

Regional Services • Community Focused

SGRC 101

An Opportunity to Learn About Your Regional Commission

SGRC is YOUR Regional Commission

OCGA 50-8-32: "Regional Commissions shall function as the regional planning entity for land use, environmental, transportation, and historic preservation planning in

each designated region of the state."

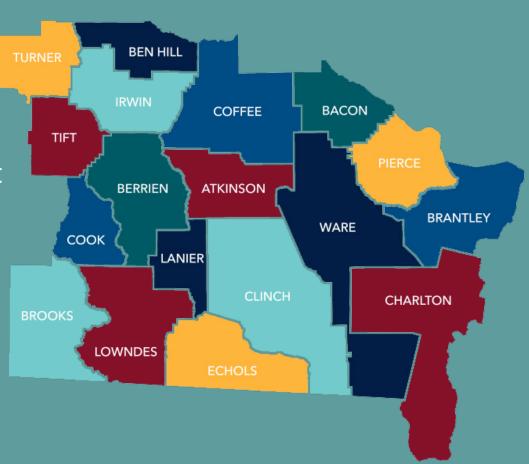
Our Mission

To develop, promote, and provide services that make the Southern Georgia region a better place to live and work.



SGRC Council Governance

- County Commission Chair
- Mayor of County Seat
- Private Sector Appointment
- Governor Appointments
- Lt. Governor Appointment
- Speaker Appointment





Duties of the Council

- ✓ Establish Policy & Direction of the Commission
- ✓ Adopt the Commission's Annual Budget and Work Program
- Make Appropriations for Specific Purposes Directly Connected with Commission Activities
- ✓ Advance the Interests of Member Local Governments & the Commission

✓ Generally Direct the Business of the Commission



Executive Leadership



Chris Strom
Assistant Executive Director



Kimberly Hobbs Executive Director



Roberta Lovett
Deputy Executive Director



The Value of Your Regional Commission

- Professional, experienced staff with a proven track record of success
- Innovative, knowledgeable, reliable, and efficient regional resource dedicated to meeting the needs of our local governments
- One-stop source for consistent service delivery across the region





SGRC Divisions

Administration

Finance/Human Resources Area Agency on Aging

Regional Transit

Workforce Development

Community & Economic Development

Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

Planning

Small Business Lending Transportation/ VLMPO



Administration

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Finance/Human Resources

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Workforce Development





Workforce Development

Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act of 2014

"WIOA is landmark legislation that is designed to strengthen and improve our nation's public workforce system and help get Americans, including youth and those with significant barriers to employment, into high-quality jobs and careers and help employers hire and retain skilled workers."

- U.S. Department of Labor





Funds flow from USDOL to the Governor, who appoints the administrative entity (Technical College System of Georgia) to receive the funds and the State Workforce Development Board to administer/oversee the funds.









Southern Georgia
Local Chief Elected Officials

Southern Georgia
Workforce Development Board

Fiscal Year 2024 Allocations

(July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)



Overall 35% reduction since FY2019

Fiscal Year 2024 Other Funding

Collaborating in resources for training, expanding education, and regional awareness

(July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)



Employer Services





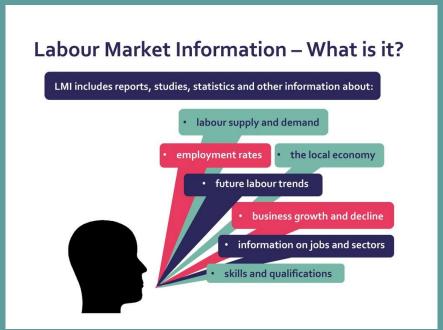




Employer Services









Job Seeker Services









Job Seeker Services



Adult Education









Job Seeker Services









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Area Agency on Aging



The AAA is a single-point-of-entry for aging and disability services, resources, and programs to help people live at home for as long as possible. Some services are provided by AAA staff or contractors. Linkages are also provided to other outside resources and programs.



Mission- To develop, provide, coordinate, and advocate for services that assist older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers

Vision- To assist these individuals in Living Longer, Living Safely, and Living Well



Aging Advisory Council



Area Plan Preparation & Public Hearings



Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

1-888-732-4464

1-888-73AGING



30 Contracts with Service Providers for Aging Services

Coordination in all 18 counties





Program Development, Implementation, and Expansion

- Veteran's Directed Care (VDC)
- Material Aid / Assistive Technology
- Essential Trips
- •Telephone Reassurance (FY2025)
- Dementia Care Specialist

Marketing

- Community Education Meetings
- •Community Health Fairs
- Continued Marketing to Hispanic and Korean
 Communities



SGIC
SOUTHERN GEORGIA
REGIONAL COMMISSION

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

1-888-732-4464

Brindamos apoyo para ayudar a las personas de 60 años o más y a las personas con discapacidades a vivir en sus propios hogares el mayor tiempo posible.
Llámenos hoy para ver si usted o alguien que conoce puede ser elegible para recibir ayuda. La llamada y la información son gratuitas.















Aging
Programs
&
Services



Aging and Disability Resource Connection

"No Wrong Door" Toll Free Entry Point

• 1-888-73-AGING / 1-888-732-4464





Advocacy

- Georgia Association of Area Agencies on Aging (G4A)
- National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a)
- Georgia Council on Aging
 - Coalition of Advocates for Georgia's Elderly (CO-AGE)

To Join: www.gcoa.org/about-co-age











FY24 Legislative Priorities

- +\$10 Million for Home & Community-Based Services
- Create a Statewide Adult Abuse, Neglect, & Exploitation Multidisciplinary Team
- Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) Deferred to 2025
- Expanding Options for Long Term Care for Older Adults
- Update of the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan



Work Priorities

- 28 30 31
- Continuing efforts to address senior hunger
- Ensuring the AAA's Emergency Plan is updated with resources and contacts
- > Assisting with AARP Age-Friendly Planning efforts
- Developing and implementing a telephone reassurance program





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Regional Transit



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Providing rural transportation services for the benefit of the public and disadvantaged populations, including persons with disabilities, older adults and persons without a vehicle.





Regional Public Transit Available in Southern Georgia

The opportunity for ridership is available to the general public!

You can schedule a trip for any purpose within the participating regional counties: Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Coffee, Cook, Irwin, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner and Ware.

Cost to Ride for Each One Way Trip

\$3.00 (0-10 miles)

\$3.00 plus 50 cents per mile (10+ miles)

Trips must be booked at least 24-hours in advance.

Call 1-855-360-7475

or download the Let's Ride App (QR Code Below)

To learn more visit our website at: www.letsridesouthga.com









Regional Transit

July – December 2023 Trips Provided

Public	DHS	NEMT	Other
14,580	34,027	10,343	5,125

Third Party Operator (TPO)







Regional Transit



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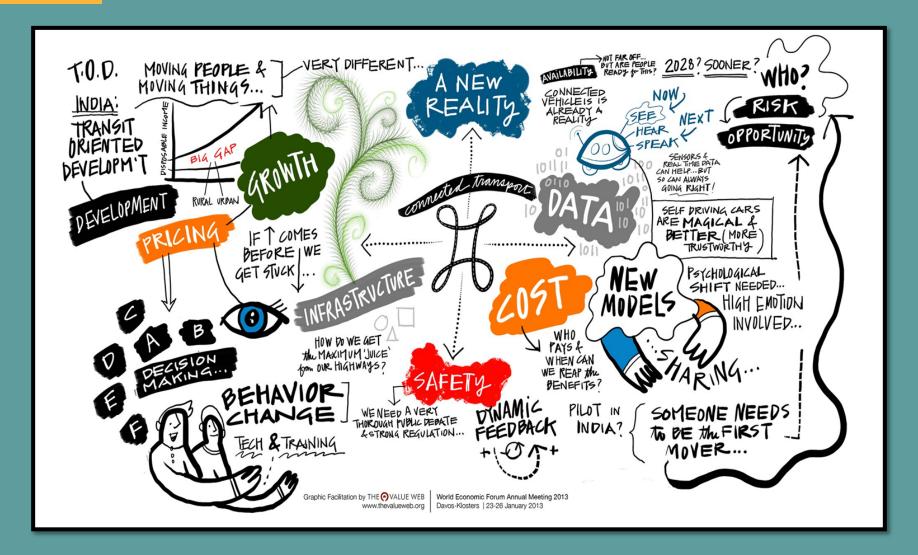


Transportation Planning & Valdosta-Lowndes MPO





Regional Transportation Planning





Transportation Investment Act (TIA)

TIA/TSPLOST (2018-2028)

Total Projects: 151

In Process: 25

Completed: 86



Original Approved Budget: \$408,763,452

- ✓ Quarterly Citizen Review Panel Meetings staff coordinate to ensure TIA projects are going as planned.
- ✓ Potential to end by 2026.



Transportation Investment Act (TIA)

Pre-Construction - Tift County



TIA Project – Tift County

Runway and Taxiway restriped with high-visibility paints.





TIA2/TSPLOST 2

All requirements met for administering the reimposition of TIA. Staff will continue to provide assistance to local governments through the May 21, 2024 referendum.

- ☐ Kick-off Held 02/10/23
- □ Regional Transportation Investment List Approved 12/07/23

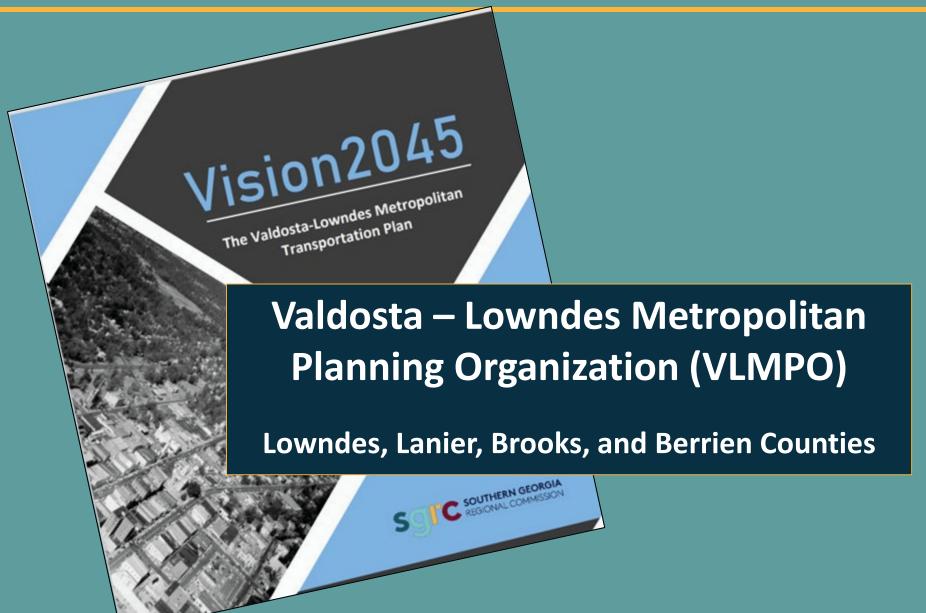
For more information about the South Georgia TIA Initiative visit:

https://www.ga-tia.com/Project/List/soga





Urban Transportation Planning



Urban Transportation Planning

Core Documents

2045 Metropolitan
Transportation Plan*
(Adopted)

*2050 In Process

Transportation Improvement Program

Develop Studies, Reports, and Analysis

Annual Crash Report	Valdosta Traffic Signal Timing Study	Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan		
Complete Streets	Socioeconomic	Urban Public Transit		
Suitability Report	Data Studies	Studies		



Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Planning

Local Community Plans

- Community Health Assessment
- Aging in Place Toolkit
- USBR 15 Route



- South Georgia Rails with Trails Report
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Report
- Valdosta Senior Resource Guide (2018)





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Community & Economic Development





Community & Economic Development

Mission

- Promote regional community and economic development
- Identify funding to meet local governments' needs
- Facilitate private investment and jobs creation
- Enhance the standard of living for area residents





Grant Partners & Programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- > Annual Competition
- Employment Incentive Program (EIP)
- Redevelopment Fund (RDF)
- > Immediate Threat & Danger (ITAD)





Grant Partners & Programs

- OneGeorgia Equity Grant/Loan
- > EDA Public Works Grant
- > Transportation Alternatives Program(TAP) (formerly TE)
- FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)
- USDA Community Facilities Grant/Loan











Grants 101

Determine the Need

- ✓ Is it is it a component of a local plan? (Comp, STWP, CEDS, etc.)
- ✓ Look for funding to meet the need
- ✓ Determine eligibility

Determine Beneficiaries

- ✓ Low to Moderate Income
- ✓ New/Retained Employees
- ✓ General Population
- ✓ First Responders

Show Me the Money

- ✓ Local Government Funds
- ✓ Private Investment

Is the Project Competitive?





CDBG Program

- CDBG funds are provided to the State of Georgia by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are regulated by federal statutes
- CDBG funds MUST benefit low to moderate income people

Funding Limits

- •Single-Activity: Up to \$1,000,000
- •Multi-Activity: Up to \$1,250,000



CDBG Program – Eligible Activities





- Street Paving & Drainage
- Water & Sewer
- Buildings
 - Senior Centers
 - Health Departments
 - Behavioral Health
 - Head Start
- NeighborhoodRevitalization



No Grant \$\$ for Private-for-Profit

Available <u>ONLY</u> to Units of Local Government to <u>ASSIST</u> private-for-profit with infrastructure (rail spurs, roads, sewer, water)

Economic Development Programs are driven by two factors:

- Job Creation/Retention
- Capital Investment

Two types of ED projects

- Public Infrastructure Grant
- Direct Loan to Company





CDBG-EIP Project



\$385,078 CDBG-EIP Grant to Bacon County for the construction of street paving and drainage improvements to safely accommodate increased truck traffic generated by an expansion of Beach Timber.



This project resulted in the creation of 34 new fulltime jobs, and a \$1.8 million private investment in building construction and machinery/equipment.



CDBG-EIP Direct Loan Project

\$284,211 CDBG-EIP Direct Loan funds to the City of Alma to assist Titan Modular Systems, Inc. in its purchase of land and building. This project resulted in the creation of 140+ jobs and \$900,000 in private

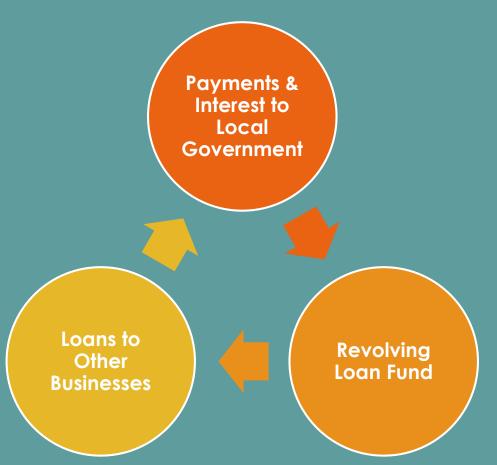
investment.

Additional financing in this project included SBA 504 and 7a loans that were packaged and submitted by the SGRC Loan Division.





Added Benefit of EIP Direct Loan



Local governments may choose to recapture the principle and interest payments in order to either establish or recapitalize a local revolving loan fund (RLF) program

The RLF funds can then be loaned to other expanding or new businesses that are in need of gap financing



OneGeorgia Equity Grants

For capacity building to develop new or expand industrial parks through property acquisition and/or the construction of street, water, sewer, and/or rail system improvements





OneGeorgia Projects

- ❖ SE GA Regional Development Authority \$500,000
- Waycross & Ware County Development Authority (X2) -\$500,000
- ❖ Bacon County Development Authority \$500,000
- Valdosta Lowndes County Industrial Development Authority - \$300,000
- ❖ Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Development Authority \$500,000
- ❖ Douglas-Coffee County Industrial Authority (X2) \$500,000
- ❖ Berrien County Development Authority \$499,744
- Clinch County Development Authority \$500,000



EDA Projects

\$1,927,012 EDA Public Works Grant to Ben Hill County for the construction of street and drainage improvements to allow for the expansion of Modern Dispersions South. This project will result in the creation of 60 jobs and a \$13 million private investment

\$2,553,190 EDA Public Works Grant to the City of Douglas for the construction of multi-infrastructure improvements to serve existing and future industries. This project will result in the creation of 64 jobs and a \$45 million private investment



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Geographic Information Systems (GIS)



Geographic Information Systems

To develop & maintain GIS data & applications for governments across our region, state, & beyond.

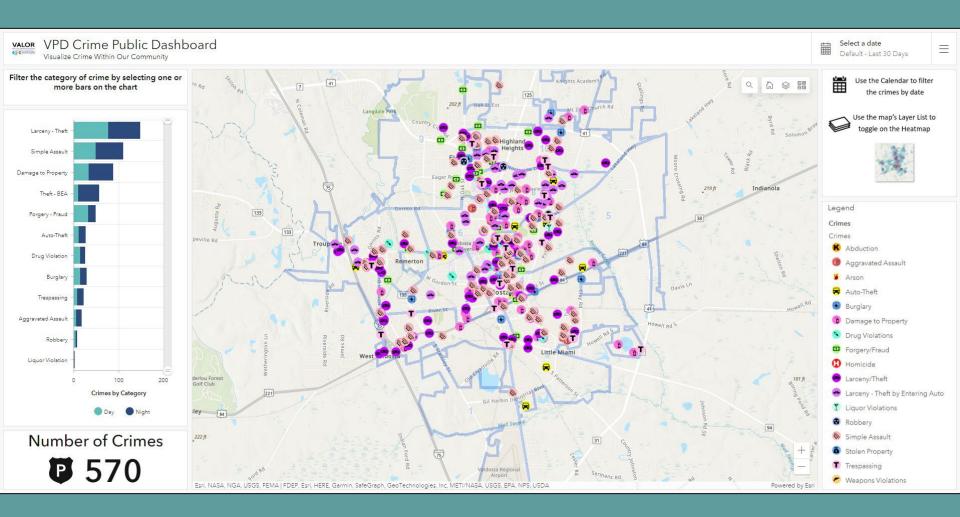
Data Construction & Maintenance

Parcel Data	School Districts	Cemeteries	Crimes
Election Districts	Zoning	911 Road Data	Utilities

Flood Hazard Zones

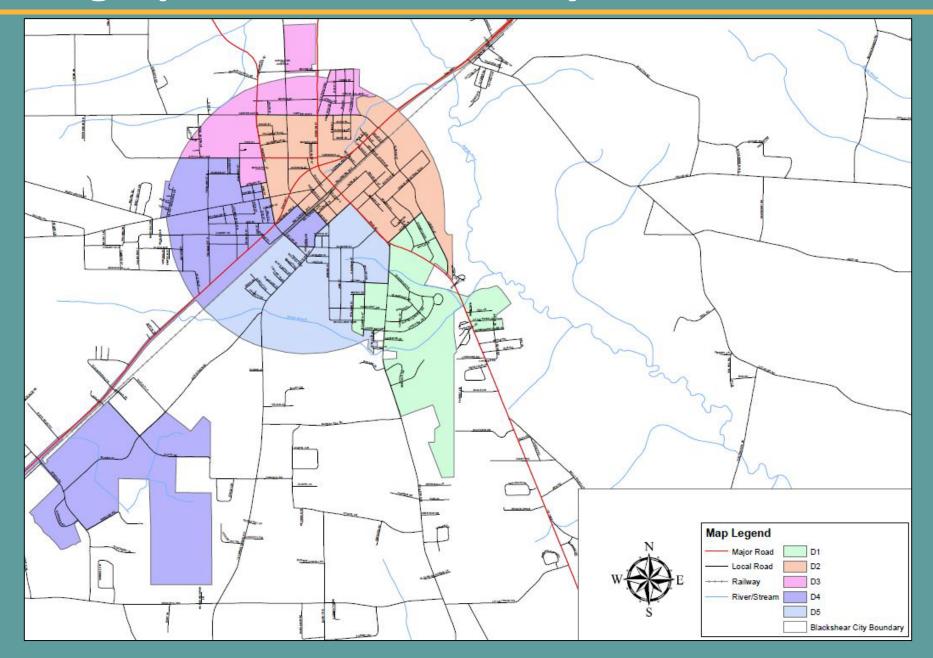


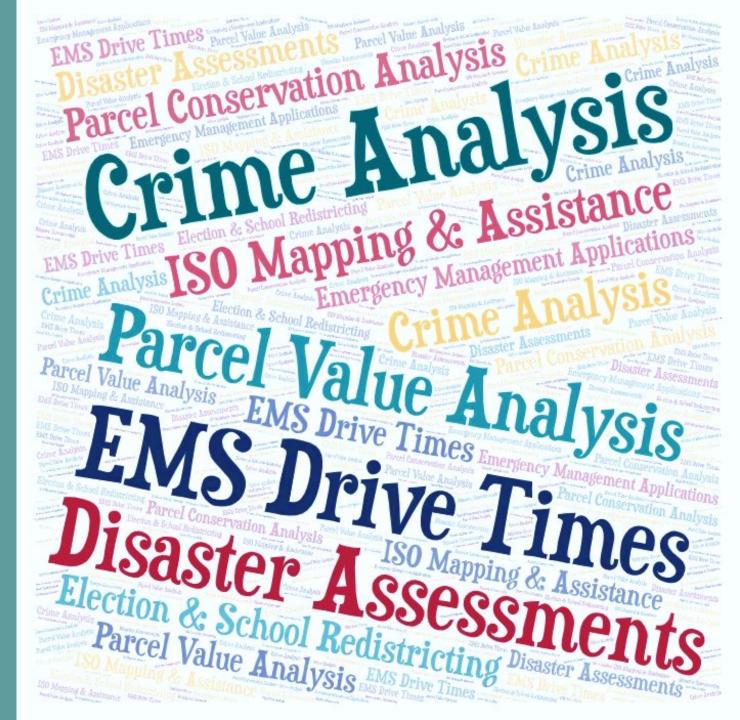
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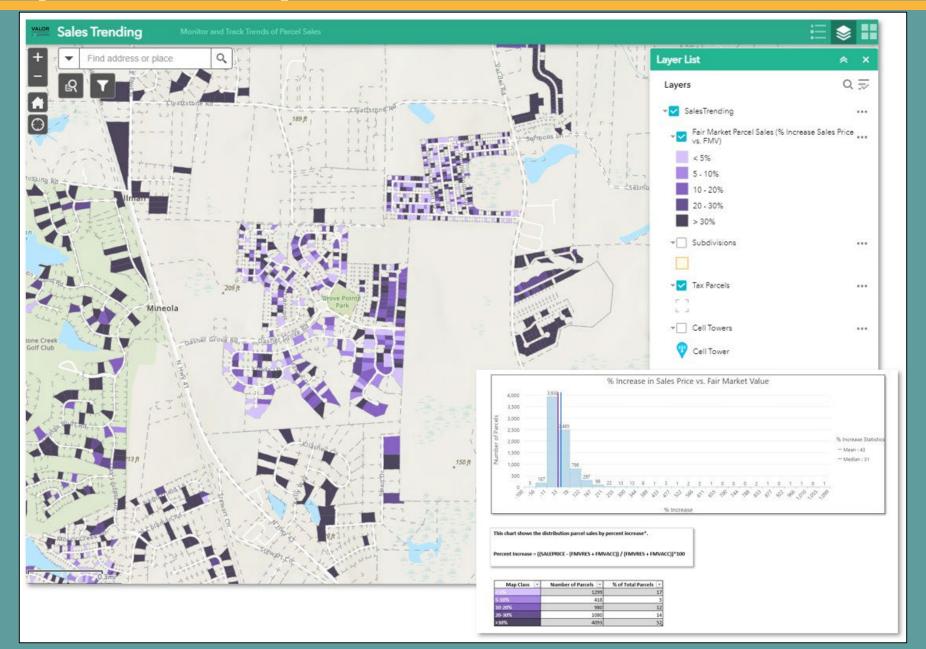




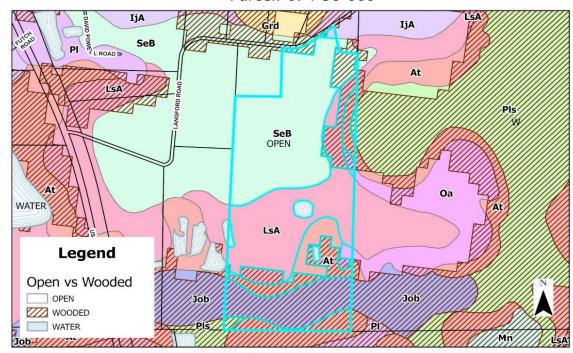
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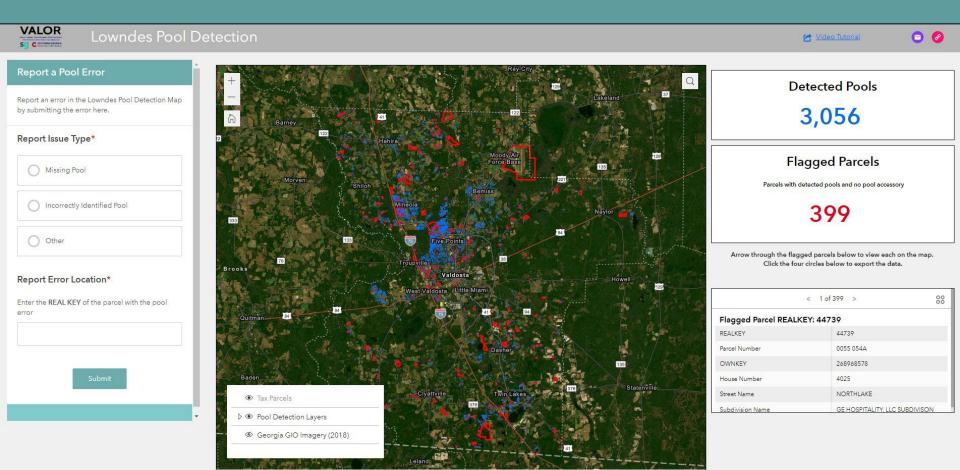




Berrien County, Georgia Parcel: 074-36-000



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At	OPEN	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	9	7	2.895392
At	W	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	9	7	7.599707
ljΑ	OPEN	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	1	1	0.195469
ljΑ	W	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	1	1	0.039616
Job	W	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	9	5	9.012013
LsA	OPEN	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	4	5	16.770814
LsA	w	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	4	5	3.685106
Oa	OPEN	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	5	8	0.394258
Oa	w	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	5	8	0.523809
PIs	W	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	9	6	0.610816
SeB	OPEN	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	5	1	24.350989
SeB	W	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	5	1	2.001968
W	WATER	69.064497	69.06	0.999935	9	9	0.98538





Hard Copy Maps

Digital Map Documents

Mobile GIS Solutions

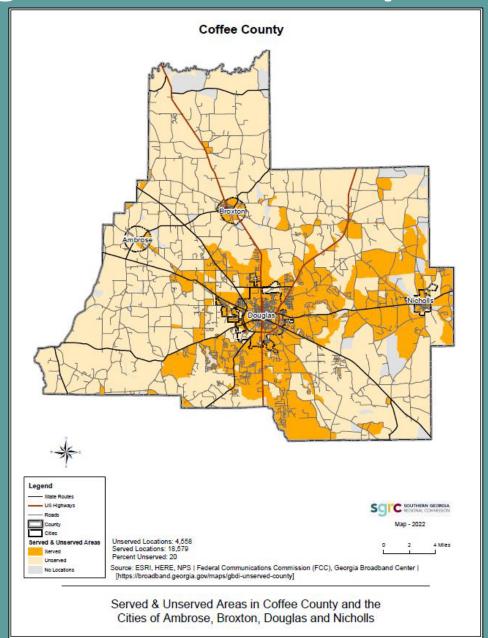
Technical Support

Web Based Data Creation & Mapping

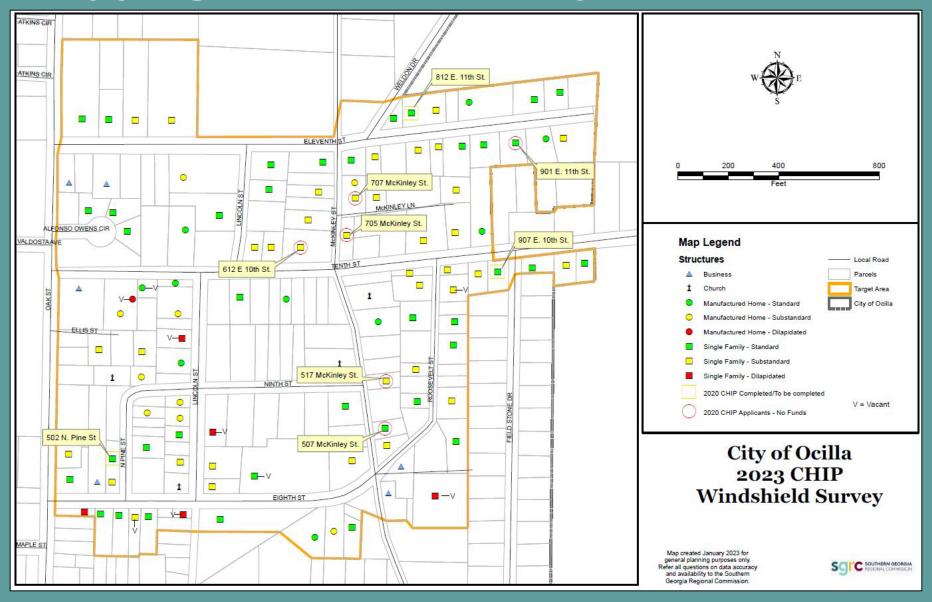
Low Cost GIS

Drone Image Solutions



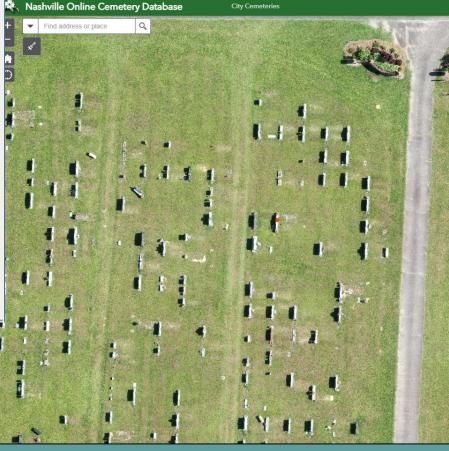














Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drone) Services

- Aerial Photographs and video for marketing
- Utility inspections
- Post-disaster assessment support
- Project progression documentation
- Tax assessors inspection support
- Special Events promotion and documentation
- Detailed aerial photos for GIS projects
- Site volume calculations



Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (drone) Services



GIS



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The Planning Division assists local governments with planning, zoning, and many other related tasks.

Comprehensive Plans & Regional Plans

- 5-year Comprehensive Plan Updates & Amendments
- Plan Implementation Assistance
- 5-year Regional Plan Updates
 - Regional Plan Annual Report
 - Next Regional Plan Due: August 24, 2028







Zoning and Land Use Regulations

- Development of Zoning Ordinances
- Zoning Code Revisions
- Analysis and Staff Reports for Zoning Cases
- Subdivision Regulations



Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) Reviews

- Review of out-of-region DRI's
- Crafting DRI Reports within our Region



Hazard Mitigation Plans

- Planning for Community Disaster Resiliency
 - Plan Amendments
 - Compliance with FEMA Requirements

Special Plans & Projects

- Urban Redevelopment Plans
- Enterprise/Opportunity Zones
- PlanFirst Applications
- Data Analysis and Research
- Service Delivery Strategies









Planning Training & Workshops

Planning Commission Training

- Zoning Procedures Law
- The Roles of the:
 - Planning Commission
 - Zoning Board of Appeals
 - Elected Official

Model Ordinance Workshops

- Preservation of Historic Resources
- Manufactured Housing
- Solar Energy
- Cell Towers
- Tiny Houses/Cottage Housing Developments
- Model Sign Ordinance





Planning – Bicycle & Pedestrian

Bicycle and Pedestrian Training Workshops

- Law Enforcement Officer Training on Bicycle
 & Pedestrian Laws in Georgia
- POST Credits given for training
- Two Trainings per year



Pedestrian Crash Analysis Screening

Three reports required per year by GDOT within the Region











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A public-private partnership financing small businesses by encouraging industrial and commercial business growth.

SGRC Small Business Lending works in conjunction with the banking industry to provide "gap" financing to viable new or expanding small businesses.

The programs available include:

- US Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- US Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA RD)
- US Small Business Administration (SBA)





EDA Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

- Finance New or Expanding Small Business in our 18 County Region
 - Create or Retain Jobs
 - Cannot otherwise receive credit from private lender

USDA Lending Programs

- IRP(Intermediary Relending Program) and RBEG (Rural Business Enterprise Grant)
 - Low interest funds to assist businesses in rural areas
 - Establish new business or expansion of existing business with job creation/retention







Small Business Administration Programs

SBA 504 Loan Program



- SGRC Lending Dept is a Certified Development Company with SBA to do SBA 504 loans
 - Fixed Asset Financing to create or retain jobs with three main benefits to the borrower
 - Low Fixed interest rate, long repayment term, and low down payment

SBA 7(A) Loan Program

- SGRC Lending Dept is Lender Service Provider (LSP)
 - Provides financing for growth and development when conventional financing is not available
 - Bank makes loan for varied uses of proceeds with a percentage guaranteed by SBA





Small Business Lending – Who Qualifies?

Who Qualifies for SGRC Small Business Lending Programs?

Qualified Business Candidates Must:

- Have a Business Net Worth Below \$15MM and Net Profit After Taxes Below \$5MM in last 2 years
- Have Bank Participation
- Be a For-Profit Business
- Create or Retain Jobs
- Have a minimum 10% Down Payment
- Be Owner Operated and Occupied (Not Speculative)

Eligible Businesses Can Be:

Industrial, Retail, Service, or Any Commercial Business
 Operating as a Private Corporation, Sole
 Proprietorship, or Partnership







Small Business Lending – Program Totals

PROJECT	SGRC AMOUNT	PRIVATE LEVERAGE	TOTAL LOAN	JOBS	NUMBER OF LOANS
SBA 504	\$59,499,352	\$108,473,708	\$167,973,060	3155	185
SBA 7A's	\$37,183,967	\$11,104,432	\$48,288,398	1605	118
EDA RLF	\$24,426,908	\$48,958,918	\$73,385,827	4600	196
QUITMAN RLF	\$2,498,716	\$21,047,068	\$23,545,784	241	14
RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$8,814,758	\$12,556,147	\$21,370,905	1441	65
RD B&I	\$6,880,000	\$2,720,000	\$9,600,000	352	2
TOTAL	\$139,303,701	\$204,860,272	\$344,163,973	11,394	580





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QUESTIONS?





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