

MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT

MAY 2016



Western Piedmont
Council of Governments

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- 154 In-Home Respite hours provided through Family Caregiver Support Program
- Local Contact Agency program had 5 new referrals initiated from the Raleigh call center; and 3 follow-up visits were made.
- 3 Reverse Mortgage Counseling sessions provided
- Ombudsman program made visits to 8 facilities; received 4 new investigations; closed 4 cases; and provided technical assistance to 16 individuals

Home and Community Care Block Grant:

- 14,769 Meals served
- 2,876 Hours of In-Home Aide service
- 13 Housing and Home Improvement projects
- 932 Medical and General Transportation Trips provided
- 514 Adult Day Care/Health days of service
- 60 Hours of Legal Assistance provided

Older adults are a growing and increasingly vital part of our community. Since 1963, communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each May. The theme of this year's celebration was "Blazing a Trail", which emphasizes the way older adults are reinventing themselves through new work and passions, engaging in their communities, and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages.

By promoting and engaging in activities, wellness and inclusivity, more Americans than ever before can define how they are "Blazing a Trail." While the Western Piedmont Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging provides many services to older adults year-round, Older Americans Month offered an opportunity to emphasize how older adults can gain access to their various needs to remain living independently within their communities. It was also an occasion to highlight how older adults are engaging and making a difference in their communities. Check out www.wpcogaaa.org to see how older adults in our region are Blazing A Trail!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Long
Rick Oxford
Sam Erwin
Leah Martin
Laurie Powell
Lisa Helton
Ken Hollar
Jennifer Cannon
Melissa Grant
Kim Duncan

	Total	Alexander	Burke	Caldwell	Catawba	Iredell - Lincoln
Mortgage Payment Program Loans Closed:	6	1	1	1	1	2
Homeowner Foreclosure Preventions:	3	0	0	1	2	0
1st Time Homebuyer Loans Closed:	7	0	2	2	3	0
Housing Rehab Loans Closed:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urgent Repairs Completed:	2	0	0	2	0	0

	Total	Alexander	Burke	Caldwell	Catawba	Regional
Grant Preapplications:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Loans Submitted:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Loans Awarded:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

IT/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Scott Miller
Daniel Ezell
Tom Bell
Todd Stroupe
Trey Schweitzer

Mapping support for Maiden, Claremont Comprehensive Plan, Sawmills Comprehensive Plan, Greater Hickory MPO, WPCOG Environmental Planning Department, WPCOG Community and Economic Development Department, City of Hickory

Document Management application research relating to vendor and software selection

Help Desk tickets = 64

Town of Maiden

- GPS Features Collected = 1,422
- Created final version of viewer application which allows Maiden staff to see location and attributes of water, sewer, electric and stormwater infrastructure on their mobile devices.
- Created ArcGIS Collector interface for editing water, sewer, electric and stormwater features, which also indicates flow direction
- Conducted water, sewer and electrical quality-control reviews with Maiden public-works staff members
- Reviewed scanning and georeferencing techniques for as-builts with Town planning staff

City of Hickory

- Created a GIS layer of Downtown Hickory owned street lights and attribute information. The layer was uploaded to ArcGIS Online for the Traffic Department to view in the office and field.

Greenway

- Passenger Samplings = 20
- Performed routing in GIS for new Alexander County fixed-flex bus routes

Ongoing Projects

- Burke County Community Assets Mapping Project
- Preparations for the NCAUG Western NC GIS Symposium and state-wide GIS Web-application and poster competitions, distributed promotional materials

Training

- Staff participated in ESRI webinar "Get Started with Web AppBuilder for ArcGIS"

Geographic Information Coordination Council (GICC) and the Local Government Committee

- Participated in a working group related to Global Positioning Systems and Public Land Surveying

PLANNING DIVISION

John Marshall
 Johnny Wear
 Taylor Dellinger
 Teresa Kinney
 Elinor Hiltz
 Erin Schotte
 Cody Money maker

Planning

- Attended 14 Commission, Council, and Planning Board meetings
- Investigated sufficiency of satellite annexation request for Hildebran
- Prepared materials for street name changes in Drexel to address 911 concerns
- Prepared interlocal agreements for Taylorsville & Alexander Co.
- Adoption of Rutherford College Action Plan on May 2, 2016
- Researched and presented auto salvage text amendment to Claremont Planning Board
- Facilitated water/sewer discussion for Sawmills Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
- Facilitated natural resources discussion for Claremont Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
- Met with Community Foundation of Burke County to discuss possible grant opportunity

Transportation

- Attended yearly NCAMPO conference in Greensboro
- Coordinated with Greenway Transit to prepare proposed trial fixed route service in Morganton and Valdese
- Administered monthly TCC & TAC meetings
- Met with Hickory to discuss LAPP funding application questions

- Prepared documents for Federal Section 5310 call for projects
- Transportation Model Development Meeting

Data

- Completed 2016-17 to 2022-23 student projections by school
- Answered 63 requests for data
- Completed economic development and environmental justice project point allocation for the SPOT 4.0 transportation construction projects
- Gave presentations on 2015 Traffic Analysis Zone data results to the Hickory MPO TAC and TCC.
- Completed analysis of all group quarter population by type for all Traffic Analysis Zones in the region
- Attended webinar on economic impacts of new federal overtime rules
- Completed May 2016 Hickory Economic Indicators Report

Environmental

- Held Illicit Discharge and Good Housekeeping training for local governments provided by NCSU Coopertaive Extension
- Held a stormwater workshop for teachers that provided continuing education credits
- Attended Project WET workshop in Raleigh
- Held the quarterly UAQC Meeting

REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Stephanie Harvey
 Autumn Hight
 Vicky Abernethy
 JoAnn Parlier
 Kala Guido
 Elizabeth Moncrief
 Mary Thomas
 By Khang

- Units Leased - 1,013, out of 1,074 Maximum
- In office client meetings - 83
- Inspections completed - 149
- Vouchers issued - 6
- Total Vouchers pending - 32
- Current Waiting List - 1,164
- Congratulation letters mailed - 25
- Paid on tenant behalf - \$403,405.00
- Average Housing Assistance Payment amount per tenant - \$398.23

Primary Income Demographic Data Report

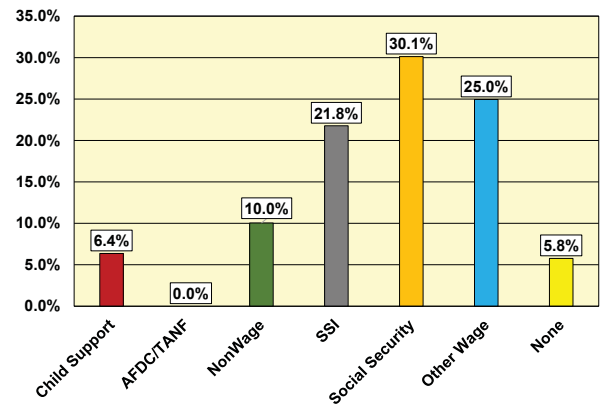


Chart Acronyms: AFDC/TANF - Aid to Families with Dependant Children / Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. SSI - Social Security Income

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Wendy Johnson
 April Lail
 Elizabeth Hilliard
 Donna Gilbert
 Cynthia Conboy
 Matthew Xiong

As a vital party of serving the unemployed and under employed, our regional NCWorks Career Centers (Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba) continue to offer assistance with "Employer Recruitment Events" both in house or at the employer's location.

Workforce Services	Total	Comments
Scholarships Issued	95	Job seekers currently receiving training scholarships
On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements	14	On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements
Recruitment Events	5	Staff assisted Recruitment events either at a Career Center or Employer Site

