



To: John McDonough, City Manager

From: Angela Parker, Director of Community Development 

Date: November 20, 2012 for submission onto the December 4, 2012 City Council meeting

Agenda Item: **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Update and 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan Public Hearing**

As part of this agenda item, staff will update Mayor and City Council on the status of the current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Additionally, staff will discuss preparations for selecting the CDBG projects for the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan.

Background:

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was signed into law in 1974 and is one of the longest-running programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program funds local community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development.

The City of Sandy Springs has been participating in the CDBG since 2008 as an Entitlement Community. The 2008-12 Consolidated Plan adopted by the City Council focused on infrastructure improvements that benefit low- and moderate-income residents of Sandy Springs with the Roswell Road Multi-year Sidewalk Project.

Discussion:

Since 2008, the City has received funding allocations from HUD and expended the following amounts toward the design and construction of the Roswell Road Multi-year Sidewalk Project:

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8. Total	\$2,720,100.00	\$1,767,812.97	\$952,287.03

CDBG grantees must develop a 5-year Consolidated Plan with Annual Action Plans outlining proposed activities and identifying which National Objective and Eligibility Requirements have been met. As part of the planning process, the City must complete research and collect data on community development needs for identified areas through two (2) methods:

- Census, Comprehensive Plan, academic resources, city data
- Public hearings and public meetings on community needs

The attached 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan Timetable outlines the public participation and planning process being undertaken by staff. The 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan must be submitted to HUD by May 17, 2013 for the City to continue to participate in the CDBG Program.

Alternatives:

City Council could choose not to participate in the CDBG Program and fund the sidewalk project through the capital improvement program.

Financial Impact:

Participation would make approximately \$2 million available for CDBG-eligible capital projects.

Attachment(s)

Consolidated Plan Completion Timetable
Program Update Presentation

**Sandy Springs 2013-17 Consolidated Plan and 2013-14 Action Plan
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Development Timeline**

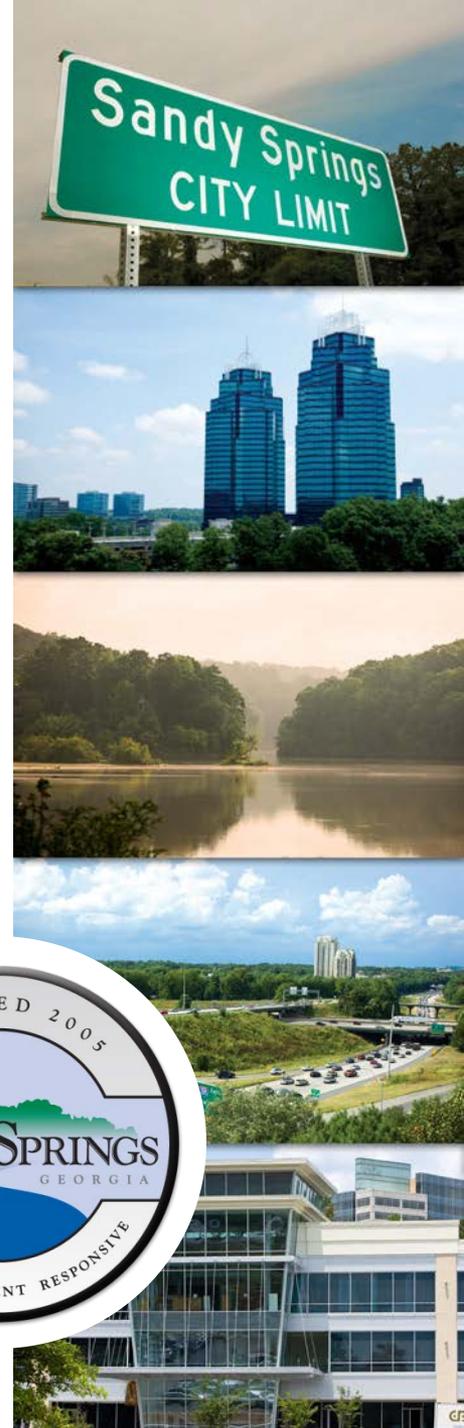
Step	Milestone	Purpose	Action Item	Estimated Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
1.	Complete needs assessment, community surveys, outreach to community agencies and housing market analysis.	Estimates the needs of specific groups (elderly, low-income, homeless, etc.). Includes analysis of housing supply, demand, conditions, cost and community development needs. Schedule public meetings for community input.	Send Ad for Public Hearing Notice Ad runs Submit Agenda Item to Clerk Public Hearing Send Ad for Open House Notice Ad runs Open House Send Ad for Needs Assessment Meeting Notice Ad runs Needs Assessment Meeting Complete	11/09/12 11/14/12 11/20/12 12/04/12 11/23/12 11/28/12 12/19/12 12/14/12 12/19/12 01/08/13 01/18/13	
2.	Develop 2013-17 Consolidated Plan	Utilizes data from Step 3 to prioritize how City will use its CDBG funds over a 5 year period. Establishes specific goals, objectives and performance measures. City council work session presentation for prioritizing program goals.	Complete	01/25/13	
3.	Develop 2013-17 Action Plan	Describes first-year projects or programs the City will undertake with its 2013-14 CDBG funds to address the priorities identified in Step 4.	Complete	01/25/13	
4.	Execute 2013-17 Consolidated Plan certifications, develop a monitoring plan and complete project environmental reviews for 2013-14 projects.	Certifications required by HUD include: furthering fair housing, drug-free workplace, anti-lobbying, Section 3, compliance with anti-discrimination laws and others; monitoring plan for project compliance with regulations; environmental review statutory checklist for each proposed CDBG project.	Complete	02/01/13	
5.	Complete 2013-17	Document includes: Citizen Participation	Send Ad for 30-day	02/08/13	

**Sandy Springs 2013-17 Consolidated Plan and 2013-14 Action Plan
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
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Step	Milestone	Purpose	Action Item	Estimated Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
	Consolidated Plan and 2013-14 Annual Action Plan draft.	Plan, Community Needs Assessment, Housing Market Analysis, City Council's Priority Goals, First-year Action Plan projects, Certifications, Monitoring Plan and other information. Advertise for 30-day public comment period. Public hearing held following public comment period. City council briefings as required.	comment period		
			Ad runs	02/13/13	
			30-day advertisement period begins	02/13/13	
			30-day advertisement period ends	03/15/13	
			Finalize Draft for submittal to Clerk	03/18/13	
			Submit Agenda Item to Clerk	03/20/13	
			City Council Briefing	04/12/13	
			City Council work session	04/16/13	
6.	Complete final draft revisions.	Revisions made to 2013-17 Consolidated Plan and 2013-14 Action Plan following public hearing and City Council review as needed.	Finalize Plan for submittal to Clerk	04/22/13	
7.	2013-17 Consolidated Plan and 2013-14 Action Plan adopted.	Approval required prior to transmitting documents to Atlanta HUD office. Submit to City Council for final adoption.	Submit Agenda Item to Clerk	04/24/13	
			City Council Briefing	05/03/13	
			City Council meeting for adoption	05/07/13	
8.	2013-17 Consolidated Plan and 2013-14 Annual Action Plan transmitted.	Documents due to Atlanta HUD office no later than 45 days prior to start of City's program year on July 1, 2013.	Submit to HUD	05/17/13	

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM UPDATE & 2013-2017 CONSOLIDATED PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

December 4, 2012



Overview of CDBG Program

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- One of the longest-running programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, signed into law in 1974
- Funds local community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs, and infrastructure development
- CDBG grantees must develop a 5-year Consolidated Plan with Annual Action Plans outlining proposed activities and identifying which National Objective and Eligibility Requirements have been met

Overview of CDBG Program (cont.)

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- National Objectives
 - Benefit low- and moderate-income persons
 - Prevent or eliminate slums or blight
 - Meet urgent community development needs
- Do research and collect data on needs
 - Two methods:
 - Census, Comprehensive Plan, academic resources, city data
 - Public hearings and public meetings on community needs

Sandy Springs CDBG Program History

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- The City of Sandy Springs has been participating in the CDBG since 2008 as an Entitlement Community
- 2008-12 Consolidated Plan focused on infrastructure improvements that benefit low- and moderate-income residents of Sandy Springs with the Roswell Road Multi-year Sidewalk Project

2008-2012 Consolidated Plan 2008 Annual Action Plan Sandy Springs, GA



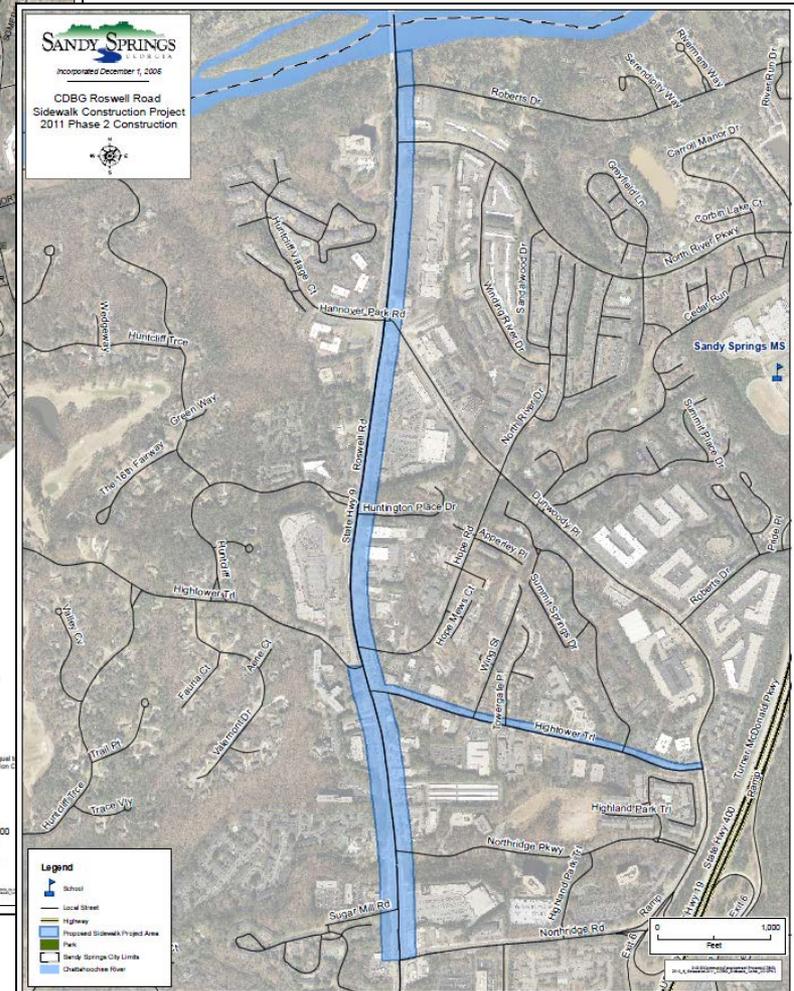
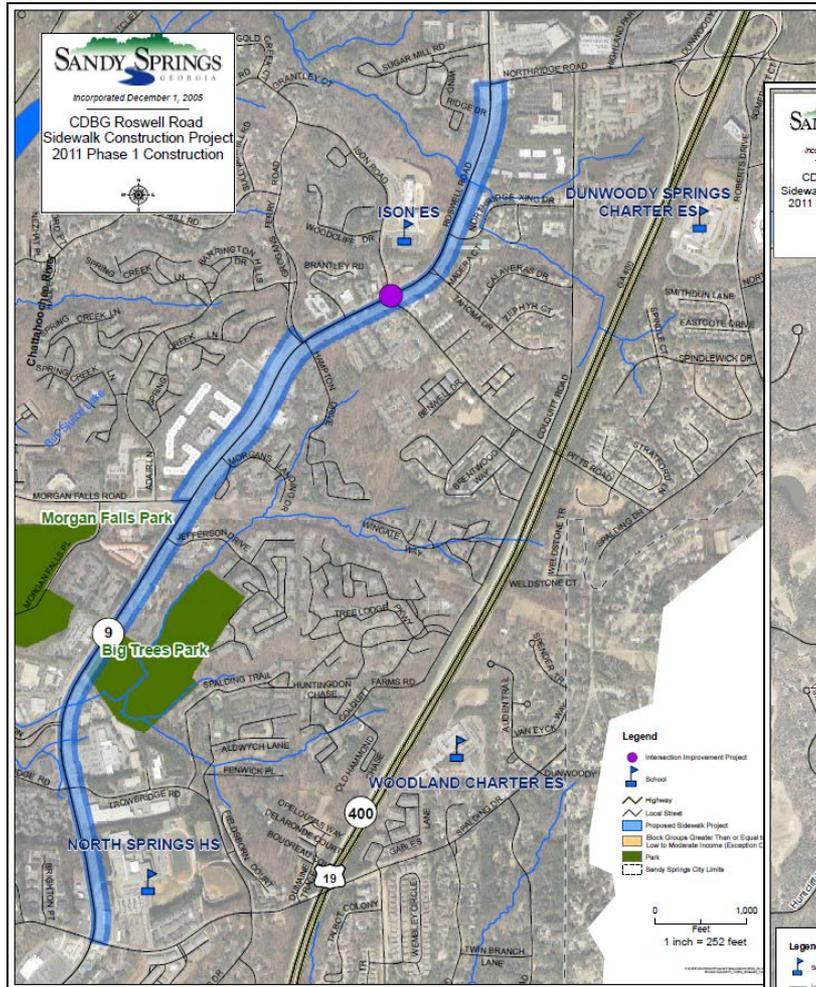
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Re-Submitted: September 12, 2008
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Atlanta Regional Office
Five Points Plaza Building
40 Marietta Street
Atlanta, GA 30303



Sandy Springs CDBG Program History (cont.)

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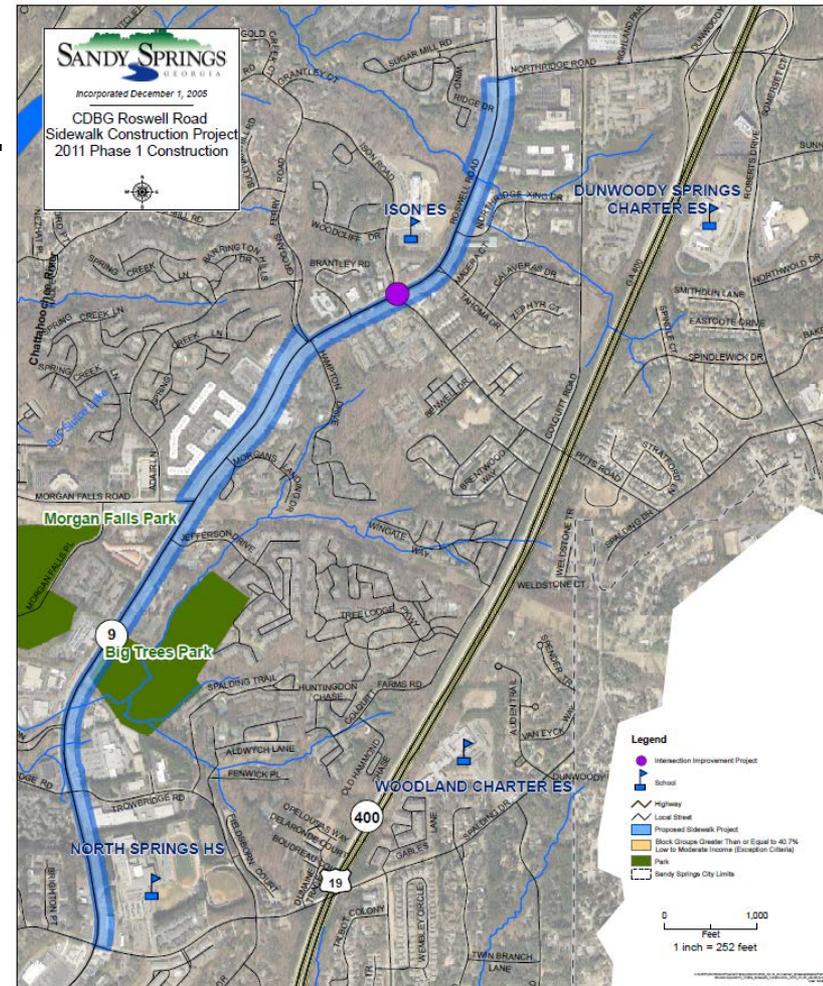
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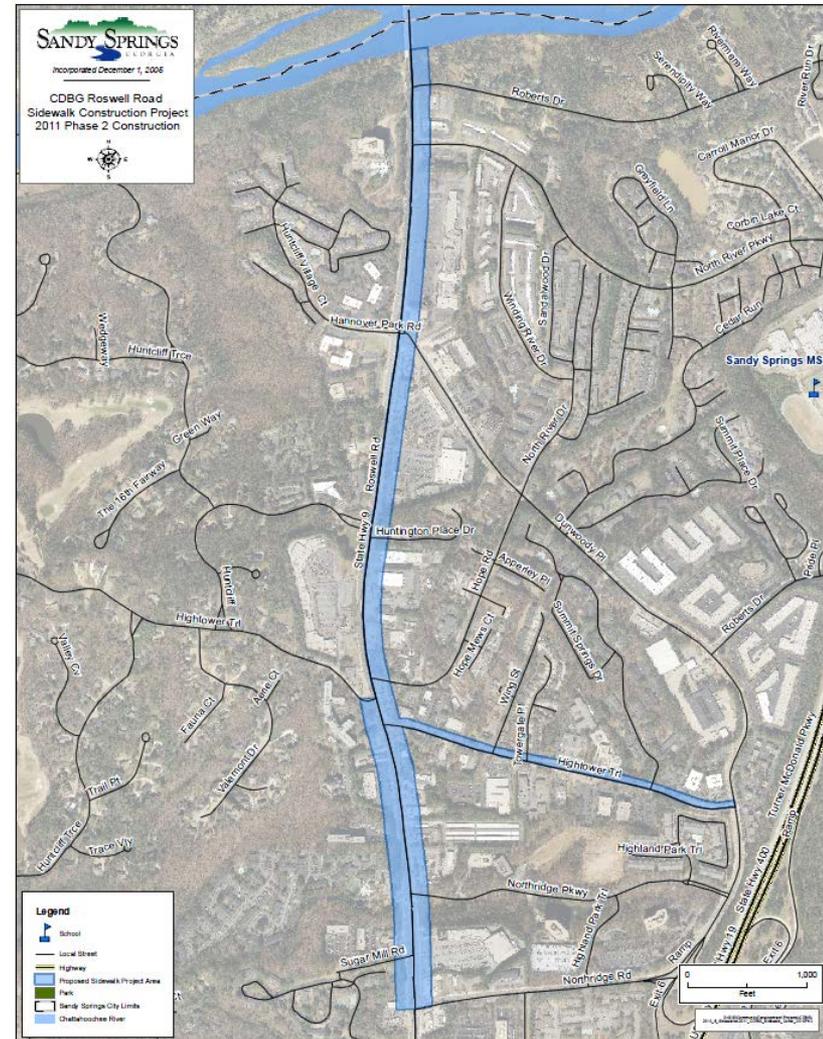
- Phase I construction – 1.5 miles
 - Dalrymple Rd. to Northridge Rd.
 - Street lights
 - ADA ramps
 - Brick pavers
 - Landscaping
- Invitation to Bid: May 2011
- Phase I Completion: June 2012
- Cost: \$1,409,000 (est.)
 - Expended: \$1,191,075
 - Cost to Complete: \$217,925 (est.)



Sandy Springs CDBG Program Update (cont.)

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- Phase II construction – 2 miles
 - Northridge to Chattahoochee
 - Street lights
 - ADA ramps
 - Brick pavers
 - Landscaping
 - North side of Hightower Trail
 - Sidewalk
 - ADA ramps
- Cost: \$1,250,000 (est.)

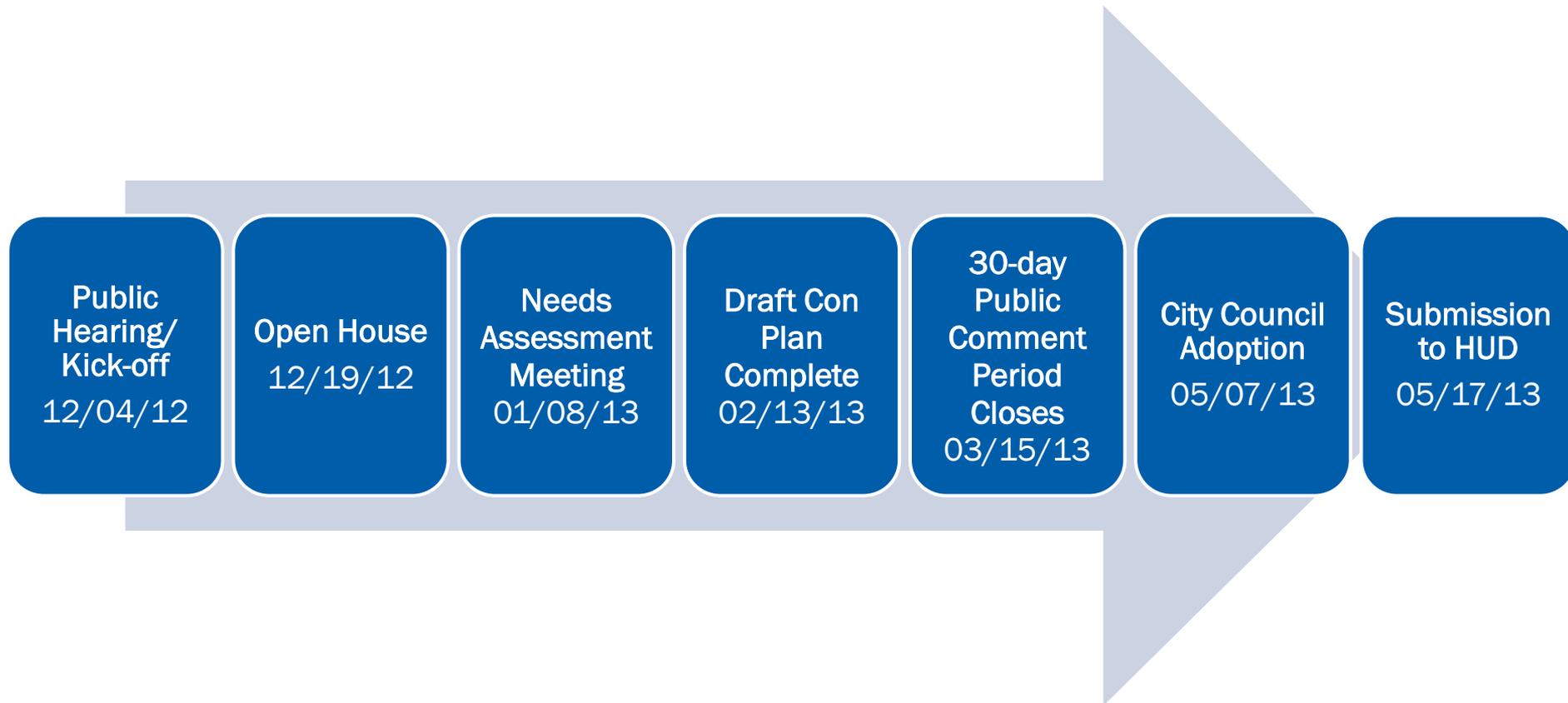


2013-2017 Consolidated Plan

- Required to use new eCon Planning Suite rolled out by HUD in 2012
- Initial recommendation is to continue Roswell Road Multi-year Sidewalk Project to complete work currently underway (anticipate next 2 to 3 years of future funding will be needed)
- Needs assessment with community/agencies to be completed in January
- Final plan required to be submitted to HUD in May 2013

2013-2017 Consolidated Plan (cont.)

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2013-2017 Consolidated Plan (cont.)

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- Questions
- Public Hearing