

MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT

JULY 2016



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Council of Governments

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AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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- 142 In-Home Respite hours provided through Family Caregiver Support Program
- Local Contact Agency program had 10 new referrals initiated from the Raleigh call center; 2 LCA follow-up visits; 5 Information and Options Counseling contacts.
- 3 Reverse Mortgage Counseling sessions provided
- Ombudsman program made visits to 6 facilities; received 7 new investigations; closed 6 cases; and provided technical assistance to 13 individuals; and provided 2 trainings to facilities.
- The Family Caregiver Support Program provided backpacks for the Back-to-School Backpack program which to assisted 150 children in Alexander county.

Home and Community Care Block Grant:

- 12,878 Meals served
- 3,207 Hours of In-Home Aide service
- 16 Housing and Home Improvement projects
- 948 Medical and General Transportation Trips provided
- 271 Adult Day Care/Health days of service
- 155 Hours of Legal Assistance provided

The 9th Annual Falls Prevention Awareness Day will be observed on September 22, 2016. The theme this year is Ready, Steady, Balance: Prevent Falls in 2016.

The AAA has worked to raise awareness through evidence-based workshops, such as Matter of Balance and Tai Chi, to help older adults be more aware and assertive in fall prevention. A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is an evidence based program that is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels in older adults. The program includes eight two-hour sessions led by a trained facilitator. An upcoming Matter of Balance Workshop is scheduled for Tuesdays starting September 6th at 10:00 AM thru October 25th at the Senior Center in Bethlehem. To register call 828-632-1717.

Tai Chi is an evidence-based exercise program that can relieve pain, improve balance and improve overall health. Originating in ancient China, Tai Chi is considered to be a form of martial arts that incorporates mind and body, fluid movement, controlled breathing and mental concentration. To learn more about Tai Chi or a workshop, contact Sarah Evitt at sarah.evitt@wpcog.org or at 828-485-4216.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Long
Rick Oxford
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	2	0	1	2	1
Homeowner Foreclosure Preventions:	2	0	1	1	0	0
1st Time Homebuyer Loans Closed:	11	1	3	3	4	0
Housing Rehab Loans Closed:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urgent Repairs Completed:	2	0	2	0	0	0

	Total	Alexander	Burke	Caldwell	Catawba	Regional
Grant Preapplications:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Loans Submitted:	\$1,144,127	\$308,348	\$411,597	\$70,432	\$253,750	\$100,000
Grants/Loans Awarded:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

IT/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Scott Miller
Daniel Ezell
Tom Bell
Todd Stroupe
Trey Schweitzer

Help Desk Tickets - End User Support-15, Map-18, Training-1, Data Requests-8, Application Programming-2, Database Administration-3, Maintenance-78, AV-4, Facilities-4, Meetings-6

Hickory

- Mapping support including US 70 Sinkhole Map, Ward/CDBG Grant Map, rezonings
- Processing of water and GPS data, Fire Department Neighborhood Incident Report
- Development related to On-line Ward Lookup and Fire PrePlans and Housing Occupancy information

Maiden GIS

- Developed an "as-built" technical drawing viewer for ArcGIS OnLine mobile GIS
- Enhanced Multi-Utility Viewer mobile application to include electric infrastructure
- Provided training in the use of the Town's mobile GIS applications

North Carolina ArcGIS User Group

- Hosted the Western Symposium at WPCOG facilities, attended

by over 90 GIS Professionals and planners from across the Carolinas.

Greenway

- Passenger Sampling Trips - 15
- Continued support including enhancement of online web-app to include West Taylorsville Fixed/Flex routes

General Mapping Support

- Town of Sawmills
- City of Claremont
- Town of Hudson
- Greater Hickory MPO
- WPCOG Environmental Planning Division

Other Activities

- Provided support to the Town of Claremont Fire Chief and Public Works Supervisor in the use of the ArcReader GIS System.
- Implementation of a new agency Microsoft SQL Server
- Implantation of new agency SSL VPN services
- Review and enhancement of agency data backup routines
- Burke County Community Assets Mapping Project

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

John Marshall
 Johnny Wear
 Taylor Dellinger
 Teresa Kinney
 Elinor Hiltz
 Erin Schotte
 Cody Moneymaker
 Leslie Meadows

Planning

- Assisted in submittal of ARC application for Drexel Heritage Redevelopment Project
- Completed administrative section of new Alexander County Zoning Ordinance
- Completed an extensive Board of Adjustment training session with the Town of Claremont, Gamewell and Sawmills
- Conducted Comp Plan update presentation to RC Town Council and Planning Board
- Prepared for a moratorium on Conditional Use Permits in Claremont

Transportation

- Attended US 321 (U-4700) Public Meetings
- Hosted Public Transportation Division Workshop
- Attended NC 127 (R-3603-A) Scoping Meeting
- Met with Jay Adams, Andy Wells, George Robinson and NCDOT staff to discuss improvements to US 321
- Attended Division 13 Meeting for SPOT 4.0 Regional Projects
- Administered 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Workshop

Data

- Answered 60 requests for data.
- Completed all demographic and economic data updates for the Burke County Health Assessment
- Gave presentation of Hickory Metro Economic Indicators at July WPCOG managers meeting
- Completed analysis of economic impact of 2016 Hickory Hops
- Completed analysis of Newton-Conover School System elementary school students comparing the elementary districts students live in versus the school the student is attending.
- Completed 2016-17 Greenway Passenger Sampling Methodology Report
- Gave presentation on Burke Healthy Communities Mapping Project to staff at Catawba County Public Health

Environmental

- Worked with STEM West teachers on stormwater and water quality projects
- Continued work and heavily promoted the Western NC Air and Water Quality Conferences
- Completed work on two Environmental Assessments for water line projects in McDowell County

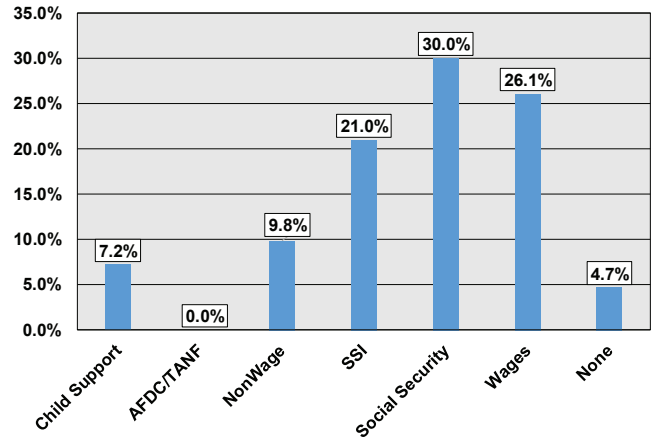
REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

Stephanie Hanvey
 Vicky Abernethy
 Kala Guido
 JoAnn Parlier
 Elizabeth Moncrief
 Autumn Hight
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- Units Leased - 1,009, out of 1,074 Maximum
- In office client meetings - 118
- Inspections completed - 105
- Vouchers issued - 22
- Total Vouchers pending - 30
- Current Waiting List - 1,129
- Congratulation letters mailed - 100
- Paid on tenant behalf - \$398,324.00
- Average Housing Assistance Payment amount paid on tenants behalf - \$394.77

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

Primary Income Demographic Data Report



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

Workforce Services	Total	Comments
Scholarships Issued	98	Job seekers currently receiving training scholarships
On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements	13	On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements
Recruitment Events	14	Staff assisted Recruitment Events at a Career Center or Employer Site
New Registrants to NCWorks-Unemployed	145	People not working that registered in NCWorks.gov
New Registrants to NCWorks	1,670	First-time registrants in NCWorks.gov Jan 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016

