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Department of
Planning and Development



2015 Business Plan





Introduction



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• **Major Accomplishments and Initiatives**

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• **Balanced Scorecard Metrics**

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Mission

- To enhance the quality of life and property values in Gwinnett County by planning for growth and enforcing construction and environmental standards for development in new and revitalizing residential and non-residential neighborhoods.

Vision

- To protect the natural environment and facilitate the creation of a built environment desired by the citizens of Gwinnett County through planning and development review.

Values

- Integrity, Responsiveness, Excellence, Teamwork

Core Services

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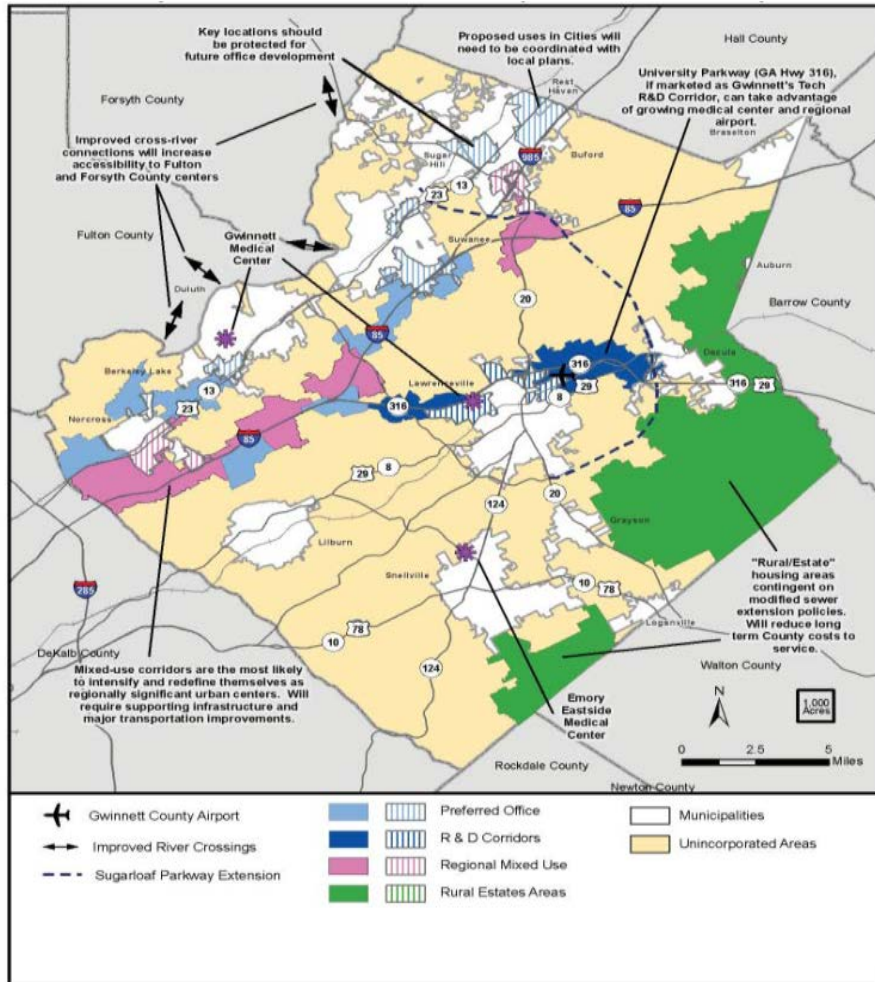
Planning

Current Planning
Long-Range Planning

Economic Development

Redevelopment and Revitalization
Recruitment and Retention
Strategic Infrastructure Planning

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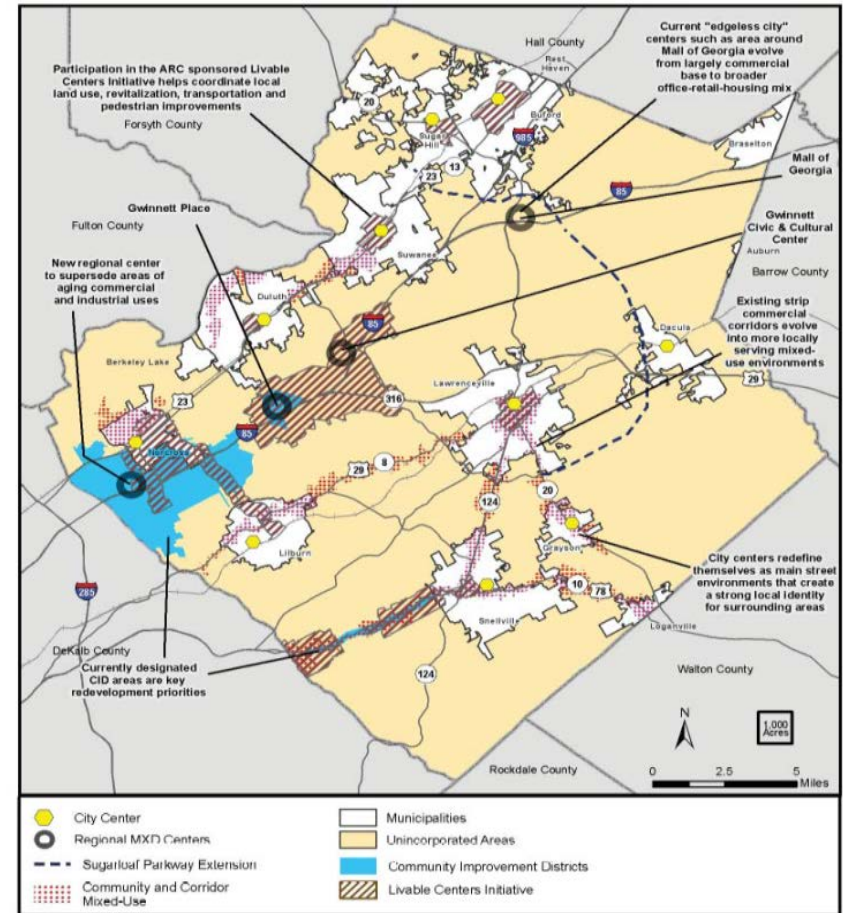
Maintain Economic Development & Fiscal Health

- Promote Major Mixed-Use Developments
- Protect Large, Well-Located Parcels/Areas for Office
- Strategic Placement of Sewer
- Revise Current Millage Rates
- Promote University Parkway as R&D Corridor
- Employ Debt Financing of Major Infrastructure
- Obtain Appropriate Balance of Retail

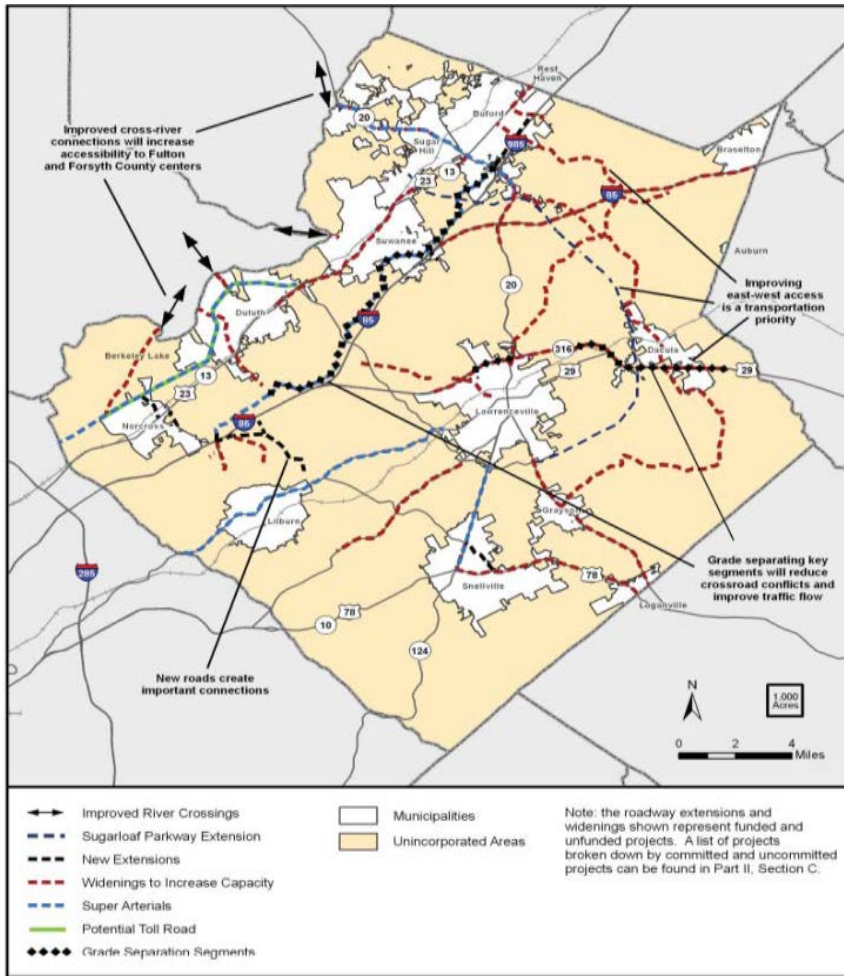
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Foster Redevelopment

- Institute a Variety of Redevelopment Incentives
- Promote Densification in Specific Areas
- Use Tax Allocation Districts (TADs)
- Promoted Shared Infrastructure Facilities
- Allow “corner stores” within specified Med/High Density Areas



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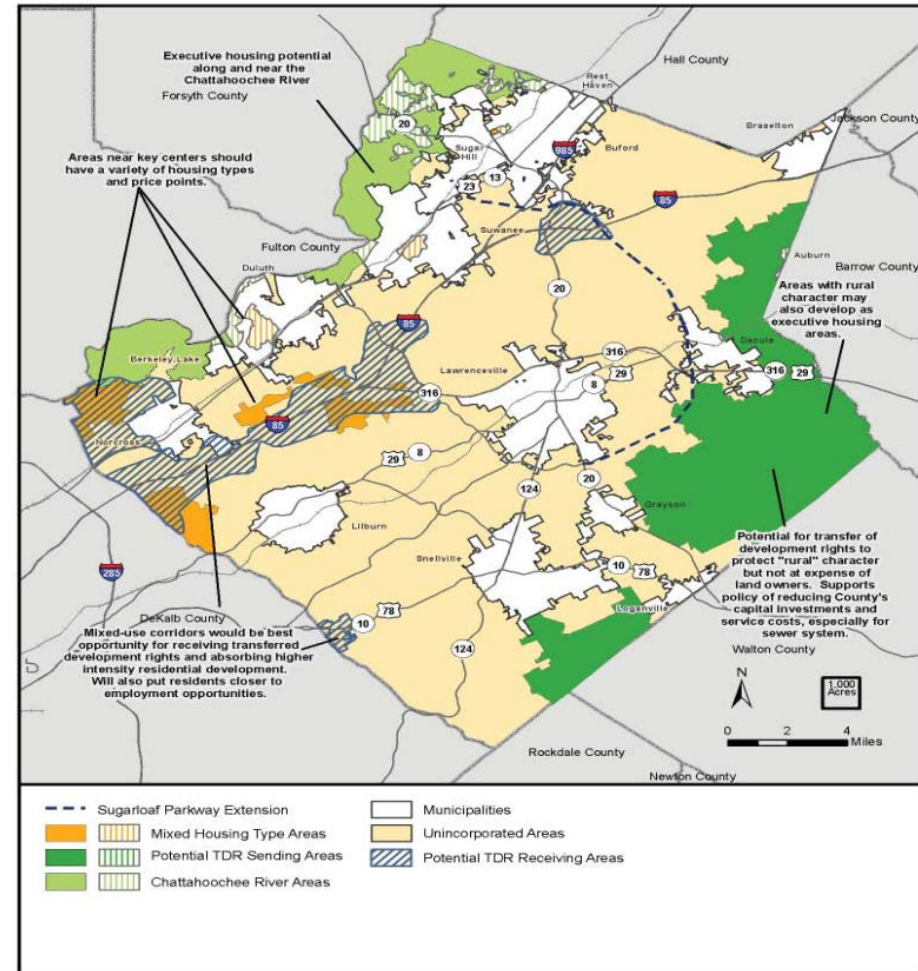
Maintain Mobility and Accessibility

- Enhance Signal Coordination and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Manage Access on Arterials
- Enhance Incident Management (Traffic Control Center)
- Establish Road Connectivity Requirement
- Create Transit-Oriented Development at Appropriate Sites
- Establish a More Extensive Transit System
- Pursue Strategic Road Widening and New Alignments

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Provide More Housing Choice

- Establish and Provide Access to More Executive Housing
- Preserve Existing Workforce Housing
- Expand Maintenance and Rehabilitation Assistance to Homeowners and Small Businesses



2014 Initiatives & Accomplishments

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- Unified Development Ordinance Project
(Policy A.1.1, A.2.1, A.5.4, A.5.7, A.5.8)*



- Business License Renewal Process
- Review of TAD Policy & Guidelines
(Policy A.2.3)

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Unified Development Ordinance

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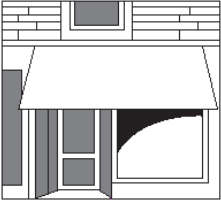
The Unified Development Ordinance project is a major component of many of the Unified Plan Initiatives:

Policy A.5.4: Enhance Development Aesthetics


Awning/Canopy Design

Awnings

- The scale of the awning, i.e., height, length, depth, and overall bulk shall be compatible with the building storefront or entry.
- Awnings shall not be made of shiny, high gloss, or translucent materials.
- Awnings shall not cover distinctive architectural features of the building façade.






Discouraged: higher awnings that cover signage or architectural features



Encouraged: awnings that highlight signage and enhance building

Canopies

- Canopies shall be compatible in material, color, and construction to the style of the building.
- Canopy roof and column material and design shall compliment the main building design.

Design Guidelines
General Design

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Ground-Level Utility Equipment and Dumpster Screening

Utility equipment screening

- Utility equipment such as HVAC and other mechanical equipment should be designed and located in a manner to be hidden from public view.
- Screens for exterior equipment should exceed the height of the equipment.
- Screen structures shall utilize building materials that match the exterior materials of the adjacent building.



Utility meter and other building mounted equipment screening

- Utility meters shall be screened to the best extent possible with evergreen and other plantings.
- Utility meters and associated fixtures shall be painted to match the color of the building.
- Heating and air cooling units, exhaust hoods, fans, vent piping, satellite dishes, antennae, solar panels, and other appurtenances that are ground or roof mounted shall be screened from public view.



Dumpster enclosures

- Dumpster enclosures shall be constructed of materials that match the material and color finishes of the adjacent primary building.



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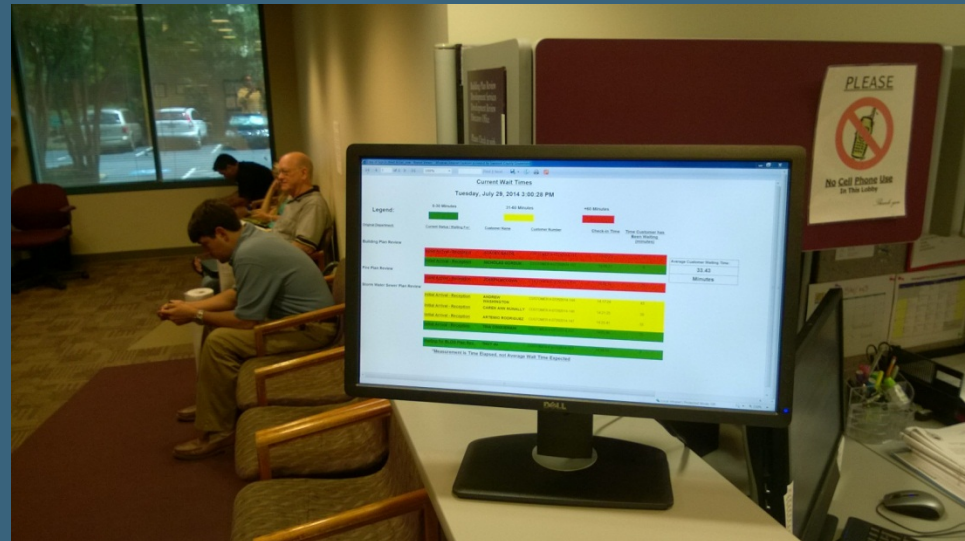
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2014 Initiatives & Accomplishments

- 2030 Unified Plan Recalibration & Short-Term Work Plan Update*
- New Revisions to the Building Code Implemented
- New Customer Sign In System
- Online Permitting, Payment & Affidavit Submittal*

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2014 Initiatives & Accomplishments


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- Updated Gwinnett Construction Code
- Development of Informational Bulletins*
 - Assist in Communicating key changes in the UDO
- Review of Departmental SOPs*
- Inspections & Permitting Reorganization and Succession Planning
 - Continued Cross Training and Evaluation of Organization*



Informational Bulletin

Unified Development Ordinance

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New Zoning Districts

MU-R Regional Mixed-Use District

The purpose of the Regional Mixed-Use District (MU-R) is to encourage the development, redevelopment or revitalization of commercial and residential areas along major transportation corridors into vibrant, high density, pedestrian friendly, live-work-play environments that offer employees and residents the opportunity to fulfill their daily activities with minimal use of single-occupant automobiles. The intent of this district is to allow flexibility in design standards and high density residential development in exchange for innovative and high standards inclusive of landscaping, green space, urban space, and public amenities within a distinct, unified theme that can improve the viability of the development and surrounding communities.

Developments requesting rezoning to the MU-R district should be located in Regional Mixed-Use or Office Character Areas identified in the 2030 Unified Plan.

Development Standards:

- The standard parcel area for a MU-R development shall be 40 acres.
- The allowable residential density in a MU-R District shall be between 32 and 96 dwelling units per total acres, with a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) between 0.4 and 5.0 (varies per bonus).
- The maximum allowable building height shall be between 5 stories/75-feet and 25 stories/300-feet (varies per bonus).

Minimum Specifications:

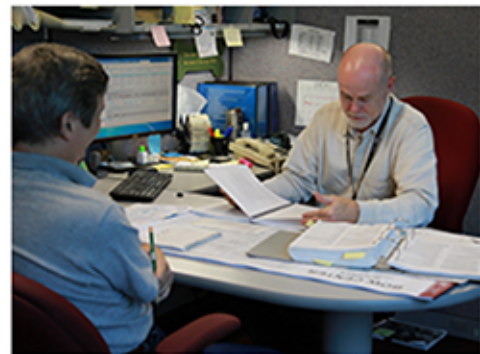
- To increase the FAR, height and density for an MU-R development, additional bonuses for amenities eligible for FAR Bonus, may be granted by the Director or as a zoning condition by the Board, subject to the approval of a site specific concept plan.
- Retail, services and professional uses shall be the primary uses of the ground floor of vertically mixed use buildings to encourage walkability and pedestrian orientation.
- Additional bonuses may be granted by the Director of Planning and Development, or as a condition of zoning by the Board of Commissioners.

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Environment

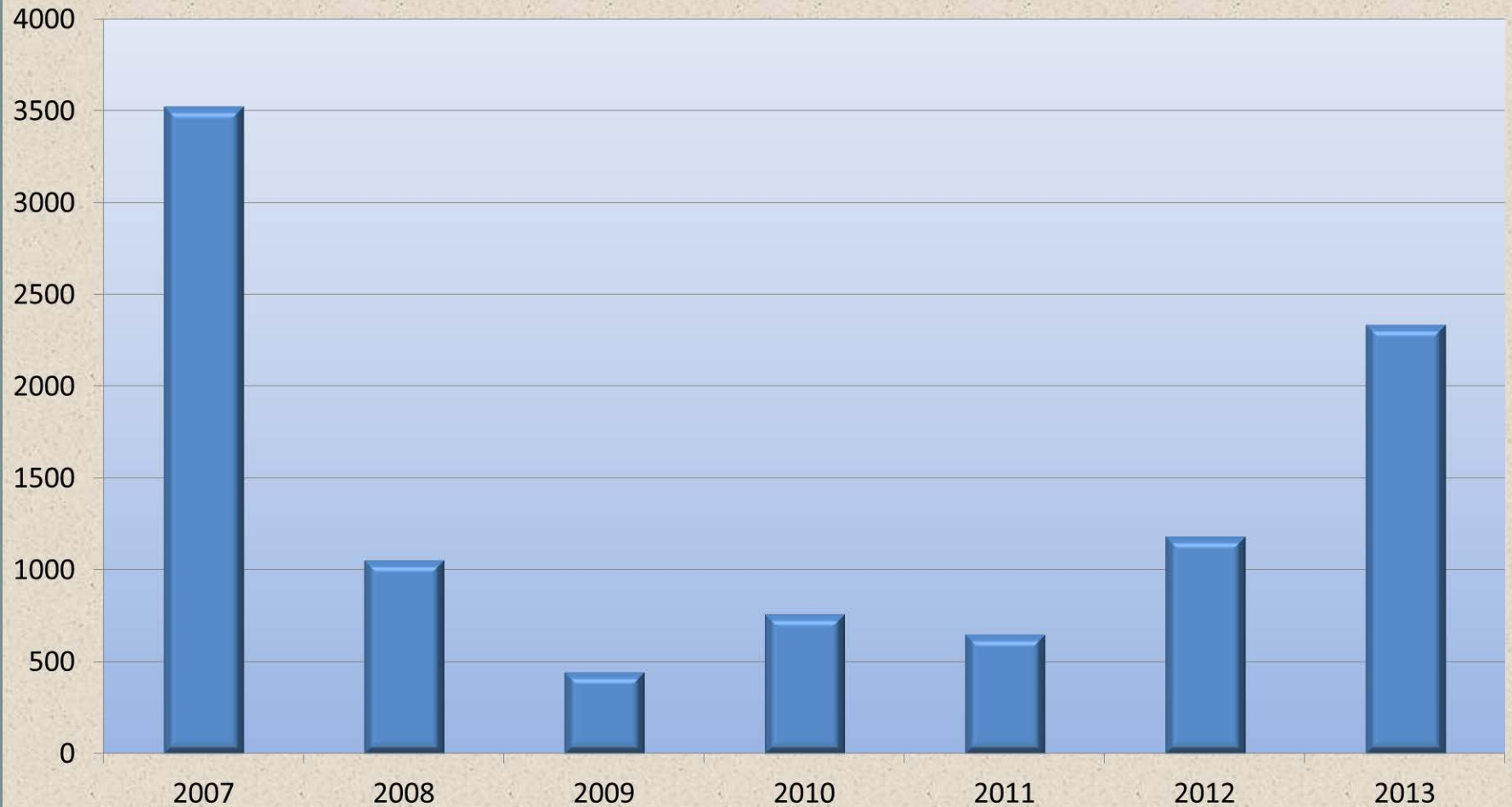
- Meeting the needs of our customers as the economic recovery continues
- Addressing space needs as the number of walk-in customers continues to increase
- Managing our Service District & Multiple Funds
- Unified Development Ordinance Implementation
- Unified Plan Recalibration Project



Single Family Building Permits

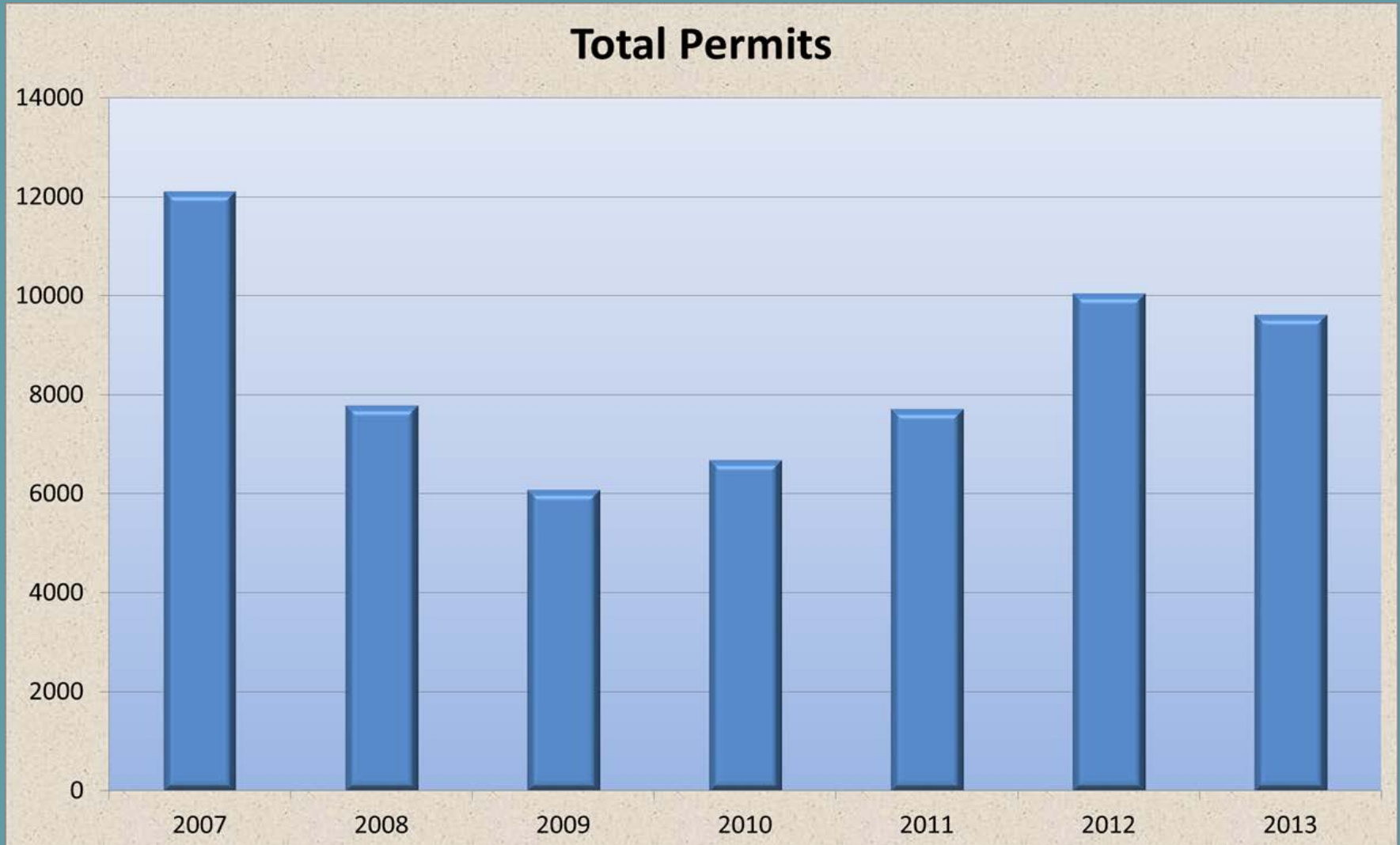
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Single Family Permits



Total Permits

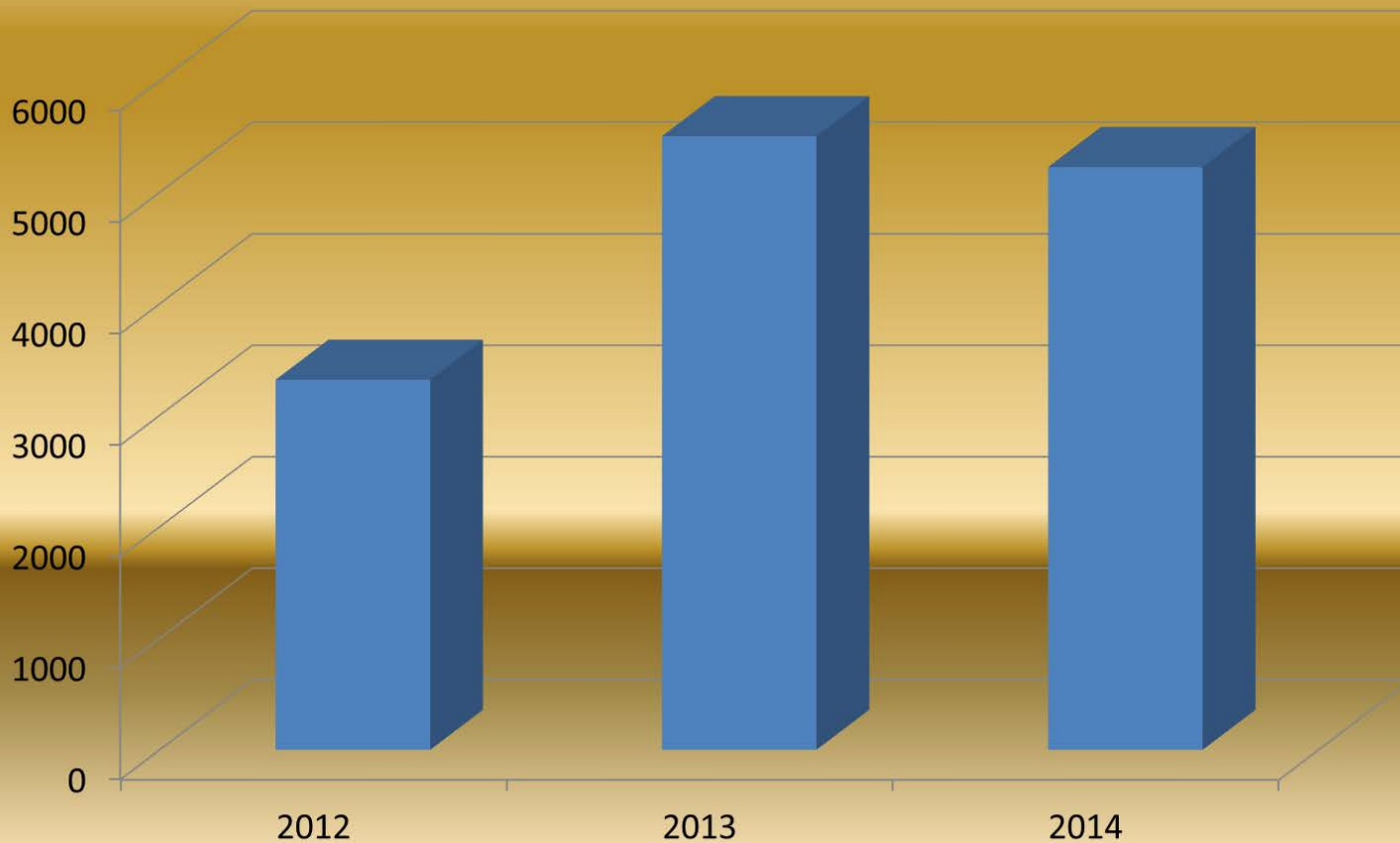
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Inspection Activity

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Average Inspections Per Inspector



2015 Major Initiatives

- Unified Development Ordinance Implementation
- 2030 Unified Plan Recalibration
- Online Plan Submittal & Review – Accela
- Review of License & Revenue Ordinances
- Meeting Customer Needs
 - Timely Service
 - Adequate customer waiting areas
- Continuation of 2014 Initiatives

2014 vs 2015 Operational Budget

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FUND	2014 Adopted	2015 Proposed
001 – Economic Development and Planning	\$654,445	\$830,869
102 – Fire Plan Review	\$611,884	\$575,440
104 – Development and Enforcement District	\$6,253,279	\$5,862,166
106 – License and Revenue	\$754,628	\$688,156
501 – Water and Sewer	\$1,234,094	\$1,184,861
590 - Stormwater	\$486,813	\$487,856
Total	\$9,995,143	\$9,629,348



2015 Capital Budget

- 2030 Unified Plan Recalibration

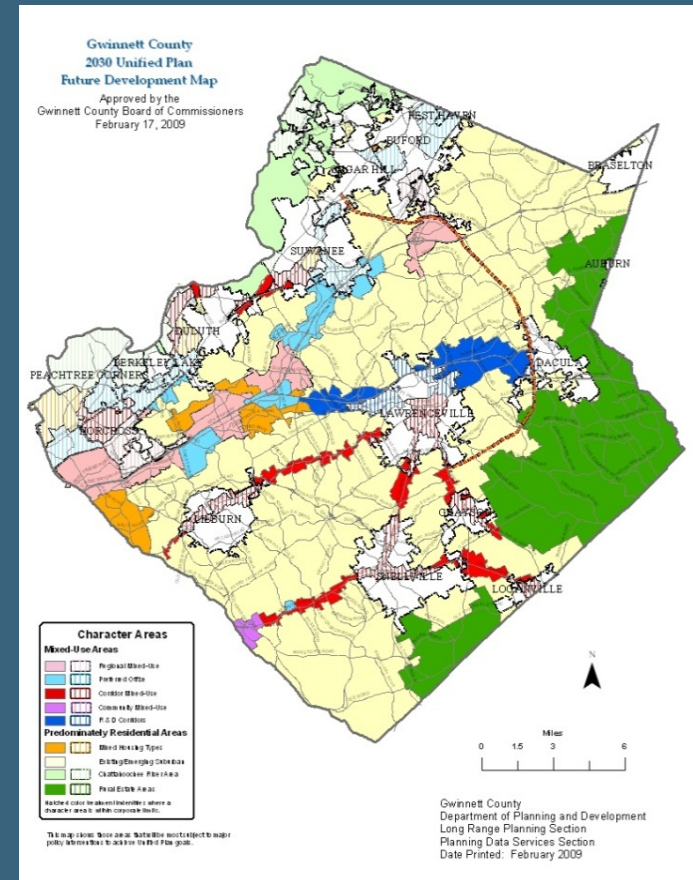


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Comprehensive Plan
Consolidated Plan

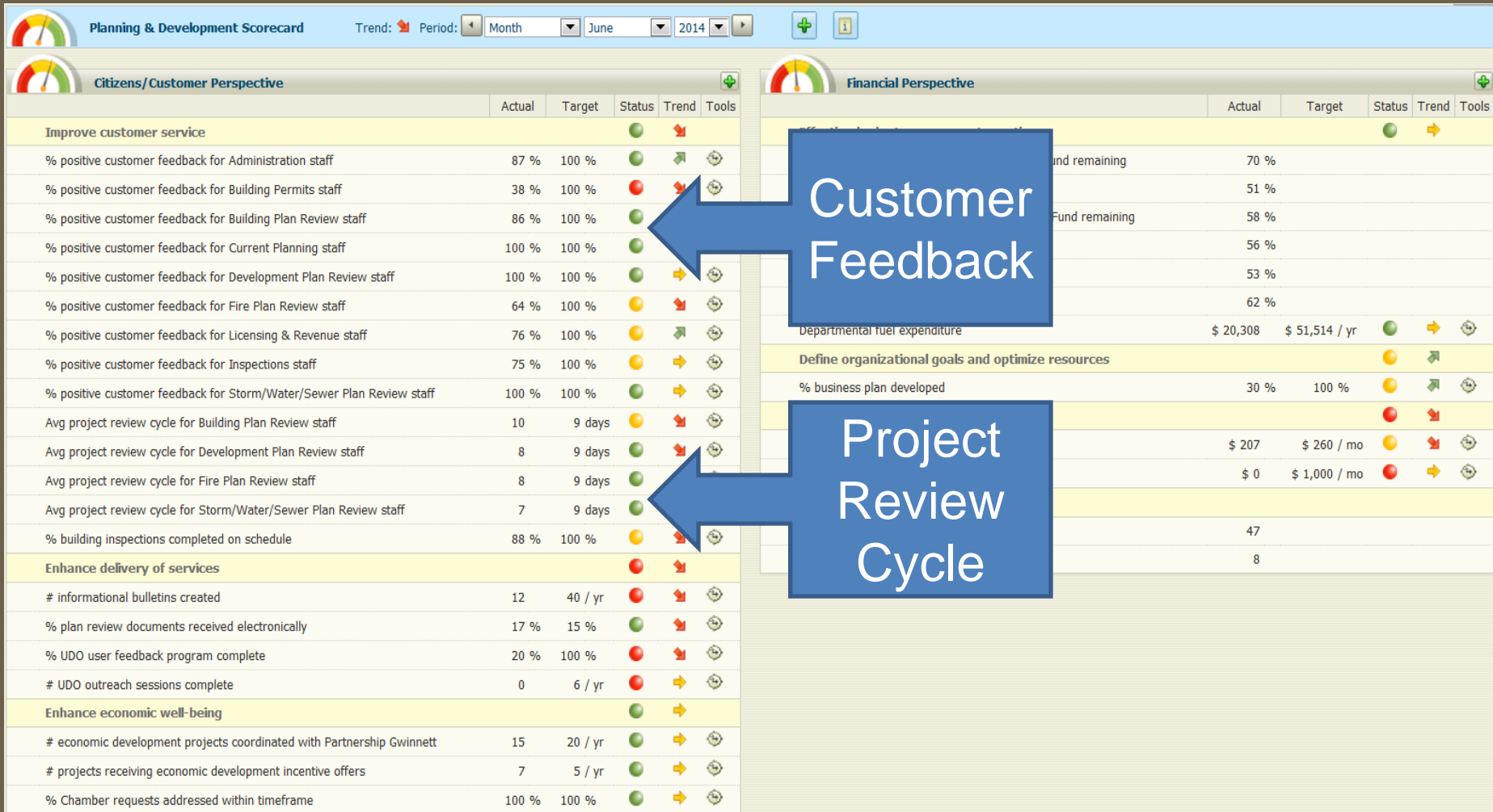
Comprehensive Transportation Plan



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Balanced Scorecard

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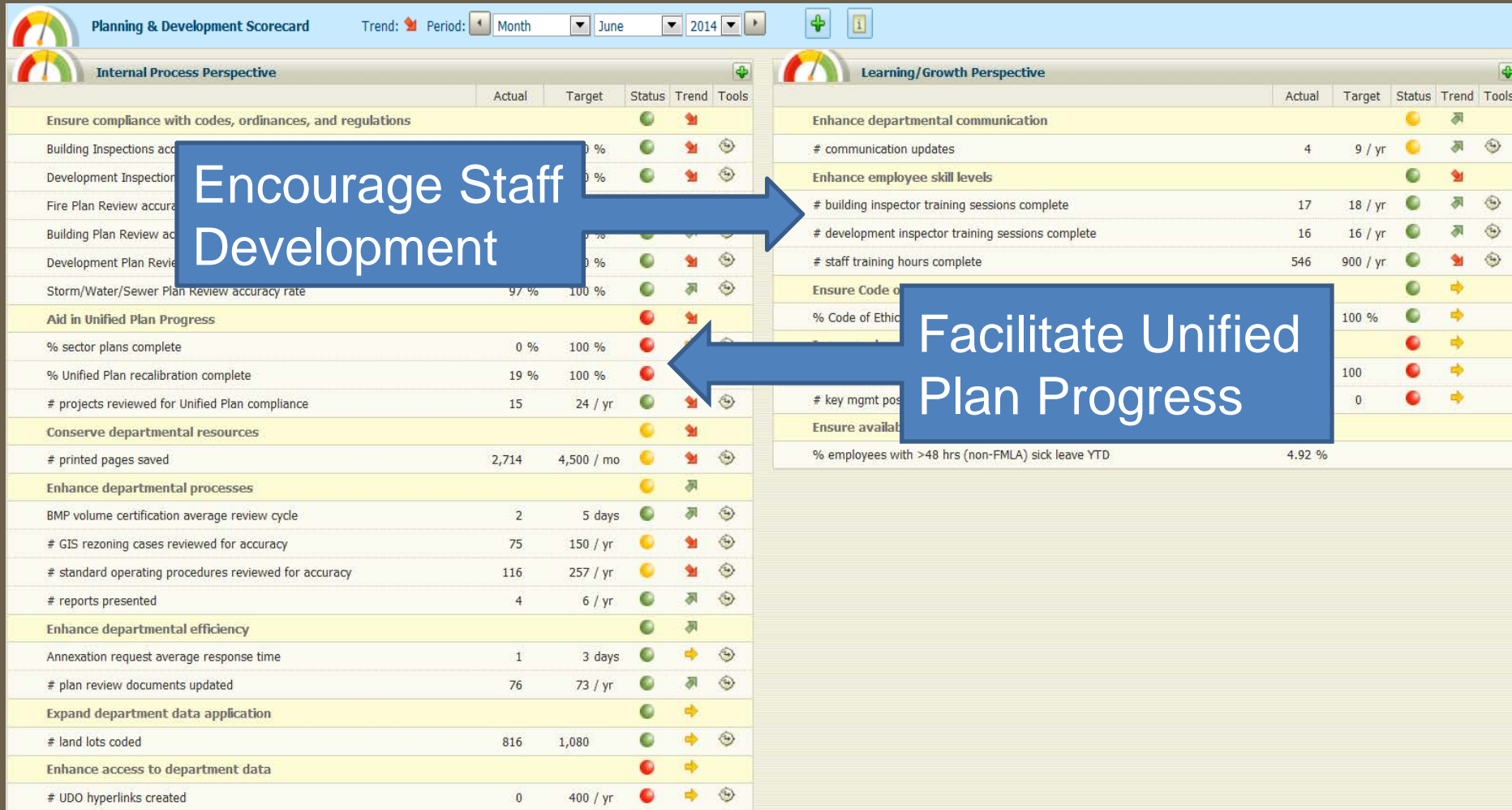


Customer Feedback

Project Review Cycle

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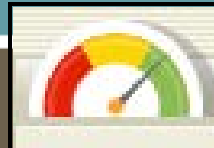


Encourage Staff Development

Facilitate Unified Plan Progress

Key Performance Measures

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Measure	YTD Result	2015 Target
% Positive Customer Feedback	80%	100%
Average Project Review Cycle (days)	7.5	9
# Building Inspections Completed On Schedule	90%	100%
# SOP Reviewed For Accuracy	116	257
% UDO User Feedback Program	20%	100%
% Unified Plan Recalibration Complete	22%	100%

Summary

“One-Stop Shop” When Doing Business In Gwinnett

Monitor Customer Service Areas- Efficient and Effective

Progress/Completion of Major Initiatives

Unified Plan Support and Vision



Questions?

