Our Mission

It is the mission of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments to work with and on behalf of local governments to develop, implement and administer plans, programs and projects in cooperation with local, state and national stakeholders, to improve the quality of life for residents in the Lower Savannah Region.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be a nationally recognized, comprehensive resource that facilitates regional issues through innovative and cooperative partnerships.

Our Values

The Lower Savannah Council of Governments’ Board, Management and Staff are committed to the highest ethical standards of professional service, leadership and integrity. They strive together in service to the region to utilize problem solving techniques and develop a creative outlook for the future. The success of the organization depends on the talents, skills, and expertise of its board and staff working as a team. Lower Savannah Council of Governments’ understands the importance of its mission and vision and values the trust placed in this organization by the people it serves.
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Message from the Chairman

I am greatly humbled to be the Chair during this momentous time. The achievement of celebrating 50 years of serving the citizens and constituents of the Lower Savannah Region is one I am substantially moved by.

LSCOG has succeeded for 50 years in assisting the counties and municipal governments to work through finding resources following floods, ice storms, hurricanes; assisting in building infrastructure such as water, sewer, roads and rail; advocating for the rights of seniors and persons with disabilities; partnering with many agencies to provide resources to create jobs and to train and transport a skilled labor force; and 50 years of helping to build a better Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties so the world can come and see the beautiful amenities the Region has to offer.

In this time of limited resources, both physically and fiscally, I take pleasure in being a part of a true effort of regionalism. One of bringing resources together in order to benefit the region and be a beacon for the state and nation. While it may not always be easy to explain or understand what the Lower Savannah Council of Governments is, you can always find traces of how it touches the lives and serves the people of the Lower Savannah Region.

To the Board of Directors, elected officials, partners, sponsors, staff and volunteers, thank you and congratulations. I look forward to continuing to serve with this region and with you.

Respectfully,

Johnnie Ravenell, Chair
Board of Directors
It is an honor to be the Lower Savannah Council of Government’s Executive Director as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. In this year’s report, we highlight recent projects as well as rejoice in those innovative projects and programs that have changed the lives of our citizens over the last half century.

Over the last 50 years LSCOG has been privileged to provide essential services to the people in Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg Counties. Our counties have seen dramatic changes since we were incorporated 50 years ago, and will continue to change in the years to come. School district lines have changed; our local governments have changed; even our state and national governments have seen significant changes; and we have changed with them, while retaining our core mission of working with our communities for the betterment of all our residents.

From relatively humble beginnings, our organization has expanded its involvement from community and economic development to workforce development, tourism, aging, transit and transportation programs. Since incorporation, we have assisted local governments in obtaining over $500 million in grants. Under the leadership of dedicated board members and previous executive directors, the LSCOG has taken on significant regional issues that could not have been done by just one local government, demonstrating the need for regional cooperation.

As we look to the next 50 years, it is my promise that we will continue to serve all our communities with the same passion and high level of service they have come to expect. The Lower Savannah COG will continue to be an essential partner in providing information, networking and relationship building opportunities. The LSCOG will continue to assist in providing leadership, knowledge and expertise to move the region into the future.

The organization could not function without dedicated council members, board members, volunteers and staff. I wish to thank all those that have added their passion and expertise as COG employees. Their tireless efforts on behalf of individuals and our communities have made a difference in the lives of many in the region.

Finally, thank you for your interest and support of the Lower Savannah COG’s continuing mission to serve the citizens of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties.

Best Wishes,

William Molnar, Ph.D.
Executive Director
As early as 1966, over a year before Governor Robert E. McNair would sign legislation dividing South Carolina into ten official planning districts for area-wide programs, a small group of local leaders were preparing the designation of the Lower Savannah Economic Development District. These men, who united Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell counties toward the common goal of promoting the various economic resources of their region, could hardly have known that after 50 years their efforts would lead to over $588,502,615 in state and federal grants being secured for cities and counties in the Lower Savannah Region.

On July 3, 1967, Governor McNair officially introduced the state to this new regional concept of cooperation among counties in an effort to, in McNair’s words, “provide a uniform geographical framework within which the planning, programming and delivery of services by state, federal and local government might be undertaken with maximum efficiency and effectiveness.” This is exactly what Lower Savannah, even in its formative years, was able to accomplish.

The office was officially established on June 20, 1967 by an EDA grant of $31,450 and local funds of $10,500. Mr. P.E. Brabham of Bamberg was elected the first Chairman of the Board, and the administrative staff consisted of an Executive Director and a Secretary. This staff was housed in the basement of the “Farmers and Merchants Bank” in downtown Aiken, a space donated by the bank’s president – James D. McNair. The first executive director of Lower Savannah was Mr. Joel B. Gunnells – a public administrator from Georgia with a background in farming and a strong desire to make a difference.

During the first year a “Growth Center Expansion Report” and a “Positive Action Program” was completed, and the City of Aiken was designated as the district’s official Growth Center. On January 1, 1969, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties were added to this regional network, broadening the abilities of Lower Savannah to serve its member governments. It was at this time that the Lower Savannah Economic Development Council was established.

The above photo shows early Geographic Information System (GIS) software that LSCOG used. Archived photo.
Development District became the "Lower Savannah Regional Planning and Development Commission." The "Commission" would change its name again in 1972, becoming known as the "Lower Savannah Regional Planning and Development Council."

Quickly, the scope of Lower Savannah broadened to include not only economic development, but also Law Enforcement Assistance Programs (LEAP); comprehensive local and regional planning; Health, Education and Welfare (HEW); comprehensive health planning; services to older Americans; review of federal applications; and recreation/historic preservation planning. It was now becoming clear that regional councils were indeed the answer to efficient administration of government funds within a given area.

Flash forward 50 years, and Lower Savannah Council of Governments still holds the same vision of our founders. The original two-person staff has grown into nearly 50 personnel and volunteers, who work on various programs to improve the region’s quality of life. The Board of Directors current membership of 40 greatly surpasses the original board of 18.

The staff and Board of Directors are dedicated to ensuring that the needs of all six counties are served - regardless of land size or population. It’s this dedication and community support that has led to the Council of Governments’ success year-after-year. Over the next 50 years and beyond, the Council will continue to promote unity between the six counties, keep a positive vision for the future and seek innovations to advance the region.

Pictured above is the dedication ceremony in 1989 to name the LSCOG office the “Ralph F. Cullinan Building.” Mr. Cullinan was instrumental in the building’s construction. Left to Right: Mrs. Cullinan, Ralph Cullinan, W. Hammond Burckhalter and Eric Thompson. Archived photo.
Board of Directors 2016-2017

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Orangeburg County

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Bamberg County

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Allendale County

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Ronnie Young *

ALLENDALE COUNTY

Terri Boone
Larry Cohen
William Robinson
Dawan Smith
Theresa Taylor

BAMBERG COUNTY

Justin Bamberg *
Jerry Bell
Clint Carter
Sharon Hammond
Dr. Gerald Wright
Shawn Hanks
Volunteers of the Aging, Disability and Transportation Resource center were honored with a luncheon in May. Volunteers work with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program (above), the Savannah River Site Retiree Association’s Resource Center and the Medication Assistance Program (below).

Above, a photo of Exit 97 on Interstate 95. The Interstate 95-US Highway 301 project was completed this year. See another photo on page 12.

Left, Dr. William Molnar, LSCOG Executive Director, and Laura Everitt of Tindale Oliver during one of three transportation workshops held in March. The workshops, conducted by Tindale Oliver, gathered information about transportation needs for Aiken County. Photo by Dede Biles of Aiken Standard.

Below, Thoroughbred Country tourism hosted several travel writers in early summer. The writers visited each county in the tourism region to get a well-rounded view of what Thoroughbred Country has to offer. The region was featured in several articles as a result. Photo by Mary Ann Keisler.

Above, LSCOG’s WD Administrator André Anderson, Executive Director William Molnar, Ph.D., and Aiken County Public School Superintendent Sean Alford, Ph.D. at the Memorandum of Understanding signing event in October. The MOU signing solidified the partnership between LSCOG and Aiken County Public Schools for the Aiken Works Initiative.
Staff 2016-2017

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. William Molnar  
Executive Director

Nora Sanders  
Assistant Executive Director

Anna Coffey  
Brenda Holman  
Dorothy Pope

FINANCE

Frances Owens  
Finance Director

Kelley Hayes

Not Pictured:

Deloris Williams  
Shorty Caprell
Aging, Disability and Transportation Resource Center (ADTRC)

Lower Savannah Council of Governments operates South Carolina’s only Aging, Disability and Transportation Resource Center (ADTRC). The Resource Center’s purpose is to inform and assist people in our region with topics related to aging, disabilities, family caregiving, benefits and transportation.

Programs and Services

**Human Services - Aging**
- Manages all Older Americans Act Program contracts
- Conducts client assessments for services under the Older Americans Act like group dining, home delivered meals, home care, family caregiver and transportation
- Provides public educational programs upon request

**Information and Referral**
- Provides callers with information on available resources to meet identified needs
- Facilitates referrals to Community Long Term Care
- Provides information about area programs for seniors, people with disabilities and their caregivers
- Educates callers and provides information about the application process for programs that may benefit the caller

**SHIP - Senior Health Insurance Program**
- Provides Medicare beneficiaries with counseling regarding benefits and Medicare Savings Programs
- Educates consumers about Medicare Fraud
- Assists consumers new to Medicare during the Annual Election Period and as needed

**Family Caregiver Support Program**
- Provides education and assistance for caregivers
- Accepts and processes requests for respite grants to individuals

**Elderly Legal Services Program**
- Limited legal assistance to seniors 60 years of age or older
- Provides referral to approved seniors legal services contractor.
- Provides information about health care advanced directives

**SRS Retiree Association Resource Center - A Partnership with LSCOG/ADTRC**
- Provides education to new retirees about their insurance benefits, Medicare and the enrollment process then assists retirees to compare options, enroll, and apply for reimbursement benefits

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**ADTRC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Advocates for Residents’ Rights in licensed facilities like nursing homes and residential care facilities
- Provides routine contact with the ombudsman through quarterly visits in all homes
- Conducts complaint investigations with resident consent
- Attends and speaks to resident and family groups upon request
- Provide staff with training regarding residents’ rights

Mobility Management/ Aiken County Urban Transit Operations
- Manages Best Friend Express Transit Service
- Develops Transportation Projects within the region
- Coordinates transportation resources for the elderly, persons with disabilities and travel requests
- Partners with the Augusta Regional Transportation Study-Metropolitan Planning Organization

Medication Assistance Program - A Program of United Way of Aiken County
- Assists Aiken County individuals who have no health insurance benefits with personal assistance to complete all necessary paperwork to apply to pharmaceutical company programs which may provide free or low-cost maintenance prescription medications
LSCOG’s planning staff assists local governments with the development of comprehensive plans, land use plans and zoning ordinances. The planning department maintains and updates the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), which details roadway improvement projects funded by SCDOT’s Guideshare program. They also help municipalities in the region find funding sources for projects and apply for grants.

Programs and Services

- Provides technical assistance with comprehensive planning, land use planning and hazard mitigation planning
- Helps local governments develop zoning ordinances and create custom maps using Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Develop roadway projects including intersections, road enhancements and roadway improvement projects in the rural highway network
- Updates and maintains the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- Provides assistance to local governments with demographic research and studies
- Creates custom demographic profile reports that include population estimates and projections, income data, housing data and information on consumer buying power, among other categories
- Holds regular meetings of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to discuss rural transportation and transit projects for funding
- Administers funds for the SCDOT Guideshare program for the federal roadwork network outside of the Aiken/Augusta MPO (rural area)
- Aids municipalities in the region with grant applications and locating funding sources

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Aiken County
Joe Berry
Camille Furgiuele
Stephen Strohminger

Bamberg County
Bill Johnson
Trent Kinard
Joey Preston

Calhoun County
Elaine Golden
Roger Hill
Boyce Till

Allendale County
Terri Boone
Joe Mole
Bill Robinson
Catherine Russell

Bamwell County
Freddie Houston
Curtis Hogg
Pickens Williams, Jr.

Orangeburg County
Janie Cooper-Smith
John McLauchlin
Henry Summers
Harold Young
Community Development

LSCOG works with governments in our region to develop and implement projects that improve the quality of life for area residents. These projects include critical improvements to water/sewer/drainage systems, demolition of dilapidated government-owned buildings and vacant housing, creation of health clinics in under-served areas, modifications to public facilities to ensure accessibility and other projects that meet other urgent community needs.

Programs and Services

- Assists local governments with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, including project development, writing grant applications and administering received grants
- Aids municipalities in meeting regulatory compliance, such as Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (DBRA), the Fair Housing Act, the NEPA environmental review and the ADA/Section 504 Rehabilitation Act
- Coordinates funding between grant programs to develop local projects
- Manages the Regional Housing Consortium to assist with affordable housing

Lower Savannah Regional Housing Consortium (LSRHC)

The Lower Savannah Regional Housing Consortium (LSRHC) is a regional program designed to aid participating jurisdictions in implementing local housing strategies to increase the supply of decent, affordable housing for low and very low-income households. This is primarily accomplished through the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners.

“Your kindness went far beyond what is required of you. I really appreciate you.”

— Calhoun County Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Program, LSRHC

HOME TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (TRC)

Aiken County
Reggie Bamer
Kevin Price
Brian Sanders

Bamberg County
Joe Guess, Jr.

Barnwell County
Evelyn Coker

Allendale County
Shekinah Washington

Calhoun County
Tyrone Dantzler

Orangeburg County
Willie Owens
Harold Young
Economic Development

The Lower Savannah region of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties is a designated Economic Development District through the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Economic Development staff assist the region with eligibility for EDA grants through the development and implementation of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which identifies and promotes projects that strengthen the regional economy.

Programs and Services

- Provides assistance to municipalities in the region with Economic Development Administration (EDA) grants, including project development, application preparation and project administration
- Prepare and update the Comprehensive Development Strategy (CEDS) to support the development of projects that improve the region’s economic competitiveness and create permanent full-time jobs

"Lower Savannah Council of Governments has been an essential partner with the Town of Williston. For a small town such as ours, with limited personnel and financial resources, the support we get from LSCOG is invaluable. They have helped us secure and administer grants to improve our water system in Williston. The Town could not have accomplished many of these projects without the assistance of Lower Savannah Council of Governments."

— Kenny Cook, Administrator, Town of Williston

The 2017-2022 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) can be viewed on our website, at www.lscog.org/economic-development.
The mission of Thoroughbred Country is to market the four-county region of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell as a tourist destination and to support and encourage the development of local tourism services and programs, thereby providing economic benefits to the area. To achieve its mission, Thoroughbred Country produces a visitors guide, advertises to niche markets and hosts travel media.

**Programs and Services**

- Coordinates with and hosts travel media to obtain print and electronic media coverage
- Maintains Thoroughbred Country website, Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Places advertisements in various publications and digital media, including American Road Magazine, Southern Living, USA Today, Preservation, Travel 50 & Beyond, tripmedia.com, AAA and more
- Produces an annual visitors guide with regional information on sightseeing, lodging, dining, shopping, hunting, fishing, golfing and camping
- Holds quarterly meetings of the Thoroughbred Country Tourism Advisory Committee

At the August meeting, the Thoroughbred Country Advisory Committee took a look at the new Bamberg County welcome sign, which was created through a collaboration between Thoroughbred Country, Bamberg County and Keep Bamberg County Beautiful.

**Tourism Staff**

- **Mary Ann Keisler**
  - Tourism Director

- **Patrick Caldwell**
- **Caitlin Hurley**

**Tourism Advisory Committee**

- **Aiken County**
  - Jenny Burghardt
  - Ashley Havird
  - Marilyn Kline
  - Mandy Nelson

- **Allendale County**
  - Terri Boone
  - Lottie Lewis

- **Bamberg County**
  - Jewel Davis
  - Nancy Foster
  - Rena Riddle
  - John White

- **Barnwell County**
  - Vivian Alston
  - Bob Cothran
  - Lynn McEwen
  - Eddie Richburg

- **Ex-Officio Members**
  - Jenny Bell
  - Jonathan Larry
  - Robert Mahoney
  - Joy Raintree
  - Elizabeth Ringus
  - Lil Stoltzfus
Workforce Development

The Lower Savannah Workforce Development department administers workforce investment activities that aim to improve the quality of the workforce and enhance productivity and competitiveness of the six-county region. WD staff operate SC Works centers, which provide workforce information and training to workers, job seekers and employers.

Michael Ingram, pictured above, found work with Telecommunications Technical Services after WIOA assisted him with pursuing Tower and Wireless Installation training at Aiken Technical College. Submitted photo.

Programs and Services

- Operates SC Works centers in Aiken and Orangeburg counties, as well as satellite centers in Allendale, Bamberg, Bamwell and Calhoun counties
- Connects job-seekers with resources, like information on the labor market, resume writing tutorials and career assessments
- Provides individuals with referrals to Unemployment Insurance, Public Assistance, assistance with disabilities, GED classes and other services and agencies
- Holds hiring events at SC Works centers
- Assists individuals with finding On-the-Job Training sites
- Hosts WD Youth Forums for high school students to highlight WIOA opportunities
- Partners with the Aiken County Public School District for the Aiken Works Initiative, designed to prepare students for the workforce through hands-on, paid work experiences

Highlights

- 60,462 visits to an SC Works Center
- 229 hiring events hosted at SC Works Centers
- 63 On-the-Job Training contracts
- 14 Incumbent Worker Training contracts
- 569 new WIOA enrollments
- Creation of the four-year Local and Regional Strategic plan

Pictured above, Lower Savannah Council of Governments held their annual Youth Forums January 25 and 26, 2017 at Aiken Technical College and Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. The forum is designed to target high school students who have not decided their path after graduation, and exposes them to college readiness, career preparation and life choices.
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

André Anderson  
WD Administrator

Sally Sharpe  
SC Works Supervisor

Wendy Mahuron  
Center Director

Geneva Jackson  
WD Finance Director

Karen Bedgood

Yolonda Buchanan

Christine Chandler

Stephanie Evans

Megan Helmig

Tina McKeel

WD - YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

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Patrick Keating  
Jeanette Murray  
Lessie Price  
James Randall  
Steven Simmons

Allendale County  
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Orangeburg County  
Lori Bennett  
Joni McDaniel  
Renee Ritter

WD DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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