



SOUTHWESTERN COMMISSION
Council of Government

2014 Year in Review



From the Chairman....

I am happy to be serving as your Chairman for the Region A Council of Government, and I appreciate the confidence you placed in me by allowing me to serve you in this position. I know that each of you are proud to be from the West and look forward to the successes we will have in the future. Let's look at what we have and where we can go.

Beginning with our Executive Director Ryan Sherby, we have an excellent staff with a history of success in our Region. In addition, we have excellent participation from our Counties and Municipalities in our meetings and we will encourage more active participation and attendance as we proceed.

We have a common bond in the West. Let's face it, we live in the mountains and are proud of our mountain heritage. We live in the most beautiful place on the planet. This makes us more alike than different and, regardless of political persuasions, we have a tendency to work together in the West. Can we improve this? Of course we can, and we will. Our economies are tied together, our heritage is similar, and our future is in large part tied to the success of the Region. In my tenure as a Macon County Commissioner, I have learned quickly that our state and federal legislators do listen to local leaders. However, we speak loudest when we speak with one regional voice or opinion.

We have had an influence on our state and nation, and I plan, as I know you do, to continue that influence. One small example is that we would likely have lost our Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) had we not spoken loudly to Congressman Mark Meadows, who listened to our cries. Additionally, the state was looking seriously at passing North Carolina Department of Transportation responsibilities down to the counties. Had we not spoken loudly in opposition, large counties like Mecklenburg might have been influential in making that change happen. With these examples, I am not suggesting that we need to agree on every issue. That is not responsible government. Every opinion needs to be respected, even when in opposition to our own. However, where we do agree on a direction, we need to make our position as a region known.

We certainly need to look at how we have operated as a region in the past, but as we look forward into 2015 we need to look at what our region can be in the future. How should our organization evolve and how do we work together to represent the citizens of our region? Let me give you some food for thought. We are the only organization that has the potential to help shape every level of government. Here is how: Obviously we are already the leaders of our towns and counties. By bonding together, we can also continue to make an increasing impact on our state. By speaking as a region, our state leaders can and do respect our positions on issues. In addition we can make our voice heard in Washington. Macon County is very active at both the state and national level through the NCACC (North Carolina Association of County Commissioners) and NACO (National Association of Counties). Here is my challenge to you: If you are not already, please get involved in your state and national organizations. It is important! Let them know that we are no longer the part of North Carolina that Rand McNally chops off and puts under Charlotte! One of our own (Ronnie Beale) has taken a huge leadership position by being elected as Chairman of the NCACC. He continues to appoint many of us to leadership positions in that organization. If he asks, say yes. If he doesn't, ask how you can serve. I would offer the same challenge to our brothers and sisters who are serving our municipalities. Someone is serving in those leadership positions, so it might as well be you. Ask questions and learn how to serve.

A large part of success is communicating effectively with your members. After hearing several misconceptions of what a Regional Council of Governments is all about, I challenged Ryan to more effectively communicate our role and the past accomplishments of the organization. He is doing just that! He is meeting with county and town boards to improve communications and answer questions, and I believe this has already strengthened our position.

As we move forward, let me challenge you to look at what our Regional Council will look like in the future. How can we help each other? How can we work together? Let's continue to focus on our strengths, identify and improve our weaknesses, and work on building pride in being from the West. I look forward to the next two years.

Kevin Corbin - Chairman



Opportunities Initiative a Success

Opt-In was a historical, 14 month regional visioning process which included hundreds of interviews and events involving over a thousand people with one goal - to give elected officials, their staffs, businesses and citizens the information they need for making critical decisions about how and where to invest resources for decades to come.

Essentially, to attempt to get through the impasse over Corridor K, the region united and embarked on a visioning process to identify our goals and needs, explore how to integrate economic development and environmental goals, and how transportation options can support those goals. When competing for limited resources, our state and federal partners need to be assured their investments are supported locally and leveraged for the greatest benefit. With the results of Opt-In, we can now move forward with a unified voice backed by solid data.

Commission Member Services

Workforce Development | Business Services | Aging Initiatives | Transportation Planning | Community Planning Strategic Plans | Project Development | Project Funding | Project Management | Grant Writing | Grant Administration Facilitation Services | Board Retreats | Leadership Training | Regional Convening | Technical Assistance | GIS Mapping Economic Development | Hiring/ Selection Assistance



Opt-In's Last Big Regional Engagement Draws A Crowd

From the Executive Director

I am pleased to report that the Southwestern Commission has completed another successful year guided by strong leadership from its board of directors. Our staff remains hard at work helping local governments reach their goals to improve the quality of life of residents in the region. By continuing to collaborate and share strategies in addressing the issues that are affecting the region, the elected leadership will ensure that this region remains competitive into the foreseeable future. With a regional focus and long-term perspective, our successes are better measured in decades rather than years. It is with pride that I offer a glimpse of the initiatives that staff have participated in and led over the past year. Additionally, you will see our involvement since the inception of the Southwestern Commission.



- Ryan Sherby, Executive Director

RPO

The Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Technical Coordinating Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee creates a regional list of prioritized transportation projects to be entered into the state system for funding. The RPO staff serves as the liaison between local governments and the NCDOT on local transportation issues and planning processes, including Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs).

Coordinated Infrastructure, Planning & Feasibility Project History

1966

Moss Memorial Library - CL
Tri-County Community College Expansion - R

1967

Bryson City Sewage Treatment - SW
Swain Hospital Expansion - SW
Tazara Water & Sewer - CH
Marble Water System - CH
Robbinsville Sewer Plant - GR
Southwestern Community College Expansion - R
WCU Mental Health Building - R

1968

Andrews-Murphy Airport - CH

Andrews Sewer Collection & Treatment - CH
Dillon's Sewer Treatment - JA
District Memorial Hospital Expansion - CH
Harris Hospital Expansion - JA

1969

Jackson County Public Library (Sylva) - JA
Jack Rabbit Park - CL
Macon County Airport - MA
Maranna Black Library - SW

1970

Franklin High Vocational Education - MA
Jackson County Community Facilities Building - JA
Sylva Webster High Vocational Education - JA

Swain County Industrial Park - SW

1971

Haywood County Joint Region A - HA
County Solid Waste Collection & Disposal - R
Swain County Industrial Park - SW
Tri-County Community College Expansion - R

1972

Franklin High Vocational Education - MA
Hayesville High School Vocational Education Building - CL
Haywood Community College Expansion - HA
Southwestern Community College Expansion - R
Sylva Webster High Vocational Education - JA

1973

Community Facilities Building - GR
Haywood Community College Expansion - HA
Maggie Valley Sanitary District Water - HA
Robbinsville High School Vocational Education Building - GR
Swain High Vocational Education Building - SW
Tri-County Community College Expansion - R

1974

Andrews Community Facilities Building - CH
Andrews Recreation Park - CH
Angie Hospital Expansion - MA
Holy Hills Subdivision (Bryson City) - SW
Murphy High School Vocational Education Building - CH

Nantahala (Murphy) Library - CH

1975

Central Jackson County Sewer - JA
Franklin Water Supply - MA
Haywood Health Department Expansion - HA
Maggie Valley Sanitary District Water - HA
Southwestern Community College Expansion - R

1976

Andrews Town Hall Renovation - CH
Bryson City Water Reservoir - SW
Community Facilities Building - MA
Franklin Sidewalks - MA
Hennessee Lumber Company Reconstruction - JA
Industrial Park Plan - MA

1977

Blue Ridge High School Vocational Education Expansion - JA
Clay Community Facilities Building - CL
Community Club Buildings - CH
Haywood Hospital Sewer Extension - HA
Hazelwood Town Hall - HA
Highlands Water System - MA
Industrial Park Infrastructure - MA
Law Enforcement (LEA) Assistance - R
Macon County Recreation Park - MA
Robbinsville Water Treatment Plant - GR
Swain Recreation Park - SW
Waynesville Industrial Park - HA

1978

Canton Water Resource Analysis - HA
Clay County Recreation Park - CL
Clay Courthouse Renovation - CL
Haywood County Hospital Emergency Room - HA
Health Department Building - MA
Health Department Expansion - SW
Highlands Recreation Park - MA
Industrial Park - MA
Land Record Systems - R
Law Enforcement (LEA) Assistance - R
Mountain View Housing - HA
Murphy Recreation Park - CH
Regional EMS System Enhancement - R
Region A Nursing Consortium - R

Southwestern Community College Expansion - R
Texara Water & Sewer - CH
Waynesville Towers Housing - HA

1979

Andrews Library - CH
Child And Youth Programs - R
Graham County Senior Center - GR
Jackson County Health Department Building - JA
Law Enforcement (LEA) Assistance - R
Tannery Falls Sewer - JA
Swain Courthouse/Administration Building - SW
Waynesville Recreation Park - HA

1980

Andrews Gardens Housing - CH
Andrews Water Treatment Plant - CH
Area Agency On Aging - R
Canton Senior Center - HA
Cavalier Arms Housing - HA
Governor Arms Apartments - CH
Health Department Expansion - CL
Long Branch Water/Sewer (Cullowhee) - JA
Penland Senior Center (Murphy) - CH
Recreation Park Ballfields - GR
Robin Ridge Housing - GR
Twin Oaks Housing - SW
Waynesville Water Impoundment - HA
Whittier Water System - R

1981

Haywood Community College Expansion - HA
Jackson County Health Department Building - JA
Lake View Housing - HA
Landfill Plan - CL
Little Canada Community Center - JA
Murphy Sewer To Levi Strauss - CH
Recreation Park Ballfields - GR
Timber Ridge Housing - HA
ULCO Bluff's Housing - MA
Waynesville Industrial Park Infrastructure - HA

1982

Canton Water System - HA
Cashiers Senior Center - JA

Hayesville Water System - CL

1983

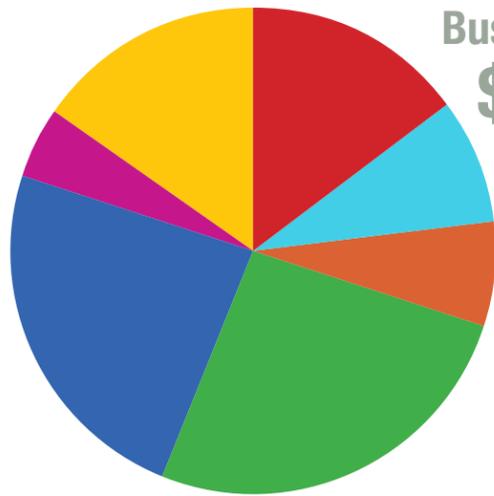
Andrews Water Reservoir - CH
Carroll House Apartments - CL
"COBS" Housing (MFP) - MA
Golden Age Senior Center - JA
Nichol Arms Housing - JA
Nursing/Domiciliary Home Ombudsman - R
River Chase Housing - JA
Tannery Falls Housing Sewer - JA
West Wind Housing - CH

1984

Ashley Company Expansion (COBG Loan) - JA
Desoto Square Housing - CL

Building Communities

2014 Revolving Loan Fund Awarded **\$475,000**



Businesses awarded **\$5,822,577***

- Cherokee \$872,077
- Clay \$480,000
- Graham \$400,000
- Haywood \$1,387,500
- Jackson \$1,387,500
- Macon \$285,000
- Swain \$878,000

*since inception

RIDGEFIELD FARMS in Brasstown was awarded **\$150,000** to purchase feeder cattle for supplying all natural, premium, locally-raised beef to restaurants and retail meat markets and to access Whole Foods Market.

THE HUB COFFEE SHOP & CAFÉ was awarded **\$25,000** to provide a year-round destination for locals and tourists to dine, relax, rent motorcycles, purchase souvenirs and enjoy downtown Robbinsville.

BEARWATER'S BREWING COMPANY in Waynesville was awarded **\$125,000** to assist with the purchase of a 15 barrel brew tank for expansion of the manufacturing operation to meet growing demands.



Facilitation

We assisted several of our member governments and community partners by providing facilitation services. Among them were the Haywood County Economic Development Commission (creation of a 5-year strategic plan); Southern Appalachian Family Farms (planning retreat); Town of Canton Board of Aldermen (economic development planning); Coulter Leadership Program (regional leadership training); Town of Dillsboro merchants and partners (branding initiative); Mompreneurs conference (female entrepreneurs).

Plan and Grow

Our Planning & Economic Development Department provides grant writing and administration, facilitation, project management and administration, local government consultation, community, environmental, and transportation planning services.

In 2014, we also focused on various initiatives throughout Region A, including Mountain West Alliance - an integrated marketing effort to promote the region; Homegrown Economic Development - an agricultural economic development partnership with the NC Department of Agriculture; Community Development Block Grants and more.

Smoky Mountain Blueways

Our staff is working with Smoky Mountain Host and Duke Energy on an exciting, unique project to highlight the rivers and lakes our region has to offer and all of their recreational opportunities. One aspect of this initiative is to create an online mapping component recreationists can use to easily navigate the many bodies of local waters. The Smoky Mountain Blueways website will be tech savvy and mobile-friendly.



We recently concluded photographing each of the primary public access points for the rivers and lakes. These photographs will be added to the online mapping as a helpful reference in trip planning. In addition, website visitors will be able to see specific information such as classification, parking capacity, types of fish, recreational opportunities (i.e., kayaking, fishing, or canoeing), and whether or not each access point has restrooms or picnic tables.



Leadership Training

Regional leadership training was a major recommendation that came out of Opt-In, so the Southwestern Commission has begun focusing on leadership training initiatives. In 2014 several staff attended the Brushy Fork Leadership Institute at Berea College, which is a 3 day training covering a multitude of community development topics aimed at nurturing the participants' enthusiasm and understanding of leadership in community development. We are able to assist our member governments in developing or facilitating leadership training programs.

SUNBURST TROUT FARMS,

a third generation family owned and operated farm in Haywood County received a \$200,000 loan as part of a **\$900,000** plant relocation from its current Lake Logan processing facility to the Waynesville Industrial Park allowing for expansion and increased production. Sunburst strengthens the local agricultural economy by purchasing trout from eleven WNC trout farms. Anticipated job creation is estimated at 12 new positions.

- Jackson Village Housing - JA
- Outboard Marine Corporation Water/Sewer - CH
- Regional High Technology Center - HA
- The Charleston Housing - SW
- 1985**
- Andrews Sewer Treatment Expansion - CH
- Bryson City Sewage Treatment - SW
- Business Incubator Building - MA
- Cashiers Sewer System - JA
- "CDBG" Housing -Waynesville - HA
- Deep Creek Water/Sewer - SW
- Graham County Public Library - GR
- Haywood Business Incubator - HA
- Maggie Valley Sewer - HA
- Oak Forest Housing - MA
- Established Revolving Loan Fund - R
- Robbinsville Sewer Plant Expansion - GR
- Tri-County Community College Expansion - R
- Waynesville Senior Center - HA
- 1986**
- 441 South Water/Sewer - MA
- Canton Water System - HA
- "CDBG" Housing (MPP) - MA
- Dyke Sewage Treatment - CL
- Hayesville Water and Sewer - CL
- Haywood Community College Expansion Sewer - HA
- Jackson County Comprehensive Water Needs Analysis - JA
- Job Training Services/Workforce Board - R
- Junaluska Sanitary District Sewer - HA
- Lackey Hill Water/Sewer/Housing - SW
- Moose Branch/Beech Creek CDBG Housing Rehabilitation - GR
- Murphy Sewer Treatment Expansion - CH
- 1987**
- "CDBG" Housing -Waynesville - HA
- Hayesville Water and Sewer - MA
- Solid Waste Planning - R
- 1988**
- Critical School Needs Capital Projects (6 counties) - R
- Duke Power Purchase of Nantahala Power And Light - R
- Fort Hill Water/Sewer - GR
- Saved Great Smoky Mountains rail line - R
- Hayesville High and Middle Schools - CL
- Macon County Senior Center (Franklin) - MA
- Peachtree School - CH
- Regional High Technology Center - R
- Robbinsville High School - GR
- Solid Waste Improvements - R
- Swain Senior Center - SW
- Water/Sewer to Welcome Center - MA
- 1989**
- Clay Comprehensive Health Services Building - CL
- Dillsboro/River Road Sewer - JA
- East/West Elementary Schools - SW
- Haywood Public Library (Canton) - HA
- Macon Public Library (Franklin) - MA
- Murphy-Peachtree Water/Sewer - CH
- Murphy Sewer Treatment Expansion - CH
- U.S. 64 Bypass Water and Sewer - CL
- 1990**
- EASE - HA
- Highlands Sewer Treatment - MA
- Mountain Trace Water/Sewer - JA
- Stecoah Dry Creek Housing Rehabilitation - GR
- 1991**
- Canton Water and Sewer Extensions - HA
- Chavis/Burgess Roads Water/Sewer/Housing - MA
- Maggie Valley Sewer - HA
- Natural Gas Feasibility Study - HA
- Newfound-40 Interchange - HA
- Robbinsville (Long Creek) Water Supply - GR
- Waynesville Finished Water Storage - HA
- 1992**
- Black Hill/Bryson Branch CDBG (Grant app only) - SW
- Clay County Senior Center - CL
- Hayesville Water and Sewer - CL
- Moody Bottom Sewer - JA
- Our Children: Today And Tomorrow - R
- Santeetlah Water System Improvements - GR
- Texas Water & Sewer - CH
- Tuckasegee Water/Sewer Authority - JA
- 1993**
- Andrews Sewer Treatment Deschlorination - CH
- Bryson City Water System - SW
- Cashiers Public Library - JA
- Central Jackson County Water Plant & Lines - JA
- Waynesville Water and Sewer - CL
- Regional Jail Feasibility Analysis - R
- Region A Smart Start - R
- Region A Water Resources Analysis - R
- Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation - GR
- SOC Community Link I-TV Network - R
- Southwestern Community College Expansion - R
- 1995**
- Target Industry Analysis - GR
- 1996**
- Andrews (Midtown) Community Revitalization - CH
- Central Clay County Water/Sewer - CL
- Dillsboro River Park - JA
- East Franklin Sewer Main - MA
- Macon-Jackson Solid Waste Compact - R
- Murphy-Hiwassee River Sewer Main - CH
- Swain/Bryson City Industrial Building - SW
- Talulah Creek/Highway 129 Sewer - GR
- 1997**
- Andrews Water Plant Upgrade - CH
- Delwood Sewer - HA
- Job Link Career Centers - R
- Millettown Sewer - GR
- Scattered Site CDBG Housing Rehabilitation - R
- Stecoah Enterprise Center - GR
- U.S. Highway 64W Water & Sewer - CH
- 1998**
- Andrews Water System Upgrade - CH
- Bryson Walk CDBG Water Project - SW
- Highlands Main Street Sewer - MA
- Miss Memorial Library Renovation - CL
- Murphy High School Cyber Campus - CH
- Raccoon Road Water and Sewer - HA
- Tri-County Community College Expansion: Information Highway Site (Murphy-Robbinsville) - R
- 1999**
- Cherokee County High Technology Assessment - CH
- 2000**
- Atsah Water & Sewer Infrastructure - GR
- Bryson Walk Multi-Family Housing Project - SW
- Clay Water-Sewer District Upgrades - CL
- Dillsboro (TWSA) Water/Sewer Lines - JA
- Cherokee County Economic Development Strategy - CH
- Cherokee Co. Industrial Park Water & Sewer - CH
- Franklin Water Resources Assessment - MA
- Graham County Agriculture Diversification Project - GR
- Happy Top (Andrews Sewer) - CH
- Haywood Agriculture Center Water/Sewer - HA
- Junaluska Oaks Sewer Extension - HA
- LBJ OCC Sewer Line - MA
- Lower Mill Creek Sewer - GR
- Murphy Sewer System Upgrade - CH
- Regional GIS Mapping - R
- Robbinsville Water System Improvements - GR
- Scotts Creek (TWSA) Water/Sewer Lines - JA
- Sewer System Upgrade - CL
- Spring Street Water Project - SW
- Town Mtn. Estates Sewer Extension (Franklin) - MA
- Upper Cullasaga Watershed Resource Inventory - MA
- Valley River Sewer Interceptor (Murphy) - CH
- Water System Upgrade - CL
- Waynesville Indoor Recreation Facility - HA
- Western NC Knowledge Coalition - R
- 2001**
- Appalachian Access Broadband Aggregation Model - R
- Central Swain Sewer Study - SW
- Cheoah River Multi-use Analysis - GR
- East Canton Water and Sewer - HA
- Established Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) - R
- Maggie Valley Sewer Upgrades to Reduce Inflow & Infiltration - HA
- Multiple Water-Sewer District Upgrades - CL
- Ranger School Sewer - CH
- Robbins Park Elderly Housing - GR
- Scattered Site CDBG Housing Rehabilitation - R
- (TWSA) Multiple Sewer System Upgrades - JA
- West Canton Sewer - HA

Improving Lives

The Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is the nation's principal workforce legislation providing funding for the employment and training needs of adults, dislocated workers and youth. The Southwestern Workforce Development Board (SWDB) establishes policy and provides oversight for all workforce programs authorized under the Workforce Investment Act in Region A. The Workforce Development Department at the Southwestern Commission functions as staff to the Southwestern Workforce Development Board.

In 2014 the full-time Workforce Career Centers in Region A successfully completed certification requirements and transitioned into NCWorks Career Centers. This certification attests to our centers continuous quest to provide only the very best in quality services and customer service to the Job Seekers and Businesses in our region.

2014 saw many WIA success stories as a number of participants completed their training programs and realized their career goals.

NCWorks Career Centers

Individuals that Registered	2,464
Individuals that Logged In.....	7,926
Individuals Receiving Services	12,361
Individual Services Provided.....	117,362
Internal Job Orders Created	2,131
Internal Job Referrals Created	20,225

Elder Abuse Awareness Walks



June 14, 2014 - Over 250 people walked in sync across the region in support of Elder Abuse Awareness.

Money Follows the Person

Area Agency on Aging contracted with the state to pilot "Money Follows the Person" in our region. This program assists Medicaid-eligible North Carolinians living in inpatient facilities to return to their own homes or to others with community support.



Jennifer Mbugua,
Registered Nursing Graduate from Southwestern Community College. Employed full-time with Davis Regional Hospital in Statesville, NC



Chad Bullard,
US Military Veteran and WIA On-the-Job Training Plant Manager Trainee. Employed full-time with Carolina Waterjet Fabrications in Franklin, NC



Dementia Tool-Kit

The Area Agency on Aging developed a free Dementia Tool-Kit entitled "When Life Is Altered". The tool-kit defines dementia, the various causes, stages and challenges along with treatment options and planning tools for its management. It also provides a list of resources available to assist in the challenges of living with dementia. Over 250 kits have been distributed and are available by contacting our office.



Laughter Yoga, is a wellness initiative that was approved by the NC Division of Aging & Adult Services. Region A's Area on Aging Agency spearheaded a multi-state research project, which provided evidence that Laughter Yoga lowers blood pressure and heart rate, increases blood oxygenation, and improves seniors' overall sense of wellbeing. Laughter Yoga follows a series of simple, yet structured laughter and deep breathing techniques, combined with simple stretching. It decreases stress, strengthens the immune system, increases endorphins, decreases and controls blood pressure, decreases heart rate, and fights isolation and depression.

Workforce Development staff administered the final phase of the North Carolina Employer Needs Survey to selected businesses in our region. We are proud to report that Region A had the highest percentage of responses to the survey in the State. We also participated in Governor McCrory's "1000 in 100" NCWorks initiative. Along with our workforce partners, we met with businesses throughout the region to gather valuable information on issues our employers are facing.

Business Services staff worked throughout this past year to assist Evergreen Packaging in Haywood County with profiling all company entry level positions to improve its hiring practices using the ACT WorkKeys Assessment system.



Helping Teens Learn

WIA Youth Programs provided assistance to youth seeking preparation for GED testing, high school diplomas and funding for institutional/vocational training. Additionally, the Workforce Development Department hired a part-time Workforce Education Specialist to assist the Haywood County Learning Center (HCLC) with its new 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. This grant will provide services to youth and families needing educational assistance in the Haywood County area.

2002

Barber's Orchard Water Supply - HA
Canton Sewer Inflow-Infiltration Analysis - HA
Canton Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - HA
COBG Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation - R
Cherokee County-Andrews-Murphy Water Interconnect - CH
Civic Ventures Grant to Sylvia Partners in Renewal - JA
Dilson Crossing-Independent and Assisted Living Facility for Older Adults - JA
East Canton Water & Sewer - HA
Family and Senior Resource Center - HA
Fontana Village Water System - GR
GIS Affordable Housing Inventory - GR
GIS Affordable Housing Inventory & Analysis - SW
Governor's Island Wastewater Collection System - SW
Hawessee Dam School Sewer - CH

2003

Macon Middle School Sewer - MA
Maggie Valley Campbell Creek Sewer & Jonathan Creek Water Upgrades - HA
Multiple Water-Sewer District Upgrades - CL
Robbinsville Sewer and Storm-water Rehab Plan - GR
Robbins Park Water Line - GR
Septage Receiving Station - CL
Town Creek Sewer - CL
Town of Lake Santafeah Sewer Analysis - GR
Tuckaseegee River Walk - SW
Water-Sewer District Systems' Analysis - CL
West Franklin Sewer - MA
Whittier Sanitary District Sewer Collection and Treatment - R

2004

Appalachian Access Broadband Aggregation Model - R
Franklin Grove-Bryson Branch Sewer - SW
GIS/NASA Impervious Surfaces Analysis - MA
Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Water - MA
Konaheeta Area Sewer Upgrade - CH
Long Creek Sewer Improvements - GR
Multiple Water-Sewer District Upgrades - CL
Rough Creek Watershed Conservation (Canton) - HA
Tomolia Unsewered Community Analysis - CH
West Canton Sewer - HA

2004

Allen Creek Watershed Conservation (Waynesville) - HA
Bryson City Wastewater Treatment Plant Chlorinator/De-chlorination Equipment - SW
COBG Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation - SW
Community Partnership for Older Adults - HA

2005

TWSA Trunk Sewer Rehab - JA
2005
Asheville Hwy & Harold St. (TWSA) Water Upgrade - JA
Canton Sewer Facilities Plan - HA
Cashiers Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Plan - JA
Flood Relief and National Emergency Grant Administration - R
Ford Street Storm-water Management - GR
Multiple Water-Sewer District Upgrades - CL
Tri-County Education and Training Needs Assessment - R
TWSA Capacity Study - JA
Water Supply for Haywood Vocational Opportunities - HA
Waynesville Capital Asset Management Plan - HA

2006

COBG Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation - SW
Conservation of Lands Creek Watershed - R
Jackson County Beneficial Landfill Gas Project - JA
Livable Senior Friendly Communities - R
New Water Supply from Canton to Clyde - HA
Siler Road (Franklin) Sewer - MA
Water Supply Improvement for NC 209 (Agricultural Center and Britthaven) - HA

2007

COBG Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation - R
Cherokee Wellness Center - CH
Conservation of Pinnacle Park/Fisher Creek Watershed - JA
Conversion of KI Bldg. to TCC Applied Technology Center - CH
Fain Mountain Watershed Conservation - CH

2008

Broadband Connectivity (Underground Fiber from Topcon) - GR
Bryson City Water & Sewer Rate Study - SW
Clay Water & Sewer Capital Investment Plan - CL
Franklin MC STEP - MA
Franklin Wastewater Systems Upgrade - MA
Historic Courthouse Association - CL
Murphy Wastewater Plant Improvements - CH
Town of Lake Santafeah Water Intake Analysis - GR
Tuckaseegee Sewer Line Replacement - SW
US 74E & Picking Cove Water - JA

2009

Bryson City Water & Sewer to Veterans Blvd.-US 74 Interchange - SW
Cashiers Sewer Analysis - JA
Clay Water & Sewer Capital Investment Plan - CL
Fort Hill Water System Upgrades - GR
Little Tennessee/Carboogochaye Trunk Sewer - MA
Maggie Valley Nursing Home Infrastructure - HA
Mountain Landscapes Initiative/Region A Toolbox - R
Regal Street/Pleasant Valley Sewer - CH
Robbinsville Drought Relief Wells - GR
TWSA Sewer Mapping - JA
Upper Beaver Dam Water Improvements - HA

2010

\$300,000 Toolbox Implementation Fund - R
Robbinsville Main Street Water Line - GR
Rogers Cove Water & Sewer - HA
TWSA Wastewater Treatment Plant #1 Expansion - JA
Waynesville-Dayton Drive Water Interconnect - HA
WNC Broadband Educational Network - R
Expansion of Clay County Wastewater Treatment Plant - CL
Fontana Village Water Treatment Plant - GR
Franklin Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Digester - MA
Green Training Equipment Project (\$100,000 to each community College Expansion in the region) - R
Highlands Sewer System CP - MA
Maggie Valley SD Water Improvements - HA

2011

Comprehensive Transportation Plan - MA
Maggie Valley Campbell Creek Watershed - HA
Maggie Valley Fire Response Mapping - HA
Robbinsville Wastewater Treatment Plant - GR
NC 107 Corridor Study - JA
Reimagination of the Revolving Loan Fund - R
Snap-On Tools Water Line Project - CH
Valley River Casino Access Bridge - CH

2012

\$300,000 Toolbox Implementation Fund - R
Blue Ridge Regional Bike Plan - R

2014

Bryson City/Swan County GSMRR Turntable Project - SW
Established the Mountain West Alliance - R
Graham Last Mile Infrastructure Project - GR
Great Lakes Great Rivers of the Great Smokies - Tourism Development - R
Haywood Chamber/EDC Strategic Economic Development Plan - HA
Large Animal Processing Facility Study - R
Mountain Cattle Alliance Development Program - R
Regional Health Impact Assessment - R
Teah Recreation Area Heliport - SW
TWSA GIS Water and Sewer Technology Project - JA
WNC Farmers Market Master Plan - R

**The mission of the Southwestern
Commission is to improve the
quality of life in its seven county service
area by assisting local governments in
reaching their goals**



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The Southwestern North Carolina Planning and Economic Development Commission (Southwestern Commission) is the council of government (COG) for North Carolina's Region A, covering the western most part of the state; Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties and the 17 municipalities therein.