

Municipal Plan – Implementation Assessment

Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes

Municipality: Georgia

Date: 1/7/2025

Municipal Plan Expiration: 1/6/2033

Planning Process Currently Confirmed? Yes No

Activity	Progress? (select all that may apply)	Explanation of Progress
Preparation or adoption of bylaws or amendments:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity	Georgia’s zoning was updated in 2021 as a result of recommendations from the 2019 South Village Transportation Master Plan. An implementation action of the 2025 Town Plan is to conduct a study to assess these changes and investigate the possible use of form-based code and/or design standards in the South Village Zoning District. Changes were also made to the Future Land Use Map that the town intends to implement through zoning updates. The plan states that updates to the zoning code should begin within the first year of adoption of the plan.
Capital budgets and programs:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity	Georgia’s most recent capital budget is the 2019-2024 Capital Budget and Program. An implementation action of the 2025 Town Plan is to update the Capital Budget and Program and revise it to be consistent with the adopted Capital Facilities and Equipment Impact Fee Ordinance.

<p>Supplemental plans: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all. Examples: Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sidewalk Plan, etc.)</p>	<p>X Activity Completed X Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>Georgia completed a South Village Transportation Master Plan in 2019 in collaboration with VTrans and NRPC. This plan resulted in an update to the South Village zoning district in the town’s zoning regulations. Other recommendations from the plan related to transportation improvements have not been implemented, such as a redesigned Route 7/104A intersection, an expanded park and ride, and a traffic signal at Exit 18. While these specific improvements were not mentioned in the Town Plan, a priority implementation action of the plan is to “coordinate with the State of Vermont on potential improvements along Route 7 and 104A in South Village to improve conditions”.</p>
<p>Other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all)</p>	<p>Activity Completed X Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>A major priority throughout the plan is to seek state designations for the South Village and Georgia Center. The plan states how a designation would qualify the village for grant funding programs to establish water and sewer, which is necessary to attract and enable a more walkable downtown village. The villages may be eligible for inclusion as village centers under the new state designation system through the NRPC Regional Plan update, and the town will work with NRPC during the Regional Future Land Use mapping process to establish these centers. The town may also collaborate with NRPC to pursue a New Town Center designation for the South Village before that category is phased out in Fall 2025.</p>

24 V.S.A. 4350(c): *In order to retain confirmation or the planning process, a municipality shall document that it has reviewed and is actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan.*

(1) When assessing whether a municipality has been actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan, the regional planning commission shall consider the activities of the local boards and commissions with regard to the preparation or adoption of bylaws and amendments; capital budgets and programs; supplemental plan; or other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan. The regional planning commission shall consider factors that may have hindered or delayed municipal implementation efforts.

(2) The consultation may include guidance by the regional planning commission with regard to resources and technical support available to the municipality its adopted plan and recommendations by the regional planning commission for plan amendments and for updating the plan prior to readoption under section 4387 of this title.

In order to obtain or retain confirmation, a municipality must be actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan. Actively engaged is defined as making progress in all of the four implementation categories above or a determination that the plan does not call for any implementation actions in a category.

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