



# KERR-TAR

Council of Governments  
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Oxford City Hall

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Upcoming Events

- Regional Aging Advisory Council (RAAC) Annual Meeting: **Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 2:00pm, Kerr-Tar COG Office**
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Webinar: **Thursday, February 9, 2023. REGISTER HERE.**
- KTAAA 2023 Family Caregiver Conference: **Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 9:00am-4:30pm, Vance-Granville Community College Civic Center**
- Kerr-Tar RPO Meeting: **Thursday, February 23, 2023, 3:00pm, Kerr-Tar COG Office**
- Economic Development Summit: **Thursday, March 23, 2023, Lakeland Cultural Arts Center**
- KTRPO TAC Ethics Filing Deadline: **Monday, April 17, 2023**
- Kerr-Tar NCWorks Resume Workshop: **Wednesday's from 2:00pm-3:00pm, NCWorks Career Center, 826 S. Garnett Street, Henderson NC 27536**

# Economic Wins in the Kerr-Tar Region



## Franklin County

A new industrial development has been announced in the southwestern side of Franklin County. The multi-phase project, known as U.S.-1 North Commerce Center, brings in investment to the county and more than 400 jobs. Read more [HERE](#).



## Granville County

On Thursday, January 26, local, regional, and state officials gathered to celebrate D'Artagnan Inc.'s new warehouse and distribution facility in Oxford. The newly opened facility is in a section of the former Burlington Mills complex on Lewis Street.



## Warren County

In Warren County, the expansion of Sunbrella Fabrics, 300,000 sq. ft. facility is close to being completed. Sunbrella Fabric is a leader in performance fabric for indoor and outdoor upholstery, awnings, shade, marine applications, custom fabrics and more.

## Granville Co. Tourism Awarded Top Honor

The Granville County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) was awarded a top honor for marketing from the North Carolina Travel Industry Association by earning the Gold Award in the Leisure Marketing category for the "Festival Season in Granville County" campaign. We congratulate Angela Allen, Granville County's Tourism Director on this recent honor. More information on the various events the County offers during the fall season is available [HERE](#).



# NC Housing Coalition's 2023 County Profiles Release



The NC Housing Coalition's County Profiles provide a snapshot of housing needs for each of North Carolina's 100 counties. They provide data on cost-burdened households paying at least 30% of their income for housing, a comparison of what different jobs pay and changes in home prices, foreclosures, and rental options in our communities. Check out the profiles for Kerr-Tar counties below!

Franklin

Granville

Person

Vance

Warren

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to Host February Webinars

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a webinar on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding that will help communities improve their water and wastewater infrastructure on **February 9 at 12:00pm**. For more details and to register, click [HERE](#).



## Updated Services for Local Governments from the LGC



Starting on **Wednesday, February 1**, the Local Government Commission of the North Carolina Department of the Treasurer will be adding the information of firms wishing to provide audit and non-audit accounting services to local governments throughout the state. If you are interested in the potential services offered, the web page can be accessed [HERE](#), or by clicking on the state and local government finance division link on [www.nctreasurer.com](http://www.nctreasurer.com)

# KERR-TAR FAMILY CAREGIVER CONFERENCE



With  
*Teepa Snow*

*Intensive Workshop: Best practices in dementia care*

Join us to hear dementia innovator **Teepa Snow** describe the latest in dementia care. Learn practical skills for engaging and supporting those living with dementia, and learn how to care for yourself in the process. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.



**Tuesday, February 21  
2023**



**9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**  
**-CHECK-IN: 8:00 AM**



**Vance-Granville  
Community College  
Civic Center**

## **Family Caregiver Ticket - \$15**

*For those caring for someone living with dementia, neighbors, friends, students, clergy and anyone else who would like to attend. Limited scholarships available.*

## **Professional Caregiver Ticket - \$40**

*For professionals caring for people living with dementia. 6 CEUs available.*

**Register now at :**

[www.DementiaNC.org/KerrTar2023](http://www.DementiaNC.org/KerrTar2023)

## 2023 Senior Games

Early Bird Registration is open for the 2023 Kerr-Tar Regional Senior Games and is due by **February 17, 2023**. Normal entry deadline is due by **February 28, 2023**. Opening Ceremonies will be on Friday, March 24 at Creedmoor Community Center. Join KTCOG for a fun community event featuring food trucks, a Fun Walk and basketball shooting. This year's events include individual sports events, singles and doubles for table tennis, badminton, bowling, tennis, and pickleball. **Events new this year include disc golf and team basketball.** SilverArts will be held at the Warren County Armory on May 18. Registration packets for sporting events and SilverArts are available at our Senior Centers and local Parks & Recreation Departments and online [HERE](#).



## A Matter of Balance Training Program



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Our Evidence Based program coordinator, Susan Tucker, will be conducting an A Matter of Balance leader training from **Wednesday March 1, 2023 through Tuesday April 18, 2023**. This training is for community volunteers to become certified to lead classes throughout the region. The training will be held at **Plank Chapel United Methodist Church** located at 3047 Bobbitt Road, Kittrell NC 27544. Participants ages 60+ can register for **FREE**, all materials provided. To register, call (252) 436-2040.

Learn more about the A Matter of Balance coach program [HERE](#).

## Henderson Walk With Ease Program

There will be a Walk With Ease group session starting in Henderson and will meet **Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday** for 6 weeks, from **February 2 - March 17, 2023**. Participants will meet at **11:45 am at Aycock Recreation Center**. Trained group exercise leaders begin each session with a pre-walk discussion covering a specified topic related to exercise and arthritis, followed by a 10-40 minute walk that includes a warm-up and a cool-down. To register for this session, contact Crystal Allen at 252-431-6091 or [crystalallen@henderson.nc.gov](mailto:crystalallen@henderson.nc.gov).



# Granville Co. Receives Funding from Duke Energy Foundation



Granville County was recently awarded a total of \$30,000 from the Duke Energy Foundation’s Emergency Preparedness fund. \$25,000 was awarded to the Emergency Management Department to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and to purchase supplies used to operate emergency shelters. An additional grant of \$5,000 was awarded to perform trail safety improvements at the Granville Athletic Park. Read more [HERE](#).

## Ethics Filing Reminder

Elected officials and appointed alternates serving as members of the KTRPO TAC are required to submit Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) and Real-Estate Disclosure (RED) Forms annually to the North Carolina State Ethics Commission. The annual due date for the Commission to receive these documents is **Monday, April 17, 2023**. If you're in need of assistance completing these forms, please contact Sam Boswell, RPO Coordinator, to schedule an appointment at 252-436-2040.



## Community Input Needed

Are you interested in our regions food system development? Are you a Granville County resident interested in addressing food insecurity within your community? If your response is yes to either of the above, click on the links below to make your input count!

- [Tri-COG FEEDS project](#)
- [Granville County Libraries Addressing Food Insecurity \(email Keegan Rapp at \[keegan.rapp@granvillecounty.org\]\(mailto:keegan.rapp@granvillecounty.org\) or call \(919\) 693-5349\)](#)



# IEI Receives \$1.2M Digital Equity Grant for Broadband Expansion & Digital Inclusion Efforts



The N.C. Department of Information Technology has named the Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) at NC State University as one of eight state government partners to receive a Digital Equity Grant for broadband expansion and digital inclusion efforts in North Carolina. **IEI will work with the Kerr-Tar COG for planning and implementation in Franklin, Granville, Person, and Warren Counties.** Read more [HERE](#).

## State Awards \$9.9M in Grants to Expand Digital Equity & Literacy Initiatives

*First phase funds projects by state agencies, universities for digital literacy training, device access and digital inclusion planning as part of Governor Cooper's plan to close the digital divide.*

The N.C. Department of Information Technology's (NCDIT) Division of Broadband and Digital Equity today announced \$9.9 million in awards for the state's first Digital Equity Grant, which will help North Carolinians afford high-speed internet, obtain digital devices and access digital literacy resources. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.



## Share Your Good News!

If you have news, events, announcements, or other items you would like included in an upcoming newsletter, please email Kenia Gomez-Jimenez, Kerr-Tar COG Communications & Administrative Coordinator.

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# Apply Now: Carbon Reduction Program

NCDOT's Transportation Planning Division (TPD) is administering the Carbon Reduction Program funds for the rural areas of the state.

## What is the purpose of the Carbon Reduction Program?

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established a new funding opportunity for projects to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road highway sources. The RPO can submit up to 12 projects to NCDOT for scoring and selection. Municipalities, county governments, tribal governments, and public transit agencies are eligible to apply. The minimum project cost is \$100,000 and a 20% local match is required in most cases (there are some exceptions).

Examples of eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- [Construction of new sidewalks](#)
- [Transit expansion](#)
- [New transit operations](#)
- [Park & ride lots](#)
- [Transit electrification](#)
- [Alternative fuel conversions](#)
- [Electric vehicle charging](#)
- [Traffic flow improvements](#)
- [Idle reduction](#)



RPO staff and NCDOT will pre-screen applications to ensure project eligibility. Please complete the application form [HERE](#). Contact Sam Boswell, RPO Coordinator, with any questions.

## Economic Impact of Local Airports

Last month, the Division of Aviation released a State of Aviation Report and highlighted the impact of our region's three airports on the North Carolina Economy.

### -Henderson-Oxford (HNZ) Airport (Oxford):

\$15,000,000 economic output, 60 jobs.

### -Raleigh Regional at Person County Airport

(Roxboro): \$53,070,000 economic output, 245 jobs.

### -Triangle North Executive (LHZ) Airport

(Louisburg): \$28,030,000 economic output, 220 jobs.

For more information, click [HERE](#).



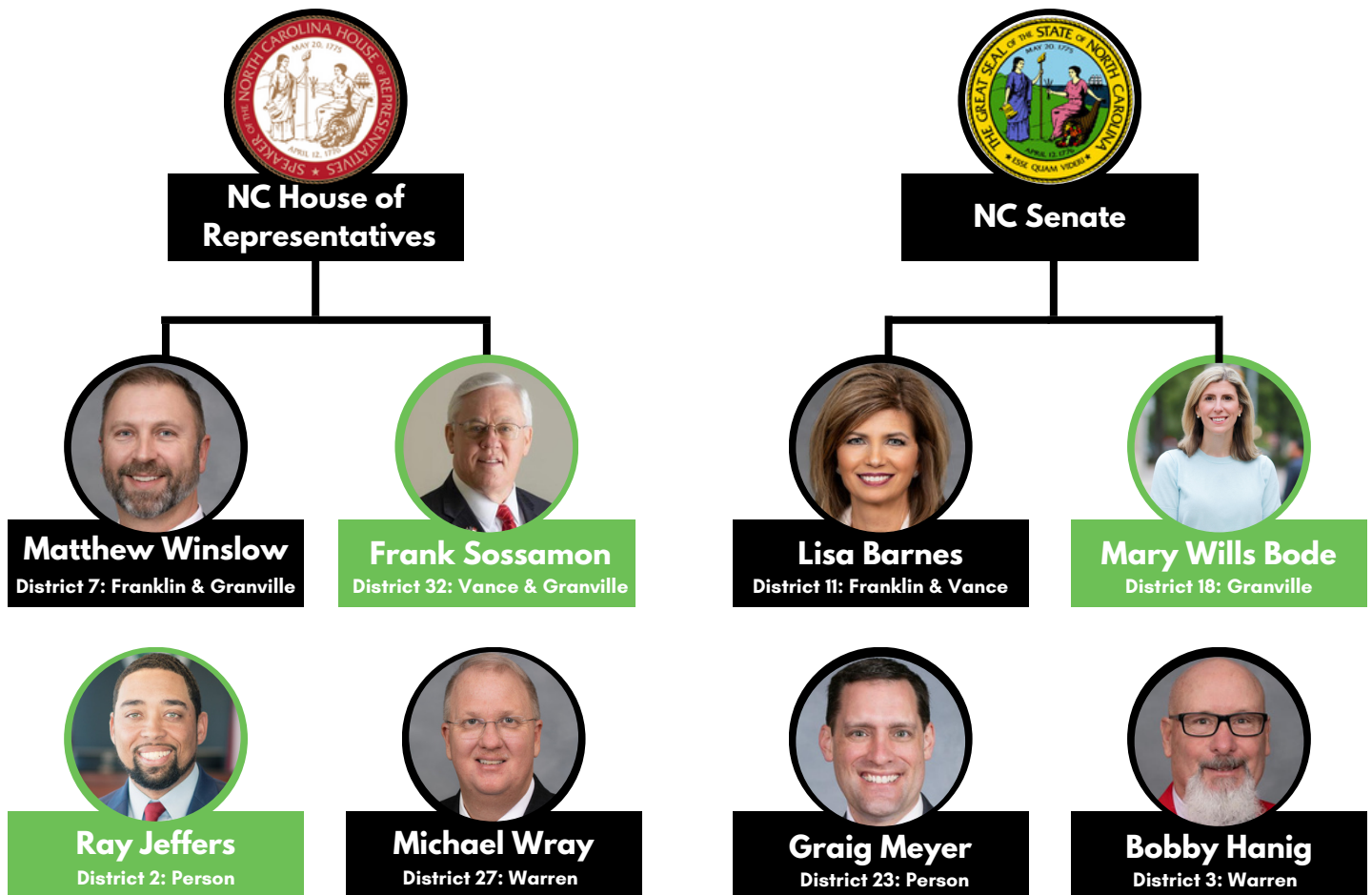
DIVISION OF AVIATION  
NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



# Kerr-Tar Region Legislative Officials

With the start of the 2023-2024 Biennium last month, Kerr-Tar would like to keep our member governments informed of their various elected officials representing them in the North Carolina General Assembly this Legislative Session. Check out the figure below to learn more!

*\*Individuals in green are newly elected officials, those in black are incumbents*



Save  
THE  
Date

INNOVATION  
2023

Thursday, March 23, 2023  
Lakeland Cultural Arts Center  
Littleton, NC

# Success Story: Shakonna Carrington

Shakonna Carrington enrolled in the NextGen Program as a parenting youth seeking to gain short-term training in the Healthcare Industry. Shakonna, a Person County resident, completed the Central Sterile Processing Prep Course which is offered through occupational skills training at Piedmont Community College last month. "I wanted to take the Central Sterile Processing Prep Course so that I could have a better job to help support myself and my child," says Shakonna when asked about selecting the short-term training at PCC. While in training, Shakonna completed a required internship at Person Memorial Hospital in Roxboro where she was able to actively transfer learned skills from her classwork into the "real world" practice. Now, she is currently seeking a position at Duke University Hospital or UNC Health as a Sterile Processor or Medical Specialist. Shakonna states that she would recommend the NextGen Program to others because "it's a good program to be in!"



## Kerr-Tar NCWorks Resume Workshop



The Kerr- Tar NCWorks Career Center has been successfully conducting a range of events over the last few months. We are excited to bring back one of our most sought after workshops, "How to Build your Resume." The resume workshop is offered **every Wednesday from 2:00 pm to 3:00pm**. In this workshop, you gain tips on how to format, structure, and create a resume. The workshop instructor conducts a presentation and answers questions. We also offer individual resume sessions to assist with any specific needs of the customer.

On January 18th we held our first session and were excited to have four customers in attendance. The customers said that it was very informative and helpful. They felt confident that their resumes would be a helpful tool for job interviews.

[CLICK HERE FOR KERR-TAR LABOR MARKET UPDATE](#)





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## COMMUNITIES SERVED

- [Franklin County](#)
- [Granville County](#)
- [Person County](#)
- [Vance County](#)
- [Warren County](#)
- [Town of Bunn](#)
- [Town of Butner](#)
- [City of Creedmoor](#)
- [Town of Franklinton](#)
- [City of Henderson](#)
- [Town of Kittrell](#)
- [Town of Louisburg](#)
- [Town of Macon](#)
- [Town of Middleburg](#)
- [Town of Norlina](#)
- [City of Oxford](#)
- [City of Roxboro](#)
- [Town of Stem](#)
- [Town of Stovall](#)
- [Town of Warrenton](#)
- [Town of Youngsville](#)

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.

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