

Mission Statement

To serve the local governments of the Georgia Mountains Region by improving the quality of life through economic development, community planning, information technology, and workforce development to support and enhance the region's prosperity.



Regional Commissions



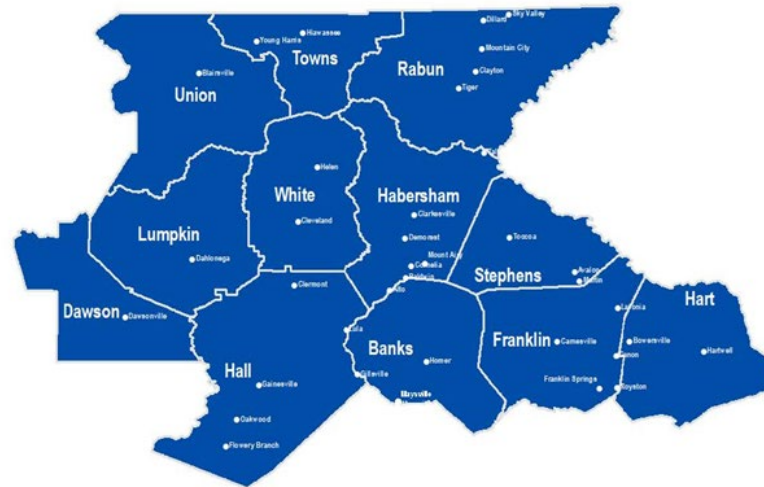
Who We Are

- **Founded in 1962 by Georgia State Legislature**
- **Governed by the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission Council**
- **12 counties and 37 cities**
- **Funded by local dues/contracts/grants**



The Region

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS Service Region 2



COUNTIES:

Banks, Dawson, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart,
Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White

CITIES:

Alto, Avalon, Baldwin, Blairsville, Bowersville, Canon, Carnesville,
Clarksville, Clayton, Clermont, Cleveland, Cornelia, Dahlonega,
Dawsonville, Demorest, Dillard, Flowery Branch, Franklin Springs,
Gainesville, Gillsville, Hartwell, Helen, Hiwassee, Homer, Lavonia,
Lula, Martin, Maysville, Mount Airy, Mountain City, Oakwood, Royston,
Sky Valley, Tallulah Falls, Tiger, Toccoa, Young Harris



GMRC Council Composition

- Elected official from each member county
- One elected official from one municipality in each member county
- One private sector representative from each member county
- Three residents from the region – **appointed by the Governor**
- One resident from the region – **appointed by the Lt. Governor**
- One resident from the region – **appointed by the Georgia Speaker of the House**



Council Roles & Responsibilities

- **Adopting an annual budget and work program**
- **Adopting and amending bylaws**
- **Selecting an independent auditor**
- **Adopting policies and procedures**
- **Entering into contracts necessary to the performance of GMRC's duties and functions**
- **Adopting Regional Plan and CEDS**
- **Establish Dues**

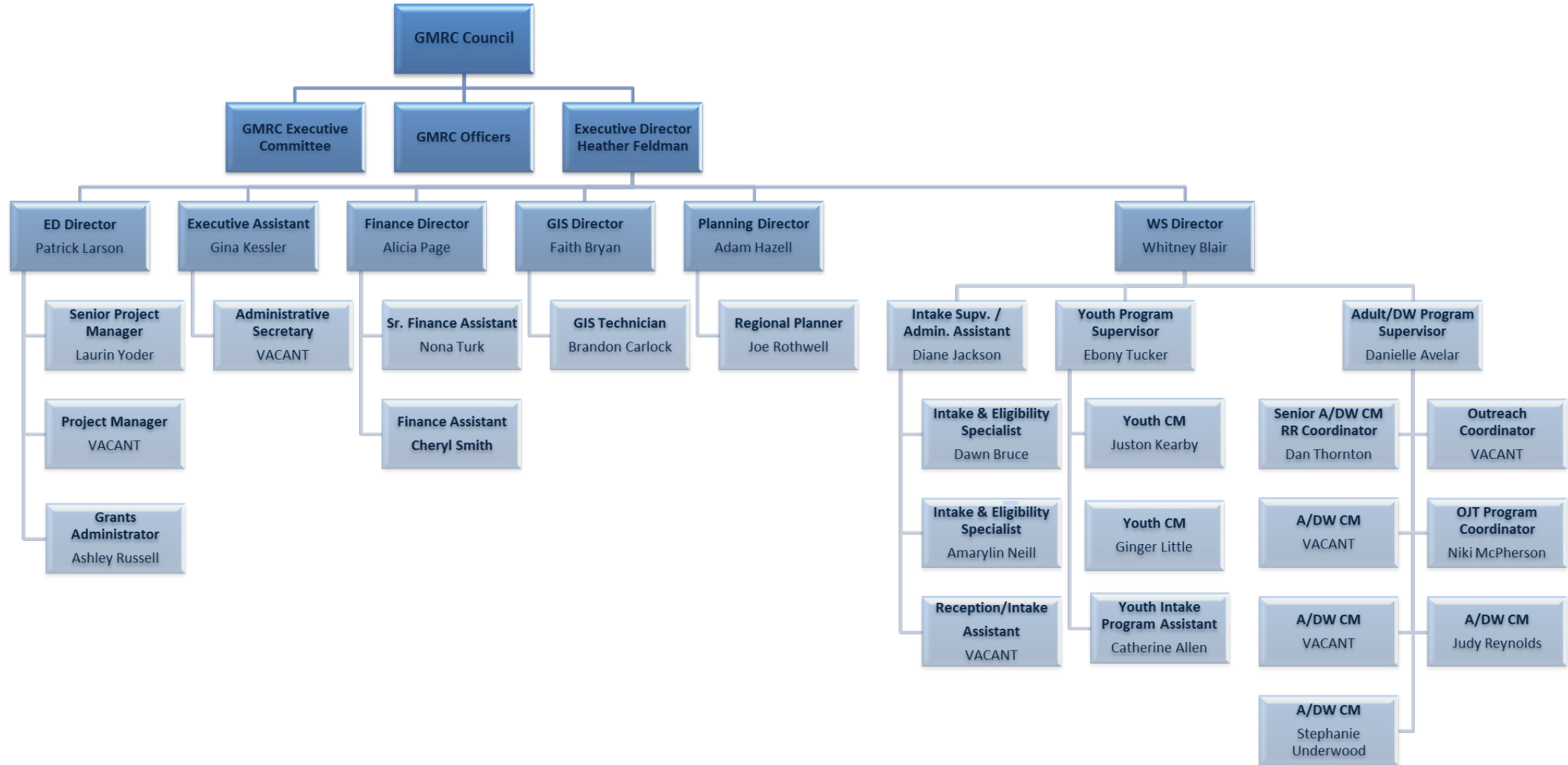


Staff Roles & Responsibilities

- **Carrying out the mission and goals of the Regional Commission**
- **Serve as a resource for local governments, businesses, residents, and communities**
- **Provide expertise and technical assistance in federal and state programs and public policy**
- **Specialized assistance to local governments**
- **Provide updates to council on significantly important issues**
- **Offer a forum for “neutral ground”**
- **Provide fiscal responsibility & accountability**
- **Serve as a liaison with other governmental entities**



GMRC Organization Chart as of July 24, 2023



Partnerships

- **49 Member Governments**
- **Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)**
- **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)**
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA)**
- **Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**
- **Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)**
- **Technical College System of Georgia – Office of Workforce Development (WorkSource Georgia)**



Departments

- **Administration**
- **Finance**
- **Economic Development**
- **Planning**
- **Information Services**
- **Workforce Development**



Administrative Services

- **Day-to-day operations of the RC**
- **Assist the Executive Director and Staff**
- **Maintain Contract Files**
- **Aid Cities, Counties, and Council as requested**
- **Schedule Council Meetings**
- **Council and Committee Minutes, Attendance Records**
- **Monthly Newsletter**
- **City/County Directory**
- **Clerks Meetings**
- **Retreat Facilitation**
- **Point of Contact**



Finance Department

Responsibilities

Financial Administration

- **Maintain GMRC Financials**
- **Prepare Budget**
- **Audits**
- **Payroll (GMRC & WIOA)**
- **Payables / Receivables**
- **Grant Financial Reporting**
- **IRS Reporting (941, W-2)**

Human Resources

- **Personnel**
- **Benefits Administration**
- **Risk Management**
- **Federal / State Compliance**
- **Workers Compensation**
- **FMLA / ADA**



Funding

Local Dues - \$1.25 per capita

State and Federal administrative contracts

Program Fees

Grants – Safety

Total Budget: \$5,702,082

80% Federal and State Grants

12% Local Dues

7% Program Fees

1% Interest/Other

100%

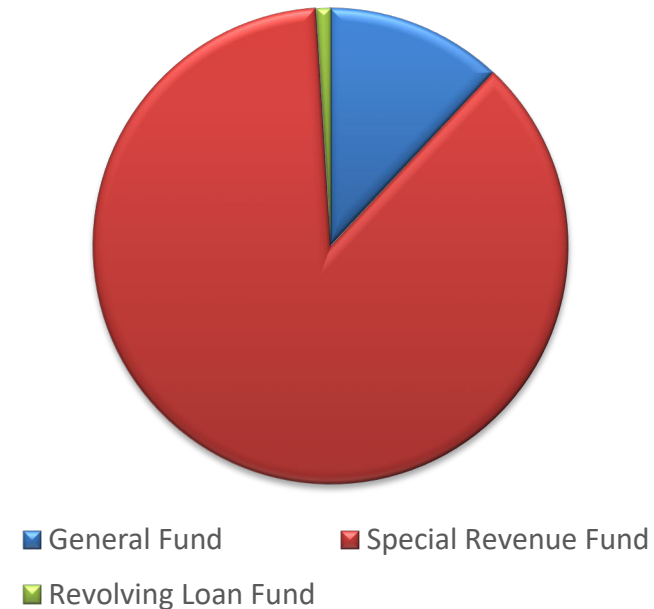


Finance Department

GMRC Has 4 Funds

- **General Fund**
 - Safety Grant
- **Special Revenue Fund**
 - Economic Development
 - Geographic Information Systems
 - Planning
 - WorkSource
- **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**
 - Traditional RLF
 - Cares Act RLF
- **Internal Service Fund**
 - Indirect Cost Pool
 - Fleet Vehicle Pool

Revenues From Funds



Finance Department

Leveraging Effect

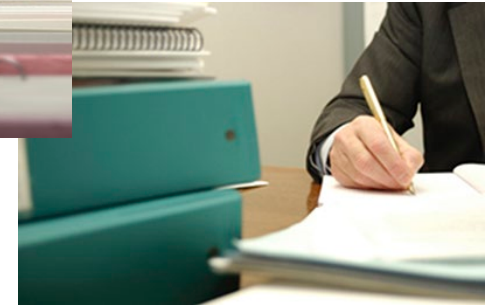
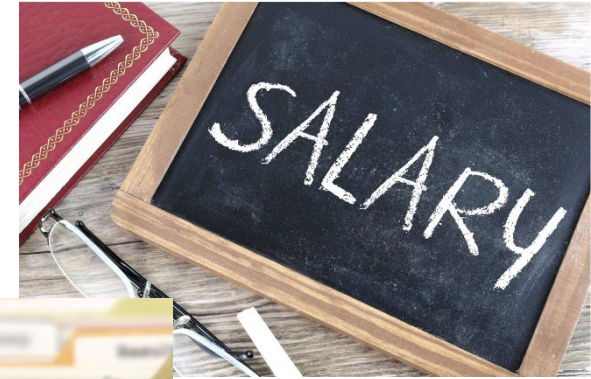
In FY24 it is anticipated that for every \$1.25 members pay in dues, GMRC receives \$6.61 in federal and state funding to reinvest in the Georgia Mountains Region



Finance Department

Services Offered

- **Compensation Studies**
- **Job Description Reviews / Rewrites**
- **Personnel Policy Reviews / Rewrites**
- **Standard Operating Policy Reviews / Rewrites**



Economic Development



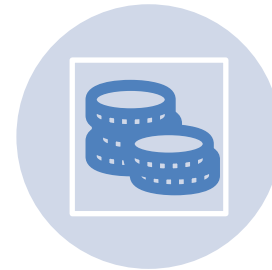
Grant and Loan Writing



Grant Administration



Revolving Loan Fund



Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)



FY 23 Highlights

- **20** grant and loan applications submitted
- **\$5,870,148** in grant funding awarded to local communities so far this year for projects totaling **\$6,611,492**
- Administered **15** projects totaling **\$17,912,513** in funding
- **1** Revolving Loan Fund Closing totaling **\$155,000**



FY 23 Highlights

Grant Applications Submitted:

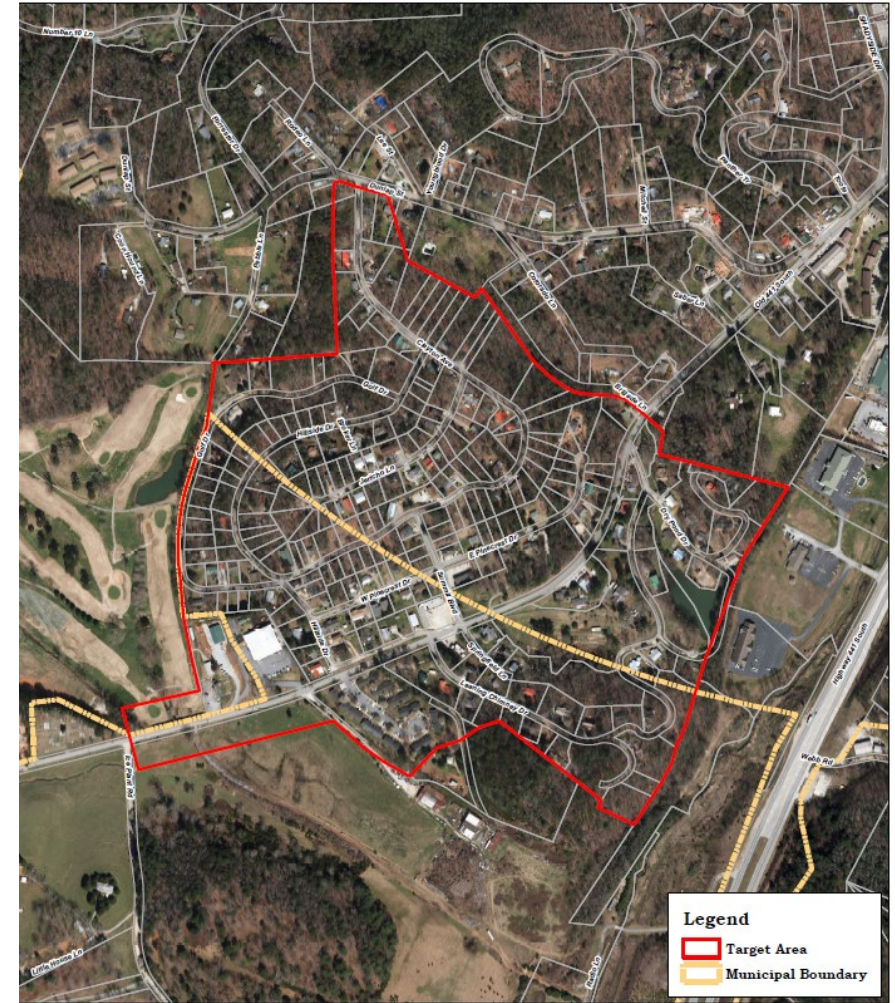
- (6) – Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
- (5) – Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- (2) – Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant
- (1) – Rural Innovation Fund (RIF) Grant
- (1) – Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) Grant
- (1) – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant
- (1) – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant
- (1) – Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
- (1) – COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Grant



Local Success Story

City of Clayton Water Infrastructure Improvements

- **CDBG Grant Award: \$750,000**
- **Total Project Cost: \$864,000**
- **Benefits To:**
 - 444 Residents
 - 325 LMI (73%)
- **Improvements**
 - Water Quality
 - Water Pressure
 - Fire Protection



Revolving Loan Fund

Program Guidelines

- **Loan Amounts – \$10,000-\$300,000**
- **Interest Rate – Fixed**
- **Term – Negotiable**
- **Legal Fees – Vary**
- **1% Origination Fee**
- **Dollar for Dollar Collateral**
- **No Prepayment Penalty**
- **1 Job Per \$15,000 Borrowed**
- **Uses of Funds**
 - **Land/Real Estate**
 - **Building Construction or Expansion**
 - **Machinery/Equipment**
 - **Working Capital**



Planning

Help Local Communities:

- Define and achieve their vision
- Stay compliant with State standards
- Pursue redevelopment projects and funding
- Train officials and staff

Help the State:

- With transportation planning
- With environmental management
- Coordinate with local governments



Planning

Local/Regional

- Local comprehensive plans
- Historic preservation
- Small area studies
- Community design
- Resource Management

Regional/State

- Regional Reviews (Plans, DRIs, STIP)
 - Regional Plan
 - Support Water Councils
 - Help Implement State programs



Regional Projects

In addition to maintaining the CEDS/ Regional Plan...

- Regional Transit Plan
- State Water Plan support
- Regional Brownfield Assessment
- DRI reviews
- Service Delivery Strategies
- Regional reviews of State and federal projects



Assessing Brownfield Sites

When a community has questions about whether a property is environmentally contaminated, a site assessment is needed. An assessment helps a community understand environmental conditions on the property and whether those conditions could be harmful to residents and workers. The site assessment process can include a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and additional assessment activities.

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

The Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) uses existing information to help a community understand the property conditions by examining current and historical uses of the site and potential threats to human health or the environment. Environmental site assessments must be completed or overseen by an independent professional, which may include a licensed geologist, engineer or site professional, they will:

- Review records.** Examine past and current and uses through property photographs, maps and historical records.
- Review government databases.** Examine online and environmental records related to zoning or planning of regulated substances and petroleum products.
- Visually inspect the site.** Visit the site and identify potential or observe current conditions.
- Interview owners, neighbors and past workers.** Find out what they know about site operations including whether any releases.

A Phase I environmental site assessment also helps determine who is potentially liable for environmental contamination found on a property. Performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment prior to selling a property is often required to complete a 60-day escrow period in the state. It is necessary practice for obtaining liability protection under 2025.24. No prior contamination when a potential issue exists and/or for non-compliance with the requirements of all 2025.24 on a residential, but the may have a defense to liability if contamination is later discovered.

If evidence of known or potential contamination is found at the property, further investigation in Phase II Environmental Site Assessment or additional assessment is needed.	If there is no evidence of potential contamination is found at the property, when the next step is to proceed with reuse or redevelopment.
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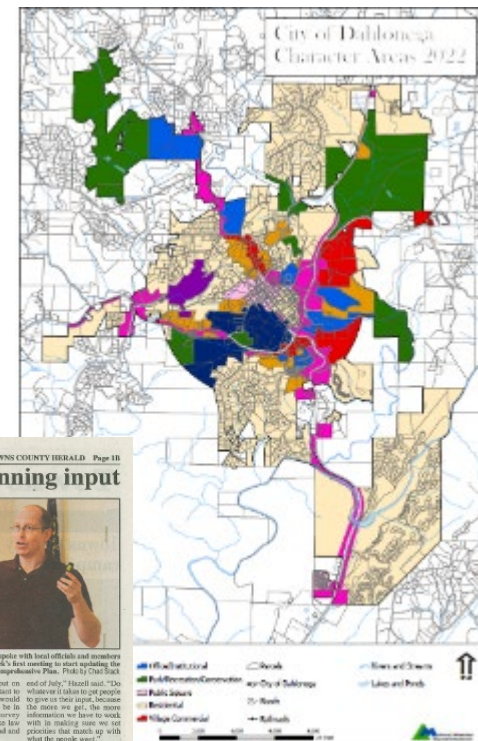
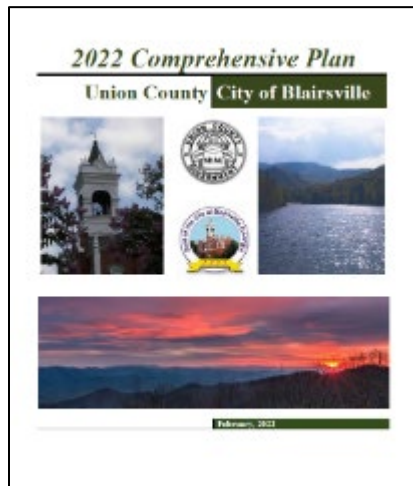
Recent Comprehensive Plans

Recently Completed

- Hart County
- City of Clermont
- White County & Cities
- City of Lula
- Town of Gillsville

In Progress

- Habersham County (Joint)
- City of Cornelia
- Banks County
- Town of Homer
- City of Maysville
- City of Dawsonville



GMRC, local governments ask public for planning input

July 7, 2021 THE TOWNS COUNTY HERALD Page 1B

By Chad Sack
Towns County Herald

Local government leaders of Towns County, Habersham and Young Habersham, are asking the public to help shape the state-mandated five-year update to the county's Joint Comprehensive Plan on Tuesday, June 29, at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center.

The plan is being updated by the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission with input from the county, municipalities and community. The purpose of the plan is to act as a blueprint for the area's long-range future. It is the responsibility of the local governments and community to help shape what the plan is to act as a blueprint for the area's long-range future. It is the responsibility of the local governments and community to help shape what the plan is to act as a blueprint for the area's long-range future.

Stakeholders will meet again on Tuesday, July 20, at 6 p.m. at Foster Park to conduct another public input session, with additional meetings to follow through August and

early September.

"This is the start of a nine-month campaign where we're going to be vigorously trying to engage our people and hear back from folks," GMRC Planning Director Adam Hazell said. "This is the start of when you get to take advantage of the time when you're here and 'Oh, I wish I could tell the commission this'."

In the meeting last week, Hazell said, local governments and local governments can content what the five-year plan update they live with.

People proactively plan for things all the time, Hazell said, from vacation to retirement or even a wedding, and the updated comprehensive plan allows for a similar sort of foresight, just on a communitywide level.

Moving forward, the updated plan will be presented to each of the local governments, and there will be at least three more public meetings for residents to respond with their questions, comments and concerns, Hazell said.

Using more detail, Hazell said, the comprehensive plan serves as a roadmap for the community's growth and economic development, working with strategies for infrastructure, land use and zoning of this improvement.

"That's what the commission is trying to do, to create a guidebook that gets updated every five years through publicly driven processes that provide them with information so that they're making informed decisions," Hazell said.

Identifying and planning for future needs and opportunities is also vital in seeking grants and other financial aid to further these goals, ensuring that

electrical officials are using the source of all resources in planning for infrastructure and capital facilities, Hazell said.

Instead of looking for a next generous donor to help with funding for a park, for example, local governments can utilize the planning document to sort out funding for the project, Hazell said.

When local governments plan, they need to put off funding for projects of improvement, Hazell said, and use those improvements or projects become absolutely necessary, there's no funding available for them.

The document helps to avoid those scenarios by requiring local governments to keep an eye toward the future and preparing for it as elected officials must practice comprehensive planning "if they walk to town hall, they should be able to see what the future is going to be like."

Before the state will work with funding, Hazell said, proof is required that governments are following their comprehensive plans, with the state looking to make sure municipalities are planning for what they are asking for and that projects have some feasibility behind them.

"Because the state wants to be responsible with their money as well," he said.

Hazell is encouraging everyone in the community to participate in the planning process by attending upcoming meetings and by taking an online survey listing local leaders know which direction they want to see planning take.

The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GMRC2021> and will be available on the various local government websites by July 6 at 6 a.m. a copy of the current Joint Comprehensive Plan.

"When we did this five years ago, we had over



GMRC's Adam Hazell speaks with local officials and members of the public in last week's first meeting to start updating the Towns County Joint Comprehensive Plan. Photo by Chad Sack



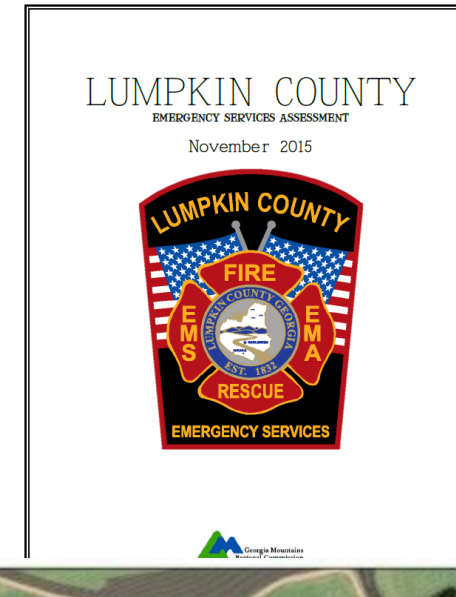
Local Planning Support

- **Asset Management**
- **Capital Improvement Planning**
- **Impact Fee Analysis**



2016 Emergency Services Assessment
LUMPKIN COUNTY, GA

Engine 1 – Station 1 – 57 Pine Tree Way			
2010 HME Silver Fox			
Mileage	Pump – GPM	Water Carry In Gallons	Proposed Replacement
28.491 1,774	1,250	1,000	2025
Reserve Engine – Station 1 – 57 Pine Tree Way			
2005 KME Freightliner			
Mileage	Pump – GPM	Water Carry In Gallons	Proposed Replacement
83.255 2,510	1,500	1,000	2020
Tender 1 – Station 1 – 57 Pine Tree Way			
2004 Kenworth			
Mileage	Pump – GPM	Water Carry In Gallons	Proposed Replacement
34.646 2,089	500	2,750	2019
Brush 1 – Station 1 – 57 Pine Tree Way			
2013 Ford F-550			
Mileage	Pump – GPM	Water Carry In Gallons	Proposed Replacement
5.614 393	200	300	2028
Trailer 1 (Firewise) – Station 1 – 57 Pine Tree Way			
2011 Horton Cargo			
Mileage	Pump – GPM	Water Carry In Gallons	Proposed Replacement
N/A	N/A	N/A	2015



Local Support



- **Downtown Master Plans**
- **Historic Preservation Assistance**
- **Ordinances & Design Guidelines**
- **Bike, Trail, Sidewalk Planning**

- **Planning Commission Training**
- **Communication Assessments**
- **Economic Development Strategies**




Local Projects

2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
Towns County - Hixson - Young Harris

	TOWNS	HIXSON	YOUNG HARRIS	UNION	WATTS	GEORGIA
DEVELOPMENT						
Total Units	2,207	24,600	18,700	24,700	10,314	4,822,181
Developing Square Mile Land Area	20.4	33.3	27.2	22.8	27.2	75.0
10 - 15% Percent Change	7.1%	2.0%	2.7%	5.7%	1.6%	0.7%
HOUSING UNITS (UNITS)						
OCCUPANCY CHARACTERISTICS						
Total Units	4,284	11,688	16,999	14,509	18,444	2,104,889
Occupied Units, Percent	85.4%	81.3%	81.7%	81.5%	71.4%	77.3%
Vacant Housing Units, Percent	14.6%	18.7%	18.3%	18.5%	28.6%	22.7%
Owner-Occupied Units, Percent	80.8%	74.2%	78.2%	77.8%	78.2%	81.2%
Renter-Occupied Units, Percent	19.2%	25.8%	21.8%	22.2%	21.8%	18.8%
Non-Owner-Occupied Units	2,129	4,156	2,978	2,875	2,176	1,275
Renter-Occupied Units	1,075	2,952	3,721	3,234	34,868	34,868
UNIT TYPE						
Single Unit, Detached	87.0%	79.8%	74.9%	83.8%	73.3%	88.8%
Mobile Home	12.7%	20.2%	25.1%	16.2%	26.7%	11.2%
Unit Type Other/Other	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UNIT COSTS (DOLLARS)						
Monthly Median Home Cost	\$1,212	\$1,247	\$1,209	\$1,168	\$1,248	\$1,287
Yearly Median Home Value	\$14,544	\$14,964	\$14,508	\$14,016	\$14,976	\$15,444
Median Gross Rent	\$764	\$879	\$780	\$793	\$790	\$840
Renters Paying 35% of MR Income	40.7%	49.2%	50.7%	50.2%	47.8%	40.8%

The resulting makeup of these factors in Towns County has produced a housing mix that as of 2018 is predominantly owner-occupied but with comparably high vacancy rates, largely due to the presence of second homes. This is a common characteristic for rural, tourist destination communities, where many of the units are designed to weekend or seasonal travelers for people that live within a couple hour's drive. Particularly given the relatively inexpensive living costs, Towns County is an attractive option for people wanting a regular escape to scenic areas and with an abundance of outdoor activities.



Hixson Area Senior Living Community

But on the surface the statistics imply that is a mixed market, because the presence of the second home market is indicative of much higher priced properties on the landscape or units that are designed to weekend or seasonal travelers for people that live within a couple hour's drive. Particularly given the relatively inexpensive living costs, Towns County is an attractive option for people wanting a regular escape to scenic areas and with an abundance of outdoor activities.

As more Atlanta grows and more people are within close proximity of Lake Lanier, the volume of weekenders has also increased. Now there are lake-side homes that are priced well beyond local income levels, designed not for the employees of Towns County businesses but rather as retreats for wealthy households from outside the area. As this market expands it increases the value of land in the area overall, and if the trend continues Towns County may catch up to neighboring counties regarding average land costs.

Towns County Economic Development Strategy NADO Award Winner

2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
Towns County - Hixson - Young Harris

The comparison of Towns County to employment data to the State of Georgia and that of the Towns County Area (Towns plus neighboring Georgia counties) shows the Towns County Area's industries are heavily within the service industries, particularly the sector of Health Care and Social Assistance and that of Accommodation and Food Services. Expanding on the opportunities have additional opportunities must be given to the local food service sector in the Professional, Scientific, and Technical sector. The significance of this information is to illustrate both all the needs both of Towns County's industries within the county, which is involved in a growing area on the local economy, and the extent to which the economy is dependent on the accommodation and food services sectors. The fact that there is not only a recession but the volume of lower wage jobs within the industry has also become of how that sector is sensitive to external events and outside influences, often being heavily impacted, for instance, due to conditions such as weather, pandemic, or recession, the Towns County economy is particularly susceptible. Towns should therefore seek to diversify its economy to a buffer against such upswings, even as it seeks ways to lean more heavily into the growth potential for more tourism.

2018 Monthly Averages	TOWNS	GEORGIA	TOWNS COUNTY AREA	TOWNS AREA	TOWNS COUNTY AREA
MONTHLY CHANGE (PERCENT)					
Employment, All Industries	1.7%	4.4%	2.0%	1.7%	2.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	8.2%	14.3%	11.1%	8.2%	11.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical	1.7%	6.3%	4.1%	1.7%	4.1%
Manufacturing Industries	1.9%	6.1%	4.1%	1.9%	4.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	3.8%	14.7%	10.0%	3.8%	10.0%
Retail Trade	1.0%	7.9%	5.8%	1.0%	5.8%
Transportation and Warehousing	1.7%	6.7%	4.1%	1.7%	4.1%
Construction	1.7%	5.2%	3.8%	1.7%	3.8%
Information, Culture, and Recreation	4.9%	6.7%	5.8%	4.9%	5.8%
Administrative, Support, Waste Management, and Remediation Services	0.8%	7.4%	5.1%	0.8%	5.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	11.4%	14.4%	12.4%	11.4%	12.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	17.2%	19.3%	17.3%	17.2%	17.3%



Golfing on a green at the Hixson Golf and Country Club in Hixson, Georgia.



Enjoying the view of Lake Lanier from a boat in Hixson, Georgia.

2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY
Towns County - Hixson - Young Harris

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Towns County, Georgia, is known as a rural lakeside community nestled in the Blue Ridge portion of southern Appalachia, right along the Georgia state line with North Carolina. Together with its neighboring counties of Hixson and Young Harris, Towns County is a pastoral community with a vibrant tourist sector and working as a haven for full and part-time residents seeking a scenic retreat. But Towns County, as with much of the Georgia Mountains region, is growing, and to ensure that growth best serves the local residents and works to enhance the area's established character, the three governments and their partners are working to coordinate their plans for economic development.

This document, the Towns County Joint Economic Development Strategy, was developed by the local governments with input from their various economic development partners, such as the Hixson Downtown Development Authority, the Towns County Joint Development Authority, and the Towns County Chamber of Commerce. It is intended to coordinate the direction and prioritization of objectives and action items as the various organizations strive to position all of Towns County for prosperity. By pursuing this coordinated approach, the governments and various agencies are ensuring the most bang for the buck from their projects and programs, working together where possible and knowing their individual efforts will be part of a broader campaign. The result is more clearly defined vision for economic development in Towns County, Hixson, and Young Harris. One that works for all parties, is practical and within each community's budgetary means, and is designed to fit the overall goals established by Towns County residents and businesses.

The Towns County Joint Economic Development Strategy features a base analysis of the local conditions, summarizes the various continuing planning efforts to date, and ultimately produces a master Work Program that shows how everyone will do their part in taking Towns County forward. In accordance with the desired goals of each community.

**Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.**

- Henry Ford



Local Projects

Historic Preservation Design Guidelines (Dahlonega: 2014, Toccoa: 2017, Hartwell: 2021)

Purpose:

- *Concise and user-friendly document to aid property owners planning renovations and new construction in historic districts.*
- *Guide's economic development opportunities in the district while protecting the integrity of the architectural heritage.*

Toccoa Downtown Historic District
Design Guidelines
2017



Dahlonega Historic District Design Guidelines



DARLOWE & CO.



Hartwell Design Guidelines

Rehabilitation & New Construction
in Hartwell's Historic Districts

City of Hartwell, Georgia
Hartwell Historic Preservation Commission
September 2021



Information Services

- **Mapping/Spatial Analysis**
- **District Mapping (Voting, 911, Water/Sewer, Historic, DDA)**
- **Official Zoning/Ordinance Maps**
- **Utility Infrastructure Inventory Mapping (water, sewer, storm water, gas)**
- **FEMA Floodplain DFIRM Mapping/Collaboration**
- **Census Count Question Resolution Operation (CQR)**
- **Aerial Photography/LiDAR Project**
- **US Census Bureau Boundary & Annexation Survey (BAS) Maps**
- **Online Map Application Services**
- **Cemetery Inventory Mapping**
- **Comprehensive Plan Mapping**
- **Grant Application Maps**
- **Regional Plan Map Updates**
- **REVAMP – Roadway Element Validation and Mapping Program**



Information Services



Morgan County Courthouse

Cumming City Hall

Fayette County Courthouse

Savannah City Hall

Tapping Into Local Expertise

REVAMP
ROADWAY ELEMENT VALIDATION
AND MAPPING PROGRAM

Roadway Elements
Collect and/or Validate

- Local Road Names
- Median Types
- Number of Lanes
- One-Way and Reversible-Lanes
- Ownership
- Surface Types
- Stop Signs
- Traffic Lights
- Yield Signs
- Flashing Signals

Roadway elements will be added as the program expands.

Our Partnership
GDOT has partnered with Regional Commissions and the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government to improve existing data and capture road network changes from local governments.

The Benefits
The program provides many benefits for both the local governments as well as the state:

- May lead to an increase in certain local funding programs
- Improved safety of the public roadway system
- May lead to the establishment of a formalized asset management program
- Improved federal reporting related to mileage, performance, condition, etc.
- Comprehensive statewide road characteristic information that can be used to create maps and meet multiple data requirements

Revising the Local Road Network?
To report changes to GDOT, visit: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/DriveSmarter/Data/Documents/Guides/LocalRoadActivityForm.pdf>



REVAMP Roadway Element Validation and Mapping Program

Phase III Roadway Elements

- **Crosswalk**
- **Sidewalk Curb Ramps**
- **Bicycle Facility Presence**
- **Pedestrian Signal**
- **Curb and Gutter (Roads)**
- **Sidewalks (County wide)**
- **Median Barrier**

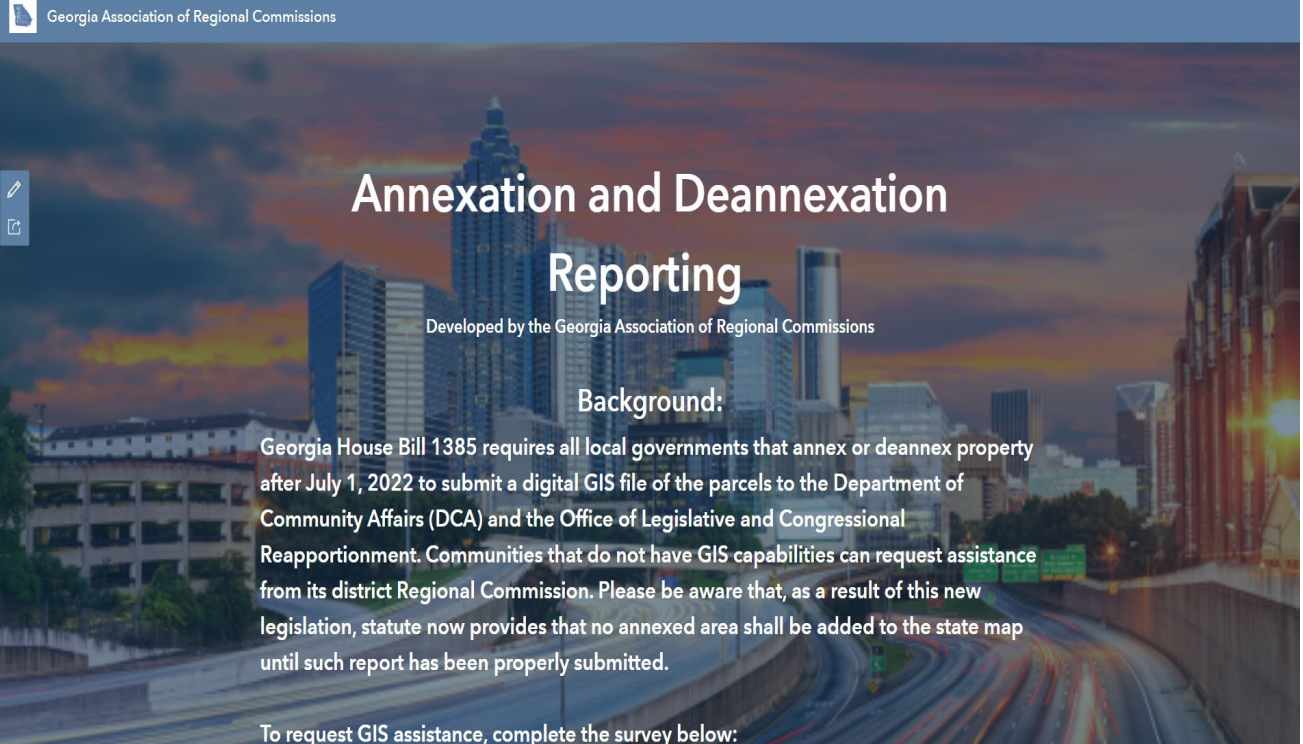
To conclude October 31st



Information Services

GARC Annexation Hub

Georgia House Bill 1385 requires all local governments that annex or de-annex property after July 1, 2022 to submit a digital GIS file of the parcels to the Department of Community Affairs and the Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment.



Georgia Association of Regional Commissions

Annexation and Deannexation Reporting

Developed by the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions

Background:

Georgia House Bill 1385 requires all local governments that annex or deannex property after July 1, 2022 to submit a digital GIS file of the parcels to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and the Office of Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment. Communities that do not have GIS capabilities can request assistance from its district Regional Commission. Please be aware that, as a result of this new legislation, statute now provides that no annexed area shall be added to the state map until such report has been properly submitted.

To request GIS assistance, complete the survey below:




Information Services

GDOTs Local Road Activity (LRA) Program

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) works with local governments within the state to gather the most up-to-date and accurate road information possible. Georgia has the 7th largest public roadway network in the nation with approximately 129,000 miles. Local governments see direct benefits from reporting road changes. Road mileage ownership is factored into the formula used for the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program.





Notification of Local Road Activity (LRA)

In accordance with Georgia State Codes § 32-4-91 and § 32-4-41, counties and municipalities shall notify the Georgia Department of Transportation within 3 months after a road is added or abandoned, and provide supporting documentation.

ENTER ROAD INFO

Date Accepted/Modified: Accepted/Modified by Local Government:

Multiple road changes can be submitted using one form. Indicate single or multiple road(s):

Single Road Road Name:
 Nearest Intersecting Road:

Multiple Roads (attach a list)

Check all that apply:

Road Change	Total Mileage	Road Change
<input type="checkbox"/> Adding new road(s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Changing surface type(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Changing ownership(s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Changing name(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Extending existing road(s)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Adding lane(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Obliterating road(s)*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Changing operation(s)**
<input type="checkbox"/> Abandoning road(s)	<input type="text"/>	

*Obliterated means the pavement has been physically removed; the road no longer exists.
 **Operation is defined as the operational flow of traffic on the road or segment: one-way, two-way or reversible.

ATTACH Attach the following supporting documents (as appropriate):

- A map, plat or plan showing/describing the changes indicated above
- A signed *Notification of Authority or Delegation of Authority* OR a copy of the commission meeting minutes passing the action for the road(s)
- City annexation documentation (if applicable)

GDOT will not process incomplete submissions.

SIGN

Authorized Local Government Official Title

Date

SEND

Mail form and supporting documents to:
 Office of Transportation Data (OTD)
 Georgia Department of Transportation
 600 W. Peachtree St., NW
 19th Floor, Room 1933
 Atlanta, Georgia 30308

OR

Electronically sign and email form and supporting documents to
 OTDLocalGovtCoor@dot.ga.gov
 To electronically sign, click the *Fill & Sign* symbol on your PDF toolbar.

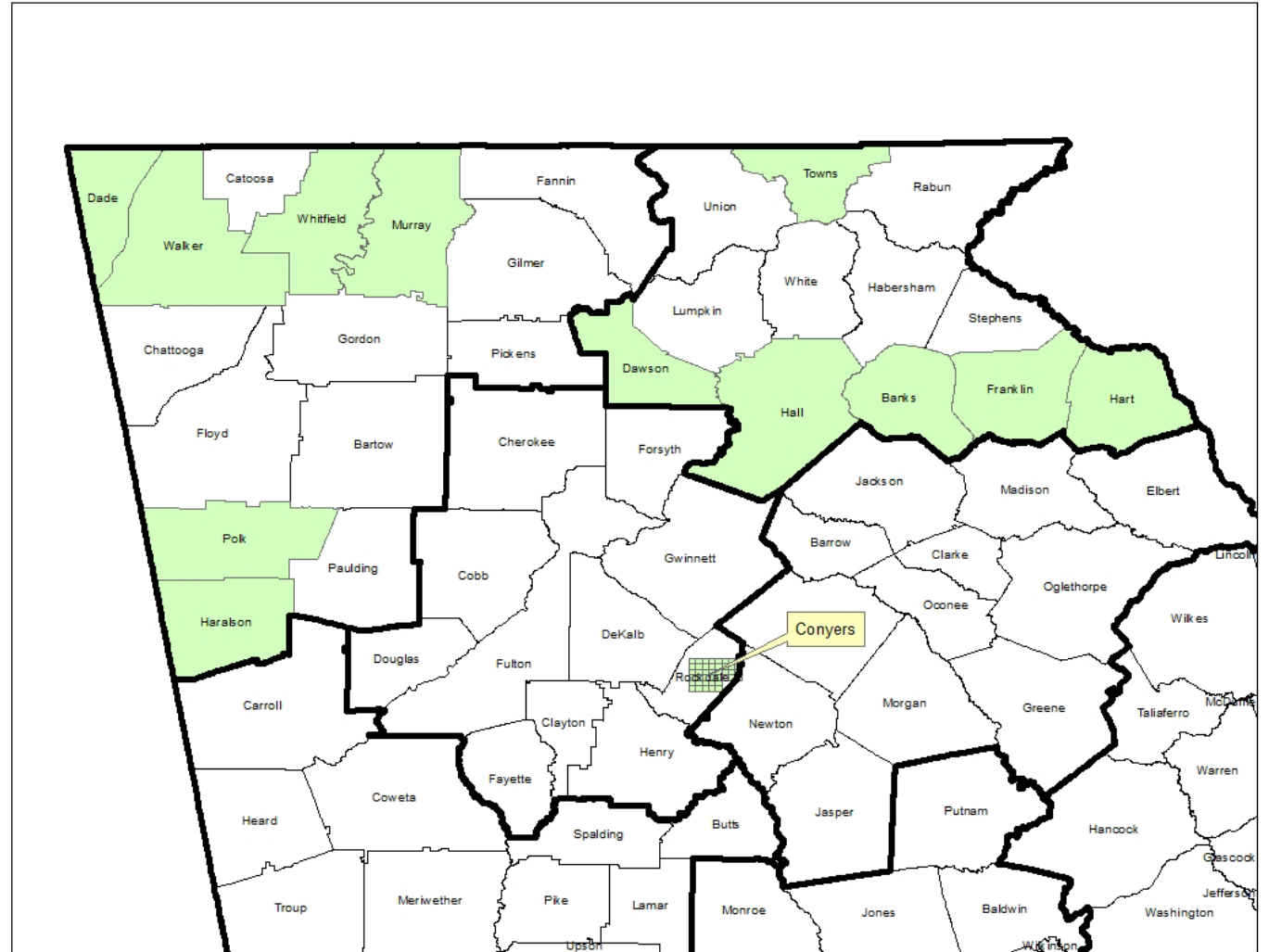
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FAQ
 Click Here

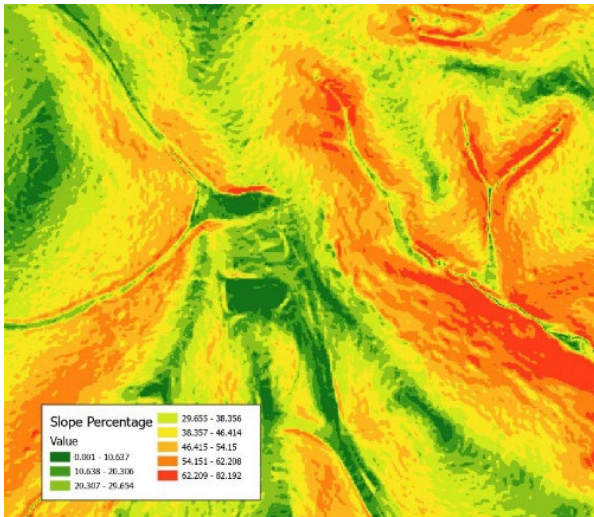
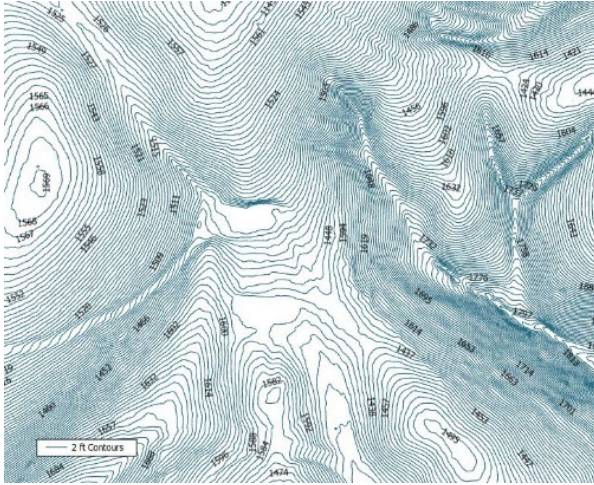
Information Services

GMRC 2023 Aerial Photography and LiDAR Project

- Mix of 6" pixel resolution imagery and 3", Polk County only
- Hall and Dawson Counties acquiring LiDAR during this project
 - Due to development in Hall County and along the 400 corridor of Dawson County, necessitated acquisition of LiDAR post 2018 flight



Information Services



USGS 3DEP LiDAR Data
QL2 digital topographic data

County/City Project Uses:

- Hazard Mitigation
- Flood
- Stormwater runoff
- Utility Project Planning
- Building Site/Construction
- Road Projects

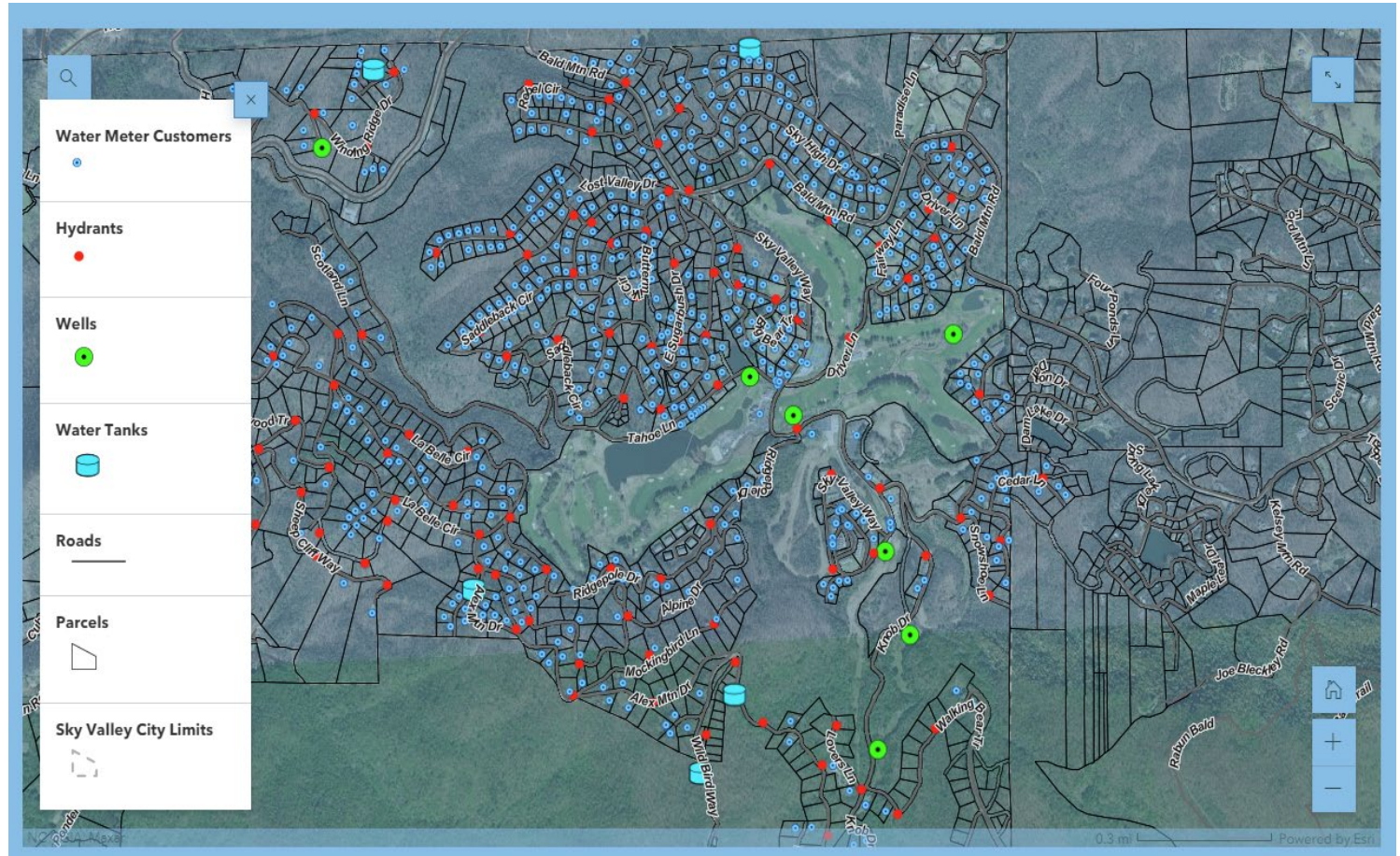


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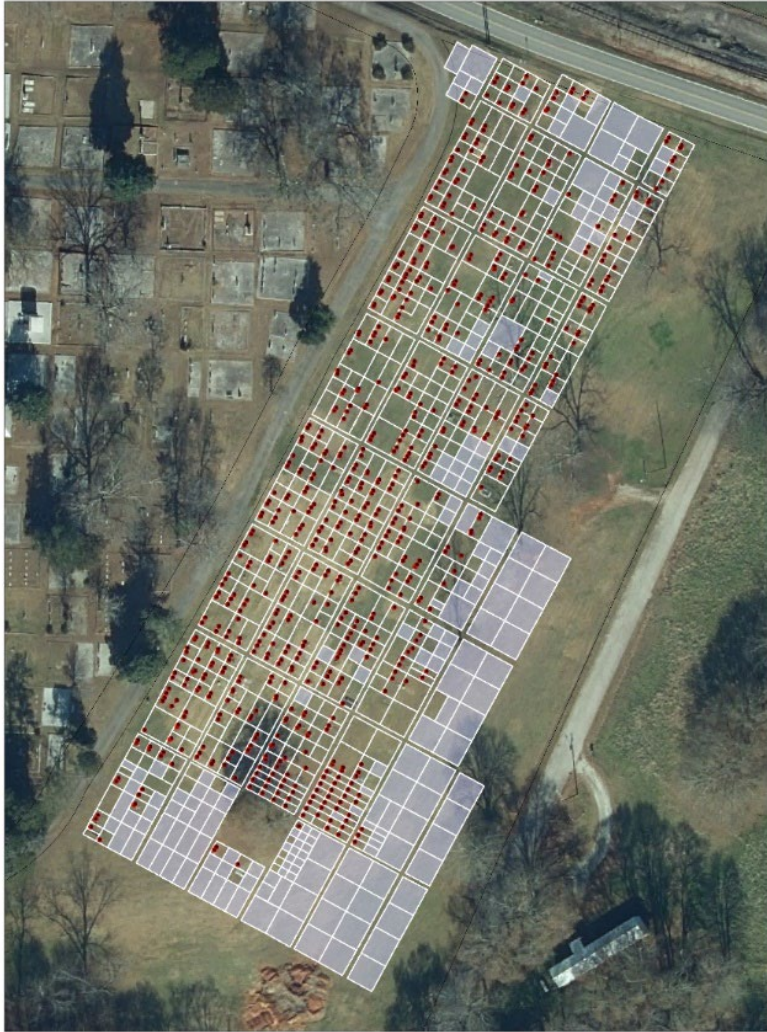
Sky Valley Water System Project

Water System Features:

- Fire Hydrants
- Valves
- Water Tanks and Wells
- Water Lines
- Customer Water Meters



Information Services



- **Demorest Cemetery Mapping Update**
- **Dawson County Comp Plan Maps**
- **Paulding County 2' Contour Creation**
- **Dawsonville Council Election Post Maps**
- **Zoning Maps**
 - **Royston, Gillsville, Lula**





Georgia Mountains





How are we funded?

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

A Department of Labor led federal grant program administered by the Technical College System of Georgia- Office of Workforce Development and the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission



The Problem



Growing need for skilled workforce

50%

of Georgia Mountains residents only have a high school diploma or GED with no additional postsecondary training

Georgia Department of Labor: Area Labor Profile

Our Solutions



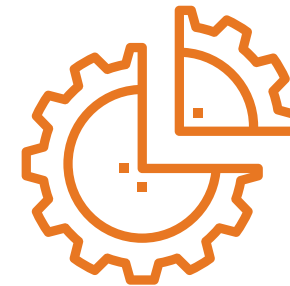
Occupational Skills Training

Learn in-demand skills for the Georgia Mountains region



Business Services

Participants earn while they learn and employers receive multiple benefits



Sector Strategies

Employer driven initiatives bringing together regional stakeholders

Occupational Skills Training

Assists with earning a GED, Certificate, Diploma, Degree or other Occupational License or Certification



Serves Ages 14 to



Training dollars:

Assists with tuition, books, & supplies



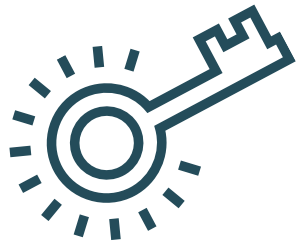
Supportive services:

Helps with transportation & childcare

607

**Participants served
through the
Youth, Adult, &
Dislocated Worker
programs (PY22)**

Short-Term Training Focus



Key to success?

PARTNERSHIPS



Educators



Community Partners



Employers



Business Services

OJT

On-the-Job Training

Reduces hiring costs by
50-75% for new
employees.

Expand and train
additional staff while
increasing retention

IWT

Incumbent Worker Training

Supplies funding to
reduce the cost of
upskilling current
employees. Employers
get the skilled workers
they need without hiring
new staff

WEX

Internship (Work Experience)

PAID structured learning
experience. No
obligation opportunity
to assess an employee
at no cost to the
business

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Apprenticeship

Combines relevant
education and training
with structured,
customizable on-the-job
learning facilitated by a
company mentor

Business Services

\$278,934

July 2021-June 2023

paid to area employers directly,
through reimbursements, or wage
subsidies

Sector Strategy Initiative



WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

Advanced Manufacturing & Technology

Let's Build the Future

**Regional
Partners**

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Employers

20

Educators

19

Community

Sector Strategy Priorities

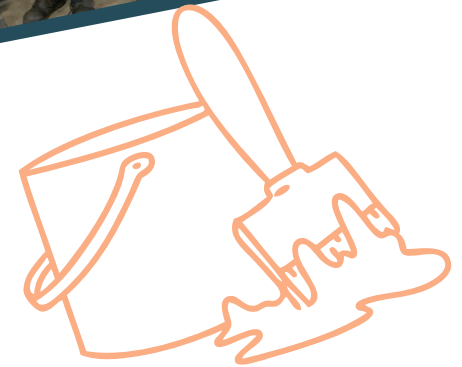
 Apprenticeships

 Quality Control

 Industrial Maintenance

 Regional Forum

 georgiamountainworks.com



Performance Measures

WorkSource follows participants once training is completed- these numbers prove our programs work!



ADULTS

93%

Employed 1-year

86%

Earned Credential

YOUTH

76%

Employed 1-year

58%

Earned Credential

DISLOCATED WORKERS

93%

Employed 1-year

64%

Earned Credential

Benefit-Cost Ratio



For every dollar spent funding the WIOA and non-WIOA programs Georgia's taxpayers will see a benefit of \$2.79 over the next 10 years.



Adults &
Dislocated Workers

2.87

Youth

2.6

2.79

Programs Combined

How Can You Help?

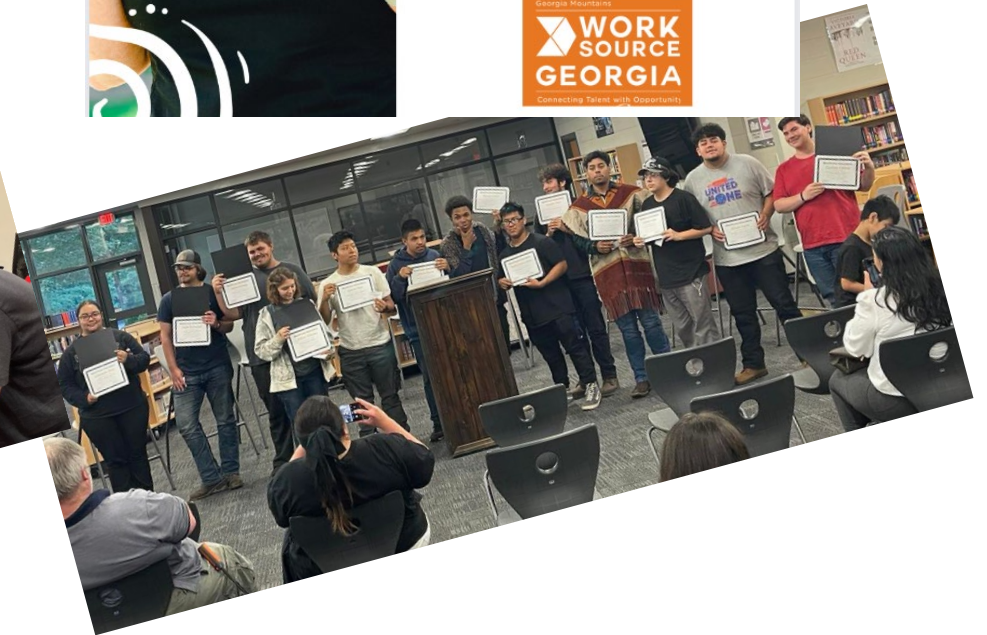


Be a voice
for WorkSource
in your community



"I was a single mom, working part time when I heard about WIOA from the school. [If you are thinking about applying] definitely look into it! I wouldn't have been able to finish school without it!"

Dena Evans
Registered Nurse



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