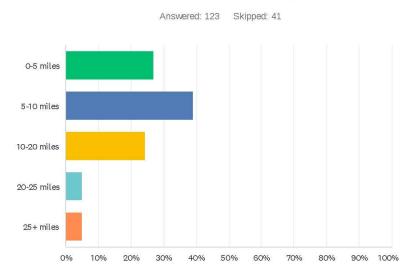
Q10 Which of the following facilities do you use when bicycling? (mark all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
State ro	pads	26.67% 32
County	roads	43.33% 52
City stre	eets/Neighborhood streets	53.33% 64
Forest S	Service roads	43.33% 52
Shared	use paths/greenways	55.00% 66
Dedicat	ed bicycling trails	72.50% 87
Natural	surface/ off road single track (mountain bike)	47.50% 57
Yonah F	Preserve Trails	48.33% 58
Hardman Trail		40.00% 48
Total Re	espondents: 120	
		2.175
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE

1	I do not ride a bike.	9/24/2022 5:56 AM
2	Can't bike	8/19/2022 3:24 PM
3	all of these, if there was one or any in my area	8/12/2022 7:23 AM
4	NA, I don't ride	7/26/2022 12:58 PM
5	I do not ride a bike because of lack of safe trails	7/24/2022 8:44 AM
6	I do not ride a bike	7/23/2022 10:53 PM
7	Big Creek greenway in Alpharetta and Forsyth when lived there	7/23/2022 9:00 AM
8	none	7/23/2022 7:43 AM
9	I do not ride	7/23/2022 6:18 AM
10	I do not ride a bike	5/26/2022 7:47 PM
11	do not ride bikes	5/25/2022 3:24 PM
12	l don't ride a bike	5/15/2022 9:43 PM
13	Do not bike	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
14	Definite need of bicycle lanes along roadways to get from Sautee Nacoochee to Helen	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
15	l don't bicycle. Doyown a bike	5/12/2022 4:21 PM
16	Only paved	5/4/2022 7:55 AM
17	n/a	5/3/2022 4:56 PM
18	N/A	4/29/2022 11:03 AM
19	None currently	4/1/2022 4:27 PM
20	I do not ride a bike.	3/31/2022 9:29 PM
21	I don't ride bikes	3/31/2022 6:43 PM
22	Do not ride too afraid of traffic	3/31/2022 5:48 PM
23	We bike more frequently in summer months.	3/31/2022 4:20 PM
24	I don't ride a bike	3/30/2022 10:37 PM
25	Roads with reasonable bike lane space and vehicles.	3/30/2022 4:26 PM
26	I don't ride a bike	3/26/2022 4:50 PM

Q11 How long is your average ride?

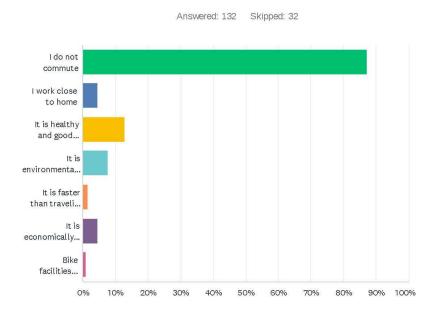


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-5 miles	26.83%	33
5-10 miles	39.02%	48
10-20 miles	24.39%	30
20-25 miles	4.88%	6
25+ miles	4.88%	6
TOTAL		123

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Again, I do NOT ride a bike.	9/24/2022 5:56 AM
2	Can't bike	8/19/2022 3:24 PM
3	NA I don't ride	7/26/2022 12:58 PM
4	na	7/23/2022 7:43 AM
5	I do not ride	7/23/2022 6:18 AM
6	Again, I do not ride a bike!	5/26/2022 7:47 PM
7	do not ridebikes	5/25/2022 3:24 PM
8	i don't ride a bike	5/15/2022 9:43 PM
9	Do not bike	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
10	Will ride in Helen when it is not busy.	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
11	I don't own a bike	5/12/2022 4:21 PM

12	I'm not sure. Usually just depends where we are going	5/7/2022 3:03 PM
13	No good trails to ride in White county	5/3/2022 5:09 PM
14	n/a	5/3/2022 4:56 PM
15	N/A	4/29/2022 11:03 AM
16	n/a	3/31/2022 9:29 PM
17	0	3/31/2022 6:43 PM
18	I don't ride a bike	3/30/2022 10:37 PM
19	I don't ride a bike, you shouldn't assume that everyone does.	3/26/2022 4:50 PM

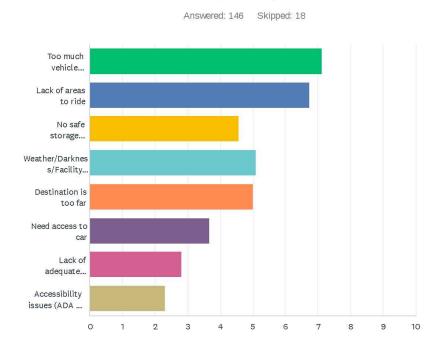
Q12 Do you commute by bicycle, and why? (mark all that apply)



ANSWE	RCHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not	commute	87.12%	115
I work c	lose to home	4.55%	6
It is hea	althy and good exercise	12.88%	17
It is env	ironmentally friendly	7.58%	10
It is fas	ter than traveling by automobile	1.52%	2
It is eco	nomically beneficial	4.55%	6
Bike fac	ilities provide direct routes between work/home	0.76%	1
Total Re	espondents: 132		
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE	
1	Why so many bike questions? More people walk and hike than ride bikes.	9/24/2022 5:5	6 AM
2	I commute by car	7/26/2022 1:0	3 PM
3	Currently do not commute but am considering it.	7/23/2022 8:5	1 AM
4	na	7/23/2022 7:4	3 AM
5	I do not ride	7/23/2022 6:1	8 AM
6	Okay, once more, I do not ride a bike!	5/26/2022 7:4	7 PM
7	If I felt safer on the roads with designated bike lanes, I would learn to ride and use it as my	5/12/2022 7:4	5 PM

	primary mode of transportation	
8	Retired	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
9	l do not own a bike	5/12/2022 4:21 PM
10	N/A	4/29/2022 11:03 AM
11	Roads are too dangerous.	4/16/2022 8:11 PM
12	Highways are too unsafe for cycling.	4/6/2022 3:31 PM
13	I DO NOT RIDE A BIKE	3/31/2022 9:29 PM
14	I don't ride a bike	3/30/2022 10:37 PM
15	Once again, I don't ride a bike!	3/26/2022 4:50 PM
16	No	3/26/2022 8:55 AM

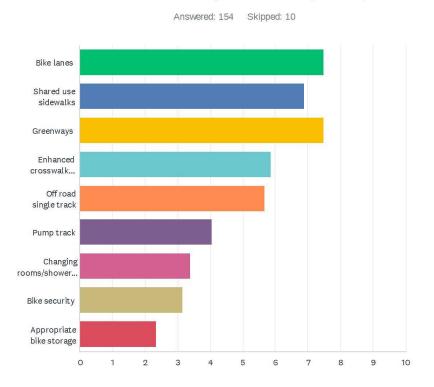
Q13 Why don't you ride more often? (Please rank, with 1 being the most important)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Too much vehicle traffic/driver behavior	54.78% 63	28.70% 33	6.96% 8	3.48% 4	2.61% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	3.48% 4	115	7.12
Lack of areas to ride	36.13%	40.34%	7.56%	6.72%	1.68%	3.36%	1.68%	2.52%		
	43	48	9	8	2	4	2	З	119	6.73
No safe storage facilities	1.09%	6.52%	33.70%	14.13%	14.13%	17.39%	7.61%	5.43%		
for my bike	1	6	31	13	13	16	7	5	92	4.57
Weather/Darkness/Facility	8.08%	8.08%	23.23%	32.32%	13.13%	6.06%	7.07%	2.02%		
Hours	8	8	23	32	13	6	7	2	99	5.09
Destination is too far	13.00%	8.00%	14.00%	18.00%	32.00%	11.00%	2.00%	2.00%		
	13	8	14	18	32	11	2	2	100	5.01
Need access to car	5.43%	5.43%	5.43%	10.87%	11.96%	34.78%	20.65%	5.43%		
	5	5	5	10	11	32	19	5	92	3.67
Lack of adequate	0.00%	2.17%	3.26%	8.70%	13.04%	17.39%	43.48%	11.96%		
shower/changing facilities	0	2	3	8	12	16	40	11	92	2.82
Accessibility issues (ADA	6.38%	3.19%	4.26%	4.26%	3.19%	2.13%	13.83%	62.77%		
or other)	6	3	4	4	3	2	13	59	94	2.30

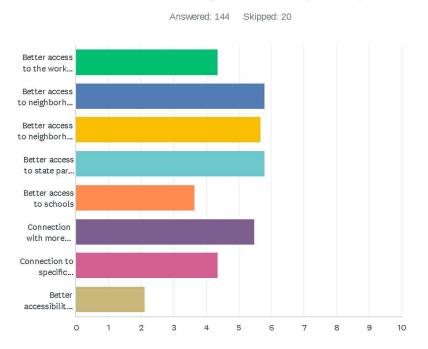
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Q14 What design features would you like to see implemented (Please rank, with 1 being the most important)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
Bike lanes	40.46%	21.37%	16.79%	6.11%	6.11%	3.82%	3.05%	1.53%	0.76%	
	53	28	22	8	8	5	4	2	1	131
Shared use sidewalks	14.50%	29.01%	24.43%	15.27%	6.11%	4.58%	3.05%	1.53%	1.53%	
	19	38	32	20	8	6	4	2	2	131
Greenways	36.57%	17.16%	21.64%	13.43%	7.46%	2.24%	0.75%	0.75%	0.00%	
	49	23	29	18	10	3	1	1	0	134
Enhanced crosswalk	4.88%	12.20%	11.38%	39.02%	17.07%	6.50%	4.07%	2.44%	2.44%	
designs to accommodate bikers and pedestrians	6	15	14	48	21	8	5	3	3	123
Off road single track	17.60%	9.60%	7.20%	12.00%	29.60%	7.20%	6.40%	4.00%	6.40%	
	22	12	9	15	37	9	8	5	8	125
Pump track	0.00%	8.93%	4.46%	3.57%	12.50%	40.18%	9.82%	8.93%	11.61%	
	0	10	5	4	14	45	11	10	13	112
Changing	0.89%	0.89%	6.25%	3.57%	7.14%	11.61%	45.54%	14.29%	9.82%	
rooms/showers/restrooms	1	1	7	4	8	13	51	16	11	112
Bike security	0.00%	3.60%	6.31%	4.50%	6.31%	10.81%	10.81%	50.45%	7.21%	
a.	0	4	7	5	7	12	12	56	8	11:
Appropriate bike storage	0.00%	1.79%	2.68%	2.68%	8.04%	9.82%	10.71%	9.82%	54.46%	
	0	2	З	З	9	11	12	11	61	11:

Q15 Where should bike facilities be improved and expanded? (Please rank, with 1 being the most important)



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Better access to the work place	16.82% 18	6.54% 7	14.02% 15	9.35% 10	8.41% 9	13.08% 14	19.63% 21	12.15% 13	107	4.36
Better access to neighborhood destinations like shopping areas, banks, post office	17.39% 20	29.57% 34	13.04% 15	11.30% 13	15.65% 18	10.43% 12	2.61% 3	0.00% 0	115	5.80
Better access to neighborhood parks and playgrounds	15.83% 19	18.33% 22	20.83% 25	22.50% 27	11.67% 14	7.50% 9	3.33% 4	0.00% 0	120	5.68
Better access to state parks, national forest lands, canoe paddling launch/river locations	16.53% 20	22.31% 27	20.66% 25	17.36% 21	14.88% 18	4.13% 5	3.31% 4	0.83% 1	121	5.79
Better access to schools	0.93% 1	3.74% 4	7.48% 8	15.89% 17	21.50% 23	26.17% 28	18.69% 20	5.61% 6	107	3.65
Connection with more trails	36.15% 47	6.92% 9	10.00% 13	7.69% 10	11.54% 15	16.15% 21	5.38% 7	6.15% 8	130	5.48
Connection to specific parks/locations	5.00% 6	15.83% 19	14.17% 17	12.50% 15	12.50% 15	10.00% 12	26.67% 32	3.33% 4	120	4.35
Better accessibility (ADA or other)	8.33% 9	2.78% 3	0.93% 1	1.85% 2	0.93% 1	4.63% 5	12.96% 14	67.59% 73	108	2.12

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Q16 What infrastructure do you feel is adequate? (trails, facilities, signage, other design features such as mentioned in Question 14, etc.)

Answered: 105 Skipped: 59

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	none	11/18/2022 6:27 PM
2	This survey is obviously tilted towards cyclists. I do not ride a bike, I don't need bike security, I don't need changing facilities or storage. What I would like is interconnected trails, paved or not. Parking areas that make it easy to access these areas. I would love to see the square open and active, especially on both days of the weekend. That would be a great way to get out. Stop with the bike stuff!	9/24/2022 5:56 AM
3	Helen	8/19/2022 3:24 PM
4	trails, bike lanes, shared use lanes, signage	8/12/2022 7:23 AM
5	Love Yonah preserve	7/26/2022 9:49 PM
6	Not sure	7/26/2022 1:03 PM
7	None. Most of the US is not biker/walker friendly.	7/26/2022 12:58 PM
8	Not enough dedicated bike trails	7/25/2022 3:44 PM
9	Dog park	7/25/2022 7:30 AM
10	Trails, bike lanes are too dangerous. Greenway	7/24/2022 8:44 AM
11	Not sure	7/23/2022 10:05 PM
12	I like the Cleveland city park, it has water source, bathrooms, park and paved walking space.	7/23/2022 8:02 PM
13	Bike lanes on Hwy 75	7/23/2022 3:22 PM
14		7/23/2022 2:12 PM
15	None; all need improvement for bikes and walking	7/23/2022 2:01 PM
16	Hardman Farms trail	7/23/2022 1:48 PM
17	Safe paved trails and a greenway for pedestrians and bikers would be ideal.	7/23/2022 1:32 PM
18	Trails	7/23/2022 1:19 PM
19	Bike lanes	7/23/2022 9:42 AM
20	Trails and signage needed; water bottle fill up stations would be nice to have	7/23/2022 9:30 AM
21	Trails	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
22	Love Hardman farm trail.	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
23	None	7/23/2022 9:00 AM
24	Trails	7/23/2022 7:31 AM
25	Paved trails	7/23/2022 7:07 AM
26	Trails	7/23/2022 6:18 AM
27	I do not ride a bike, so facilities for them is not something I would like money spent on. Hiking trails that connect places of interest, historic sites, restaurants or wineries would be wonderful!	5/26/2022 7:47 PM
28	Trails should all be bike and pedestrian friendly	5/25/2022 3:24 PM

	Helen.	
30	trails, facilities, signage	5/16/2022 3:10 AM
31	Hardeman Trail and Yonah Preserves. I hear the Yonah Preserves is very busy, and bikers tell me they want more. Not greedy, just fun activity. Bring in more bike trails. I don't hear about the Unicoi St Park trail anymore.	5/15/2022 9:43 PM
32	don't know	5/15/2022 7:29 PM
33	Off road greenways and facilities	5/15/2022 6:49 PM
34	None	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
35	Room for improvement in all areas.	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
36	For bikes or pedestrians?	5/12/2022 4:21 PM
37	Designated area to ride	5/7/2022 3:03 PM
38	None, there's always room for improvement.	5/5/2022 11:26 PM
39	None, with the possible exception of crosswalks themselves that have been installed at 'new intersections. The crosswalks are there but there's no sidewalk to get you anywhere.	5/5/2022 9:27 PM
40	Storage facilities	5/4/2022 11:29 AM
41	Off road trails	5/4/2022 7:55 AM
42	Not sure	5/4/2022 7:10 AM
43	Trails	5/3/2022 10:21 PM
44	Trails Designated bike trails Signage	5/3/2022 9:48 PM
45	Trails	5/3/2022 6:19 PM
46	Hartman trail is perfect except at night too dark	5/3/2022 5:41 PM
47	Trails	5/3/2022 5:16 PM
48	None	5/3/2022 5:09 PM
49	Not one thing	5/3/2022 4:44 PM
50	Facilities	5/3/2022 3:53 PM
51	Trails are getting thereneed more trails at YP	5/3/2022 3:33 PM
52	none	4/30/2022 5:01 PM
53	Bike lanes	4/29/2022 6:36 PM
54	We need more bike paths like Hilton Head, Callaway Gardens, Silver Comet Trail. Not just for mountain bikes please.	4/29/2022 4:05 PM
55	None	4/29/2022 11:27 AM
56	Trails	4/29/2022 11:15 AM
57	Not sure how to answer this question. I'll just say that having a paved or hard packed rail trail nearby would be a prayer answered.	4/16/2022 8:11 PM
58	More trails. Separation of bikes and autos. Roads are not safe for bikes in this area.	4/10/2022 11:57 AM
59	Hiking trails	4/7/2022 11:08 AM
60	Yonah preserve is great.	4/6/2022 3:31 PM
61	bike trails that are not mountain bike	4/3/2022 7:22 PM
62	Bike trails	4/1/2022 4:27 PM
63	Trails	4/1/2022 2:14 PM

	Trails, paths, signage	4/1/2022 10:03 AM
65	More trails, more bike lanes on Main Streets. More mixed use paths for walking and biking between areas.	3/31/2022 11:45 PM
66	Trails	3/31/2022 9:54 PM
67	I moved here from Dekalb cty which spent millions on bike paths that the cyclist refused to use. I think any type of bike lane is wasting money. Encouraging cyclist on the main roads of white county would be nightmare.	3/31/2022 9:29 PM
68	The number of off road trails seem to have increased throughout the county including Yonah Preserve and TMC.	3/31/2022 7:40 PM
69	There are not enough places for smaller kids to ride safely. Hardman is the best, but I still worry about them going off into the river	3/31/2022 7:21 PM
70	There is none currently in place.	3/31/2022 7:05 PM
71	Trails	3/31/2022 6:58 PM
72	All the current bike trails in the area. I don't really get behind this expansion of bike trails.	3/31/2022 6:43 PM
73	Trails	3/31/2022 5:48 PM
74	We love Hardman farm trail but it needs to be longer. We also love Yonah preserve.	3/31/2022 4:20 PM
75	trails, greenway	3/31/2022 2:05 PM
76	None	3/30/2022 10:37 PM
77	Currently sidewalks that are off and on between Cleveland and Helen can be multi purposed then natural path between to continue. Can be started below historic downtown Cleveland and connect up to Hwy 17 later on down budget road.	3/30/2022 4:26 PM
78	More trails!	3/30/2022 9:45 AM
79	Facilities	3/30/2022 6:11 AM
80	More trails	3/29/2022 4:55 PM
81	YPT is great, just need more trails!	3/29/2022 12:30 PM
82	City park	3/29/2022 8:46 AM
83	Existing trails and path	3/29/2022 8:44 AM
84	Love Yonah Preserve. I appreciate the fact the White County has so many trails. I wish they were all listed on the county website so we could see all that the county has to offer.	3/28/2022 11:00 PM
85	Parks and recreation	3/28/2022 10:21 PM
86	Oli	3/28/2022 9:09 PM
87	Security	3/27/2022 10:51 PM
88	YPT	3/27/2022 10:48 PM
89	Bike lanes	3/26/2022 7:16 PM
90	Trails	3/26/2022 6:21 PM
91	None	3/26/2022 6:01 PM
92	This survey seems focused on cyclist's concerns. I love hiking and kayaking. There are many places to do these things. But ADA access is rather limited in this county.	3/26/2022 4:50 PM
93	none	3/26/2022 3:38 PM
94	I love Yonah Trails. Trails are always well maintained, the signs & maps are so helpful in the cross-sections. With the added pavilion, bathrooms & water-fountainsyou have just made	3/26/2022 1:59 PM
	this an awesome place for all familes.	

96	Facilities	3/26/2022 9:45 AM
97	5	3/26/2022 9:18 AM
98	Yonah Preserve is amazing	3/26/2022 8:55 AM
99	YPT is world class!! Among the best. Hard man is very nice, but needs connection to other trails	3/26/2022 8:54 AM
100	Parking	3/26/2022 8:42 AM
101	YPT is a great standard	3/26/2022 8:38 AM
102	Yonah Preserve is awesome! Just needs more trails.	3/26/2022 8:15 AM
103	Na	3/26/2022 8:03 AM
104	None	3/26/2022 7:51 AM
105	N/A	3/26/2022 7:28 AM

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Q17 What infrastructure do you feel is not adequate? (trails, facilities, signage, other design features such as mentioned in Question 14, etc.)

Answered: 106 Skipped: 58

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	bike lanes signage, safety features, bike storage, access	11/18/2022 6:27 PM
2	Trails that lead to destinations. To Helen, to Cleveland, to SNCA. Historic sites, beautiful views. Trails that can be traveled by folks who are have disabilities. Trails that are for everyone, regardless of fitness levels. Inclusive, and accessible to everyone.	9/24/2022 5:56 AM
3	Between Helen and Unicoi	8/19/2022 3:24 PM
4	bike lanes and/or shared use lanes on all county and state roads, then signage. Lastly facilities	8/12/2022 7:23 AM
5	Need more bike trails	7/26/2022 9:49 PM
6	Routes, lanes, and destinations are not clearly indicated as "for bikers."	7/26/2022 1:03 PM
7	Bike lanes wide enough to accommodate more than 1 bike at a time otherwise bikers tend to ride in the road. Sidewalks between business areas so it's safe to walk from one business to another (i.e. between 2 shopping areas)	7/26/2022 12:58 PM
8	Trails	7/24/2022 4:27 PM
9	Nothing in White county is adequate	7/24/2022 8:44 AM
10	Unsure	7/23/2022 10:05 PM
11	would just really like to see a safe place for women and children to walk/bike that is paved, and out in the open like Cleveland city park. Bathrooms is also a concern. The rec department park is great, but I feel unsafe alone with my children since it's in the back, and there are no restrooms or water fountains.	7/23/2022 8:02 PM
12	Facilities	7/23/2022 3:22 PM
13	Greenway space connecting multi use trails with access to local communities.	7/23/2022 2:12 PM
14	Greenways, bike lanes, trails that are not too steep	7/23/2022 2:01 PM
15	Public roads	7/23/2022 1:48 PM
16	Bike lanes, road safety, signage.	7/23/2022 1:19 PM
17	I don't understand the wording of this question. None of these are currently adequate, but I would like to see appropriate signage for trails and water bottle fill-up stations.	7/23/2022 9:30 AM
18	Na	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
19	Helen Hwy too busy	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
20	Bike / walking paths (greenways). Would love to see a rail to trail initiative	7/23/2022 9:00 AM
21	Walk only trails; needs to be shared lanes for walking/biking/rollerblades	7/23/2022 7:31 AM
22	Signage	7/23/2022 6:18 AM
23	Nothing for bikes, just as stated above. Trails that connect places of interest.	5/26/2022 7:47 PM
24	Better signage at yonah	5/26/2022 12:50 PM
25	Most of the parks in white county	5/25/2022 3:24 PM
26	Just general, a safe car-free way to travel between our sister towns.	5/22/2022 4:44 PM

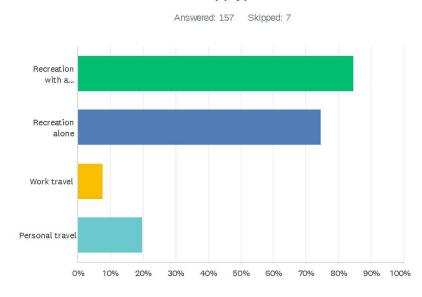
27	Trails. Need more mileage and distances listed on signage.	5/22/2022 2:33 PM
28	Signage trails	5/16/2022 9:14 AM
29	Unicoi St park needs to advertise, update their bike trail is what I hear.	5/15/2022 9:43 PM
30	no opinion	5/15/2022 7:29 PM
31	Bike lanes along major roads	5/15/2022 6:49 PM
32	All	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
33	trails and bike lanes for safety.	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
34	All, plus safety	5/12/2022 4:21 PM
35	Bike lanes on state and county roads	5/8/2022 3:56 PM
36	There is not Storage, to my knowledge	5/7/2022 3:03 PM
37	Considering the size of the property, Yonah Preserve should be home to many more trail miles. The biking trail at Unicoi State Park needs to be modernized/rebuilt.	5/5/2022 11:26 PM
38	Sidewalks! and adjunct amenities to make sidewalks as pedestrian friendly as possible shade, greenery, safe WIDTH and distance from the curb when possible.	5/5/2022 9:27 PM
39	Designated bike lanes, separation from vehicular traffic	5/4/2022 11:29 AM
40	Designated paved shared bike/walk paths	5/4/2022 7:55 AM
41	Trails, greenways, parking	5/4/2022 7:10 AM
42	Facilities	5/3/2022 10:21 PM
43	Trails Signage	5/3/2022 9:48 PM
44	We need more dedicated walking /bile paths throughout the county.	5/3/2022 5:56 PM
45	Not sure	5/3/2022 5:41 PM
46	Crossings	5/3/2022 5:16 PM
47	No non-mountain biking trails that are longer than one mile. We need recreational biking/walking trails	5/3/2022 5:09 PM
48	Everything	5/3/2022 4:44 PM
49	Bike lanes	5/3/2022 3:53 PM
50	Need additional trails in white county	5/3/2022 3:33 PM
51	all the above	4/30/2022 5:01 PM
52	Public roadways	4/29/2022 6:36 PM
53	More paved bike trails on even surfaces if possible.	4/29/2022 4:05 PM
54	Trails	4/29/2022 11:27 AM
55	Facilities	4/29/2022 11:15 AM
56	Need green space walking trails	4/29/2022 11:03 AM
57	Trails.	4/10/2022 11:57 AM
58	Walking and biking trails	4/7/2022 11:08 AM
59	There is little to no connectivity between sites, parks, towns and highways are too congested, busy with high speed drivers and no safe bike lanes.	4/6/2022 3:31 PM
60	Bike paths	4/1/2022 4:27 PM
61	Facilities	4/1/2022 2:14 PM
62	N/A	4/1/2022 10:03 AM

63	Trails	4/1/2022 5:53 AM
64	I'm not sure about biking facilities, but I do know you would be great to have adequate restrooms Porta potty's or small standalone restrooms	3/31/2022 11:45 PM
65	None	3/31/2022 9:54 PM
66	Mixed use sidewalks, facilities, signage, paved trails, loops and greenways	3/31/2022 7:40 PM
67	Not enough trails for inexperienced riders	3/31/2022 7:21 PM
68	Off road lanes that keep safe from traffic especially those nutty tourists. Signage and barrier between the road traffic and the pedestrian/bike lanes.	3/31/2022 7:05 PM
69	Facilities	3/31/2022 6:58 PM
70	I feel like our roads need to be paved instead of worrying about bike trails.	3/31/2022 6:43 PM
71	Don't know	3/31/2022 5:48 PM
72	Longer paved trails for bikes.	3/31/2022 4:20 PM
73	trails	3/31/2022 2:05 PM
74	Sidewalks & bike paths	3/30/2022 10:37 PM
75	Secure public bike parking in Helen & Cleveland near city centers.	3/30/2022 4:26 PM
76	Seating	3/30/2022 9:45 AM
77	Trails	3/30/2022 6:11 AM
78	All good	3/29/2022 4:55 PM
79	Longer shared use greenway trail	3/29/2022 12:30 PM
80	no shoulders, narrow lanes, rumble strips	3/29/2022 11:35 AM
81	Helen needs be more bike and pedestrian friendly. Way to many cars	3/29/2022 8:44 AM
82	Signage at Yonah needs some care. Trails need some maintenance as well.	3/28/2022 11:00 PM
83	Trails and pump track	3/28/2022 10:21 PM
84	We need more trails at Yonah Preserve Trail	3/28/2022 10:05 PM
85	Connection of trails and parks	3/28/2022 9:58 PM
86	Oll	3/28/2022 9:09 PM
87	Trails, bike lanes, signage for cyclists.	3/27/2022 10:51 PM
88	Not enough infrastructure	3/27/2022 10:48 PM
89	?	3/26/2022 7:16 PM
90	Bike lanes on highways where cyclists ride a lot	3/26/2022 6:21 PM
91	Adequate shoulders/bike lanes on roads.	3/26/2022 6:01 PM
92	Trails, asphalt paths shared by bikes and walkers around town.	3/26/2022 5:37 PM
93	ADA access. Facilities that can accommodate those with disabilities, giving them a chance to enjoy our beautiful community.	3/26/2022 4:50 PM
94	Yonah Preserve is great but you still have to drive to get there. Not all of us feel safe riding on the roads around here.	3/26/2022 3:38 PM
95	Unicoi needs a lot of work and would be great to have it more family friendly trails. We do not visit it as often as we consider some areas too dangerous. It is easy to get lost and easy to get injured. When you live in the mountains, people come to enjoy the great outdoors. We need to become that designation area like NC where everyone flocks to ride their mountain bikes, go hiking, run trails, go camping! That area is growing because they know they need to develop and cater to the great outdoor families. We need to jump on that train!	3/26/2022 1:59 PM

96	Signage	3/26/2022 11:19 AM
97	Trails, connectivity, bike lanes	3/26/2022 9:45 AM
98	Additional trails needed for large age range and fitness level along with education of community and support	3/26/2022 9:18 AM
99	Bike lanes	3/26/2022 8:55 AM
100	The Forrest gravel roads could use some signage! Easy to get very lost! Maybe a list of the trails and gravel roads, so you don't need local knowledge to find them!	3/26/2022 8:54 AM
101	Amount of single track trails	3/26/2022 8:42 AM
102	Need more trails	3/26/2022 8:38 AM
103	More single track in the county- There is such an opportunity at Unicoi but is rarely maintained and is tough to ride. It could be a real cycling destination. My family members ride county/ state roads on road bikes so bike lanes would be great.	3/26/2022 8:15 AM
104	Trails, bike lanes, sidewalks	3/26/2022 8:03 AM
105	Bike lanes	3/26/2022 7:51 AM
106	N/A	3/26/2022 7:28 AM

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Q18 For what purpose do you walk/ride/utilize infrastructure? (mark all that apply)



Recreation with a group/family		84.71%	133
Recreation alone		74.52%	117
Work travel		7.64%	12
Personal travel		19.75%	31
Total Respondents: 157			
# OTHER (PLEASE SPECIF	()		DATE
1 if it was safe enough			11/18/2022 6:27 PM
2 Exercise			7/23/2022 8:51 AM
3 To learn about historic sites	and to enjoy to beauty of this area.		5/26/2022 7:47 PM
4 Visually impaired resident, a living here	nable to drive, walking/riding is my	only access to independent	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
5 Mental health			5/4/2022 11:29 AM
6 Health			3/30/2022 10:37 PM
7 Training for racing			3/26/2022 8:15 AM

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Q19 What areas do you use the most?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 37

#	RESPONSES	DATE
# 1	town creek road	11/18/2022 6:27 PM
2	Yonah Preserve	11/16/2022 2:45 PM
3	Trails in White, Habersham and Lumpkin most often. But I love all of the mountains and valleys. So wherever I can get my boots on the ground or my kayak in the water, I'm there.	9/24/2022 5:56 AM
4	Unicoi to Hardman	8/19/2022 3:24 PM
5	Town Creek road, Appalachian Parkway, rt 129, rt 115- I think Appalachian Parkway does have a wide enough side road to be used or easily converted to a paved, maintained bikeway or shared use road. These are my most used state and county roads.	8/12/2022 7:23 AM
6	State parks and YPT	7/26/2022 9:49 PM
7	NA	7/26/2022 1:03 PM
8	Mt Yonah	7/26/2022 12:58 PM
9	Hardman trail	7/25/2022 3:44 PM
10	Hardman trail	7/24/2022 4:27 PM
11	I don't, no trails	7/24/2022 8:44 AM
12	Hardman Trail	7/23/2022 10:05 PM
13	Bathroom, playground, and paved walkway	7/23/2022 8:02 PM
14	Trails	7/23/2022 6:28 PM
15	Side of heys and trails	7/23/2022 3:22 PM
16	Helen	7/23/2022 2:12 PM
17	Trails, places to safely bike	7/23/2022 2:01 PM
18	State roads	7/23/2022 1:48 PM
19	Paved trails and sidewalks	7/23/2022 1:32 PM
20	Public roads	7/23/2022 1:19 PM
21	State and city parks, Hardman Trail	7/23/2022 10:58 AM
22	HF to Helen Trail, Smithgall Woods, Yonah Preserve, White County Rec	7/23/2022 10:40 AM
23	Helen sautee	7/23/2022 9:42 AM
24	State parks because of well-marked trails and facilitates for restrooms/water.	7/23/2022 9:30 AM
25	Hard man trail	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
26	Hardman farm trail	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
27	Today of white co parks - pickleball courts.	7/23/2022 9:00 AM
28	YPT, Unicoi trails, Hardman Farm	7/23/2022 8:51 AM
29	Trails	7/23/2022 8:49 AM
30	State parks	7/23/2022 7:31 AM
31	Greenway	7/23/2022 6:18 AM

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32	Unicoi state park, Smithgall woods state park, Hardman farm, Mount Yonah, Chattahoochee National Forest, and many others	5/26/2022 7:47 PM
33	Yonah	5/26/2022 12:50 PM
34	Raven cliffs, Don carter	5/25/2022 3:24 PM
35	Sautee and Helen, but would access Cleveland more if I could bike or walk straight to it.	5/22/2022 4:44 PM
36	YPT	5/22/2022 2:33 PM
37	YPT	5/16/2022 9:14 AM
38	trails	5/16/2022 3:10 AM
39	Helen city park by the library. I think they have changed the name. Use to be Pete's park	5/15/2022 9:43 PM
40	no opinion	5/15/2022 7:29 PM
41	Neighborhood roads and roads in parks	5/15/2022 6:49 PM
42	School, downtown Cleveland (including Ingles), and Walmart	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
43	In neighborhood trails and state parks.	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
44	Hardman, Smithgall, Unicoi	5/12/2022 4:21 PM
45	Sautee Nacoochee	5/8/2022 3:56 PM
46	Hard man trail and walking through Helen	5/7/2022 3:03 PM
47	Biking: Yonah Preserve. Hiking/Running: Smith Creek Trail Hickorynut is my favorite trail for biking, hiking, and running	5/5/2022 11:26 PM
48	Shared use sidewalks	5/4/2022 11:29 AM
49	Helen, Duncan Bridge, Sautee	5/4/2022 7:55 AM
50	Greenway, trails, sidewalks, some roads Inside Helen, Sautée, national and state parks	5/4/2022 7:10 AM
51	Neighborhood	5/3/2022 10:21 PM
52	City sidewalks	5/3/2022 9:48 PM
53	Yonah Preserve trail	5/3/2022 6:19 PM
54	Unicoi, Hardman, Poplar Stump	5/3/2022 5:56 PM
55	Walking trails	5/3/2022 5:41 PM
56	State trails	5/3/2022 5:16 PM
57	Parks	5/3/2022 4:44 PM
58	Around Unicoi Robertstown and sautee	5/3/2022 3:56 PM
59	Neighborhood	5/3/2022 3:53 PM
60	Yonah preserve	5/3/2022 3:33 PM
61	county roads	4/30/2022 5:01 PM
62	shopping, dining	4/29/2022 8:50 PM
63	Near home, Unicoi State Park	4/29/2022 6:36 PM
64	Hardman Farm/ Unicoi	4/29/2022 4:05 PM
65	Smithgall	4/29/2022 11:27 AM
66	Hard man farm	4/29/2022 11:15 AM
67	Park trails such as Hardman, Cornelia City Park, Clarkesville trail, Short Line Tallulah Falls, etc	4/29/2022 11:03 AM

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68	I have to drive 2 hours to ride the Chattanooga River Trail or 1 1/2 hours to ride the Franklin, NC River Trail.	4/16/2022 8:11 PM
69	Trails.	4/10/2022 11:57 AM
70	Parks	4/10/2022 9:24 AM
71	State parks	4/7/2022 11:08 AM
72	mountain bike single track trails and USFS roads.	4/6/2022 3:31 PM
73	I used the Alpharetta greenway every day	4/3/2022 7:22 PM
74	State parks	4/2/2022 3:54 PM
75	Hardman trail, Helen Highway and neighborhood	4/1/2022 4:27 PM
76	Parks	4/1/2022 2:14 PM
77	Yonah Preserve and Unicoi	4/1/2022 10:03 AM
78	State park trails	4/1/2022 5:53 AM
79	Sautee, Helen, Yonah Preserves	3/31/2022 11:45 PM
80	Hardman farm and neighborhood	3/31/2022 9:54 PM
81	My neighborhood. It's why I moved there. I wouldn't go to someone else's neighborhood.	3/31/2022 9:29 PM
82	Mt. Yonah to Helen areas.	3/31/2022 7:40 PM
83	Hardman and Unicoi	3/31/2022 7:21 PM
84	Hiking in Helen, Smithgall Woods and Unicoi.	3/31/2022 7:05 PM
85	Parks	3/31/2022 6:58 PM
86	Areas that aren't public	3/31/2022 6:43 PM
87	Roads	3/31/2022 5:48 PM
88	Hardman Farm Trail and Yonah Preserve. We have tried rising in Smithgall but get confused on where to go after the covered bridge.	3/31/2022 4:20 PM
89	rural roads	3/31/2022 2:05 PM
90	State parks	3/30/2022 10:37 PM
91	Downtown city areas, paved trails paths, neighborhoods, shopping, working off calories from shopping	3/30/2022 4:26 PM
92	Yonah preserve trail	3/30/2022 9:45 AM
93	Greenways	3/30/2022 6:11 AM
94	Yonah	3/29/2022 4:55 PM
95	YPT Trails, Unicoi Trails, National Forest roads	3/29/2022 12:30 PM
96	helen-hardman farm	3/29/2022 11:35 AM
97	Walking trails and city park	3/29/2022 8:46 AM
98	Existing trails	3/29/2022 8:44 AM
99	Yonah Preserve Trails	3/28/2022 11:00 PM
100	Yonah preserve and Hardman Trail	3/28/2022 10:21 PM
101	Designated trails for walking/riding	3/28/2022 10:15 PM
102	Road and Yonah Preserve Trail	3/28/2022 10:05 PM
103	Yonah Preserve for biking and hiking.	3/28/2022 9:58 PM
104	Roads	3/28/2022 9:09 PM

105	Yonah Preserve	3/27/2022 11:59 PM
106	YPT, county roads	3/27/2022 10:51 PM
107	YPT, Chicopee, Russell	3/27/2022 10:48 PM
108	Yonah Preserve Trail	3/27/2022 10:42 AM
109	The roads around my home	3/26/2022 7:16 PM
110	Forest roads and state roads	3/26/2022 6:21 PM
111	Sautee area	3/26/2022 6:01 PM
112	Yonah Preserved	3/26/2022 5:37 PM
113	Unicoi, Hardman Farm, Smithgall Woods, Helen and many others in the area.	3/26/2022 4:50 PM
114	Yonah Trails for running, walking and mountain biking. I dare not take my road bike out on the road as there is no space between the ditch and the vehicles that zoom past without any respect. I love going to Hardman for a nice walk as it's just always so peaceful.	3/26/2022 1:59 PM
115	YPT , forest service	3/26/2022 11:19 AM
116	Yonah Preserve	3/26/2022 9:45 AM
117	WMA's and state parks	3/26/2022 9:18 AM
118	Helen	3/26/2022 8:55 AM
119	YPT, Unicoi, gravel roads, Yonah, many others.	3/26/2022 8:54 AM
120	Yonah Preserve	3/26/2022 8:42 AM
121	YPT	3/26/2022 8:38 AM
122	YPT, forest service roads, Unicoi (when possible), hiking in state parks	3/26/2022 8:15 AM
123	Trails, state and county roads	3/26/2022 8:03 AM
124	Hardman Trail, Goshen Valley, and YPT	3/26/2022 7:51 AM
125	Bike trails	3/26/2022 7:28 AM
126	Neighborhood	3/25/2022 2:51 PM
127	State Park trails	3/25/2022 2:36 PM

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Q20 What linkages/connections would you like to see?

Answered: 107 Skipped: 57

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	safe bike lanes	11/18/2022 6:27 PM
2	I would love to see safe trails and walk ways that connect places of interest. They way the have Hardman and Helen. There is so much history in this area. I would also love to see more of the aboriginal history told, and made part of the routes the walkways and trails take. We should be proud of that history. And make it an important part of whatever you spend my money on. Not bike trails!	9/24/2022 5:56 AM
3	Unicoi to Hardman and maybe around to Sautee	8/19/2022 3:24 PM
4	as above	8/12/2022 7:23 AM
5	Longer trails	7/26/2022 9:49 PM
6	Connect Helen to Unicoi, Sautee, Smithgall Woods, and Cleveland.	7/26/2022 1:03 PM
7	Hardman trail to Sautee Nacoochee. Cleveland to GA bike/pedestrian lane.	7/26/2022 12:58 PM
8	More beginner rides	7/25/2022 3:44 PM
9	Helen to Cleveland sidewalk	7/24/2022 4:27 PM
10	Trails from Helen to Cleveland and surrounding areas	7/24/2022 8:44 AM
11	Unsure	7/23/2022 10:05 PM
12	I'm not sure	7/23/2022 8:02 PM
13	Trail connections	7/23/2022 6:28 PM
14	Bike lanes and more trails	7/23/2022 3:22 PM
15		7/23/2022 2:12 PM
16	Bike lanes. More mountain biking trails and greenways	7/23/2022 2:01 PM
17	?	7/23/2022 1:48 PM
18	Trails	7/23/2022 1:19 PM
19	Hardman to Smithgall Woods (closed entrance on 75) continue South to Babyland General and White County Rec Center	7/23/2022 10:40 AM
20	Bike lanes	7/23/2022 9:42 AM
21	Not sure.	7/23/2022 9:30 AM
22	Na	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
23	More bike trails like Hardman farm but longer for bikes.	7/23/2022 9:15 AM
24	Bike/pedestrian paths extended and linked together.	7/23/2022 8:51 AM
25	.?	7/23/2022 6:18 AM
26	Connect as many parks together by trails not used by cars as possible. Does not need to be paved, and could also pass thru private property with owners permission or purchased easement	5/26/2022 12:50 PM
27	No comment on this	5/25/2022 3:24 PM
28	Sautee to Helen to Cleveland to Sautee	5/22/2022 4:44 PM

29	Helen to Sautee. Cleveland to Sautee.	5/22/2022 2:33 PM
30	As much as possible	5/16/2022 9:14 AM
31	I don't know what that means	5/15/2022 9:43 PM
32	no opinion	5/15/2022 7:29 PM
33	Greenway along river. Though Sautee and Nacoochee valleys	5/15/2022 6:49 PM
34	Safe sidewalks and crossings from residential neighborhood to school and shops	5/12/2022 7:45 PM
35	Access between Sautee Nacoochee to Helen and then Unicoi	5/12/2022 4:32 PM
36	?	5/12/2022 4:21 PM
37	Highway 17, 255, 356, 75	5/8/2022 3:56 PM
38	1) YPT to Smithgal Woods to Hardman Farm 2) Gainesville Northwestern Rails to Trails 3) Development of multi-use single track trail system at Buck Shoals	5/5/2022 11:26 PM
39	More visible and cohesive crosswalks at the square in Cleveland think brick pavers. And bigger plantings / greenery.	5/5/2022 9:27 PM
40	Yonah-Cleveland-Helen	5/4/2022 11:29 AM
41	Paths leading to Helen, Unicoi, Sautee	5/4/2022 7:55 AM
42	Hardmon Trail to sautee, yonah, and through Helen to the other side to 1or more parks	5/4/2022 7:10 AM
43	Innsbruck to Unicoi	5/3/2022 10:21 PM
44	Links to cities	5/3/2022 9:48 PM
45	Hardman to smith gall woods and Yonah preserve trail	5/3/2022 6:19 PM
46	Bike /walking paths between the wineries in town creek area would be wonderful. Also if the Hardman Trail cound connect to a path through Sautee or even the river bottoms of the Hardman Farm that would be great.	5/3/2022 5:56 PM
47	Internet	5/3/2022 5:41 PM
48	Na	5/3/2022 5:16 PM
49	Connect to other trails for longer distance	5/3/2022 5:09 PM
50	Safe ones	5/3/2022 4:44 PM
51	Bike trails connected over the county	5/3/2022 3:33 PM
52	bike lanes along county roads	4/30/2022 5:01 PM
53	Sautee to Helen	4/29/2022 8:50 PM
54	The White County Recreation park to Yonah Preserves with access for all skill levels.	4/29/2022 4:05 PM
55	Any	4/29/2022 11:27 AM
56	Helen to Cleveland	4/29/2022 11:15 AM
57	Yonah Preserve to Rec area	4/29/2022 11:03 AM
58	Any bike trail that is at least 5 miles paved or hard packed.	4/16/2022 8:11 PM
59	More trails connect to community.	4/10/2022 11:57 AM
60	Parks to the towns	4/7/2022 11:08 AM
61	Yonah preserve, to Smithgall, to Hardman, to Helen to Unicoi/Upper Chatt River Road.	4/6/2022 3:31 PM
62	Added sidewalks on Helen Highway	4/1/2022 4:27 PM
63	īdk	4/1/2022 2:14 PM
		4/1/2022 10:03 AM

66	I would love to see a connection between Unicoi State Park to Helen to Sautee and Cleveland. There can be connecting trails that connect Unicoi to the Hardman Farm Trail over to the town of Sautee and also connect to Cleveland on Helen Highway, and Smithgall Woods and by Mount Yonah into Cleveland and Yonah preserves in downtown Cleveland	3/31/2022 11:45 PM
67	Sautee to Helen Helen to Cleveland Cleveland to Clarksville	3/31/2022 9:54 PM
68	We need to provide greenway trails and barrier protected bike lanes from Cleveland to Helen by extending the Helen to Hardman Trail (and on to the Hall/White County line) using the Recreation Department Center as a spoke hub which could then connect communities with spokes from the hub. We need to establish a strong backbone of infrastructure while providing for multiple types of riders such as meeting the needs of an eight year old just learning to ride a bike, an eighty year old that rides to the park, the commuter who rides 5-10 miles every day for work, and everyone in between. Funding, engineering, and constructing shared bikeways will take collaboration. White County needs to develop a cohesive network of shared bikeways that connect our cities, communities, and each other.	3/31/2022 7:40 PM
69	I can't think of an existing place to connect to	3/31/2022 7:21 PM
70	???	3/31/2022 7:05 PM
71	Don't know	3/31/2022 6:58 PM
72	None.	3/31/2022 6:43 PM
73	Unknown	3/31/2022 5:48 PM
74	YP to Smithgall. Smithgall to Hardman Farm.	3/31/2022 4:20 PM
75	To all businesses and schools	3/31/2022 2:05 PM
76	Shared greenway trail for walking/biking	3/31/2022 9:50 AM
77	????	3/30/2022 10:37 PM
78	Cleveland to Helen!	3/30/2022 4:26 PM
79	Greenways	3/30/2022 6:11 AM
80	Access to rec dept	3/29/2022 4:55 PM
81	anything please.	3/29/2022 11:35 AM
82	Helen smith hall woods by bike/ trail able to safely ride downtown by bike all the way through	3/29/2022 8:44 AM
83	I'm not sure what all is available! But I think anytime trails can be linked, it is great. I enjoy riding some other trails outside of White Co because there are so many possibilities for different paths. If we linked some trails, it would provide more opportunities for different experiences.	3/28/2022 11:00 PM
84	More trails that connect to current Yonah preserve trail	3/28/2022 10:21 PM
85	Yonah preserve to other parks	3/28/2022 10:15 PM
86	Smithgall woods to Yonah Preserve for biking trails	3/28/2022 9:58 PM
87	Sing sing	3/28/2022 9:09 PM
88	YPT to WC recreation department areas	3/27/2022 11:59 PM
89	Red light at 129 & 254. Better access and more parking at YPT. Bike lanes!	3/27/2022 10:51 PM
90	?	3/26/2022 7:16 PM
91	Unsure	3/26/2022 6:21 PM
92	Shoulders on roads to encourage trips in safety.	3/26/2022 6:01 PM
93	Yonah to ballfields. Yonah to town. Town perimeter asphalt trail to accommodate strollers and	3/26/2022 5:37 PM

94	None come to mind.	3/26/2022 4:50 PM
95	Placing paths for cyclist & pedestrians that would keep them out of harms way from vehicles would be awesome and would encourage more people to get out and stay fit!! Kids love riding bikes but where can they do that safely without having to drive to Yonah/Hardman or Unicoi?	3/26/2022 1:59 PM
96	<u>a</u>	3/26/2022 11:19 AM
97	Unicoi to Helen to Hardman to Smithgall to Yonah Preserve by walking/bike paths	3/26/2022 9:45 AM
98	Paths for safety and ease of riding for families and children	3/26/2022 9:18 AM
99	Helen and Yonah Preserve	3/26/2022 8:55 AM
100	Gravel roads to Helen area.	3/26/2022 8:54 AM
101	Yonah Preserve trail head to the Park and Rec facilities	3/26/2022 8:42 AM
102	?	3/26/2022 8:38 AM
103	More mountain bike trails to anywhere	3/26/2022 8:15 AM
104	Better bike lanes to access trails like Yonah preserve	3/26/2022 8:03 AM
105	Bike lanes from Sautee to Cleveland	3/26/2022 7:51 AM
106	Cleveland to Helen	3/26/2022 7:28 AM
107	Bridges or boardwalks	3/25/2022 2:51 PM

C: 2011 Survey Results

In summary, the community stated that the primary outcome of the study should be a strategic action plan that identifies projects with realistic time frames and designated funding to be incorporated into the regional planning process.

Community input provided direction for the plan by indicating potential benefits. These benefits, as listed blow, also provide an indicator of desired outcomes from implementing this plan:

- Improved health
- Improved air quality
- Reduced traffic congestion
- Mobility for non-drivers (including children and the elderly)
- Sustainable development
- Increased economic development opportunities
- Increased social interaction
- Road and parking facility savings
- Improved quality of life

An added component of evaluating existing conditions for pedestrian facilities includes identifying potential demand, through public meetings, route maps, and other stakeholder input. Members of the community were asked to complete surveys on their current bicycle and pedestrian behavior and give their opinion on what changes they felt were most needed to improve bicycle and pedestrian conditions countywide. These surveys were distributed at public meetings and available online via Survey Monkey. The surveys and complete results are available in Appendix C of this document. Separate surveys were available for cyclists and pedestrians, with some individuals completing both surveys. A total of thirty-eight surveys were completed, seventeen bicycle and twenty-one pedestrians. Of the total bicyclist surveys, eight were completed at public meetings and nine were completed online. Although the number of surveys completed represents a small portion of the entire community, the results to give insight to some of the issues facing cyclists and pedestrians in White County.

In addition to surveys, the public was able to provide input via maps provided at public meetings and displayed at the two branches of the White County Library, located in the cities of Cleveland and Helen. The White County Mapping Department provided maps showing existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian routes throughout the county along with major roads and streets. The public was asked to draw their preferred cycling and pedestrian routes on these maps. The maps remained in the libraries for approximately two weeks. The maps were then returned to White County Community and Economic Development staff for analysis.

The results of the surveys, in conjunction with the additional public input received via route maps, will allow White County to prioritize future projects to ensure the most pressing needs are met in areas serving the largest portion of the population.

3. Design Standards

Bicycle and pedestrian designs should be constantly reevaluated for the most desirable and safe practices available. Roadway design should always incorporate bicycle and pedestrian facilities, when allowed, and railroad and bridge crossing should be updated to incorporate these transportation modes. Maintenance is another key consideration when selecting a design. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities are particularly sensitive to problems associated with maintenance, which can lead to a sense that these facilities are not viable options for travel. The following programs should receive the most consideration from the community:

Extend shoulders during local roadway resurfacing projects.

Provide a telephone number or web page comment section to provide cyclists and pedestrians with the opportunity to suggest improvements.

As an added component to these types of programs, the planning process included the development of minimum design standards for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Adoption of these standards, which would involve each jurisdiction individually adopting the standards, also received support.

The minimum design standards presented on the following pages are based on standards of Georgia DOT, AASHTO, and the FHWA. The primary documents that influenced the selected standards are Georgia DOT's Pedestrian and Streetscape Guide, AASHTO's Guide for the Development of Bicycle

Facilities, and FHWA's Selecting Roadway Design Treatments to Accommodate Bicycles. The minimum standards were further refined by incorporating input from stakeholders and observed needs of the community. The product of this process is a set of several recommended combinations of automobile, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities that will fit the needs of White County as transportation routes continue to develop and improve.

Sidewalk With or Without Curb

Georgia DOT's Pedestrian and Streetscape Guide establishes a 5-foot minimum width for new sidewalks in the state. Although five feet is the established minimum, six feet in width is preferable, with eight feet or more desirable in more urbanized areas. A 6-foot sidewalk width provides ample room for pedestrians to pass and for town people to walk side by side.

Some type of separation between the pedestrian and automobile traffic is necessary when no curb is present. Otherwise, the pedestrian would fall within the designated clear zone, a dangerous location for a pedestrian because it is intended to allow an errant automobile the opportunity to regain control and return to the roadway. This standard should apply to those areas outside of the town centers.

It is extremely important to make the pedestrian environment as comfortable as possible. The inclusion of shade trees, particularly in urban areas, can reduce temperatures in Georgia's climate. Georgia DOT requires a minimum of an 8-foot setback from the curb of the driving lane to the center of street trees. Where curbs are not present, trees must be set back approximately thirty feet from the edge of the driving land to maintain a safe clear zone. These setbacks apply only to designated state routes. Standards are typically more flexible for local roads.

Wide Curb Lane

The AASHTO recommended minimum width for such a wide curb lane is fourteen feet. This configuration is less costly than a 4-foot bicycle lane and tends to remain clear of debris. If space allows for a bicycle facility wider than two feet, the roadway should be striped to separate the bikeway from the driving lanes. In conjunction with bikeways, pedestrian paths may be created adjacent to driving lanes with wide curb lanes. Although the Georgia DOT minimum width for sidewalks is five feet, 6-foot sidewalks are recommended for comfortable pedestrian use and 8-foot widths are preferred for urban areas. Where additional space is available, it may be desirable to separate the pedestrian pathway from the roadway with a vegetative buffer. The buffer may contain shade trees if the center of the trunk is eight feet from the curb of the travel lane.

Bicycle Lanes

For areas without curbing, AASHTO's 1999 Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities defined the minimum width of a separated bike lane to be four feet. Five feet is the preferred width for separated bike lanes in areas where the speed limit exceeds fifty miles per hour or on roads with heavy truck traffic.

For separate bike lanes along curbed roadways AASHTO defines the minimum width of the lane to be five feet. As in the previous example, an additional foot width is desirable along corridors with high volumes and/or heavy truck use. This bike lane is to be free of drainage inlet grates, which are not safe for bike tires, and rumble strips. A painted strip should be used to separate the bike lane

from automobile traffic. In this scenario, the bike lane will also satisfy much of the required clear zone between the automobile travel lanes and the pedestrian path.

Bicycle Lane and Sidewalk

This section illustrates a typical urban section. Bike lanes are separated from the roadway with striping, and sidewalks are separated from bike lanes by curb and gutter and street trees. Five feet is the suggested width for these bike lanes, and a minimum sidewalk width of six feet is desirable for urban areas. In most urban areas a sidewalk width of eight feet is more suitable, and if space allows, the width should be increased. Sidewalks in most Georgia downtown areas range from 10 to 15 feet in width.

Multiuse Trails

A multiuse trail should be wide enough to accommodate two-way bicycle and pedestrian use without conflict. The suggested width for a trail that will accommodate such mixed uses is 10 to 14 feet. Trails built in Georgia are typically twelve feet wide, which is usually the minimum required for projects receiving Georgia DOT funding. High demand corridors are experiencing demands that warrant a wider facility. Five feet of separation is required to buffer the trail from the roadway. An 8-foot setback is necessary to incorporate street trees along a designated state route. Additionally, these paths can be located along scenic creeks or other natural areas for recreational use as well as for transportation corridors. Another consideration in identifying routes appropriate for multiuse trails is evidence of multiple driveways, a conflict that should be avoided.

Existing Design Standards and Guidelines

State

Georgia uses the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Guide (AASHTO) for the Development of Bicycle Facilities and the Federal Highway Accommodate Bicycles for designing bicycle facilities. However, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has established a standard for rural bike lanes that is slightly different than the urban section bike lane recommended by AASHTO's guide. The most significant difference from AASHTO's standard bike lane is the addition of a rumble strip between the vehicular travel lane and the bicycle lane. GDOT encourages the placement of a sixteen inch long by 4-inch-wide milled rumble strip that begins one foot from the edge of the travel lane on rural roads. The milled rumble strips are to have 12-foot gap every twenty-eight feet to allow cyclists to enter/exit the vehicular travel lane.

GDOT has also completed a Pedestrian and Streetscape Guide (2003) that provides specific standards for the design, construction, and maintenance of pedestrian facilities. Specific standards are provided for general accessibility, children and school zones, trails and multiuse paths, sidewalks, walkways, intersections, crossings, traffic calming, access to transit, site design, and safety in work zones.

Regional

The Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan contains elements of several design guidelines from numerous studies. This plan also establishes guidelines for bicycle lane widths and construction standards, bicycle lane location within the street cross section, bicycle lane pavement markings, bicycle lane signage, diagonal parking, intersections, and multiuse trails.

Local

White County's official code states that streets and road within the county shall adhere to the guidelines contained in the Highway Functional Classification, Concepts, Criteria and Procedures from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. The White County Subdivision and Minor Subdivision Requirements also contain standards for streets and pedestrian ways. The Cities of Cleveland and Helen have adopted standards for street and sidewalk construction within their respective jurisdictions. While past development regulations have not discouraged the development of private bicycle and pedestrian facilities, there are a limited number of privately maintained bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the county built to separate design standards.

4. Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Projects

White County and the Cities of Cleveland and Helen have proposed bicycle routes that will expand the existing network. Multiuse trails will add to this network and provide a valuable connection throughout the county. In addition, citizen groups, including members of the Southern Off-Road Bicycle (SORBA) and International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), have proposed routes. SORBA/IMBA proposed routes are recreational in nature and were reviewed and considered in the development of the recommended bicycle network.

The project team conducted a general field assessment of sidewalk conditions within the county and identified specific existing gaps in sidewalks within White County. Gaps in sidewalk networks were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Existence of worn walking path along a roadway
- Pavement gap between two existing sidewalks
- No facility between existing sidewalk facilities and key pedestrian destination points (i.e., libraries, post offices, neighborhood stores, and churches)

It is important to note that this evaluation did not consider sidewalk location preferences, only gaps within an existing network.

To further document existing gaps in the sidewalk network, the project team also reviewed data supplied by the GIS Department that depicted existing and proposed sidewalks.

Proposed Projects

In 2005 the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission prepared the Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan covering White County along with the twelve surrounding counties. The purpose of the regional plan was to begin region-wide planning efforts and feasibility studies for future implementation. One of the larger proposed projects is a continuous bicycle and pedestrian network for the entire region. The following is a list of routes identified within the Georgia Mountains Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for White County.

Bicycle facilities from W.O.W. Park to Truett McConnell University.

Tesnatee Creek Project: This project is approximately 10.51 miles in length and begins at the Lumpkin/White County line. It extends northeast to the City of Cleveland where it terminates downtown.

Chattahoochee River Project: This project is approximately 8.72 miles in length and begins in downtown Helen. It extends south from Helen to the White/Habersham County line where it parallels the county line south all the way the to the Hall/Habersham/White County line.

Mossy Creek Project: This project is approximately 10.25 miles in length and begins in downtown Cleveland. It extends southeast to the Hall County line where it terminates at the Chattahoochee River.

Helen's Unicoi/Chattahoochee Regional Trail: An extension of the Unicoi State Park Trails (Mountain Bike and Volksmarch Trails) southwest past the library, joining Pete's Park Road, then across Chattahoochee Street and south along the east side of Eidelweis Strasse through Riverside Park, past the Visitor Center then continuing south to the Hardeman property along the Nacoochee Bend. Hardman Farm Property to the Sautee Nacoochee Community Center: The route would follow the old Hardman Road to Rabun Road linking into Bean Creek Road. The route would then follow Bean Creek Road to SR 255 and south to the Sautee Nacoochee community center.

On-Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects: On-road bicycle facilities (paved bike-safe lanes or shoulders) are proposed for the following highways Habersham, Rabun, Stephens, and White Counties.

Multi-modal Transportation Study: GMRC recognizes the multi-county study completed for White County in 2003 by Day-Wilburn and Associates, Inc. with the following project recommended:

Bicycle facilities east from SR75 along SR17 to Sautee Community Assn. Bicycle facilities from SR356 along SR75 to SR17.

SR 348 (Richard Russell): This project is approximately 6.48 miles in length and begins at the White/Union County line. It extends south along SR 348 to SBR 55/Appalachian Gateway where it terminates.

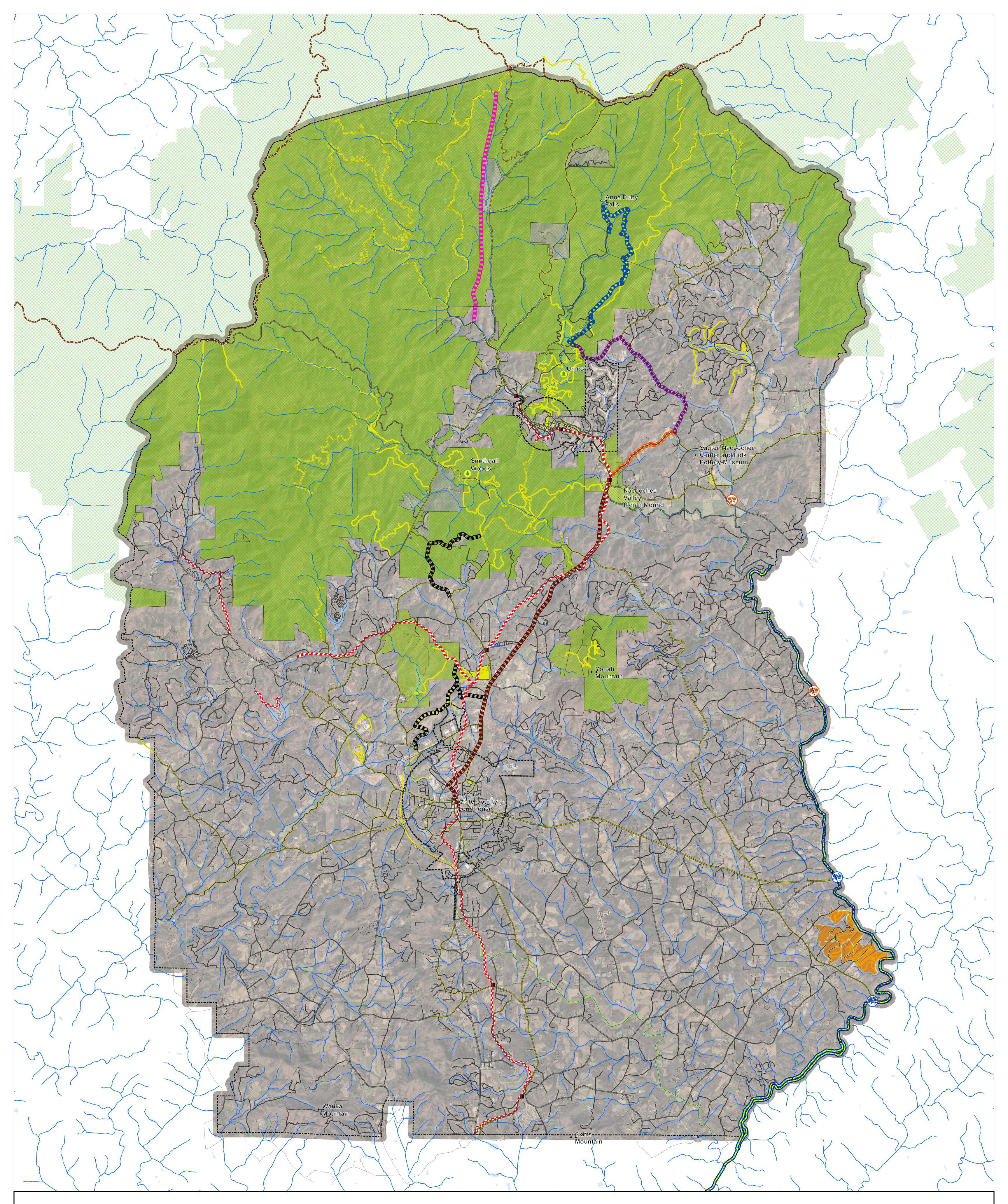
CR 104/105 (Chimney Mtn Rd)/CR 207 (Tray Mtn Rd): This project is approximately 6.74 miles in length and begins at SR 356. It extends east along CR 105 to CR 104 and then north on CR 207 to the White/Towns County line. It later returns to the west on CR 207 and proceeds south to SR 75 where it terminates.

CR 103 (Sky Lake Rd) and CR 106 (Bean Creek Rd): This project is approximately 19.43 miles in length and begins at SR 356 on CR 103. It extends south along CR 103 to CR 106/Bean Creek Rd where it turns north and returns to SR 356 where it terminates.

CR 145/200/SR 115: This project is approximately 15.56 miles in length and begins at the White/Lumpkin County line. It extends south along CR 145 to CR where it turns east and proceeds to SR 115. At SR 115 it continues east through Cleveland and on to the White/Habersham County line where it terminates.

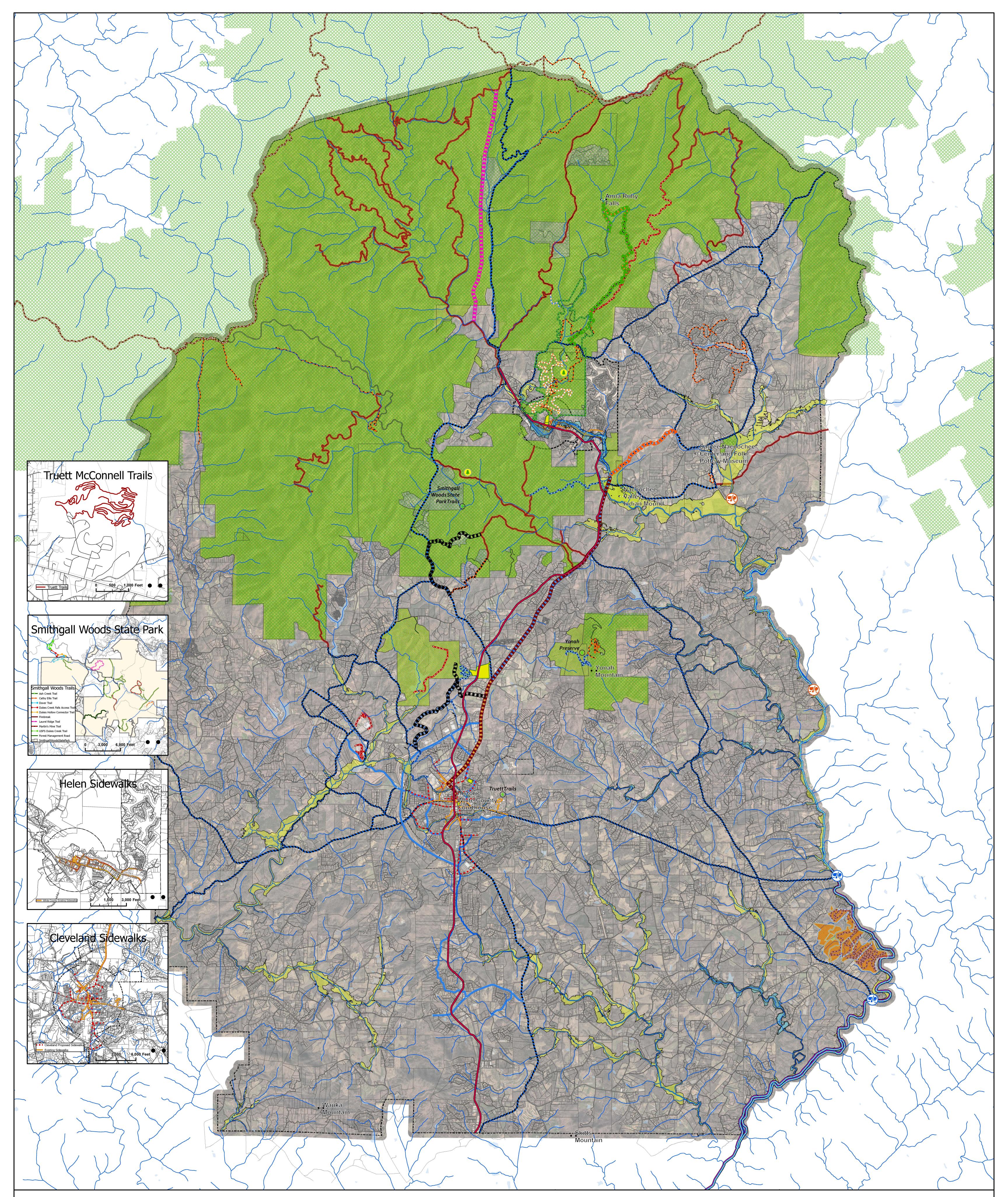
CR 147: This project is approximately 2.02 miles in length and begins at the White/Lumpkin County line. It extends east along CR 147 to CR 200 where it terminates.

The routes identified within the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan provide White County with bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to surrounding counties and their communities. Nonetheless, additional connectivity is required within White County to provide the necessary level of access for White County residents and visitors. Therefore, additional routes were identified based on population demographics, population density, and route safety.



White County Bike/Pedestrian Map - Greenway and Blueway

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White County Bike/Pedestrian Map

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🚥 Mountain Bike, Proposed		New Green Way and Blue Way Lines	Points Of Interest
🚥 Multi-Use,Existing		Helen Hwy	 Anna Ruby Falls
💳 Multi-Use,Proposed		Smith Creek	•Historic White Cou
		💶 Unicoi Turnpike	•Nacoochee Valley 3
Wide Shoulder, Existing		💶 Hardman Farm Rd	•Sautee Nacoochee
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Skylake Trails removal request

STEVE BENTLEY <sbentleyga@comcast.net>

Fri 6/14/2024 8:50 AM

To:John Sell <jsell@whitecountyga.gov> Cc:Aaron Cosson <

You don't often get email from sbentleyga@comcast.net. Learn why this is important

[EXTERNAL SENDER - PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY]

Greetings Mr. Sell,

I'm Steve Bentley Skylake POA President. It has been noticed that references to our trails have been included in the most recent draft of trails/paths accessible to the public that has been presented for review.

After discussions with our General Manager, Directors and other members I request that any reference to Skylake's trails be excluded from the final product that is published or put forward for a confirmation vote.

We are a private property with use of our amenities reserved for the owners only.

We do support the projects and improvements that benefit White County and all county residents but the inclusion of our trails would be misleading and potentially be a problem for our owners and the general public.

Thanks for your understanding and addressing the changes to your presentation.

Best regards, Steve Bentley, Skylake POA President

WHITE COUNTY
Board of Commissioners
Item Title: GIS 1 Proposal
For Meeting Date: 6/24/2024
Work Session 🗌 Regular Meeting 🔀 Public Hearing 🗌
Category (Select One): Contract / IGA
Submitted By: Bryan Payne, Chief Appraiser
Attachments: Yes If yes, please list each file name below: 1. GIS 1 Proposal for parcel maintenance 2.

Purpose:

To introduce a proposal to outsource the mapping function for the Assessors Office.

Background / Summary:

• This task has been performed by a full time employee of the Assessors Office in the past. The most recent mapper was Lee Johnson. She resigned effective 4/26/2024. This function is regularly contracted out in other counties which eliminates the need for a full-time mapping coordinator. The training for this position is very expensive and not conveniently located. The map software vendor, ESRI, is implementing a new software platform which will require in person training. Contracting this function to a vendor is a more cost-effective, reliable way to maintain the tax mapping.

Department Recommendation:

The Board of Assessors recommend contracting this function out as a more cost-effective solution and to improve the accuracy of the tax mapping system.

Options:

• This job has two options: it can be performed in-house by a full-time employee, or contracted to a vendor. The position is currently vacant.

Budget Information: Applicable 🗌 Not Applicable 🗌

Budgeted: Yes 🗌 No 🖂

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Finance Director's Comments (if applicable):

County Manager Comments:

WHITE COUNTY CONTRACT

A contract by and between **White County**, hereinafter called **County**, And **GIS1**, **LLC**. hereninafter called **GIS1.net**.

1. Project Title

White County Geographic Information System (GIS) Parcel Data Maintenance with Included Technical Support and Conservation Use Valuation Assessment (CUVA) and Forest Land Protection Act (FLPA) Calculations.

2. Background

After speaking with Bryan Payne, White County Chief Appraiser, in May 2024, Bryan asked Chad Rupert of **GIS1.net** to provide a contract for maintenance of the **County's** parcel data, for their consideration.

3. Scope of Work

GIS1.net's prime responsibility shall be to maintain the county's parcel data set and provide technical support to **County** as described in **Attachment A**. The work shall be performed at **GIS1.net's** worksite at and other locations as appropriate.

4. Time of Performance

The terms and conditions of this contract are valid for all work performed before **JULY 1, 2025** and may be extended with written agreement from both parties (rates are subject to change with each contract extension). The services of this contract shall commence after contract signing. Work shall be undertaken in an orderly sequence so as to ensure their expeditious completion in accordance with the purposes of this contract. Failure or delays on the part of **County** to deliver complete and legible documents may result in corresponding delays on the part of **GIS1.net** in delivery of related products and services, with no injury or penalty accruing to **GIS1.net**.

5. Review Period

County will have ninety (90) days after final delivery in which to review the products and services for functionality. **GIS1.net** will, upon notification by **County**, correct any shortcomings noted at no additional charge.

6. Compensation & Terms

GIS1.net will provide the services listed in **Attachment A** for a fee of **\$5,400**, payable in 12 monthly payments of **\$450 each**.

Payment shall be made by the **County** within 30 days of receipt of an invoice.

GIS1.net shall not be responsible for any fees, fines or penalties levied against the County by the

State of Georgia or any other entity or individual.

7. Modification of Contract

This agreement may be modified only by a formal, written modification signed by authorized representatives of both the **County** and **GIS1.net**. All changes in the scope of services shall be included in contract amendments executed by the **County** and **GIS1.net** before any such work begins.

8. Termination for the Convenience of County

County may terminate this agreement at any time by giving written notice to **GIS1.net** of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, or other materials as described in the **Scope of Work** (**Attachment A**) shall become the property of the **County**. **GIS1.net** shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed and any outstanding obligations on such documents. Compensation amount shall never exceed the value of this contract.

9. Termination for the Convenience of GIS1.net

GIS1.net may terminate this agreement at any time by giving written notice to **County** of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, or other materials as described in the **Scope of Work** (**Attachment A**) shall become the property of the **County**. **GIS1.net** shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed and any outstanding obligations on such documents. Compensation amount shall never exceed the value of this contract.

10. Severability

If any term or provision of this agreement shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable, then notwithstanding the offending term or provision, this agreement shall remain in full force and effect and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken herefrom.

11. Ownership

All data, and/or programming applications produced in whole or in part under this contract shall remain the property of the **County**. **GIS1.net** reserves the right to use any and all data gathered, created or received during this project for its own purposes, but shall not sell or distribute this information without the consent of the **County**.

12. Entire Agreement

This agreement (and all documents incorporated herein, including Attachment A: Scope of Work) constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations, statements, negotiations,

and undertakings, whether oral or written.

IN WITNESS WI	IEREOF COUN	TY and GIS1.net have executed this agreement as of this
day of	, 2024.	

For GIS1, LLC.

White County, Georgia:

Russell C. Rupert, GISP President, GIS1, LLC. Signature

Printed Name

Title

Invoices shall be sent to:

Name:_____

Title:_____

Address1:_____

Address2:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

ATTACHMENT A

SCOPE OF WORK

I. GIS1.net Obligations

GIS1.net will do or cause to be done the following:

 Maintain the GIS parcel layer by the most accurate means possible based upon the provided documentation such as survey plats, AutoCAD drawings, and/or written descriptions. The COordinate GeOmetry (COGO) technique will be used when possible. Each new parcel added to the GIS parcel layer will be attributed with a parcel identifier (provided by County) that will allow proper linking to the tax assessor's CAMA database.

COGO information from the provided survey plats, including survey distances and bearings, etc. will be permanently stored in the geodatabase for future reference and for quality verification purposes.

- **2**) Identify discrepancies that exist between the GIS parcel layer and **County's** Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) database, and provide **County** with a correlation report along with each delivery of new data.
- **3)** Assist **County** with resolving discrepancies that exist between the GIS parcel layer and the CAMA database. At no time will the CONTRATOR be responsible for making changes to the CAMA database. **GIS1.net** will only make changes to the GIS parcel layer in order to resolve discrepancies. Resolutions that require changes in the CAMA database are the responsibility of **County**.
- 4) Compare drawn acreage of parcels within the GIS parcel layer with acreage numbers found in County's CAMA database and provide a report to County along with each delivery of new data. The report will allow sorting based on percent difference or number of acres in dispute and will allow County to examine at any threshold level they choose.
- 5) Provide **County's** Tax Assessor's Office with unlimited GIS technical support related to parcel data and other data maintained through this contract. Support will be available during **County's** normal business hours and days. Response will be provided by phone, email, or Internet as quickly as possible, but should not exceed 24 hours.
- 6) Provide **County** with updated, electronic copies of parcel data on an ongoing basis as edits are made, which is dictated by the delivery of split documents to **GIS1.net**. More frequent delivery of documents to **GIS1.net** will result in more frequent deliveries back to **County**. Updated data will typically be provided to **County** by FTP.
- 7) Provide **County's** website service provider (qPublic) with updated, electronic copies of parcel data on a continuous basis, as edits are made.
- 8) At the request of the County, run the CUVA/FLPA analysis process and deliver the analysis

results to the **County** up to 12 times per year.

9) All split documents provided by **County** will be returned after work is completed or disposed of, whichever the **County** prefers.

Note: GIS1.net provides a wide range of other GIS services to city and county government agencies. These services are available on an hourly basis or on a fixed price, contract basis, for larger projects. Please visit our website, www.gis1.net for a more detailed description of other GIS services we offer to support county government.

II. County Obligations

County will do or cause to be done the following:

1) On a regular basis (at least every 3 months), provide **GIS1.net** with all documentation required to perform on-going maintenance of the GIS parcel and road centerline layer. Documentation should include, but is not limited to: survey plats, AutoCAD drawings, or written descriptions, parent parcel identifiers, parcel identifiers for each new parcel and official road names. Or in the case of combining parcels, the parcel identifiers of the parcels to be combined shall be provided along with the final parcel identifier for the combined areas. All documentation provided should be well organized and clearly legible. When possible, all distances and bearings on paper copy survey plats should be of sufficient font size and clarity to be easily discerned.

Note: The primary cause for delay in delivery of data back to **County** has been the lack of completeness and/or quality of supplied documentation. This point cannot be over-stressed. **County** must provide complete, accurate and fully legible documents to **GIS1.net** in order for maintenance to take place in a timely and efficient manner.

- 2) When requested by **GIS1.net**, provide a copy of the most current **County** CAMA database.
- 3) Promptly respond to all correspondence from **GIS1.net**, which might include reviewing data for accuracy, verifying road names, providing interpretation of drawings, providing additional plats for troublesome areas, and generally being available to clarify any issues which might delay the production process.

III. Itemized Costs

Item(s) Parcel Data Maintenance CUVA/FLPA Calculations Included Technical Support and Associated Services **Total Cost for all Items**

\$5,400 (Total for 12 Months) Paid \$450 Monthly



WHITE COUNTY

Board of Commissioners

Item Title: Scrap Tire Amnesty Grant

For Meeting Date: 6/24/2024

Work Session Regular Meeting Public Hearing

Category (Select One): Grant App / Acceptance

Submitted By: Derick Canupp

Attachments: Yes 🖂 If yes, please list each file name below:

- 1. <u>Cover Letter</u>
- 2. STAR Amnesty Application
- 3. <u>Quotes for contractor services</u>

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek approval of a grant to fund a scrap tire amnesty day in White County

Background / Summary:

- Staff are requesting the Commission to approve a grant application to fund a scrap tire amnesty event
- The event will be a free way for citizens to dispose of unwanted scrap tires
- The event is expected to cost \$2,925 which would be reimbursed by Georgia EPD
- Last year, staff collected 743 tires from citizens and expect to collect at least this much in 2024
- If awarded, the event will be held on October 05, 2024

Department Recommendation:

Staff recommend BOC approve grant application and authorize the Chairman to sign related documents

Options:

- Approve Grant Application
- Do Not Approve
- Commission Defined Alternative

Budget Information: Applicable 🗌 Not Applicable 🗌

Budgeted: Yes 🛛 No 🗌

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Finance Director's Comments (if applicable):

County Manager Comments:



Board of Commissioners

Travis C. Turner, Chairman • Terry D. Goodger, District 1 • Lyn Holcomb, District 2 • Edwin Nix, District 3 • Craig Bryant, District 4

June 24, 2024

To: Environmental Protection Division Land Branch 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SE Suite 1456, East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: White County Scrap Tire Amnesty Application

The White County Board of Commissioners will hold a scrap tire amnesty event for citizens on October 05, 2024. The tires collected will be temporarily stored at the White County Public Works Department, 675 Truelove Rd., Cleveland, GA under a cover and within a fenced area that is locked during non-business hours. The Fire Department has evaluated the proposed storage area and will be notified upon approval. There will be a 50-foot fire lane around the perimeter of the scrap tire storage area to allow fire department access in case of an emergency. There will be no open flames allowed within 25 feet of the scrap tire storage area. In case of an emergency, such as a fire, all necessary steps will be taken to prevent any runoff from the tire storage area. Thank you in advance for your review and consideration of the attached application.

Sincerely,

Travis C. Turner Chairman

GA EPD Scrap Tire Amnesty Application

Government/Authority	White County	Project Manager	Derick Canupp	Secondary Contact	Rolann Smith
Federal Tax ID	58-6000908	Title	Public Works Director	Title	Admin. Coordinator
Mailing Address	1235 Helen Hwy.	Email	dcanupp@whitecountyga.gov	Email	rsmith@whitecountyga.gov
City/State/ZIP	Cleveland, GA 30528	Phone	(706) 499-4782	Phone	(706) 865-2510
County	White County				

II. AMNESTY EVENT INFORMATION

Event Name Scrap Tire Amnesty

Alternate Date(s) 5-Oct-24

*NOTE: Application must be submitted at least 90 days before event begins. If the date changes after execution of the agreement, the awardee must notify EPD in writing of the new date and the reason for the change. If events are more than one week apart, each event must have a separate application and contract.

A. COST ESTIMATE

Event Date(s)* 10/5/2024

	Type of Tire	Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE)	Tons of Tires
The values in this table will fill in automatically	Passenger	700	7.87
based on what is entered above:	Truck	267	2.99
	Large Off-the-Road (OTR)	500	5.62
	Total	1,467	16.48

The total estimated costs	Estimated Tons	Estimated Processing Cost	Cost per PTE
will be displayed here:	16.48	\$2,924.71	\$1.99

B. COLLECTION AND STORAGE

List all collection and post-event storage locations:

Facility Name	Address	City	ZIP	Collection Storage?	Post-Event Storage?
White County Road Dept.	675 Truelove Rd.	Cleveland	30528	N	V

Is the temporary storage site approved or permitted by EPD to store scrap tires?

Yes - List the approval/permit numbers:

No - Sites must be approved or permitted by EPD before the contract is executed OR applicants may submit a Tire Storage Letter. See "Storage" tab below for guidelines.

C. CARRIERS AND PROCESSORS

List the tire carrier(s) you plan to use and their permit number(s).*

	Name	Permit Number
Carrier	Liberty Tire Recycling	060-035-CR
Carrier		

NOTE: You must use a GA EPD approved tire carrier and scrap tire processor. If you change carriers or processors after the execution of the agreement, you must notify EPD in writing of the new contractors and the reason for the change.

List the beneficial reuse scrap tire processor(s) you plan to use and their permit number(s).*

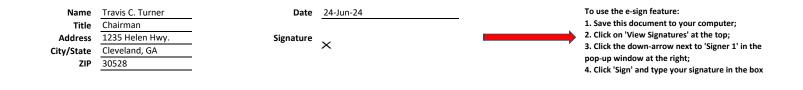
	Name	Permit Number
Processor	Liberty Tire Recycling	160-398422-STP
Processor		

You can find lists of permitted tire carriers and permitted/approved beneficial scrap tire processors on the STAR program's website: https://epd.georgia.gov/star-program

III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS			
	YES	NO	N/A
Permitted tire carriers and permitted beneficial reuse scrap tire processors will be used.			
Procurement of contractors will follow current city/county procurement policy.			
Appropriate safety measures will be taken while performing scrap tire abatement.			
Liability waivers will be completed for volunteers, if applicable.			
If there are any changes in the project after the execution of the agreement, awardee will notify EPD in writing (e.g., estimated cost of project,			
event date, location of temporary storage/collection sites, carriers/processors).			
To the best of your ability, scrap tires will not be collected from businesses that generate scrap tires (e.g., retail tire dealers).			
While awaiting transport to a scrap tire processor, tires will be stored in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment.			
All scrap tires collected during the event will be removed within 30 days of event date.	V		
Final report, reimbursement request, and other required documents will be submitted to EPD within 90 days of event date.	V		

IV. AUTHORIZATION

I, the undersigned authorized representative, certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained herein is true and correct.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Email this completed form and any required attachments to: epd.star@dnr.ga.gov. Please include the local government name in the subject line.

Questions? Email epd.star@dnr.ga.gov. Please allow 90 days for processing.

Guidance for Temporary Storage of Scrap Tires

Please follow this guidance if your local government or authority is applying to the local government reimbursement program and will be temporarily storing scrap tires at a location that does not have a valid solid waste approval or solid waste handling permit issued by the Environment Protection Division.

On city, county, or authority letterhead, write a statement which addresses the following information for approval of the temporary storage of scrap tires.

Storage

How will the tires be secured when the site is unattended (e.g., perimeter fence with a locked gate, enclosed trailer with a locked door)?

What are the dimensions of the tire storage area? By regulation, this can be no greater than 10,000 square feet and no higher than 15 feet.

If the property is not owned by the local government or authority, include owner information and a permission letter signed by the owner.

Fire Protection

There will be a 50-foot wide fire lane around the tire storage area.

No open flames will be allowed within 25 feet of the tire storage area.

The local fire protection service will be notified of the event.

Vector Control

Tires will be covered and/or treated with appropriate pesticide to prevent mosquito infestations.

Tires will not be stored in tall grass, water conveyances, muddy areas, or other areas that could attract vectors.

Additional Information

Any other information that is pertinent to the temporary storage of scrap tires for approval. EPD may request additional information prior to approval of the application.

Example Statement

The NAME OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT will hold a scrap tire amnesty event for residents on DATE. The tires collected will be temporarily stored at the city Public Works Department, 123 Main Street, City, GA under a covered structure and within a fenced area that is locked during non-business hours. The local fire department has evaluated the proposed storage area and will be notified upon approval. There will be a 50-foot fire lane around the perimeter of the scrap tire storage area to allow fire department access in case of an emergency. There will be no open flames allowed within 25 feet of the scrap tire storage area. In case of an emergency, such as a fire, all necessary steps will be taken to prevent any runoff from the tire storage area.

Signature of Authorized Representative Title Date

Derick Canupp

From: Sent: To: Cc:	Chasity Albano <calbano@libertytire.com> Friday, June 7, 2024 2:51 PM Derick Canupp Christopher Burkhalter</calbano@libertytire.com>
Subject:	RE: [External] EPD Scrap Tire Amnesty Grant
Follow Up Flag:	Follow up
Flag Status:	Flagged

[EXTERNAL SENDER - PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY]

Hi there,

I am doing well hope you are as well.

We can keep the same pricing as last year.

\$2,000.00/ load \$452.50/freight (will be charged to deliver empty as well) \$20.00/ enviro fee

Please keep us posted if you proceed and give definite dates as Sept & Oct are looking to be busy with amnesty's.

Thanks!

From: Derick Canupp <dcanupp@whitecountyga.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Chasity Albano <calbano@libertytire.com>
Subject: [External] EPD Scrap Tire Amnesty Grant

Chasity,

I hope you are doing well. I'm wanting to apply for the subject again. Last the last couple years, I'd like to hold the event on the first Saturday in October. When we apply for these grants we usually have to provide contractor quotes. Can you send me an estimate on 1 trailer and disposal? Thanks in advance!

Thanks, Derick Canupp Director of Public Works 675 Truelove Rd. Cleveland, GA 30528 O: (706) 865-2510 C: (706) 499-4782



2 Peachtree Street, NW, 15th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3142

dph.ga.gov

<u>June 20, 2024</u> (Date)

To the Northeast Georgia Region 2 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council,

On Behalf of <u>County</u>, I/we nominate <u>to serve on the</u> Northeast Georgia Region 2 Emergency Medical Services Council to fill the current term <u>July 1st 2024 -</u> <u>June 30th 2027</u>, for our county. I also understand that the position is not automatically renewed and requires a renewal or replacement decision from said county before the end of the term. The current representative whose term is expiring is <u>Bill Scandrett, WC EMS</u>

Please let us know about your decision by June 12th, 2023, by completing the attached nomination letter. Your options are:

- 1. Reappoint **<u>Bill Scrandrett</u>** for another 3-yr. term ending June 30th, 2027.
- 2. Appoint a new representative from the recommended stakeholder list and send us his/her contact information for a term ending in June 2026.

I/We understand my/our decision must be received by <u>June 15th, 2024</u>, so we can notify the new representative of their attendance requirements and give a copy of the by-laws prior to the June 20th, 2024, meeting, and the locations of said meeting.

	(Please type or print name clearly)		
Commissioner Representative			
	(Signature)	(Date)	
Please provide the following information	for your representative:		
Mailing Address	City	State Zip	
Email address	Phone	Number	
Employer	Title/Position		

Please mail or email your decision to the following address:

Lanier Swafford Region 2 OEMS- Regional Director 2916 Highway 136 West Dawsonville, GA 30534 <u>lanier.swafford@dph.ga.gov</u>

Library Construction Project Budget Breakdown

Equipment / Materials	Cost
New Construction - 20,000 square feet	\$6,000,000.00 (See Attached Breakdown)
Design Fees, Third Party Testing,	
Tap/Meter, Site Lighting, Furniture,	
Fixtures, and Equipment	\$2,572,000.00
Total Budget	\$8,572,000.00

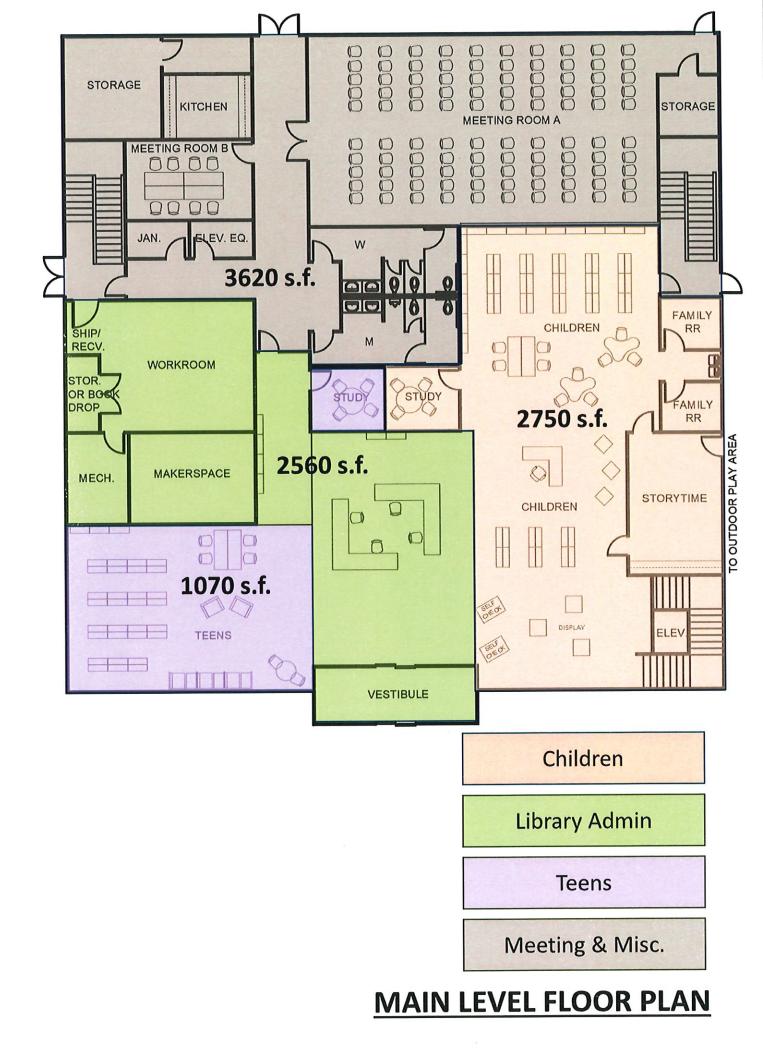
Project Funding by Source	Funding	
State Funds	\$3,000,000.00	
Federal Funds*	\$1,500,000.00	Not Final - will know by 10/2024
Local - Library Fundraising Committee	\$200,000.00	
Local - County	\$3,872,000.00	
Total Funding	\$8,572,000.00	

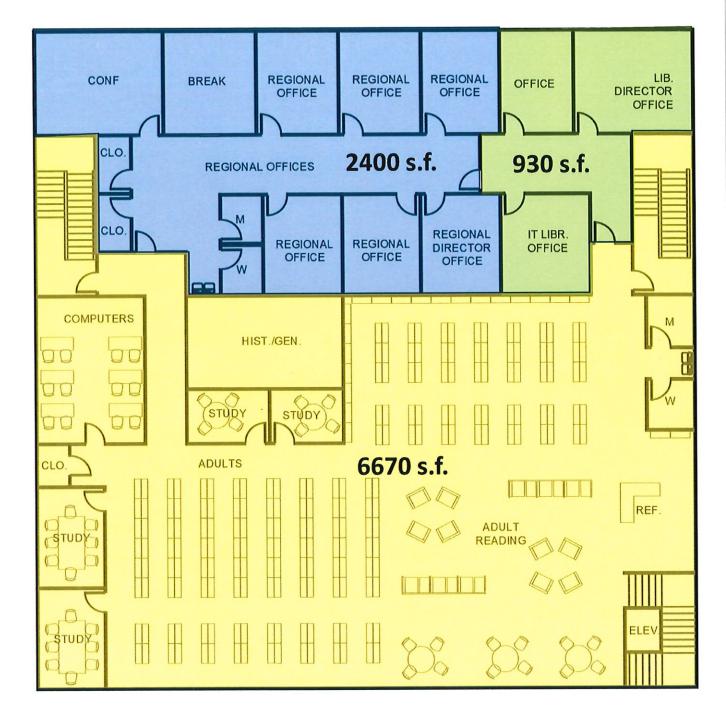
*Federal Funds do require a 25% local match

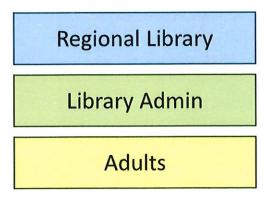


New White County Library CM : Charles Black Construction Company, Inc. Schematic Budget 10-Apr-24

Package Number	Code	Item	Budget
		General Conditions	516,000
		Reiumbursables	300,000
1	020	Sitework	350,000
2	030	Concrete	362,963
3	040	Masonry	192,966
4	050	Structural Steel	680,000
5	070	Roofing	190,000
6	080	Hollow Metal Frames, Doors and Hardw.	185,000
7	085	Aluminum Entrances and Strofront/Glass	125,000
8	090	Drywall, Ceilings/EIFS/DEFS/Sound Units	620,000
9	095	Finish Flooring	150,000
10	099	Interior/Exterior Painting	70,000
11	100	Specialties	55,000
12	140	Elevator	90,000
13	120	Manufactured & Architectural Casework	125,000
- 14	125	Aluminum Canopies	75,000
15	150	Plumbing	225,000
16	153	Fire Protection	90,000
17	155	HVAC	633,333
18	160	Electrical	520,000
		Subtotal	\$ 5,555,262
	4.00%	CM Fee	\$ 222,210
		Total	\$ 5,777,473
		Contingency	\$ 222,527
		Total Budget	\$ 6,000,000







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