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*Franklinton Flower Fields, Franklin County*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### Upcoming Events

- **Save the Date:** Cultivate 2024 Regional Economic Development Summit: **Thursday, September 12 @ Jones Performing Arts Center, Louisburg, 8:30am-1:00pm**
- **Save the Date:** COG Annual Awards Banquet: **Thursday, September 26th @ Festival House @ the Homestead Steakhouse, Timberlake, 6:30pm**
- **Save the Date:** Broadband Infrastructure Information Session: **August 29 @ 1724 Graham Ave. Henderson, 10:00-12:00pm**
- **Save the Date:** RAAC/STHL Quarterly Meeting: **August 14th, @ 1724 Graham Ave. Henderson, 2pm**
- **Save the Date:** TAC/TCC Meeting w/ COG Executive Board: **August 22nd, 1724 Graham Ave. Henderson, 3pm**
- **Save the Date:** Dementia Caregiver Conference: **August 6, VGCC Civic Center, Henderson, 9am**



# CULTIVATE 2024

SEPT

# 12

8:30 AM-1:00 PM

Jones Performing Arts Center  
501 N. Main St., Louisburg, NC  
27549

SEBY B. JONES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments & Franklin County Present:

## EMBRACING RURAL POWER, FOR A THRIVING FUTURE

Join us for this regional economic development summit as we foster innovation and learn how small changes can lead to big impacts. This event will include dynamic speakers, panel discussions, trade show, and more.

### Topics will include:

- How to maximize your tourism assets for success.
- Funding opportunities to bring your ideas to life.
- Update on Trends and marketing in economic development & tourism.
- Making your downtown dynamic.

## REGISTER HERE!

Registration is **REQUIRED**  
for ALL attendees,  
including guests!

## FEATURED GUESTS & SPEAKERS



**Ryan Combs**  
Executive Director  
Triangle Regional  
Partnership



**Jennifer Pharr  
Davis**  
Keynote Speaker



**Scott Peacock**  
Director of Tourism  
Marketing & Communications  
Visiting NC

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Piedmont Community College  
Vance Co. Tourism Development Authority  
Vance-Granville Community College  
Warren Co. Economic Development Commission

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
2024 KERR-TAR  
REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS

*Annual Banquet  
&  
Awards Ceremony*

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
AT 6:30 P.M.

26

HOMESTEAD  
FESTIVAL HOUSE  
205 FRANK  
TIMBERLAKE RD.,  
TIMBERLAKE, NC  
27549

**Register  
Here**

Cost: \$30 per  
person

RSVP by September 18, 2024

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# WELCOME TO THE TEAM



**Ty Cheek**  
*Senior Planner  
RPO Coordinator*



**Victoria Glasscock**  
*Regional Program  
Coordinator*



**Alan Winstead**  
*Area Agency on Aging  
Director*



**Crystal Allen**  
*Aging Specialist*



**Christa Hight**  
*Administrative and  
Program Assistant*



**Desiree Brooks**  
*Desiree has been with us since  
2020 and has transitioned from  
the Business Services Manager to  
the **Community and Economic  
Development Manager***

# SCRC Grants \$4M to NC Projects

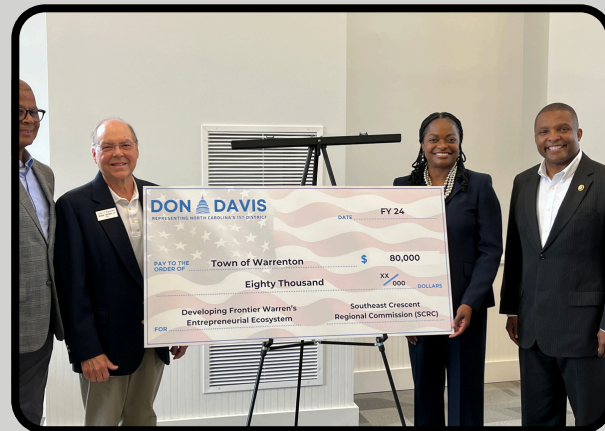
The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC) has announced ten recipients from the inaugural State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program. This flagship grant program aims to revitalize and spur economic development across counties in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

In North Carolina, **ten projects have been selected to receive funding totaling \$4 million.** Of the projects awarded, 92% are located in distressed communities and 80% are infrastructure projects.

## In the Kerr-Tar Region, the following projects received funding:

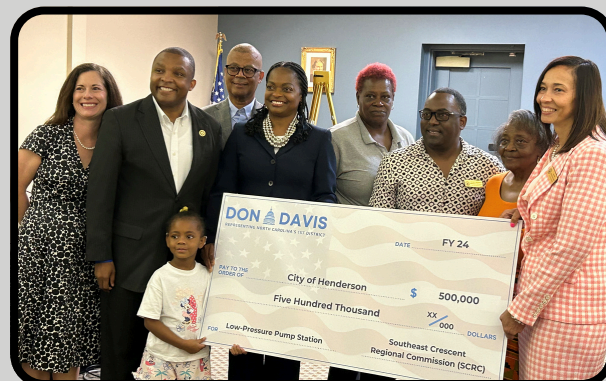
### Frontier Warren: Developing Frontier Warren's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem - Town of Warrenton

Frontier Warren will receive **\$80,000** to expand its business incubator and entrepreneurial ecosystem in Warren County. This project, in partnership with Research Triangle Park (RTP) and the Town of Warrenton, aims to increase capacity and resources for local small businesses. It will offer specialized entrepreneurial education, networking opportunities, and mentorship to empower entrepreneurs and stimulate economic vitality in rural North Carolina.



### Low-Pressure Pump Station - Henderson, NC

The City of Henderson will receive **\$500,000** for the installation of a low-pressure pump station. This project aims to alleviate environmental health impacts, enhance residents' quality of life, and address housing stock shortages in the community by replacing problematic septic systems in the Main St. area.



Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, the local development district funded by SCRC, assisted the City of Henderson and the Town of Warrenton with grant writing and submittal.

# 2024 Cleantech Innovation Awards

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The Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster is excited to announce that nominations and registration open **THIS THURSDAY (August 1)** for our **2024 Cleantech Innovation Awards!**

These awards recognize cleantech initiatives, projects, and innovations from companies, organizations, and government agencies that have contributed to the growing cleantech ecosystem in North Carolina.



Nominations are open between August 1 and September 13.

We welcome self-nominations and nominations of other worthy projects, organizations, and individuals.

All award nominees will be featured on the event webpage and are invited to attend the Cleantech Innovation Award Ceremony.

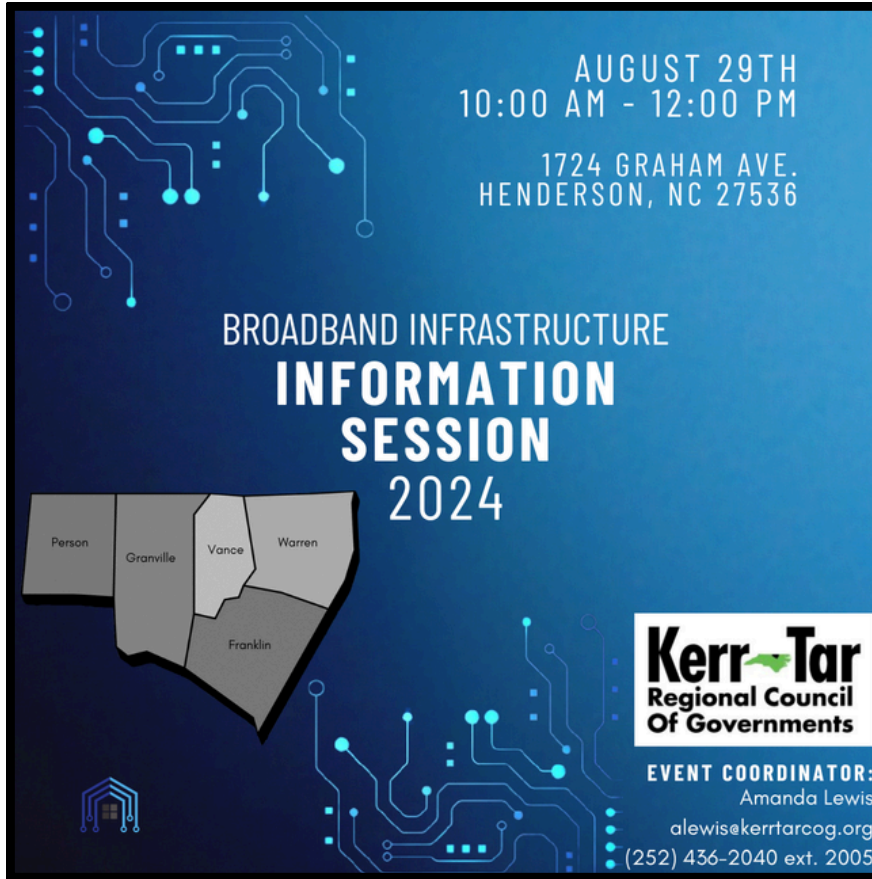
The Award Ceremony will be held Wednesday, November 13 at SAS Institute in Cary, N.C.

In addition to the ceremony itself, this fantastic event will include speakers and networking opportunities with hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine included.

We hope you will join us for this unique opportunity to connect with over 200 cleantech leaders to celebrate the great accomplishments in cleantech from the Research Triangle region and across the state!




# Check Out these Events!



AUGUST 29TH  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1724 GRAHAM AVE.  
HENDERSON, NC 27536

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE  
**INFORMATION  
SESSION**  
2024



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**VGCC**  
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**VGCC BUSINESS &  
INDUSTRY CONNECT 2024**

*The Ties that Bind*

Thursday, October 31, 2024 - VGCC CIVIC CENTER - 8:00 am-2 pm



**Jim Link, Chief Human Resources Officer - SHRM**  
*Talent, Tech & Leadership | Shaping the Modern Workplace*



**Brett Brenton, Regional Impact Manager - MyFutureNC**  
*NC Data and Trends in the new reality*

**Lunch**

**Leadership Round Table Discussions**

Register Now



Event Contact  
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wilsonk@vgcc.edu



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# Forum On Broadband Internet Access

*Hosted by Representative Frank Sossamon*



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*The North Carolina Department of Information Technology will inform and educate the public about broadband internet access and relevant updates since our last broadband forum in September 2023. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.*

## **August 6**

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Perry Memorial Library  
205 Breckenridge St.  
Henderson, NC 27536

## **August 7**

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Granville County Expo Center  
4185 IS-15  
Oxford, NC 27565

Questions?

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# Dementia Caregiver Conference

Tuesday, August 6, 2024  
Vance Granville Community College  
Civic Center

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE:

- Dress in layers
- Breakfast & refreshments provided
- Resource tables with helpful information

### AGENDA

- 9:00 am
  - Check in, visit resource tables, meet other caregivers
- 10:00 am
  - Welcome & Education Sessions

### OUR SPEAKERS

- Melanie Bunn, RN, Dementia Training Expert
- Michael Patterson, Family Caregiver Specialist

### Register online:

Online Registration:

Family Caregiver

Ticket

Professional Ticket

*(Includes 3.0*

*CEUs)*

*Conference ends at 1:30pm*

### Exhibit Tables and Sponsorships Available

Contact **Michael Patterson** for details at  
mpatterson@kerrtarcog.org or (252) 436-2040, ext. 6072

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# Olympic Games Come to Stovall

To celebrate the 2024 Olympics, the North Granville Senior Center hosted their own thrilling Olympic Games! The event saw **forty** spirited participants, including three Town Commissioners and one County Commissioner, competing for glory. A packed house enjoyed a delightful lunch and cupcakes before the excitement began.

Check out our new Area Agency on Aging Director, Alan on the right!



Participants joined one of seven national teams for the lively contests, which featured pool noodle fencing. Team Italy triumphed with Gold, Team Japan secured Silver, and Team Great Britain proudly took home Bronze. Despite the fierce competition, the day was filled with fun and unforgettable memories for everyone involved.



Here we see Michael Patterson and Susan Tucker keeping tabs on which nation is set to win



For further information or to participate in events like these, contact Crystal Allen at [callen@kerrtarcog.org](mailto:callen@kerrtarcog.org) or Michael Patterson at [mpatterson@kerrtarcog.org](mailto:mpatterson@kerrtarcog.org)

# VOLUNTEERS

**NEEDED**



- **Are you an advocate?**
- **Want to make a difference?**
- **Are you concerned about the lives of individuals living in Nursing Homes, Adult Care Homes, Family Care Homes, & Assisted Living Facilities?**
- **Are you aware of Residents Rights?**
- **Would you like to help ensure that all residents receive QUALITY CARE?**

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, volunteer to become a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Member. CAC Members serve over 2,000 long term care residents in Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren counties by making personal visits and advocating for residents.

**If you are interested or would like additional information, Contact Kimberly Hawkins at 252-436-2050; 1-866-506-6223 or [khawkins@kerrtarcog.org](mailto:khawkins@kerrtarcog.org)**

**JOIN US!**

# Regional Digital Inclusion Plan



On Tuesday, July 23rd, our regional program manager, Amanda Lewis, led a crucial discussion on Digital Inclusion Planning at the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments office. The meeting brought together Vance County stakeholders to underscore the vital importance of digital inclusion in our community. Participants had the opportunity to voice their perspectives and contribute to the refinement of the newly updated plan.



This meeting was in collaboration with Kylie Foley from BAND-NC who discussed the importance of equipping counties and regions with the tools to build more digitally equitable communities. Digital inclusion includes but isn't limited to providing opportunities for employment, tele health, and economic development.

**Your input is crucial for updating the plan and using it to pursue grant funding for Vance County and the Kerr-Tar region.** Please provide your feedback on the plan by **August 15th** to be considered in the plan refresh. Your participation is vital for securing funding opportunities such as:

- National Digital Inclusion Alliance, "Trailblazer Grant": Announcement in early September.
- National Technology Information Alliance "Competitive Grant": Announcement by July 30th, 2024.
- NC State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program: Announcement in August 2024.
- USDA: Broadband Technical Assistance (BTA) Grant: Proposals due August 20th, 2024.

**Note: The more advance notice we have, the better we can assist you in securing funding opportunities.**



**Above (from left to right):** Ferdinand Rouse, Ben Farmer, Desiree Brooks, Patti McAnally

**Below:** Dan Brummitt, Kylie Foley, Pam Hester, Sandra Wilkerson

For further information or to participate in the survey, visit [ConnectVance.com](https://ConnectVance.com). or contact [alewis@kerrtarco.org](mailto:alewis@kerrtarco.org)

# DHHS Awards Bike Amenities to City of Roxboro

Big shoutout to the City of Roxboro! The North Carolina Division of Public Health announced that the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments has been selected to receive **1 public work stand and 1 bike rack** to further support equitable biking access in the City of Roxboro. The plans are to place this in the Merritt Commons Lot that sits in front of Hall's Way that houses several shops. The application process was a collaborative effort with the City of Roxboro and the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments. **Safe biking!**



## Great Trails State Day



Last year, we celebrated the first annual Great Trails State Day in The Great Trails State, North Carolina. It's officially going to be a yearly event thanks to the NC General Assembly's 2024 Farm Bill. The day will now happen annually, on the third Saturday of October.

This year, Great Trails State Day will take place on **Saturday, October 19th**. There will be activities in communities across the state. If you're looking for an event near you or an event organizer who wants to share their event, check out the events page on [greattrailsnc.com](http://greattrailsnc.com).

# New Leadership Elected for Kerr-Tar Food Council



During its July meeting, the Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council elected leadership for the group. **Judith Burnett** will serve as Secretary, while Co-Chairs include **William Landis**, from Franklin County Cooperative Extension, and **Dr. Gabriel Cumming**, from Working Landscapes in Warren County.

# Food Policy Talk on WZS Towntalk



Last week, KTCOG's AmeriCorps member, Charlie Robinette, sat down with John Rose of WZS's TownTalk to discuss the Kerr-Tar Regional Food Policy, the region's strengths and challenges, and the progress of the Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council.

Click [HERE](#) and have a listen!



# Follow us on social media!

Don't miss out on future training opportunities and events hosted by the Kerr-Tar COG! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on what we are up to.



# NextGen Success Story

Shacona Holmes is a NextGen participant. She is a 21-year-old resident of Warren County. Since joining the NextGen Program, Shacona received her Adult High School Diploma in March, completed both Nurse Aide Training in June and Medication Aide training in July. She recently passed the Nurse Aide state exam and is now a Certified Nurse Aide.

Shacona is currently working with our Business Services Team to secure a full-time position within the Healthcare Industry. With her strong-will and determination, we have no doubt that Shacona will secure a job with good wages soon!

## Congratulations Shacona!

To learn more about the NextGen Program click [HERE](#)



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*Council of Governments*

## COMMUNITIES SERVED

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- [Warren County](#)
- [Town of Bunn](#)
- [Town of Butner](#)
- [City of Creedmoor](#)
- [Town of Franklinton](#)
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- [Town of Stem](#)
- [Town of Stovall](#)
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- [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.

### Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments

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