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Northwest Regional Development Commission

Thrive in Thief River 55+ Housing

The Northwest Regional Development Commission and Advance Thief River led a community-driven process to create a Strategic Housing Plan focused on residents age 55 and older.

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Chariton Valley Planning & Development Council

Range of Motion Project

The ROMP – Range of Motion Project provides access to high-quality prosthetic care for underserved people, improving mobility and independence while supporting human dignity, empowerment, sustainability, and community for those in need.

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Bluegrass Area Development District

Participant Directed Services (PDS) Digital Enrollment Project

The PDS Digital Enrollment Project replaces paper-based intake, enrollment, and recertification workflows with a secure electronic system using digital forms, defined workflows, role-based access, structured data, and secure storage.

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Foothills Regional Commission

Senior Cycles Program

This permanent cycling program was created through a partnership between the Senior Center and the Rutherford Outdoor Coalition to give senior center members safe access to bicycling on the 13.5-mile Thermal Belt Rail Trail.

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Upper Coastal Plain of Governments

Super Seniors Program

The Super Seniors Project is an intergenerational initiative that connects residents of local long-term care facilities with student-athletes through shared experiences, including school sporting events and interactive on-site activities.

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Land of Sky Regional Council

Aging Sensitivity Training Program

This educational initiative was designed to prepare future Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) to deliver respectful, person-centered care to older adults while increasing awareness of the Ombudsman Program.

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Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission

Telehealth Feasibility Study

The Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission led a comprehensive Telehealth Feasibility Study to evaluate the potential for a regionally coordinated telehealth network to improve healthcare access and economic resilience across four Southwest Virginia counties.

Lumber River Council of Governments

Lumber River Choosing Home Services

The program provides financial support for critical needs, including overdue utility bills, rental assistance to prevent eviction, and aid to halt foreclosure, alongside essential home improvements such as HVAC repairs and replacement.

Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

The Southern Georgia Regional Commission Area Agency on Aging (SGRC-AAA) leads the implementation of the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) that provides eligible seniors with benefits to purchase fresh, locally grown produce and other healthy foods.

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Bearpaw Development Corporation

Havre Tourism Enhancement Project

Bear Paw Development Corporation secured a Montana Department of Commerce Pilot Community Tourism Grant for the City of Havre to advance the Havre Tourism Enhancement Project, a five-year initiative to revitalize the downtown business district, strengthen tourism, improve vibrancy, and support local businesses.

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Great Falls Development Alliance

Great Falls Regional Small Business Development Center

The Great Falls Development Alliance has led a highly successful Regional Small Business Development Center (SBDC) supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses across a five-county region in North Central Montana. Since 2002, the SBDC has assisted over 3,100 clients, delivered more than 20,000 counseling hours, and helped businesses secure over $116 million in capital.

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Great Falls Development Alliance

Great Falls Montana Gap Financing 30 Year Success

The Great Falls Development Alliance has played a central role in advancing regional economic development by managing revolving loan funds for 30 years to provide critical gap financing. To date, GFDA has issued 210 loans totaling over $72 million, leveraging more than $350 million in additional investment with an exceptionally low default rate.

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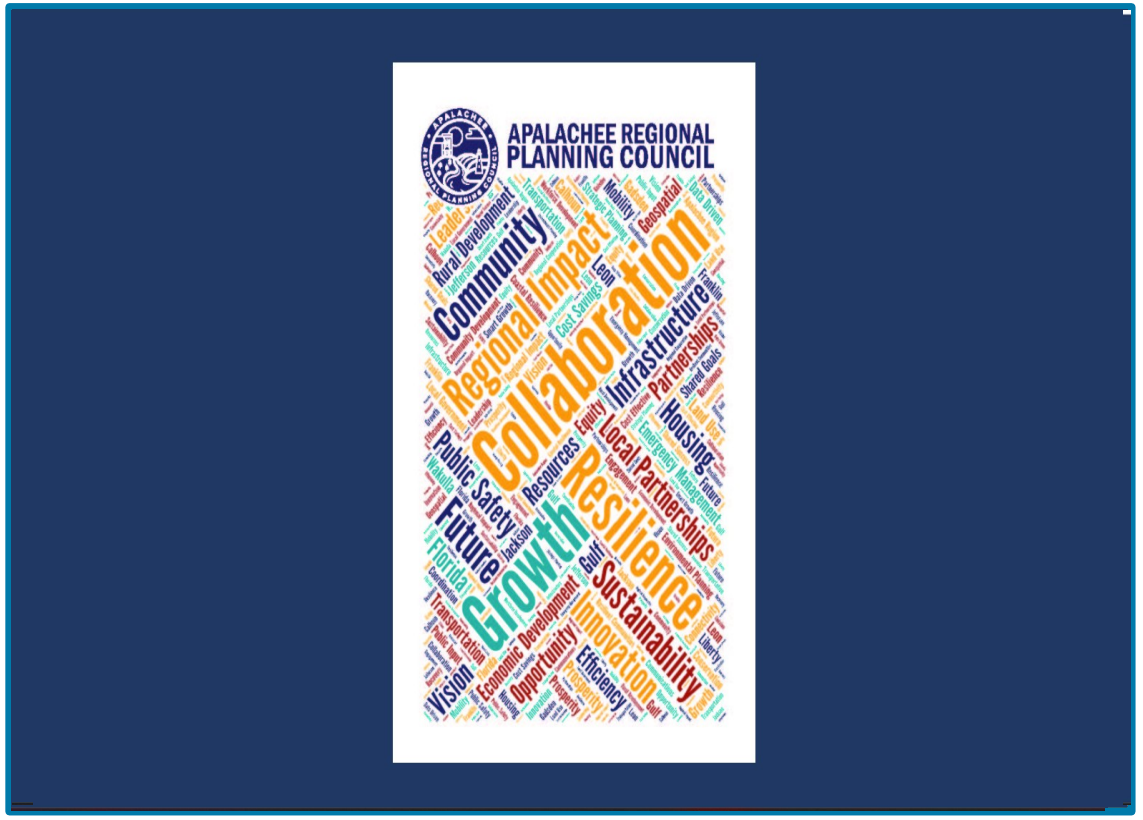

ARPC Monthly Planner

To further engage the community and increase awareness of the impact Apalachee Regional Planning Council has in the region, staff developed a monthly planner that incorporates pictures from throughout the area, monthly lists of festivals occurring in ARPC's nine member counties, and highlights of the work ARPC has been involved in over the year.

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East Texas Council of Governments

ETCOG 101 Workshops: Connecting Communities to Regional Solutions

ETCOG 101 Workshops provide a consistent, in-person forum that connects local leaders, partners, and the public with regional programs, resources, and each other to strengthen collaboration across East Texas. Launched in January 2025, the 1.5-hour sessions are designed to give members, partners, and the public a clear understanding of the East Texas Council of Governments and its services.

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Bear Paw Development Corporation

Bear With Us Podcast

The "Bear With Us" highlights people within the region who are contributing positively to the overall quality of life in the area. The purpose of the podcast is to highlight people who are doing incredible, unusual, and special things in the five-county Economic Development District, which encompasses a broad swath of rural northern Montana.

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Kansas Department of Commerce

A LISTENING TOUR

to Begin the Journey

As KCE shifted from K-State Extension to the Department of Commerce, leaders were mindful that the way the transition began would set the tone for the future. It wasn't enough to simply transfer files, update a website, or change letterhead. For a program built on community volunteerism and relationships, the first step had to be about showing up.

That meant physically stepping foot into as many communities as possible, meeting face-to-face with local leaders, volunteers, and what many call the "doers". Those who make things happen in their towns. It meant building new relationships, strengthening existing ones, and most importantly, listening.

This philosophy guided the transition from the very beginning. Rather than rushing to roll out new initiatives, the Department of Commerce made a deliberate choice: before moving forward, first hear directly from the people who know their communities best. Commerce launched an intentional listening tour. Over the course of just 49 days, Commerce staff visited 65 communities across Kansas. Most included the 62 currently enrolled KCE participants, but it also included some communities wishing to be a part of KCE in the future.

2025 GRANT AWARDEES

This summer four communities received grant funds through Kansas Community Empowerment.

- Riverton Community Development | $1,500 - Increasing accessibility and utilization of the Riverton Walking Trail
- Envision Eskridge | $500 - Flower pots to beautify Main Street
- Blue Rapids Comunity Action Team | $500 - Promotion of the Blue Rapids Road Ramble event
- Energize Erie | $1,000 - Purchase of banners for Old Soldiers and Sailors Reunion

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Kansas Community Empowerment Listening Tour

The Kansas Community Empowerment Listening Tour was a 49-day statewide engagement initiative led by the Kansas Department of Commerce following its assumption of the KCE program on July 1, 2025. Commerce staff visited 65 communities across Kansas, including all 62 active KCE communities and several prospective participants, to build relationships and ensure community voices directly shaped the program's future.

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River Valley Regional Commission

Hazard Mitigation Planning - Reaching Vulnerable Populations

The River Valley Regional Commission conducted targeted outreach to older adults in Stewart County as part of developing its 2027 Hazard Mitigation Plan, focusing on improving preparedness among one of the community's most vulnerable populations.

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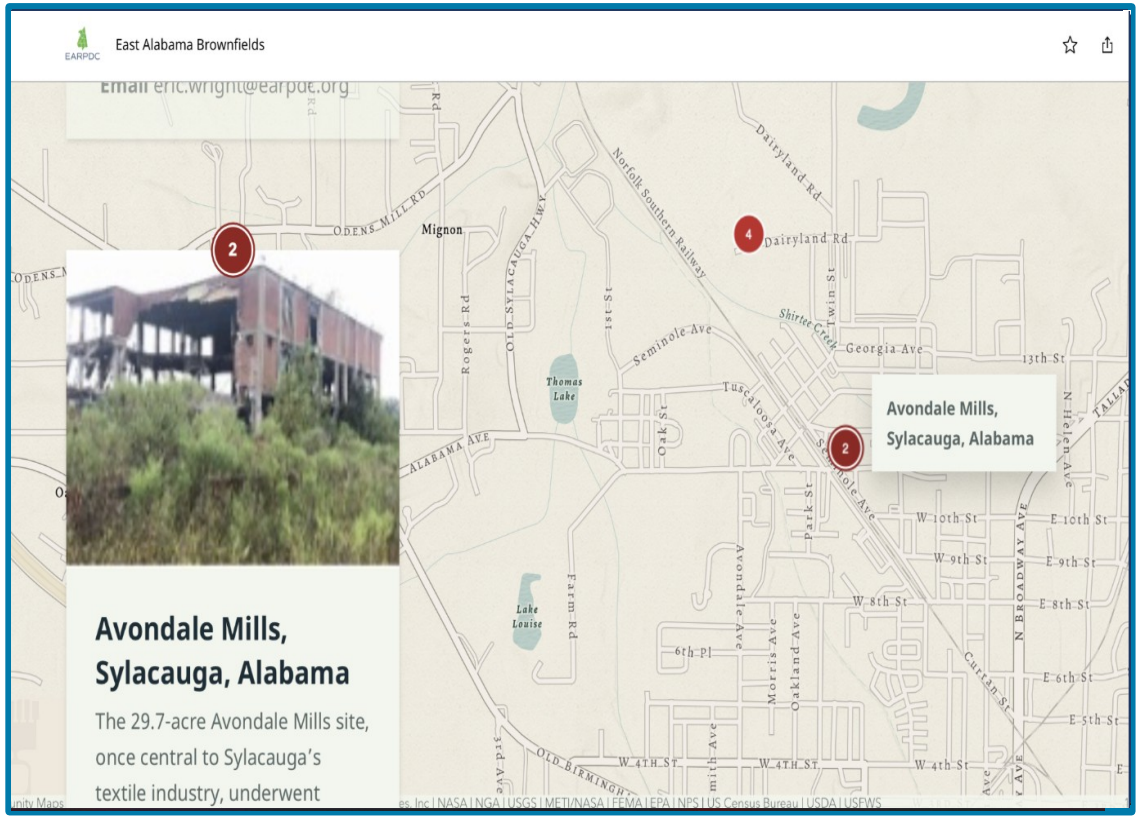
East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission



East Alabama Brownfields Revitalizing Communities StoryMap

The East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission developed the Brownfields StoryMap as an interactive, map-based platform that transforms complex environmental assessment data into an accessible tool for redevelopment decision-making.

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Southwest Tennessee Development District

RuralStrong Podcast

The Southwest Tennessee Development District created the RuralStrong podcast to highlight the Southwest Tennessee region as an attractive place to live and work while showcasing best practices in rural economic and community development nationwide.

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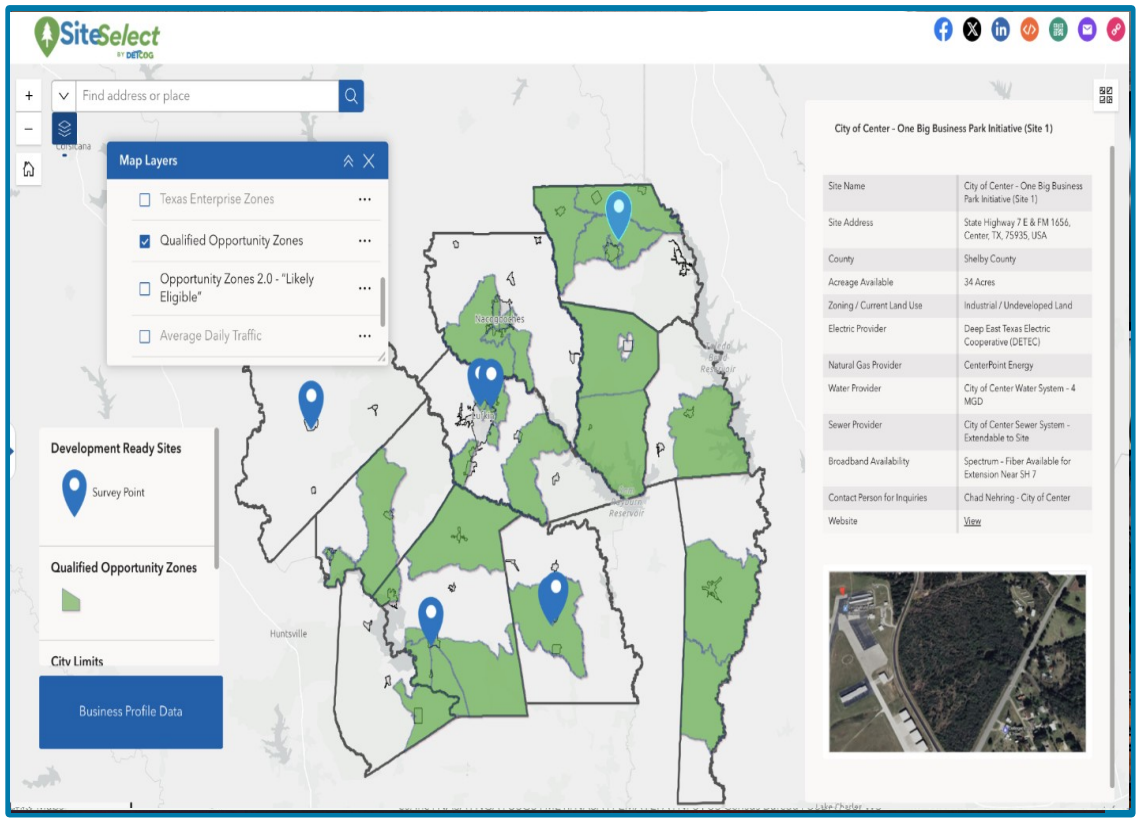
Deep East Texas Council of Governments



SiteSelect by DETCOG

SiteSelect by DETCOG is a GIS-powered, data-driven platform which can be used to identify, evaluate, and optimize locations for economic development in the region. The tool is currently being used to apply for a grant to fund a Biofuel Development Opportunity (BDO) Zone Rating in an effort to create new bio-manufacturing jobs

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Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

Perrow Park and Event Center

The City of Jasper transformed a vacant, city-owned property into Perrow Park and Event Space with $1,000,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission funding and local matching funds. The project created a landscaped garden amphitheater with 950 seats plus 25 additional accessible seats, accessible parking and sidewalks, food truck accommodations, public restrooms, and green space on a 3.1-acre site.

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Bi-State Regional Commission

Planning For Thriving Communities

Since November 2025, Bi-State Regional Commission has worked with Colona and East Moline, Illinois, on comprehensive land use planning, city council goal setting, and Comprehensive Planning activities.

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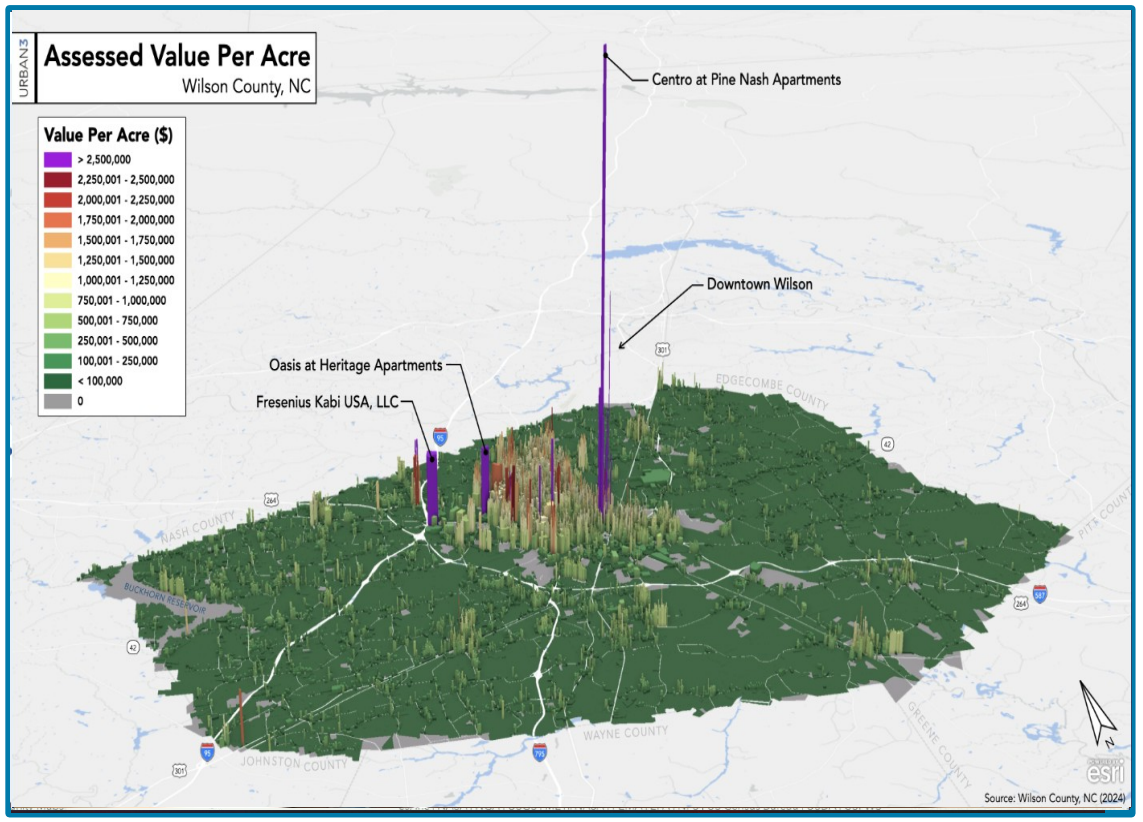
Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments



Fiscal Geographic Study for Wilson County

The Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments partnered with Urban3, LLC to manage a Fiscal Geographic Study across Wilson County, including the county government, the City of Wilson, and the towns of Sims and Stantonsburg. The study analyzes how land use patterns affect local revenues, infrastructure costs, and long-term fiscal sustainability through revenue modeling, fiscal audit analysis, and fiscal mapping.

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Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

Lankford Corner at the Silver Comet

The Lankford Corner construction project is a 5,500-square-foot event center along the Silver Comet Trail in downtown Cedartown. The event center features an outdoor gathering space, a shaded dining and rest area, an entertainment pavilion, public restrooms, a butterfly garden, and food truck parking.

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Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments

Creating Opportunity: A Regional Economic Development Summit

The Regional Economic Development Summit brought together partners, agencies, and community leaders for a day of collaboration, information sharing, and professional development. The event featured presentations from key state and federal partners on available resources and programs, a regional economic development panel that highlighted local successes and challenges, and engaging sessions focused on strengthening leadership skills and improving community and economic development efforts.

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Lake Champlain - Lake George Regional Planning Board

North Country Main Street Reinvestment Program

The North Country Main Street Reinvestment Program will help communities strengthen Main Streets and hamlets through economic development, placemaking, and community-building strategies.

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Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

Regional Economic Development Academy

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Regional Economic Development Academy is a one-of-a-kind training program comprised of six, half-day, in-person workshops for public-sector staff, community leaders, economic development professionals, and elected officials to further their knowledge of economic development tools and programs.

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South Florida Regional Planning Council

Regional Transit Oriented Development Initiative - Economic and Community Benefits Study

The South Florida Regional Planning Council conducted the Transit Oriented Development Outreach Program and Economic Impacts Study for the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, operator of the Tri-Rail commuter service, to determine the economic impact of Tri-Rail on Southeast Florida.

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Western Piedmont Council of Governments

2026 Homelessness Response GIS Field Application

Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) launched a coordinated regional approach to homelessness by creating a Homelessness Response Team and developing an innovative GIS-based intake and referral platform.

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Coastal Bend Council of Governments

Workforce and Economic Development Accelerator

The RRP Workforce and Economic Development Accelerator, funded by the Economic Development Administration, is designed to help the Coastal Bend region build economic resilience by working with communities to anticipate risk, evaluate how hazards can affect key economic assets, and build responsive capacity with local officials and workforce partners.

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Foothills Regional Commission

McDowell County/Freedom Life Ministries Transitional Housing Facility

McDowell County, in partnership with Freedom Life Ministries, is working to construct a long-term transitional housing facility to support reentry and recovery from substance use disorder for justice involved individuals and their families.

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East Tennessee Development District

2022-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy StoryMap

East Tennessee Development District's 2022-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy included its greatest partner and stakeholder participation to date and an in-house conversion from a printed plan to an engaging online platform using ArcGIS StoryMaps.

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Kansas Department of Commerce

Residential Opportunities on Main Street (ROOMS) Grant

ROOMS Grant is a statewide, recurring program developed by the Kansas Department of Commerce to address housing shortages while reinvesting in Kansas downtowns. As the first initiative of its kind within a statewide Main Street network, ROOMS supports renovation and improvement of upper floors in historic commercial buildings to create residential units, preserve historic character, and strengthen Main Street districts.

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Northeast Florida Regional Council

Northeast Florida Shrimping Industry Market Study

Northeast Florida Regional Council's Shrimping Industry Market Study provides a holistic overview of the shrimping industry in Northeast Florida, including its history, sustainability, and status.

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Georgia Mountains Regional Commission

City of Cornelia - Festival and Event Park Project

The City of Cornelia Festival and Event Park Project is an important part of redevelopment efforts in downtown Cornelia through the construction of a multi-purpose event venue, cultural gathering place, and open-air park on approximately 1.9 acres adjacent to the city's Historic Train Depot and Museum.

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Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Southwest Georgia Regional Commission's Internship Program Through the Partnership for Innovation

The Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, through the Partnership for Innovation (PIN) program, hosted a summer intern for two consecutive summers who led a comprehensive Regional Housing Assessment, a local housing study, and a Regional Solar Farm Assessment across 14 counties.

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Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Digital Navigator Program

The WPCOG Digital Literacy Program is a regionally coordinated initiative designed to equip older adults with essential technology skills needed for daily life in an increasingly digital world.

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East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

East Central Florida Military Installation Resilience Review

The East Central Florida Military Installation Readiness Review is an innovative, regionally tailored assessment that identifies risks and vulnerabilities affecting key military installations while aligning with the area's rapidly evolving aerospace and technology economy.

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East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Titusville Economic Development Strategic Plan

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council partnered with the City of Titusville to develop a comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan that positions the city for long-term growth, resilience, and prosperity.

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Southern Georgia Regional Commission

SWOT Analysis Survey

Southern Georgia Regional Commission modernized community engagement in comprehensive planning by introducing an accessible, online survey to gather resident and stakeholder input across multiple counties.

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Great Falls Development Alliance

Great Falls Montana Economic Development Strategy 2026-2028

The Great Falls Development Alliance implemented an innovative continuous strategic planning process to navigate the rapidly changing post-pandemic economy and strengthen regional economic development.

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Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments

Reality Check 2.0 - Collaborative Planning for Future Growth

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments, in partnership with ULI South Carolina, led Reality Check 2.0, a large-scale regional planning exercise to guide growth through 2045 as the region anticipates significant population, housing, and job increases.

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East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission

Partners in Progress: East Alabama Mayors Learning Together

The East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission launched Partners in Progress: East Alabama Mayors Learning Together to strengthen local leadership capacity and accelerate community development during a period of significant mayoral turnover.

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Lumber River Council of Governments

Lumber River Council of Governments' Southeast Regional Airport Authority Land Use Plan

The Lumber River Council of Governments partnered with the Southeast Regional Airport Authority to develop the first comprehensive land use plan for the Laurinburg-Maxton Airport, a key logistics hub in rural North Carolina.

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Mid-East Commission

Rising Waters: Flood Resilience Strategies for Belhaven, NC

Rising Waters was developed to better understand Belhaven's flood risk and identify practical, achievable strategies to reduce long-term impacts on residents, infrastructure, and the local economy.

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Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council / RGV 911

Regional NG911 & Mobile Emergency Response Enhancement Initiative

This regional initiative modernized 9-1-1 capabilities through NG911 technology and mobile response assets by improving emergency response, coordination, and resilience across multiple jurisdictions.

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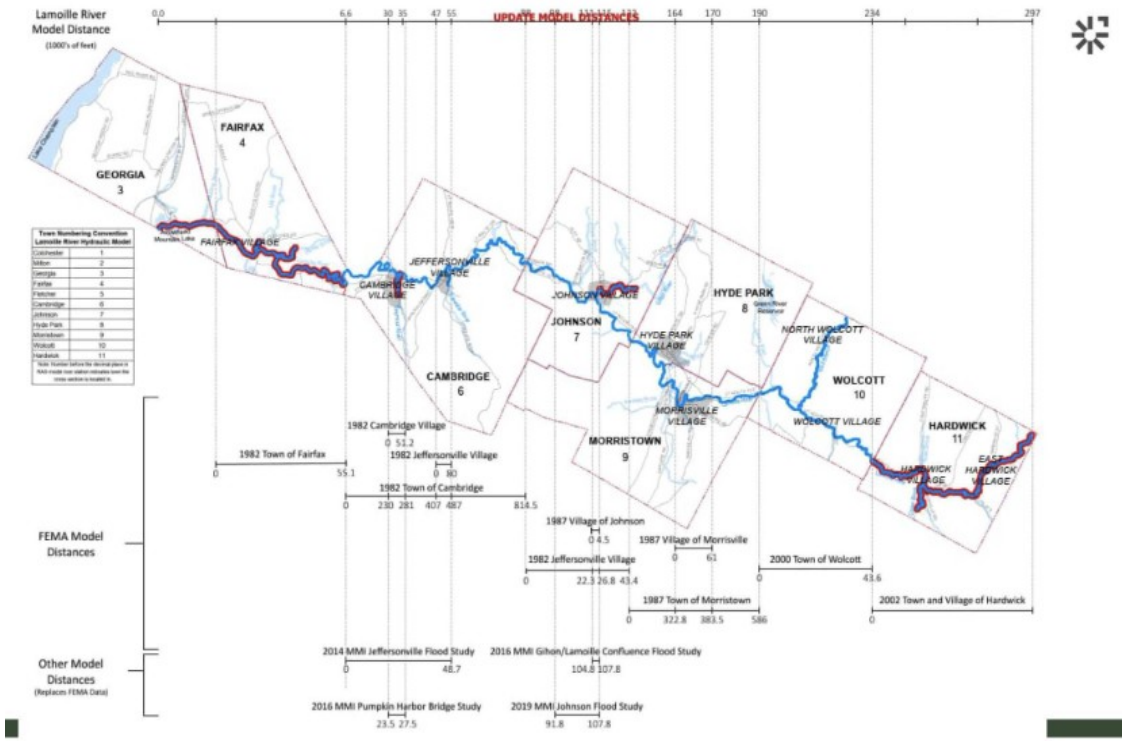
Lamoille County Planning Commission and Northwest Regional Planning Commission



Northern Vermont Recovery and Resiliency

This project enhances resiliency in the Lamoille River Basin through hydraulic modeling, long term recovery planning, and technical assistance to communities..

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East Tennessee Development District

Newport, TN, disaster aftermath of Hurricane Helene

East Tennessee Development District

Disaster Recovery Framework

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East Tennessee *Development District Disaster Recovery Framework*

The East Tennessee Development District (ETDD) Disaster Recovery Framework serves as a strategic roadmap guiding post-disaster short- and long-term recovery efforts across East Tennessee.

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Kentucky River Area Development District

KRADD Regional Disaster Resilience and Preparedness Project

In response to repeated natural disasters, the Kentucky River Area Development District developed a regional Disaster and Wildfire Plan to improve coordination, strengthen preparedness, and support long-term resilience across eight counties.

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Apalachee Regional Planning Council

Wakulla County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) 2026: Risk-Informed Planning and Implementation

The Wakulla County Local Mitigation Strategy 2026 Update modernizes the county's hazard mitigation framework by integrating updated risk assessments, advanced flood modeling, and a refined inventory of critical assets to better reflect current and future vulnerabilities.

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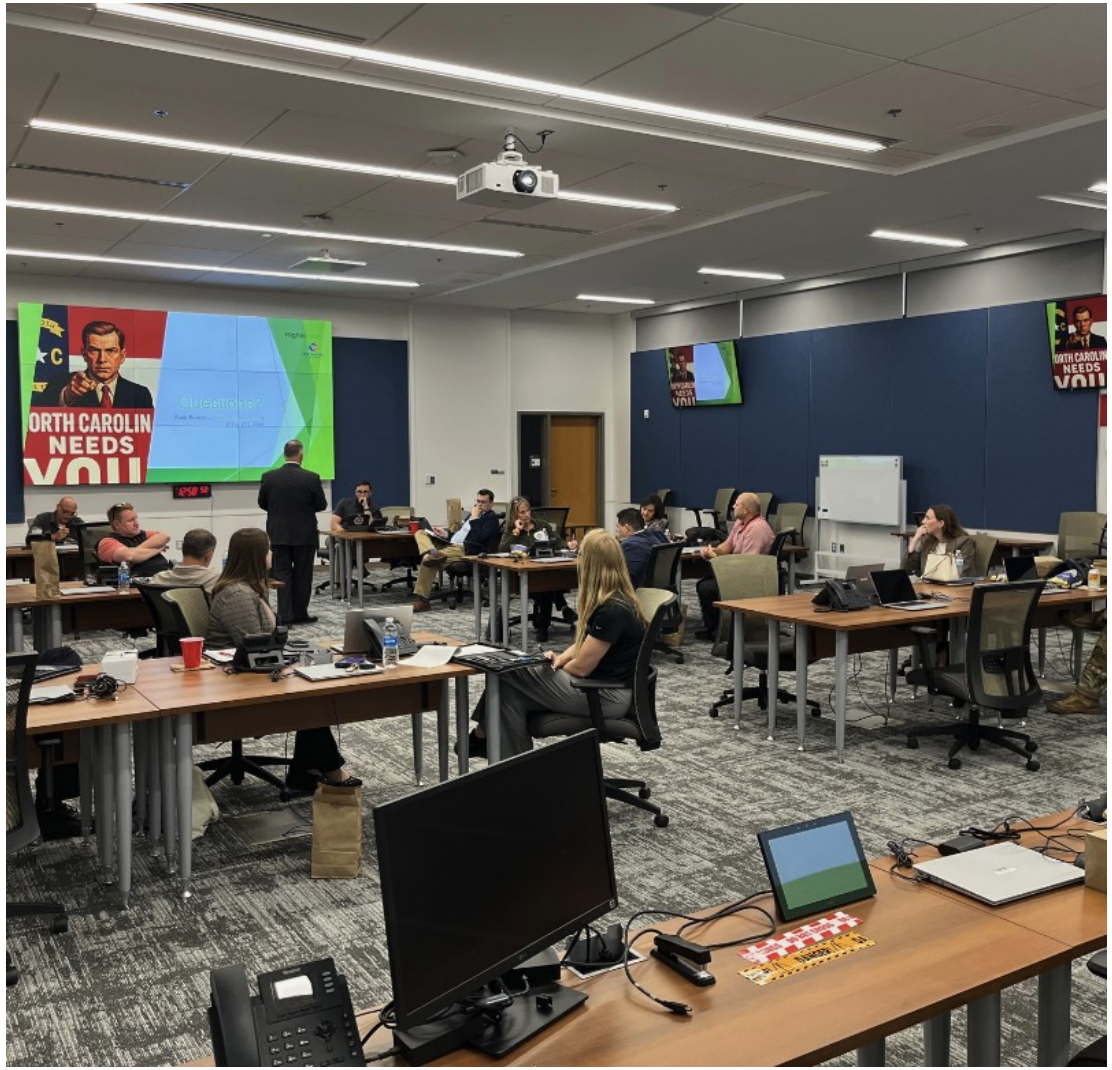
Centralina Regional Council



Building Regional Economic Resilience in Uncertain Times

The Centralina Regional Resilience Collaborative is a multi-jurisdictional initiative strengthening disaster preparedness and economic resilience across the Greater Charlotte region through coordinated partnerships and regional capacity building.

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Land of Sky Regional Council

Regional Disaster Recovery Support in Western North Carolina

The Land of Sky Regional Council has delivered comprehensive disaster recovery support following Tropical Storm Helene in September 2024, demonstrating a rapid and coordinated response to regional needs

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Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Project Phoenix

Project Phoenix strengthens disaster preparedness across Tampa Bay through hands-on training, realistic scenarios, and cross-sector collaboration by utilizing a video simulation of a Category 5 hurricane making landfall in the region.

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Arrowhead Regional Development Commission

Northland Climate Resilience Collaborative

The Northland Climate Resilience Collaborative, coordinated by the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, fosters a regional response to climate challenges by uniting Tribal Nations, Local Units of Government, University of Minnesota systems, public agencies, and other entities in Northeastern Minnesota

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North Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Hazardous Materials Train Crash Field Training Exercise

The hazardous materials train crash field training exercise tested regional capabilities in responding to a simulated train and vehicle collision at a rail spur that resulted in the spill of ethanol and potassium hydroxide.

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Central Midlands Council of Governments

CMCOG Regional Climate Pollution Reduction Plan and Implementation Program

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' Regional Climate Pollution Reduction Plan and Implementation Program is a collaborative, community-driven initiative focused on developing and carrying out a regional climate action plan for the seven-county Columbia, South Carolina Metropolitan Statistical Area.

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Northeast Florida Regional Council

Northeast Florida Regional Resilience Action Plan (RRAP) - Phase 2

The Regional Resilience Action Plan – Phase 2 is a multi-jurisdictional initiative that brings together local governments and regional partners to coordinate and advance resilience across Northeast Florida.

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East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Seminole County Marxan Conservation Strategy

The East Central Florida Regional Resilience Collaborative and Stetson University's Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience developed a data-driven conservation and flood mitigation strategy for Seminole County using Marxan conservation prioritization software and expert stakeholder feedback.

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Region Nine Development Commission

Food Rescue in Southern Minnesota

The Food Rescue in Southern Minnesota program is a regional initiative that recovers surplus food at commercial scale and redistributes it to local food access partners, reducing waste and addressing rising food insecurity.

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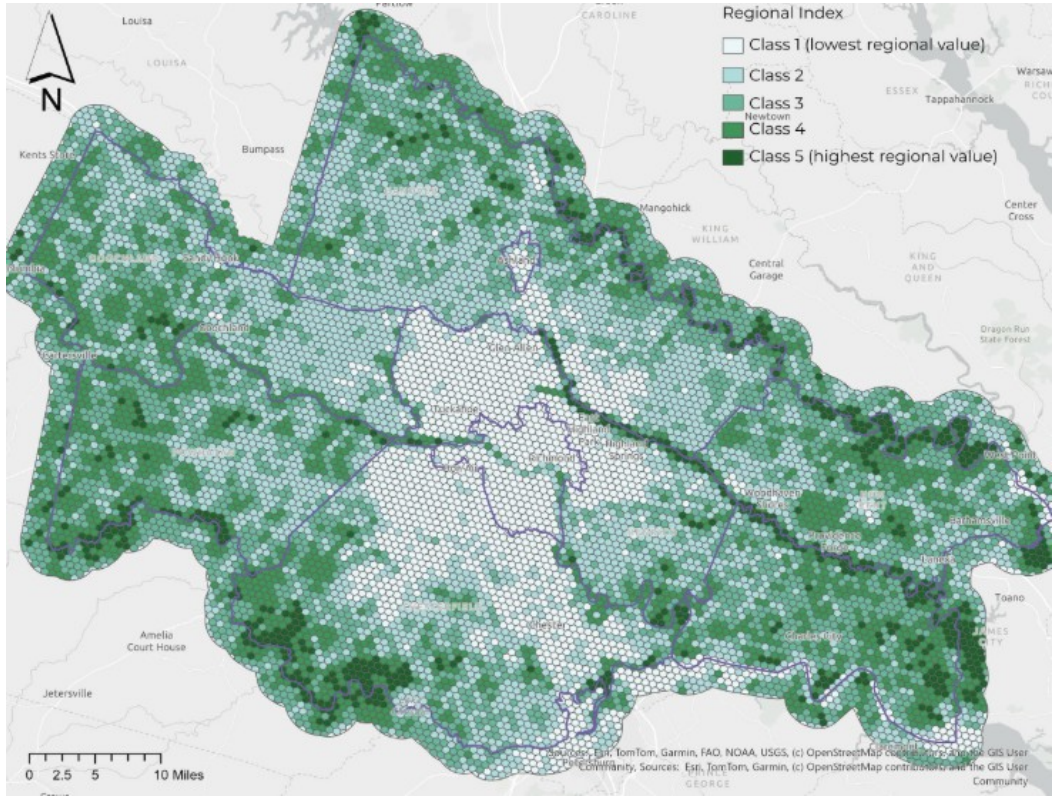
PlanRVA



Regional Ecosystem Framework

The Regional Ecosystem Framework is an innovative environmental screening tool that uses a data-driven, landscape-scale approach to assess ecological value across the region.

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PlanRVA

Friends of the Lower Appomattox River Partnership

PlanRVA, Crater Planning District Commission, and the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River established an innovative shared staffing model to advance regional trail development, environmental stewardship, and active transportation across jurisdictional boundaries in Virginia.

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Buckeye Hills Regional Council

Buckeye Hills Regional Council 2022-2025 USEPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Program

Buckeye Hills Regional Council led a comprehensive regional effort to assess and advance redevelopment of brownfield properties across its eight-county service area using U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funding.

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South Florida Regional Planning Council

Resilient Infrastructure Benefit-Cost Analysis Framework

The South Florida Regional Planning Council developed the Resilient Infrastructure Benefit-Cost Analysis Framework to function as a tool for local governments.

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Catawba Regional Council of Governments

Union Jonesville Regional Wastewater Project

The Union Jonesville Regional Wastewater Project was a collaborative effort to regionalize wastewater services and address capacity limitations that were restricting economic growth in Union County, SC.

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Catawba Regional Council of Governments

City of York, Water and Sewer Improvements Project

The City of York Water and Wastewater Improvements Project is a comprehensive infrastructure initiative addressing critical capacity, reliability, and safety needs to support the city's continued growth.

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North Central Regional Planning Commission

Moving the Needle on Infrastructure Issues; A Regional Approach to Early Project Planning

The Preliminary Engineering Report Support Initiative leveraged federal Thriving Communities funding to help very small rural communities take critical first steps toward addressing infrastructure challenges

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North Central Regional Planning Commission

Housing in Rural Kansas: A Comprehensive Regional Approach

The North Central Regional Planning Commission developed and implemented a comprehensive, multi-program strategy to address rural housing challenges across North Central and Northwest Kansas through rehabilitation, demolition, and new construction support.

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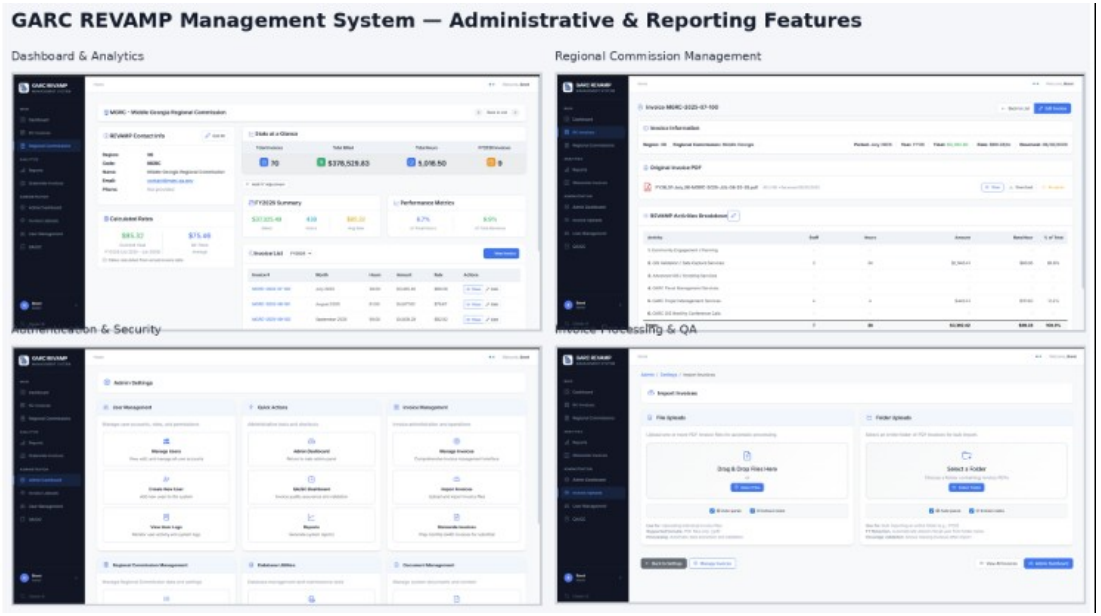
Middle Georgia Regional Commission



REVAMP Project Management System

The REVAMP Project Management System is an enterprise-class web application developed by the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

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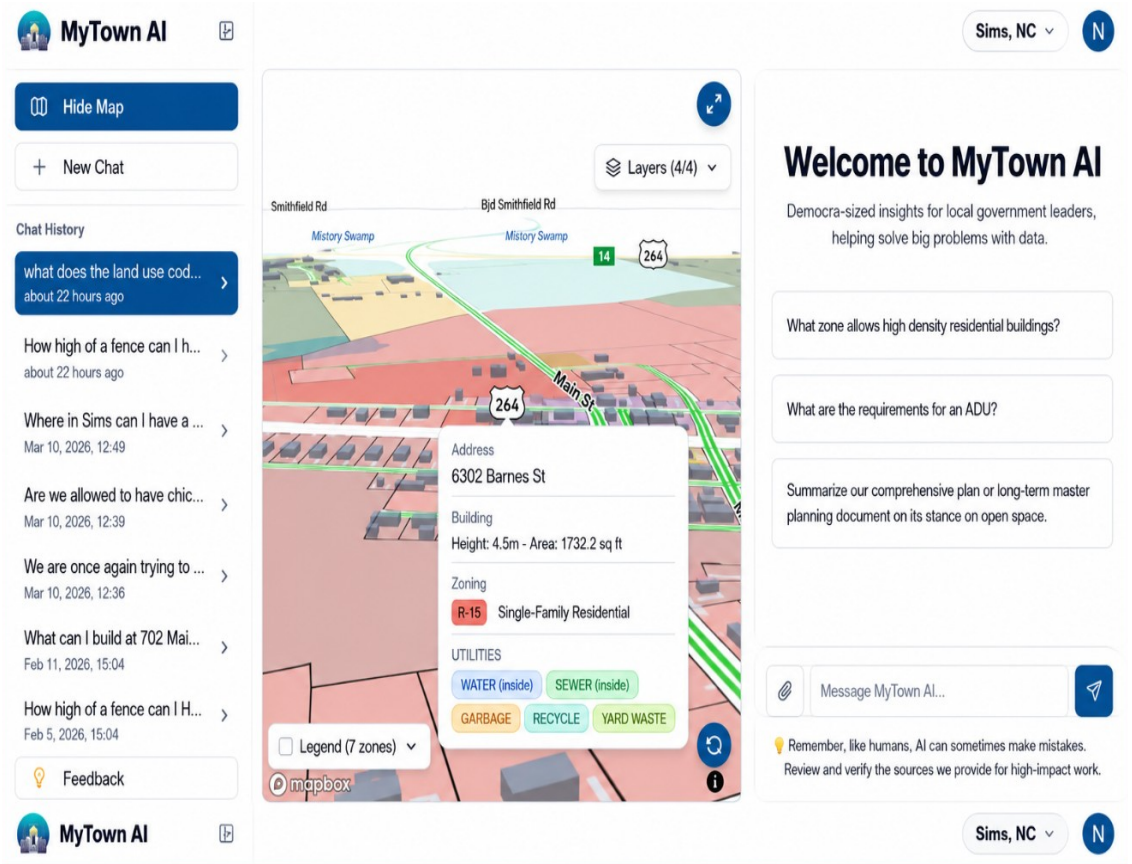

UCPCOG AI Network

The UCPCOG AI Network is a practical regional initiative designed to help rural and small metro governments understand, govern, and apply artificial intelligence in ways that improve public service.

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PlanRVA

2026 Regional Housing Market Value Analysis

The 2026 Richmond Regional Housing Market Value Analysis is a data-driven planning tool that evaluates housing conditions, affordability, and displacement risk across nine jurisdictions to guide revitalization, investment, and policy decisions.

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Region XII Council of Governments, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, East Central Iowa Council of Governments, Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

Open Meetings, Open Records Training

In response to Iowa's 2025 mandate requiring training on open meetings and open records laws, four Iowa COGs became certified to provide accessible training for local governments. Region XII COG, Iowa Northland Regional COG, East Central Iowa COG, and SIMPCO worked together to plan presentations, roll out the project, and provide staff to deliver the required instruction.

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Lumber River Council of Governments

Lumber River Council of Governments' GIS Sharing Portal

The Lumber River Council of Governments partnered with local governments to develop a secure, online GIS portal that provides small municipalities with access to critical mapping and data management tools they would otherwise lack.

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Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service

Mayors' Partnership for Progress Collaboration

The Mayors’ Partnership for Progress is a long-standing regional collaboration that unites mayors and city managers across 27 Appalachian Ohio counties to strengthen local governance and improve community outcomes

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Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council / Rio Grande Valley MPO

Project Readiness Report and Leveling Effort

The Project Readiness Report, a living document that actively tracks the project readiness elements of every project in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), necessitated the Leveling Effort, an exercise undergone by RGVMPO staff to address the overprogramming of transportation projects.

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Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments

Senior Rides Program

In 2023, Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments created a rides program to close gaps in transportation needs for the region's elderly population.

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South Western Oklahoma Development Authority

Rural Mobility Access Program (RMAP)

The Rural Mobility Access Program is a statewide initiative launched through regional leadership to expand access to healthcare and grocery services in rural communities.

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Southwest Iowa Planning Council

All the Trails for Everyone

Southwest Iowa Planning Council sought to map every trail in its region, no matter size, use, or jurisdiction.

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Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Regional Transit Development Plan

The SGRC Regional Transit Development Plan, adopted in 2025, provides a data-informed, coordinated strategy to improve mobility across southern Georgia by evaluating existing services, identifying gaps, and recommending phased, cost-effective enhancements.

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Southwest Georgia Aging and Disabled Population Access to Transit

The Southwest Georgia Rural Transportation Plan focuses on strategy development to increase public transit services for aging and disabled populations across Southwest Georgia.

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Mid-Minnesota Development Commission

MMDC Rideshare Support Project

The Mid-Minnesota Development Commission (MMDC) launched an innovative pilot program to expand rideshare access in rural Kandiyohi County by providing a tapered subsidy to two local drivers.

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Region Five Development Commission

Train and Retain

The MDA Train and Retain Meat Cutting Project is a regional workforce initiative that expands Minnesota's meat processing capacity by recruiting, training, and retaining skilled meat cutters to strengthen local businesses, food systems, and rural economies.

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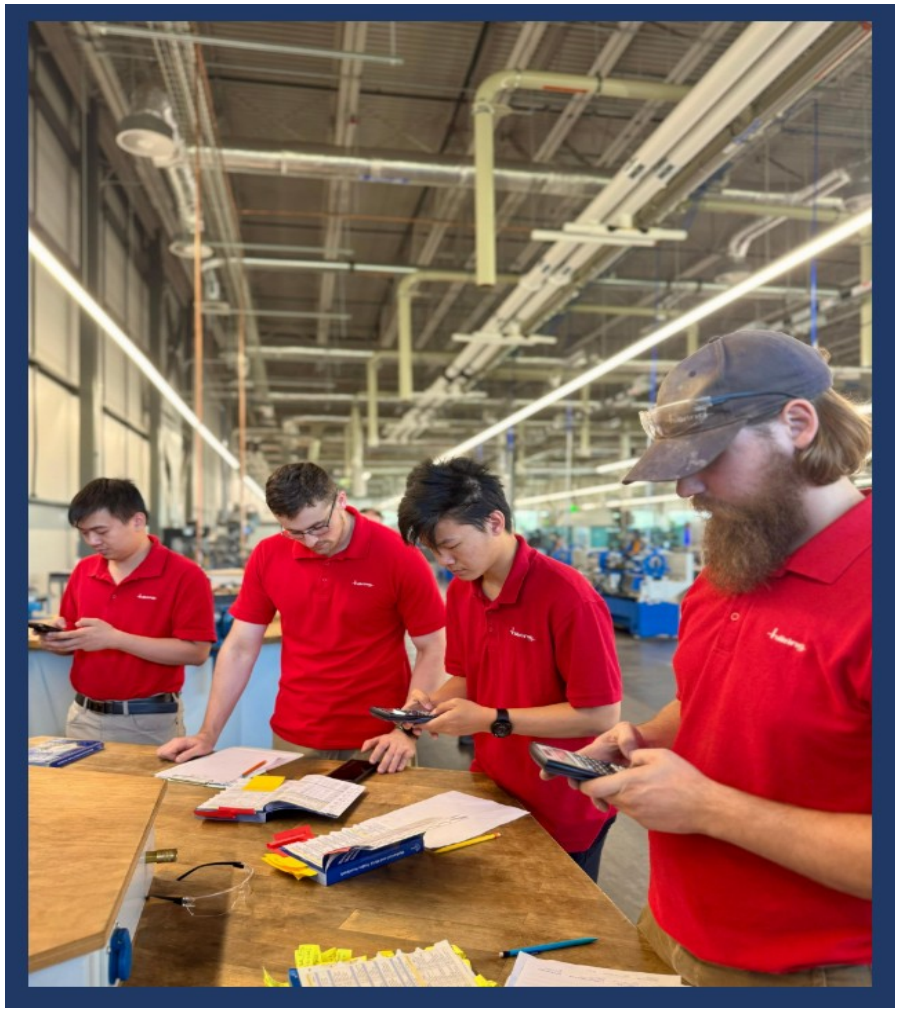
Georgia Mountains Regional Commission



Georgia Mountains Apprenticeship & Talent Pipeline Initiative

This project leverages State Apprenticeship Expansion Fund resources to expand Registered Apprenticeships and establish a four-county pre-apprenticeship pipeline across the region.

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Southwest Georgia Regional Commission

Rural Advanced Manufacturing Pathways

The Advanced Manufacturing Pathways program is an innovative workforce development initiative that provides rural high school students in Southwest Georgia with hands-on experience in advanced manufacturing technologies.

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Upper Cumberland Development District

Empower Upper Cumberland

Empower Upper Cumberland is a comprehensive, region-wide initiative led by the Upper Cumberland Development District to help families achieve financial stability while strengthening the workforce across 14 rural Tennessee counties.

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Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments

Pee Dee Pathways Career Expo

The Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments led the Pee Dee Pathways Career Expo, a large-scale, hands-on workforce initiative designed to connect middle school students with regional career opportunities and strengthen the future talent pipeline.

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North Delta Planning & Development District, Inc.

The Concourse Workforce Development Training Center Project

The Concourse Workforce Development Training Center is an adaptive reuse workforce development project in Batesville, Mississippi, transforming a vacant 160,000+ square foot former outlet mall into a regional hub for vocational and career technical education.

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Deep East Texas Council of Governments

Family and Youth Success

The Deep East Texas Council of Governments Family and Youth Success program promotes strong families and youth resilience by providing early intervention counseling and coaching to youth and parents.

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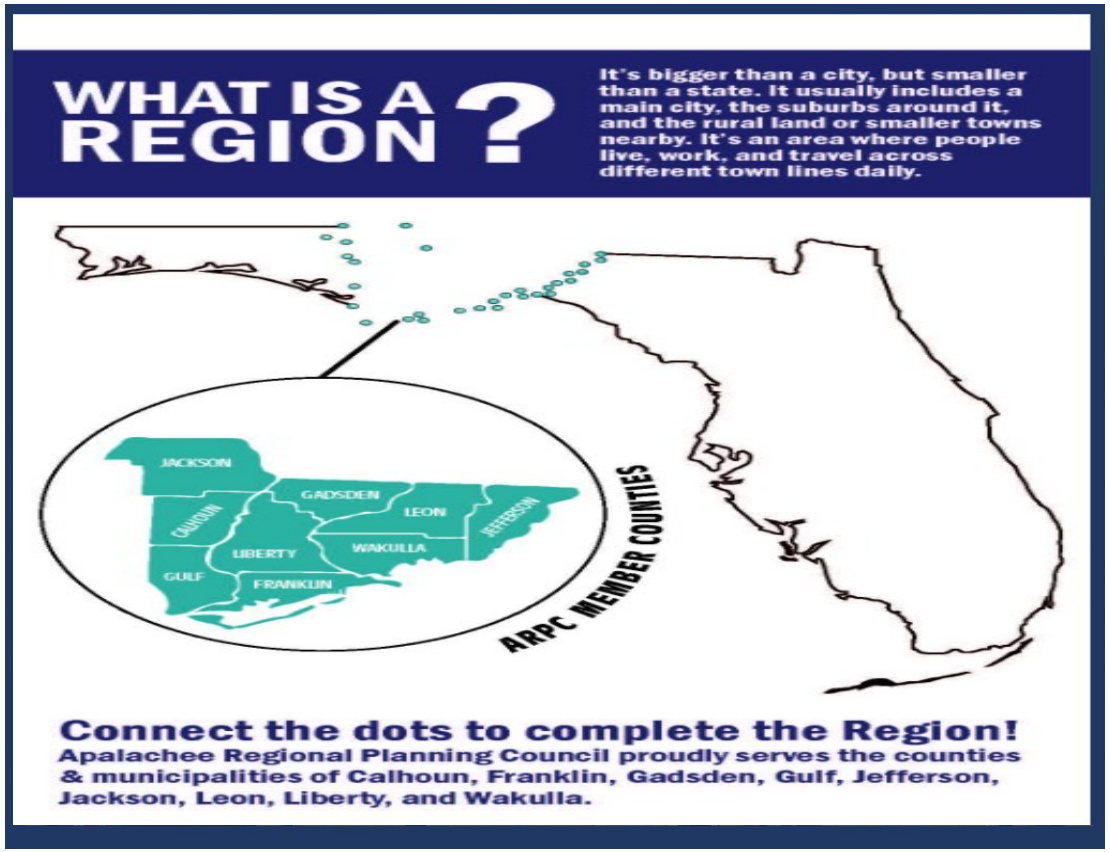
Apalachee Regional Planning Council



"What is Regional Planning?" Coloring & Activity Book

Apalachee Regional Planning Council's "What is Regional Planning?" Coloring and Activity Book educates youth on the role and importance of regional planning and how citizens can stay involved in visioning the future of their communities.

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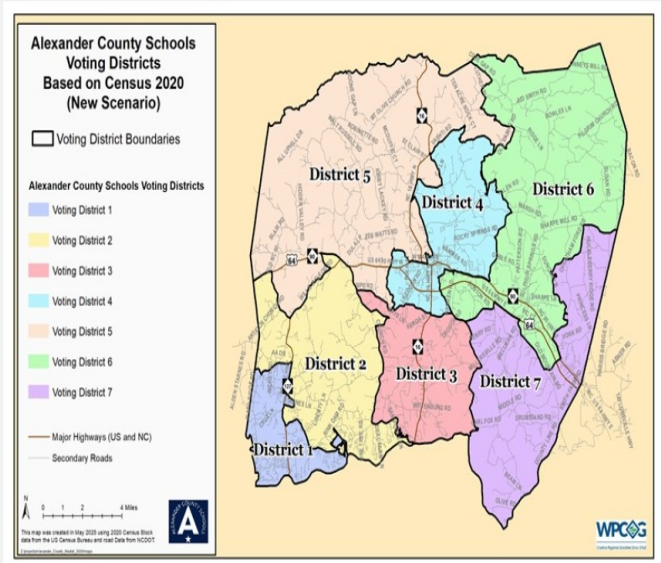
Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Voting District Map with Voting District Population Counts (2020 Census)

Voting Districts	New Voting District Population (Census 2020) After Redistricting	% Difference from Average Voting District Population*
Voting District 1	5,255	0.9%
Voting District 2	5,266	1.2%
Voting District 3	5,327	2.3%
Voting District 4	5,171	-0.7%
Voting District 5	5,154	-1.0%
Voting District 6	5,097	-2.1%
Voting District 7	5,174	-0.4%
Total	36,444	(x)



*State Law requires that the population of each voting district must be + or - 5% of the average voting district size of 5,206.

Alexander County Board of Education Voting District Redistricting Project

The Alexander County Board of Education Voting District Redistricting Project created, for the first time, population balanced Alexander County Board of Education voting districts.

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Land of Sky Regional Council

#WorkLocal: Real Careers. Right Here.

#WorkLocal is a regional workforce initiative that connects education and employment by showcasing local high school graduates who have earned industry-recognized credentials and launched successful careers within the Land of Sky region.

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South Florida Regional Planning Council

Affordable Housing Initiative

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The Southeast Florida Community Development Fund, South Florida Regional Planning Council, and the Broward County Housing Finance Authority have advanced affordable housing development by providing construction financing to minority-owned businesses.

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Middle Georgia Regional Commission

From Backlog to Breakthrough: Redesigning the ADRC to serve Middle Georgia

The Middle Georgia Regional Commission redesigned its Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) to clear backlogs, restore compliance with state standards, and expand nutrition services for older adults across an 11-county region.

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Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

Outdoor Recreation Summit

The Northwest Georgia Regional Commission's inaugural Outdoor Recreation Summit is a regional professional development and economic development initiative that convened over 150 professionals from across Georgia to strengthen local capacity and advance outdoor recreation strategies.

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Kansas Department of Commerce

KANSAS COMMERCE FRAME FOSTERING RESIDENTIAL ADVANCEMENT THROUGH MENTORING AND EDUCATION

Fostering Residential Advancement through Mentoring and Education

The FRAME (Fostering Residential Advancement through Mentoring and Education) initiative is a Kansas Department of Commerce program that integrates workforce development, education, and housing by connecting both high school and postsecondary students in skilled trades programs with hands-on construction and renovation projects.

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