

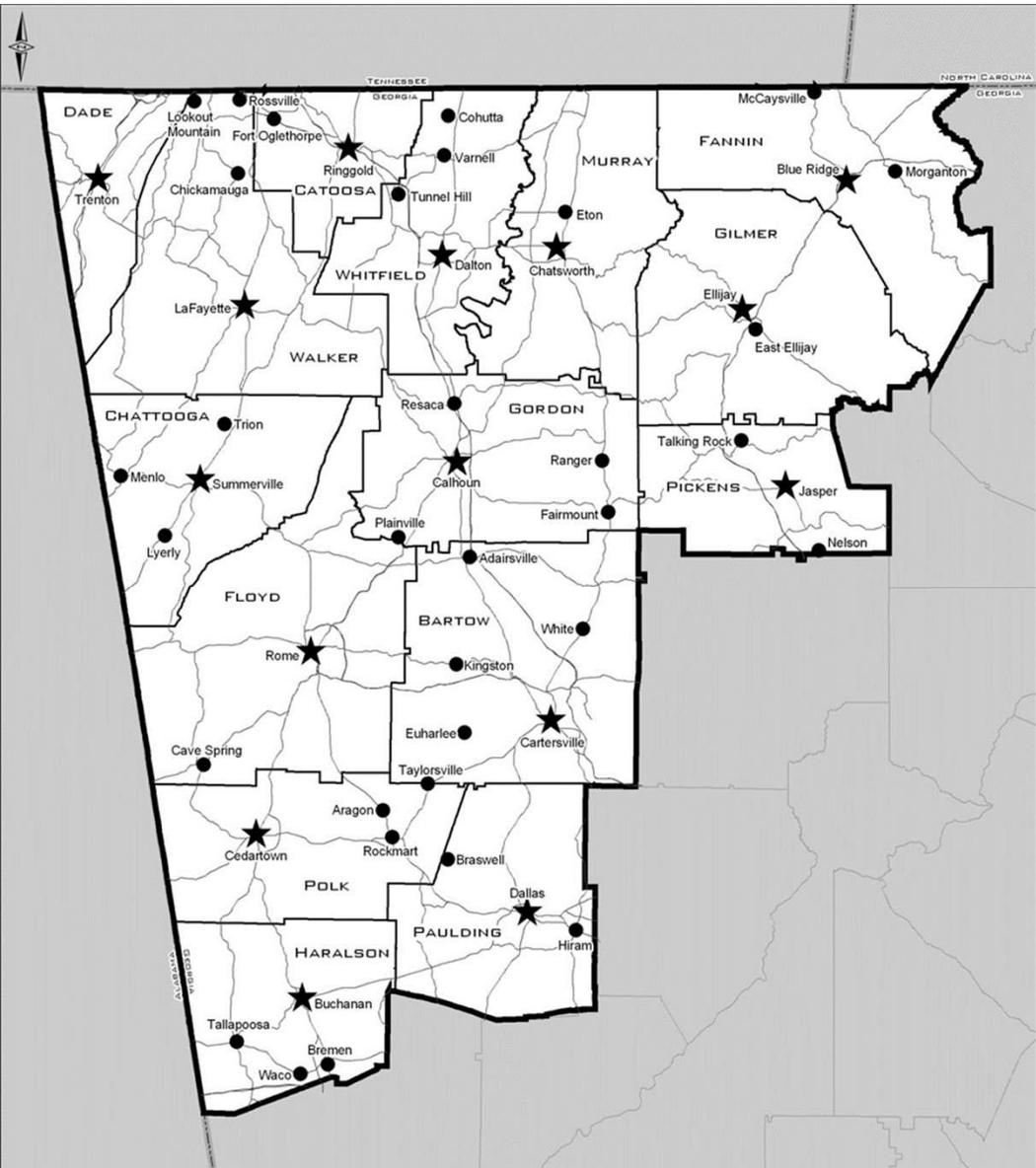


Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Planning Resources

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Northwest Georgia

881,568 people

15 counties

49 municipalities



Major responsibilities of the NW Georgia Regional Commission:
(1) Implement the Georgia Planning Act of 1989;
(2) Administer the Area Agency on Aging;
(3) Administer the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; and
(4) Provide planning and development assistance to local governments.



AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

Northwest Georgia



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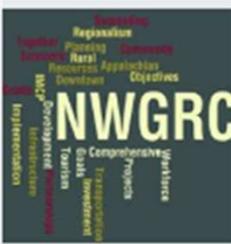
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We assist local governments to update and implement local comprehensive plans that address community...

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Northwest Georgia Regional Commission
February 20 at 11:24 AM

www.nwgrc.org/survey

Do you wish there were more places to paddle in Northwest Georgia?

Then click the survey link above to let us know what Northwest Ga. Needs Most

What Assistance Can We Provide?

Assist in meeting State Planning Requirements to keep Qualified Local Government status = comprehensive plans

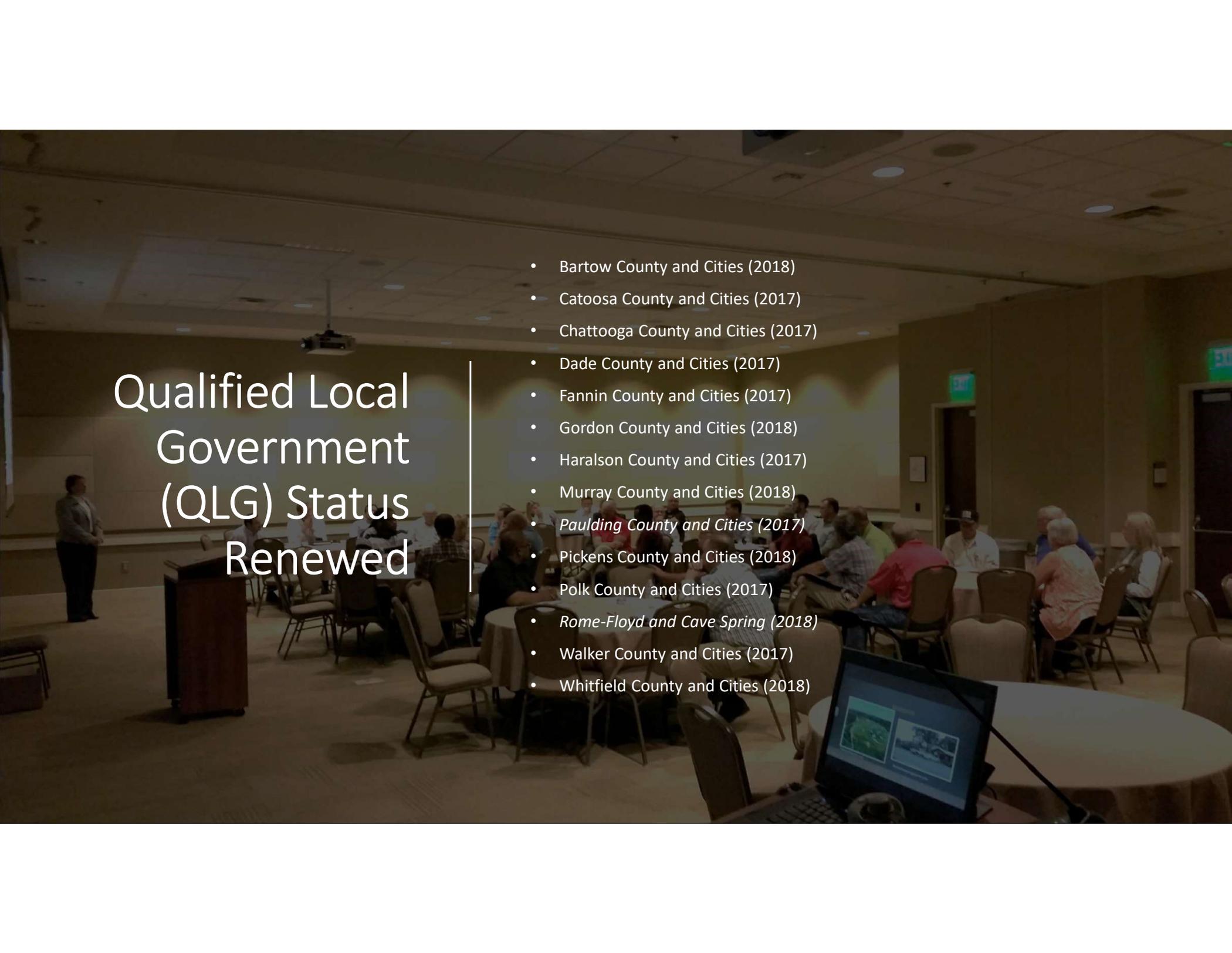
Assist with water, sewer, broadband plans and grants

Assist with Georgia Initiatives for Community Housing (GICH)

Assist with Mapping and Data

Technical assistance: Land use, Transportation, Environmental, Historic Preservation

Planning is Best Done Ahead of Time



Qualified Local Government (QLG) Status Renewed

- Bartow County and Cities (2018)
- Catoosa County and Cities (2017)
- Chattooga County and Cities (2017)
- Dade County and Cities (2017)
- Fannin County and Cities (2017)
- Gordon County and Cities (2018)
- Haralson County and Cities (2017)
- Murray County and Cities (2018)
- *Paulding County and Cities (2017)*
- Pickens County and Cities (2018)
- Polk County and Cities (2017)
- *Rome-Floyd and Cave Spring (2018)*
- Walker County and Cities (2017)
- Whitfield County and Cities (2018)



Current Plan Updates

Ethan Calhoun,
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- Gilmer County Comprehensive Plan Update
- October 31, 2019

- Regional Plan Update
- June 30, 2019

- Regionally Important Resources Plan Update
- June 30, 2019



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Checklist for state grants, loans and permits

- Is your project in your Comprehensive Plan and Service Delivery Strategy?
- Are all reporting requirements met?
- Is your community a Qualified Local Government?
- E-Verify?
- <https://apps.dca.ga.gov/LocalGovStatus/planning.asp> AND
- <https://apps.dca.ga.gov/LocalGovStatus/financial.asp>



PlanFirst and WaterFirst

PlanFirst Community (DCA)

- State loan and grant incentives
- Implementation of the comprehensive plan
- We can assist with the application
- Ebony Simpson, ebony.Simpson@dca.ga.gov

WaterFirst Community (GEFA)

- Demonstrates a local government's commitment
 - to responsible water stewardship
- Eligible for loan and grant incentives
- GEFA: Amanda Carroll, acarroll@gefa.ga.gov



Community and Economic Development

- Delmos Stone, dstone@nwgrc.org
- Appalachian Regional Commission applications
- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)
- Economic Development and Community Development grant assistance

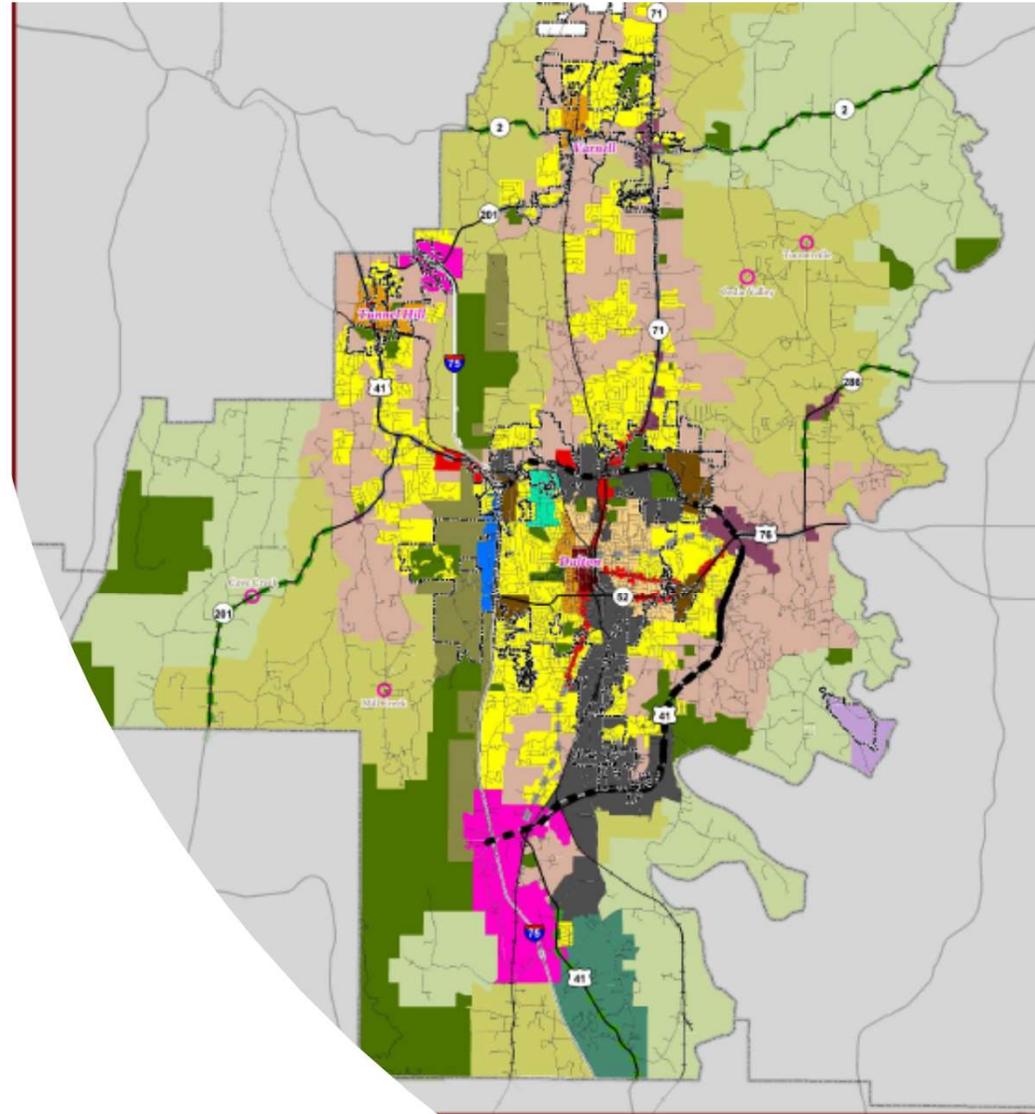
2017- 2018

- Assisted with 37 projects
- \$15 Million in funds requested
- Local match of \$23 Million available
- 156 jobs created
- 23 communities assisted with grant writing, technical assistance, and project development

Land Use

Ethan Calhoun, ecalhoun@nwgrc.org

- Planning, Land Use and Zoning writing and technical assistance
- Staff planner and secretary for Dalton, Whitfield, Varnell Unified Zoning Ordinance Planning Commission
- Boundary and Annexation Survey Reporting
- Comprehensive Plan Amendments

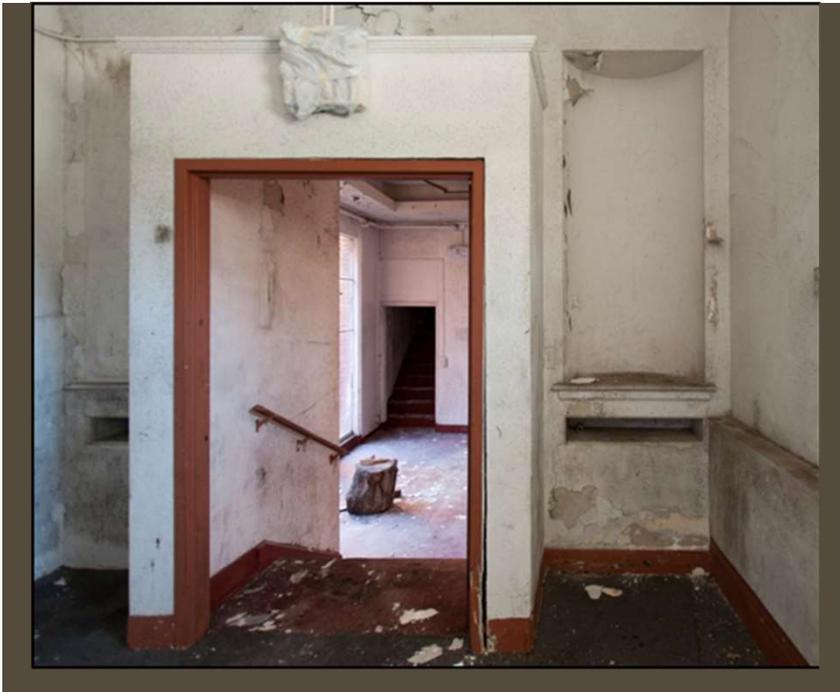




Historic Preservation

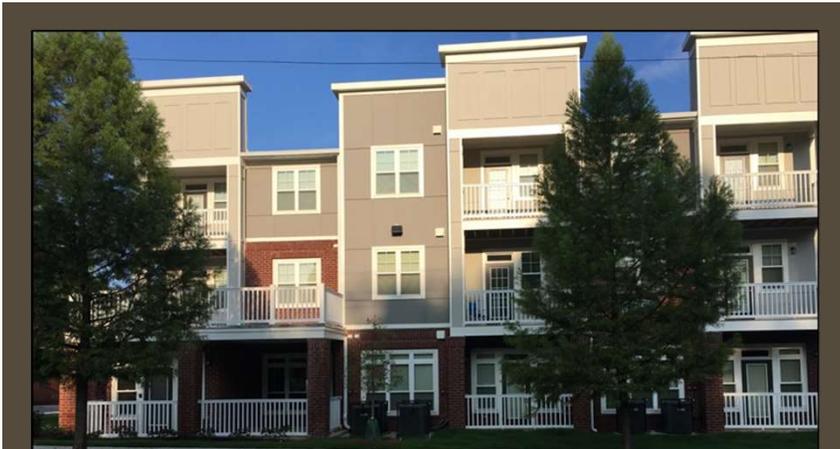
- Kevin McAuliff, kmcauliff@nwgrc.org
- Historic and Architectural Reviews
- Assistance with Predetermination Research, Historic Preservation Grants, Technical Assistance
- Historic Preservation Commissions, local governments

Neighborhood Stabilization Program- McCall Place



Prior to demolition, interior lead paint/asbestos, structural instability, water damage visible.

- McCall Hospital Demolished
- McCall Apartments Built:
- 28 affordable rental units
- \$300,000 NSP funds to Rome, \$771,929 in Low Income Housing Tax Credits (DCA)
- Private investment of \$13.8 million



McCall Apartments Today

Transportation

Joseph Davidson, jdavidson@nwgrc.org

- GDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Planning
 - Safe Routes to School Audits
 - Complete Streets Training Charrettes
 - Pedestrian Safety Action Plan
 - Coordination among Metropolitan Planning Orgs.
- GDOT Rural Public Transit Planning
 - Transit Development Plans (Murray, Dade Co.)
 - Asset Management Plans (new requirement)
 - Current legislation for coordinated transit, HB 511

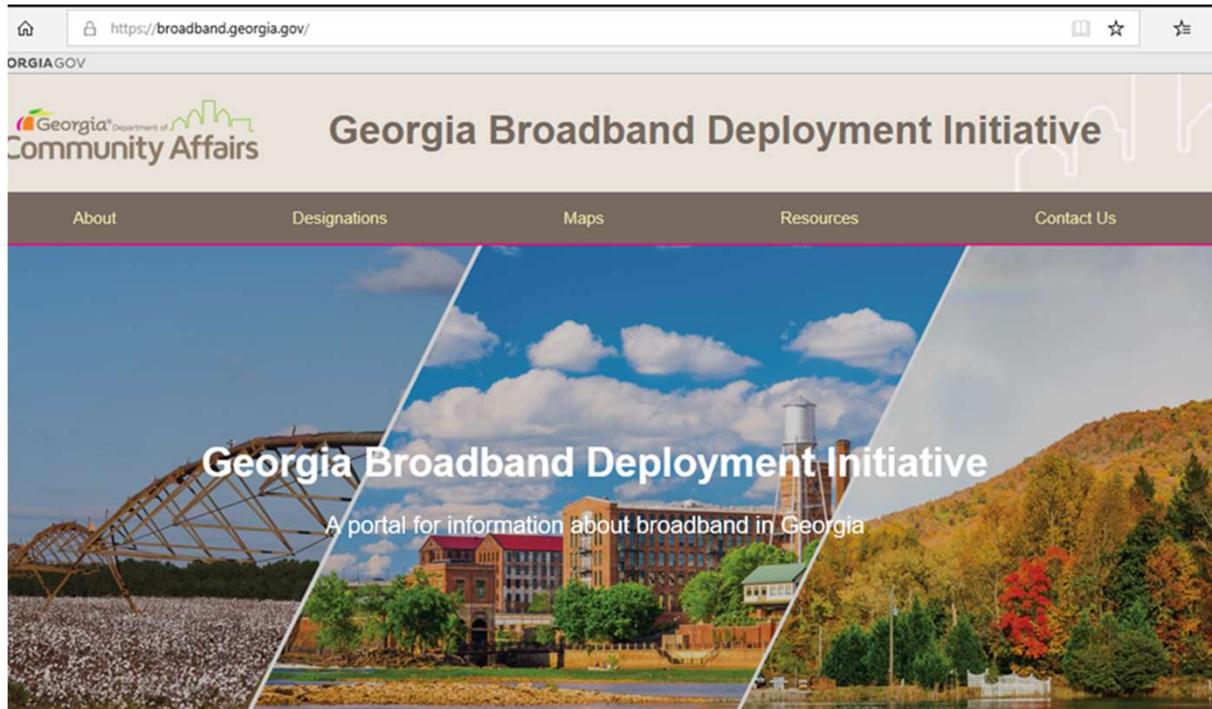


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Water, Environmental Resources



- North Georgia Water Resources Partnership
- Assistance to Coosa-North Georgia Water Council
- Regional Water Planning Seed Grants
- May 1, 2019 Annual Water Partnership Meeting- Register Now!
- To RSVP: Email dchristian@nwgrc.org

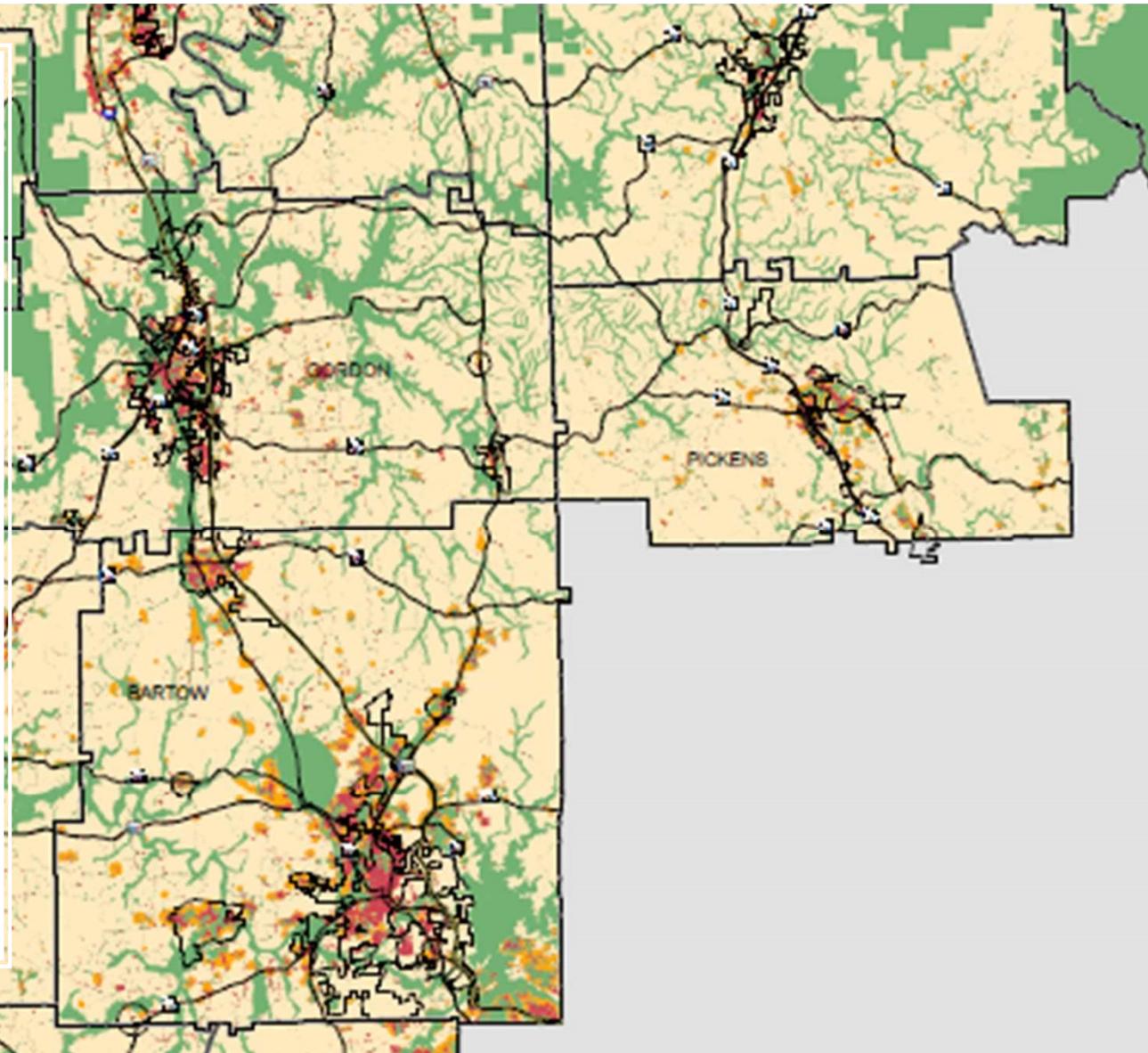


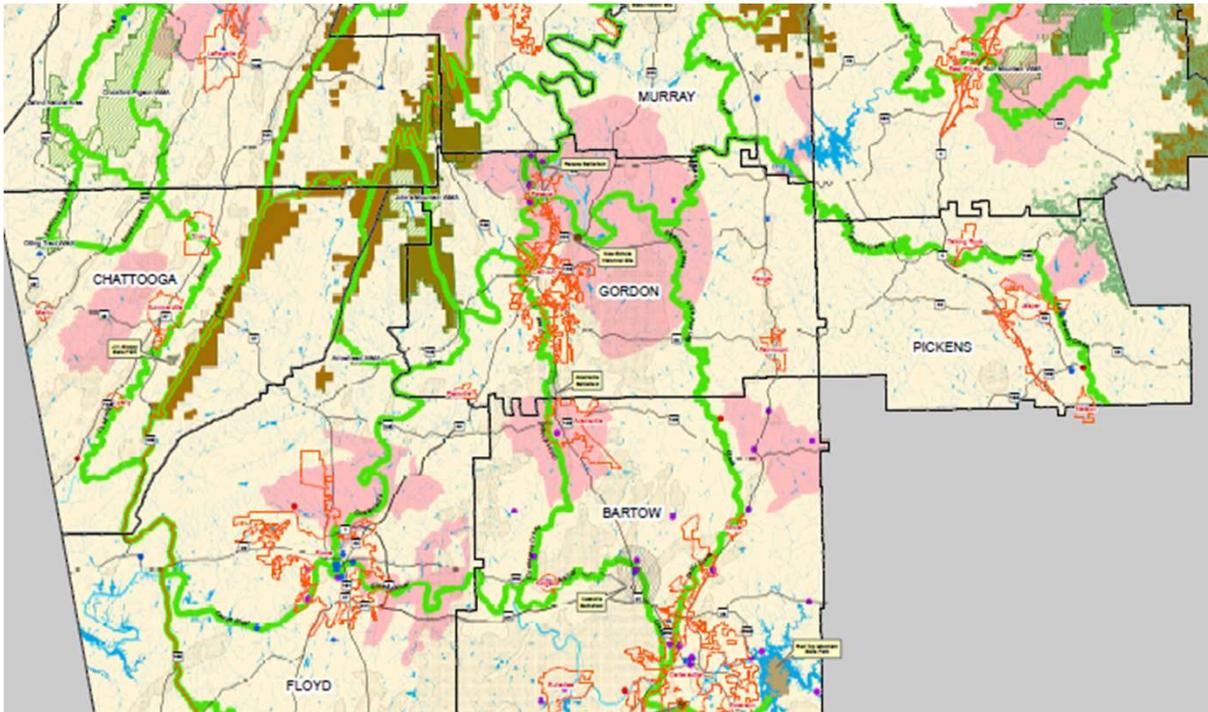
Is Your Community
Broadband Ready?

- www.broadband.Georgia.gov
- Model Broadband Ordinance
- Broadband Element in Comprehensive Plan
- Broadband Ready Application

Northwest Georgia Regional Plan Update

- June 30, 2019
- Regional Plan Survey:
www.nwgrc.org/survey
- Broadband
- Transportation
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- Land Use
- Healthy Communities
- Economic Development
- Public Input, Steering Committee
Guidance (NWGRC Council)





Regionally Important Resources

- Hiking, Biking and Water Trails
- Scenic Byways
- Historic Sites
- Environmental Resources
- Wildlife Management Areas and Forests
- -Development Recommendations
- -Preservation Guidance
- Are we missing important resources from your community?
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- -Kevin McAuliff, kmcauliff@nwgrc.org