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CARPDC's Planning for the Future – With Your Help

At CARPDC, we're all about growing stronger communities — and we can't do it without you!

Take our quick survey [here](#) and let us know what's working and what could be better. Your voice helps us plan smarter.



Welcome to the Team!

My name is Garrit Terrell. I am originally from Wetumpka, AL and moved to Boaz, AL for 3 years for baseball and work. My wife (Gracie) and I just had our first daughter, Sadie, 8 months ago and recently moved back to Wetumpka, AL to be closer to family.

In my free-time I enjoy spending time with family, playing golf and going out on the lake. I look forward to working here and getting to know everyone.

Pastor Austin of Mercy and Manna House rolled up in style—behind the wheel of Mercy House's brand-new food truck! Funded through a CDBG-CV grant awarded to Montgomery County on behalf of Manna House, this mobile kitchen is more than just a truck—it's a rolling mission of outreach, service, and community connection, delivering meals to those in need across Montgomery County's unincorporated areas.

CARPDC staff were thrilled to get an exclusive first look. For our Community Development team—especially the grant writers and administrators—it was a proud moment to see Pastor Austin drive a vision into reality, as he turned that food truck right into our parking lot!

If you're interested in seeing the food truck, please click [here](#).



Upcoming EDA & ADECA Grant Opportunities: What to Watch For

EDA FY2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program

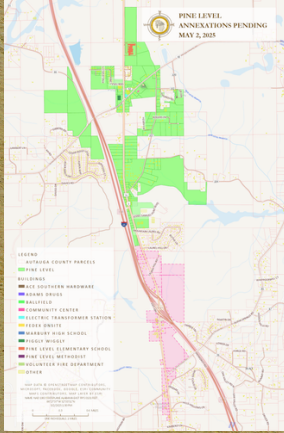
This Economic Development Administration (EDA) program makes approximately \$1.45 billion in disaster recovery funding available to American communities that received major disaster declarations in calendar years 2023 and 2024. Please visit [this page](#) for more information!

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), Federal Initiatives and Recreation (FIR) Division, will be hosting application workshops for the FY 2026 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) and the FY 2026 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program in the months of July and August 2025.

- The RTP Workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, beginning at 1:00 pm and concluding at approximately 4:00 pm.
- The LWCF Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2025, beginning at 10:00 am and concluding at approximately 5:00 pm.
- These will be “in person” workshops only and space is limited. Please see the [attachments](#) for information regarding deadlines to pre-register for these workshops, parking deck codes, and contact information should you have any questions about either program.

Annex Marks the Spot: Towns on the Move!

Governor Kay Ivey has signed bill HB 598 allowing for Pine Level's annexation that will include I-65 exit 186!



At a recent Pine Level Community Input meeting, Mayor Bigley and Town Council showcased the new Pine Level map, created by CARPDC's GIS Manager, Vivian Reader.

This map is set to take effect on October 1, 2025.

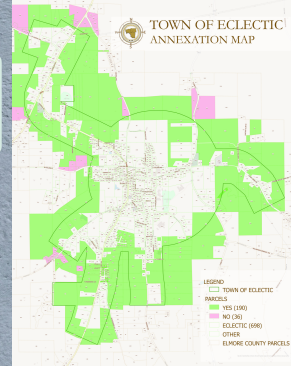
The next Pine Level Community Input meeting will be hosted at their Community Center on Thursday, June 19th, from 6:30-8:00pm.

Click on the map for more pictures

Growing the Eclectic Way—Small Town, Big News!

HB417 expanded the Town of Eclectic's municipal limits to include parcels that were previously only partially in the town limits. The legislative annexation expanded the town limits to include the whole parcel.

CARPDC's GIS Manager, Vivian Reader, was responsible for producing the maps and compiling the list of affected parcels.



Click on the map for an enlarged version, pg 6

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- June 17, 10 AM- Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Meeting, CARPDC Boardroom
- June 18, 4 PM- Community Engagement Session on the Elmore County Placemaking Strategic Plan, City of Wetumpka Administration Building
- June 19, 6:30 PM, Pine Level Comprehensive Plan DesignPlace Session with DesignAlabama, Pine Level Community Center
- June 21, 11 AM, Pine Level Comprehensive Plan DesignPlace Presentation with DesignAlabama, Pine Level Community Center
- July 28, 5 PM, Tallassee Brownfield Assessment Program Community Meeting, City of Tallassee City Hall
- June 20-21, 6PM, Stars on the Riverfront, at the Montgomery Riverwalk Park
- June 26, Thursday, 6-8:30PM, Town of Pike Road SummerFest. Pike Road Park
- July 3, 6PM-9PM, Wetumpka's Independence Day Celebration, in Downtown Wetumpka
- July 4, beginning at 9AM, Prattville's Independence Day Celebration, in Historic Downtown Prattville
- July 5, 10AM, Pine Level's Independence Day Celebration, at the Pine Level Community Center
- Election Day is coming! Be sure to vote for your municipality's officials on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

The CARPDC Planning Section has been in full swing with brownfields!

On April 1, CARPDC and the Town of Autaugaville hosted a community meeting at Autaugaville Town Hall to discuss the brownfields program and gather community input on potential brownfield sites. Broxton Sanders, Planner II, said of the event, "This was a fabulous event! The community was engaged and excited about what the brownfield program was doing in the Town already. They were a huge help to us in getting potential sites to add to our list."

On June 3, CARPDC visited the Tallassee Mill property adjacent to the Thurlow Dam with the Tallassee Redevelopment Authority and the Tallassee Historical Preservation Society. There, the team discussed the site's history and explored the physical conditions at present. Sanders noted, "We appreciate the Redevelopment Authority and Historical Preservation Society for helping us understand more about the history of the mill." CARPDC, along with community partners, will host a community meeting at Tallassee City Hall on July 28; the brownfields program will be discussed along with seeking community input on potential brownfield sites.