

## UNION POINT AWARDED HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT FUNDS

The City of Union Point was recently awarded a Historic Preservation Fund Grant, a federal subgrant awarded by the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office to support Historic Preservation activities. The 2022 grant of \$6,960 will be used to perform a Historic Resource Survey of the Historic District, an essential component of a Certified Local Government. The survey will be used to evaluate 264 historic resources located within the historic district. Planning and Government Services staff wrote the Historic Preservation Fund grant and submitted it on behalf of the City of Union Point.

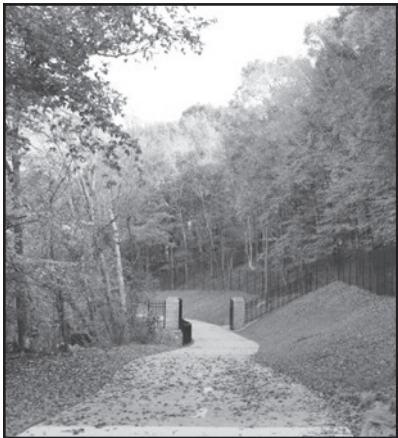
For further information about grant funding and historic-preservation assistance, contact **Lydia Joffray**, NEGRC Historic Preservation Planner, at [ljoffray@negrc.org](mailto:ljoffray@negrc.org) or **(706) 369-5650**.

*The Union Theatre is part of the Historic District that will be evaluated in the Historic Resource Survey.*



## LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND: 2022-2023 GRANT CYCLE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced the start of the 2022-2023 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant cycle. LWCF is a federal grant program funded by the Department of the Interior-National Park Service (NPS) and administered by the DNR. LWCF grants can be used to acquire land for parks, develop outdoor recreation facilities, and to rehabilitate existing outdoor recreational facilities. Eligible applicants include qualified local governments (as determined by the Department of Community Affairs), authorized recreation authorities, and recreation commissions. Applications are due to DNR on May 31, 2023.



If your community would like assistance from the NEGRC, please contact **Mark Beatty**, NEGRC Planning and Government Services Director, at [mbeatty@negrc.org](mailto:mbeatty@negrc.org) or **(706) 369-5650**.

## CITY OF WINDER RECEIVES \$600,000 CHIP GRANT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

On April 5th, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) announced that the Winder Housing Authority (WHA) will receive \$600,000 in grant funding from the Community HOME Investment Program (CHIP). The NEGRC Planning and Government Services (PGS) team assisted the WHA in writing the application for this grant.

CHIP grants, which are part of an annual allocation of HOME Investment Program (HOME) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, are awarded to communities through a competitive application process that scores applicants based on their ability to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing within Georgia communities. The WHA will use these funds to construct a “pocket neighborhood,” an innovative residential design where single-family homes are clustered around shared open space instead of on individual lots. This design will allow for a denser development compared to traditional single-family housing while providing access to quality community amenities and preserving affordability.

The NEGRC would like to thank WHA Executive Director **Michelle Yawn** and her staff for providing their expertise during the application process. PGS staff look forward to continued collaboration with the Winder Housing Authority as the project enters the grant-administration phase. If you have questions regarding the CHIP funding program and NEGRC assistance, please contact **Mark Beatty**, NEGRC Planning and Government Services Director, at [mbeatty@negrc.org](mailto:mbeatty@negrc.org) or (706)369-5650.

are grateful for everything you all have done to ensure we have the assistance we need to continue serving our community. The work you do, although indirect, has affected millions of lives these past years, and the 11-12.5 million pounds of food we distributed each year during the pandemic was only made possible by you and this program. We at the Food Bank greatly appreciate everything you do for us. We hope the best for you going forward, and please send our regards to your team!”



*Pictured: Damian, Mikayla, Bill (supervisor), Justin, and Dan*

## FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA PARTNERS WITH NEGRC/WORKSOURCE NORTHEAST GEORGIA

WorkSource Northeast Georgia/NEGRC was awarded funds from the Technical College of Georgia (TCSG) Office of Workforce Development (OWD). These funds were provided to the State of Georgia through a grant from the US Department of Labor during the Covid pandemic to assist community organizations as well as impacted workers. The impacted Dislocated Workers were placed in a work experience activity in non-profits and organizations such as the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, Senior Centers, the Classic Center, and County Health Departments to assist with Food Distribution, Sanitization, and Covid Vaccine distribution. The grant funds paid for the work experience wages and associated payroll expenses. Upon the end of the grant on March 31, 2023, the Worksite Supervisor at the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, **Noah Cooke**, wrote a thoughtful note expressing his gratitude:

“This program has been an absolute blessing to us over the last three years. We would not have been able to serve anywhere to the capacity needed during the pandemic if it were not for WorkSource Georgia. You all have served us and been patient with us during this whole process, and we truly

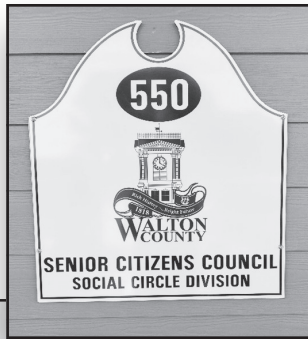
## WALTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN COUNCIL-SOCIAL CIRCLE DIVISION

On Thursday, April 13, 2023, the Walton County Senior Citizen Council -Social Circle Division had its ribbon-cutting services for its new location. Since 1995, the Social Circle Division has shared a community room with the Social Circle Police Department. The Council was grateful to use the space but was limited in the number of activities and programs that could be offered due to events scheduled in the community room.

In 2022, the Senior Center Executive Director, **Vickie Gasaway**, and Site Manager, **Patricia Javis**, approached Walton County to inquire about space that could be used for the Social Circle site to have its own dedicated space. The decision was made to provide the Social Circle site with space previously used by the Parks and Recreation Office, 550 Fair Play Drive, Social Circle, GA. The space was renovated and officially opened on April 13, 2023, as the new location for the Walton County Senior Citizen Council-Social Circle Division.

The Walton County Senior Citizen Council-Social Circle Division currently serves 60 clients, distributing 6,400 congregate meals and 5,200 home-delivered meals yearly. The site continues to grow. If you or someone you know in Social Circle are in need of meal support, please contact Site Manager **Patricia Javis** at (770) 464-1700, visit the Walton County Senior Citizen Council-Social Circle Division, Social

Circle, GA 30025, or call the Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging at 1(888)808-8020 to learn more about meal programs and services available.



*Walton County Senior Citizen Council - Social Circle Division*



*Seniors using newly renovated space at the new location for the Walton County Senior Citizen Council - Social Circle Division*

## THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA SENIOR HUNGER COALITION OFFERS GRANTS TO END SENIOR HUNGER IN THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA REGION

The Northeast Georgia Senior Hunger Coalition was formed in 2018 as a result of the Georgia State Plan and efforts to end senior hunger. Georgia State Plan addresses senior

hunger in five focus areas: Today's Seniors, Impact of Senior Hunger on Health, Food Access, Food Waste, Reclamation, and Meeting the Needs of the Community.

The Northeast Georgia Senior Hunger Coalition realizes that all focus areas are important, but its focus area has been **Food Access** in Oglethorpe, Madison, and Elbert Counties due to the counties having large areas and several food deserts. In addition, the senior hunger coalition has produced literature to educate the community on senior hunger and to provide resources to assist clients with accessing food.

At the start of the Coronavirus pandemic in 2020, the Senior Hunger Coalition provided food access in all Northeast Georgia counties by providing 630 shelf-stable meals to seniors identified by senior centers to have food insecurity and low income, hosted a Farmer's Market to 50 senior community members in Oglethorpe County, provided ten \$100 gift cards and transportation to Oglethorpe County seniors for grocery shopping at the local Bells Grocery store, and provided farmers' markets to Madison and Elbert counties through grant funds received through a partnership with Humana.

In continued efforts to spread awareness and support local businesses and organizations combatting senior hunger and with the collaboration of funding from the Division of Aging Services, several mini-grants were offered in 2021 and 2022, with plans to continue grants in 2023. Northeast Georgia Senior Hunger Coalition grants will award two grants to community recipients for \$2,500 for sustainable projects. The grant supplements a project or a new project's start-up fees. Proposals are being accepted through May 12, 2023, and should cover one of the five focus areas.

The grantees will be required to submit quarterly reports on the progress of the project to the Senior Hunger Coalition Coordinator.

To learn more about the Northeast Georgia Senior Hunger Coalition or Georgia State Plan, please contact Quality Assurance Senior Manager **Toshia Lewis** at [tlewis@negrc.org](mailto:tlewis@negrc.org) or **Katurah Patterson** at [kpatterson@negrc.org](mailto:kpatterson@negrc.org). Both can be reached by phone at **1(888) 808-8020**.

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7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>		GARC Economic Development Conference	Lanier Islands
9 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 a.m.	Workforce Development Board	NEGRC
10 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Solid Waste Authority	NEGRC
18 <sup>th</sup>	Noon	NEGRC Council Meeting	Trumps Catering
24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	UOBWA Meeting	NEGRC