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UPPER SAVANNAH Council of Governments Abbeville County September 2024 Activities Report

Aging

- 20,662 home-delivered meals served in Abbeville County in FY 24
- 4,112 congregate meals served in County in FY 24
- An average of 21 seniors per month served with transportation in County in FY 24
- 1,165 hours of home care, personal care provided during FY 24
- 15 seniors received minor home repair services



- City of Abbeville Structure Demolition project completed in July;
 12 structures demolished and cleared, closeout monitoring to begin soon
- City of Abbeville Chestnut Street Park improvements including addition of benches and playground equipment going out to bid in October 2024

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to provide additional information on its Health Sciences Building EDA grant application; grant was awarded for \$11.27 million
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

Government Services

- Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Implementation Plan to Abbeville County Council
- Met with Abbeville County Director and staff along with SCDOT to discuss high growth corridors for transportation planning needs
- Assisted Town of Due West with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



Workforce Development

- 39 job seekers and 16 employers attended Abbeville County Job Fair Sept. 5 at Piedmont Tech Abbeville campus
- Served 18 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Abbeville SC Works Center in September
- 1,232 individuals received at least one service online or in-person during September regionwide

Transportation

- Met with representatives of Abbeville and Laurens counties to discuss transportation corridor priorities for SCDOT
- Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan to the National Center for Rural Road Safety

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UPPER SAVANNAH Council of Governments Edgefield County

September 2024 Activities Report

Aging

- 14,816 home-delivered meals served in Edgefield County in FY 24
- 4,105 congregate meals served in County in FY 24
- An average of 22 seniors per month served with transportation in County in FY 24
- 1,246 hours of home care, personal care provided in FY 24
- 14 seniors received minor home repair services



- Submitting Community Development Block Grant application for fire truck for Town of Edgefield
- Grant Application
 Development under the
 Community Development
 Block Grant program

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to provide additional information on its Health Sciences Building EDA grant application; grant was awarded for \$11.27 million
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



- Facilitated state-mandated training for 8 planning commissioners, board of zoning appeals members, and staff
- Assisted Town of Edgefield with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Completed annual update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep the region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding



Workforce Development

- Served 19 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Edgefield SC Works Center in September
- 1,232 individuals received at least one service online or in-person during September regionwide

Transportation

- Met with representatives of Abbeville and Laurens counties to discuss transportation corridor priorities for SCDOT
- Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan to the National Center for Rural Road Safety

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Council of Governments

Greenwood County September 2024 Activities Report

Aging

- 70,653 home-delivered meals served in Greenwood Co. in FY 24
- 10,111 congregate meals served in County in FY 24
- An average of 92 seniors per month served with transportation in County in FY 24
- 5,925 hours of home care, personal care provided in FY 24
- 38 seniors received minor home repair services

Community Development

- Mathews Mill Sewer Phase I completed in July 2024, closeout monitoring in November; Phase II construction began May 2024
- Booker T. Washington Sewer project construction began in July 2024
- Waller Avenue Streetscape construction to begin Nov. 11, 2024, completion expected March 31, 2025
- DSS Building Improvements project in start-up phase

Government Services

- Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Implementation Plan to Greenwood County Council
- Met with Greenwood County SC 250 Committee to review administration needs
- Continued work on environmental reviews for new CDBG grant awards for Greenwood City and County
- Assisted Ninety Six CPW and the Town of Ware Shoals with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by the SC Infrastructure Improvement Program

Workforce Development

- Served 505 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Greenwood SC Works Center in September
- 1,232 individuals received at least one service online or in-person during September regionwide

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to provide additional information on its Health Sciences Building EDA grant application; grant was awarded for \$11.27 million
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

Met with representatives of Abbeville and Laurens counties to discuss transportation corridor priorities for SCDOT

Transportation

 Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan to the National Center for Rural Road Safety

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UPPER SAVANNAH Council of Governments Laurens County September 2024 Activities Report

Aging

- 31,238 home-delivered meals served in Laurens County in FY 24
- 1,798 congregate meals served in County in FY 24
- An average of 56 seniors per month served with transportation in County in FY 24
- 2,098 hours of home care, personal care provided in FY 24
- 16 seniors received minor home repair services



- Clinton-Joanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade construction began December 2023; completion expected October 31, 2024
- Clinton-Joanna WTP upgrade Phase II including the addition of a 750,000 gallon tank is in start-up phase

Government Services

- Met with Laurens County Administrator and staff along with SCDOT to discuss high growth corridors for transportation planning needs
- Continued to work with Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission to administer two Economic Development Administration projects
- Assisted Laurens CPW, City of Clinton with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program



Workforce Development

- 151 job seekers attended Nordson hiring event Sept. 18 at Laurens County PTC campus
- Served 273 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Laurens SC Works Center in September
- 1,232 individuals received at least one service online or in-person during September regionwide

Economic and Business Development

- Fibertex sewer construction is now complete
- Contracts have been awarded on the Metric Road water project, notice to proceed has been issued
- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to provide additional information on its Health Sciences Building EDA grant application; grant was awarded for \$11.27 million

Transportation

- Met with representatives of Abbeville and Laurens counties to discuss transportation corridor priorities for SCDOT
- Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan to the National Center for Rural Road Safety

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McCormick County September 2024 Activities Report

Aging

- 12,688 home-delivered meals served in McCormick Co. in FY 24
- 3,428 congregate meals served in County in FY 24
- An average of 11 seniors per month served with transportation in County in FY 24
- 964 hours of home care, personal care provided in FY 24
- 13 seniors received minor home repair services



 Town of McCormick Main Street Streetscape Phase II construction is under way including veterans park, additional parking spaces at Town Hall; construction expected to be completed in June 2025

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to provide additional information on its Health Sciences Building EDA grant application; grant was awarded for \$11.27 million
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



- Facilitated state-mandated training for 6 planning commissioners, board of zoning appeals members, and staff.
- Assisted McCormick CPW with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Completed annual update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep the region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding



Workforce Development

- Served 6 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at McCormick SC Works Center in September
- 1,232 individuals received at least one service online or in-person during September regionwide

Transportation

- Met with representatives of Abbeville and Laurens counties to discuss transportation corridor priorities for SCDOT
- Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan to the National Center for Rural Road Safety

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Council of Governments Saluda County

September 2024 Activities Report

Aging

- 9,879 home-delivered meals served in Saluda County in FY 24
- 5,257 congregate meals served in County in FY 24
- An average of 15 seniors per month served with transportation in County in FY 24
- 520 hours of home care, personal care provided in FY 24

Community Development

- Submitting CDBG application for Saluda County Library renovations at 307 W. Butler Street
- Saluda Streetscape for N. Main, W. Church streets construction began in May 2024
- Town of Ridge Spring Sewer Rehab project in right of way acquisition phase, will go out to bid after acquisitions are complete

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to provide additional information on its Health Sciences Building EDA grant application; grant was awarded for \$11.27 million
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

Government Services

- Assisted Town of Ridge Spring with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program.
- Completed annual update to the Comprehensive
 Economic Development
 Strategy (CEDS) to keep
 region eligible for EDA
 funding
- Continued working with SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity in several communities including Riverside School in Saluda



Workforce Development

- Served 14 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Saluda SC Works Center in September
- 1,232 individuals received at least one service online or in-person during September regionwide
- Met with representatives of Abbeville and Laurens counties to discuss transportation corridor priorities for SCDOT

Transportation

 Presented the regional Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan to the National Center for Rural Road Safety

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