

## 2023 CENSUS BOUNDARY AND ANNEXATION SURVEY (BAS)

Has your local government's boundary changed in the past year? If so, let the NEGRC know. The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) annually to collect information about selected legally defined geographic areas. The survey allows counties and municipalities to update information about the legal boundaries and names of all governmental units in the United States. Boundary updates complete the Census Bureau's geographic framework for data collection, tabulation, and dissemination. In addition, the updates are vital to the success of the American Community Survey (ACS), Population Estimates Program (PEP), and many other surveys. The federal government allocates more than \$675 billion annually for health, welfare, infrastructure, education, and other federal programs and services. Responding to the BAS ensures that your local government receives the funds it is entitled to and has the best data available for its decision-making processes.

The U.S. Census Bureau will mail and email an annual response letter to all federally recognized tribes with a reservation or off-reservation trust land, counties (and equivalent areas), incorporated places, and minor civil divisions (MCDs) in January 2023. If you need assistance with completing your Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS), please contact **Jon McBrayer**, NEGRC GIS Planner, at [jmcbroyer@negrc.org](mailto:jmcbroyer@negrc.org) or **(706) 369-5650**.

## NEGRC AT THE 2022 GEORGIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

In early December, the Planning and Government Services (PGS) Division attended the annual Georgia Transit Association Conference in Columbus, Georgia. The Georgia Transit Association (GTA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving public transportation in Georgia. Conference attendees were able to experience two and half days of speakers and panelists sharing the latest research and trends in public transit, as well as learning best practices from peers in the industry. In addition, the latest innovations in transit technology and vehicles were showcased during a trade show at the Columbus Georgia Convention & Trade Center. This year, the conference focused on addressing the expected changes in transit and the future of transportation--not just in the State of Georgia but also in the country. The NEGRC uses the knowledge gained to assist rural transit agencies in the region and plans to expand public transportation into the future. As part of our annual contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation, the PGS Division can assist local governments with transit development plans, marketing, federal and state compliance, and more.

Any questions regarding assistance by the NEGRC should be directed to Mark Beatty, PGS Director, at [mbeatty@negrc.org](mailto:mbeatty@negrc.org) or by phone at **(706) 369-5650**.



*Industry update panel discussion from  
FTA, GDOT, APTA, and CTAA*

## 2023 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITY - GEORGIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION

The FY23 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) sub-grant program, administered by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, is now open for Certified Local Governments (CLGs).

The HPF grant program is structured to support local preservation efforts and to strengthen the Certified Local Government (CLG) program statewide. All grant funds are matched 60% federal/40% local and are awarded competitively. Applications are rated according to eligibility and selection criteria.

To apply, a community must be a CLG or a community that has adopted a historic-preservation ordinance and conducts design reviews through a Historic Preservation Commission. All CLGs applying for grant funding must be in good standing with HPD, including being up to date on all CLG evaluations. CLGs may apply for pre-development, development, survey, planning, or education projects. If a community has not completed historic resources or archaeological surveys or updated an existing survey since 2007, the CLG is only eligible to apply for a survey and planning project. If applying for more than one project (i.e., an archaeological survey AND a National Register district nomination), separate applications must be completed for each project.

Survey and planning activities include National Register nominations, preservation planning, design guidelines, and information/education projects such as brochures, DVDs, website development, heritage education materials, workshops/conferences, etc.

Site-specific pre-development grant projects include historic structure reports, preservation plans, architectural drawings, and specifications.

Site-specific development grant projects for rehabilitation projects such as roof, plaster, or window repair or structural/foundation stabilization for buildings, structures, or monuments.

Applications must be submitted on or before February 1, 2023. Grant awards will be announced in the Summer of 2023.

Projects may begin in June 2023 and must be completed by September 30, 2024.

Grant applicants will now submit the application online using the DCA grant portal, the Grant Application Administration and Management (GRAAM) system.

For application support or questions, please contact **Lydia Joffray**, NEGRC Historic Preservation Planner, at **(706) 369-5650** or [ljoffray@negrc.org](mailto:ljoffray@negrc.org).

## JACKSON COUNTY SENIOR CENTER PARTICIPANT SURPRISED WITH A POWER WHEELCHAIR

Thom and Michele Price, owners of Visiting Angels, received a Power Wheelchair from one of their deceased client's family with instructions to donate the Power Wheelchair to a deserving person. The Prices were happy to receive the power wheelchair and set out to do precisely what was asked of them. However, since the chair batteries had not been charged in over a year, they no longer worked. The Prices were determined to get the wheelchair working again as they found a senior at Jackson County Senior Center to receive the donation. Through the partnership with Northeast Georgia Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Jackson County Board of Commissioners, Visiting Angels were able to secure replacement batteries. This was made possible through Northeast Georgia Regional Commission's AAA Assistive Technology Funding.

On December 8, 2022, Caroline Wells, Jackson County Senior Center participant, was surprised with the power wheelchair. Mrs. Wells is a double amputee who uses a manual wheelchair. Mrs. Wells was excited to learn that someone at the center would receive the power wheelchair and was in tears when she found out she was the recipient. Mrs. Wells expressed her gratitude to all involved in this endeavor.



*Caroline Wells, Jackson County Senior Center participant, and Michele Price, Visiting Angels*

If you or someone you know needs assistive technology devices to maintain independence, please contact the AAA to speak with an Assistive Technology Specialist. The specialist will listen to the person's needs and determine the best option to meet them. Please call 706-583-2546 or 1-888-808-8020.

## WELDREADY GRADUATION MADISON COUNTY COHORT

Graduation ceremonies were held on October 27 for the eight young persons who recently completed the intensive 10-week Foothills Education Charter High School WeldReady program at Madison County Foothills.

The Foothills welding program positions students to earn American Welding Society (AWS) certifications that align closely with local employer needs.

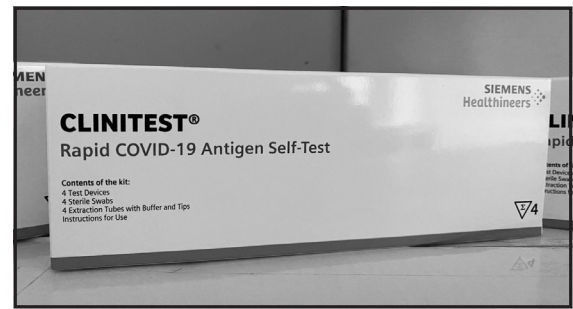
All 8 of the students passed and received the American Welding Certification. Other certifications also earned are OSHA 10, CPR/AED, First Aid, Forklift, and Lean Six Sigma White Belt, in addition to professional skills training.

This program is a partnership between Foothills Education Charter High School, Workforce Innovators, Inc., and the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. The goal is to prepare workforce candidates for jobs through intense short-term skills training. A training curriculum is developed after consulting with employers and staffing agencies to understand the local workforce's needs and then prepares students through short-term skills training to meet those needs. The training was delivered on the WorkSource Northeast Georgia/NEGRC 8-bay welding training trailer. This group represents the second WeldReady Cohort at the Madison County campus.



## NORTHEAST GEORGIA AREA AGENCY ON AGING DISTRIBUTES COVID-19 TEST KITS.

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response have partnered to provide at-home COVID-19 tests from a Strategic National Stockpile to the aging and disability networks for distribution to older adults and people with disabilities. The Northeast Georgia Area Agency (AAA) is a grantee of ACL and was provided the opportunity to order the COVID-19 test kits to distribute to its clients. The AAA received 1,250 at-home COVID-19 test kits for distribution to the 12 county planning and service area seniors. The tests will be distributed through our region's 12 senior centers.



Siemens Clinitest Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test (4 pack)





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## REGIONAL MEETINGS JANUARY

2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Day	Closed for New Year's Holiday	
16 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	
17 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Workforce Development Board	NEGRC
19 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	NEGRC Council Meeting	Trumps Catering
25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	UOBWA Meeting	NEGRC