

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY RELEASED ACTIVITIES REPORT

**County-specific activities updates from
Upper Savannah Council of Governments**



The Upper Savannah region includes six counties: Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda. Upper Savannah serves as the umbrella administrative organization for regional activities, has city and county government representation on its Board of Directors, and works closely with local, state, and federal government agencies.

The council provides a wide scope of services and performs many functions. We have developed this new activities report as a way to highlight this information and to regularly communicate our general activities in your county with you.

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Abbeville County

October 2022 Activities Report



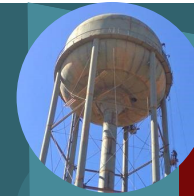
Aging

- 297 congregate meals served in Abbeville County in Oct.
- 1,672 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 15 seniors served with transportation in County
- 1 senior served with minor home repair in County
- 152 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 2 seniors received Medicare counseling



Community Development

- Submitted CDBG grant application for Chestnut Street Park improvements in City of Abbeville
- City of Abbeville Structure Demolition project bid being assembled, 17 structures to be demolished and cleared
- Will conduct needs assessments for possible future projects in Abbeville County



Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



Government Services

- Reviewed a draft of City of Abbeville Comprehensive Plan
- Hosted public administrators and economic developers for a lunch meeting
- Hosted regional Green Infrastructure meeting to develop plans to document wildlife corridors across the region and around state
- Administered CDBG-CV Public Service funds to deliver 15,093 meals to date for seniors across the region



Workforce Development

- Met new employer in Abbeville County to create game plan for start-up staffing
- Assisted with Regional Job Fair at Piedmont Technical College
- SC Works Centers Administration
- Services to Adults, Dislocated Workers & Youth (16-21) employment and training opportunities in WIOA programs



Transportation

- USCOG Board adopted statewide target performance measures for road safety as requested by SCDOT
- Transportation Planning
- Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP)
- Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

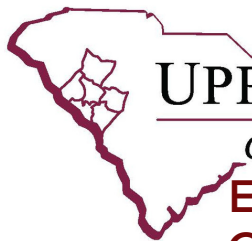
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Edgefield County

October 2022 Activities Report



Aging

- 439 congregate meals served in Edgefield County in October
- 1,085 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 19 seniors served with transportation in County
- 1 senior served with minor home repair in County
- 84 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 9 seniors received Medicare counseling



Community Development

- Grant Application Development under the Community Development Block Grant program
- Will conduct needs assessments for possible future projects in Edgefield County
- Coordination of Funding between grant programs to develop local projects



Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



Government Services

- Provided required planning commission training for 14 Edgefield county and municipal commissioners
- Hosted public administrators and economic developers for a lunch meeting
- Hosted regional Green Infrastructure meeting to develop plans to document wildlife corridors across the region



Workforce Development

- Responded to layoff event in Edgefield County where 200 lost their jobs
- Assisted with Regional Job Fair at Piedmont Technical College
- SC Works Centers Administration
- Services to Adults, Dislocated Workers & Youth (16-21) employment and training opportunities in WIOA programs
- Regional & Local Job Fairs



Transportation

- USCOG Board adopted statewide target performance measures for road safety as requested by SCDOT
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Greenwood County October 2022 Activities Report



Aging

- 948 congregate meals served in Greenwood County in October
- 5,256 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 84 seniors served with transportation in County
- 1 senior served with minor home repair in County
- 425 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 10 seniors received Medicare counseling



Community Development

- Mathews Mill Sewer Upgrade Phase I goes to bid in November, Phase II in start-up phase
- Baptist Street Sewer Upgrade construction began October 3, completion is expected July 30, 2023
- Will conduct needs assessments for possible future projects in Greenwood County



Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



Government Services

- Submitted a park improvement grant for a Greenwood County neighborhood association
- Continued working with Friends of 96 Historic Site group
- Helped administer Promised Land park grant
- Administered CDBG-CV Public Service funds to deliver 15,093 meals to date for seniors across the region



Workforce Development

- Assisted with Regional Job Fair at Piedmont Technical College
- SC Works Centers Administration
- Services to Adults, Dislocated Workers & Youth (16-21) employment and training opportunities in WIOA programs
- Regional & Local Job Fairs



Transportation

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Laurens County

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Aging

- 240 congregate meals served in Laurens County in October
- 2,154 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 76 seniors served with transportation in County
- 98 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 7 seniors received Medicare counseling



Community Development

- Clinton-Joanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade in start-up phase
- City of Clinton Fire Truck will soon be ordered to replace 2008 truck
- Highway 56/76 Sewer Upgrade construction to begin in December
- Will conduct needs assessments for possible future projects in Laurens County



Economic and Business Development

- Monitored and developed quarterly reports for Fibertex sewer and Metric Road water line, water tank Economic Development Administration (EDA) projects
- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for EDA funds



Government Services

- Began work on updating the Town of Gray Court Comprehensive Plan
- Provided required training for planning commissioners and staff in Laurens County
- Assisted Laurens County Museum with federal program registration
- Administered CDBG-CV Public Service funds to deliver 15,093 meals to date for seniors across region



Workforce Development

- Launched Laurens County Direct Connect with SCDEW. USCOG has met with 14 nonprofits to get them to help reach residents in the County who are not working. More than 1,000 calls have been made to individuals to invite them to SC Works
- Assisted with Rapid Response event at a facility in City of Laurens which closed Oct. 31



Transportation

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McCormick County

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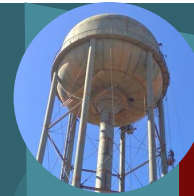
Aging

- 204 congregate meals served in McCormick County in October
- 1,140 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 7 seniors served with transportation in County
- 22 hours of home care, personal care provided
- 16 seniors received Medicare counseling



Community Development

- Town of McCormick Streetscape Phase II construction to begin in January 2023
- Will conduct needs assessments for possible future projects in McCormick County
- Grant Application Development under the Community Development Block Grant program



Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



Government Services

- Attended strategic planning session for improvements to the McCormick County Airport
- Hosted public administrators and economic developers for a lunch meeting
- Hosted regional Green Infrastructure meeting to develop plans to document wildlife corridors across the region and around state



Workforce Development

- Assisted with Regional Job Fair at Piedmont Technical College
- SC Works Centers Administration
- Services to Adults, Dislocated Workers & Youth (16-21) employment and training opportunities in WIOA programs
- Regional & Local Job Fairs



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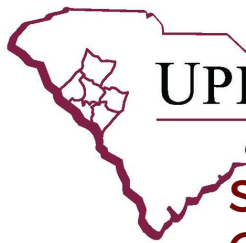
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Saluda County

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Aging

- 533 congregate meals served in Saluda County in October
- 686 Home-Delivered Meals served in County
- 10 seniors served with transportation in County
- 14 hours of home care, personal care provided
- Medicare counseling available



Community Development

- Town of Saluda Streetscape project for North Main and West Church streets going out to bid in December 2022
- Town of Ridge Spring Sewer Rehab project in start-up phase
- Will conduct needs assessments for possible future projects in Saluda County



Economic and Business Development

- Updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to keep region eligible for Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds
- Loans available to help small businesses start up or expand



Government Services

- Submitted successful grant application for bike rack, playground equipment in Ridge Spring
- Hosted public administrators and economic developers for a lunch meeting
- Administered CDBG-CV Public Service funds to deliver 15,093 meals to date for seniors across the region



Workforce Development

- Assisted with Regional Job Fair at Piedmont Technical College
- SC Works Centers Administration
- Services to Adults, Dislocated Workers & Youth (16-21) employment and training opportunities in WIOA programs
- Regional & Local Job Fairs



Transportation

- Administering a trial public transit project for medical and essential transportation in Saluda County
- USCOG Board adopted statewide target performance measures for road safety as requested by SCDOT
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