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Objectives	Implementation Strategies	Significant Accomplishments in FY2007
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Goal I. Coordinate economic development initiatives with a variety of development entities.		
A. Promote coordination among all economic development entities in the region.	1. Encourage cooperation among public and private organizations to ensure that business and industry continue to consider the region.	Ongoing as part of EDA's requirement to develop and maintain a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Various infrastructure improvements initiated in Glynn County in FY2007 will generate new jobs and increase the efficiency and marketability of the Georgia Ports Authority Colonel's Island Terminal.
B. Promote regional economic development recruitment initiatives.	1. Support and assist local Development Authorities to identify properties available for new or expanding business.	Ongoing. The CGRDC assists member governments in the development of EDA applications for public works investment. For example, Glynn County was awarded \$1 million in October 2006.
	2. Assist local governments efforts to attract new or expanding businesses that complement existing businesses, in terms of job skills required, linkages to other economic activities in the region, impact on the resources of the area, and future prospects for expansion and creation of higher-skill job opportunities.	Ongoing as part of EDA's requirement to develop and maintain a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. CGRDC assists local governments in identifying funding opportunities for infrastructure improvements and the development of applications for State or Federal project investment.
	3. Support and assist local jurisdictions preparing for large-scale projects.	Ongoing. CGRDC acts as the regional Economic Development District (EDD) coordinating agency for EDA as well as the DRI review coordinator for the region.
	4. Support and assist local governments in addressing government service provision in areas impacted by large-scale development.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process as well as DRI review and mapping process.
C. Promote regional tourism initiatives.	1. Support and assist local chambers and tourism initiatives.	Southern Passages awarded 501(c)(6) status. CGRDC revised two brochures that assist with Heritage Tourism.
D. Develop rental-housing programs for low-to-moderate income persons.	1. Assist local government in developing programs to assist renters in locating housing close to employment opportunities.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.

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E. Provide improved transportation access to employment opportunities.	1. Assist local government by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC issued RFPs for Phase II development of the Rural Public Transportation Plan and completed a vanpool market feasibility study.
F. Promote urban community development.	1. Assist local governments by providing assistance and planning services.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process and on a contract basis.
G. Promote regional workforce development.	1. Coordinate with regional educational institutions to improve literacy rates.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Coordinate with regional educational entities to improve workforce skills.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal II. Continue to support employment opportunities for persons with specialized skills and post-secondary education.		
A. Develop a database of underemployed individuals with specialized skills and post-secondary education.	1. Disseminate regional demographic data for use in promotional presentations.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process as well as DRI review and mapping process. Georgia Tech Population Study for the region completed in September 2006.
	2. Support workforce development programs and technical education programs aimed at improving the skill level of the labor pool.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal III. Create employment opportunities for low-to-moderate income level persons to raise standard of living.		
A. Support local government redevelopment efforts.	1. Provide support to local governments in application for CDBG and other grant funding efforts.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC staff attended CDBG/CHIP Applicants Workshop in December 2006.
Goal IV. Coordinate economic development initiatives for member counties.		
A. Promote regional economic development in areas with adequate infrastructure.	1. Support and assist local Development Authorities and local governments with economic development opportunities	Ongoing as part of EDA's requirement to develop and maintain a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process. CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
NATURAL RESOURCES		
Goal I. Protect the scenic views and vistas of coastal Georgia from incompatible uses and degradation.		
A. Prepare and adopt appropriate codes and ordinances to protect scenic views and vistas in the region.	1. Provide model ordinances to local governments to assist with the protection of the scenic views and vistas.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Map natural resources and delineate environmentally sensitive areas in the region.	1. Provide GIS mapping assistance to delineate natural resources for local governments.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis, and as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.

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Goal II. Protect river corridors in developing areas of coastal Georgia.		
A. Ensure appropriate codes and ordinances have been adopted to protect river corridors.	1. Provide assistance and training to local governments via regional Nonpoint Source Program.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC staff participated in meetings of the Coastal Georgia Nonpoint Source Technical Advisory Committee.
Goal III. Establish/expand programs for land use regulation, code enforcement and building inspection.		
A. Develop programs for local government jurisdictions to assure proper regulation of land use, code enforcement and building inspection.	1. Provide training sessions on land use planning and Part V implementation for local government representatives.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Assist in dissemination of " green developer " the <i>Green Growth Guidelines</i> (low impact development) manual.	CGRDC continues to reference to the <i>Green Growth Guidelines</i> (posted on the DNR website 4/7/2006) as part of the DRI review process. Of special note is that developers have been incorporating low impact designs and other recommendations from the <i>Green Growth Guidelines</i> into their plans.
Goal IV. Protect the long-term viability of the Floridan, Miocene, and surficial aquifers in coastal Georgia from salt-water intrusion.		
A. Develop groundwater management programs to protect the Floridan, Miocene, and surficial aquifers from salt-water intrusion.	1. Assist local county governments in implementing water supply management plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. Of special note is that EPD completed the "Coastal Georgia Water and Wastewater Permitting Plan for Managing Saltwater Intrusion" in June 2006.
	2. Provide support and assistance to local governments on water conservation issues and techniques.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal V. Promote efforts to reduce solid waste tonnage in coastal Georgia.		
A. Reduce solid waste tonnage for disposal in the region through education and public awareness programs.	1. Assist local governments with educational materials to promote solid waste reduction measures.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal VI. Promote non-point source pollution control programs for rural governments.		
A. Develop public education programs to aid in control of non-point source pollution.	1. Assist local governments with educational materials and training to promote nonpoint source pollution controls.	Nearing completion of Coastal Incentive Grant project brochure on NPS pollution control methods of control. CGRDC also involved in contracts to develop TMDL Implementation Plans for impaired streams in Screven, Effingham, and Bulloch Counties and a status report on a previously prepared plan in Camden County.
	2. Assist with demonstration programs to control nonpoint source pollution.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.

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Goal VII. Promote the long-term viability of surface water sources in coastal Georgia from over use.		
A. Prepare River Basin Management Plans to protect coastal river basins.	1. Assist local governments and EPD in implementing River Basin Management Plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal VIII. Protect flood plains, wetlands and estuaries with sound land use policy.		
A. Prepare and adopt appropriate codes and ordinances to protect flood plains, wetlands and estuaries.	1. Provide model ordinances to local governments to assist with the implementation of regulations to protect flood plains, wetlands and estuaries.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. City of Darien adopted environmental regulations on November 21, 2006.
B. Establish a non-point source pollution control program.	1. Assist local governments by conducting training programs on nonpoint source pollution control.	CGRDC staff regularly participates in meetings of the Coastal Georgia Nonpoint Source Technical Advisory Committee that is developing a NPS pollution control program for the coast in conjunction with that of the State.
C. Provide mapping and other updated information on flood plains, wetlands and estuaries.	1. Provide updated Flood Insurance Rate Mapping information.	CGRDC completed DFIRM project for Effingham County in December 2006.
Goal IX. Protect and maintain the quality and quantity of regional water resources.		
A. Address water availability concerns on a regional basis.	1. Work with member governments to develop a regional water supply management plan.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. Statewide water management plan underway.
Goal X. Reduce negative impacts to river corridors by properly managing residential growth.		
A. Develop comprehensive land use plans with river corridor protection strategies.	1. Assist local governments by providing training and education on comprehensive land use planning.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
	2. Provide local governments and developers info on Least Low Impact Developments (LIDs).	Ongoing. Reference to the <i>Green Growth Guidelines</i> is included as part of the DRI review process.
Goal XI. Create education materials for local governments on protecting River Corridors.		
A. Provide training opportunities for local governments to learn about protecting River Corridors.	1. Coordinate workshops to educate local officials on the importance of protecting River Corridors.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal XII. Protect coastal development, coastal resources, and the coastal population from adverse impacts of natural disasters.		
A. Plan for development patterns and individual developments that are less vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters.	1. Assist local governments in reflecting disaster protection and mitigation in comprehensive plans, solid waste management plans, land development management systems, and redevelopment activities.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
	2. Assist local governments with data, analysis, and technical information to support emergency management planning and operations. Assist businesses, industries, and utilities in planning for disaster recovery.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Develop and coordinate plans for evacuation and post-disaster recovery, including recovery of utilities, industries, and commerce.	1. Assist with coordination of planning for special evacuation needs of the elderly.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.

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HISTORIC RESOURCES		
Goal I. Promote the preservation of historic resources in the region.		
A. Implement local historic preservation ordinances.	1. Assist local governments in the creation of Historic Preservation Commissions and adoption of historic preservation ordinances.	CGRDC provided model Historic Preservation Ordinance to the City of Rincon. Provided HP and CLG materials to the City of Guyton, who adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance on July 11, 2006 and is pursuing CLG designation.
	2. Assist local governments in pursuing Certified Local Government designation under the Georgia Historic Preservation Act.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	3. Assist local governments in developing zoning overlays to be in compliance with the Georgia Historic Preservation Act.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	4. Encourage and assist local governments in updating Historic Resources surveys at regular intervals, conducting visual assessments and development of National Register nominations for sites and districts.	CGRDC staff encouraged the nonprofit Mentionville Preservation Association to work with McIntosh County on updating a Historic Resource Survey since one has not been done since 1989. CGRDC staff completed a Nation Register nomination for Quarantine Station in Brunswick.
B. Establish heritage education programs to demonstrate the importance of history expressed in building, structures, landscaping, tourism and archaeological sites.	1. Provide information, quarterly meetings and conduct training sessions for local governments and citizens on historic preservation programs, grants, implementation tools, tax incentives, National and Georgia Register.	Ongoing as part of DNR HPD contract responsibilities. CGRDC revised two brochures that assist with Heritage Tourism.
	2. Assist local governments in the development of historic site markers or other recognition programs.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	3. Maintain and promote Regional Historic Resource website at www.coastalgeorgiahistory.com	Suspended while new funding source is identified.
	4. Provide posters, website and static displays for Southern Passages project.	Southern Passages awarded 501(c)(6) status. CGRDC distributes Southern Passages information to local governments.
	5. Identify heritage resources and incorporate into bike/pedestrian planning.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal II. Promote the preservation and revitalization of Coastal Georgia's downtowns.		
A. Develop heritage programs to promote the preservation and revitalization of downtowns.	1. Support local government initiatives in Georgia's Main Street and Better Hometown Program.	Ongoing as part of DNR HPD contract responsibilities.
	2. Develop regional heritage tourism development programs.	Ongoing as part of DNR HPD contract responsibilities.

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	3. Submit Transportation Enhancement (TE) applications for funding opportunities to develop regional heritage tourism programs.	CGRDC available to assist as requested.
Goal III. Assist local governments in restoration/renovation review.		
A. Assist local governments with review of applications and submissions to HP authorities.	1. Provide review of documents to be submitted to Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division.	Ongoing as part of DNR HPD contract responsibilities.
	2. Provide pre-review assessments of local government submissions as requested.	Ongoing as part of DNR HPD contract responsibilities.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES		
Goal I. Provide public sewage treatment capabilities to developing areas of the region.		
A. Extend public sewage facilities into developing areas that have significant environmental limitations.	1. Assist local governments with their community facilities planning for future growth.	Ongoing as part of local Comprehensive Plan update process and contract basis.
	2. Assist local governments with requesting state and federal funds to construct public sewer systems.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC assisted Glynn County in obtaining \$1 million in federal funds for wastewater treatment plant expansion.
Goal II. Provide regional solid waste management alternatives to achieve reduction goals at reduced costs.		
A. Promote regional solutions to manage solid waste.	1. Assist local governments in obtaining funds to implement reduction goals.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Expand opportunities for public review of proposed landfill settings.	1. Assist local governments in providing a public review process for landfill sitings.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal III. Provide management strategies to protect water resources in the region.		
A. Develop water supply management plans to protect the resources of the region and determine the ability of resources to meet current and future demands.	1. Encourage use of new water treatment and source protection technologies by the public and private providers.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal IV. Provide additional cultural and recreational opportunities in the rural areas of the region.		
A. Increase cultural and recreational opportunities in rural areas of the region.	1. Assist local governments in identifying cultural and recreational deficiencies and developing programs to overcome the deficiencies.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
Goal V. Improve transportation networks within counties and throughout the region.		
A. Provide transportation planning to developing areas of the region.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC maintains coordination with the three recognized MPOs in the region. CGRDC issued RFP for Phase II development of the Rural Public Transportation Plan and completed a vanpool market feasibility study.

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	2. Assist in implementation of regional bike plan.	Ongoing. CGRDC performed an assessment and initiated a feasibility study of abandoned rail corridor from Kingsland to Riceboro. Held public meetings to promote it as a Rails to Trails project.
	3. Assist in coordination of urban and rural transportation opportunities.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis and maintains coordination with the MPOs in the region. CGRDC issued RFPs for Phase II development of the Rural Public Transportation Plan and completed a vanpool market feasibility study.
B. Provide improved transportation access to educational resources within the region.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
C. Provide alternative transportation modes for heritage tourism.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC performed an assessment and feasibility study of abandoned rail corridor from Kingsland to Riceboro. Held public meetings to promote it as a Rails to Trails project.
D. Provide improved transportation access to employment opportunities	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC completed a vanpool market feasibility study.
Goal VI. Promote development and implementation of proper storm water management plans.		
A. Develop storm water management plans to protect citizens and property from drainage problems.	1. Assist local governments in preparing storm water management plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal VII. Enhance local government capacity to improve infrastructure.		
A. Encourage local governments to be proactive in maintaining infrastructure.	1. Provide assistance in locating/identifying funding sources.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. Currently working with McIntosh County Development Authority to locate funding to prevent the closure of a water supply and treatment facility and a wastewater treatment facility.
Goal VIII. Mitigate impact of manmade or natural hazards.		
A. Promote coordination of services between emergency response providers.	1. Assist in coordinating services among emergency response providers.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal IX Promote safety of residents and visitors to the region.		
A. Enhance the communication network.	1. Provide assistance to local governments seeking funding for radio compatibility and conversion.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Encourage emergency service provision coordination.	1. Support efforts to develop local and regional security plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
C. Identify gaps in service.	1. Work with local governments to determine service needs.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.

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Goal X. Promote urban renewal initiatives and infill development.		
A. Promote urban redevelopment efforts.	1. Provide community development assistance to local governments.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
HOUSING		
Goal I. Provide affordable housing options for low-to-moderate income persons.		
A. Develop homebuyer programs for low-to-moderate income persons, <i>including those in the military.</i>	1. Support efforts to publicize existing homebuyer programs.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Establish land use procedures to preserve areas for low-to-moderate income housing.	1. Review zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations and land use plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis and as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
C. Develop rental-housing programs for low-to-moderate income persons.	1. Support efforts to develop programs to assist renters in finding housing close to employment opportunities.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal II. Ensure that housing in the region meets applicable building codes and standards		
A. Support the adoption and enforcement of building codes throughout the region.	1. Assist local governments in developing or reviewing their building codes program.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Develop programs for communities to monitor the condition of current building stock.	1. Assist local governments in implementing programs to monitor current conditions of building stock.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Assist local governments in adopting and implementing housing standards.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal III. Promote equitable taxation policies to protect home ownership.		
A. Develop database on alternative taxation policies for use in educating local and state elected officials.	1. Prepare database on alternative taxation policies in use around the nation.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal IV. Promote the safe placement of housing units in the region.		
A. Develop maps which depict environmentally sensitive areas where septic system use should be discouraged because of poor soils	1. Assist local governments in preparing land use maps with environmentally sensitive areas identified.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
Goal V. Promote sustainable growth principles within residential developments throughout the region.		
A. Adopt codes and enforcement programs promoting sustainable development.	1. Conduct and sponsor training seminars on sustainable communities.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
LAND USE		
Goal I. Reduce negative impacts to the environment by the exercise of care in the location, design and construction of transportation facilities.		
A. Expand the number of public-input opportunities for roadways, railroads, airports and related transportation facilities to reduce negative impacts to the natural and built environment.	1. Assist in providing public meeting opportunities for local, state, and federal transportation projects.	No longer part of DOT contract. CGRDC provided public meetings to promote the abandoned rail corridor from Kingsland to Riceboro as a Rails to Trails project to increase the regional alternative transportation infrastructure.
	2. Assist local governments with implementing local transportation planning.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.

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B. Coordinate the development of land use plans and transportation plans to reduce negative impacts to the natural and built environment.	1. Assist local governments in review of land use and transportation plans.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process, where appropriate, and DRI review process where applicable.
Goal II. Establish/expand programs for land use regulation, code enforcement and building inspection.		
A. Establish an evaluation process for land use codes and zoning ordinances.	1. Review land use codes and zoning ordinances.	CGRDC developed a zoning ordinance for the Town of Register. CGRDC working with Long County to establish a zoning ordinance.
B. Produce regional development regulations to reduce discrepancy between counties in the region.	1. Coordinate with local governments to create a regional development regulation document.	Ongoing as part of the Coastal Comprehensive Plan for the six coastal counties. CGRDC serves as a member of the Coastal Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CCPAC).
Goal III. Reduce negative impacts to the environment by properly managing growth.		
A. Develop comprehensive land use plans to serve as basis for decision-making in land development issues.	1. Assist local governments by providing educational sessions on comprehensive planning and its benefits.	Ongoing as part of local Comprehensive Plan update process.
B. Develop comprehensive transportation plans utilizing sound land use planning and alternative transportation modes.	1. Assist local governments in preparing comprehensive transportation plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal IV. Improve intergovernmental cooperation in land use planning and delivery of services.		
A. Establish a review process procedure for local governments to submit development plans.	1. Continue to coordinate the review of Developments of Regional Impact and provide opportunities for potentially affected governments to comment.	Ongoing as part of DCA contract responsibilities.
	2. Assist in dissemination of " green developer " the <i>Green Growth Guidelines</i> (low impact development) manual.	CGRDC continues to reference to the Green Growth Guidelines (posted on the DNR website 4/7/2006) as part of the DRI review process.
Goal V. Preserve and protect regional water resources.		
A. Develop regional water supply management plan to protect water resources.	1. Develop regional water supply management plan.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
POPULATION/HUMAN RESOURCES		
Goal I. Promote programs to increase public school attendance and completion.		
A. Encourage the development of local programs to reduce high school dropout rate.	1. Assist local governments in identifying funding to support youth education, skill development and on-the-job training programs.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal II. Promote the use of quality non-traditional education programs in communities		
A. Encourage communities to utilize existing resources to provide education opportunities for their citizens	1. Assist local governments and school boards in efforts to conduct alternative education programs.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
III. Promote increase in the per capita income throughout the region.		

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A. Monitor reports on per capita income in the region.	1. Inform the local governments about changes in per capita income.	Ongoing as part of local Comprehensive Plan update process.
Goal IV. Promote re-education and customized skill training opportunities in the region.		
A. Encourage local governments and DAs to coordinate with existing job training programs to include re-education options.	1. Support local governments, the business sector and educational institutions in efforts to retrain and redirect the unemployed and under-skilled.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal V. Promote traditional vocational education at the local secondary level.		
A. Encourage local governments to coordinate efforts by school boards with employers and economic development officials.	1. Assist local governments, the business sector and educational institutions in efforts to identify needs and include appropriate training in local curricula.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal VI. Develop list of community outreach programs with region.		
A. Assist local government in compiling the list of available outreach programs.	1. Assist local governments in coordinating with established outreach programs to create more efficient, community-based programs.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Coordinate with local government to utilize existing programs to provide needed services to the elderly that include adult day care, transportation, meals on wheels, etc.	Ongoing as part of Area Agency on Aging responsibilities.
B. Work with communities to inform citizens of the different educational and outreach opportunities available.	1. Work with local agencies to advertise services of the Area Agency on Aging.	Ongoing as part of Area Agency on Aging responsibilities.
TARGET AREAS		
Target Area 1: Waterfront and marshfront property and land in low lying areas		
Goal I. Protect identified waterfront and marshfront property with sound development strategies.		
A. Prepare and adopt appropriate codes and ordinances to protect waterfront and marshfront property.	1. Provide model ordinances to local governments to assist with the protection of waterfront and marshfront property.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Assist local governments in identifying and mapping conservation areas, wetland, floodplains, etc.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
	3. Assist the local governments in recognizing parcels of marsh and wetland that are in private holding due to old land grants.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Establish review procedures for waterfront and marshfront development.	1. Assist the local governments to develop and implement review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing. CGRDC maintains a record of all local governments that have not yet adopted these regulations, and provides assistance to local efforts to implement the regulations.
Target Area 2: Significant groundwater recharge areas of high or medium contamination susceptibility		
Goal I. Protect identified significant groundwater recharge areas with sound development strategies.		
A. Prepare and adopt appropriate codes and ordinances to protect groundwater recharge areas.	1. Provide model ordinances to local governments to assist with the protection of groundwater recharge areas.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.

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Goal II. Provide public water & sewage treatment capabilities to developing areas.		
A. Encourage the extension of public water & sewer infrastructure into developing areas that have significant environmental limitations that preclude the use of septic systems.	1. Assist local governments with their community facilities planning for future growth.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
Goal III. Provide management strategies to protect groundwater resources.		
A. Develop ground-water management programs to protect the Floridan, Miocene and surficial aquifers from inappropriate land use activities.	1. Assist local governments in producing maps showing groundwater recharge areas.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
Target Area 3: River Corridors		
Goal I. Protect identified river corridors with sound development strategies.		
A. Create overlay zones for managing development activities in identified river corridors.	1. Assist local governments by mapping identified river corridors.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
Goal II. Reduce negative impacts to river corridors by properly managing residential growth.		
A. Develop comprehensive land use plans with river corridor protection strategies.	1. Assist local governments by providing training and education on comprehensive land use planning.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal III. Coordinate local planning efforts to protect the river corridors.		
A. Promote local river corridor management plans that include support from national organizations.	1. Assist with local government efforts to create river corridor management plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Educate local governments on River Basin Management Plan.	1. Maintain involvement in EPD's River Basin Management Plans.	CGRDC available to assist as requested.
Goal IV. Create education opportunities for local governments on protecting River Corridors.		
A. Provide training opportunities for local governments to learn about protecting River Corridors.	1. Coordinate workshops to educate local officials on the importance of protecting River Corridors.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Target Area 4: The Islands of St. Simons, Sea Island, and Tybee Island		
Goal I. Protect and maintain St. Simons Island with sound development strategies.		
A. Establish review procedures to protect natural ecosystems.	1. Assist local governments in developing and implementing review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing as part of DCA Contract obligations for ordinance and plan review.
B. Promote sound economic development initiatives.	1. Assist local governments and Development Authorities in identifying available properties and needed infrastructure.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
C. Provide adequate public water and sewage infrastructures to meet development pressure.	1. Encourage local governments to extend public water and sewage infrastructure to meet development pressure.	CGRDC available to assist as requested.
Goal II. Protect and maintain Sea Island with sound development strategies.		
A. Establish review procedures to protect natural ecosystems.	1. Assist local governments in developing and implementing review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing as part of DCA Contract obligations for ordinance and plan review.
B. Promote sound economic development initiatives.	1. Assist local governments and Development Authorities in identifying available properties and needed infrastructure.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.

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C. Provide adequate public water and sewage infrastructures to meet development pressure	1. Encourage local governments to extend public water and sewage infrastructure to meet development pressure.	CGRDC available to assist as requested.
Goal III. Protect and maintain Tybee Island with sound development strategies.		
A. Promote sound economic development initiatives.	1. Assist local governments and Development Authorities in identifying available properties and needed infrastructure.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Provide adequate public water and sewage infrastructures to meet development pressure.	1. Encourage local governments to extend public water and sewage infrastructure to meet development pressure.	CGRDC available to assist as requested.
Target Area 5: Brunswick and the outlying areas in Glynn County		
Goal I. Protect Brunswick and the outlying areas in Glynn County with sound development strategies.		
A. Extend public water & sewer infrastructure into developing areas that have significant environmental limitations that preclude the use of septic systems.	1. Assist local governments with infrastructure planning and grant writing for public sewers and water service.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. CGRDC assisted Glynn County in obtaining \$1 million in federal funds for wastewater treatment plant expansion.
B. Provide transportation planning for developing areas in the county.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Participate in MPO.	CGRDC maintains coordination with the MPOs in the region. .
C. Establish a review process procedure for local governments to submit development plans.	1. Assist local governments in developing and implementing review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing as part of DCA Contract obligations for ordinance and plan review.
	2. Assist in dissemination of " green developer " the <i>Green Growth Guidelines</i> (low impact development) manual.	Ongoing. Reference to the <i>Green Growth Guidelines</i> is included as part of the DRI review process
Target Area 6: Hinesville and areas of Liberty County		
Goal I. Protect Hinesville and areas of Liberty County with sound development strategies.		
A. Encourage the extension of public water & sewer infrastructure into developing areas that have significant environmental limitations that preclude the use of septic systems	1. Assist local governments with infrastructure planning and grant writing for public sewers and water service.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Provide transportation planning for developing areas in the county.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Participate in MPO.	CGRDC maintains coordination with the MPOs in the region. .
Goal II. Providing affordable housing options for all citizens of the county, including citizens associated with military.		
A. Market homebuyer programs for low-to-moderate income persons in the military.	1. Work with local, state, and federal agencies to publicize existing homebuyer programs and local lending agencies.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Target Area 7: Camden County		
Goal I. Protect Camden County with sound development strategies		

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A. Encourage the extension of public water & sewer infrastructure into developing areas that have significant environmental limitations that preclude the use of septic systems.	1. Assist local governments with infrastructure planning and grant writing for public sewers and water service.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Provide transportation planning for developing areas in the county.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
C. Establish a review process procedure for local governments to submit development plans.	1. Assist local governments in developing and implementing review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing as part of DCA Contract obligations for ordinance and plan review.
Goal II. Provide affordable housing options for all citizens of the county, including citizens associated with military.		
A. Market homebuyer programs for low-to-moderate income persons.	1. Work with local, state, and federal agencies to publicize existing homebuyer programs and local lending agencies.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Target Area 8: The Southern End of Effingham County (areas closest to Chatham County)		
Goal I. Protect the southern end of Effingham County with sound development strategies.		
A. Promote installation of public water & sewer infrastructure in developing areas.	1. Assist local governments with infrastructure planning and grant writing for public sewers and water service.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis and as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
B. Provide transportation planning for developing areas in the county.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
C. Modify review process procedure for local governments to submit development plans.	1. Assist local governments in developing and implementing review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing as part of DCA Contract obligations for ordinance and plan review.
Goal II. Coordinate economic development initiatives for the county and adjacent counties.		
A. Promote & support regional economic development initiatives in areas with adequate information infrastructure.	1. Support and assist local Development Authorities and local governments with economic development opportunities.	Provide assistance through EDA pre-application/application process, and DRI review for the region.
Target Area 9: Southeastern Bryan County/Richmond Hill		
Goal I. Protect southeastern Bryan County/Richmond Hill with sound development strategies.		
A. Extend public water & sewer infrastructure into developing areas with significant environmental limitations.	1. Assist local governments with infrastructure planning and grant writing for public sewers and water service.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Provide transportation planning for developing areas in the county.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
C. Establish a review process procedure for local governments to submit development plans.	1. Assist local governments in developing and implementing review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing as part of DCA Contract obligations for ordinance and plan review.

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Target Area 10: Agricultural areas adjacent to Statesboro		
Goal I. Protect identified agricultural areas adjacent to Statesboro with sound development strategies.		
A. Develop comprehensive land use plan to protect prime agricultural land.	1. Assist local governments by providing educational sessions on comprehensive land use planning and protection of prime agricultural land.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
	2. Encourage local governments to establish conservation programs, i.e., transfer of development rights, conservation easements & open space protection for prime agricultural land.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Extend public water & sewer infrastructure into developing areas with significant environmental limitations.	1. Assist local governments with infrastructure planning and grant writing for public sewers and water service.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
C. Provide transportation planning for developing areas in the region.	1. Assist local governments by providing transportation planning services.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Target Area 11: Darien/McIntosh County		
Goal I. Protect identified waterfront and marshfront property with sound development strategies.		
A. Prepare and adopt appropriate codes and ordinances to protect waterfront and marshfront property.	1. Provide model ordinances to city and county governments to assist with the protection of waterfront and marshfront property.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. City of Darien adopted environmental regulations on November 21, 2006.
B. Establish review procedures for waterfront and marshfront development.	1. Assist city and governments in developing and implementing review procedures employing DNR's environmental planning criteria.	Ongoing as part of DCA Contract obligations for ordinance and plan review.
Goal II. Protect flood plains, wetlands and estuaries with sound land use policy.		
A. Prepare and adopt appropriate codes and ordinances to protect flood plains, wetlands and estuaries.	1. Provide model ordinances to local governments to assist with the protection of flood plains, wetlands and estuaries.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis. City of Darien adopted environmental regulations on November 21, 2006.
B. Establish a non-point source pollution control program.	1. Assist local governments by conducting training programs on non-point source pollution control.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
Goal III. Reduce negative impacts to river corridors by properly managing residential growth.		
A. Develop comprehensive land use plans with river corridor protection strategies.	1. Assist local governments by providing training and education on comprehensive land use planning.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
B. Create overlay zones for managing development activities in river corridors.	1. Assist local governments by mapping river corridors.	Ongoing as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process. City of Darien established a River Corridor Protection District on November 21, 2006.

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Goal IV. Promote the preservation of historic resources in the county.		
A. Establish heritage education programs to demonstrate the importance of history expressed in buildings, structures, and archeological sites.	1. Provide information and conduct training sessions for local governments and citizens on historic preservation programs, grants, implementation tools, tax incentives, National and Georgia Register.	Ongoing as part of local Comprehensive Plan update process and DNR HPD contract requirements.
Goal V. Provide affordable housing options for low-to-moderate income persons.		
A. Develop homebuyer programs for low-to-moderate income persons.	1. Work with local, state and federal agencies to publicize existing homebuyer programs.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.
B. Establish land use procedures to preserve areas for low-to-moderate income housing.	1. Assist local governments in reviewing zoning ordinance subdivision regulations and land use plans.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis and as part of Local Comprehensive Plan Update process.
C. Develop rental programs for low-to-moderate income persons.	1. Assist local governments in developing programs to assist renters with housing opportunities close to employment opportunities.	CGRDC available to assist on a contract basis.