

Rome-Floyd County Public Involvement Plan
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Administratively Modified in 2015 and in March 2016

“The public involvement process for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is used to satisfy the Georgia Department of Transportation public participation process for the Program of Projects (POP).”

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THE ROME-FLOYD COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATION PLAN

Introduction

The Floyd-Rome Urban Transportation Study (FRUTS) is an element of a planning process established by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962, and amended by subsequent legislation, i.e., the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century of 1998 (TEA21), the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU), and The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The primary objective of the FRUTS effort is the development of plans and programs that address the transportation needs of the Floyd-Rome community. For that reason, with every major update of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), this Participation Plan is reviewed and revised as necessary to ensure that adequate opportunity is provided for input by citizens, agencies and other entities with an interest in transportation.

Requirements of the Planning Process

This Participation Plan is guided by the June 9, 2006 proposed rulemaking for public participation procedures for metropolitan planning organizations incorporating the changes to the Code of Federal Regulations due to the passage of the legislation, Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and affirmed in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The MAP-21 legislation integrates performance into many federal transportation programs and contains several performance elements.

The language below is taken from the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration 23 CFR Part 450.316: Interested parties, participation, and consultation - as well as the Federal Transit Administration 49 CFR Part 613.300:

(a) The MPO shall develop and use a documented participation plan that defines a process for providing citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, and other interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

(1) The participation plan shall be developed by the MPO in consultation with all interested parties and shall, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for:

(i) Providing adequate public notice of public participation activities and time for public review and comment at key decision points, including but not limited to a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP;

- (ii) Providing timely notice and reasonable access to information about transportation issues and processes;
- (iii) Employing visualization techniques to describe metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs;
- (iv) Making public information (technical information and meeting notices) available in electronically accessible formats and means, such as the World Wide Web;
- (v) Holding any public meetings at convenient and accessible locations and times;
- (vi) Demonstrating explicit consideration and response to public input received during the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP;
- (vii) Seeking out and considering the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, such as low-income and minority households, who may face challenges accessing employment and other services;
- (viii) Providing an additional opportunity for public comment, if the final metropolitan transportation plan or TIP differs significantly from the version that was made available for public comment by the MPO and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts;
- (ix) Coordinating with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes under subpart B of this part; and
- (x) Periodically reviewing the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan to ensure a full and open participation process.

(2) When significant written and oral comments are received on the draft metropolitan transportation plan and TIP (including the financial plans) as a result of the participation process in this section or the interagency consultation process required under the EPA transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR part 93), a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made as part of the final metropolitan transportation plan and TIP.

(3) A minimum public comment period of 45 calendar days shall be provided before the initial or revised participation plan is adopted by the MPO. Copies of the approved participation plan shall be provided to the FHWA and the FTA for informational purposes and shall be posted on the World Wide Web, to the maximum extent practicable.

(b) In developing metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs, the MPO should consult with agencies and officials responsible for other planning activities within the MPA that are affected by transportation (including State and local planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, airport operations, or freight movements) or coordinate its planning process (to the maximum extent practicable) with such planning activities. In addition, metropolitan transportation plans and TIPs shall be developed with due consideration of other related planning activities within the metropolitan area, and the process shall provide for the design and delivery of transportation services within the area that are provided by:

- (1) Recipients of assistance under title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53;
 - (2) Governmental agencies and non-profit organizations (including representatives of the agencies and organizations) that receive Federal assistance from a source other than the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide non-emergency transportation services;
- and

(3) Recipients of assistance under 23 U.S.C. 204.

(c) When the MPA includes Indian Tribal lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Indian Tribal government(s) in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.

(d) When the MPA includes Federal public lands, the MPO shall appropriately involve the Federal land management agencies in the development of the metropolitan transportation plan and the TIP.

(e) MPOs shall, to the extent practicable, develop a documented process(es) that outlines roles, responsibilities, and key decision points for consulting with other governments and agencies, as defined in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this section, which may be included in the agreement(s) developed under § 450.314.”

History of FRUTS Efforts

The Floyd-Rome transportation planning process began in 1969, even though the study area was not formally under the direction of the federal regulations until 1983. As a result of these local efforts, the 1975 Floyd-Rome Transportation Plan was produced. With the publication of the 1980 Census, the Rome area became a designated "urbanized area". This means that the City of Rome along with its densely-settled surrounding area have a population of at least 50,000 persons. This designation allows the local governments of the City of Rome and Floyd County to formally participate with GDOT, and receive funding for, transportation planning in the defined urban area. With this funding, staff of the Rome-Floyd County Planning Commission began the process of updating the 1975 plan by publishing three documents: 1980-83 Base Year Socio-Economic Data, Floyd-Rome Economic and Population Growth Indicators, and Floyd-Rome Traffic Volume Trend Analysis. During 1985 and 1986 the Planning Commission staff and the staffs of the City of Rome, Floyd County and Georgia Department of Transportation worked hard on data gathering, model development, and plan development activities. The results of these efforts bore fruit in late 1987 with the adoption of the Floyd-Rome Urban Transportation Study Long Range Transportation Plan.

The last major update of the FRUTS Long Range Transportation Plan planning began in 2011 and concluded in April of 2012. As part of that process, this participation plan was updated to reflect current federal requirements and the local policies and procedures adopted to comply with those requirements.

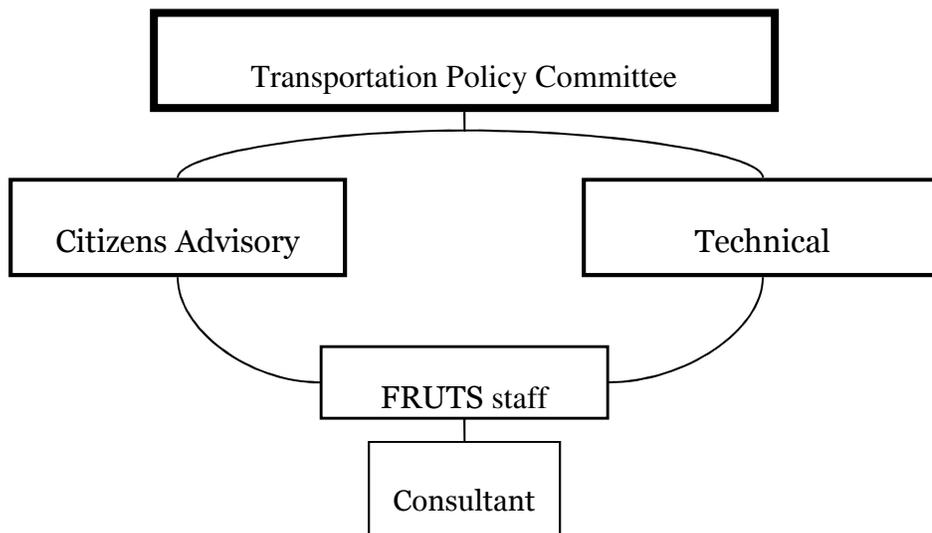
The 2012 update also reflected the 2004 expansion of the FRUTS area to include all of Floyd County, including the City of Cave Spring. The 2014 update of this plan (and the upcoming 2016 LRTP) reflects compliance with the latest federal regulations contained in The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

Organizational Structure

The Floyd-Rome Urban Transportation Study (FRUTS) involves policy makers, citizenry and staff in carrying out comprehensive transportation planning for the City of Rome and the urbanized area of Floyd County including the City of Cave Spring. This planning provides problem study and direction for a broad range of existing and projected transportation issues in the FRUTS area. Figure 1 shows the organizational structure for conducting the FRUTS.

FLOYD-ROME URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Participants

The three political jurisdictions involved in the study area are the City of Rome, City of Cave Spring, and Floyd County. The coordination responsibility for the FRUTS planning activities on a local level has been delegated to the Rome-Floyd County Planning Department, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). One full-time staff member, the Rome-Floyd County Transportation Planner, is responsible for the administration of these duties. Other planning department staff members also assist the program. Close technical support is provided by the Offices of Planning and the Offices of Intermodal Programs of the Georgia Department of Transportation and by divisional staff of the Federal Highway Administration.

Committees

The governing structure of the FRUTS is composed of three committees: 1) the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC); 2) the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC); and 3) the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) (see figure 1).

The Transportation Policy Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee provide policy guidance and the necessary technical support for the planning process. The Citizens Advisory Committee reviews all components of the FRUTS documents, and advises the TPC on adoption of the documents. Coordination of the work of the three committees is achieved through the efforts of FRUTS staff. The Cities of Rome and Cave Spring, and Floyd County contribute to the transportation planning process through their membership on the committees and financial support for the FRUTS staff. The placement of the CAC chair on both the TPC and the TCC

ensures that those groups have an opportunity to hear and consider CAC recommendations. The chair of the Rome – Floyd County Planning Commission also sits on the TPC and provides a link between the transportation and comprehensive planning processes.

The TPC consists of elected and appointed officials and senior management staff from the three local governments. Some of the responsibilities of the TPC are the following:

- 1) Receive and approve all major policy goals and objectives for the transportation planning process relevant to the Floyd-Rome urbanized area.
- 2) Review and adopt amendments to transportation planning concepts and plans, including the FRUTS Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Bike/Ped Plan (BPP), the Conformity Determination Report (CDR), and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- 3) Review the progress toward implementation of the TIP and recommend any changes in the priority schedule.
- 4) Approve the FRUTS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) each year.

The TCC is a committee of transportation specialists whose role is to bring together and coordinate all the technical activities in the transportation planning process. The TCC provides progress reports to both the TPC and the CAC. The TCC is responsible for:

- 1) Assisting staff with the production of the UPWP, the LRTP, the BPP, the CDR, and the TIP as delegated by the TPC.
- 2) Advising the TPC of any proposed changes in transportation planning concepts as well as in the LRTP or CDR.
- 3) Analysis of data collected and preparation of reports and findings within the framework of the "lead agency" format.
- 4) Maintaining current data for use in the transportation planning process.

The CAC was restructured in 1993 to include private sector providers of public transportation and balanced representation of city and county residents, transit users, the elderly, and disabled. The CAC ensures that citizen participation in the transportation planning process will be met. This committee functions by providing information to the interested public regarding transportation plans and projects. The CAC will participate in the review of social, economic and environmental considerations that are essential for developing a viable transportation study for the area. The CAC, through establishment of various subcommittees and regular committee meetings, should participate in the following:

- 1) Review each year the accomplishments of the transportation study including the LRTP, the BPP, the CDR, the TIP, and the UPWP
- 2) Assess the work of the staff, TPC and the TCC and make recommendations as appropriate.
- 3) Assess public opinion relative to the transportation study's activities with recommendations to the TPC and TCC, and to the Transit Committee of the Rome City Commission.

FRUTS Policy on Public Involvement

The Rome-Floyd County Planning Commission, the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rome-Floyd urbanized area, is responsible for meeting the requirements of the federal rules pertaining to public involvement in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

It is the intention of the MPO to adhere to an inclusive policy for the purpose of effecting meaningful public input into the preparation of documents such as the Transportation Improvement Program, FRUTS Long-Range Transportation Plan, Conformity Determination, and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. To this end, the CAC will play a key role in channeling public input into the planning process. The CAC has been in existence since 1987. The CAC Chairperson is a voting member of the TPC and the CAC Vice Chairperson is a non-voting, advisory member of the TCC.

A concerted effort will be made to ensure that members chosen for the CAC will represent users of various modes of transportation including, but not limited to, bicycle and pedestrian, transit, air, freight, and highway.

The meetings of the CAC are scheduled to allow the CAC to be briefed on transportation planning activities prior to the TPC meetings. At regularly scheduled CAC meetings, the TIP and other planning documents will be presented in the early stages of the process to allow opportunities for public input.

Beyond the CAC members, public information meetings for the general public will be held on the TIP and other planning documents prior to final approval by the PC. Citizens will be given reasonable notice of an opportunity to comment on the TIP and other proposed plans. Basic background information will be made available to the CAC and the general public to ensure that the public is informed on the transportation planning process.

Notice

Meetings of all three committees shall be advertised through public notices published in the local newspaper prior to the meeting, and if possible, the web pages of the local governments.

Location of Documents

Documents of the process, including minutes and draft documents shall be made available for public review at the offices of the Rome-Floyd County Planning Commission, the City of Rome Clerk's Office, the Floyd County Clerk's Office, the City of Cave Spring Clerk's office, and the Rome-Floyd County Library. The documents shall also be posted on local government web pages.

Accessibility, Opportunity, Open Meetings, and Public Records requirements

It is the intent of the FRUTS process to fully comply, to the extent practicable, with the Georgia law on Open and Public Meetings (OCGA §50-14-1, et seq.), and Inspection of Public Records (OCGA §50-18-70, et seq.) (see attached).

Efforts to involve the public in the planning process will be consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794, which ensure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or physical handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program receiving Federal assistance from the United States Department of Transportation.

The MPO will identify actions necessary to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and U.S. DOT regulations "Transportation for Individuals with Disabilities" (49 CFR Parts 23, 37, and 38). Public notices for public meetings will provide that any special needs for disabled individuals may be requested provided adequate advance notice of the need is provided to FRUTS staff. The MPO maintains a Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan that outlines efforts to ensure that non-English speakers are provided an opportunity to participate. The LEP will be updated when meaningful data on language spoken within the community is available.

Schedule

Meetings of the TPC are generally scheduled to take place every other month with the first meeting of the year taking place in January. Meetings of the CAC are scheduled to take place before the TPC meetings and are held every other month beginning in January. The TCC meetings are scheduled for every other month, also. A schedule of regular meeting dates is adopted by each committee annually. In addition, from time to time the need for called special meetings arises. All meetings will be established in accordance with Georgia law and the bylaws of the respective committee. The times and dates of these meetings are subject to verification each month. Interested persons may contact the Floyd-Rome Transportation Planner regarding meeting times, dates and locations.

While all committees (TPC, TCC, and CAC) are open to the public, citizens wanting to speak regarding projects will be encouraged to speak at the CAC meetings. Citizens can request an opportunity to speak by writing or calling the transportation planner, the CAC chairperson or vice-chairperson before the meeting.

Contacts:

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Comment Periods

The Participation Plan shall be periodically reviewed by the MPO and TPC in terms of its effectiveness in assuring that the process provides full and open access to all persons. The process will be evaluated and refined by following up with the established network and involved citizens for any suggestions on improvements. Further, the public involvement process will be reviewed by FHWA and FTA during recertification of the FRUTS process to assure the process provides full and open access to the MPO decision making process. Prior to the adoption of or revision to the Participation Plan the public will be given 45 days to review and comment on the document. These comments will be addressed as stated under "Requirements of the Planning Process", above.

The public will have 30 days to comment on the draft of any proposed adoption, amendment or revision to other plans including, but not limited to, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the FRUTS Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Conformity Determination Report (CDR), and The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (BPP), prepared by means of the FRUTS process before the Transportation Policy Committee takes action on it. If the TPC determines that a final plan differs significantly from the draft which was made available for public comment by the MPO, and raises new material issues which interested parties could not have reasonably foreseen, an additional 15 days for public comment on the final document shall be made available.

The LRTP has been revised at least every four-years beginning in 2008. The BPP is a component of the overall LRTP. Amendments to the LRTP may be brought to the Transportation Policy Committee at any time but no action shall be taken on the amendment until such time as the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee have reviewed and made recommendations on it.

Whenever the LRTP is revised, a CDR revision will be prepared to ensure that the LRTP conforms to federal air quality standards. Amendments to the CDR may be brought to the Transportation Policy Committee at any time but no action shall be taken on the amendment until such time as the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizens Advisory Committee have reviewed and made recommendations on it.

The TIP will be updated annually and will, at a minimum, list those projects and programs that are scheduled to occur within the FRUTS boundary area over the next four years. Amendments to the TIP may be brought to the TPC at any time but no action shall be taken on the amendment until such time as the TCC and the CAC have reviewed and made recommendations on it. Preparation of each TIP would potentially trigger the need to revise both the LRTP and the CDR.

At least one hearing/meeting will be provided the public during the comment period to provide additional opportunity for input.

Public Access and Assistance

Location of Materials:

1. The Rome – Floyd Planning Dept. @ 607 Broad St. (the Carnegie Building)
2. The Floyd County Clerks Office @ 5 Government Plaza, Suite 124
3. The Rome City Clerks Office @ 601 Broad St.
4. The Cave Spring Clerks Office @ 10 Georgia Ave.
5. The Rome – Floyd County Library @ 205 Riverside Parkway.
6. Online at www.romefloyd.com.

Inquiries:

Citizens or citizen groups may request information or action on a specific transportation project in the TIP, LRTP, or the BPP. Citizens are encouraged to write or call the transportation planner, or contact a member of the various FRUTS committees with their concerns and comments.

Citizens are also invited to attend the CAC meetings if they so desire.

Response to Comments Received

In accordance with the federal regulations, when significant public input is received on draft documents as a result of the public involvement process, a summary, analysis, or report on the content of the comments and the responses shall be prepared and made part of the final document and shall be copied to those commenting if possible.

Rome Transit Department Public Hearing Requirement

Rome Transit Department (RTD) shall solicit and consider public comments prior to implementing a transit fare increase, and /or any major service reduction in transit service in the manner provided herein.

The following service changes require a public hearing process followed by review and action by the RTD Board of Directors:

Major Service Reduction

A major service reduction to RTD transit operations is defined as:

- Establishment of a new bus route and the initial schedule and headway parameters for that route

- Significant deviations in the geographical path traversed by any routes, which may impact 25% of the existing average daily ridership or could be considered outside the corridor of direct service
- A substantial geographic alteration (one mile radius or more) in the termini of any route
- Elimination of a bus service not under the demonstration project status
- Modification to or increase in fare charged to the public for transit services

Notification of service changes as well as a transcript of the public hearing held will be provided to the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Intermodal summarizing the issues and responses received in the public hearing process with any transit fare increase, and/or any major service reduce in transit services.

Agency Consultation and Coordination

MAP requires that MPOs “shall consult, as appropriate with State and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation concerning the development of a long-range transportation plan,” and that this consultation “shall involve, as appropriate, comparison of transportation plans with State conservation plans or maps, if available, or comparison of transportation plans to inventories of natural or historic resources, if available.

In addition the Secretary shall encourage each MPO to consult with officials responsible for other types for planning activities that are affected by transportation in the area including State and local planned growth, economic development, environmental protection, airport operations, and freight movement.”

To meet consultation and coordination requirements listed above, FRUTS will provide the agencies listed in Attachment A reasonable opportunities to review and provide comments on draft documents including the TIP, the LRTP, the CDR, the BBP and the PP. Draft copies of transportation plans will be compared with conservation plans or maps and natural or historic resources if available and when appropriate. The agencies listed in Attachment A were identified during the “Agency Consultation Process” recently initiated by the GDOT.

In addition, FRUTS will continued to coordinate with local, regional and State agencies responsible for economic development, planned growth, airport and freight movement as we have since the inception of our planning efforts in the late early 1970s.

Environmental Mitigation

MAP 21 requires as well that planning documents include a discussion of the types of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out these activities, including activities that may have the greatest potential to restore and maintain the environmental functions affected by the [transportation] plan and that these planning-level discussions be developed in consultation with Federal, State, and Tribal land management, wildlife, and regulatory agencies.

To comply with these requirements, FRUTS will afford the agencies listed in Attachment A the opportunity to actively participate during the LRTP/CDR development process. In addition, general information will be sent to them on major planning and corridor studies. The goal of these activities will be to facilitate dialogue and identify potential environmental mitigation activities early in the development of long-range transportation plans.

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ATTACHMENT A – AGENCIES

Category	Agency	Address	Phone
Transportation	Coosa Valley Regional Development Center	1 Jackson Hill Drive NE Rome, GA 30161	706-295-6485
	Federal Highway Administration Georgia Division	61 Forsyth St., S.W. Ste. 17T100 Atlanta, GA 30303	404-562-3639
	Federal Transit Administration - Region IV	61 Forsyth St., S.W. Ste. 17T50 Atlanta, GA 30303	404-562-3500
	Georgia Department of Transportation – District Six Engineer	P.O. Box 10 Cartersville, GA 30120	770-387-3602
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Division of Construction	Room 134 No. 2 Capitol Square Atlanta, GA 30334	404-657-5810
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Division of Operations	Atlanta, GA 30316	404-656-5214
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Division of Preconstruction	2 Capitol Square, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30334	404-656-5187
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Division of Transportation Planning, Data and Inter-modal Development	2 Capitol Square, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30334	404-656-0610
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Office of Inter-modal Programs	276 Memorial Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30303	404-651-9200
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Office of Planning	2 Capitol Square, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30334	404-656-5411
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Rome Area Engineer	P.O. Box 10 Cartersville, GA 30120-0010	706-295-6025
	Georgia Department of Transportation – Adopt-A-Highway Program	935 Confederate Ave. Bldg. 24 Atlanta, GA 30316	404-635-8223
	Norfolk Southern Corporation	Three Commercial Place Norfolk, Va. 23510- 9227	757-629-2600
	Richard B. Russell Regional Airport	304 Russell Field Road Rome, GA 30165	706-295-7835

	Rome-Floyd County Chamber of Commerce	1 Riverside Parkway NE Rome, GA 30161	706-291-7663
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	Natural Resources Conservation Service – Rome Service Center	1401 Dean Street Ste I Rome , GA 30161-6494	706-291-5651
	Georgia Forestry Commission – Floyd County; District 1 Office	141 Wilshire Rd. Rome , GA 30161	706-295-6020
	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – WRD Fisheries Section Region 1 (NW Georgia)	312 N. River Street NW P.O. Box 519 Calhoun GA 30701	706-624-1161
Floodplain	Federal Emergency Management Agency	500 C Street SW Washington, D.C. 20472	800-621-FEMA
	Georgia Emergency Management Agency	P.O. Box 18055 Atlanta, GA 30316-005	404-818-6600
	U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile	P.O. Box 2288 Mobile, AL 36628-0001	251-471-5966
	Georgia Forestry Commission – Floyd County; District 1 Office	141 Wilshire Rd. Rome , GA 30161	706-295-6020
Historic / Archaeological Resources	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Historic Preservation Division	34 Peachtree Street, NW - Suite 1600 Atlanta, GA 30303	404-656-2840
	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – State Parks and Historic Sights	2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Suite 1352 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334	404-656-2770
	National Park Service – Southeast Region	100 Alabama St. SW - 1924 Building Atlanta, GA 30303	404-562-3100
	National Park Service – US Department of the Interior	1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240	202-208-6843
Navigable Waters	U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile	P.O. Box 2288 Mobile, AL 36628-0001	251-471-5966
Parks / Recreation / Natural Areas	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – State Parks and Historic Sights	2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Suite 1352 East Atlanta, GA 30334	404-656-2770
	National Park Service – Southeast Region	100 Alabama St. SW 1924 Building Atlanta, GA 30303	404-562-3100

	National Park Service – US Department of the Interior	1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240	202-208-6843
Pollution	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Environmental Protection Division	2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Suite 1352 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334	404-657-5947
	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Pollution Prevention Assistance Division	7 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Suite 450 Atlanta, GA 30334	404-651-5120
Rare, Threatened, & Endangered Species	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Non-game Animals and Plants	Nongame Program 116 Rum Creek Drive Forsyth, GA 31029	478-994-1438
	National Park Service – Southeast Region	100 Alabama St. SW 1924 Building Atlanta, GA 30303	404-562-3100
Wetlands	Georgia Department of Natural Resources – Environmental Protection Division	2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Suite 1352 East Tower Atlanta, GA 30334	404-657-5947
	U.S. Army Engineer District, Mobile	P.O. Box 2288 Mobile, AL 36628- 0001	251-471-5966
	Natural Resources Conservation Service – Rome Service Center	1401 Dean Street Ste I Rome , GA 30161- 6494	706-291-5651