

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
VIRTUAL - WORK SESSION
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 10:00 AM



The Honorable William "Bill" Edwards, Mayor
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1 Councilmember
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember
The Honorable Corey A. Reeves, District 5 Councilmember
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Presentations
 - 1. Stormwater Management Program Overview (Public Works & Jacobs)
 - 2. Comprehensive Plan Update (CDRA)
- IV. Agenda Items
 - 3. Discussion regarding the City Council's Draft Meeting Schedule for 2021 (City Clerk)
 - 4. Discussion: Public Comment at Council Regular Meetings (**Mayor**)
- V. Executive Session (if needed)

When an Executive Session is Required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation or 3) Real Estate

- VI. Adjournment of Meeting



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SUBJECT: Presentation: Stormwater Management Program Overview

DATE OF MEETING: 12/8/2020

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
MS4 Presentation (Final) 12.8.2020	Cover Memo	12/3/2020

Stormwater Management Program Overview



Public Works



Presented by:

Antonio Valenzuela, Public Works Director

Eric Guth, Senior Project Manager, Jacobs

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Jacobs

Challenging today.
Reinventing tomorrow.

What does MS4 stand for?

Municipal

- System owned or operated by a public agency, such as a city, town, county, state, or federal agency

Separate

- Does **not** connect to the sanitary sewer system and does not lead to a wastewater treatment plant

Storm Sewer System

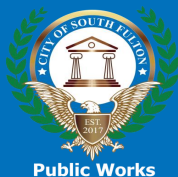
- Drains, ditches, curbs, and gutters that move stormwater from one place to another



Regulations and Ordinances

Georgia Environmental Protection Division Regulations:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Phase II Stormwater Discharge Permit for the City.
- Cities are required to obtain an MS4 permit and develop stormwater management programs to provide permit coverage for their stormwater discharges.
- This permit and associated management programs help prevent polluted stormwater runoff from being transported through municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4's) and discharged into local water bodies.

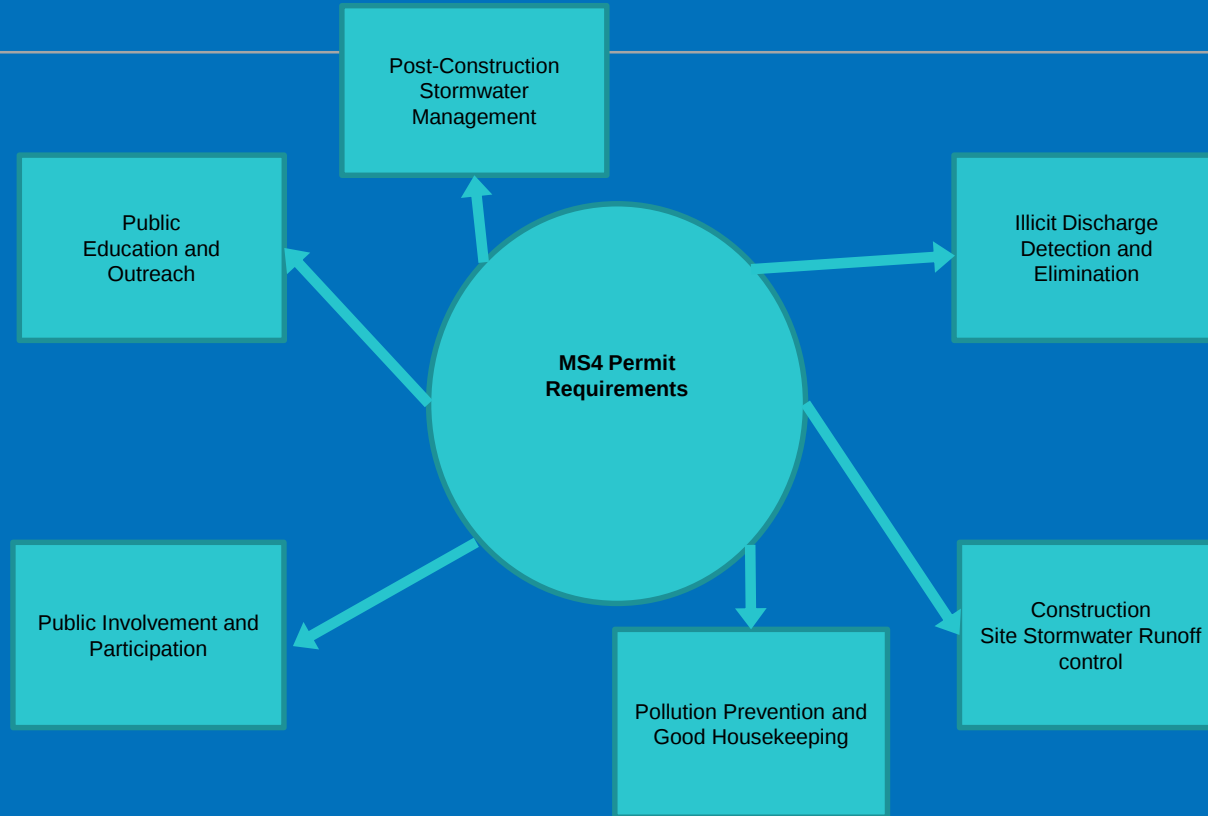


Stormwater Ordinances to support MS4 Regulations

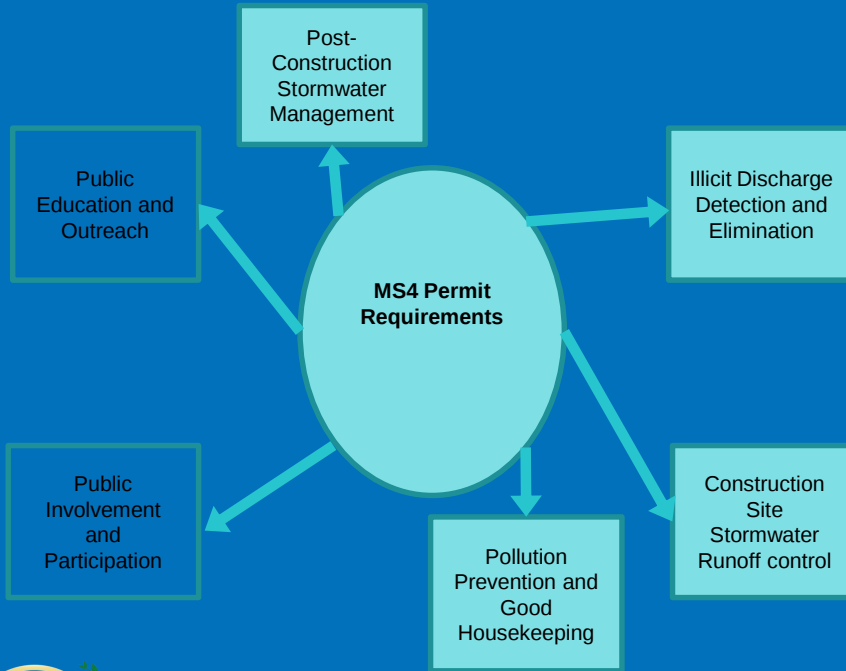
- ☐ **City adopts model stormwater management ordinances (Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD)):**
 - ☐ Sedimentation & Erosion Control (ORD 2020-033)
 - ☐ Post-Development stormwater management for new and redevelopment (ORD 2020-032)
 - ☐ Illicit Discharge detection and elimination (ORD 2020-026)
 - ☐ Stream buffer protection (ORD 2020-034)
 - ☐ Litter control (ORD 2020-010)
 - ☐ Construction site waste management (ORD 2020-031)



MS4 Permit – Minimum control measures



Public Education / Involvement

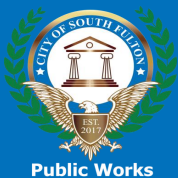


Public Education

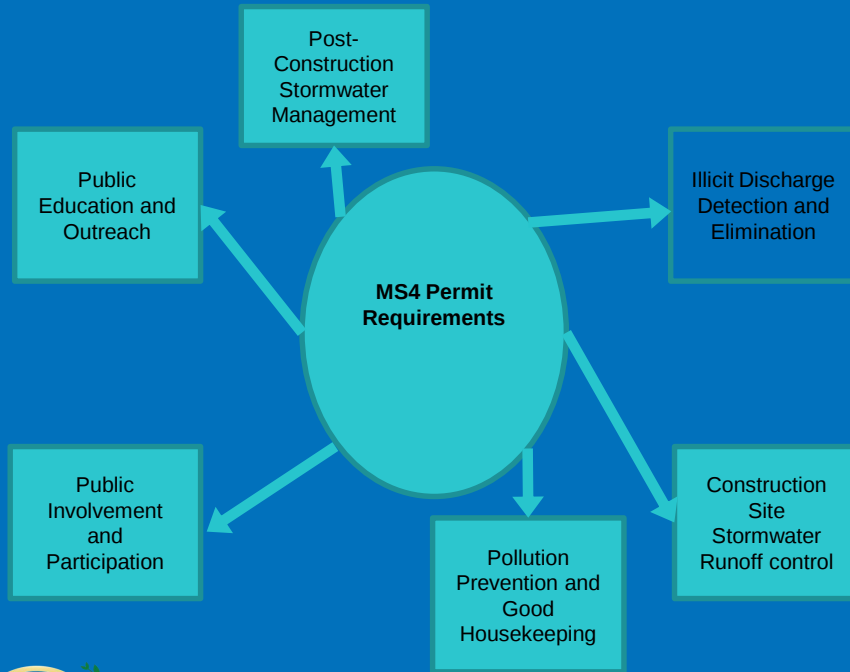
- Publish education articles in city newsletter, website
- Printed brochures displayed at city facilities
- Social media – Facebook, Twitter

Public Involvement

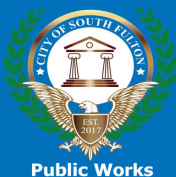
- Stream cleanup event
- Storm drain marking event
- Recycling event



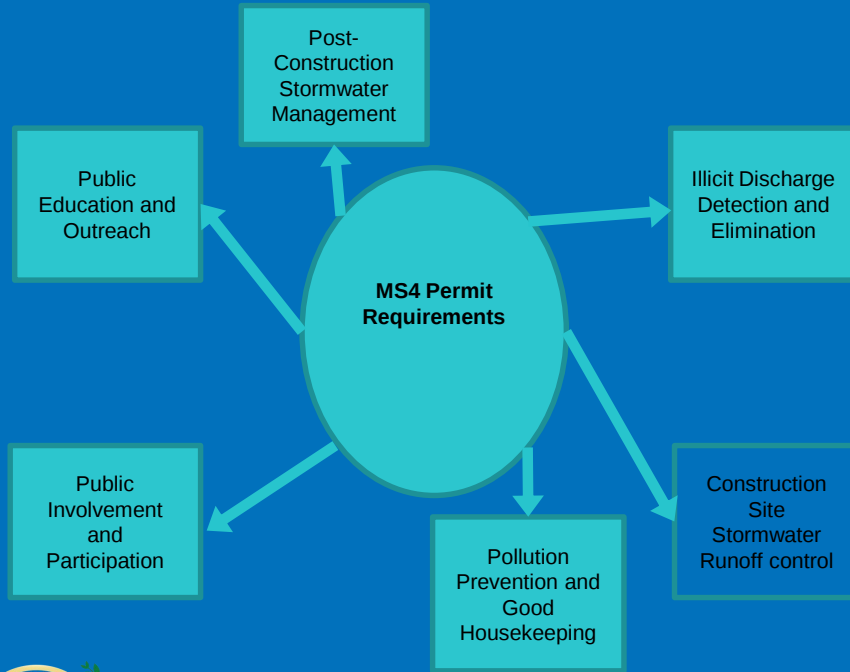
Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination



- Creation and maintenance of outfall inventory and map
- Creation and implementation of an IDDE Plan
 - Outfall inspections
 - Dry weather screening
 - Enforcement
- Implement an IDDE education program



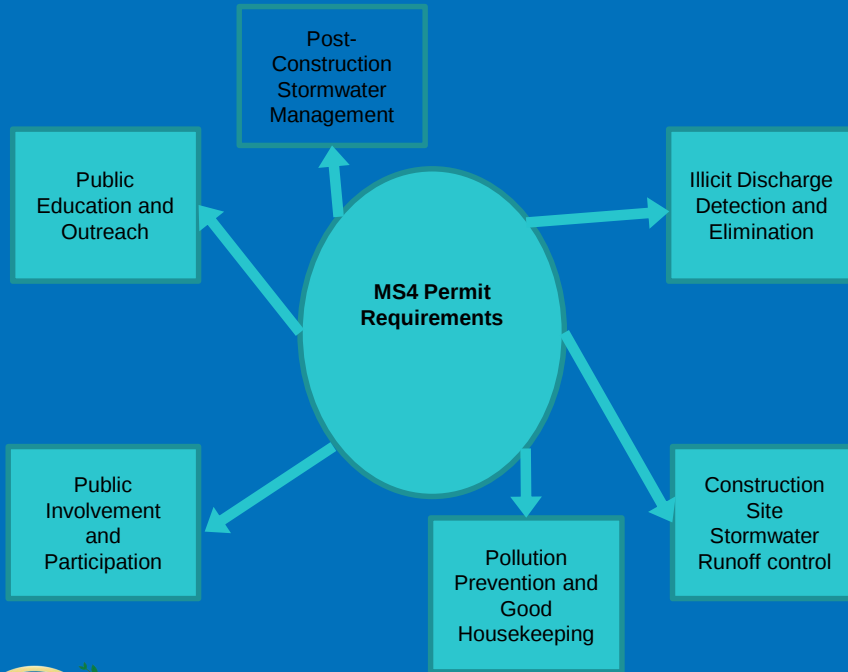
Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control



- Site plan reviews
- Erosion and Sedimentation Plan – Approved by GA Soil and Water Conservation Commission
- Site inspections
- Enforcement
- Complaint response
- Training – Erosion and Sediment control certification



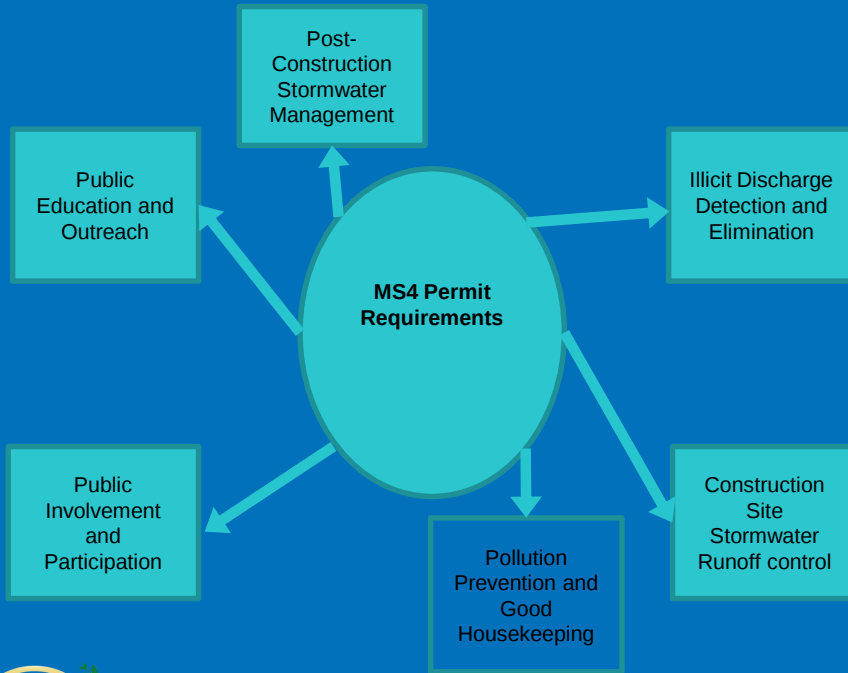
Post-Construction Stormwater Management



- Inventory of all stormwater structures and conveyances (BMP's) installed through private development
- Ongoing maintenance of BMP's
- Scheduled Inspections of BMP's
- Green infrastructure & low-impact development



Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping



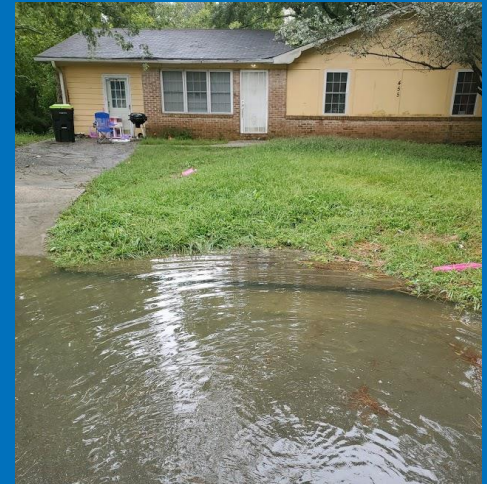
- Inventory of stormwater structures
 - Inlets, catch basins, pipe, ditches and outfalls
- Structure maintenance & inspection
 - All inventory must be inspected once every 5 years
 - On-demand maintenance
- Street maintenance
- Municipal facilities inspection and housekeeping
 - Fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide inventory and housekeeping
- Flood management projects



How Will This Affect the CoSF?

Benefits

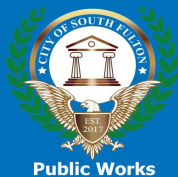
- Improves water quality
 - Better water to drink
 - Cleaner water for fishing
 - Safer water for swimming
- Helps prioritize maintenance
 - Less flooding in the city
 - Less sinkhole formation
 - Less illicit discharge
- Promotes Better Development
- Educates the Public



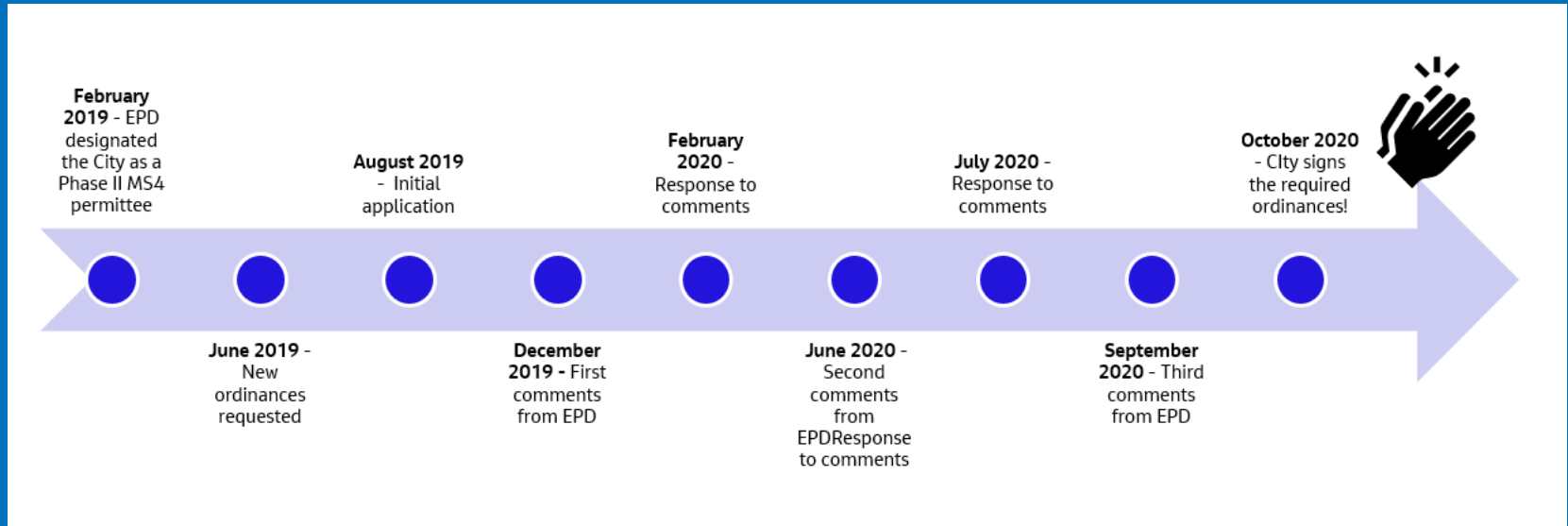
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Anti-Litter Commercial

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Status of City's MS4 Permit Application



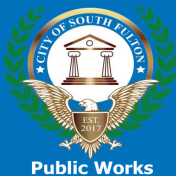
Stormwater Program Estimated Expenses

South Fulton Stormwater Permit Compliance	Needed Funds/year	Currently Funded through PW (Pre-Permit)	New Expense
Operations and Maintenance Funding Needs			
Maintenance and repair (M&R) of outfalls	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00
Maintenance of storm piping	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Repair & replace (R&R) of storm piping	\$1,500,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,400,000.00
Ditch maintenance	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00
M&R of storm inlets and catch basins	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Street sweeping of designated streets	\$100,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$30,000.00
Litter management and ROW maintenance	\$576,000.00	\$576,000.00	\$0.00
Subtotal =	\$2,726,000.00	\$946,000.00	\$1,780,000.00
MS4 Permit Requirements			
Public education & outreach	\$500.00		\$500.00
Public Involvement	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00
Illicit discharge detection and elimination	\$104,500.00		\$104,500.00
Construction site stormwater runoff control	\$170,000.00		\$170,000.00
Post-construction Stormwater Management	\$98,500.00		\$98,500.00
Pollution prevention and good housekeeping	\$212,000.00		\$212,000.00
Subtotal MS4 Requirements =	\$592,500.00	\$0.00	\$592,500.00
Total Stormwater Program Costs =	\$3,318,500.00		\$2,372,500.00



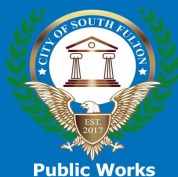
Funding

- Stormwater management is a state and federally mandated program that requires the City of South Fulton to regulate and monitor stormwater in an effort to reduce pollution. However, state and federal governments **do not** provide funding.
- Revenues needed to support this mandated program are provided through the General Fund, or combination of various funding sources including a Stormwater Utility.



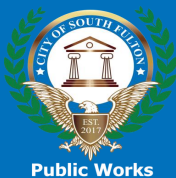
Reasons to Implement a Stormwater Utility

- Provide a sustainable enterprise funding source for compliance with South Fulton's MS4 permit
- Improved response to customer requests
- Maintenance of the municipal stormwater conveyance system
- Rehabilitation of failing infrastructure
- Implement watershed master plan



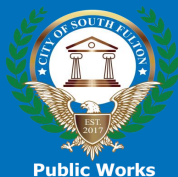
Other Cities and Counties with a Stormwater Utility

City / County	SW Utility Fee (mo)	Annual Fee / Residence	Approximate SW Revenue (annually)
Brookhaven	\$5.50	\$66.00	\$2.1 million
Dunwoody	\$6.54	\$78.48	\$2.1 million
Decatur		\$100.00	\$1.7 million
Roswell	\$4.15	\$49.80	\$2.8 million
Tucker (proposed)	\$5.00	\$60.00	\$2.3 million
Dekalb County	\$4.00	\$48.00	



Summary

- 1) We have a backlog list of unresolved stormwater issues that continues to grow which impacts our citizens.
- 2) Upon funding this program you will see immediate and measurable benefits to the City.
- 3) A user fee funded program is the fairest way to fund this mandated stormwater program.
- 4) If City Council is interested in implementing a stormwater utility, staff can bring back a detailed analysis for discussion.





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SUBJECT: Presentation: Comprehensive Plan Update

DATE OF MEETING: 12/8/2020

DEPARTMENT: Planning

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Presentation to Consider ARC for the 2026 Comp Plan Completion	Cover Memo	12/3/2020



City of South Fulton's 2026 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

- The comprehensive plan communicates a community's goals and objectives, provides a blueprint for future land use, and serves as the **basis for zoning, subdivision, and land use** codes;
- Provides guidance for establishing the laws, policies, and programs to achieve implementation, including sometimes a **master plan**; and
- As part of its formulation, reaches out to a diverse group of **stakeholders** for their help, ideas, and expertise in the developing those goals and identifying the actions needed to achieve them.



Georgia Requirements

According to the **2014 Georgia Minimum Planning Standards**, a comprehensive plan process must contain three components: Needs and Opportunities, Community Goals, and a Community Work Program.

- **Needs & Opportunities:** Identifies strengths and weaknesses
- **Community Goals:** List of desired activities
- **Community Work Program:** Outlines a timeframe for initiating and completing the activity



City of South Fulton's Current Status

- The City's existing Comprehensive Plan was drafted by Fulton County in 2016 and was adopted with the City of South Fulton in 2017 via ***Ord2017-002 - New Code for the City of South Fulton.***
- As a result of *Ord2017-002*, Georgia's Department of Community Affairs (DCA) granted the City of South Fulton its **Qualified Local Government Status** in **2018**.
- The City is required to update our Local Comprehensive Plan by **October 31, 2021**.



What's Next?

- Average **cost** to complete a Comprehensive Plan for a City this size would be around **\$300k**.
- The **Atlanta Regional Commission** offers a Comprehensive Plan, to its local communities, at **no additional cost**.
- The ARC has completed Comprehensive Plans for the following Cities:
 - **Acworth, 2016**
 - **Avondale Estates, 2016**
 - **Douglasville, 2018**
 - **Conyers, 2018**
- The City would be required to sign a **Memorandum of Agreement** to start the work.

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DEPARTMENT: City Council

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FY 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE	Cover Memo	12/3/2020



SOUTH FULTON CITY COUNCIL 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

Work Sessions	Regular Meetings
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 4:00 PM	Tuesday, January 26, 2021 – 10:00 AM
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 – 4:00 PM	Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – 10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 9, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, March 23, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 13, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, April 27, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, May 11, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, May 25, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, June 8, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, June 22, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, July 13, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, July 27, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, August 10, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, August 24, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, September 14, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, September 28, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 12, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, October 26, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, November 9, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, November 23, 2021– 10:00 AM
Tuesday, December 14, 2021– 4:00 PM	Tuesday, December 28, 2021– 10:00 AM

MEETING LOCATION: VIRTUAL

Due to precautions being implemented by the City of South Fulton in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, this meeting will be virtual. The meeting will be broadcast in real-time and can be viewed via streaming on the City's YouTube channel.

For more information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 470-809-7272 or visit the City's website at www.cityofsouthfultonga.gov.



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SUBJECT: Discussion: Public Comment at Council Regular Meetings

**DATE OF
MEETING:** 12/8/2020

DEPARTMENT: Mayor
