



Current Events

Thursday, August 24th @ 3:00p.m.--Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC Meeting

Thursday, August 24th @ 6:00p.m.--Region K CAC Board Meeting

Thursday, August 24th @ 6:30p.m.--COG Board Meeting

Thursday, August 31st @ 8:00a.m.--KTREDC Executive Committee Meeting

Click [here](#) to see the NCWorks August Calendar of events.

Tuesday, September 5th @ 6:00p.m.--Workforce Development Board Meeting

Save the Date: Thursday, September 28th @ VGCC--Annual Awards Banquet

Registration/RSVP required for event.

Useful Regional Information

Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now being accepted for our Annual Awards. Click [here](#) to nominate the outstanding COG Board Member, Manager, County Elected Official, Municipal Elected Official, Clerk to the Board that has went the extra mile to make our Region GREAT!!!!

Rural Counts

The North Carolina Rural Center will be visiting Region K on August 28-29. During the two days, representatives from the NC Rural Center will hold meetings focused on learning more about what is happening locally around local economic strategies. This visit is part of the Center's new advocacy program, Rural Counts. The COG looks forward to full regional participation. See schedule below:

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Granville Co. Expo & Convention Ctr.

4185 US Hwy 15

Oxford, NC 27565

[RSVP by Wednesday, August 25.](#)

Monday, August 29

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Person County Senior Center

87 Semora Road

Roxboro, NC 27573

[RSVP by Wednesday, August 23](#)

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Kerr-Tar Council of Governments

1724 Graham Avenue

Henderson, NC 27536

[RSVP by Wednesday, August 23](#)

Tuesday, August 29

3:00p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Town of Louisburg Operations Center

115 Industrial Drive

Louisburg, NC 27549

[RSVP by Wednesday, August 23](#)

2017 NCHFA Urgent Repair Program

Housing Repair Assistance

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) has been awarded \$100,000 by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) under the 2017 cycle of the Urgent Repair Program to assist residents in the counties of Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance

and Warren. The Urgent Repair program finances emergency home repairs for homeowners who are elderly or have special needs and whose incomes are below 50% of the median for the area. Only repairs that address imminent threats to the life and/or safety of occupants of the dwelling unit or accessibility modifications will be performed under the program. A total of 13 households are projected to be assisted.

In the Urgent Repair Program, one or two critical problems may be repaired, but the entire house is not addressed. Examples of work typically done under this program include roof or HVAC system repair, well or septic system repairs, adding accessibility features like ramps, bathroom grab bars and wider doors.

The COG will provide assistance, to those whose homes are selected for repairs, in the form of a loan. Homeowners will receive an unsecured deferred, interest-free loan, forgiven at a rate of \$1,000 per year until the principal balance is reduced to zero. The maximum amount of the loan available is \$8,000.

Applications are available starting July 1, 2017 and must be returned to the COG office by 5:00pm on September 1, 2017. Clients to be assisted will be selected by November 1, 2017. Click [here](#) for the application.

Click [here](#) for the program assistance policy.

The funds provided by the NCHFA for the Urgent Repair Program come from the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund.

**Person County 2017 NCHFA Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan
Pool Program**

Applications available July 1st. Deadline is **September 29th** by 5:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) for the application.

Click [here](#) for program assistance policy.

**Vance County 2017 NCHFA Essential Single Family Rehabilitation Loan
Pool Program**

Applications available July 1st. Deadline is **September 29th** by 5:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) for the application.
Click [here](#) for program assistance policy.

Kerr-Tar Regional Labor Market Review for July 2017

Click [here](#) for the most recent trends for the Region in the Labor Market as presented by the NC Department of Commerce.

USDA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) - Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program for FY 2017.

Click [here](#) for more information. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development announced this week that USDA is accepting applications for the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program for FY 2017. Applications will be accepted until **September 30, 2017** under this window.

NC Local Food Infrastructure Inventory

The North Carolina Growing Together project, in collaboration with regional Councils of Government, cities and counties, and NC State Cooperative Extensions from across the state, has created a mapped inventory of businesses that serve as intermediaries in local food supply chains such as value-added processors, fresh produce wholesalers/distributors, multi-farm CSA's and more.

The map was designed to support market development for producers and others in the local food supply chain. The inventory supports the work of NCGT's Local Food Economies initiative, a program that works with local and regional governments and business developers to provide supportive business environments for farms and food businesses.

Click [here](#) to explore the Map.

Innovations in Economic Development Through Local Food Economies

Presented by the Center for Environmental Farming Systems

Counties, cities, and towns around North Carolina are discovering innovative ways to encourage economic and community development by strengthening and expanding local food systems. These projects offer opportunities to build resilient local economies, expand

small and mid-sized businesses, and contribute to local economic impacts. Participants will be able to:

- Discover innovative projects from your own region and around the state that build economic & community development through local food systems.
- Learn more about – and network with – staff from the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the North Carolina Rural Center, and other statewide agencies.
- Learn what tools and practices you can take back to your own community and how you can help food & farm businesses grow and succeed – in urban, semi-urban and rural settings alike.

Space is limited! Click [here](#) to register.



Duke Energy Selects Franklin County Site for Economic Development Program

Duke Energy has selected six North Carolina properties for participation in the first half of its 2017 Site Readiness Program to prepare them for business and industrial development.

The Site Readiness Program has helped prepare properties that have won 11 major projects in North Carolina since the program started in 2005, resulting in more than 2,400 new jobs and \$3.3 billion in capital investment.

Through the program, Duke Energy identifies high-quality industrial sites and partners with county officials and local economic development professionals to develop a strategy for providing water, sewer, natural gas and electricity to the properties.

“This program shines a light on high-quality industrial sites across the state, and enables communities, especially in rural areas, to attract jobs and build thriving economies,” said John Geib, North Carolina economic development director for Duke Energy. “We’re committed to continuing these efforts that help build stronger communities and ultimately, a stronger North Carolina.”

The Watson Farm site is a 278-acre parcel located between Youngsville and Franklinton on Highway U.S. 1 North in Franklin County. The site has excellent potential for industrial development and can be rail served.

“The Duke Energy Site Readiness Program provides an excellent opportunity to have a professional site assessment performed by a nationally recognized site consultant firm,” said Richie Duncan, director of Franklin County Economic Development. “The findings will enable us to identify key attributes of the site in order to help us better compete for industrial and manufacturing projects in the future.”

Site consulting firm McCallum Sweeney Consulting will evaluate the site. Based on consultant recommendations, Duke Energy will collaborate with county leaders and local economic development professionals to develop an improved strategy for marketing the sites.

Additionally, each site is eligible to apply for a \$10,000 matching grant from Duke Energy to help prepare it to attract projects.

After each site’s state of readiness has advanced, Duke Energy’s business development team strategically markets each of them nationwide to companies looking to expand or relocate their operations.

“We understand the important role our company plays in the economic development landscape, and we work diligently to keep our rates competitive,” Geib said. “North Carolina can better compete for business investment, growth and jobs with reliable electricity and affordable energy prices.”

Duke Energy's economic development efforts are perennially recognized by *Site Selection* magazine in the publication's annual list of "Top Utilities in Economic Development." Through these efforts, Duke Energy helped recruit \$2.2 billion in capital investment in North Carolina and more than 5,500 jobs for the state in 2016.

Planning & Economic Development

Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC Meeting

Meeting is **Thursday, August 24, 2017** from 3-5pm at the KTCOG office. We are currently in the process of compiling our projects for Prioritization P5.0 in all transportation modes with several meetings of the P5 Subcommittee. The first P5 Subcommittee took place on July 25, with another meeting scheduled for August 15, 2017. The P5 Subcommittee is composed of the Planner from each Kerr-Tar RPO county, the KARTS and PATS Directors, the Division 5 Planning Engineer, the Kerr-Tar RPO Coordinator and the Kerr-Tar Planning Director. At the upcoming August 25 TAC/TCC meeting, members will look at these proposals so far. We will discuss the Kerr-Tar projects in all modes as well as the Alternate Criteria proposed for Region C and Division 5. Kerr-Tar RPO is allowed to submit up to 21 projects in each transportation mode.

Additional TAC/TCC Meeting Scheduled

Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC will meet on **Thursday, September 21, 2017**. Meeting is from 3-5pm at the KTCOG office. This meeting has been scheduled in case the TAC/TCC needs more time to consider and approve the Kerr-Tar highway project submittals and alternate criteria by the NCDOT deadline of September 29, 2017.

Water Quality Management Workshop
Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments in conjunction with Upper Coastal Piedmont Council will be hosting a Water Quality Management workshop on August 22 at the Warren County Armory and Civic Center. This workshop, will focus on furthering the knowledge, understanding, involvement, and contribution of interested parties in the mid-North Carolina portions of the Roanoke River Basin. Short and long-term sustainable resource management solutions for the RRB will be studied, with specific emphasis on Smith and Newman's Creek. This workshop is possible through a Water Quality Management Planning Grant.



The COG hosted its final CEDS meeting in July. The meeting concluded with finalizing a Vision Statement for the region and identifying specific strategies and goals in order to increase economic activity throughout the region. A draft copy of the CEDS will be presented at the August 24 Board of Directors meeting and submitted to EDA for review in September. The COG sincerely thanks our regional partners for their work in completing this process.

Aging

Aging with Gusto!

The 2017 Aging With Gusto! Conference will be held in the Person County Office building on **Tuesday, August 29**. You can download the registration brochure or pick them up from

the county office. *Pre-registration is due by Friday, August 18 and the cost is \$10.* This year, with the theme "Age Out Loud", the focus is on how older adults are taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making a positive impact in the lives of others. There will be workshops on advanced directives, estate planning, elder abuse, healthy cooking and Zumba. The Kerr-Tar AAA will have a booth on site. Together we can promote healthy aging, increase community involvement for older adults, and tackle important issues like the prevention of elder abuse. For more information, contact Jennifer Grable at 336-599-1195 or Maynell Harper at 336-599-7484.



Matter of Balance Class

The Kerr Tar is offering two Matter of Balance classes in Granville County. A Matter of Balance is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance. Class information is as follows:

South Granville Senior Center, starting in **August 1, 2017**. For more information, please call the senior center at (919) 528-0848.

North Granville Senior Center, starting in **September 12, 2017**. For more information, please call the senior center at (919) 528-0848.

LCA Updates

The Local Contact Agency (LCA) is a local community organization responsible for providing community support options counseling to nursing home residents. The

Kerr Tar AAA serves as a Local Contact Agency. Jillian and Colleen can coordinate face to face conversations with persons living in a long term care facility, their point of contact or family members as appropriate once a referral has been made. Nursing facilities can make a referral when a person residing in a nursing facility indicates an interest in speaking to someone about the possibility of returning to the community. Colleen has completed a visit to all ten skilled nursing homes as of July 2017. We will continue to support and assist the LCA program in the Kerr Tar region.



Living Healthy



The AAA is holding a Living Healthy workshop at the Granville County Senior Center in Oxford, North Carolina. This workshop is designed for anyone living with one or more chronic conditions such as such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain, anxiety, and/or depression. Participants in the six week workshop meet every Wednesday through August 16. Facilitators Colleen Puceta, and Jenn Teague offer self-

management tools such as healthy eating, physical activity, dealing with difficult emotions, making decisions, problem solving and action planning.

Senior Tar Heel Legislature

There are vacancies in the Senior Tar Heel Legislature. The purpose of the Senior Tar Heel Legislature is to advise and inform the North Carolina General Assembly regarding issues impacting the lives of persons aged 60 and over in North Carolina. Senior Tar Heels attend regional meetings and state meetings. The NCSTHL meets three times a year in Chapel Hill. The next meeting is scheduled for October 3-4.

If you are interested in being a Senior Tar Heel Legislature click [here](#).

Franklin County – Delegate, Vacant—Alternate, Vacant

Granville County – Delegate, Annette Meyers—Alternate, Sue Bryant

Person County – Delegate, Robert Allen—Alternate, Vacant

Vance County – Delegate, Sandra Butler Tubbs—Alternate, Vacant

Warren County – Delegate, Charles Jefferson—Alternate, Vacant

Communities Served:

Franklin County

Granville County

Person County

Vance County

Warren County

Town of Bunn

Town of Butner

City of Creedmoor

Town of Franklinton

City of Henderson

Town of Kittrell

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