



Centralina Council of Governments

Upcoming Events

Wed., Feb. 18 - [NextGen Youth Council Meeting](#)

Tues., Feb. 25 - [Best Practices for LGBT Senior Services](#)

Wed., Feb. 26 - [CCOG U: MPO Basics](#)

Thur., Feb. 27 - [Census Peer Exchange](#)

Wed., Mar. 18 - [CCOG U: How to Make Your Grant Application Stand Out](#)

Wed., Mar. 18 - [CCOG Executive Board Meeting](#)

Wed., Apr. 8 - [CCOG Executive Board Meeting](#)

Thurs., Apr. 16 - [CCOG U: Ethics on Tap](#)

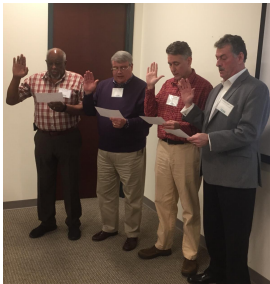
Fri.-Sat., April 17-18 - [2020 NC Youth Summit](#)

Tues., April 21 - [Centralina Workforce Development Board Meeting](#)

Tues., April 21 - [Iredell Transportation Fair for Older Adults](#)

Apr. 23-24 - [Southern Regional Grant Conference](#)

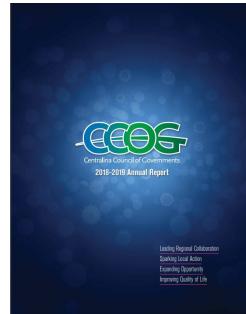
Board of Delegates Meeting



The 2020 Board of Delegates Annual Meeting was held on February 12th and we are pleased to announce that our Officers will be returning for another year. Thank you to

Chairman Bobby Compton(Town of Mooresville Commissioner), **Vice Chairman Jay McCosh**(Town of McAdenville Mayor Pro Tem), **Secretary Jarvis Woodburn**(Anson County Commissioner) and **Treasurer William Morgan**(City of Statesville Mayor Pro Tem).

Centralina Annual Report



We believe that our region thrives when we work together, unified by a common vision for expanding opportunity and improving quality of life. Since 1968, Centralina has served the region and woven a strong fabric of

cooperation. We are now starting a new chapter focused on action and positive impact on individuals, local communities and our region. Take a look at our impact across these three levels with our [2018-2019 Annual Report](#).

Capitol Corner: Working For You From DC to Raleigh

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has developed a short list of priorities that focuses on a group of energy measures that are being put together in committee, a highway reauthorization bill and a package of health care measures that must be completed before May 22. These measures, which were prioritized during meetings with GOP chairmen, are said to be bipartisan and therefore have a good chance of being passed over the next few months. They will require 60 votes to advance in the Senate, so Republicans will need some Democratic support. The White House backs McConnell's plan and is working with the Senate GOP on details. An immediate focus is how to finance the \$287 billion, five-year **Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill** (S. 2302). House Democrats have proposed a \$760 billion infrastructure blueprint called **Moving Forward**, found [here](#), that would cover highways, rail, wastewater and broadband, but also without a plan to pay for it.

The House and Senate have also reached an agreement on a five-year reauthorization of the **Older Americans Act** (OAA). The agreement, entitled the Supporting Older Americans Act of 2020, is on a fast track for action by Congress and is expected to be signed into law by the president. Reauthorization of the OAA is one of the cornerstones of Centralina's federal action agenda as it provides critical funding for Centralina Area Agencies on Aging. We will continue to work with our full congressional delegation to promote quick passage of this compromise legislation.

The **FY20 Appropriations Act** has been signed into law and federal agencies are busy announcing the next rounds of competitions for federal grants. See the [Grants Alert](#) for Notices of Funding Availability.

Centralina Area Agency on Aging Area Plan & Survey

In North Carolina, people ages 85 and older will be the fastest growing age group in the next two decades. Is your community prepared to help older adults age in place? As a member of our nine-county community, you have important insight into how aging services are planned and delivered. Take our [13-question survey](#) to help shape the **2021-2024 Plan**. For more NC aging population facts, check out the [full presentation](#) that was given to our Board last week.

Chapter 160D: New Land Use Law Overview

Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes consolidates current enabling legislation for planning regulation and represents the first major recodification and modernization of the city and county development regulations since 1905. Five years in the making, this legislation will become effective on **January 1, 2021**. If you are an elected official, manager or planner, [here are the six key points you need to know](#).

CCOG University Training

Our next CCOG U class will be held on **February 26: MPO Basics: What Local Governments Need to Know**. Hear from transportation experts about the basics that every planner should know. That class will be followed by **How to Make Your Grant Application Stand Out on March 18** where you will learn how to increase your application's likelihood of being funded. [Details for both here](#).



We congratulate Rohit Ammanamanchi, Planner & Zoning Administrator for the Village of Marvin, the recipient of the **2020 CCOG U: Planner Training Series Scholarship**. Introduced in 2018, the CCOG U Planner

Series provides opportunities for the region's planners to learn about topics that support and champion our communities and improve the health and resilience of the region. [Continue](#)

Beyond 77 Project & Survey

The Charlotte metro and surrounding regions are rapidly growing. Beyond 77 is a study designed to help address this dynamic growth and create long-term transportation solutions within the I-77 corridor. The goal is to develop a plan that improves daily commutes and moves our community forward. Participate in the process by [taking the survey](#) or clicking [here](#) for more information. Survey closes February 29.

Region of Excellence Awards

We are pleased to announce the 2020 Region of Excellence Awards! The categories have been updated to align with our new [mission statement](#) that emphasizes regional collaboration and local action. Visit our [site for information and applications](#). The deadline for applications is **April 29**. Here are the categories:

1. Cross-Community Collaboration
2. Local Government and Problem-Solving Innovation
3. Improving Quality of Life
4. Clean Cities
5. Aging in Action
6. James D. Prosser Excellence in Government Leadership Award

Placemaking Grant Winners, Resources & New Funding



Over the last year, we've partnered with local governments on placemaking initiatives to help create vibrant and engaged communities. As part of that initiative, we awarded "**Love Where You Live**" grants to **Gaston County** and the **City of Statesville** to facilitate projects that would enhance community pride and engagement. Gaston County transformed the rear entrance of the County Administration Building after holding two themed art competitions and the City of Statesville held a public mascot competition. [Continue reading](#) about the winning projects.

New resources are available to help communities create a sense of place. Check out [Bloomberg Philanthropies' Asphalt Art Guide](#) and [AARP's Pop-Up Placemaking Tool Kit](#). AARP also has a funding opportunity called the [Creative Counties Placemaking Challenge](#). More [information here](#).

Census 2020: Centralina Counts

Big changes are ahead for the census and Centralina is undertaking efforts to support a complete count in our region. We hosted a [2020 Boundary and Annexation Survey \(BAS\)](#) workshop in January, which provided local leaders with an overview of the 2020 Census Geographic Partnership Programs, the Boundary Validation Program and demonstrations for completing the BAS. Next month we're gathering **Complete Count Committees** for a [Peer Exchange Workshop](#) on **February 27** from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Complete Count Committee program is key to creating awareness in local communities and engaging hard to count populations. Visit our [Census resource page](#) to learn more.

Cabarrus County Schools Seeks Businesses for Students@Work

Cabarrus County Schools is offering businesses an opportunity to develop the future workforce by participating in the Students@Work program. Promote career readiness and help students understand the pathways needed to get to their career. You can help by hosting an industry tour or speaking at a local middle school. [Learn more](#)

2020 CLT Aviation Academy

Registration is still open for the Charlotte Aviation Academy. This program provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to better understand the inner workings of Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) and its contributions and impacts on our economy. For details, please see the [flyer](#) and [registration site](#). Applications due **February 28**.



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