

**River Valley Regional Work Program 2018 – 2022**

**D R A F T Annual Report FY 2019**

**for review and comment by June 26, 2019**

**“public hearing” at RVRC meeting Wednesday, June 26**

**10:45 a.m.**

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Land Use									
Strategy	Action	Partners	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Long Term 6-10 YRS	Accomplishments
<b>Priority: Update Ordinances, Land Use Regulations, and Guidelines.</b>									
Develop tools to assist local governments manage development	Update 2 zoning ordinances to comply with current laws and to allow for more compact and mixed-use development.	RVRC Local Govts DCA	\$40,000	\$40,000					Completed
	Provide zoning administration technical assistance and training to 6 local governments.	RVRC DCA CVIORG	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000		Completed
<b>Priority: Protection of Historic Neighborhoods and Buildings.</b>									
Provide technical assistance to local governments in their preservation activities	Provide monthly technical assistance and staff review for Certificate of Appropriateness to the Columbus Board of Historic and Architectural Review.	RVRC Local Govts DNR DCA	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	Completed 46 cases
	Provide information and present 2 programs educating the general public of the benefits of historic preservation.	RVRC DNR DCA		\$10,000					Completed 4 programs
	Assist 1 community to pursue Certified Local Government designation	RVRC Local Govts DNR			\$20,000				Not Applicable this period
	Provide staff review of CDBG funded housing rehab and demolition for the City of Columbus annually.	RVRC Local Govts		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		Underway awaiting SHPO approval
Support Main Street and Downtown Improvements	Administer 3 streetscape/ TE funded programs	RVRC GDOT GTIB Local Govts	\$50,000	\$50,000					Completed
<b>Natural and Cultural Resources</b>									

Strategy	Action	Partners	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Long Term 6-10 YRS	Accomp- lishments
<b>Priority: Preservation of Prime Agricultural/Forestry Lands.</b>									
Educate local elected officials, industries, developers, youth, and the public on the importance of natural resource protection	Write local government comprehensive plans.	RVRC Local Govts DCA DNR EPD	\$175,000 (14 plans)	\$150,000 (10 plans)	\$75,000 (7 plans)	\$75,000 (7 plans)	\$160,000 (12 plans)		Completed four counties (ten cities)
Promote production and sales of locally grown foods.	Identify suitable locations and funding sources for value added processing industries, farmer's markets and neighborhood groceries.	RVRC GDAG GDEcD Local Govts USDA GA Organics Food Oasis			\$50,000	\$50,000			Completed
<b>Priority: Grow the Agricultural Resources in the Region.</b>									
Promote the production and sale of locally grown foods.	Identify a local partner to complete a feasibility study for a joint-use commercial kitchen	RVRC GDAG USDA				\$50,000	\$50,000		Not Applicable this period
<b>Priority: Protection of Groundwater Recharge Area/Aquifer.</b>									
Increase education and outreach programs directed toward improving water quality.	Coordinate 8 training opportunities for the Georgia Adopt-a-Stream program and educational seminars regarding water quality issues.	RVRC Mid Chatt Water Council EPD GDAG 2 Rivers RC&D		\$50,000	\$30,000				Underway completed 2 of 8 trainings

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<b>Priority: Maintain environmental integrity in the region</b>									
Create a balance between protection of natural resources and development.	Apply for a regional brownfield redevelopment grant for 4 local governments.	RVRC GA Brownfield Assn EPA		\$20,000					Completed EPA funded \$400K
	Implement Watershed Management Plans for Pataula Creek, Kinchafoonee Creek, and Mountain Oak Creek.	RVRC EPD GADAg 2 Rivers RC&D GC&SU GA Forestry Com UGA Extension Local Govts Health Dept	\$220,424	\$220,424					Underway completed two FY '19, (one scheduled for FY '20)
	Write Watershed Management Plan for Long Cane Creek.	RVRC EPD Mid Chatt Water Council 2 Rivers RC&D Local Govts	\$26,985	\$26,985					Underway to be completed FY '20

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Housing and Neighborhood Development									
Strategy	Action	Partners	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Long Term 6-10 YRS	Accomplishments
<b>Priority: Provide safe, standard, and affordable housing options for all residents of the region.</b>									
Develop a regional building inspection/code enforcement program.	Apply for grant funding to hire a regional building inspector and code enforcement officer.	RVRC Local Govts DCA		\$5,000					Completed
Support local housing efforts through planning and technical assistance	Assist 2 local governments to identify GICH team community partners.	RVRC DCA	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000				Underway requiring numerous contacts
	Meet with 2 local governments to identify locally-driven housing solutions.	RVRC DCA	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000				Completed
	Write grant applications for 2 local governments to implement locally-driven housing solutions.	RVRC DCA USDA GICH Local Govts Local Housing Auth	\$5,000 per app	\$5,000 per app	\$5,000 per app				Completed  (submitted one of two proposed)

Community Facilities and Services									
Strategy	Action	Partners	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Long Term 6-10 YRS	Accomplishments
<b>Priority: Improve Broadband/Internet Capacity.</b>									
Identify and address telecommunications deficiencies in the region.	Write Broadband Ready ordinances for local governments.	RVRC DCA Local Govts		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000			Postponed to FY '20 awaiting state guidance
<b>Priority: Improve Old or Inadequate Infrastructure Systems.</b>									
Assist local governments to identify and address deficiencies of infrastructure systems.	Write grant applications for 10 local governments based on grant eligibility and identified community needs.	RVRC Local Govts DCA GEFA		\$5,000 per app	\$5,000 per app	\$5,000 per app	\$5,000 per app		Completed
<b>Priority: Provide a Diverse Offering of Recreation Options for All Ages.</b>									
Develop and expand trail networks to connect the region's green and blue infrastructure.	Coordinate quarterly meetings between Bicycle Columbus, DNR and volunteers regarding the development of mountain bike trails and hiking trails at Standing Boy State Park.	RVRC CVA SORBA IMBA Local Govts	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000				to be added
	Procure construction cost estimates and potential designs for trails at Standing Boy State Park.	RVRC CVA SORBA IMBA Local Govts		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000			to be added
	Facilitate a public forum for Bicycle Columbus, DNR, and adjoining property owners of Standing Boy State Park.	RVRC CVA SORBA IMBA Local Govts		\$3,000					to be added

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Expand the Safe Routes to School program to encourage the development of safe walking environments for children.	Coordinate 2 Bike Rodeo events annually.	RVRC Local Govts Local BOE GDOT	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		Completed
	Complete walkability audits for 2 schools annually.	RVRC Local BOE GDOT	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		Completed
	Plan a Bike to School Day event for 1 school annually.	RVRC Local BOE GDOT	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000		Completed
Market the region as a premier outdoor recreation destination.	Update ActiveValley.org website monthly to show new events and partnerships.	RVRC	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Completed
	Coordinate 2 local Bike-to-Work week events and 3 regional Bike rides	RVRC Local Govts DCA GDOT USDA	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000		Completed

<b>Transportation</b>									
<b>Priority: Road Maintenance and Expansion.</b>									
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Long Term 6-10 YRS</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>
Assist local governments to identify key transportation needs and issues.	Provide 2 Complete Streets training.	RVRC GA Bikes GDOT Local Govts		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0	Completed
	Provide technical assistance to 2 communities that have adopted Complete Streets policies to implement the program.	RVRC GA Bikes GDOT Local Advocacy grps Local Govts		\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	0	Completed
	Write a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the City of Reynolds.	RVRC GA Bikes GDOT Local Govt		\$20,000					Underway complete in FY '20
	Verify road data from local sources and provide to GDOT including: roadway ownership, operation, number of lanes, surface type, median type, road names, traffic lights, and stop/yield signs.	RVRC GDOT ITOS		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0	Completed
<b>Priority: Increase Awareness of Rural Transit Options.</b>									
Improve the region's mobility by offering alternative means of transportation.	Host 4 Regional Transit Coordinating Council meetings annually.	RVRCAAA DHS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	0	Completed
	Develop 1 county transit plan per year.	RVRC GDOT		\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$21,000	0	Completed



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<b>Priority: Support Continuation of Regional TSPLOST.</b>									
Work with local elected officials on the development of a successful second TSPLOST initiative.	Work with 51 local communities to market the successes of the current TIA program through printed materials, media articles, and presentations.	RVRC GDOT Local Govts		\$10,000					Postponed to FY '20 (premature in FY '19)
	Coordinate meetings with local elected officials to discuss the potential project lists.	RVRC GDOT Local Govts			\$50,000	\$50,000			Not Applicable this period
	Prepare the amendment to be presented on the 2022 ballot.	RVRC GDOT Local Govts					\$1,000		Not Applicable this period

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Economic Development									
Strategy	Action	Partners	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Long Term 6-10 YRS	Accomplishments
<b>Priority: Diversify and Strengthen the Region's Economy</b>									
Support the Recruitment, Retention and Expansion of Businesses in the region.	Facilitate at least 1 local loan annually from the revolving loan fund	RVRC Dev Auth	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Completed
Foster Community Leadership	Coordinate 4 lunch and learn opportunities to teach downtown development best practices	RVRC DCA		\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Postponed to FY '20 developing webinar capability
<b>Priority: Provide quality, genuine places and experiences for visitors</b>									
Market special events and the unique aspects of the region.	Provide 1 training opportunity for local Camera Ready contacts annually	RVRC Local Dev Auth Tourism Assn Local Tourism Bd		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		No <u>direct</u> activity
Improve infrastructure needed for industrial development.	Get 3 industrial parks listed as GRAD certified sites	RVRC Local Dev Auth			\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Not Applicable this period

Workforce Development									
Strategy	Action	Partners	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Long Term 6-10 YRS	Accomplishments
<b>Priority: Train the Regional Workforce.</b>									
Provide On the Job Training (OJT) and Incumbent Worker Training (IWT).	Provide OJT services for 40 individuals each year.	RVRC WIOA Bd Local Colleges & Universities	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000		Completed
	Provide IWT services for 2 individuals each year.	RVRC WIOA Bd Local Colleges & Universities	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Deleted from work program - irregular DOL funding
Provide work based learning services (WEX) for individuals with limited work history to enhance existing skills.	Provide hands-on work experience with local area participating businesses/ employers for 30 individuals.	RVRC WIOA Bd Providers	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000		Underway served
Individual Training Accounts	Provide ITA's for 60 individuals each year.	RVRC WIOA Bd Local Colleges & Universities	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000		Completed 105 ITA's in FY '19

<b>Education</b>									
<b>Priority: Educate the Region's Workforce.</b>									
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Long Term 6-10 YRS</b>	<b>Accom- plishments</b>
Provide GED prep and soft skills development services for the region's youth.	Provide basic literacy skills, financial literacy education, and follow-up services to 100 individuals 17-24 yrs. age.	RVRC Fam Conn Local BOE WIOA Bd	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000		Completed served 25 individuals in FY '19

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Health and Human Services									
Strategy	Action	Partners	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Long Term 6-10 YRS	Accomplishments
<b>Priority: Create a Statewide Focus on Reaching Underserved Persons</b>									
Develop and implement training for community partners to aid in outreach and service provision to underserved populations.	Host 1 training annually.	Family Connections Hispanic Outreach Coalition Churches	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000		Completed
<b>Priority: Expand Efforts to Support Individuals to Remain in Their Desired Residence as Long as Possible</b>									
Increase home modification/home repair services access statewide.	Provide home modification/home repair services to 5 consumers annually.	RVRCAA Habitat for Humanity	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		Completed (funding available for only three)
<b>Priority: Increase Professional Capacity of Georgia's Aging Network to Better Meet the Needs of Family Caregivers and At-Risk Adults</b>									
Facilitate trainings for Health and Wellness coordinators and caregiver specialists.	Give presentations at 10 churches and/or civic organizations to identify individuals willing to become Master Trainers in the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" program.	RVRCAA DAS Rosalynn Carter Institute (RCI) Alzheimer's Assoc. Care-Net	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		Deleted from work program - determined not to be a feasible approach.

<b>Regional Cooperation</b>									
<b>Priority: Create a Balanced Sustainable Region.</b>									
<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Long Term 6-10 YRS</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>
Work with local governments, community organizations, and businesses to improve efficiency in delivery of services.	Host 1 regional meeting of city and county clerks and managers annually.	RVRC Local Govts	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500		Postponed to FY '20 – regional plan update took priority
	Utilize the SDS update to ensure the efficient delivery of services.	RVRC Local Govts	\$42,000 (14 plans)	\$30,000 (10 plans)	\$21,000 (7 plans)	\$21,000 (7 plans)	\$36,000 (12 plans)		Completed
	Facilitate Plan Assessment meetings for 8 counties a year.	RVRC Local Govts	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000		Postponed to FY '20 - planning deadlines took priority
	Update the Regional Plan	RVRC Local Govts						+/- \$100,000 (full plan)	Completed