

**ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
ATHENS CAMPUS MANUFACTUREADY GRADUATES**



(L-R) Mackenzie Bennett (ATC), Hamilton Savage, Marques Ward, Tabatha Weik, Charlotte Harper, Andrew Isaacson, Kelsie Lowe (ATC)

CONGRATULATIONS to the recent graduates (pictured above with staff from Athens Technical College) of Athens Technical College's ManufactuReady course, which was held at the Athens-Clarke County Campus. Graduates received certifications in OSHA-10, Lean Six Sigma White Belt, CPR/First Aid/AED, Basic Forklift Operation, and Georgia Best Soft Skills. Students graduated from the course on August 2, 2019. This five-week course is offered throughout the year in Monroe, Greensboro, and Athens. Funding is provided through federal WorkSource Northeast Georgia funding to those whom qualify. These graduates are now seeking full-time employment and interviewing with local employers. Contact Athens Tech at 706.369.5763 and ask about the ManufactuReady program. For information on this training and other training offered under the oversight of the Northeast Georgia Workforce Development Board, contact the NEGRC Workforce Development Division at 706.369.5703.

**GEORGIA DCA PRESENTATION FOR COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEES  
OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 10:30AM  
NEGRC HEADQUARTERS (305 RESEARCH DRIVE, ATHENS, GA)**

The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) is hosting a Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Complete Count Committee Presentation at the NEGRC's Athens headquarters on October 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Guest Speaker **Rusty Haygood**, DCA's Deputy Commissioner, will provide information and resources for communities to jumpstart local Complete Count Committees. Communities are encouraged to establish active Complete Count Committees (CCCs) leading up to the 2020 Census in order to educate residents about the importance of participating in the Census. The goal of a CCC is to maximize local Census response rates and ensure cities and counties are properly counted.

Community leaders, including elected officials, county and city managers, economic development professionals, and representatives from educational and other community institutions are encouraged to attend. To register for the meeting, please contact **Monica Sagastizado**, NEGRC Project Specialist, at [msagastizado@negrc.org](mailto:msagastizado@negrc.org) or **706. 369.5650**. Additional event information can be found on the Planning & Government Services Division's calendar: [negrc.org/planning-government-services/calendar](http://negrc.org/planning-government-services/calendar).

## Community Planning Institute (CPI) Preparing and Implementing your Comprehensive Plan

November 14-15, 2019 in Thomasville, Georgia

Early Bird Registration will open  
September 23, 2019

The DCA Office of Planning, in partnership with the Georgia Planning Association, offers a class called the Community Planning Institute (CPI) to Georgia's planning commissioners, elected officials and local government staff. CPI provides information about planning for land use, growth and development.

**Preparing and Implementing your Comprehensive Plan** is a 2-day class that covers the local comprehensive planning process. You may be eligible for a scholarship for this CPI Class through the Denise Abbound Memorial Fund, Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation at The Georgia Planning Association website. For more information visit: <https://georgiaplanning.org/georgia-planning-memorial-foundation/>.

This class provides:

- An overview of the importance of community planning– why we plan and who should be involved;
- A review of Georgia's planning requirements;
- How to engage your constituents in envisioning and planning for their future;
- Plan implementation tools, including successful examples from PlanFirst communities;
- Other plan implementation tools such as local planning case studies, zoning, or form-based codes.

Registration information will be added to the DCA website on Monday, September 23 at: <https://dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/planning/local-planning/community-planning-institute>.

## Revival: Celebrating Georgia's Historic Theatres

On September 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., **Kevin Kinney** will join the Fox Theatre Institute (FTI) to host an unforgettable night as the Fox Theatre celebrates Georgia's historic theaters and FTI's tenth year of preserving and supporting Georgia's most significant historic resources. With performances by Drive-By Truckers, Drivin N Cryin, and Dodd & The Councilmen (featuring **Bill Berry** of R.E.M and Winterville's very own Mayor **Dodd Ferrelle**), along with special guests, this unique storytelling event is inspired by the essence of

the Fox Theatre Institute's mission to serve historic theatres and arts centers and keep the heartbeat of performing arts, creativity, and historic preservation alive. Attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on a variety of unique rock memorabilia items in a silent auction with proceeds benefitting the ongoing outreach programs of the Fox Theatre Institute. Additionally, other notable guests will be announced as the event draws closer. Tickets are available at: [www.foxtheatre.org](http://www.foxtheatre.org).

Founded in 2008, the Fox Theatre Institute as a non-profit organization has committed more than \$1.3 million throughout Georgia and provided historic theaters with preservation guidance, professional development, collaboration opportunities, and strategic planning.

The Winterville Auditorium, in Northeast Georgia, has received over \$90,000 through the FTI grant program. FTI also manages Georgia Presenters, a statewide booking consortium, which helps spark collaboration among dozens of accomplished arts presenters. FTI was recently featured on NPR's Marketplace for its substantial impact on historical theatre restoration and community building throughout Georgia and the Southeast. For more information, visit [www.foxtheatreinstitute.org](http://www.foxtheatreinstitute.org).



## Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) Grant Opportunity Accepting Applications for Grant and Loan Funding August 15, 2019 – October 15, 2019

The Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) is a competitive grant and low-interest loan program available to eligible government entities in Georgia. Since 2010, the program has provided over \$125 million for transportation projects. The GTIB program is pleased to announce additional funding of up to \$25 million for 2019! All Georgia counties, cities, CIDs, and Regional Commissions are eligible and encouraged to apply.

The GTIB program is administered by the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). Applications will be accepted from August 15, 2019 through October 15, 2019 and must be submitted electronically to [GTIBinfo@srta.ga.gov](mailto:GTIBinfo@srta.ga.gov). Awards are expected to be announced by February 29, 2020.

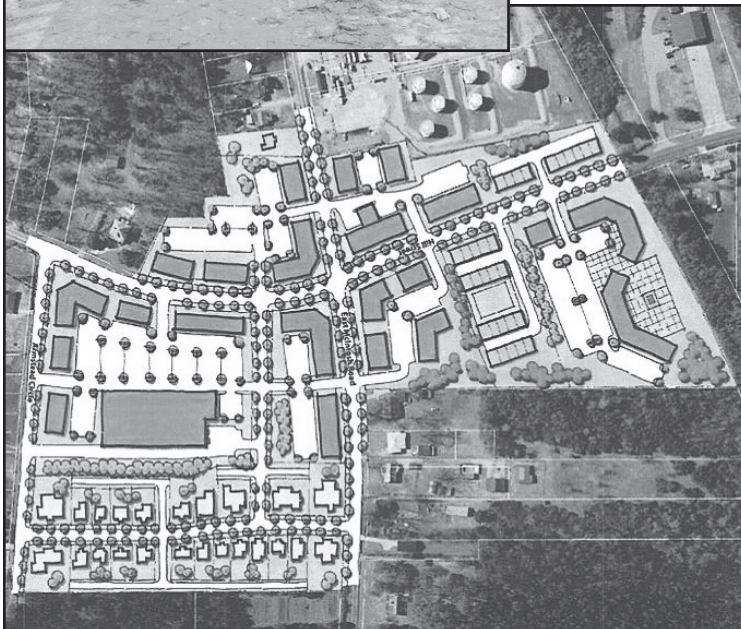
All projects submitted must be motor fuel tax eligible (examples include improvements to public roads and bridges and associated bike, pedestrian, and traffic control infrastructure). Reimbursable expenses include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition,

and construction costs. The cost to apply for a grant or loan is only \$250 per application and applicants may submit more than one application.

For any further information or to access the grant application, please visit SRTA's website at [www.srta.ga.gov/gtib](http://www.srta.ga.gov/gtib) or contact [GTIBinfo@srta.ga.gov](mailto:GTIBinfo@srta.ga.gov).



GTIB provides funding for a variety of road, bridge, and transportation related projects



## GTPC NEWTON COUNTY HIRE GRADUATION

**COVINGTON, GA** - The Newton County Helping Inmates Regain Entry (HIRE) program, a six-week manufacturing-focused training through Georgia Piedmont Technical College, graduated four inmates on Friday, Aug. 2. The Newton HIRE program was created by Georgia Piedmont Technical College to enhance the technical college's efforts "to strengthen the workforce pipeline for

its industry partners in Newton County and to provide a re-entry point for local inmates currently incarcerated at the Newton County Jail," according to a GPTC press release.

The four inmates - **Michael Franklin, Robert Dyche, Richard Matthews II, and Cory Stroud** - will begin working as interns in local industries. Old Castle, Clarion Metals and Beaver Manufacturing have agreed to provide internship opportunities with the possibility of them becoming full-time employees in the future. "If the students are offered full-time jobs while they are still serving their sentences, the jail has agreed to provide transportation for the students until they are released," according to the GPTC news release.

Newton HIRE was created as a collaboration with WorkSource Northeast Georgia WIOA's funds with oversight from the Northeast Georgia Workforce Development Board/Northeast Georgia Regional Commission, ACTION, Inc., a WIOA provider, the Newton County Jail and several industries.

During the manufacturing-focused training, inmates were expected to complete various courses held at the Newton County Jail including:

- CPR/First Aid training
- OSHA 10
- Soft skills training, such as attitude, body language, communication, workplace dress, and interview skills
- Mechanical, electrical and welding overviews
- Forklift certification and ending with a paid internship

For further information on this or other WorkSource Northeast Georgia programming, please contact the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission's Workforce Development Division, at 706.369.5703.



Michael Franklin, Robert Dyche, Richard Matthews II and Cory Stroud, Newton County inmates, pose for a picture with Newton HIRE partners after receiving their diploma on Friday, Aug. 2. - photo by Caitlin Jett



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## REGIONAL MEETINGS SEPTEMBER

10	Noon	Senior Hunger Coalition	E.H. Culpepper Conference Room
17	10:00 a.m.	ADRC Advisory Council Meeting	E.H. Culpepper Conference Room
17	1:30 p.m.	Emergency Medical Services	E.H. Culpepper Conference Room
19	Noon	NEGRC Council	Athens Holiday Inn
19	3:30 p.m.	Firefly Trails Advocacy Group	E.H. Culpepper Conference Room
26	10:00 a.m.	EDWP Provider Network Meeting	Clarke County DFCS Office
27	9:00 a.m.	Senior Center Directors Meeting	E.H. Culpepper Conference Room