

# PLANNING ACTIVITY REPORT (DRAFT)

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ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<b>PLANNING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FY22 DCA CONTRACT-See Page 5</b></li> </ul>
<b>GRANT APPLICATIONS/AWARDS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Redevelopment Fund Grant (RDF)</b> Colquitt, GA – \$1.4 M Developing application - Due 8/19/22</li> <li>• <b>Rural Downtown Development Grant –</b> Colquitt GA – submitted 3.5M – Rehabilitate buildings downtown</li> <li>• <b>Housing Preservation Grant – \$200K</b> to rehabilitate housing in the region – <b>Deadline 7/11/22 – In progress</b></li> <li>• <b>Appropriations Request to Rep. Sanford Bishop for SW GA RC:</b> Interactive Regional Tourism Site - \$537,800 Regional Housing Rehabilitation \$1M Regional Project to upgrade the communication system to Interoperable P25 for public safety and first responders - \$10M <b>Awaiting Announcements</b></li> </ul>
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2022</b> <b>Deadline June 3, 2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arlington (<b>Not submitted – auditing issues</b>)</li> <li>• Blakely (<b>Submitted</b>)</li> <li>• Funston (<b>Submitted – Requested Additional Information</b>)</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plans</b> Seminole County (<i>In Progress</i>), Calhoun (<i>Approved</i>), Decatur County (<i>Approved</i>), Grady County (<i>New Contract</i>), Terrell &amp; Thomas (<i>NEW</i>)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>TRANSPORTATION</b></p>	<p><b>Dept. of Transportation (DOT) FY20-B&amp;P (State Planning &amp; Research – SPR) (9/1/21-8/31/22) (In Progress)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update regional Bike &amp; Pedestrian Corridors</li> <li>• Conduct two virtual safety-focused trainings (June 27 &amp; 28<sup>th</sup> 2022)</li> <li>• Conduct sidewalk inventory in two communities (In progress)</li> <li>• Update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (In progress)</li> <li>• Crash Screening Analysis at three locations in the Region (In progress)</li> </ul> <p><b>(5304 – Rural Transit Planning) (7/1/21 – 6/30/22)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transit Plan for Colquitt County (In progress)</li> <li>• Update Regional Transit Plan (In progress)</li> <li>• DOT Technical Assistance meetings are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 10:00 AM through 12/31/22 – Don't forget to take the survey and checkout the website: <a href="https://regionaltdp-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/swgrc">https://regionaltdp-gdot.hub.arcgis.com/pages/swgrc</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EDA Applications &amp; Projects</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dougherty Co. &amp; Albany – Radium Springs Trail Project (Final Info submitted 5/17/22- looks promising for funding)</li> <li>• Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) – Due September 2022</li> <li>• Regional Tourism Project (Submitted under Appropriations Request)</li> </ul>
<p><b>EDA Planning Grant and EDA RLF (CARES)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDA Planning Grant - \$400,000 – (Strategic Plan Complete)</li> <li>• EDA Revolving - \$500,000 – Grant Administration &amp; Staffing Plan – Completed – (23) applications reviewed – (10) closed \$395K Total Loans, funds will be moved into revolving phase</li> <li>• EDA CARES – Regional Training for City and County staff @ NO COST- Training conducted on 5/19/22 through June 17, 2022. Training will be posted on our website.</li> </ul>
<p><b>REGIONAL PARTNERS NETWORK INC. HOUSING TASK FORCE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Task Force Next Meeting – June 14, 2022 – Planning Meeting for Scheduled for August.</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Housing Conference (May 10, 2022) – (HELD)</li> <li>• PowerPoint presentation posted on our website - Go to <a href="http://www.swgrcplanning.org">www.swgrcplanning.org</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>BROWNFIELDS GRANT For Community-Wide Assessment Grant - \$500,000</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A regional assessment that does not identify a specific site in the grant. We will spend the funds on any eligible site in the region that qualifies. <b>AWARDED - \$500,000 – Grantee Conference in August</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>STAFF TRAINING</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FEMA – Creating Economic Resilience – 4 Hours (Beka Shiver)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>General Contracts</b></p>	<p><b>Current Contracts: Complete (C)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donalsonville</b> Zoning Contract – 6K</li> <li>• <b>Sylvester</b> Housing Projects – 23K (4) projects- Completed</li> <li>• <b>Sylvester</b> – Update of Zoning Ordinances – 7.5K</li> <li>• <b>Decatur County</b> – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K (C)</li> <li>• <b>Calhoun County</b> – Pre-Haz Mitigation Plan – 15K (C)</li> <li>• <b>Seminole County</b> – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K</li> <li>• <b>Sylvester</b> – Personnel Policies - 3K (Completed)</li> <li>• <b>City of Sylvester</b> – Pay and Classification Plan – 3.6K</li> <li>• <b>City of Moultrie</b> – Zoning Ordinance Update- Completed– 12K</li> <li>• <b>Thomas County</b>-Housing Assessment (Draft Completed– 7K</li> <li>• <b>City of Albany</b> – Opportunity Zone – 8.2K</li> <li>• <b>City of Albany</b> - Update of Urban Redev. Plan (Awaiting City Commission Approval)– 8K</li> <li>• <b>Worth County</b> – Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K(C)</li> <li>• <b>Grady County</b> -Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan – 15K (C)</li> <li>• <b>City of Cairo</b> – County Commission Training – 1,000 (C)</li> <li>• <b>City of Arlington</b> – County Commission Training</li> </ul> <p><b>Contracts Underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thomas County</b> Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan</li> <li>• <b>Terrell County</b> Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan</li> </ul>

## **FY 22 DCA Activities**

### **Community Work Program (5 Year Comprehensive Plan Update)**

**Albany/Dougherty County** – 10/31/21 – *APPROVED*  
**Grady County & Cities** – 10/31/21- *APPROVED*  
**Baker County & Newton** – 10/31/22 - *In Progress*  
**Calhoun County & Cities** – 06/30/22- *Approved pending Adoption*  
**Colquitt County & Cities** – 06/30/22- *In Progress*  
**Decatur County & Cities** – 10/31/22- *In Progress*  
**Early County & Cities** – 06/30/22- *Approved pending Adoption*  
**Miller County & City of Colquitt** – 10/31/22- *In Progress*  
**Mitchell County & Cities** – 10/31/22- *In Progress*  
**Seminole County & Cities** – 10/31/22- *In Progress*

### **Plan Implementation Assessment Meetings for FY 22:**

Counties and Cities –Contacts with Local Governments (50 Contacts for FY 22) **Conducted**

### **Regional Plan Implementation**

Annual Housing Conference (*May 2022 - Conducted*)  
Grant Writing Workshop (*Conducted*)

**Regional Work Program:** *Submitted to DCA – under review*

### **Regional Success**

Regional Success Stories: *(2) Stories Submitted*  
Regionally Important Resource Plan Update – *Submitted to DCA – under review*  
Regional Plan Update – *Submitted to DCA – under review. Please go to our website [www.swgrcplanning.org](http://www.swgrcplanning.org) and click the Regional Plan tab to view the Draft Plan.*

### **Reviews**

**Lee County** Capital Improvement Element (CIE) – *Approved*  
**Thomas County** (CIE) – *June 2022 Approved by DCA, County needs to adopt*