



KERR-TAR

Council of Governments

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Upcoming Events

- Vance County Public Safety Expo: **Saturday, September 10, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Old Charles Boyd Chevrolet Lot**
- Fall Litter Sweep: September 10,-September 24, 2022
- Friends & Family Day: **Saturday, September 17, Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church in Henderson**
- COG Annual Awards Banquet: **Thursday, September 22, Warren County Armory Civic Center**
- East Coast Greenway Feasibility Study Public Meeting: **Tuesday, October 4, 2022 5-7PM Butner Town Hall**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
2022 KERR-TAR REGIONAL COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS

*Annual Banquet &
Awards Ceremony*

September

THURSDAY | **22** | AT 6:30 PM

WARREN COUNTY ARMORY CIVIC CENTER
501 US HWY 158 BUS E
WARRENTON, NC

Register HERE

Register by September 16th



A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter® network

RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

September 13th • 4:00 PM
826 S. Garnett St. Henderson



Come See the New NCWorks Career Center and Celebrate with Us!

Hosted by the Chambers of Commerce in the Kerr-Tar Region!



OPEN HOUSE



THE KARTS BOARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF

**Cordially invite you to attend an open house and
tour of our new facility located at
1575 Ross Mill Rd Henderson, NC 27537**

**Come see our new facility and meet the people
who keep transit moving!**

**September 29th
1 PM to 3 PM
Kerr Area Transportation Authority**

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KTAAA Updates

Kerr-Tar AAA participated in National Night Out activities in Granville and Person Counties, which featured community partners and a helicopter ride!



Turning Point CDC Community Day, held August 6th 2022, was an event that gave the staff an opportunity to interact with many grandparents raising their grandchildren. We met with dozens of grands who are eligible to participate in our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren programs, designed to support older adults who may need some suggestions and friendly tips on homework, playtime, child development, and how to take care of themselves in their very important role. For more information call Michael Patterson at 252-436-2040 Ext. 6072.

Aging with Gusto in Roxboro is an annual event that highlights healthy aging, community involvement for older adults, and important issues like the prevention of elder abuse. Workshops included arts and crafts with Alex, Person County Senior Center’s Activity Specialist.



KTAAA continues to offer home-delivered frozen meals to home-bound older adults in our region. Meals are prepared locally by a gourmet chef using local farm foods. If you contact Barbara for more information at 252-436-2040 ext. 2036.



Volunteers Needed!

Senior Games 2023! We are looking for an energetic volunteer to coordinate the games, in cooperation with Senior Center staff and Area Agency support. If you are interested, we’d love to hear from you!

Health & Wellness Classes

If you are interested in having our Aging Staff conduct any of these programs at your facility, just give them a call at 252-436-2040. They can come to you!

Bingocize

10 Weekly Sessions
Twice a week
45-60 minutes
FREE!



Powerful Tools for Caregivers

6 Weekly Sessions
Once a week
1.5 hours
FREE!

Walk With Ease

6 Weekly Sessions
3 x a week
1 hour
FREE!

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is pleased to congratulate our Regional Planning and Economic Development Director, Michael Kelly on earning his American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification. AICP is the only nationwide, independent verification of planners’ qualification and is the much-deserved culmination of his experience, deep knowledge of planning, and commitment to pursuing this rigorous credential. AICP Certification also demonstrates Michael’s dedication to ethics as embodied in the AICP Code of Ethics. We are proud to congratulate Michael on achieving this professional accomplishment.



Governor Cooper Announces \$17 Million in Grants for Parks and Recreation Projects Statewide



Epsom Park in Franklin County received a PARTF grant in the amount of \$434,625

Governor Roy Cooper announced the N.C. Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) will award over \$17 million in grants to fund 39 local parks and recreation projects across the state. The North Carolina Parks and Recreation Authority (Authority) approved the grants at its meeting held on August 26. “Our parks and recreation areas are so valuable to our communities and they’ve become more popular than ever,” Governor Cooper said. “These projects we’re funding today will give people even more opportunities in North Carolina to build healthier and happier lives.”

Local communities applied for the grants to fund land acquisition, development and renovation of public park and recreation areas. Each year, the Authority is required to allocate 30% of PARTF’s total funding to local government projects.

Congratulations to the local governments that received Parks and Recreation Trust Fund grants to invest in the health and quality of life of their communities,” said D. Reid Wilson, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. “The historic increases in funding by the legislature and Governor Cooper will result in more North Carolina families having ready access to outdoor recreation.

Kerr-Tar Independent Planning Contractor

Ken Krulik



The Planning Department is pleased to welcome back Ken Krulik, AICO, CZO, to the Council of Governments. Ken will be assisting the Town of Stem with planning and zoning functions.

Ken was employed with the COG as a Land Use Planner. After leaving the COG, Ken was hired as the Assistant Director/Senior Planner for Vance County Planning & Development Department and eventually hired by Warren County as the Planning and Zoning Administrator (Department Director for Planning/Zoning and Code Enforcement) until his retirement in 2021. Please join us in welcoming Ken!.

S-Line Corridor TOD Study

There will be a joint Advisory & Technical Committees session on the S-Line Rail Corridor Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Study by Kittelson & Associates and the RPO on Tuesday, **September 13, 2022 from 10:30am-12:00pm** at Perry Memorial Library in Henderson.



Fall 2022 Litter Sweep

The Fall 2022 Litter Sweep NC is happening this month! Litter Sweep is the North Carolina Department of Transportation's biannual statewide roadside litter removal initiative. Residents throughout the state participate in local efforts to help clean up North Carolina's roadways. Volunteers are provided cleanup supplies, such as reversible orange/blue trash bags, gloves, and orange safety vests, from their local NCDOT County Maintenance Yard office. The Fall 2022 Litter Sweep will be held **September 10-24**. We encourage our local governments and civic groups to participate in this bi-annual event. More information of litter sweep is available **here**.



Announcing East Coast Greenway Open House

Please join Exult Engineering as they present the public with their preliminary designs for a greenway trail between Butner and Oxford. The meeting is designed to be an Open House to gather community input on the greenway route designs.

The Granville County East Coast Greenway Feasibility Study Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 4 from 5:00pm-7:00pm** at Butner Town Hall in the Camp Butner Room. The public is invited to attend.



East Coast Greenway®

Regional S-Line Mobility HUB



The State of North Carolina Department of Transportation was awarded a US DOT RAISE Grant for a Regional S-Line Mobility HUD Plan. The Plan, submitted by the Town of Wake Forest, will fund the planning of mobility hubs in seven communities along the passenger rail S-Line. The City of Henderson, Town of Norlina, and Town of Franklinton located in the Kerr-Tar region will benefit from this Mobility HUD Plan.

This project will increase access to active transportation options, commuter rail and transit services. The addition of these mobility hubs will offer more transportation options for residents and reduce emissions in a rapidly growing corridor. The project will explicitly consider equity and minimize displacement when considering transit-oriented development strategies to ensure improved quality of life for the community. The project will repair roadways which will improve safety and ease congestion, and includes long-term maintenance plans.

Kerr-Tar Region RISE Update

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments is participating in the Regions Innovating for Strong Economics and Environment (RISE), through the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency to develop a portfolio of priority projects that strengthen regional resilience. The overall vision of this process has been identified as: The Kerr-Tar Region will continue to build inclusive and resilient communities through cooperative planning and policymaking that identify and reduce risks to natural and man-made hazards in order to protect the economy, health, safety, quality of life, and environment of this region.



An online engagement tool (including Project StoryMap) to provide feedback and comment on a soon-to-be released draft Vulnerability Assessment is available [here](#).

For more information on the Kerr-Tar Region's Resilience Portfolio, may be found [here](#).

The Kleinfelder Team, a partner in this process, is expected to release a regional Vulnerability Assessment soon with a public comment period.

Two Open Houses will be held on **September 20, 2022** with the first session held at the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments' Offices between 3:00-4:30 pm and the second session held at Vance-Granville Community College's Franklin County Campus between 6:30 - 8:00pm.

Gov. Cooper Announces \$206M in GREAT Grants to Expand Internet Access in 69 Counties Across the State

Governor Roy Cooper **announced** that nearly 85,000 households and more than 2,400 businesses in 69 counties are set to receive access to high-speed internet thanks to more than \$206 million of Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grants. This is the state's largest round of GREAT grant awards to date. With this announcement, over \$260 million in GREAT grants have been awarded to providers since July 2022. Additional grants are expected to be announced this fall.

Awards announced in the Kerr-Tar region include:

Franklin County: Connect Holding II LLC (Connect Holding)

Granville County: Connect Holding II LLC (Connect Holding)

Person County: Zitel LLC

Vance County: Connect Holding II LLC (Connect Holding)

Warren County: Spectrum Southeast, LLC (Charter Communications dba Spectrum)



August Highlights

The Kerr-Tar COG's Safe Routes to School program and the Vance County Sheriff's Office teamed up to bring an exciting bicycle safety event for Vance County children. On Saturday, August 13th, the two organizations hosted a Bike Safety Rodeo for children age 4-15 at the Vance County Courthouse parking lot from 9:00am-12:00pm. With over 65 children in attendance, children had the opportunity to participate in a fun bike course and receive a free bike helmet, courtesy of the Vance County Sheriff's Office. The Vance County Sheriff's office was awarded 100 helmets through this year's 2022 NCDOT Bicycle Helmet Initiative.



The Henderson Optimist Club extended a generous donation to the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments to further Safe Routes to School endeavors in our region. Thank you so much to the Henderson Optimist Club for helping us further our Safe Routes to School impact!



Turning Point CDC Community Day 2022

Back to School Bash w/
The Help Center NC



Regional Job Fair: *Granville County*



The NCWorks Career Center and the Kerr-Tar Workforce Board held a Regional Job Fair at Hix Complex in Oxford, NC on August 10, 2022 in partnership with Granville County Economic Development, City of Oxford, Granville County Chamber of Commerce, Vance-Granville Community College, and Piedmont Community College. There were 27 employers and resources with over 100 job-seekers in attendance! Employers donated prizes for giveaways, which were held throughout the day. Even with the heat turned all the way up, the event was a huge success and everyone was thrilled with the turnout! To stay updated on future events, contact the NCWorks Career Center at 252-598-5200 or visit www.kerrtarworks.com.

MEMI Summer Fest

Mounted Eagle's Ministries International (MEMI) hosted MEMI's Summer Fest from 10a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Warren County Recreation Complex in Warrenton. Pastor Susie Davis, the Senior Pastor founded Mounted Eagle's Ministries International Church (also known as MEMI) in 2014.

The event was free to the public and included a yard sale, food vendors, other vendors with items that included jewelry, and other activities. The NextGen Program, NCWorks Career Center in Henderson had a booth and was represented at the event by Helen Bradby, NextGen Program Manager. Information was shared about the Next Gen Youth Program to festival goers.



Success Story: *Kissani Henderson*

Kissani Henderson enrolled in the NextGen Program shortly after graduating from Warren County High School in June, 2022. She came into the Warrenton NCWorks Career Center expressing interest in summer employment. After completing an assessment, staff decided Kissani could benefit from Career Awareness through a Job Shadowing activity. Kissani and her case manager created an Individualized-Service Strategy Plan (ISSP) which included a Work Experience training goal. Next, she met with a Business Services Representative who was able to place Kissani at Custom Printing USA in Warrenton for a two-day job shadowing activity followed by a 7 week work experience activity as a Production Assistant. She received positive feedback on both her midpoint and final evaluations.



Earlier this month, Kissani began her freshman year at Winston-Salem State University where she is majoring in Nursing.

Are You Posting Jobs to NCWorks.gov

Is your business posting job openings to NCWorks? If not, you should be! It's completely free to use the NCWorks.gov website, which offers you the chance to connect daily with jobseekers across North Carolina. Plus, you can find resumes of candidates with the skills and qualifications you're looking for, as well as up-to-date labor market information.

Your next employee could be just a few clicks away! If you need assistance, the professionals at your local NCWorks Career Center are here to help.





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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](#)
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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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