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**Ridgeland Area Master Plan progress report reveals notable projects and achievements**

(Ridgeland, MS – November 2, 2012) The City of Ridgeland is proud to announce the release of a report detailing the implementation progress of the Ridgeland Area Master Plan (RAMP) since its initial adoption in March 2008. RAMP is an award-winning document that is designed to proactively improve quality of life for citizens and businesses and to guide us in remaining competitive with surrounding communities by attracting quality jobs and desirable development. The recommendations for the future that are outlined in the RAMP relied heavily on citizen input.

Mayor McGee said, “I am so proud of the accomplishments we’ve made in growing our community over the last four and half years since we adopted the Master Plan. Most people know that I have and will continue to work tirelessly on the implementation of RAMP. We respect the efforts the citizen-based Master Plan Steering Committee put forth to ensure that the citizen input is reflected in every recommendation.”

Some of the most notable projects, programs, and policies include the acquisition of the City Center property, stringent code enforcement initiatives, construction of the parking lots at the intersection of the railroad tracks and Jackson Street, and the establishment of the Northpark Overlay District.  After compiling the report, Ridgeland Community Development Director, Alan Hart, commented, “It really surprised me at how many accomplishments we’ve made in such a short period of time. There are so many little implementation efforts in addition to some bigger items. The best news is that most of the efforts haven’t cost us very much. It’s a joy to be part of a Plan where the Mayor, Aldermen, and Department Heads are all working together on implementation.” RAMP is available at [www.RampUpRidgeland.com](http://www.RampUpRidgeland.com).

The eighteen-page report is broken into general accomplishments and Focus Area accomplishments. The Focus Area accomplishments are divided into projects, programs, and policies as listed in RAMP. Citizens and interested parties are invited to review the report at [www.ridgelandms.org](http://www.ridgelandms.org) to learn more about what the City of Ridgeland has accomplished since the Master Plan’s adoption and where the City will focus its efforts in the future. For more information about the report or if you would like to get involved in the implementation of the plan, please contact Mayor Gene McGee or Alan Hart at 601-856-7113.

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