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County-Specific Activities Report

The Upper Savannah region encompasses Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda counties.

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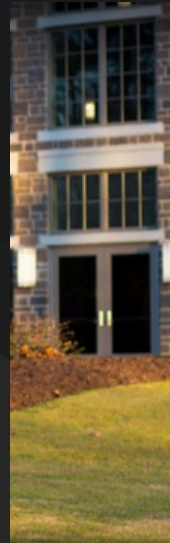
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JANUARY 2025 ACTIVITIES REPORT Abbeville County

Aging

- 1,552 home-delivered meals were served in Abbeville County in December
- 384 congregate meals served in the County in December
- Seniors received 843 miles of transportation
- 77 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 2 seniors received minor home repair services

Community Development

- City of Abbeville Chestnut Street Park improvements including addition of benches and playground equipment going out to bid in late February 2025
- Abbeville County community needs assessment hearing scheduled for public comment Feb. 25 at noon, Conference Room A, 903 W. Greenwood St., Abbeville

Government Services

- Responded to planning and zoning technical assistance requests from City of Abbeville and Town of Donalds
- Assisted Town of Due West with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Began a work program for local government response to ongoing Hurricane Helene recovery needs

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to help acquire \$11.27 million grant for new Health Sciences Building; preparations being made to bid the project
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

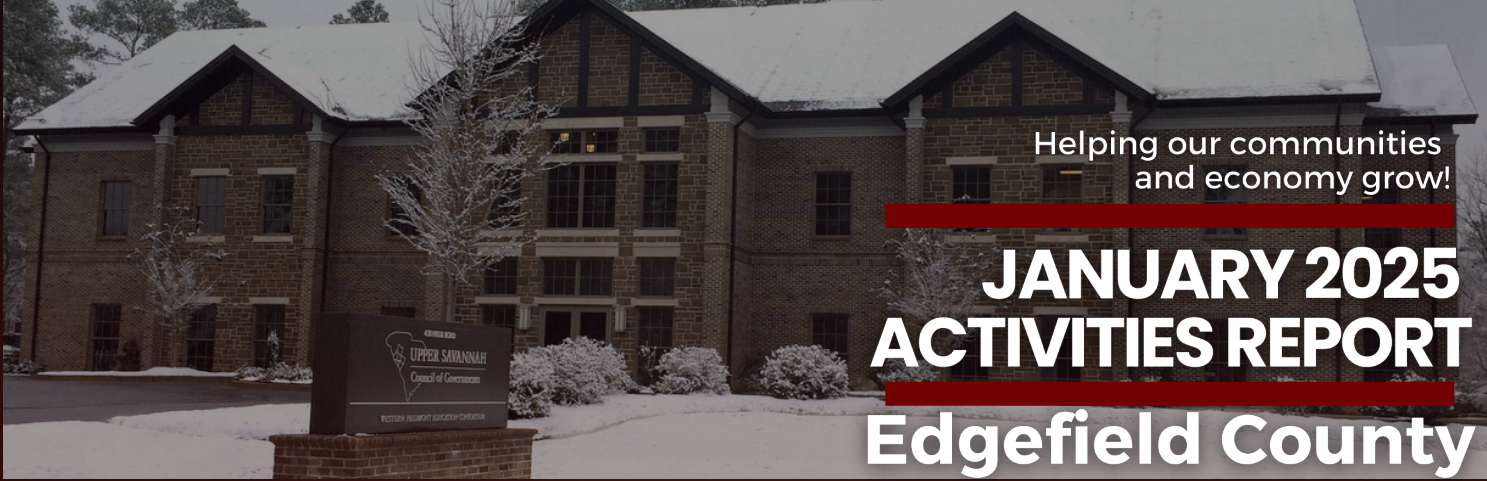
Workforce Development

- Served 30 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Abbeville SC Works Center in January
- 93 individuals received at least one service online or in-person at Abbeville Center in 2024

Transportation

- Attended online meeting to discuss public transit needs in several counties

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JANUARY 2025 ACTIVITIES REPORT Edgefield County

Aging

- 1,430 home-delivered meals served in Edgefield County in December
- 264 congregate meals served in the County in December
- Seniors received 2,464 miles of transportation
- 34 hours of home care, personal care provided

Community Development

- Edgefield County community needs assessment hearing scheduled for public comment Feb. 27 at noon, County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield
- Grant Application Development under the Community Development Block Grant program

Government Services

- Assisted Town of Edgefield with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Began a work program for local government response to ongoing Hurricane Helene recovery needs
- Continued working with Brownfields Environmental Site Testing (SC BEST) funding opportunity including several sites in Edgefield

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to help acquire \$11.27 million grant for new Health Sciences Building; preparations being made to bid the project
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

Workforce Development

- Served 6 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Edgefield SC Works Center in January
- 142 individuals received at least one service online or in-person at Edgefield Center during 2024

Transportation

- Attended online meeting to discuss public transit needs in several counties

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Greenwood County

Aging

- 4,814 home-delivered meals served in Greenwood County in December
- 772 congregate meals served in the County in December
- Seniors received 3,874 miles of transportation
- 310 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 4 seniors received minor home repair services

Community Development

- Greenwood County community needs assessment hearing scheduled for public comment Feb. 26 at noon, Conference Room 104, Park Plaza, 600 Monument St., Greenwood
- Mathews Mill Sewer Phase II, Booker T. Washington Sewer construction under way
- Waller Avenue Streetscape completion expected March 31, 2025
- Greenwood County DSS Building Improvements project in start-up phase

Government Services

- 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
- Met with Greenwood County SC 250 committee to review progress on the Battle of the Long Canes sign project

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to help acquire \$11.27 million grant for new Health Sciences Building; preparations being made to bid the project
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

Workforce Development

- 146 job seekers attended ES Foundry open house hiring event Jan. 15
- Served 623 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Greenwood SC Works Center in January
- 3,267 individuals received at least one service online or in-person at Greenwood Center during 2024

Transportation

- Attended online meeting to discuss public transit needs in several counties

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Laurens County

Aging

- 2,102 home-delivered meals served in Laurens County in December
- 124 congregate meals served in the County in December
- Seniors received 1,799 miles of transportation
- 94 hours of home care, personal care provided

Community Development

- Laurens County community needs assessment hearing scheduled for public comment Feb. 26 at 2 p.m., County Admin Bldg Lower Level Conference Room, 100 Hillcrest Square, Laurens
- Clinton-Joanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade upgrade Phase II bids were opened Dec. 10, 2024

Government Services

- Continued to work with Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission to administer two EDA projects
- Assisted Laurens CPW, City of Clinton with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program
- Began a work program for local government response to ongoing Hurricane Helene recovery needs

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to help acquire \$11.27 million grant for new Health Sciences Building; preparations being made to bid the project
- Metric Road water upgrades project underway

Workforce Development

- Served 187 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Laurens SC Works Center in January
- 1,490 individuals received at least one service online or in-person at Laurens Center during 2024

Transportation

- Attended online meeting to discuss public transit needs in several counties

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McCormick County

Aging

- 1,165 home-delivered meals served in McCormick County in December
- 240 congregate meals served in the County in December
- Seniors received 942 miles of transportation
- 36 hours of home care, personal care provided

Community Development

- McCormick County community needs assessment hearing scheduled for public comment Feb. 25 at 2 p.m., County Council Chambers, 610 S. Main St.
- Town of McCormick Main Street Streetscape Phase II construction expected to be completed in June 2025

Government Services

- Continued reviewing proposals and researching cost savings for installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the Town of McCormick
- Responded to planning and zoning technical assistance request from McCormick County
- Assisted McCormick CPW with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program

Economic and Business Development

- Worked with Piedmont Technical College to help acquire \$11.27 million grant for new Health Sciences Building; preparations being made to bid the project
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

Workforce Development

- Served 16 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at McCormick SC Works Center in January
- 54 individuals received at least one service online or in-person at McCormick Center during 2024

Transportation

- Attended online meeting to discuss public transit needs in several counties

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Saluda County

Aging

- 575 home-delivered meals served in Saluda County in December
- 438 congregate meals served in the County in December
- Seniors received 665 miles of transportation
- 66 hours of home care, personal care provided

Community Development

- Saluda County community needs assessment hearing scheduled for public comment Feb. 27, 2:30 p.m., County Council Chambers, 400 W. Highland St., Saluda
- CDBG application for Saluda County Library renovations awarded
- Saluda Streetscape for N. Main, W. Church streets construction ongoing
- 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 help acquire \$11.27 million grant for new Health Sciences Building; preparations being made to bid the project
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand

Transportation

- Attended online meeting to discuss public transit needs in several counties

Government Services

- Assisted Town of Ridge Spring with grant administration for infrastructure improvements funded by SC Infrastructure Improvement Program.
- Began a work program for local government response to ongoing Hurricane Helene recovery needs

Workforce Development

- Served 27 job seekers with on-line or in-person services at Saluda SC Works Center in January
- 96 individuals received at least one service online or in-person at Saluda Center during 2024

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