

development programs to ensure an adequately trained and skilled workforce.

10. Community Health

Ensure that all community residents, regardless of age, ability, or income, have access to critical goods and services, safe and clean neighborhoods, and good work opportunities. This may be achieved by providing services to support the basic needs of disadvantaged residents, including the disabled; instituting programs to improve public safety; promoting programs that foster better health and fitness; or otherwise providing all residents the opportunity to improve their circumstances in life and to fully participate in the community.

South Georgia Medical Center's Community Health Needs Assessment outlines five broad issues affecting Lowndes and how to address them. The issues (increasing access to behavioral health, substance abuse resources, and care for low-income individuals, expanding chronic disease care and promoting community health initiatives) can be addressed by many projects the communities plan to continue/begin during the life of this comprehensive plan. Such as construction of a senior center, bike and pedestrian trails, and recreational facilities; development of a farmers' market and community garden, and supporting VLPRA quality of life initiatives.