

# MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT FEBRUARY 2017



**Western Piedmont  
Council of Governments**

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## AREA AGENCY ON AGING

**Tina Miller**  
Christina Franklin  
Mary Mitchell  
Karen Phoenix  
Sarah Evitt  
Anita Roberts

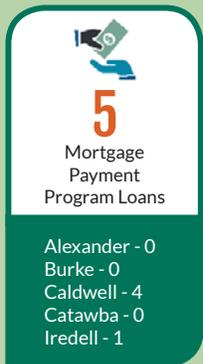


- 7 community presentations
- Taught 3 classes on Falls Prevention and Living Healthy with Diabetes
- 107 In-Home Respite hours provided through Family Caregiver Support Program
- Local Contact Agency program had 8 new referrals initiated from the Raleigh call center; 6 LCA follow-up visits; 1 in-reach visit with facility social workers; 3 Information and Options Counseling contacts
- 3 Reverse Mortgage Counseling sessions provided
- Ombudsman program made visits to 14 facilities; received 5 new investigations; closed 7 cases; and provided technical assistance to 21 individuals
- Project CARE completed 19 assessments, 19 home visits and granted 11 vouchers during February (total of 32 vouchers of 63 for the territory). Completed 7 outreach visits to referral agencies and presented training sessions to more than 145 people

The Family Caregiver Support Program hosted events for caregivers during the month of February--recognizing--and honoring their dedication to caring for a loved. Together with Caldwell Partnership for Life's Journey, "The Lighter Side of Caregiving" event was held at First United Methodist Church, Lenoir. In addition, The Family Caregiver Support Program collaborated with Frye Regional Medical Center to present "Caring Comes From the Heart" caregiver appreciation luncheon. Both events highlighted caregivers and discovering avenues of enjoyment and relaxation, which can be beneficial for the caregiver and those they care for.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Sherry Long**  
Rick Oxford  
Leah Martin  
Laurie Powell  
Lisa Helton  
Ken Hollar  
Jennifer Cannon  
Helen Whisnant



Grants Awarded	Grant Amount
City of Newton - Urgent Care (Commerce)	\$70,000

## IT/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**Scott Miller**  
Daniel Ezell  
Tom Bell  
Todd Stroupe  
Trey Schweitzer



### Greenway Transit

- Greenway Passenger Sampling Trips - 19

### Management

- Hickory's GIS Quarterly report for the months of Oct. - Dec.

### Taylorsville Water Infrastructure GIS

- Collected 792 water features
- Migrated utility data to editable online SDE database
- Continued placement of Town water mains

### General Mapping Support

- Municipalities - Claremont, Hickory, Hudson, Sawmills, Valdese
- Other - Manufacturing Solution Center, Greater Hickory MPO, WPCOG Environmental Planning Department, WPCOG Community & Economic Development and Map for NCGIS 2017 Poster Session

### Database Administration

- Migrate the COG's GIS Database from COGSQL server to 2012SQLTest14 test server (In advance of upgrading SQL Server and SDE to newer versions)
- Performed a compress on the Datacenter database on SQL server (frees up space on the database and allows datasets to respond faster)

### Application Programming

- Updated Burke County Quality of Life ArcGIS Online mapping application

### Other Activities

- Burke County Community Assets Mapping Project
- Planned new AIA GIS projects with Drexel and Claremont

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

**John Marshall**  
 Johnny Wear  
 Taylor Dellinger  
 Teresa Kinney  
 Erin Schotte  
 Cody Moneymaker  
 Leslie Meadows  
 Averi Ritchie  
 Duncan Cavanaugh

**Planning**

- Staff attended 17 Commission, Council, and Planning Board meetings. Vacant Housing Task Force and CEDS Meetings
- Burke County Community Assets Mapping Presentation
- Held the Planner's Forum concerning Tiny Houses
- Finalized text amendment proposal for Alexander County
- Met with Town of Maiden regarding PARTF grant
- Reviewed and recommended approval of residential PUD with Hildebran Planning Board
- Attended NC Association of Certified Zoning Officials (NCAZO) Conference Feb. 26-28 in Greensboro
- Received official NCDPS closure of floodplain violations in Hudson and Gamewell
- Presented recommendations for Rutherford College Comp Plan
- Presented Comprehensive Plan Intergovernmental Relationships meeting with Town of Glen Alpine
- Completed Land Use Scenario Assessment Questionnaire for NCDOT STIP U-4700 US 321 Widening Project

**Transportation**

- Attended Drexel Council Meeting to discuss fixed route transit
- Met with the Town of Maiden to discuss intersection issues
- Submitted grant application to KB Reynolds for fixed route transit in Burke County
- MPO TCC and TAC Meetings

- Met with the Community Foundation of Burke County to discuss fixed route transit in Burke County
- Staffed Downtown Newton Pedestrian Plan Steering Committee

**Data**

- Answered 60 requests for data during month of February
- Completed updating Census Tract information and generating 2016 totals for Burke County, Morganton and Catawba County building permits
- Completed demographic chapter for the Drexel Recreation Plan
- Gave housing data presentation at the Lenoir City Council retreat
- Gave demographic data presentation at the Burke County Schools Leadership Committee Meeting
- Completed Stem West request for school enrollment, school personnel and free and reduced lunch data for 15 school districts/charter schools in Region C and D
- Completed February 2017 Hickory Economic Indicators Report
- Presentation at Foothills Higher Education Center to discuss additions and changes for the Burke County Quality of life project

**Environmental**

- Held McGalliard Creek Restoration Plan Committee meeting
- Continued work on the newly funded Western Piedmont Septic Tank Repair Program
- Continued work - McGalliard Creek Watershed Protection Plan

REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

**Stephanie Harvey**  
 Vicky Abernethy  
 Kala Guido  
 JoAnn Parlier  
 Elizabeth Moncrief  
 Kim Duncan  
 By Khang



Program Enrollments



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Wendy Johnson**  
 April Lail  
 Elizabeth Hilliard  
 Donna Gilbert  
 Matthew Xiong

