

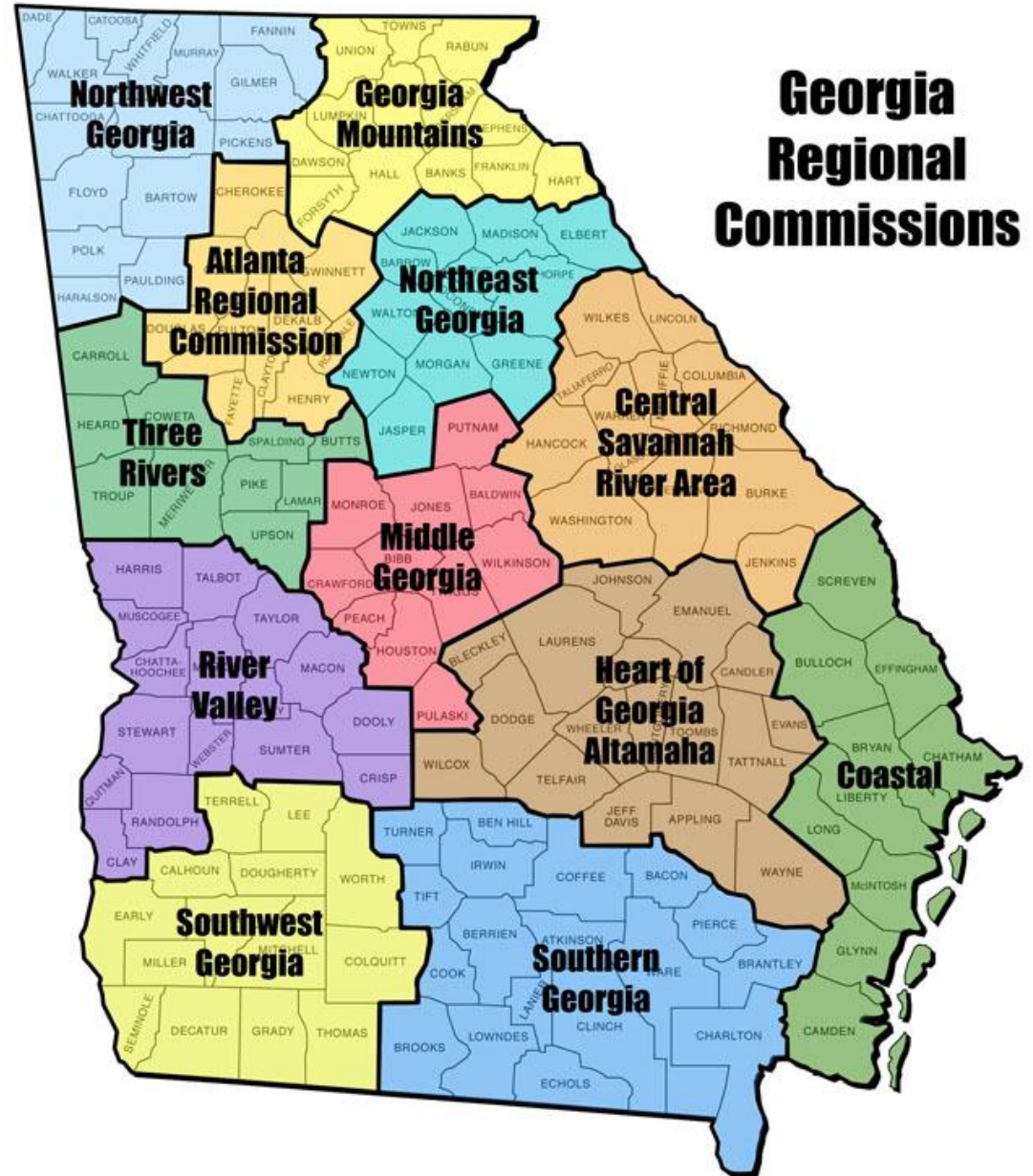
# **Middle Georgia Regional Commission**

*Serving the Communities of Middle Georgia*

# District 8

Middle Georgia  
Heart of Georgia Altamaha  
Southern Georgia  
Southwest Georgia

## Georgia Regional Commissions

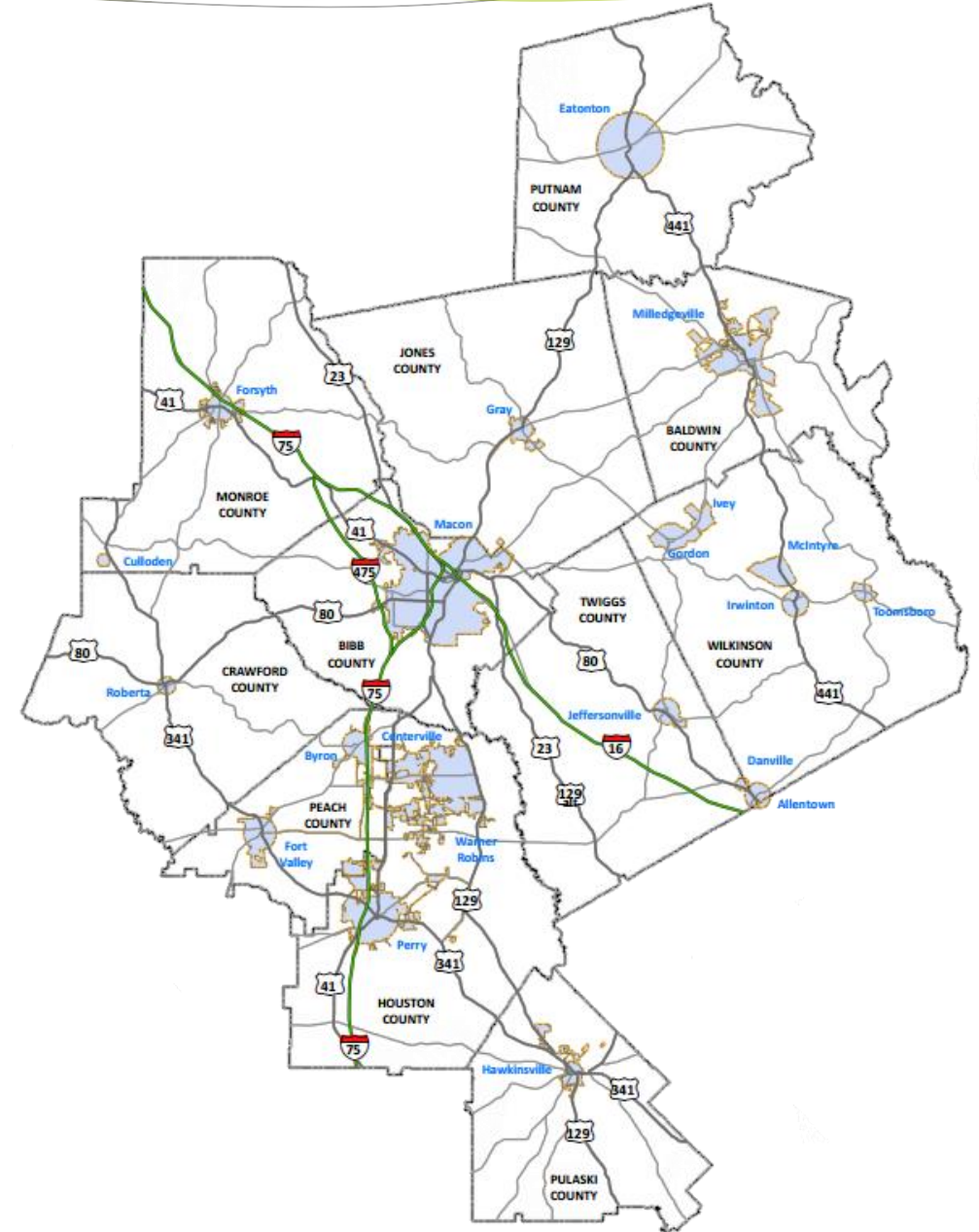


# Middle Georgia is:

11 counties

20 cities

491,442 people





# Middle Georgia Regional Commission

- The Middle Georgia Area Planning Commission (now the Middle Georgia Regional Commission) was formed in 1965 with the goal of working towards the development of the human, economic, and natural resources of the Middle Georgia area.
- Federally, state and locally funded.
- Governing council with five (5) representatives from each Middle Georgia county and state-level appointees.



# Middle Georgia Regional Commission

Aging Services

Technology  
Services

Workforce  
Development

Small Business  
Loans (GSBL)

Local  
Government  
Assistance

Planning

Economic  
Development

Transportation

# Aging Services (Area Agency on Aging)

- Primary role of the AAA is to plan, develop and administer a comprehensive service delivery system for older adults and people with disabilities
- Services are designed to help people “age in place”
  - Community Care Services Program (CCSP)
  - Home and Community Based Services
  - Georgia Cares Program
  - Elder Rights and Advocacy
  - Wellness Program
  - Caregiver and Reverse Mortgage Counseling

# Technology Services

- Geospatial Information Services (GIS)
- Global Positioning System(GPS) Mapping
- Database Administration and Data Management
- Website Development and Maintenance
- Cloud Based Mapping and Data Services
- Tax Parcel Maintenance
- Census Preparation and Coordination
- Graphic Design and Printing Services

# Workforce Development Services

- Implementing arm of the Macon-Bibb County Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Board providing:
  - Youth Services (mentoring, occupational skills training, guidance, counseling and leadership development opportunities)
  - Adult Services (resume assistance, education and career assessments, employment readiness)
  - Business Services (Rapid Response System that helps growing companies access available skilled workers and assists companies undergoing layoffs by coordinating aid to their affected workers)



# Georgia Small Business Lender (GSBL)

- A SBA Certified Development Corporation through the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- This designation allows GSBL to make loans through the SBA 504 programs and other revolving loan funds.
- Loans are typically made for fixed assets such as land, building, and equipment and are coupled with loans from private sector lenders.

# Local Government Services

- Planning
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Public Administration Services

# Planning and Historic Preservation

- Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Recreation Master Planning
- Historic Preservation Planning
- Strategic Planning Facilitation
- Update of Planning and Zoning Ordinances
- Development of Local Design Guidelines
- Developments of Regional Impact (DRI)

# Transportation

- Mobility Management
  - Rural Public Transit Planning
  - Scenic Byways Program
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning
  - Transportation Enhancement Program
  - Safe Routes to Schools Program

# Economic Development

- Economic Impact Studies
- Data for RFI(s)
- Abatement Schedules
- Incentive Packages
- Urban Redevelopment Plans
- Opportunity Zones, Enterprise Zones, TADs
- Economic Development Grants
- Central Georgia Joint Development Authority

# Public Administration Services

- Human Resources Administration
- Policy Research and Development
- Local Legislation Modification and Development
- Grant Research, Writing, and Preparation
  - Recreation
  - Infrastructure
  - Economic Development
  - Law Enforcement

# Grant Writing I

- Planning for the Project
  - Identify need
  - Consider all alternatives
  - Develop solution
  - Identify partners
- Find the appropriate funding mechanism
  - Is the project eligible?
  - Competitive?

# Grant Writing II

- Preparing a Grant Application
  - Read the application instructions
  - Outline the application timeline
  - Identify professional service providers
  - Receive commitments from partners
  - Develop a detailed project budget



# Grant Writing III

- Writing a successful narrative
  - Answer the questions asked
  - Do not assume prior knowledge
  - Paint a linear picture of the project
  - Be concise (emphasize without redundancy)
  - Sell the need and the solution
  - Thoroughly review before submission

# Questions?

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