



CARPDC News

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Director's Note

Welcome to the relaunch of **CARPDC News**, our monthly newsletter. We are pleased to release this issue at the beginning of FY 2023.

Keeping with our theme 'Growing Communities Together', CARPDC is looking forward to working with our member governments for an exciting, active, and fruitful FY 2023.

I would like to give a special thank you to our staff editors, Lauren Benson and Chantil Nasef, for taking on this project.

- Greg Clark

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Community Spotlight: Town of Autaugaville, New Senior Center

Thanks to the hard work of Autaugaville leadership & CARPDC, a new Senior Citizens Center is currently being built to address the need to accommodate 22% of Autaugaville's population who are 60+ years of age, as the previous Senior Center was over 93 years old.

Assisted by around \$419,000 of CDBG grant funds, construction for the Center began in June 2022 and is predicted to be complete by January 2023. Particular appreciation goes to ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell for making the project a reality, and for his participation in the groundbreaking ceremony. *Congratulations to Autaugaville and Mayor Curtis Stoudemire!*



Section Report Community Development

This Section assists regional governments with identifying and developing partnership coalitions and applying for grant funding for economic development, planning infrastructure, construction, marketing, and implementation projects. As always, the Community Development Section has been prolific with their projects.

Waiting on review of submitted grant applications for the following projects:

Pecan Orchard Park, Eclectic

- 2022 LWCF for \$317,550

Old Kingston Park, Autauga County

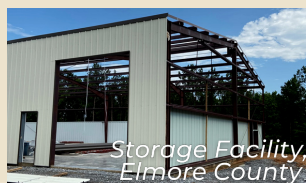
- 2022 CDBG-CE for \$300,000

Housing Demolition, Coosada

- 2022 CDBG-CE for \$350,000



Senior Center, Millbrook



Storage Facility, Elmore County



Ball Fields, Pike Road

Recently awarded grants:

Senior Center, Millbrook

- Construction complete!
- 2019 CDBG-CE for \$500,000.

Ball Fields, Pike Road

- Construction complete!
- 2018 LWCF for \$350,000.

Storage Facility, Elmore County

- Construction complete!
- 2020 CDBG-CV for \$600,000.

Storage Facility, Autauga County

- 2020 CDBG-CV for \$500,000.

Welcome Food Pantry, Millbrook

- 2020 CDBG-CV for \$500,000

Panther Palace Park, Eclectic

- 2021 CDBG-CE for \$300,000

Mercy House, Montgomery County

- 2020 CDBG-CV for \$300,000

Project Spotlight: DesignVision

The U.S. 31 corridor between I-65 and CR 40 is a fast-growing area with the sole Interstate Exit (186) in Autauga County.

In August of 2022, the Autauga County Commission, CAEC, and CARPDC successfully coordinated DesignDash - a 1-day visioning intensive and precursor to the DesignVision application process.

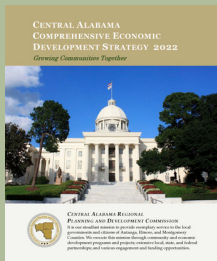
"The Autauga County team is thrilled the U.S. 31 corridor was selected by DesignAlabama as the site for the 2022 Fall DesignVision Workshop," - Kristi Pieper, Autauga County Economic Developer. *Congratulations Autauga County!*

Planning

The Planning Section offers services including: comprehensive planning, public meeting facilitation, evaluations of current plans/plats, and GIS data mapping services.

Current projects include:

- Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan (HSCTP) Update
- EDA Planning Partnership Grant App.
- Updating CARPDC's Online Presence

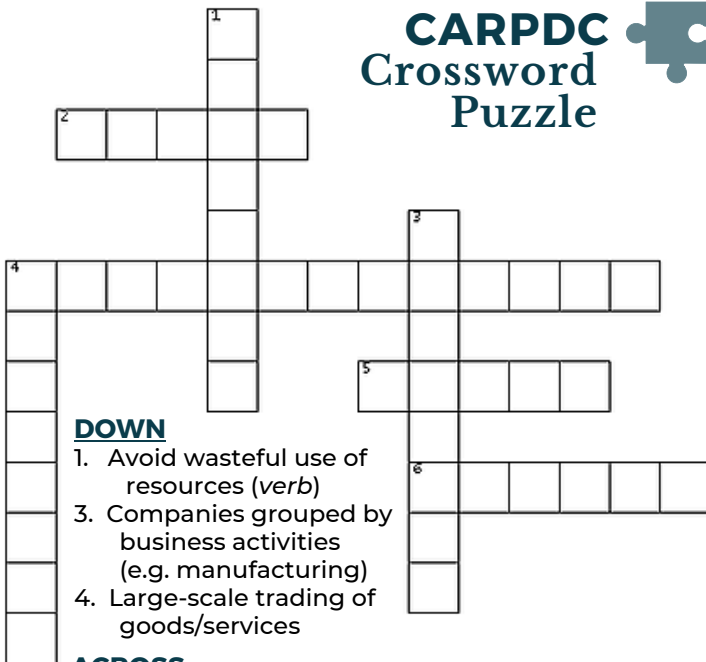


Recently completed projects:

- CEDS Update FY 2022
- ARC Grant App. - Elmore County Placemaking Plan
- RPO Work Plan, approved at the Aug. 11, 2022 Meeting

Section Report

CARPDC Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

1. Avoid wasteful use of resources (*verb*)
3. Companies grouped by business activities (e.g. manufacturing)
4. Large-scale trading of goods/services

ACROSS

2. Competitive governmental funding for projects
4. Including of all aspects
5. Countryside rather than urban
6. Number of AL Regional Councils

Staff Spotlight



Jeannie Ward

“Hello, I am Jeannie Ward and I've worked for 28 years with Local Governments and law enforcement. I started as the Financial Manager for CARPDC in 2020.

I'm now working with the Weatherization Program and have enjoyed every minute of it. It is such a good feeling to be able to assist the elderly and low-income families. I hope to be able to assist many more families in the future. I thank CARPDC for giving me this opportunity.”

Weatherization Program Section Report

Weatherization aims to reduce utility costs for low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled by improving the energy efficiency of their homes.

Past: 56 homes assisted from 2018-19.

Present: 62 homes by March 31, 2023.

Future: Building Infrastructure Law (BIL) contract to assist 600+ homes over 5 years. Adding new staff & training.



Services include:

- Air Seal Home & Ducts;
- Insulate Attic, Walls, Ducts, Floors, & Water Heater Tanks



Pictured above are an air sealing and insulation of knee walls for attic & electric water heater.

Upcoming Events: October

29th Annual Cotton Festival,
October 8th (8am-2pm). Eclectic, AL

Coosa River Whitewater Festival,
October 8-10th. Wetumpka, AL

12th Annual Riverwalk Wine Festival

October 14th (6pm-8pm). Union Station Train Shed, Montgomery, AL

AARC & APA Annual Conference,

October 23-26th. Orange Beach, AL

