




The Projects

Moving Forward




Progress Key

-  Complete or close
-  Good Progress
-  Limited Progress

The original Vision 2025 document lists focused projects to accomplish by 2025. Here is a list of some of these projects and their current status. While it may look like most of the goals and projects of Vision 2025 are complete, many are yet to be accomplished, and new ones are being created and developed every day.

Vision Area	Project	Status	Comments
Arts	Public Arts Funded by 1% of Construction Costs		Approved by City of Greenville; pending introduction and approval in other municipalities and the county.
	Bob Jones Museum & Art Gallery at Heritage Green		Building currently being renovated and grand opening set for 2008. Additionally, the main gallery is going through an awareness building campaign.
	Children's Museum of the Upstate		Opening in 2008. Twelve hundred people attended The Chocolate Soiree and Booseum has become one of Greenville's signature events.
	Upcountry History Museum		Opened in September 2007 with great fanfare.
	Upstate Shakespeare Festival		Beginning its 13th Season. Attendance records were broken last summer.
	International Arts Festival		Artisphere is on its third year. After only two years, Artisphere earned a "winner" in Greg Lawler's Art Fair Sourcebook, and was ranked 37th out of 600 shows.
Economy	Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research		CU-ICAR's first phase opened in Summer 2007 with over \$112 million in public and private financing. Students are being recruited. Endowed chairs are being created.
	Carolina First Center		Formerly the Palmetto Expo Center, this exposition center has launched its enhancement plan, estimated at \$22M dollars. Carolina First recently purchased the naming rights. Transportation plans still need development.
Education	School Construction Plan		The billion dollar plan is close to completion. All Greenville County schools have been either rebuilt or renovated. Plans include creating Greenville's only Downtown school in recent history, the Whittenburg School
	Arts Institute		The old Parker High School has recently been placed on sale by the school district. A group of local developers has talked about starting the arts institute at this site.
Environment	Lake Conestee Wildlife Preserve and Environmental Education Center		Received a grant from the Community Foundation to purchase additional land - Strategic Planning in progress and 2.5 miles of new trails have been opened. A February clean up yielded 8.5 tons of trash and 152 tires.
International	International Center of the Upstate		A primary focus of the International Task Force. The International Center for the Upstate organization is vibrant and working hard to increase awareness about our international population and businesses. In March, the ICU hosted a summit of over 60 Upstate international groups.
Sense of Place	Charles Townes and Sterling School Statue		Statues of Charles Townes and one in honor of the Sterling School are completed on Main Street. The focus on public art should continue.
	Greenville Downtown Baseball Stadium		Sold out many games during the inaugural season. Opened the second season with new seating areas and attendance higher than year one. Manager Craig Brown named Greenville Magazine's "Most Influential."

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Parks and Green Spaces	Conversion of Swamp Rabbit and other abandoned rail lines		Greenville Hospital System has donated \$100K for the next ten years. City portion from Linky Stone is complete, and significant progress made on Greenville Tech portion. Northern line should be complete at beginning of 2008. Some of the northern portion using "beet-based" surface.
	Funding of the County Parks Plan		TRAC (Tourism Recreation Athletics Coalition) Plan passed County Council and in to provide a 2% hospitality tax. Funding should exceed \$6 million each year.
	Reedy River Falls Park		Has become the Greenville signature and model for sense of place. Recently won the American Horticultural Society's Urban Beautification Award.
	Children's Garden at Linky Stone Park		With the opening of the Swamp Rabbit Trail, usage has increased and more and more children are visiting every day.
	Meadowbrook Park— 140 acre park behind the Kroc Center		Preliminary master plan developed. Will move slowly, but deliberately, to create this central city park. The City of Greenville has voted to explore options.
	One agency responsible for parks		The parks systems are in discussions about shared services. Parks managers meet every month to talk about planning. Ty Houck hired to manage greenways.
Planning and Infrastructure	University Corridor on North Pleasantburg		\$2 million used for landscaping and walking trail around University Center. The Fresh Market is building a new location on Antrium Drive.
	Regional Vision for the Upstate		Fergonese from Salt Lake City led the regional vision. All the Upstate visioning entities met on a monthly basis. The region is planning a Urban Land Institute planning session and have raised \$100,000 to pay for it.
	Comprehensive Plans		Greenville Forward has helped the city of Greenville with the survey for its comprehensive plan. The County has kicked off its plan.
Transportation	Revitalized Greenville Transit Authority (GTA)		The Councils are working toward a viable solution, but no meaningful progress has been made. The City of Greenville has voted to lead the charge and operate the system.
	Mass transit (rail or bus service)		A high speed bus system has been proposed on the old rail line behind Laurens road, linking Verdae with Downtown.
	Trolley system connecting West End with North Main		North Main leg is open and free to the public. This could become a model for other systems.
	Second Runway and Expanded Airport Terminal		No progress. This is primarily a function of market demand.
	Multi-modal Transportation Center		No progress at this point.