

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REPORT

THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

This report provides a yearly summary of the activity of the North Augusta Planning & Development Department. It includes a status and response for each Initiative, Goal and Strategy from the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. Additional details about the Comprehensive Plan is provided in the appendices. The full plan and supporting documents are available at the Planning and Development Office or at the City web site: www.northaugusta.net.

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### **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

### THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

The Planning and Development Department is authorized to:

- 1) Develop, maintain and implement the North Augusta Comprehensive Plan.
- 2) Manage all applications for land subdivision and development within the City limits, develop, maintain and implement the North Augusta Development Code.
- 3) Maintain the Official Zoning Map, respond to day to day community zoning inquiries and manage the map amendment process.
- 4) Compile and analyze population, housing, employment and other data from the U. S. Census and state and local resources.
- 5) Solicit, analyze and publish information related to urban planning and land use topics.

The City of North Augusta Planning and Development Department currently consists of 3 ½ employees. Director, Planner, Code Enforcement Officer and Secretary (split between Planning and Development and Engineering).

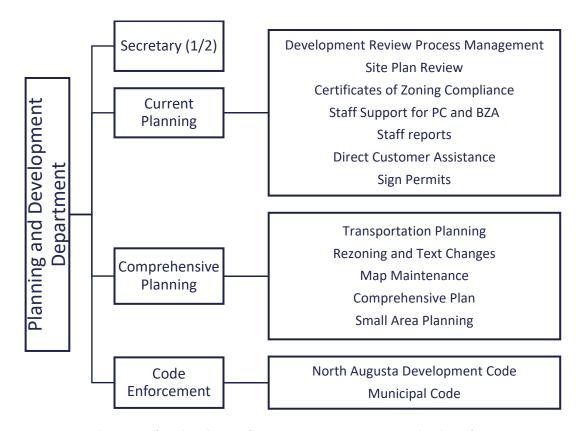
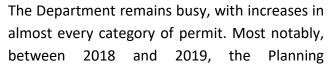
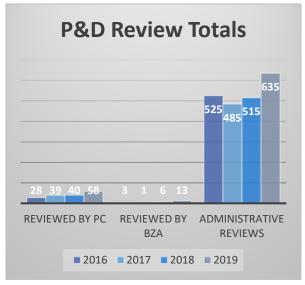


Figure 1: Planning & Development Department Organization Chart

### **PLANNING**

During calendar years 2018 and 2019, Planning has been working steadily to re-establish normal processes and procedures after several years of turnover. Tasks handled by other departments have returned to the Planning and Development Department, including sign permit reviews, minor plat reviews, code enforcement, generation of GIS mapping, and façade grant reviews.





Commission saw a 31% increase in cases, a 54% increase for Board of Zoning Appeals cases, and Pre-submittal meetings were up 72%. These increases are a good indication that the Department will remain busy in 2020. Collected fees remain fairly steady, with a \$ 1,578.50 increase over 2018.

There was an observable reduction in issued Residential Site Plans in 2019. However, with a huge increase in Final Plat approvals (+82% and more than 100 parcels), the Department can reasonably expect that this will rebound in 2020.

Annexations increased by 92% for 2019. This is in response to Envision2018 and 2019, which prioritized annexation in several areas around North Augusta currently surrounded by the municipal limits.

To measure the impact of daily customer service, the Department began tracking incoming and outgoing phone calls. Partial-year totals for phone calls show that 6,230 calls were received by the Department in 2019. Reporting this data will better reflect workload within the department. Both the data list and the Monthly Reports will continue to be monitored for budget development for fiscal year 2021. These reports are provided in full in **Appendix A**.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement also experienced a lot of change in 2019. Returning these responsibilities to the Planning and Development Department was an opportunity to assess internal procedures. It should be noted that Code Enforcement does not operate alone, and the Department appreciates the effort and support over the year.



The number of enforcement cases increased by 76% from 2018 to 2019. Code Enforcement spearheaded the removal of three unsafe structures, removed 721 bandit signs, brought 247 homes into compliance with current codes, and removed 133 inoperable or abandoned vehicles. Over 558 code enforcement cases were closed over 2019.

The Department received a significant number of citizen complaints in 2019. Many of these were the result of a small number of residents reporting large numbers of

violations. While many of these cases were cleared as non-violations, the impact on the Code Enforcement Officer should not be underestimated. It is clear from these cases that citizen outreach will be key in 2020 in order to educate the public about what Code Enforcement is allowed by statute to enforce.





Figure 2: Unsafe Structure Before and After Removal

### 2019 NOTABLE PROJECTS

**Knobcone Sidewalk Project**: the City applied for and received approval from Augusta Regional Transportation Study (ARTS) for funding for a sidewalk to connect North Augusta High School to Knox Middle School. The Engineering and Public Works Department has completed an application for local project management with the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and the project is under review. We anticipate this project to commence in early 2020.

**Martintown Road Corridor Study**: the City received approval for funding assistance from ARTS to study Martintown Road at the I-20 intersection. This study is intended to provide guidance on traffic improvements along the corridor as development continues. This project is in the negotiation stage and we hope to have a scope of work and initial fact-finding complete by the end of first quarter, 2020. A presentation and public comments will be gathered in the first and second quarters of 2020.

**Sign Regulations**: Article 13 of the North Augusta Development Code was updated to respond to legal changes and add several signage options to the code. These changes were finalized on December 2, 2019. An updated sign permit application and guidance documents were issued with this approval.

**Downtown Master Plan**: Staff is in the beginning stages of creating a Downtown Master Plan (also called a "Small Area Plan"). A small area plan allows us to provide analysis and targeted goals for a specific geographic area within the City. Staff continues to work on a project plan. A parking inventory was completed and provided to the Planning Commission.

### **Projects Budgeted for FY 2020:**

**2020 Development Code Rewrite**: Funds were included to hire a consultant to review and revise the 2008 Development Code. The project will be bid after the joint City Council/Planning Commission on January 27, 2020.

Georgia Avenue Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Access Plan: Funds were budgeted in FY2020 to address traffic and pedestrian issues along Georgia Avenue in downtown North Augusta. These plans will complement plans to replace the Georgia Avenue Bridge and will be an important part of the Downtown Master Plan. This plan has been submitted to the ARTS MPO for inclusion in the work plan and the release of matching funds.

**2020/21 Comprehensive Transportation Plan**: Funds were budgeted in FY2020 for a city-wide Transportation Plan. This plan will study changing conditions within the City, opportunities for complete streets, corridor improvements and the accommodation of pedestrian and bicycle

plans in transportation projects. This plan has been submitted to the ARTS MPO for inclusion in the work plan and the release of matching funds.



Figure 3: North Augusta Trolley

**Continuing Education**: Staff provided the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals an opportunity for continuing education opportunities every month in 2019.

South Carolina American Planning Association Conferences: The City organized a trolley tour of Riverside Village and Hammond's Ferry at the Spring Conference based out of Aiken. Staff was invited to present along with Planning Directors from Spartanburg, Sumter and Aiken at the Summer Conference in Greenwood, SC, about

Housing and Housing trends in North Augusta.

**Updated Publications**: Staff updated publications related to Prohibited Signage, Annexation, the New Business Guide and Downtown Façade Grant Application, which have all been placed on the website. The Department also participated in the full replacement of the City's website. Additional publications and applications will be reviewed in 2020.

### COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STATUS UPDATE

This section provides a summary, status and response for each Initiative, Goal and Strategy from the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. A summary list of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Initiatives, Goals and Strategies is provided in **Appendix B**. This review provides a short synopsis of items in the plan and an update by staff in *italics*. Projects listed in the review are examples of work done by the City related to the Comprehensive Plan, but may not represent every program or project in progress. Readers are encouraged to find additional information about the Comprehensive Plan, Departmental accomplishments, and various public events and activities on the City web site: <a href="https://www.northaugusta.net">www.northaugusta.net</a>.

### KEY INITIATIVES REVIEW

### 1. DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

Staff is in the early stages of creating a Downtown Master Plan (also called a "Small Area Plan"). A small area plan allows us to provide analysis and targeted goals for a specific geographic area within the City. There is currently no additional funding budgeted specifically for the Downtown Master Plan, so staff is assembling the plan inhouse. A draft project plan will be presented to the Planning Commission and discussed with leadership as we move forward with its development. To date, a parking inventory has been completed, which also corresponds to several other goals within the Comprehensive Plan. Matching funds are budgeted for the transportation planning portion of the project for Georgia Avenue. Next steps will include presentation of a project plan and coordination with a study provided by Main Street USA in 2019. Plans will likely be presented in first quarter 2020 at a Planning Commission study session and forwarded to City Council as needed.

### 2. ID PRIORITY INVESTMENT AREAS AND DEVELOP POLICIES/ZONING REGULATIONS TO ENCOURAGE MIXED USE AND PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT

A firm/ripe land analysis was completed for the 2017 Comprehensive Plan identifying areas of concern. A review of current regulations and evaluation of changes will occur as part of the Development Code Rewrite scheduled to begin in 2020. As staff completes the Downtown Master Plan, additional areas will be targeted for small area planning.

### 3. CREATE A MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS, GREENEWAY EXPANSION

North Augusta is fortunate to have a robust system of parks within the City. While park facility planning is largely managed by the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department (PRT), Planning does administer provision of open and recreational space as required by the Development Code. These requirements will be reviewed as part of the 2020 Development Code Rewrite. Additional coordination will occur with master planning for the new regional park at the former North Augusta Country Club property in Edgefield County. This will also be complemented by the 2020/2021 Comprehensive Transportation Plan and Georgia Avenue Traffic Calming plans that will provide an opportunity for pedestrian, bicycle and Greeneway connection and expansion.

### 4. ESTABLISH A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Neighborhood improvement is a team effort. It should be noted that the City has made additional strides towards funding capital needs by dedicating additional funds to the Capital Projects Fund the FY2020 budget. The role of Code Enforcement should also be noted for its role in general neighborhood improvement, as evidenced by the previously reported statistics.

The Public Services Department has completed several studies and plans for infrastructure upgrades to public utilities. This includes a 2019 Wastewater Rehabilitation Master Plan, 2019 North Augusta Water System Master Plan, and a 2013-2019 Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance Plan. The Public Services Department continues to pursue low interest funding and grants for replacement of utilities as needed. Extensions are evaluated for feasibility as the opportunity and demand arises. Planning will continue to encourage Public Services and Engineering & Public Works to participate and advise on plans for annexation and extension of service.

Engineering & Public Works presented a list of sidewalk projects as a part of Envision2019. This department manages street repair and repaving, which is prioritized based on available funding locations and conditions.

The 2020/2021 Comprehensive Transportation plan will identify opportunities for additional pedestrian, bicycle and Greeneway expansion and connection.

### 5. EVALUATE OPTIONS FOR A CITY POLICY ON HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND NATURAL AND MAN-MADE FEATURES

Planning understands the value of historic resources, but does not have resources to apply to this initiative at the moment. While having a Certified Local Government status is commendable, this status requires a functioning Historic Properties Commission or Board. Financial incentives are difficult to establish without these standards. Other types of financial incentives would be at the discretion of City Council.

### 6. DEVELOP A PLAN FOR CITY BEAUTIFICATION EFFORTS

Public Services has completed and maintains several projects within streetscapes, landscape medians and gateways across the City. An excellent example of a recent project is the replanting of the median on the improved section of Buena Vista Boulevard. As part of the 2020/21 Comprehensive Transportation Plan, streets and corridors will be evaluated for the inclusion of green space or beautification as appropriate.

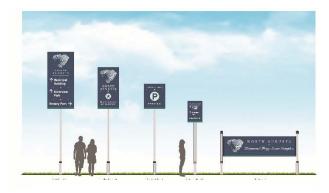


Figure 4: Wayfinding Signage Design Selection, 2019

The City completed the design portion of a wayfinding program in late 2019. Location and programming is scheduled to be complete in early 2020.

Code Enforcement should also be noted for general neighborhood improvement and ongoing efforts to reduce nuisances within the City.

### 7. EVALUATE OPEN SPACE FOR FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING DESIGNATIONS

Staff has identified several tracts that are priorities for rezoning. Most are tracts were rezoned Planned Development (PD) when annexed, but do not have ordinances associated with the property, which creates issues in regulating new development on the property. The Department has attempted contact with the owners and hopes to make good progress in 2020. Future open space or park land goals will be in as noted in Item 3 above.

### GOALS AND STRATEGIES REVIEW

### Sustainable Economic Growth

### 4.1 FOCUS DEVELOPMENT & RESOURCES INTO PRIORITY INVESTMENT AREAS

- 4.1.1 Provide incentives such as reduced setback and reduced parking requirements to attract new investment to existing sites
- 4.1.2 Include specific policies for the priority investment areas in other planning documents
- 4.1.3 Complete small area plans for each priority investment area
- 4.2 ATTRACT HIGH QUALITY JOBS & POSITIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY
  - 4.2.1 Revise zoning to support mixed-use infill development
  - 4.2.2 Attract industries important to the region
  - 4.2.3 Invest in urban amenities that improve quality of life for residents
  - 4.2.4 Provide training, incentives, and incubators to foster new and small businesses
  - 4.2.5 Support the priorities and principles of the Aiken, Edgefield & Saluda Counties Economic Development Partnership as listed in their 2015-2016 Program of Work
- 4.3 PRIORITIZE INFILL & REDEVELOPMENT
  - 4.3.1 Provide incentives that make infill redevelopment as economically attractive as "greenfield" development
  - 4.3.2 Use utility extension policies to discourage development beyond the current urban service limit
  - 4.3.3 Ensure high quality design for new and infill development
  - 4.3.4 Incentivize the redevelopment of aging and high-vacancy shopping centers to high-density, mixed-use, walkable activity centers
- 4.4 ID TARGETED BUSINESSES AND INVESTMENT FOR THE I-20/I-520 INTERCHANGE
  - 4.4.1 Work with regional economic development organizations, such as Aiken-Edgefield-Saluda Economic Development Partnership and the Augusta Economic Development Authority to create strategies on how to develop the I-20/I-520 interchange to attract further investment to the area
- 4.5 FOCUS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN OR NEAR MIXED-USE ACTIVITY CENTERS
  - 4.5.1 Identify the existing and new locations of mixed-use centers so that every resident is within walking distance
  - 4.5.2 Ensure all activity centers include public space

The City Administrator has been working as the main economic development representative of the City and works closely with the Economic Development Partnership. As this position is in transition, we expect clarification of the role of Planning in these efforts as we move forward. City administration may examine other tools as available.

Discussions about several "high-need" areas were covered in Envision2019. Potential regulation changes will be reviewed as part of the 2020 Development Code Rewrite. This may include revisions for density, design and utility connection and expansion, as appropriate. A portion of



Figure 5: Riverside Village

North Augusta has been designated as "Opportunity Zone," which may provide additional incentive for investment in those areas.

Perhaps the largest investment to date for urban amenities has been along the riverfront with Riverside Village, the amphitheater and greenway improvements. Staff continues to work with Parks, Recreation and Tourism to

identify areas that may need additional investment. PRT continues to provide a leadership role for identifying needs for amenities within the City. Planning and Development works with PRT as needed for future planning purposes.

### Efficient, High Quality City Services

### 5.1 ESTABLISH ANNEXATION AND GROWTH STRATEGIES

- 5.1.1 Determine a future growth strategy and possible areas of annexation
- 5.1.2 Expand utilities to areas of targeted growth as needed

### 5.2 ENSURE THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

- 5.2.1 Prioritize infill development and compact growth to ensure North Augusta's tax base can support city services
- 5.2.2 Establish a long-term financial plan for public sector investments
- 5.2.3 Seek out partnerships wherever possible
- 5.2.4 Continue to implement innovative financial mechanisms such as tax increment financing (TIF), municipal improvement districts (MID), and impact fees for new development

Annexation and growth was a major topic with Envision2018 and 2019. Several "donut holes" (areas surrounded by North Augusta but not within the municipal limits) were identified. These properties pose current and future challenges to the provision of City services and Public Safety. Priority is placed on properties that already have City services and do not require additional extension of services. Planning staff has identified properties with annexation agreements that are contiguous and is working to secure annexation petitions for those properties.

In terms of funding and maintenance of the public infrastructure, the City has provided additional support to the Capital Projects Fund in FY2020. Additional mechanisms may be considered as issues are identified. Public Services continues to provide support for the maintenance and installation of utilities as previously discussed.

### Stable, Diverse & Walkable Neighborhoods

### 6.1 REINVEST IN EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

- 6.1.1 Identify and categorize investments that need to be made in North Augusta's neighborhoods including sidewalk repair and expansion, lighting, landscaping, and wayfinding
- 6.1.2 Establish a Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) for the continued investment in neighborhoods
- 6.1.3 Encourage infill development on vacant and underdeveloped lots
- 6.1.4 Preserve historic housing structures in downtown and surrounding neighborhoods
- 6.1.5 Encourage more compact development patterns with higher quality design and building materials to increase and maintain property values
- 6.1.6 Encourage live-work units in both residential and commercial areas
- 6.1.7 Expand the definition and permissible size of accessory living units in residential areas of the city
- 6.2 PROVIDE A MORE VARIED HOUSING STOCK TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN A MORE DIVERSE POPULATION
  - 6.2.1 Promote mixed-income neighborhoods throughout North Augusta, especially in downtown and near employment centers
  - 6.2.2 Revise the zoning ordinance and map to incentivize a variety of housing types at higher densities, including multifamily, courtyard apartments, quadruplexes, duplexes, and accessory units, especially near Downtown and activity centers
- 6.3 IMPROVE URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS
  - 6.3.1 Improve pedestrian facilities in neighborhoods
  - 6.3.2 Make additional connections in existing street network

A sidewalk priority list was presented in Envision2019 and continues to guide installation and maintenance in the City. Projects such as Wayfinding, Code Enforcement, sidewalk repair and expansion, historic housing is covered under previous sections. The 2019 Notable Projects list above provides a list of projects in progress related to this goal. The 2020 Development Code Rewrite will provide an opportunity to review code revisions to further support various types of developments, support existing neighborhoods, and creative use or reuse of property in the City.

### Transportation that Facilitates Mobility & Activity

### 7.1 IMPLEMENT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

- 7.1.1 The widening of roadways and the construction of new roads should be sensitive to contextual land uses
- 7.1.2 The design of each street shall provide safe and comfortable travel for users of all modes of transportation

### 7.2 INCREASE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS AND DOWNTOWN

- 7.2.1 Preserve and repair the existing street network through overall connectivity
- 7.2.2 Complete a Connectivity Study to identify and improve connections between downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods
- 7.2.3 The use of cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets should be minimized
- 7.2.4 Connect the streets of new development with the street network of existing development. In new development, leave stubs for future connection

### 7.3 PROVIDE MOBILITY SOLUTIONS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

- 7.3.1 Expand the Greeneway to downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods
- 7.3.2 Improve streetscape and pedestrian facilities on Georgia Avenue downtown to support a vibrant retail, entertainment, and mixed-use environment
- 7.3.3 Complete a sidewalk inventory
- 7.3.4 Complete and widen sidewalks on important pedestrian routes between neighborhoods and downtown
- 7.3.5 Implement the City of North Augusta Greeneway, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan
- 7.3.6 Require designated pedestrian facilities in activity centers between transit stops and destinations
- 7.3.7 Encourage bicycle racks, lockers, and showers be provided in new development 7.4 EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES
  - 7.4.1 Enhance local and regional bus service along important routes and corridors
  - 7.4.2 Bus stops should be improved with shelters, lighting, trash receptacles, street furniture, and bike racks
  - 7.4.3 Pedestrian connections between development and existing or planned bus stops should be included in every major site plan
- 7.5 PROVIDE PARKING MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS THAT REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE AUTOMOBILE ON OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT
  - 7.5.1 Implement shared parking strategies and eliminate minimum parking requirements
  - 7.5.2 On-street parking should be provided downtown and in other activity centers where possible
  - 7.5.3 Encourage shared access between adjacent developments to reduce curb cuts in the streetscape

As discussed in the Key Strategies Section, sidewalk expansions lists have been developed and will be implemented as funds are available. These will be supported by the proposed Georgia Avenue Traffic Calming and Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The Downtown Master Plan will work to address parking solutions appropriate to downtown North Augusta, including Riverside Village.

In terms of public transit, the City of North Augusta is served by Best Friends public transit system. The best use and accommodation of this system and any other system will be explored in the 2020/21 Transportation Plan, the ARTS MPO transportation planning group will identify opportunities for cooperation.

### Stewardship of Our Natural & Cultural Resources

### 8.1 EXPAND THE ARTS & OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES

- 8.1.1 Introduce public art into neighborhoods, public open space, parks, the Greeneway, and downtown City Council decision.
- 8.1.2 Promote local artists
- 8.1.3 Require a public art element in all municipal projects
- 8.1.4 Connect places of cultural significance to public open spaces through multi-modal and Greeneway facilities
- 8.1.5 Existing community events and programs should be supported and expanded when possible

### 8.2 PROTECT AND RESTORE HISTORIC RESOURCES IMPORTANT TO NORTH AUGUSTA'S IDENTITY

- 8.2.1 Identify historic resources important to North Augusta's identity and ensure their protection with funding for maintenance
- 8.2.2 Work with the owners of Lookaway Hall and Rosemary Hall to ensure their preservation and maintenance
- 8.2.3 Protect the existing structures and ruins of Hamburg
- 8.2.4 Protect historic neighborhoods adjacent to downtown through the preservation of the street network, paving materials, and open space, as well as, promoting context sensitive infill development and the preservation of existing housing
- 8.3 PRESERVE AND EXPAND THE TREE CANOPY
  - 8.3.1 Maintain our Tree City USA designation
  - 8.3.2 Create regulations to protect significant trees
  - 8.3.3 Implement a City street trees program

### 8.4 PROTECT THE SAVANNAH RIVER AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES

- 8.4.1 Cooperate with other government entities in the management of water resources
- 8.4.2 Improve water quality and channel integrity of impaired watershed basins
- 8.4.3 Acquire or otherwise permanently protect environmentally sensitive areas
- 8.4.4 Work with other local governments to protect the New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam

As covered in the Key Initiative 5, historic programs are on hold due to staff limitations. Review of Development Code requirements about related items will occur in the 2020 rewrite. The 2020/21 Comprehensive Transportation Plan plans to address multi-modal connection to important facilities.

Cultural and community events are managed through the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department. The City supports these events such as the Jack-o'-lantern Jubilee, Peach Jam, the Arts and Heritage Center, and supports many other events throughout the year. New opportunities for programming and events will be available after the completion of the amphitheater at Riverside Village.

In terms of maintaining Tree City USA status, the Public Services
Department has maintained this designation for several years and the application for 2020 has been submitted. Our Property Maintenance Division provides excellent maintenance work for landscaping city-wide, adding a Certified Arborist to its crew in 2018. For new development, the Development Code requires street trees are on all right-of-



Figure 6: Jack O' Lantern Jubilee

ways at development as well as significant landscaping for commercial development. Review of these requirements will occur with the 2020 Development Code Rewrite.

The City adheres to all state water quality requirements, which benefits the water quality in the Savannah River. One project of note is within the Lynnhurst subdivision. This project will work to correct a long-term problem with the capture stormwater runoff and help prevent flooding in the subdivision. The City is actively engaged with other municipalities and the state to preserve the Lock and Dam and the current water pool.

### Robust Parks, Recreation & Greenway Network

### 9.1 ENHANCE EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES AND CREATE ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 9.1.1 Update the park master plan that determines the location of future open spaces based on the planned future growth of North Augusta
- 9.1.2 Provide indoor facilities for social programs and activities, recreation, and special events
- 9.1.3 Plan, develop, and operate diverse recreation activities for citizens of all ages that are geographically distributed throughout North Augusta
- 9.1.4 Support community gardens, whenever possible
- 9.1.5 Work with Aiken County public schools to share playground and recreation space when not being used by the school system
- 9.1.6 Develop regulations requiring the provision of public open space in all new development
- 9.1.7 Increase public access to the Savannah River

### 9.2 EXPAND THE GREENEWAY SYSTEM

- 9.2.1 Expand the Greeneway system as identified in the City of North Augusta Greeneway, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan
- 9.2.2 Connect the Greeneway from the Savannah River to downtown

The newest City park acquisition is the former North Augusta Country Club property in Edgefield County. The property is currently intended to be developed as a regional park with active and passive recreation activities on site. Work continues for senior-based activities at the Community Center and is currently offered in the Activity Center. The Development Code rewrite may identify better ways to accommodate recreation and open space needs.

The Downtown Greeneway Connector is proposed to connect along Bluff Avenue, with initial surveying underway. Funding and final engineering plans are under development. The Department will continue to work with other City departments and the public to develop plans for expansion and connection. Upcoming transportation planning initiatives will provide additional support for these goals.

### A Vibrant Downtown & Riverfront

### 10.1 CONTINUE INVESTMENTS IN THE PUBLIC REALM

- 10.1.1 Study the reconfiguration of Georgia Avenue
- 10.1.2 Reunite the elements of the two historic parks along Georgia Avenue Calhoun Park and Wade Hampton Veteran's Park
- 10.1.3 Create a fine-grained pedestrian and bicycle plan for the downtown area
- 10.1.4 Evaluate opportunities to widen the sidewalk zone on the east side of Georgia Avenue between Buena Vista Avenue and Spring Grove Avenue
- 10.2 INVEST IN PLANNING EFFORTS TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR DOWNTOWN
  - 10.2.1 Create a Downtown Master Plan
  - 10.2.2 Enforce Existing Standards that Encourage Walkability and Vibrancy
- 10.3 PRIORITIZE INFILL & REDEVELOPMENT DOWNTOWN
  - 10.3.1 Develop a shared parking strategy
  - 10.3.2 Provide incentives to renovate existing buildings in and around Downtown
  - 10.3.3 Attract high-quality multi-family developers
  - 10.3.4 Create a position and hire a new downtown development professional
  - 10.3.5 Develop an inventory of available properties for sale and rent as well as available development sites
  - 10.3.6 Engage an individual or group to create a local and regional marketing campaign for downtown investment
  - 10.3.7 Work with downtown property owners to assemble parcels
  - 10.3.8 Encourage infill development on vacant and underdeveloped lots
  - 10.3.9 Continue implementation of Project Jackson

As mentioned previously, the Department if working to develop a Downtown Master Plan, and has requested funds from ARTS to complete a feasibility study for traffic calming and pedestrian access in downtown North Augusta. To date, a parking inventory has been completed for Downtown and work continues for a complete parking analysis for the area.

The City continues to support the development of Riverside Village & Project Jackson. Construction is underway for the new Amphitheater and several site plans have been approved and are under development for the Riverside Village area. A recent revision to the Hammond's Ferry Planning Development Ordinance will provide additional flexibility for the development of community support facilities on the site. The City continues to work with the developers of Riverside Village and Hammond's Ferry to manage parking and facility use both for events and daily parking needs.

North Augusta Forward has, with City support, applied to be part of the "Main Street South Carolina" program, which provides technical support for communities looking to revitalize historic downtowns, encourage economic growth and preserve historic resources. The City continues to work with the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce and North Augusta Forward to clarify roles related to downtown marketing and development.



Figure 7: Third Thursday Map from North

Augusta Forward

### Implementation Strategies

### 11.1 CREATE STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT

- 11.1.1 Monitor the implementation of the plan annually
- 11.1.2 Update the plan every 5 years
- 11.1.3 Explore new institutional arrangements
- 11.1.4 Develop an overall funding strategy and selection of revenue sources to address the capital and any possible operating funding gap

The preceding sections are the Planning Department's contribution to an annual report. Initial funding decisions have been made for an update of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan to be completed in 2021. Issues regarding "institutional arrangements" and funding strategies move beyond the scope of the Planning and Development Department on its own, but are supported by City Administration. The Department continues to work with other departments and administration to assist in efficient governance.

### **APPENDICES & SOURCES**

### **APPENDIX A**

Yearly Report (11 pages)

2016-2019 Data for Planning and Code Enforcement (1 page)

### **APPENDIX B**

Comprehensive Plan Summary List (4 pages)

Comprehensive Plan Project List (2 pages)

### DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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2019 YEAR END REPORT

## City of North Augusta Department of Planning and Development 2019 Year End Report

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Administrative	incoming	Outgoing	Incoming	Outgoing
Total Phone Calls	6230	4371	*	*
Development Applications	Approved	Denied	Approved	Denied
Subdivisions				
Major Subdivision Plans	3	0	3	0
Planned Acres	108.07	0.00	53.57	0.00
Planned Lots	156	0	163	0
Minor Subdivision Plats	16	0	17	0
Platted New Lots	8	0	19	0
Major Subdivision Plats	6	0	3	0
Platted Acres	64.77	0.00	39.38	0.00
Platted Lots	191	0	98	0
Site Plans				
Minor Site Plans	13	0	4	6
Major Site Plans	3	0	0	0
Total Site Plan Acres	89.57	0.00	0.00	2.64
Planned Developments				
PD Gen Dev Plans/Major Mod.	0	0	0	0
PD Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Development Plan Modifications				
Annexations				
Applications	3	0	1	0
Parcels	21	0	2	0
Acres	8.67	0.00	1.72	0.00
Zoning/Text Amendments				
Rezoning	2	1	0	1
Parcels	12	2	0	2
Acres	14.60	0.92	0.00	2.41
Conditional Zoning	0	0	0	0
Parcels	0	0	0	0
Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Text Amendments	3	1	О	1
Other				
Certificates of Zoning Compliance	137	6	123	9
Zoning Confirmation Letters	31	0	8	0
Residential Site Reviews	186	0	256	0
Sign Permits	46	3	35	0

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Planning Projects	5	0	0	0			
Communications Towers	0	0	0	0			
Conditional Use Permits	5	0	1	2			
ltem	2019 Yea	r To Date	2018 Yea	ar To Date			
Appeals	Approved	Denied	Approved	Denied			
Variances	12	0	2	0			
Special Exceptions	2	0	2	0			
Administrative Decisions	0	0	0	0			
Waivers	6	0	0 0				
Fees Collected			0 0				
Development Applications	\$19,0	34.00	\$19,6	605.50			
Appeals	\$2,69	50.00	\$20	0.00			
Maps/Publications	\$7	.00	\$10	7.00			
Special Review Fees	\$0	.00	\$20	0.00			
Total Fees	\$21,6	91.00	\$20,1	12.50			

# Department of Planning and Development City of North Augusta

## 2019 Year End Staff Approvals

## **Residential Site Plans**

Application	Town Democratic	4 :				
Number	iax raicei ivuiliber	Applicant	Legal Description	70ne	Approval Date	structure
RSP19-004	006-17-18-005	Sitee LLC	921 Stanton Dr	R-14	1/3/2019	Front Porch Expansion
RSP19-005	106-00-03-006	Keystone Homes, Inc.	1045 Swan Ct	R-10	1/11/2019	New Residential
RSP19-006	002-16-06-022	Mary Clark	817 Dunbarton Dr	R-14	1/11/2019	Room Addition
RSP19-007	005-14-07-010	Forrest McKie	115 Douglas Dr	PD	1/11/2019	New Residential
RSP19-008	001-16-02-002	Pete Alewine Pool Co	192 Durst Dr	PD	1/15/2019	Inground Pool
RSP19-009	006-14-12-020	P. Dock Smith	1826 Oriole Ave	R-7	1/16/2019	Screen Porch
RSP19-010	010-13-01-063	Champion Windows	500 Old Walnut Branch Dr	R-14	1/17/2019	Patio Room Enclosure
RSP19-012	007-16-14-038	Binson Properties	419 W Woodlawn	R-14	1/22/2019	Extend Two Bedrooms/Add Carport
RSP19-013	006-08-06-020	Parkridge Builders	271 Mossy Oak Circle	R-7	1/22/2019	New Residential
RSP19-014	106-00-05-004	Keystone Homes, Inc.	1028 Greogry Landing Dr	R-10	1/28/2019	New Residential
RSP19-015	106-00-05-005	Keystone Homes, Inc.	1036 Gregory Landing	R-10	1/28/2019	New Residential
RSP19-016	106-00-09-006	Keystone Homes, Inc.	1055 Harlequin Way	R-10	1/28/2019	New Residential
RSP19-017	014-00-02-015	Wetherington Builders	678 Rivernorth Dr	PD	1/28/2019	New Residential
RSP19-018	007-14-02-007	Welsch Custom Homes	302 West Ave	۵	2/11/2019	New Residential
RSP19-019	007-19-01-020	Bella Reece Homes LLC	137 River Club Lane	PD	2/11/2019	New Residential

New Residential	New Residential	Inground Pool	Inground Pool	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	Accessory Cottage	New Residential	New Residential	Storage Building	New Residential												
4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/16/2019	4/23/2019	4/23/2019	4/25/2019	5/7/2019	5/3/2019	5/8/2019	5/8/2019	5/8/2019	5/8/2019	5/8/2019	5/8/2019	5/13/2019	5/13/2019	5/15/2019	5/15/2019
R-7	PD	PD	PD	R-7	PD	PD	PD	6	R-7	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	R-14	R-14	R-14						
1103 Wildlife Circle	1019 Wildlife Circle	1023 Wildlife Circle	1027 Wildlife Circle	1033 Wildlife Circle	1037 Wildlife Circle	1043 Wildlife Circle	1176 Gregory Landing Drive	1162 Gregory Landing Drive	238 Oakbrook Drive	1913 Green Forest Drive	1106 Gregory Landing Drive	1106 Gregory Landing Drive	1052 Westo St	1105 Gregory Landing Dr	1794 Flamingo Rd	229 Rivernorth Dr	241 Rivernorth Dr	259 Rivernorth Dr	537 Rivernorth Dr	547 Rivernorth Dr	465 Bridle Path Rd	215 Seton Cir	714 Merriwether Dr	136 Walsh Way
Lacey Construction	Lacey Construction	Lacey Construction	Lacey Construction	Aiken Swimming Pool	Lacey Construction	Lacey Construction	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Pete Alewine Pool Co.	Dennis Farrel	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Winter & Carn Construction	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Muns Construction	IDK Homes	Bill Beazley Homes	Welsh Custom Homes	William E. Harris, Jr.	Welsh Custom Homes				
011-05-07-015	011-05-07-003	011-05-07-004	011-05-07-005	005-09-08-029	011-05-07-007	011-05-07-008	005-09-07-001	106-00-07-011	002-10-18-009	006-07-07-026	106-00-07-002	106-00-07-008	003-16-15-007	005-09-07-001	006-14-02-001	014-00-02-006	014-00-02-007	014-00-02-009	014-00-02-055	014-00-02-056	005-09-17-004	002-11-02-100	002-20-09-018	002-12-05-004
RSP19-047	RSP19-048	RSP19-049	RSP19-050	RSP19-051	RSP19-052	RSP19-053	RSP19-055	RSP19-056	RSP19-057	RSP19-059	RSP19-060	RSP19-061	RSP19-063	RSP19-064	RSP19-065	RSP19-066	RSP19-067	RSP19-068	RSP19-069	RSP19-070	RSP19-071	RSP19-072	RSP19-073	RSP19-074

New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	Carport	Storage Building	Room Addition	Swimming Pool	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential	Swimming Pool	New Residential	New Residential	New Residential
6/27/2019	6/27/2019	6/27/2019	6/27/2019	6/27/2019	6/27/2019	7/2/2019	7/2/2019	7/3/2019	6/27/2019	7/8/2019	7/8/2019	7/12/2019	7/15/2019	7/15/2019	7/15/2019	7/19/2019	7/19/2019	7/24/2019	8/1/2019	8/2/2019	8/7/2019	8/7/2019
PD	PD	PD	O O	R-10	R-10	R-14	R-14	PD	R-14	R-7	R-7	R-14	PD	PD	PD	R-10	R-10	R-14	PD	PD	PD	PD
141 Broxten Dr, Lot 1-F	145 Broxten Dr, Lot 2-F	185 Douglas Dr, Lot 8-L	109 Stapleton Dr, Lot 7-U	1156 Gregory Landing Dr, Lot 10-E	1124 Gregory Landing Dr, Lot 5-E	1014 Marshall Ave	517 San Salvador Dr	468 E Shoreline Dr	614 Savannah Baroney Dr	107 E Buena Vista Ave	242 Mossy Oak Circle	136 Seton Circle	210 Rivernorth Drive	577 Rivernorth Drive	583 Rivernorth Drive	1100 Gregory Landing Drive	1184 Gregory Landing Drive	125 Elm Street	127 Kenilworth Dr	667 Saint Julian Pl	466 Bridle Path Rd	629 River North Dr
Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Elizabeth Anne McKenney	Jason McEntire & Sunae Hwang	Arthur & Jennifer Adams	Michael Reed	Blackston Custom Homes	Parkridge Builders	Pierwood Construction Co.	Pierwood Construction Co.	Pierwood Construction Co.	Pierwood Construction Co.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	Keystone Homes, Inc.	JR Homes of South Carolina, LLC	Pete Alewine Pool Co	Niko Helm	Bill Beazley Homes	Greystone Construction Services, LLC
005-14-06-001	005-14-06-013	005-10-13-005	005-10-14-006	106-00-07-010	106-00-07-005	007-07-13-005	007-02-03-050	007-19-03-026	002-11-02-016	007-14-05-001	006-08-01-099	002-11-05-008	014-00-02-041	014-00-02-103	014-00-02-104	106-00-07-001	106-00-07-014	007-15-03-014	005-09-11-002	010-09-02-096	005-09-13-019	014-00-02-114
RSP19-100	RSP19-101	RSP19-102	RSP19-103	RSP19-104	RSP19-105	RSP19-106	RSP19-107	RSP19-108	RSP19-109	RSP19-110	RSP19-111	RSP19-112	RSP19-113	RSP19-114	RSP19-115	RSP19-116	RSP19-117	RSP19-118	RSP19-119	RSP19-120	RSP19-121	RSP19-122

005-1605-005       D. R. Horton, Inc.       181 Expedition Dr         005-16-05-001       D. R. Horton, Inc.       163 Expedition Dr         005-16-04-006       D. R. Horton, Inc.       172 Expedition Dr         006-15-01-008       Bob Kingdom       2110 Vireo Dr         005-16-05-004       D. R. Horton, Inc.       177 Expedition Dr         005-16-04-007       D. R. Horton, Inc.       182 Expedition Dr         005-16-05-002       D. R. Horton, Inc.       167 Expedition Dr         005-16-04-002       D. R. Horton, Inc.       154 Expedition Dr         005-16-04-002       D. R. Horton, Inc.       154 Expedition Dr

RSP19-207	005-13-05-024	Christopher Bernard	151 Macklin Dr	PD	11/25/2019	Staircase to Balcony
RSP19-208	007-11-03-007	Dominique Raven	905 East Ave	R-7	11/27/2019	Carport
RSP19-209	002-16-03-003	T. B. Hill	1413 Waccamaw Dr	R-10	11/27/2019	Carport
RSP19-210	003-16-11-003	Wetherington Builders	656 Railroad Ave	PD	11/27/2019	New Residential
RSP19-211	007-06-15-005	Jayson Lacy	1011 West Ave	R-7	11/27/2019	Room Addition
RSP19-212	014-00-02-127	Larry Padgett	693 Rivernorth Dr	PD	12/3/2019	Swimming Pool
RSP19-213	010-09-04-009	Edward P. Carey	260 Mill Branch Way	PD	12/3/2019	New Residential
RSP19-214	005-16-05-006	D. R. Horton, Inc.	185 Expedition Dr	R-5	12/16/2019	New Residential
RSP19-215	005-16-04-010	D. R. Horton, Inc.	192 Expedition Dr	R-5	12/16/2019	New Residential
RSP19-216	007-10-04-003	Starnes Co.	812 Carolina Ave.	R-7	12/16/2019	Garage
RSP19-217	001-12-05-001	D. R. Horton, Inc.	108 Journey Run	PD	12/17/2019	New Residential
RSP19-218	001-12-05-004	D. R. Horton, Inc.	128 Journey Run	PD	12/17/2019	New Residential
RSP19-219	001-12-05-005	D. R. Horton, Inc.	136 Journey Run	PD	12/17/2019	New Residential
RSP19-220	001-12-05-006	D. R. Horton, Inc.	142 Journey Run	PD	12/17/2019	New Residential
RSP19-221	001-12-05-007	D. R. Horton, Inc.	148 Journey Run	PD	12/17/2019	New Residential
RSP19-222	001-12-04-020	D. R. Horton, Inc.	149 Journey Run	PD	12/17/2019	New Residential
RSP19-223	001-12-04-021	D. R. Horton, Inc.	143 Journey Run	PD	12/17/2019	New Residential
RSP19-224	001-12-04-022	D. R. Horton, Inc.	137 Journey Run	PD	12/16/2019	New Residential
RSP19-225	006-15-01-019	Hoffman Residential	2033 Wren Rd	R-7	12/23/2019	Room Addition
RSP19-226	106-00-07-006	Keystone Homes, Inc.	1132 Gregory Landing Dr	R-10	12/23/2019	New Residential
RSP19-227	001-12-04-023	D. R. Horton, Inc.	129 Journey Run	PD	12/27/2019	New Residential
RSP19-228	005-16-05-007	D. R. Horton, Inc.	191 Expedition Dr	PD	12/31/2019	New Residential

## Minor Subdivision Plats

Application Number	Tax Parcel Number	Applicant	Legal Description	Zone	Zone Approval Date	Acres	Net Lots
MP19-007	006-09-01-057	Sanderling Properties, LLC	1418 Brookgreen Dr	R-10	5/24/2019	3.03	2
MP19-008	007-19-03-026	Adams Plat	468 E Shoreline Dr	PD	6/20/2019	0.71	Į-
MP19-010	010-15-04-001	Church of Holy Trinity	160 Merovan Dr	C-5	6/20/2019	0.2	0
MP19-009	002-07-01-006 002-07-01-007	John and Nancy Whitley	1053 and 1063 Old Plantation Road	R-14	9/16/2019	4.8	0
MP19-013	006-13-08-002	Henriann Walpole	1808 Bunting Drive	R-7	11/1/2019	2.6	2
MP19-014	007-19-01-019	Jeff Rucker	131 River Club Lane	PD	11/18/2019	0.31	<del></del>
MP19-015	007-06-14-039	Jeff Partl	417 W. Woodlawn Ave.	R-14	12/13/2019	0.42	2

## Minor Site Plan Approvals

Application Number	Tax Parcel Number	Applicant	Legal Description	Zone	Approval Date	Acres	Use
MSP19-002	106-00-00-070	Covenant Family Allergy & Liberty Physical Therapy	137 Allen Ct	၁ဗ	5/6/2019	1.78	Medical Offices
MSP19-008	003-08-06-016	Riverview Park Splash Pad	100 Riverview Park Dr	OSP	6/3/2019	0.16	Park
MSP19-010	010-14-04-014	Wells Fargo - Prizm Architects	104 Walnut Ln	29	7/15/2019	3.74 (portion of)	ATM
MSP19-001	007-10-09-001	Carolina West, LLC	Carolina-West Project	D	8/19/2019	1.22	Commercial
MSP19-005	007-18-05-001	William E. Toole	North Augusta Amphitheater	PD	8/13/2019	1.96	Public Park
MSP19-011	007-11-05-046	Southern Restaurant Hospitality Group	Burger King	PD	8/14/2019	0.69	Restaurant
MSP19-012	900-08-09-006	Interplan, LLC	Chick-Fil-A	PD	8/8/2019	2.21	Restaurant
MSP19-013	013-19-01-003	Chris Bai	Ambiopharm Tank Farm Expansion	QNI	8/12/2019	32.92	Commercial

Commercial	12/17/2019	95 5	Covenant Family Allergy/Liberty Physical Therapy BP	AAA Sign Company Signarama		106-00-070
Commercial	12/10/2013	לוו/טר	cold stolle creatilety		112609	
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Commercial	12/18/2019	25	Sprint #744		AAA Sign Company	007-16-01-003 AAA Sign Company
Commercial	11/18/2019	О	Onin Staffing, LLC		Fast Signs	007-10-21-006 Fast Signs
Commercial	11/8/2019	25	Sprint #744		AAA Sign Company	007-16-01-003 AAA Sign Company
Commercial	11/6/2019	၁ဗ	Sprint #734		AAA Sign Company	010-14-04-014 AAA Sign Company
Commercial	10/18/2019	ЭН/Э9	CBD Central, LLC		Mixon Signs	007-11-05-048 Mixon Signs
Commercial	10/18/2019	ос/нс	Aiken Opthalmology		Alphagraphics	006-13-11-010 Alphagraphics
Commercial	10/14/2019	D/G	Tenpenny's Cottage		Communigraphics	007-10-29-002 Communigraphics
Commercial	10/17/2019	PD	The Swank Company		Alphagraphics	007-18-05-003 Alphagraphics
Restaurant	10/11/2019	де/нс	China 8		Patrick Chan	007-11-05-048 Patrick Chan

2019 Year End Code Enforcement Cases Open

YTD	247		17		10	58		133		9			38		721	149		93	8	
DEC	11		1		0	1		10		1		0	3		40	9		6	0	
NOV	14		2		1	10		7					10		74	7		7		
٥٥٦	21		1			33		12					7		55	14		11		
SEPT	27				2	4		13					1		70	6		3		
AUG	27		2		1	7		14		1					21			15		
JULY	40		2	3	2	00		7		2			1		31	9		10		
JUNE	20		1		2	6		12		1			5		38	17		13	1	
MAY	31		3			4		11		1			5		72	15		10		1
APR	30		2		1	3		13							71	31		15		100
MAR	10		1			2		18					22		91	17			1	140
FEB	11					2		80					1		82	13			1	2,
JAN	2		2		1	2		00							9/2	13		7		10,
Year	2019		2019		2019	2019		2019	0700	6107		2019	2019		2019	2019		2019	2019	
	Property Maintenance	-81	Property Liens/ Contractor	portino	Swimming Pools	Recreational Vehicles	RV/Boat/Utility Tri	Illegal Vehicles		Commercial	Vehicles/Equipment	Court Summons Issued	Business License	Inspections	Temporary Signs	Legister Management Court	Sign Owners Nothied	Landscaping Inspections	Structure Demolitions	

	Planning [	Data 2016-2019			
Case Type	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	% Increase (18- 19)
ANX - Annexation	1	2	1	13	<u>19)</u> 92%
CONPL - Concept Plan	0	1	1	3	67%
CU - Conditional Use	8	2	5	5	0%
CZC - Certificate of Zoning Compliance	156	180	142	184	23%
DOD - Deed of Dedication	6	3	5	4	-25%
ENC - Encroachment	0	1	10	1	-900%
FEE - Special Fee	2	2	3	11	73%
FP - Final Plat	5	3	2	11	82%
LZC - Letter of Zoning Compliance	8	14	11	33	67%
MP - Minor Plat	11	24	22	16	-38%
MSP - Minor Site Plan	13	17	14	18	22%
MW - Major Waiver	0	0	3	5	40%
PAP - Preliminary Application Meeting	10	2	16	57	72%
PD - Planned Development	1	0	0	0	0%
PDM - Planned Development Modification	1	1	0	3	100%
PG - Performance Guarantee	2	3	1	5	80%
PP - Preliminary Plat	3	3	7	2	-250%
PPM - Preliminary Plat Modification	0	1	3	2	-50%
PROJ - Special Project	16	5	0	6	100%
RSP - Residential Site Plan	257	201	263	228	-15%
RWA - Right of Way Abandonment	0	2	1	1	0%
RWN - Right of Way Naming	0	2	1	5	80%
RZM - Rezoning	2	3	3	4	25%
RZT - Text Change	5	0	2	7	71%
SN - Sign Permit	41	49	39	57	32%
SPM - Site Plan Modification	4	2	0	2	100%
ZD - Administrative Appeal	1	0	0	0	0%
ZE - Special Exception	2	0	4	1	-300%
ZV - Zoning Variance	0	1	2	12	83%
Incoming Phone Calls*				6230	
Outgoing Phone Calls*				4371	
*partial year					
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Reviewed by PC	28	39	40	58	31%
Reviewed by BZA	3	1	6	13	54%
Administrative Reviews	525	485	515	635	19%

Code Enforcement Data 2016-2019

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	<u>2016</u>	2017	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>				
Total Cases	144	115	150	625				
% change		-25%	23%	76%				

### 2017 North Augusta Comprehensive Plan Summary List

### **Core Principles**

Sustainable Economic Growth
Efficient, High Quality Services
Stable, Diverse and Walkable Neighborhoods

Stewardship of our Cultural & Natural Resources Robust Parks, Recreation, & Greeneway Network A Vibrant Downtown & Riverfront

Transportation that Facilitates Activity & Mobility

### **Key Initiatives**

### 1. Develop and Implement a Downtown Master Plan

The plan should incorporate:

- a. The vision of local stakeholders for creating successful downtown revitalization based on market understanding and character of neighborhood
- b. Definition of the boundaries of Downtown Development Area
- c. Develop a long-term vision/strategy for Georgia Avenue to function as North Augusta's vibrant, pedestrian-oriented "main street"
- d. Routing the Greeneway Expansion from Riverside Village area using street routing through alleys located behind frontage buildings on GA Ave.
- e. Promotion of downtown revitalization with goal of economic vitality
- f. Revision of the Downtown Development Code with the goal of flexibility in renovation of existing structures and construction of new and replacement
- g. Identification of transportation and street layout changes to encourage pedestrian traffic
- h. Strategies for promoting the revitalization effort

### 2. ID Priority Investment Areas and Develop Policies/Zoning Regulations to Encourage Mixed Use and Progressive Development

- a. Evaluate existing Commercial Areas to identify opportunities for infill development
- b. Adopt policies and zoning regulations allowing higher densities, eased parking requirements and a mix of commercial, office, entertainment and
- c. Promote the opportunity for progressive mixed use commercial, retail and residential development

### 3. Create a Master Plan for Parks, Greeneway Expansion

- a. ID repair, renovation and upgrades for existing parks and recreation facilities
- b. Establish maintenance plans
- c. Propose locations for a mix of new pocket, neighborhood and regional parks based on projected residential development
- d. Contain a schedule for expansion of the Greeneway
- e. Propose connections to connect the Greeneway to anticipated residential and mixed use developments

### 4. Establish a Neighborhood Improvement Plan

- a. Establish a schedule for water main and sewer line rehabilitation
- b. Establish a schedule for street repair and repaving
- c. Identify areas where sidewalks are needed and a schedule for installation
- d. Identify streets, paths, and trails where bicycle paths can be designated
- e. Establish a plan for care and pruning of street trees
- f. Establish a schedule to evaluate sidewalks for damage and replacement as needed

### 5. Evaluate Options for a City Policy on Historic Structures and Natural and Man-made Features

- a. Establish criteria for consideration of a structure or feature as historic
- b. Research Federal and SC programs related to historic structures and ID how they apply to the City of North Augusta
- c. Identify possible options for City government financial incentive support

### 6. Develop a Plan for City Beautification Efforts

- a. Focus on the four main gateways to the City: GA Ave, Highway 1 and Martintown Rd, and I-20 Exits 1 and 5
- b. Provide opportunities for City staff to create changing visual appearances
- c. ID opportunities for streetscape vegetation planting and addition of landscape medians
- d. Recognize opportunities for improving overall neighborhood appearance to support the Neighborhood Plan
- e. Propose directional and City branding signage, to include appropriate locations

### 7. Evaluate Open Space for Future Land Use and Zoning Designations

- a. Identify large, undeveloped tracts of land wholly or partially within the City
- b. Present a range of possible alternatives for future uses
- c. Suggest zoning and development designations compatible with each potential alternative
- d. Determine the need for expansion of City-owned utility service which might be required
- e. Assess the need for parks, connectors to adjacent developments and the Greeneway

### **Goals and Strategies**

### **Sustainable Economic Growth**

### 4.1 FOCUS DEVELOPMENT & RESOURCES INTO PRIORITY INVESTMENT AREAS

- 4.1.1 Provide incentives such as reduced setback and reduced parking requirements to attract new investment to existing sites
- 4.1.2 Include specific policies for the priority investment areas in other planning documents
- 4.1.3 Complete small area plans for each priority investment area

### 4.2 ATTRACT HIGH QUALITY JOBS & POSITIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

- 4.2.1 Revise zoning to support mixed-use infill development
- 4.2.2 Attract industries important to the region
- 4.2.3 Invest in urban amenities that improve quality of life for residents
- 4.2.4 Provide training, incentives, and incubators to foster new and small businesses
- 4.2.5 Support the priorities and principles of the Aiken, Edgefield & Saluda Counties Economic Development Partnership as listed in their 2015-2016 Program of Work

### 4.3 PRIORITIZE INFILL & REDEVELOPMENT

- 4.3.1 Provide incentives that make infill redevelopment as economically attractive as "greenfield" development
- 4.3.2 Use utility extension policies to discourage development beyond the current urban service limit
- 4.3.3 Ensure high quality design for new and infill development
- 4.3.4 Incentivize the redevelopment of aging and high-vacancy shopping centers to high-density, mixed-use, walkable activity centers

### 4.4 ID TARGETED BUSINESSES AND INVESTMENT FOR THE I-20/I-520 INTERCHANGE

4.4.1 Work with regional economic development organizations, such as Aiken-Edgefield-Saluda Economic Development Partnership and the Augusta Economic Development Authority to create strategies on how to develop the I-20/I-520 interchange to attract further investment to the area

### 4.5 FOCUS NEW DEVELOPMENT IN OR NEAR MIXED-USE ACTIVITY CENTERS

- 4.5.1 Identify the existing and new locations of mixed-use centers so that every resident is within walking distance
- 4.5.2 Ensure all activity centers include public space

### **Efficient, High Quality City Services**

### **5.1 ESTABLISH ANNEXATION AND GROWTH STRATEGIES**

- 5.1.1 Determine a future growth strategy and possible areas of annexation
- 5.1.2 Expand utilities to areas of targeted growth as needed

### 5.2 ENSURE THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

- 5.2.1 Prioritize infill development and compact growth to ensure North Augusta's tax base can support city services
- 5.2.2 Establish a long-term financial plan for public sector investments
- 5.2.3 Seek out partnerships wherever possible
- 5.2.4 Continue to implement innovative financial mechanisms such as tax increment financing (TIF), municipal improvement districts (MID), and impact fees for new development

### Stable, Diverse & Walkable Neighborhoods

### 6.1 REINVEST IN EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

- 6.1.1 Identify and categorize investments that need to be made in North Augusta's neighborhoods including sidewalk repair and expansion, lighting, landscaping, and wayfinding
- 6.1.2 Establish a Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) for the continued investment in neighborhoods
- 6.1.3 Encourage infill development on vacant and underdeveloped lots
- 6.1.4 Preserve historic housing structures in downtown and surrounding neighborhoods
- 6.1.5 Encourage more compact development patterns with higher quality design and building materials to increase and maintain property values
- 6.1.6 Encourage live-work units in both residential and commercial areas
- 6.1.7 Expand the definition and permissible size of accessory living units in residential areas of the city

### 6.2 PROVIDE A MORE VARIED HOUSING STOCK TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN A MORE DIVERSE POPULATION

- 6.2.1 Promote mixed-income neighborhoods throughout North Augusta, especially in downtown and near employment centers
- 6.2.2 Revise the zoning ordinance and map to incentivize a variety of housing types at higher densities, including multifamily, courtyard apartments, quadruplexes, duplexes, and accessory units, especially near Downtown and activity centers

### 6.3 IMPROVE URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS

- 6.3.1 Improve pedestrian facilities in neighborhoods
- 6.3.2 Make additional connections in existing street network

### **Transportation that Facilitates Mobility & Activity**

### 7.1 IMPLEMENT A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

- 7.1.1 The widening of roadways and the construction of new roads should be sensitive to contextual land uses
- 7.1.2 The design of each street shall provide safe and comfortable travel for users of all modes of transportation

### 7.2 INCREASE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS AND DOWNTOWN

- 7.2.1 Preserve and repair the existing street network through overall connectivity
- 7.2.2 Complete a Connectivity Study to identify and improve connections between downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods
- 7.2.3 The use of cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets should be minimized
- 7.2.4 Connect the streets of new development with the street network of existing development. In new development, leave stubs for future connection

### 7.3 PROVIDE MOBILITY SOLUTIONS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

- 7.3.1 Expand the Greeneway to downtown and the surrounding neighborhoods
- 7.3.2 Improve streetscape and pedestrian facilities on Georgia Avenue downtown to support a vibrant retail, entertainment, and mixed-use environment
- 7.3.3 Complete a sidewalk inventory
- 7.3.4 Complete and widen sidewalks on important pedestrian routes between neighborhoods and downtown
- 7.3.5 Implement the City of North Augusta Greeneway, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan
- 7.3.6 Require designated pedestrian facilities in activity centers between transit stops and destinations
- 7.3.7 Encourage bicycle racks, lockers, and showers be provided in new development

### 7.4 EXPAND PUBLIC TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES

- 7.4.1 Enhance local and regional bus service along important routes and corridors
- 7.4.2 Bus stops should be improved with shelters, lighting, trash receptacles, street furniture, and bike racks
- 7.4.3 Pedestrian connections between development and existing or planned bus stops should be included in every major site plan

### 7.5 PROVIDE PARKING MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS THAT REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE AUTOMOBILE ON OUR BUILT

- 7.5.1 Implement shared parking strategies and eliminate minimum parking requirements
- 7.5.2 On-street parking should be provided downtown and in other activity centers where possible
- 7.5.3 Encourage shared access between adjacent developments to reduce curb cuts in the streetscape

### **Stewardship of Our Natural & Cultural Resources**

### 8.1 EXPAND THE ARTS & OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES

- 8.1.1 Introduce public art into neighborhoods, public open space, parks, the Greeneway, and downtown
- 8.1.2 Promote local artists
- 8.1.3 Require a public art element in all municipal projects
- 8.1.4 Connect places of cultural significance to public open spaces through multi-modal and Greeneway facilities
- 8.1.5 Existing community events and programs should be supported and expanded when possible

### 8.2 PROTECT AND RESTORE HISTORIC RESOURCES IMPORTANT TO NORTH AUGUSTA'S IDENTITY

- 8.2.1 Identify historic resources important to North Augusta's identity and ensure their protection with funding for maintenance
- 8.2.2 Work with the owners of Lookaway Hall and Rosemary Hall to ensure their preservation and maintenance
- 8.2.3 Protect the existing structures and ruins of Hamburg
- 8.2.4 Protect historic neighborhoods adjacent to downtown through the preservation of the street network, paving materials, and open space, as well as, promoting context sensitive infill development and the preservation of existing housing

### 8.3 PRESERVE AND EXPAND THE TREE CANOPY

- 8.3.1 Maintain our Tree City USA designation
- 8.3.2 Create regulations to protect significant trees
- 8.3.3 Implement a City street trees program

### 8.4 PROTECT THE SAVANNAH RIVER AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES

- 8.4.1 Cooperate with other government entities in the management of water resources
- 8.4.2 Improve water quality and channel integrity of impaired watershed basins
- 8.4.3 Acquire or otherwise permanently protect environmentally sensitive areas
- 8.4.4 Work with other local governments to protect the New Savannah Bluff Lock & Dam

### **Robust Parks, Recreation & Greenway Network**

### 9.1 ENHANCE EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES AND CREATE ADDITIONAL OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 9.1.1 Update the park master plan that determines the location of future open spaces based on the planned future growth of North Augusta
- 9.1.2 Provide indoor facilities for social programs and activities, recreation, and special events
- 9.1.3 Plan, develop, and operate diverse recreation activities for citizens of all ages that are geographically distributed throughout North Augusta
- 9.1.4 Support community gardens, whenever possible
- 9.1.5 Work with Aiken County public schools to share playground and recreation space when not being used by the school system
- 9.1.6 Develop regulations requiring the provision of public open space in all new development
- 9.1.7 Increase public access to the Savannah River

### 9.2 EXPAND THE GREENEWAY SYSTEM

- 9.2.1 Expand the Greeneway system as identified in the City of North Augusta Greeneway, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan
- 9.2.2 Connect the Greeneway from the Savannah River to downtown

### A Vibrant Downtown & Riverfront

### 10.1 CONTINUE INVESTMENTS IN THE PUBLIC REALM

- 10.1.1 Study the reconfiguration of Georgia Avenue
- 10.1.2 Reunite the elements of the two historic parks along Georgia Avenue Calhoun Park and Wade Hampton Veteran's Park
- 10.1.3 Create a fine-grained pedestrian and bicycle plan for the downtown area
- 10.1.4 Evaluate opportunities to widen the sidewalk zone on the east side of Georgia Avenue between Buena Vista Avenue and Spring Grove Avenue

### 10.2 INVEST IN PLANNING EFFORTS TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR DOWNTOWN

- 10.2.1 Create a Downtown Master Plan
- 10.2.2 Enforce Existing Standards that Encourage Walkability and Vibrancy

### 10.3 PRIORITIZE INFILL & REDEVELOPMENT DOWNTOWN

- 10.3.1 Develop a shared parking strategy
- 10.3.2 Provide incentives to renovate existing buildings in and around Downtown
- 10.3.3 Attract high-quality multi-family developers
- 10.3.4 Create a position and hire a new downtown development professional
- 10.3.5 Develop an inventory of available properties for sale and rent as well as available development sites
- 10.3.6 Engage an individual or group to create a local and regional marketing campaign for downtown investment
- 10.3.7 Work with downtown property owners to assemble parcels
- 10.3.8 Encourage infill development on vacant and underdeveloped lots
- 10.3.9 Continue implementation of Project Jackson

### **Implementation Strategies**

### 11.1 CREATE STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT

- 11.1.1 Monitor the implementation of the plan annually
- 11.1.2 Update the plan every 5 years
- 11.1.3 Explore new institutional arrangements
- 11.1.4 Develop an overall funding strategy and selection of revenue sources to address the capital and any possible operating funding gap

### 2017 North Augusta Comprehensive Plan - Project List

South Carolina Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Projects 2015-2018 - through ARTS

Project Name	From	То	Description	2015 Dollars/ Year of Expenditure	Status
East Buena Vista and Atomic Road Corridor Improvements	Brookside Avenue	Old Edgefield Road	Widen E Buena Vista to two (2) through lanes with turn lanes and widen Atomic Road to five (5) lanes with intersection improvements. Includes parking and bike lanes	\$4,640,000	Complete per ARTS plans & SCDOT project.
North Augusta Bergen Road Tunnel (Greeneway)	Bergen Road	North Augusta Greeneway	Construct tunnel under Bergen Road (S-2183) for the North Augusta Greeneway	\$553,000	Complete.
North Augusta Greeneway Extension	Bergen Road	Bergen Village Development	Extend North Augusta Greeneway from Bergen Road north through the Bergen Village Development into the Woodstone Development	\$245,000	Resubmitted to ARTS for inclusion on 2020/21 work plan. Will be included with 2020/2021 Transportation Plan.
1-20 Rehabilitation and Maintenance Work	Mile Marker 1	Mile Marker 5	Rehab and maintenance work on I-20 from Mile Marker 1 to near Mile Marker 5.	\$4,971,000	In progress through SCDOT.
Five Notch Road	US 25 Business Road (Georgia Avenue)	Walnut Lane	Widen 2 to 4 lanes	\$23,481,644/\$38,981,395	Resubmitted to ARTS for inclusion on 2020/21 work plan. Re-scoping needed.
Martintown Road	I-20	Old Martintown Road	Widen 2 to 4 lanes	\$5,679,909/ \$9,429,091	Martintown Road Study underway; additional improvements underway with SCDOT and signalization of Bergen Rd. and Exit 1.
Interstate 20	US 25 (Edgefield Road)	Bettis Academy Road	Widen to 6 lanes	\$26,170,246/ \$43,444,649	Aiken County is taking the lead on this project.
Interstate 20 Frontage Collector	Five Notch Road	US 25 (Edgefield Road)	Widen to 3 and 5 lanes	\$8,100,345/\$13,447,205	Scope will change due to Rushing Waters development. Additional study needed.
Ascauga Lake Road	US 25 (Edgefield Road)	S 80 (Canal Street)	Widen Ascauga Lake Road (S-33) between US 25 and Canal Street (S 80), with full landscaped median and turn lanes as needed	\$65,794,600 \$109,224,168	(Aiken County)
Celeste Avenue	US 25 (Edgefield Road)	S-45 (Five Notch Road)	Operational Improvements	\$1,421,010/ \$2,358,988	(Aiken County)
Knox Avenue and Martintown Road	Knox Avenue	Martintown Road	Realign intersection and pedestrian improvements	\$1,477,395/ \$2,452,591	Will be included in 2020/2021 Transportation Plan.
Belvedere Clearwater Road	Edgefield Road	Palmetto Parkway	Striped Bike Lane	\$17,833/ \$29,605	SCDOT project underway; bike and pedestrian paths included. Project underway in late 2020.
Belvedere Clearwater Road-Belvedere Road	Palmetto Parkway	Augusta Road	Multi Use Path	\$3,113,398/\$5,168,483	SCDOT project underway; bike and pedestrian paths included. Project potentially underway in late 2020.
East Buena Vista Ave Greenway	Riverside Boulevard	Georgia Avenue	Striped Bike Lane	\$13,218/ \$21,942	Complete as part of SCDOT Buena Vista improvement project.
E. Buena Vista Avenue	Floyd Avenue	Atomic Road	Multi Use Path	\$477,303/ \$79 2,360	Complete as part of SCDOT Buena Vista improvement project.
Georgia Avenue	13th Street Bridge	Knox Avenue	Striped Bike Lane	\$30,002/\$49,806	Bridge replacement design underway. Study funds requested to continue striping/ pedestrian access from end of bridge project. Will overlap with 2020/2021 Transportation Plan.
Knox Avenue	E. Martintown Road	Edgefield Road	Striped Bike Lane	\$841,400/ \$1,296,789	Will be included in 2020/2021 Transportation Plan.
Martintown Road	E. Buena Vista Avenue	Jefferson Davis Highway	Multi Use Path	\$295,473/ \$490,509	Will be included in 2020/2021 Transportation Plan.
E. Martintown Road	Martintown Road	E. Buena Vista Avenue	Multi Use Path		Will be included in 2020/2021 Transportation Plan.
Jefferson Davis Hwy	Martintown Road	Revco Road	Greeneway	\$2,113,334/ \$3,508,299	Will be included in 2020/2021 Transportation Plan. Sales Tax IV.
13th Street Bridge	GA	SC	Shared-lane marking		Bridge replacement design underway.

### City of North Augusta Projects

Project Name	From	То	Description	2015 Dollars/ Year of Expenditure	Status
Completion of Station 3	Belvedere Clearwater Road	1 year	Efficient, High Quality City Services	\$600,000	Complete.
New Fire Pumper	Fire Station 3	1 year	Efficient, High Quality City Services	\$500,000	Complete.
Headquarters' Fire Station (Replace Station 1)	E. Buena Vista Avenue	5-10 years	Efficient, High Quality City Services	\$1,300,000	In progress (City Council)
Headquarters Administration (Replace HQ)	E. Buena Vista Avenue	5-10 years	Efficient, High Quality City Services	\$4,100,000	In progress (City Council)
Road, Parking, Landscaping	Riverfront/Town Center/ Downtown Areas	1-5 years	Sustainable Economic Growth Stable, Diverse, and Walkable Neighborhoods Transportation that Facilitates Mobility and Activity A Vibrant Downtown and Riverfront	\$1,000,000	Riverfront in progress and City responsibilities are mostly complete; parking metering underway. Final road alignments and completions will occur as final properties are developed.
Designated Parking (Additional allocation)	Riverfront/Town Center/ Downtown Areas	1-5 years	Sustainable Economic Growth Stable, Diverse, and Walkable Neighborhoods Transportation that Facilitates Mobility and Activity A Vibrant Downtown and Riverfront	\$3,000,000	Parking count for downtown completed. Will be part of Downtown Master Plan.
New Gym	Riverview Park Activities Center	1-5 years	Efficient, High Quality City Services Robust Parks, Recreation, and Greeneway Network	\$2,500,000	Complete.
Greeneway Expansion, Extension, Connectors, and Crossing Improvements	Various	Ongoing	Sustainable Economic Growth Stable, Diverse, and Walkable Neighborhoods Transportation that Facilitates Mobility and Activity Robust Parks, Recreation, and Greeneway Network A Vibrant Downtown and Riverfront	\$1,000,000	Ongoing. Will be part of 2020/21 Transportation plans and updates.
New Park Development	Riverfront Park (Project Jackson Development)	1-3 Years	Sustainable Economic Growth Robust Parks, Recreation, and Greeneway Network A Vibrant Downtown and Riverfront	\$3,000,000	Almost complete. Amphitheater underway.
Street Resurfacing Program	See Engineering Department	Ongoing	Efficient, High Quality City Services Stable, Diverse, and Walkable Neighborhoods Transportation that Facilitates Mobility and Activity	\$1,400,000	
Road Reconstruction Program	See Engineering Department	Ongoing	Efficient, High Quality City Services Stable, Diverse, and Walkable Neighborhoods Transportation that Facilitates Mobility and Activity	\$1,200,000	
Curbing and Sidewalk Development Program	See Engineering Department	Ongoing	Efficient, High Quality City Services Stable, Diverse, and Walkable Neighborhoods Transportation that Facilitates Mobility and Activity	\$200,000	List provided with Envision2019.