



A River Runs Through Us

Community Development

The Community Development Department (CD) is currently managing a federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works grant, written and submitted by CARPDC, 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. Construction is expected to start in September.

The CD Department is also pursuing three ADECA 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 closed out this year. A few of these projects include:

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

Eclectic CDBG for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements (funded 2015/closed April 2018)

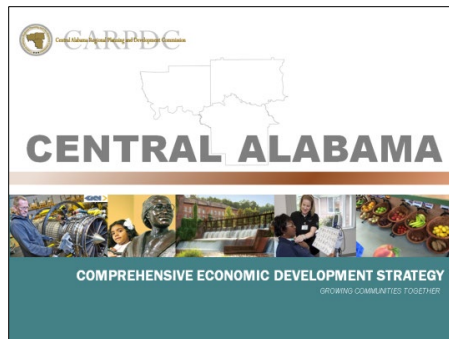
Prattville CDBG for Demolition of Gurney Building (funded 2016/closed August 2018)

Community Planning

The Planning Department has been exceptionally busy this fiscal year. Between fall 2017 and winter 2018, CARPDC completed an update of the regional *Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan* (HSCTP) and a complete rewrite of the CEDS (*Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy*).

Both documents were approved by CARPDC's Board of Directors in February 2018. Moreover, the first CEDS Committee meeting took place at the end of August 2018.

Planning also completed Tallassee's first ever comprehensive plan, an effort funded through a Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) applied for by CARPDC on the City's behalf. In addition to these plans, the Planning Department will soon begin updates to zoning ordinances for two communities. All of these documents may be viewed on CARPDC's website www.carpdc.com.



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

<https://www.usda.gov/broadband>

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

<https://nifa.usda.gov/>

EDA Has Released the Application Submission and Program Requirements for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Programs

<https://www.grants.gov/>

Census Bureau Releases 2016 Annual Survey of Entrepreneurs

<https://www.census.gov>

The Region Abroad

Tallassee 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, hosted in Montevallo, AL, 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

CARPDC Completes LUCA Phase of the 2020 Census

Over the span of a four-month period, communities across the Region, with the assistance of the Planning Department's Phoenix Robinson, had been diligently working to update address lists from the U.S. Census Bureau. The Region was 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 a home's attic space sprayed with Blown Fiberglass insulation. This decreases the amount of air that flows into a home through the roof.

CARPDC Weatherization Department

Director's Note

I am excited to share our first newsletter with you, which highlights the Central Alabama Region's many achievements so far this year. One accomplishment we are very proud of is CARPDC's commitment to our mission of bringing improved quality of life to all residents and promote our unique character. Since the beginning, CARPDC has been a place where communities work together collaboratively to promote all that defines this special region.

I believe the key to CARPDC's progress in advancing this mission is through our collaborative approach. We work with a broad range of partners to share resources, set common goals, and create solutions for a better way forward for our region.



Upcoming Events & Calendar



3rd ANNUAL HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY ECONOMICS SUMMIT

SEPT. 12 & 13, 2018
MILLBROOK CIVIC CENTER

MILLBROOK, AL

Registration for the Summit is OPEN Until
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018!

Go to
www.carpdc.com to register!

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