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 December 3, 2018

**CEDS Committee
 Meeting :**
 December 13, 2018
 9:30a – 11:30a



CARPDC News

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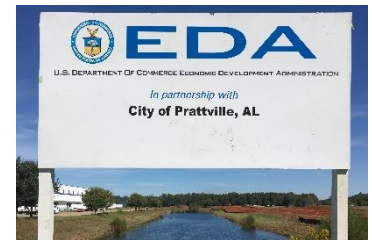
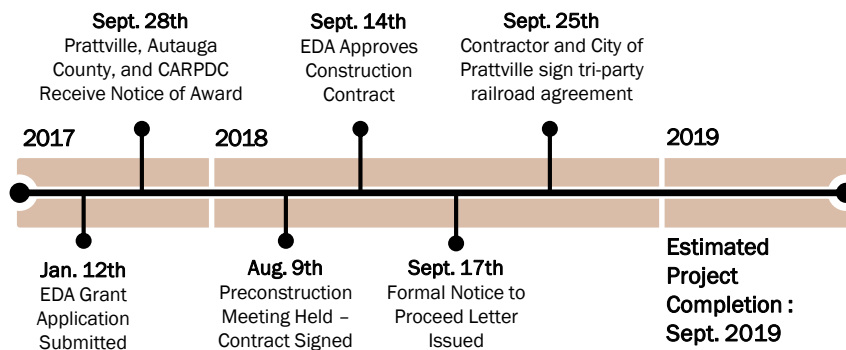
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Community Spotlight City of Prattville

Construction on the City of Prattville’s newest Economic Development Administration (EDA) public works project at South Industrial Park officially started last month. The \$5.94 million project, which entails an access road and flyover bridge, is expected to be completed by September 2019. CARPDC, on behalf of the City and Autauga County, submitted the initial application for the EDA Public Works Grant in January 2017. By the fall, all three entities

South Industrial Park Development

received notices that the project was awarded. Contractual progress on the Industrial Park project will continue throughout most of 2018. A formal notice to proceed was issued September 17, 2018. News of construction cemented the James Hardie company’s decision to make Prattville the site for its next manufacturing plant. This plant is estimated to cost \$220 million and will add approximately 200 jobs to the City’s economy.



Left image : A broad timeline of pre-construction phases of the South Industrial Park project.
Above image : EDA signage outside of the project site

Community Spotlight Town of Eclectic

The **Town of Eclectic** has been awarded a \$200,000 CDBG ED grant from ADECA. Madix, Inc. – a local manufacturing company – has committed to increasing its number of jobs in connection with the grant. This effort is projected to substantially increase traffic volume along Middle Road and Madix Drive. The grant will provide road improvements impacted by traffic volume.

2018 Healthy Foods, Healthy Economics Summit

CARPDC hosted its 3rd Annual Healthy Foods, Healthy Economics Summit on September 12-13, 2018. The theme, “Good Food is Good Business,” focused on educating participants on how local and regional food systems frame healthier economic systems. The featured presentations and group discussions were centered around topics such as increasing the farmer/produce vendor economic footprint and emerging initiatives regarding food deserts and local and regional food systems. This event was made possible through Mid-South RC&D Council funding and sponsorship of City of Millbrook, the Dept. of Agriculture and Industries, the Town of Elmore, the Autauga County Commission, and other entities.



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2018 Healthy Foods, Healthy Economics Summit *(Continued)*

Image on front page: Left to right – Millbrook City Councilman Jimmy Harris; Mid-South RC&D Board Member Patty Lambrecht; Representative Reed Ingram; and Greg Clark, Executive Director of CARPDC.



Business Spotlight MRaine Industries



Above image: MRaine Industries, LLC. of Autaugaville, AL, donates cases of Eleven86 water as part of Hurricane Florence relief efforts.

Top left image: Reed Ingram, co-owner of Sweet Creek Farm Market in Pike Road, AL, offers the group insight to the daily operations of his business. **Bottom left image:** Summit attendees listen attentively to a presentation on the City of Montgomery YMCA's Brown Bag Bus Program.

CEDS Committee Meeting Recap

The 2018 CEDS Committee met on August 30, 2018. The meeting began with a discussion on ways to encourage legislation that would improve the process of implementing economic development projects. The conversation later shifted to topics that could act as focal points of future meetings. Some of the proposed topics are IT specialists speaking on broadband; TeleHealth Representatives; Rural Farmers; USDA Representatives; and State Decision Makers. Finally, the body considered ways to disseminate collected information among different organizations represented on the Committee. The next meeting will be held in December, where either Healthcare or Broadband will be discussed.

Grant Talk: Which Grant Program Fits Your Community?

Federal and state grants are the most frequently used tools for funding local community and economic development projects. There are over 1,000 different grant programs offered across the country's 26 federal agencies. The types of programs offered by these agencies vary and it is important to know which of these tools are the most compatible to the needs of a community. Here are a few examples:

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. They aid in the funding of housing rehabilitation, social service facility maintenance, and general public improvements and economic development.

Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grants were instituted this year by the Department of Transportation. This funding source was made possible by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. BUILD funding can support roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports or intermodal transportation needs.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding is administered by the Federal Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation. The program helps to support recreational trails and necessary facilities for motorized and non-motorized trail uses.

The **Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance** programs provide investments that support construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects.

The **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development** program partners with rural communities by funding projects that develop housing, community facilities, utilities, and other services.

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)** provides funding to federal, state, and local governments to purchase land, water and wetlands. This conservation program protects national forests, trails, and other public lands.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

ARC Unveils Resources to Support Regional Entrepreneurship (Elmore County Only)

<http://arceco.creconline.org/>

Alabama Recreational Trails Leadership Workshop is Coming Up This November

<https://www.uaced.ua.edu/>

Census Bureau Has Announced Adding Jobs for the Upcoming 2020 Census

<https://2020census.gov/jobs>

America Walks Offers Community Change Grants to Promote Walkability

<http://americawalks.org/>