

**Community  
Profile  
Draft**

**CHAPTER TWO**  
**PLAN 2040**  
**COMMUNITY GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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## Plan 2040 Goals

The previous Plan 2040 Vision & Goals were derived from stakeholders, County and City staff, community advisory committees and members of the public. Through virtual meetings, pop-up events and surveys in years 2025-2026 an assessment can be made on the progress towards the 20-year planning horizon. Each element of the Comprehensive Plan has a vision, goals and strategies which allows for the Plan to serve as a guide to Unincorporated Chatham County and Savannah officials in day-to-day decision making. The 2026 mid-cycle review of the Plan, vision, goals, and strategies spotlights numerous successes.

Visions and goals are aspirational in general; however, Unincorporated Chatham County and Savannah have been able to demonstrate steady achievability through strategic planning and implementation.

### Element #1: Economic Development

**Vision:** *Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah are anchors to a thriving, business-friendly, regional economy in which all workers are prepared for quality jobs, and residents feel empowered to attain a high quality of life*

#### Goals:

1. Using accurate and reliable data, link current and projected needs of employers through the development of apprenticeship and vocational programs for the placement of individuals with quality employment leading to self-sufficiency
2. Foster a positive environment that provides opportunities for all businesses
3. Increase economic mobility by reducing barriers and creating opportunities for quality employment for young adults, the economically disadvantaged, justice involved, and individuals with behavioral health needs
4. Implement outreach and programming that lead to economically inclusive entrepreneurial growth and innovation through the enhanced presence of small business support services and collaboration among local businesses
5. Become a community with economically vibrant, safe neighborhoods and commercial centers

## Land Use Element

**Vision:** *Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah are healthy and safe places to live, work, play and raise a family, and have social and economic values that integrate the area's history, natural resources, efficient government, and public mobility system*

### Goals:

1. Establish growth policies for the City of Savannah that seek to guide development and redevelopment in a responsible manner, encouraging compact development, walkable neighborhoods, increased connectivity, and open space preservation
2. Identify and prioritize future annexations that are regionally coordinated and promote responsible growth
3. Utilize small area and corridor plans as a means to protect the character of existing areas and ensure new development is compatible
4. Continue to create innovative ways to connect people with places
5. Enhance the character and image of major corridors by implementing the design and construction of safe, attractive, vibrant, and pedestrian-friendly streetscapes that project a positive image while encouraging walking

## Transportation Element

**Vision:** *Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah prioritize safe mobility for all users; offer efficient mobility options to support economic vitality; provide infrastructure that is sensitive to unique local characteristics; connect neighborhoods to education, employment, and services; and sustain environmental quality with clean mobility modes*

### Goals:

1. Support safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation designs and improvements that enhance neighborhood connectivity for all modes of travel including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists
2. Improve accessibility to employment centers, institutions, commercial corridors, and recreational facilities equitably through multi-modal connections, bikeways, trails and greenways
3. Maintain and preserve transportation infrastructure in a manner that protects unique regional characteristics, quality-of-life, and the environment
4. Maintain and enhance transportation infrastructure that supports and enables local, regional and global economic vitality and competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency
5. Promote and provide equitable neighborhood connectivity and built environments that encourage active and healthy lifestyles through the strategic placement of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, public parks, enforcement of road regulations, and education about health benefits

## Housing Element

**Vision:** *Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah achieve affordable, diverse and safe housing for their residents through efficient and effective policies and programs*

### **Goals:**

1. Improve neighborhood stability where all residents, regardless of income, can occupy, maintain, and improve their homes without undue financial hardship
2. Increase supportive housing for special needs populations, such as individuals who are homeless, mentally ill, disabled, and residents in drug recovery
3. Increase affordable housing stock
4. Decrease homelessness

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## Natural Resources Element

**Vision:** *Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah are enhanced by the protection and maintenance of natural resources and ecosystems*

### Goals:

1. Protect the public health, safety, and welfare of residents from flood hazards
2. Enhance water, flooding, and hazard related public education and outreach efforts
3. Monitor projections for changing future conditions and implement plans, policies, and property protection to reduce potential damages
4. Preserve and protect potable water sources to ensure adequate drinking water supplies for existing and future residents
5. Protect and preserve existing tree canopy and require planting of additional native trees during the development process to mitigate negative impacts of stormwater runoff and the heat island effect of large areas of impervious surfaces, in addition to improving air quality
6. Increase communities' adaptive capacity and resiliency
7. Manage the impacts of climate change as it relates to land use and development through mitigation and adaptation measures
8. Proactively manage stormwater runoff
9. Plan for the mitigation and redevelopment of brownfields for productive use

## Quality of Life Element - Historic Resources

**Vision:** *Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah as historical and emerging cultural resources provide unique advantages to balance preservation with development and economic growth*

### **Goals:**

1. Survey culturally, historically, and architecturally significant sites, buildings, and structures in unincorporated Chatham County and Savannah
2. Incorporate affordable housing strategies into current and future preservation plans
3. Identify and address community health issues that impact historic preservation efforts and encourage healthy communities through historic preservation
4. Identify and address climate resiliency strategies and incorporate them into a Climate Resiliency Plan for unincorporated Chatham County and Savannah's historic and cultural resources
5. Broaden historic preservation efforts to highlight and include historically underrepresented stories, sites, and communities
6. Create new and support existing heritage tourism programs in unincorporated Chatham County and Savannah in order to highlight their cultural and historic heritage
7. Promote the preservation and public awareness of culturally and archaeologically significant sites in unincorporated Chatham County and Savannah

## Quality of Life Element - Education

**Vision:** *Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah are innovative and inclusive educational systems, and are a model of academic excellence that enables students to have the knowledge, skills, and ability to succeed at chosen pathways*

### Goals:

1. Ensure equitable access of critical life skills including soft skills, financial, social, and conflict resolution skills are available to parents/legal guardians and taught to all students through the use of technology, community partnerships, and counseling
2. Implement career track, internship, and mentorship programs between employers and students while increasing leadership development programs between community organizations, businesses, and public schools to prepare students for employment and promote upward mobility
3. Plan for changing populations, capacities, and overcrowding and increase the quality of education and academic performance at SCCPSS
4. Incentivize and promote parental involvement in schools by teaching parents to advocate for their child(ren), facilitating better communication between parents and school leadership, and eliminating barriers to parent engagement
5. Ensure families and community members have the ability to promote and reinforce literacy and numeracy instruction that takes place in a student's learning experience

## Quality of Life Element - Community Health

**Vision: Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah have a culture of health including equal access to quality and affordable healthcare, chronic disease prevention, health inclusive policies, and healthy environmental design**

### **Goals:**

1. Effectively address mental health by educating the public and reducing stigma, increasing early intervention programs, removing gaps and barriers, and increasing access to treatment including returning and detained residents, children, adolescents, and the homeless
2. Invest in community-based health resources to increase health equity by providing access to preventive health services, health education, and strategies to encourage individuals and families to adopt healthy behaviors
3. Instill healthy practices in schools by providing comprehensive health education, nutrient-rich foods, opportunities for physical activity, and prevention education including, but not limited to, violence prevention
4. Increase access to healthy food for populations that are most likely to be food-insecure such as older adults, children, those in poverty, and those who live in food apartheid

## Quality of Life Element - Public Safety

***Vision: Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah provide a community that is a safe place to live, work, and raise a family, and within which protection of residents is considered an integral part of its social and economic values***

### **Goals:**

1. Ensure better quality of life through multifaceted strategies of public safety. The strategies include reducing crime by focusing on asset building; meeting community needs; expanding visibility and capacity of resources and programs provided by first responders; and building trust between law enforcement and residents
2. Develop local and regional collaboration among organizations to improve the delivery of social services and to expand resources including, but not limited to, behavioral health and public health services
3. Provide effective and efficient government services while ensuring that processes and procedures are planned and executed with transparency

## **Quality of Life Element - Broadband & Fiber Optics**

***Vision: Unincorporated Chatham County & Savannah have closed the digital divide to ensure access to fast affordable, and reliable broadband while acquiring world class broadband network capabilities to accelerate high-tech business development***

### **Goals:**

1. Ensure all of Chatham County has access to broadband service

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Chatham County and the City of Savannah have demonstrated meaningful progress by aligning strong public engagement with established best practices and coordinated regional collaboration. Through this unified approach, 98 strategies have been completed, implemented, or advanced, reflecting measurable progress toward a more inclusive, resilient, and prosperous community. These accomplishments represent the collective work of local governments, regional planning agencies, community organizations, educational institutions, and private sector partners whose collaboration has strengthened implementation efforts and expanded the region's capacity to achieve shared goals.

The goals included in this Plan 2040 Update are supported by deliberate and sequential actions that advance long term outcomes. These actions reflect key accomplishments rather than isolated activities, demonstrating continued progress toward community priorities. Recognizing these milestones is important because each completed strategy contributes to broader regional objectives such as economic opportunity, responsible growth, improved mobility, housing stability, environmental stewardship, and enhanced quality of life.

Regional partners have advanced workforce alignment, supported entrepreneurship, and expanded pathways to quality employment through Economic Development initiatives. Land Use and Transportation efforts have promoted compact development, multimodal connectivity, and improved infrastructure planning. Housing strategies have strengthened neighborhood stability and expanded affordable and supportive housing options. Natural Resources initiatives have advanced resilience planning, conservation efforts, and protection of critical environmental assets. Quality of Life initiatives have supported historic preservation, educational planning, community health programs, and equitable public safety practices that strengthen trust and transparency.

Overall, the Plan includes 48 goals supported by more than 200 strategies. The accomplishment tables that follow provide a structured summary of key accomplishments and demonstrate the continued momentum achieved through coordinated regional action.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Element Overview

Economic Development initiatives focused on aligning workforce training with employer demand, expanding economic mobility, strengthening small business growth, and advancing vibrant, connected commercial areas. The accomplishments below demonstrate coordinated regional action among workforce partners, educational institutions, and local governments to support long-term economic resilience.

### Goal 1

**Using accurate and reliable data to align employer needs with apprenticeship and vocational pathways leading to quality employment**

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
E.1.1	Established coordinated employer–training provider network connecting workforce programs to living-wage career pathways.	CGIC, CWDB, SACC, STC, SU	2023
E.1.2	Expanded job shadowing, internship, and apprenticeship opportunities aligned with regional workforce demand, prioritizing youth and young adults.	ASU, CGIC, CWDG, LG, SACC, SEDA	2023
E.1.3	Increased workforce training capacity supporting employment and entrepreneurship outcomes.	CGIC, STC, EOA, SU	2024
E.1.4	Convened employer working group advancing living-wage practices and improved access to benefits.	CGIC, CWDB, SACC, STC, SU, LG	2023
E.1.6	Strengthened collaboration through a shared apprenticeship and internship clearinghouse linking employers and job seekers.	CGIC, CWDB, SACC, STC, SU, LG	2024

## Impact Summary:

Regional partners strengthened collaboration between employers and workforce providers, expanded apprenticeship and internship pipelines, and improved access to training opportunities that lead to living-wage careers. These efforts created clearer pathways to employment while improving alignment between education systems and industry needs.

## Goal 3

**Increase economic mobility by reducing barriers to quality employment.**

## Impact Summary:

Partners advanced equitable workforce initiatives by expanding scholarship access, strengthening employer retention practices, and increasing financial support awareness for residents facing the greatest barriers to employment. These actions supported broader economic mobility and helped diversify regional industry growth.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
E.3.1	Implemented community-based scholarship and training connections for economically disadvantaged and justice-involved populations.	CGIC, SACC, SEDA, SU, GDCCS, LG	2024
E.3.4	Advanced cross-sector initiatives addressing inequities affecting housing, health, and economic mobility.	CGIC, SEC, SACC, SEDA, LG	Completed
E.3.5	Delivered employer best-practice guidance to improve retention and reduce workforce turnover.	CGIC, SEC, SEDA, SACC, LG	Completed
E.3.6	Expanded outreach and access to financial support services in high-poverty ZIP codes.	CGIC, HAS, SU, UW, LG	Completed
E.3.9	Developed funding strategies supporting economic diversification and regional innovation.	CGIC, SEDA, SACC, LG	Completed
E.3.10	Advanced initiatives supporting growth of the local film industry sector.	SEDA, SFC, LG	Completed

## Goal 4

Support inclusive entrepreneurial growth and small-business innovation.

### Impact Summary:

Economic development partners strengthened the regional small-business ecosystem through workforce up-skilling initiatives and policy incentives designed to encourage entrepreneurship and support business expansion.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
E.4.2	Expanded employee up-skilling programs to support career advancement and workforce competitiveness.	LG, SEDA, SBAC, SBDC, SBEN	2023
E.4.3	Implemented policy incentives supporting startup development and growth of existing small businesses.	LG, SBAC, SBDC, SBEN	2024

## Goal 5

Become a community with economically vibrant, safe neighborhoods and commercial centers

### Impact Summary:

Planning and transportation initiatives supported sustainable development patterns, promoted mixed-use growth, and advanced active transportation infrastructure that improves access to commercial areas while enhancing community livability.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
E.5.1	Promoted mixed-use development strategies encouraging sustainable density and reduced vehicle dependency.	MPC	Completed
E.5.2	Advanced active transportation policy prioritizing walking, biking, and transit connections to commercial corridors.	MPC, LG, CAT	2022

# LAND USE

## Element Overview

Land Use initiatives focused on guiding responsible growth and redevelopment through policy alignment, zoning improvements, and planning practices that support walkable neighborhoods, compact development, and environmental sustainability. These actions help ensure that future development strengthens community connectivity while preserving open space and enhancing quality of life.

## Goal 1

**Establish growth policies for the City of Savannah that guide development and redevelopment in a responsible manner, encouraging compact development, walkable neighborhoods, increased connectivity, and open space preservation**

## Impact Summary

Planning and policy partners advanced land use strategies that promote pedestrian-oriented development patterns and diversified housing opportunities. By aligning zoning regulations with long-term growth goals, these efforts supported more connected neighborhoods, improved accessibility, and sustainable urban form across the city.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
L.1.1	Updated zoning framework to support pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development and a broader mix of housing types aligned with responsible growth policies.	LG	2024

# TRANSPORTATION

## Element Overview

Transportation initiatives focused on advancing safe, efficient, and sustainable mobility options that improve connectivity across neighborhoods and employment centers. Regional partners collaborated to expand multimodal access, strengthen infrastructure resilience, and promote equitable transportation systems that support economic opportunity, environmental stewardship, and quality of life.

## Goal 1

**Support safe, efficient, and sustainable transportation designs that enhance neighborhood connectivity for all modes of travel**

## Impact Summary

Transportation partners advanced multimodal planning and infrastructure improvements that prioritize safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists. Policy development and corridor enhancements supported more connected neighborhoods while improving access between residential areas, employment centers, and community destinations.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
T.1.1	Advanced multimodal transportation planning connecting workforce populations to employment centers.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO, MPC	Completed
T.1.2	Implemented road diets and traffic calming strategies improving safety and mobility on existing corridors.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO, MPC, GDOT	2023
T.1.3	Prioritized pedestrian infrastructure improvements near homes, schools, transit stops, and commercial corridors.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO, GDOT, MPC	2023

## Goal 2

**Improve equitable access to employment centers, institutions, and recreational facilities through multimodal connections**

## Impact Summary

Partners strengthened regional mobility by expanding transit planning, improving pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, and advancing accessibility-focused policies. These initiatives enhanced transportation options for residents while supporting equitable access to jobs, education, and community resources.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
T.2.1	Advanced funding strategies supporting expansion of public transit service across Chatham County.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO	2023
T.2.2	Secured funding pathways to improve pedestrian and bicycle access between transit hubs and major destinations.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO, GDOT	2024
T.2.3	Updated accessibility policies to improve accommodations for individuals with disabilities across sidewalks and crosswalks.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO	2025
T.2.4	Evaluated transit system enhancements to increase service frequency and reliability along high-demand corridors.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO, GDOT	2024

## Goal 3

**Maintain and preserve transportation infrastructure while protecting regional character, environmental sustainability, and quality of life**

### Impact Summary

Infrastructure planning efforts emphasized resilience, historic preservation, and environmental stewardship. Partners integrated sea level rise considerations, safety recommendations, and context-sensitive design criteria to ensure transportation investments support long-term sustainability and regional identity.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
T.3.1	Established evaluation criteria ensuring road projects align with local context, historic preservation, and transportation amenities.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO	2024
T.3.2	Integrated sea level rise impact analysis into transportation planning for roads, bridges, and infrastructure improvements.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO, GDOT	2024
T.3.3	Advanced policy and infrastructure recommendations from the Freight Transportation Plan to improve safety and efficiency.	LG, CAT, CORE MPO, GDOT	2024

## Goal 5

**Promote equitable neighborhood connectivity and built environments that encourage active and healthy lifestyles**

### Impact Summary

Transportation and community partners strengthened active transportation networks, expanded equitable transit planning, and advanced green infrastructure initiatives that support healthier communities. These actions improved access to parks, transit, and walkable environments while promoting long-term environmental and public health benefits.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
T.5.2	Developed equitable transit routing plans expanding access across Chatham County through coordinated regional partnerships.	CGIC, MPC, CORE MPO, BWS, CAT, LG	2024
T.5.8	Strengthened tree planting and replacement ordinances supporting expanded green space and environmental resilience.	LG, MPC, STF, GLT, GC	2022
T.5.10	Established measurable benchmarks for equitable access to biking, walking, transit,	CGIC, MPC, CORE MPO, BWS, CAT,	2023

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
	and greenspace resources.	LG, GDOT	

## HOUSING

### Element Overview

Housing initiatives focused on strengthening neighborhood stability, expanding supportive housing opportunities, and increasing the availability of affordable and diverse housing options. Regional partners advanced policy improvements, resilience planning, and coordinated service delivery to support residents across all income levels while promoting long-term community sustainability.

### Goal 1

**Improve neighborhood stability so all homeowners, regardless of income, can maintain and improve their homes without undue financial hardship**

### Impact Summary

Housing partners advanced policies that encourage preservation and rehabilitation of existing housing while improving access to housing counseling resources. These efforts supported energy efficiency, long-term affordability, and improved housing stability for residents across the community.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
H.1.1	Updated housing policies promoting preservation, rehabilitation, and energy-efficiency improvements supporting long-term housing stability.	LG, CHSA, HSF, HAS	2023
H.1.2	Strengthened housing counseling practices through adoption of best-practice guidance and program improvements.	LG, CHSA, HAS, HSF	2022

## Goal 2

### Increase supportive housing for special needs populations

#### Impact Summary

Partners strengthened coordinated housing strategies addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, including individuals experiencing homelessness, disability, or recovery challenges. Planning efforts supported expanded service alignment and long-term supportive housing development.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
H.2.1	Developed a comprehensive supportive housing plan addressing the needs of special populations across the community.	LG, CHSA, HAS, LIFE, CSAH	2025

## Goal 3

### Increase affordable housing stock

#### Impact Summary

Housing and planning partners advanced zoning, resilience, and development strategies that expand affordable housing options while supporting innovative housing models. These actions strengthened long-term housing supply, improved climate resilience considerations, and promoted diverse housing opportunities for residents at all stages of life.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
H.3.2	Evaluated inclusionary zoning strategies to support expansion of affordable housing supply.	MPC, LG	2022
H.3.3	Adopted policies enabling a broader range of housing types within existing neighborhoods.	MPC, LG	2023
H.3.4	Advanced infill housing policy options supporting innovative housing models such as tiny homes and prefabricated units.	MPC, LG, HAS	2025

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
H.3.6	Integrated climate vulnerability considerations into residential and commercial development planning.	LBA, LG, CHSA	Completed
H.3.7	Expanded affordable housing options tailored to the needs of a growing senior population.	MPC, LG, HAS	2022

## Goal 4

**Increase coordinated outreach connecting individuals experiencing homelessness to housing and supportive services**

### Impact Summary

Community partners strengthened cross-agency collaboration to improve outreach, engagement, and referral pathways for individuals experiencing homelessness. These efforts enhanced access to housing interventions and supportive services across the region.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
H.4.3	Expanded coordinated outreach efforts connecting individuals experiencing homelessness with housing and service resources.	CSAH, LG, CHSA, HAS, LH, PD, EMS, FD	Completed

## NATURAL RESOURCES

### Element Overview

Natural Resources initiatives focused on strengthening environmental resilience, protecting water and ecological systems, and advancing climate adaptation strategies that safeguard public health and infrastructure. Regional partners coordinated policy development, education, conservation planning, and hazard mitigation efforts to support sustainable growth while protecting natural assets for future generations.

## Goal 1

Protect public health, safety, and welfare from flood hazards

### Impact Summary

Planning and infrastructure partners advanced growth management strategies that guide development away from vulnerable areas. These actions reduced flood risk exposure while supporting responsible long-term land use and infrastructure investment.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.1.11	Directed infrastructure planning toward appropriate growth areas to reduce exposure to flood hazards.	LG, MPC	2023

## Goal 2

Improve public education and outreach related to water, flooding, and hazards

### Impact Summary

Partners strengthened community awareness through expanded outreach programs and educational initiatives focused on flood preparedness and stormwater management. These efforts encouraged residents to adopt mitigation practices while promoting stewardship of critical water resources.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.2.3	Expanded flood hazard communication and outreach programs to improve public awareness and preparedness.	LG, CEMA	2023
N.2.4	Advanced community education initiatives encouraging property-level mitigation practices.	LG, GA, STF, GADNR	2023
N.2.6	Delivered public education on stormwater management and water resource protection.	LG, GA, GAEPD, GADNR	2024

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## Goal 3

**Reduce potential damages from climate change through planning and mitigation**

### Impact Summary

Regional partners integrated climate adaptation strategies into infrastructure planning, hazard mitigation, and shoreline management. These actions improved resilience to sea level rise, extreme weather, and long-term environmental change while supporting coordinated regional response efforts.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.3.4	Identified climate adaptation technologies and mitigation practices for local implementation.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA	2022
N.3.5	Integrated climate considerations into planning, infrastructure design, and emergency management processes.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA, CEMA	2023
N.3.6	Prioritized elevation or relocation planning for infrastructure vulnerable to sea level rise.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR	2022
N.3.8	Strengthened shoreline and wetland monitoring to identify and mitigate erosion risks.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR	2022
N.3.9	Improved coordination and capacity for regional hazard mitigation projects and programs.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR	2023

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## Goal 4

**Protect potable water sources and ensure long-term drinking water supply**

### Impact Summary

Water resource planning efforts strengthened long-range strategies addressing sea level rise and regional water management. These initiatives supported sustainable growth while

protecting critical drinking water systems.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.4.1	Developed regional adaptation planning for potable water protection and conservation.	LG, GAEPD, DCA	2023
N.4.2	Updated regional water management planning to evaluate system capacity and future growth needs.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA, CEMA	2023

## Goal 5

**Preserve and enhance scenic views**

### Impact Summary

Planning partners advanced studies supporting green space protection and preservation of scenic assets, contributing to environmental stewardship and community character.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.5.1	Completed regional scenic views study informing green space conservation strategies.	LG, GA, GAEPD, GADNR, DCA	2024

## Goal 6

**Conserve tree canopy and expand native tree planting**

### Impact Summary

Urban forestry initiatives strengthened development standards and preservation practices that enhance tree canopy coverage, mitigate urban heat impacts, and support stormwater management goals.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.6.1	Implemented updated tree preservation and replanting procedures during development.	LG, GFC, MPC, STF	2023
N.6.3	Established tree canopy coverage standards supporting environmental resilience.	LG, GFC, MPC, STF	2023

## Goal 7

Improve community adaptability to changing natural and built environments

### Impact Summary

Partners advanced resilience planning through renewable energy initiatives, open space conservation, improved data systems, and regional sustainability policies. These actions strengthened the community's ability to prepare for disruptive events while reducing environmental impacts.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.7.1	Developed preparedness strategies supporting resilience to disruptive environmental events.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA, CEMA	2023
N.7.2	Implemented policies reducing carbon emissions and supporting sustainable development practices.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA, CEMA	2023
N.7.3	Expanded renewable energy initiatives including solar, wind, and alternative energy sources.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA	2023
N.7.4	Acquired open space for parks, greenways, and conservation areas.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA,	2022

		CEMA	
<b>N.7.5</b>	Improved data systems supporting hazard mitigation and emergency response.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA, CEMA	2023
<b>N.7.6</b>	Advanced policies promoting energy-efficient industries and cleaner technologies.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA, CEMA	2023
<b>N.7.8</b>	Strengthened regional solid waste management planning supporting coastal resilience.	LG, GA, Private Partners	2023

## Goal 8

**Address climate impacts through mitigation and adaptation measures in land use and development**

### Impact Summary

Cross-sector coordination strengthened climate-informed land use planning, green infrastructure preservation, and flood mitigation strategies. These efforts reduced long-term risk while supporting resilient and sustainable development patterns.

<b>Strategy #</b>	<b>Key Accomplishment</b>	<b>Responsible Partners</b>	<b>Completion</b>
<b>N.8.2</b>	Integrated climate projections into land use and transportation infrastructure planning.	LG, MPC, GDOT, CORE MPO	2023
<b>N.8.3</b>	Strengthened development standards preventing infrastructure placement in flood-prone areas.	LG, MPC, GDOT	2023
<b>N.8.5</b>	Aligned policies with smart growth and energy efficiency best practices supporting long-term resilience.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA	2023
<b>N.8.6</b>	Supported energy-efficient green building techniques reducing	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR,	2023

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
	emissions.	GAEPD, DCA	
<b>N.8.8</b>	Preserved large contiguous green spaces supporting carbon sequestration and conservation.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT	2023
<b>N.8.9</b>	Restored and preserved wetlands to enhance flood mitigation and stormwater management.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR, GDOT, GAEPD, DCA, CEMA	2023
<b>N.8.10</b>	Maintained open floodplains protecting property and accommodating shoreline migration.	LG, MPC, GA, GADNR	2025

## Goal 9

Develop brownfields for productive uses

### Impact Summary

Partners advanced redevelopment strategies that transform underutilized sites into productive community assets while supporting environmental restoration and economic revitalization.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
<b>N.9.2</b>	Defined reuse strategies for brownfield sites supporting mixed-use development and open space opportunities.	LG, MPC, SEDA	2025
<b>N.9.5</b>	Reduced barriers to brownfield redevelopment to support healthy and vibrant community growth.	LG, MPC, SEDA	2022

## Goal 11

Implement a municipal clean energy action plan

## Impact Summary

Energy initiatives advanced building efficiency improvements, workforce training, and incentive research supporting long-term clean energy adoption and reduced environmental impact.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
N.11.2	Evaluated municipal facilities for clean-energy retrofit opportunities.	LG	Completed
N.11.3	Expanded workforce development initiatives supporting energy efficiency and clean energy careers.	LG, SEDA, STC	Completed
N.11.7	Identified incentives promoting energy efficiency and natural resource protection in new construction.	LG, MPC, GA, GAEPD, GADNR, DCA	Completed

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### Element Overview

Quality of Life initiatives focused on strengthening historic preservation, education, community health, and public safety through collaborative planning and community-based programs. Regional partners advanced cultural preservation, improved access to health and wellness resources, supported educational planning, and implemented equitable public safety strategies that enhance community well-being and resilience.

## ***HISTORIC PRESERVATION***

### Goal 1

**Survey culturally, historically, and architecturally significant sites and structures**

### Impact Summary

Historic preservation partners strengthened local preservation capacity through coordinated planning efforts and Certified Local Government designation. These actions supported long-term stewardship of cultural resources while aligning preservation strategies with community growth.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
HP.1.1	Reinstated Certified Local Government status to strengthen historic preservation planning and coordination.	LG, MPC	2023

## Goal 2

**Incorporate affordable housing strategies into preservation planning**

### Impact Summary

Partners expanded collaboration between preservation and housing agencies to balance affordability with historic resource protection. These efforts supported flexible preservation approaches that maintain existing affordable housing options.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
HP.2.1	Strengthened partnerships integrating historic preservation with affordable housing strategies.	LG, MPC, HAS, CHSA, LBA, SHF	Completed
HP.2.2	Advanced preservation flexibility policies supporting retention of affordable historic housing.	LG, MPC, HAS, CHSA, LBA, SHF, HPD	Completed

## Goal 3

**Address community health issues impacting historic preservation**

### Impact Summary

Planning partners developed contingency strategies ensuring preservation programs remain resilient during public health emergencies while protecting cultural assets and community stability.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
HP.3.2	Established contingency planning addressing preservation impacts during public health emergencies.	LG, MPC, HAS, CHSA, LBA, SHF	Completed

## Goal 5

**Highlight historically underrepresented stories and communities**

### Impact Summary

Preservation initiatives expanded recognition of diverse cultural narratives by advancing recommendations from community-led historical initiatives.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
HP.5.3	Expanded historic interpretation efforts following Civil War Memorial Task Force recommendations.	LG, MPC	Completed

## Goal 7

**Promote awareness of culturally and archaeologically significant sites**

### Impact Summary

Partners strengthened protection and ethical stewardship of archaeological resources through policy development and collaborative community engagement.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
HP.7.1	Advanced legislation and planning efforts protecting archaeological resources.	LG, MPC, SHF, HPD	Completed

<b>HP.7.2</b>	Established ethical partnership framework for archaeological artifact stewardship.	LG, MPC, SHF, HPD	2023
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## **EDUCATION**

### **Goal 3**

**Plan for changing populations and improve education system performance**

#### **Impact Summary**

Education and planning partners strengthened coordination to ensure school expansion aligns with future growth and community needs, supporting long-term educational quality.

<b>Strategy #</b>	<b>Key Accomplishment</b>	<b>Responsible Partners</b>	<b>Completion</b>
<b>E.3.1</b>	Coordinated school planning efforts aligning educational facility expansion with projected growth patterns.	SCCPSS	2023

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

### **Goal 1**

**Address mental health needs through education, coordination, and expanded access to services**

#### **Impact Summary**

Community health partners strengthened regional coordination, expanded behavioral health awareness initiatives, and improved access to services through collaborative outreach and training efforts.

<b>Strategy #</b>	<b>Key Accomplishment</b>	<b>Responsible Partners</b>	<b>Completion</b>
<b>C.1.1</b>	Expanded cross-agency behavioral health coordination improving service delivery and resource alignment.	UWCE, CGIC, LH, LG, PD, SBHU, DJJ, CCSD, BHU, GCSB	Completed
<b>C.1.7</b>	Increased employer and workforce awareness of behavioral health resources and insurance benefits.	UWCE, COC, CGIC, LH, LG, PD, SBHU, GCSB	2022
<b>C.1.8</b>	Expanded suicide prevention and	UWCE, CGIC, LH, PD, SBHU, DJJ, CCSD,	2023

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
	resilience training initiatives.	BHU, GCSB	
<b>C.1.9</b>	Strengthened advocacy efforts improving access to health care resources.	UWCE, CGIC, LH, LG, PD, SBHU, DJJ, CCSD, BHU, GCSB	2023

### Goal 3

**Instill healthy practices through education and wellness programming**

#### Impact Summary

Partners expanded youth health education, physical activity initiatives, and employer wellness engagement to support healthier lifestyles across the community.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
<b>C.3.1</b>	Delivered adolescent-focused health education addressing risky behaviors and wellness.	SCCPSS, HS, UWCE, CHD	2024
<b>C.3.2</b>	Implemented daily physical activity initiatives supporting student health and leadership development.	SCCPSS, HS, UWCE, CHD	2025
<b>C.3.3</b>	Expanded workplace wellness initiatives promoting employee health programs.	SCCPSS, HS, UWCE, CHD, COC, LG, CGIC	2023

### Goal 4

**Increase access to healthy food for food-insecure populations**

#### Impact Summary

Community partners advanced food access initiatives through education, policy exploration, and expansion of community gardens supporting nutrition and food security.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
C.4.1	Advanced policy and funding strategies addressing food insecurity and improving access to healthy food.	SCCPSS, HS, UWCE, CHD, LG, CGIC	2023
C.4.3	Delivered nutrition education and healthy cooking programs promoting long-term wellness.	SCCPSS, HS, UGAE, CHD, LH, LG	2022
C.4.6	Expanded community gardens supporting education, food access, and neighborhood engagement.	HS, UGAE, CHD, LG	2023

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Goal 1**

**Improve quality of life through equitable and community-centered public safety strategies**

### **Impact Summary**

Public safety partners strengthened training, policy evaluation, and community-centered design approaches that improve trust, transparency, and effectiveness of local safety initiatives.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
PS.1.2	Enhanced trauma-informed and culturally responsive training for first responders.	PD, FD, EMS, LH, CCSD, LG	2022
PS.1.6	Implemented recognition programs encouraging advanced training and best practices in law enforcement.	PD, CCSD, LG	2023
PS.1.11	Updated public safety policies through community-informed equity review processes.	PD, DJJ, GA, CCSD, LG	2023
PS.1.13	Strengthened internal policy audits supporting accountability within	PD, FD, EMS, DJJ,	2023

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
	emergency response agencies.	GA, CCSD, LG	
PS.1.14	Integrated environmental design strategies into public spaces to reduce crime risks.	PD, MPC, LG	2023

## Goal 2

**Strengthen regional collaboration to improve social service delivery**

### Impact Summary

Partners enhanced coordination across jurisdictions and organizations to align long-term planning efforts and improve resource delivery for residents.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
PS.2.5	Convened annual community and funder meetings to assess needs and outcomes.	LG, UWCE, CGIC	2023
PS.2.7	Strengthened regional planning coordination among neighboring jurisdictions.	MPC, CORE MPO, LG, PD	2023

## Goal 3

**Improve transparency and efficiency in government services**

### Impact Summary

Local government partners advanced transparency initiatives, modernized communication tools, and strengthened infrastructure planning processes to improve public service delivery.

Strategy #	Key Accomplishment	Responsible Partners	Completion
PS.3.1	Clarified SPLOST funding processes supporting community infrastructure investments.	LG, CGIC	2023
PS.3.2	Completed countywide policy and ordinance review improving administrative efficiency.	LG	2025
PS.3.4	Implemented neighborhood-specific communication tools improving resident engagement.	LG, CGIC	2022
PS.3.5	Established asset lifecycle replacement planning for public infrastructure.	LG	2022

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