



Central Alabama Regional Planning + Development Commission



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# A River Runs Through Us

## Community Development

The Community Development Department is currently managing a federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works grant which will construct a flyover bridge and roadway into the north side of Prattville's South Industrial Park. The City of Prattville and the Autauga County Commission are joint applicants on this \$5.94 million construction project. This project will build a new entrance into the park from U.S. Highway 82 which will enhance the park's accessibility and marketability. Construction is expected to start in September.

The CD Department is also pursuing three CDBG grants: one for Montgomery County, one for the town of Autaugaville, and one through the Community Enhancement Fund (CDBG-CE) for the town of Billingsley.

In addition to the current ongoing projects, there are several projects that were closed out this year. A few of these projects include:

**Autauga County, Water Improvements for Billingsley Water System** (funded 2015/closed March 2018)

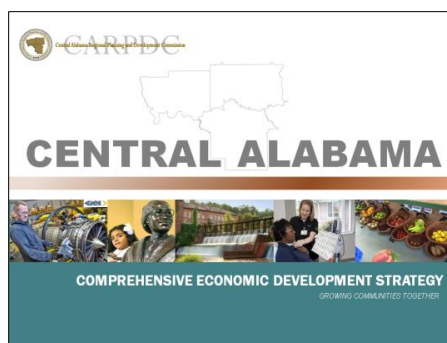
**Eclectic CDBG for Wastewater** (funded 2015/closed April 2018)

**Prattville CDBG for Demolition of Gurney Building** (funded 2016/closed August 2018)

## Community Planning

The Planning Department has been exceptionally busy this fiscal year. Between fall 2017 and winter 2018, we completed an update of the regional **Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan** (HSCTP) and a complete rewrite of the **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** (CEDs). Both documents were approved by CARDPC's Board of Directors in February 2018. Moreover, the first CEDs Committee meeting took place at the end of August 2018.

CARPDC has completed Tallassee's first ever comprehensive plan. This effort was funded through a Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) applied for by CARPDC on behalf of the City. In addition to these plans, the Planning Department will soon begin updating the zoning ordinances of two the region's communities. The **HSCTP**, **CEDs**, and the **2040 Tallassee Comprehensive Plan** can be viewed on our website.



## PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Before (left) and after (right) images of water samples taken from the town of Billingsley Water System.

## News You Can Use

**USDA Launches Webpage Highlighting Resources to Help Rural Communities Bridge the Broadband e-Connectivity Infrastructure Gap**

**USDA Announces the First Phase of the Small Business Innovation Research Program**

**EDA Has Released the Application Submission and Program Requirements for the Public Works and EAA Programs**

**Census Bureau Releases 2016 Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs**

## Community Spotlight(s)

### Local Community Participates in ACE Walkability Workshop

This past July, nine Alabama Communities of Excellence cities participated in the organization's first ever workshop on Walkability and Vibrant Small Towns.

The event was facilitated by America Walks, an organization that promotes walking and expanding walkable communities across the country.

For this and all other activities involving the ACE program, visit [alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.org](http://alabamacommunitiesofexcellence.org)

### Central AL Completes LUCA Phase of the 2020 Census

Over the span of a four-month period, communities across the Region had been diligently working to update address lists from the U.S. Census Bureau. The Region had been commended earlier this year for having each municipality registered for this phase of the upcoming 2020 Census. CARPDC is proud to say that, due largely in part to the cooperation of local officials, every community completed the LUCA process by the assigned deadlines.

There are several activities that will be taking place after this phase. The Census Bureau is currently processing the submitted address lists; local communities will be notified of any errors. Additionally, the Bureau will be sending out notices on upcoming Census related efforts. The most significant of these will most likely involve **Boundary and Annexation Surveys (BAS)** and the creation of Complete Count Committees.

## Weatherization

The Weatherization Department has expanded its service area. As of January 2018, CARPDC's weatherization program provides assistance to ten counties – *Autauga, Chilton, Dallas, Elmore, Lee, Macon, Montgomery, Perry, Russell and Shelby*. Since acquiring the contracts to serve these areas, the program has weatherized approximately 56 homes.



Before (top) and after (bottom) images of an attic space that has been sprayed with foam insulation. This is just one of several CARPDC Weatherization Department

## Upcoming Events + Calendar

### 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY ECONOMICS SUMMIT

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