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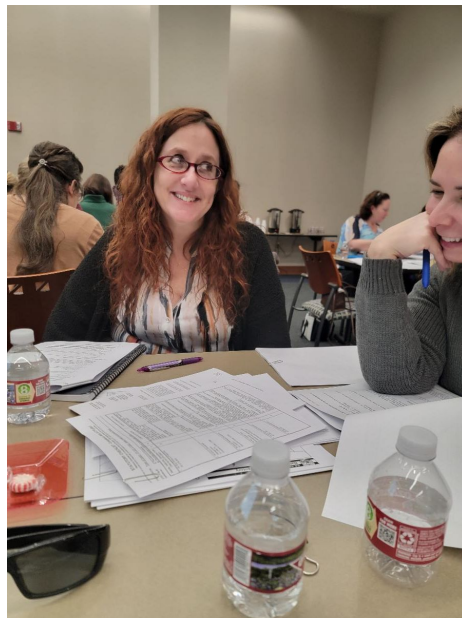
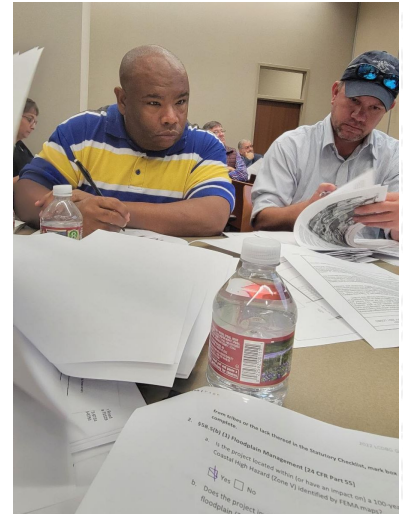
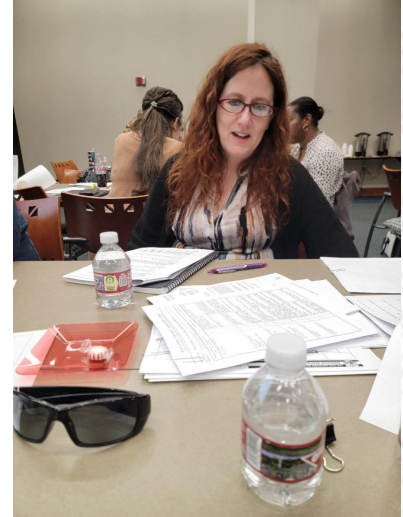
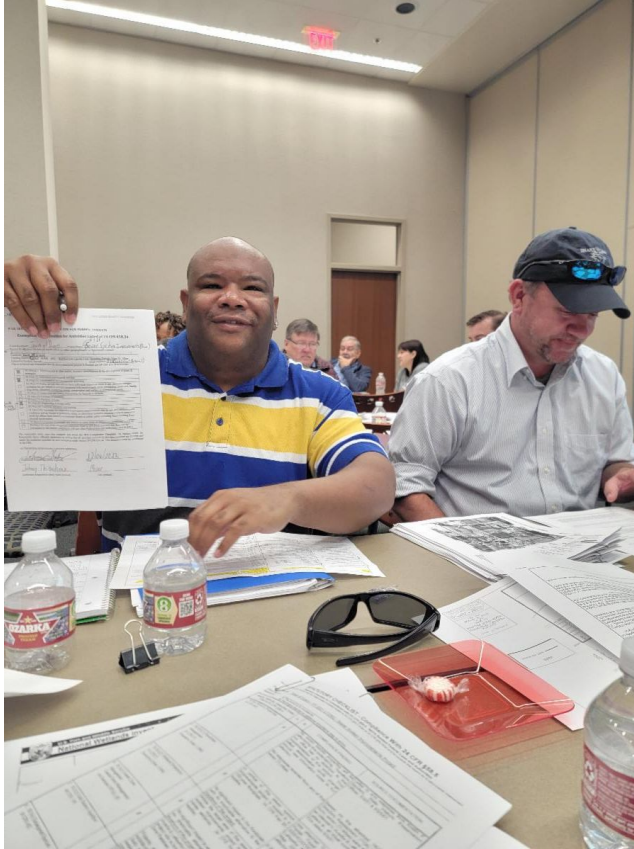
Louisiana Community Development Block Grant 2022

***Environmental Record Review Training Session
Baton Rouge, Louisiana***



Shannon Edgerson and Lea Ann Rucker of South Central Planning and Development Commission attended the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Environmental Record Review Training hosted by the Louisiana Office of Community Development on December 5 and December 6, 2022 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Edgerson and Ms. Rucker, along with others from all over the State of Louisiana were involved in completing Environmental Record Reviews for various Louisiana Community Development Block Grant projects. The Environmental Record Review training focused on Steps in the Environmental Review Process including Environmental Review Clearance Levels, Certification of Exemption, Compliance Documentation Checklist, Statutory Checklist and Worksheet, the 8-Step Process, and the ERR Clearance. The training was a success and all participants benefitted from the instructors of Denease McGee and Fenishia Favorite.



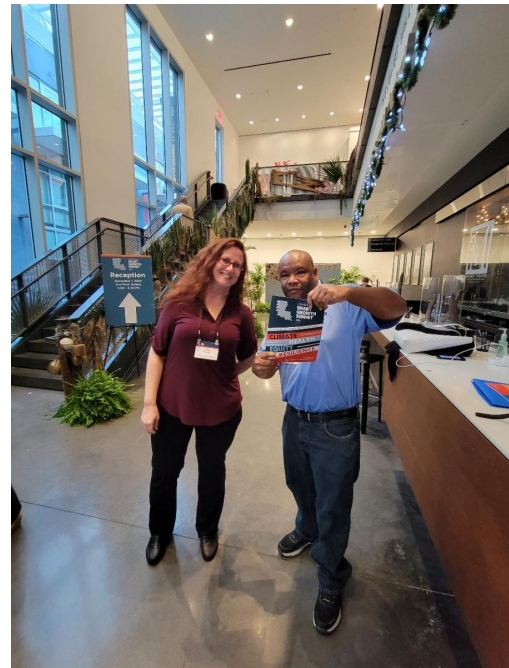


2022 Louisiana Smart Growth Summit Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Shannon Edgerson and Lea Ann Rucker of South Central Planning and Development Commission attended the 2022 Louisiana Smart Growth Summit hosted by the Center of Planning and Excellence on December 7 and 8, 2022 at the Shaw Center for the Arts - Manship Theater located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Edgerson and Rucker, along with numerous other professionals including Planning Practitioners, Elected & Appointed Officials, Engaged Community Members, Policy Makers, Activists, Lawyers, Non-Profit Leaders, Architects,

Landscape Architects, Floodplain Managers, LEED Professionals, Engineers, Realtors, and Public Health Professionals from all over the State of Louisiana attended this wonderful event. The 2022 Summit featured keynote speakers such as the Louisiana Honorable Governor Jon Bel Edwards among others such as Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, who is the Principal of the McAdams land planning and design company, and Camille Manning-Broome, who is the President and CEO for the Center for Planning and Excellence. Both Shannon and Lea Ann attended several sessions that included Smart Growth Planning, Land Use and Transportation Infrastructure, Climate Migration, Design Planning, Complete Streets, and Stormwater. The Smart Growth Summit was very informative and a fun place to learn new concepts and strategies to bring back to the workplace.





**CDBG Surveying in
Northern Louisiana**



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THE COORDINATING & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Shannon Edgerson, Thomas Rhodes, and Jonathan Eastwood of South Central Planning and Development Commission participated in assisting The Coordinating & Development Corporation, Sabine Parish Police Jury, and the DeSoto Parish Police Jury with Community Development Block



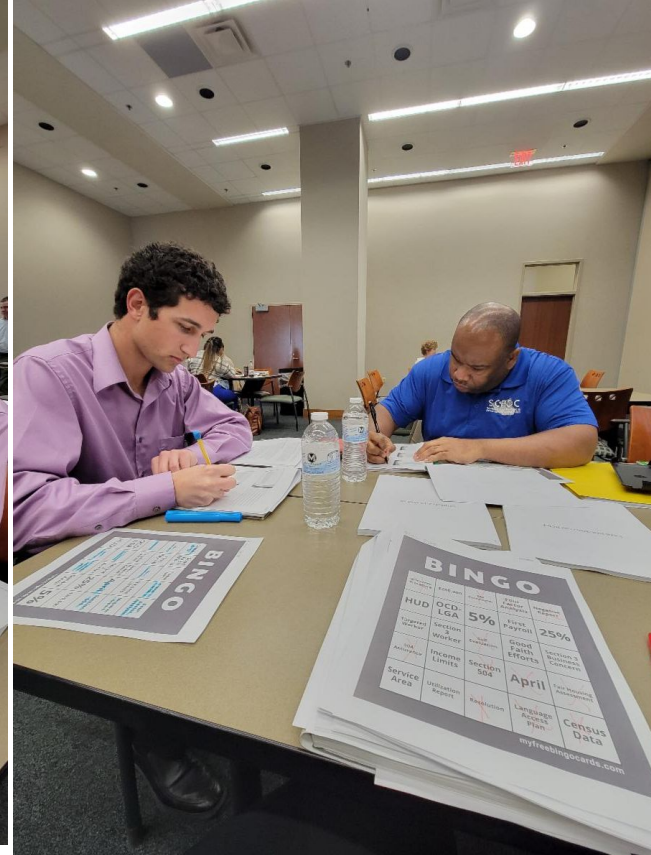
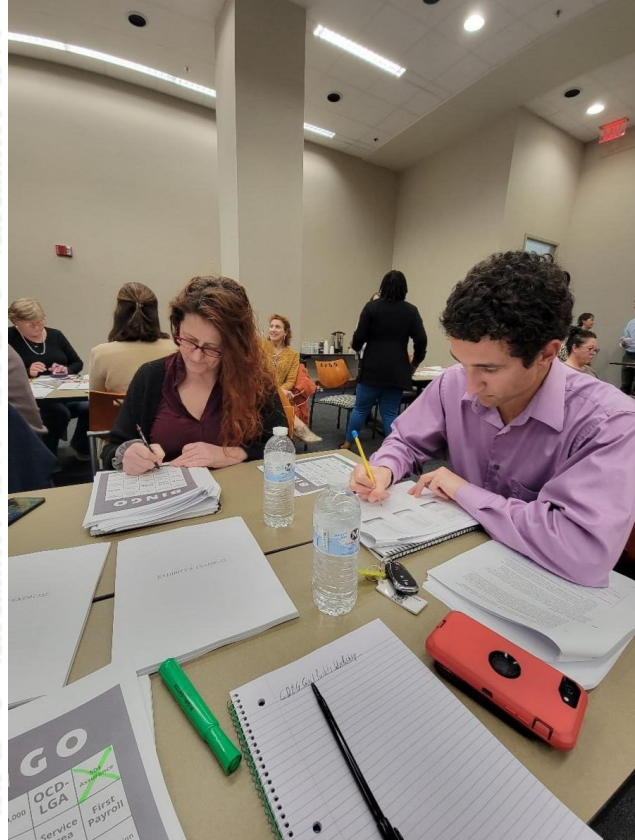
Grant surveys for road improvements. The surveys questioned household income to qualify for grant eligibility. Edgerson, Rhodes, and Eastwood along with Austin Vaughn and Pearson Harbour from The Coordinating & Development Corporation in Bossier City, Louisiana surveyed homeowners or renters in target zones throughout the Many and Zwolle areas of Sabine Parish and the Stonewall area of Desoto Parish. The surveys were conducted from October 31, 2022, until November 3, 2022. The bottom two photos in this article are Austin Vaughn and Pearson Harbour from The Coordinating & Development Corporation.

Louisiana Community Development Block Grant 2023

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Shannon Edgerson, Lea Ann Rucker, and Thomas Rhodes of South Central Planning and Development Commission attended the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Civil Rights and Labor Compliance Training hosted by the Louisiana Office of Community Development on January 10 and January 11, 2022 at the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mr. Edgerson, Ms. Rucker, and Mr. Rhodes along with others from all over the State of Louisiana were involved in learning about the Equal Employment Opportunities, Fair Housing, Section 504, and Section 3 for the Civil Rights Training and for the Labor Compliance Training, we all learned the regulations and requirements of the Davis-Bacon Related Acts, Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA), Louisiana Law, and the LCDBG requirements for labor compliance in addition to Wage Decision, Fringe Benefits, Force Account Labor Employee Interviews, Labor Standards, the classification of Unfound Workers and Falsification, Payroll Retention and Payroll Review. The training was a success and all participants benefitted from the instructors of Denease McGee who directed the Civil Rights Training and Fenishia Favorite who directed the Labor Compliance Training.





South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) Brownfields Program works to assess, clean up, and facilitate the redevelopment and/or reuse of potentially contaminated properties known as brownfields.

South Central's Brownfields Program



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For more information on SCPDC's Brownfields Program, contact our Brownfields Program Manager Lesley Long at lesley@scpdc.org or (985) 851-2900.

Watershed Initiative Announcement

Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI): \$100 MILLION FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS

The pre-application phase for Round 2 begins **Jan. 23**. The LWI team will host a **webinar for potential applicants at 1 p.m. Jan. 30** to provide more details. You can register [here](#).

We encourage you to share this information with your community leaders and consider this funding opportunity for flood risk reduction projects. For more information, [click here](#). [Email us](#) if you have questions.

Building Codes Department

Updated Codes Effective January 1, 2023

The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code Council have adopted updated codes that are effective for all permits that are applied for on or after January 1, 2023. The updated codes are the 2021 version of the International Codes with Louisiana amendments and the 2020 version of the National Electrical Code with Louisiana amendments. Several classes were given by the SCPDC team at multiple HBA meetings over the last few months. For those permit applicants that were unable to attend these classes, handouts highlighting the significant code changes they should be aware of have been provided to all the permit offices to hand out.

There will be more changes to come later in the year with the adoption of the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code and the 2021 Energy Chapter of the International Residential Code both with Louisiana amendments. These changes will become effective for all permits applied for on or after July 1, 2023. Prior to that date, we will, once again, hold educational sessions to make sure our building community is informed and prepared to adapt to the new regulations.

My Government Online

South Central Planning and Development Commission celebrated its 50th anniversary where the decades of experience and regional cooperation led to

the creation of My Government Online. MGO is now used by hundreds of jurisdictions from over 22 states and continues to grow! My Government Online appreciates every jurisdiction including South Central Planning and Development Commission who has had a partnership with them over multiple years.



Also, December 13, 14, and 15 2022 in New Orleans, there was the first-ever MGO Connect National Conference! There were over 250 registrations for this event and participants traveling from across the country to be at the MGO site today. It's always a pleasure connecting with the customers and having the opportunity to show them how the MGO software can be used to streamline their workflow.



Special shout out to the in-house speakers for their incredible presentations today and our customer representatives for making this such a great event. We can't wait to see what tomorrow brings.

MGO offers a suite of software tools that are integrated and easily evolve. Due to the software's success and popularity in our own region, the team has been offering these tools through a special partnership program to any governmental entity that is interested in participating.



There is no upfront cost to acquire and use any of these tools; however, a small monthly fee is required to cover the cost of the ongoing support, training, and configuration that is provided for the lifetime that you use our products. Please contact us at (866) 957-3764 for further information regarding this program and how we can partner together.



LTAP Announcement: Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

TAP Announcements

The 2023 DOTD Transportation Alternatives Program Information Guides may be obtained electronically or through the mail. The documents may be downloaded from this website (see documents below). Documents may also be obtained through the mail by writing or e-mailing the following:

Mr. Brian Nunes
La DOTD
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
Brain Nunes

You may also e-mail Steve Meek, **[Click Here](#)**, to request the documents.

Entities should note that DOTD takes applications on a bi-annual basis. Applications will be accepted during even number years only.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please send an e-mail to the personnel listed above.

Also, please share the information below by visiting our website on Call for Projects for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

[Visit our website](#)

South Central Regional Safety Coalition

Program Coordinator: [Cassie Parker](#)

[Learn More](#)



South Central Regional Safety Coalition (SCRSC) is a traffic safety coalition comprised of multidisciplinary partners/agencies throughout the parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne.

Nucor Steel Health Fair



SCRSC partnered with Lutcher PD to conduct traffic safety outreach and education at Nucor Steel's Health Fair.



National Night Out Kickoff

Kenner, LA

SCRSC partnered with Lutcher PD and Frisards to conduct traffic safety education at Kenner's National Night Out in October.



Sgt. Gerhold, Gramercy PD conducts interactive activity using fatal vision or "drunk goggles" to demonstrate impairment to attendees.



Partners from Lutchter PD, Gramercy PD, St. James SO, Frisards Companies and LSP-C participated in the event.

Distracted Driving and Impaired Driving Simulator

funded by State Farm

South Central Regional Safety Coalition teamed up with its sister coalition, Capital Region, to purchase a desktop distracted driving and impaired driving simulator thanks to funding provided by State Farm.



Fitting Stations

Contact one of our LA Passenger Safety Task Force Fitting Stations to get your child seat checked.



Grant Opportunities

LHSC Program

LADOTD Transportation Alternatives Program

Any Parish or Municipality that wants to share regional activities they're promoting, we will give them access to our Newsletter as a medium. For more information about the Newsletter please contact Ms. Cassie Parker at cassie@scpdc.org.

SCPDC Upcoming
Meetings

Please click on the button above if you are interested in the upcoming SCPDC Meetings or Events for 2023.

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