

MONTHLY IMPACT REPORT AUGUST 2016



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- 126 In-Home Respite hours provided through Family Caregiver Support Program
- Local Contact Agency program had 2 new referrals initiated from the Raleigh call center; 10 LCA follow-up visits; 6 in-reach visits in skilled nursing facilities; and 7 Information and Options Counseling contacts
- 2 Reverse Mortgage Counseling sessions provided
- Ombudsman program made visits to 14 facilities; received 3 new investigations; closed 7 cases; and provided technical assistance to 29 individuals; and provided 4 trainings to facilities

Home and Community Care Block Grant:

- 15,458 Meals served
- 5,398 Hours of In-Home Aide service
- 3 Housing and Home Improvement projects
- 999 Medical and General Transportation Trips provided
- 277 Adult Day Care/Health days of service
- 103 Hours of Legal Assistance provided

WPCOG Area Agency on Aging staff participated in the 5th annual Prime of Life Senior Expo on August 30th at Hickory Metro Convention Center. The event was open to the public and free to attend. Senior Information Resources (SIR) and Catawba County Chamber of Commerce present the annual EXPO which provides a platform to showcase community resources and services available for older adults in our region. There were over 2,000 visitors attending the Expo this year with 72 different vendors.

In conjunction with the Senior Expo, the Prime of Life Resource Guide was published and distributed at no charge to those attending the Expo and will also be distributed regionally following the Expo. This publication is an excellent source of information particularly for older adults which includes informational articles on subjects such as retirement and senior housing, estate planning, Medicare and Medicaid and Veteran services. AAA staff contributed articles to the publication as well as county specific Caregiver Service Lists. There will be 22,000 copies of the Prime of Life Resource Guide distributed throughout the region.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Long
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Ken Hollar
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Melissa Grant
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	Total	Alexander	Burke	Caldwell	Catawba	Iredell - Lincoln
Mortgage Payment Program Loans Closed:	6	1	0	2	3	0
Homeowner Foreclosure Preventions:	11	1	2	4	4	0
1st Time Homebuyer Loans Closed:	10	0	3	4	4	0
Housing Rehab Loans Closed:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Urgent Repairs Completed:	4	2	1	1	0	0

	Total	Alexander	Burke	Caldwell	Catawba	Regional
Grant Preapplications:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Loans Submitted:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants/Loans Awarded:	\$363,730	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$253,750	\$109,980

IT/GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Scott Miller
Daniel Ezell
Tom Bell
Todd Stroupe
Trey Schweitzer

Help Desk Tickets - End User Support-22, Map-14, Data Requests-9, Application Programming-3, Database Administration-5, Maintenance-22, AV-4, Meetings-6, Greenway Transportation passenger samplings-19

Hickory

- Mapping support
 - o Update to HWY 70 Buffalo's Sinkhole Map
 - o Additions to Hickory's SE Business District Map
 - o Sewer Infrastructure Map
 - o Alexander County Water Line Map
- Hickory Data Support
 - o Fire Department Monthly Neighborhood Incident Report
 - o Hickory Water and Sewer GPS collection post processing
- Maintenance
 - o Update Catawba County's GIS Public Access project on 3 Hickory computers
- Application Development
 - o Update to Hickory's Fire PrePlan and added new water feature to Infrastructure web Application
 - o Address Lookup application for Parks and Recreation

Maiden GIS

- Initiated Sign-Inventory GIS Collection Project
- Assisted in configuration and training related to Trimble R-1 GPS unit for use by Public Works staff
- Assisted with the purchase of ArcGIS Online licenses and transfer of GIS usage to new licenses
- Created GIS workflow to archive Public Works work-orders in their online GIS.

General Mapping Support

- Valdese, Claremont, Sawmills, Greater Hickory MPO and WPCOG Environmental Planning Department, Community & Economic Development and Regional Housing Authority

Other Activities

- Burke County Community Assets Mapping Project, data collection, Web Application development
- WPCOG Enterprise Document Management System - Initial Implementation
- Met with Rutherford College and Taylorsville to implement GIS water-collection project, including scope, schedule and expenses

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING

John Marshall
 Johnny Wear
 Taylor Dellinger
 Teresa Kinney
 Erin Schotte
 Cody Moneymaker
 Leslie Meadows
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Planning

- Staff attended 14 Commission, Council, and Board meetings
- Sent public input notice regarding several street name changes in Drexel
- Met with Alexander Co. Planning regarding Zoning Ordinance amendments
- Completed Electric Vehicle Charging Station grant application for Valdese
- Created text amendments to create a new Light Manufacturing District (M-1) in Claremont
- Prepared for BOA hearing for Horror Fields Conditional Use Permit in Sawmills
- Continued update of Rutherford College Comp Plan Map

Transportation

- U-4700 (US 321) Conference Call
- Met with two local governments to discuss trans. projects
- Presentation to Hudson Council and Leadership Catawba on U-4700 (US 321)
- Met with legislator and NCDOT officials regarding U-4700
- Greenway Transportation and MPO TAC/TCC Meeting
- Attended 3 Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) future projection meetings with Alexander Co., Taylorsville and Hickory staff
- Hosted STP-DA Project Workshop

- Administered 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Workshop
- Division 13 Meeting for SPOT 4.0 Regional Projects

Data

- Answered 51 requests for data
- Completed analysis comparing demographic and economic of the Hickory MSA with Metropolitan areas within the Appalachian Regional Commission region.
- Completed center of population analysis and maps concerning for the project CARE region in Western North Carolina for WPCOG AAA.
- Completed demographic and economic data slides for Valdese Town Council Meeting, Caldwell County, Leadership Caldwell and Leadership Catawba Presentation
- Collected tabulating results of the 2016 Vehicle Occupancy Rate (VOR) data set for the Greater Hickory MPO
- Completed preparing presentation of the 2016-17 Greenway Passenger Sampling Methodology Report
- Completed August 2016 Hickory Economic Indicators Report

Environmental

- Held the annual Western NC Air Quality Conference and Western NC Water Quality Conference

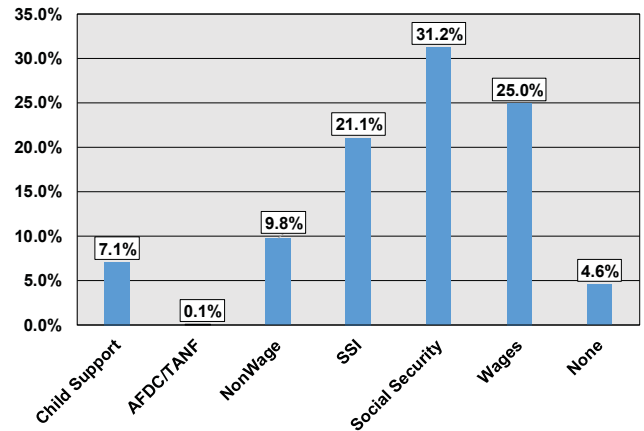
REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

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- Units Leased - 1,003 out of 1,074 Maximum
- In office client meetings - 145
- Inspections completed - 136
- Vouchers issued - 34
- Total Vouchers pending - 41
- Current Waiting List - 1,067
- Congratulation letters mailed - 100
- Paid on tenant behalf - \$392,283.00
- Average Housing Assistance Payment amount paid on tenants' behalf - \$391.11

Chart Acronyms: AFDC/TANF - Aid to Families with Dependant Children/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. SSI - Social Security Income

Primary Income Demographic Data Report



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Wendy Johnson
 April Lail
 Elizabeth Hilliard
 Donna Gilbert
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Workforce Services	Total	Comments
Scholarships Issued	50	Job seekers currently receiving training scholarships
On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements	18	On-the-Job-Training (OJT) placements
Recruitment Events	12	Staff assisted Recruitment Events at a Career Center or Employer Site
New Registrants to NCWorks-Unemployed	210	People not working that registered in NCWorks.gov
New Registrants to NCWorks	1,880	First-time registrants in NCWorks.gov Jan 1, 2016 - Aug 31, 2016

