

2010 The Year of Transition

It is our pleasure to present the 2010 Annual Report. This report is the first one for the Coastal Regional Commission. On July 1, 2009 the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center became the Coastal Regional Commission. Fiscal Year 2010 was a year in which the primary focus was one of implementing the conversion of the organization to comply with HB1216. This implementation required a tremendous effort by the staff and Council of the Regional Commission to accomplish. The transformation came about seamlessly and all who worked on this did so in a very professional manner.

The new Regional Commission was recognized for the efforts of its staff in 2010. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the CRC for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the CRC had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. The second award was from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). Projects selected were based on uniqueness/level of innovation, significant regional impact, the ability to be replicated, long ranging impacts, innovative partnerships and creative funding. In addition, the CRC received two prestigious awards for its work on the LiDAR project. The first was a Special Achievement in GIS Award received during the 2010 ESRI International Users Conference. The CRC was one of 150 agencies selected, out of 300,000, for this project.

The CRC Area Agency on Aging has continued to provide a variety of programs and services throughout the region. One example of our many services is meals to homebound seniors and adults attending senior centers. In FY10 we served over 450,000 such meals in the region.

Our Transportation Department experienced significant growth in FY2010 allowing us to offer transit through the *Coastal Regional Coaches*, (the regional rural and coordinated public transit program), and the Regional Vanpool Program. *Coastal Regional Coaches* is a rural public transit program that removes boundaries within the region to provide demand-response, advance reservation transportation to anyone in the rural areas of the region. The Regional Vanpool Program is a commuter transportation program designed for employees that commute daily from rural, outlying areas to work. The Regional Vanpool Program will contribute to economic development and job growth in the coastal region by attracting business and industry and providing a consistent, reliable workforce.

The Planning Department worked on the implementation of the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) as a major project in 2009. The purpose of this effort is to aggressively advance a multi-faceted approach to implementation of the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Air Field JLUS. Ultimately, the project's goal is to maintain the long-term viability of the military base through regional cooperation and coordinated planning. This is a significant project for Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) in that this is the first time OEA has funded staff to implement a JLUS. The Planning Department also secured funding for the implementation of the Coastal Stormwater Supplement. The department provided targeted training sessions to emphasize the importance and how it could be implemented locally.

Our GIS staff worked on the US Geological Survey project to assemble a multi-county effort to acquire LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging). This project covers ten counties and is providing topographical data to assist with planning and emergency preparedness. The GIS/IT Services department continues to provide a wide array of support services for the region's cities and counties that include, but are not limited to: parcel maintenance; GPS data collection; GIS technical assistance; mapping and website development.

Our staff of the Coastal Regional Commission has a commitment to serving our region in an efficient and professional manner. As our motto states, "*What can we do for you?*"

Sincerely,



Dan Coty, Chairman



Allen Burns, Executive Director

2009 - 2010 Directory of Council Members

BRYAN COUNTY

Chairman Jimmy Burnsed
Bryan Co. Commission

Mayor Harold Fowler
City of Richmond Hill

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Non-Public

BULLOCH COUNTY

Walter Gibson
Bulloch Co. Commission

Gary Lewis
City of Statesboro

Dr. Ronald Shiffler
Post Secondary Education

CAMDEN COUNTY

Chairman David Rainer
Camden Co. Commission

Mayor Bill Deloughy
City of St. Marys

Craig Root
Non-Public

CHATHAM COUNTY

Chairman Pete Liakakis
Chatham Co. Commission

Mayor Otis Johnson
City of Savannah

Chris Blaine
Non-Public

Two Vacancies

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Chairman Dusty Zeigler
Effingham Co. Commission

Mayor Ken Lee
City of Rincon

Herb Jones
Non-Public

GLYNN COUNTY

Mayor Bryan Thompson
City of Brunswick

Chairman Howard Lynn
Glynn Co. Commission

Dan Coty
Non-Public

Brad Brown
Non-Public

LIBERTY COUNTY

Chairman John McIver
Liberty Co. Commission

Mayor Jim Thomas
City of Hinesville

Robert Stokes
Non-Public

Allen Brown
Non-Public

LONG COUNTY

Robert Walker
Long Co. Commission

Gwendolyn Davis
Ludowici City Council

William Miller
Non-Public

MCINTOSH COUNTY

Charles Jordan
McIntosh Co. Commission

Mayor Kelly Spratt
City of Darien

Jason Coley
Non-Public

SCREVEN COUNTY

Chairman Will Boyd
Screven Co. Commission

Mayor Margaret D. Evans
City of Sylvania

Dorothy Glisson
Private Sector Representative

STATE OF GEORGIA APPOINTMENTS

Tom Ratcliffe
Randal Morris
Chap Bennett
Linda Barker
One Vacancy

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Clarence Knight
City of Kingsland

Dr. Priscilla Thomas
Chatham County Commission

Rich Olson
Fort Stewart

Dr. Ben Thompson
Chair, Coastal Regional
Water Planning Commission

2009 - 2010 Council Officers



Dan Coty, CRC Council Chairman

Commissioner Walter Gibson, CRC Council Vice-Chair

Mayor Jim Thomas, CRC Council Secretary



Allen Burns
CRC Executive Director



Transportation Services



The mission of the Transportation Services Department is to alleviate transportation deficiencies by planning, coordinating, and supplementing transit services to include cost-effective, efficient employment, medical, human service and rural public transit through a variety of transportation programs.

FY10 Financial Data for Transportation Services Department

Note: There are no CRC "dues" applied to any of the transportation programs.

Program	*Combined Contract Amounts	Trips
DHS	\$ 1,826,506	154,481
United Way	\$ 20,000	3,070
5311 Rural Transit	\$ 951,706	20,634
**ARRA (Stimulus Funds)	\$ 3,021,556	
JARC (Vanpool Program)	\$ 2,300,894	
New Freedom (Mobility Mgt)	\$ 1,891,341	
***POS (Purchase of Service)	\$ 3,268	360
Total	\$ 10,015,271	178,545

*Multi-Year contracts that begin 01 Jan 2009 and end 31 Dec 2012

**ARRA funds have and will be used to purchase Coastal Regional Coaches, computers, software and other related expenses to establish Transit Call Center

***Combined Purchase of Service contracts

FY11 Projections

The funding available for provision of coordinated transportation for FY11 is projected to increase in aggregate to \$6.73 million. We anticipate that approximately 240, 546 human service and rural public transit trips will be provided with an expansion of vanpool operations to include implementation of twelve vanpools during the FY11 fiscal year.

Because of the ongoing expansion of services provided by the Transportation Services Department the Coastal Regional Commission has become eligible for funding that if awarded will allow for the construction of a multimodal transportation facility built to decrease the environmental impact of transportation in the region by alleviating connectivity issues and increasing employment possibilities through greater accessibility to transportation options.

"I have seen the Coastal Coaches throughout the community and the service is a great benefit to many people. I applaud the efforts of your organization on providing this enhancement to our community."

- Local Citizen

Regional Vanpool Program

Coastal Regional Commission Vanpool Program			
Environmental Impacts			
	One (1) Vanpool for One Year	Three (3) Vanpools for One Year	Five (5) Vanpools for One Year
Estimated No. Trips Reduced*	4,515	13,547	22,579
Estimated No. Vehicle Miles Saved*	112,896	338,688	564,480
Estimated Fuel Saved	4,150 Gallons	12,315 Gallons	20,526 Gallons
	\$10,673	\$32,021	\$53,369
*One vanpool removes as many as 14 vehicles and their emissions from the road each day			

In addition to its service to private sector employees and employers in the region, the Coastal Regional Commission partners with state and federal employers to provide vanpool services to employees that live or work in the coastal region. Some of the benefits of vanpools include:

- Attract business and industry for continued economic growth;
- Boost local revenue as access to jobs is provided across county lines;
- Improve transportation planning with an eye towards expansion as a reduction of vehicles on the road contributes to longevity of existing roads and highways;
- Improve employee productivity by alleviating commuting pressures and stressful driving;
- Improve workforce morale by lowering commuting costs and offering valuable pre-tax savings of up to \$230 per month;
- Improve employee retention by offering reliable transportation for daily commutes;
- Expand your labor market by making your local facilities more accessible;
- Reduce parking requirements and the costs associated with maintaining or building parking facilities;
- Enhance your public image by providing a benefit to your employees that is good for the community and the environment, and earn recognition as a Best Workplace for Commuters;
- Ride with peace of mind knowing that transportation is provided via the emergency ride home program for emergencies requiring leave from work.



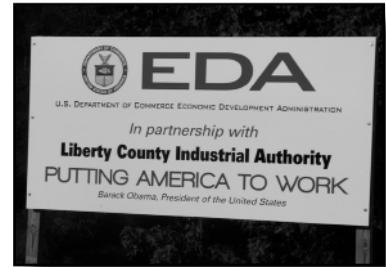
“The use of the VPSI Vanpool has been a great fit for my commute. The camaraderie of my fellow vanpool riders has been a true bonus of riding the van. Not only do you save wear and tear on your own vehicle, but you associate with fellow riders and it makes for a better commute each time. And, in a small way, you are also helping the environment. It has been a great experience.”

- Vanpool Participant



economic development

The Economic Development department works with the member local governments and the region's economic development authorities to promote and advance opportunities for economic growth and the creation of family sustaining jobs. Staff has established as its mission to collaborate and assist our member stakeholders in partnering together to attract capital investments, improve the necessary infrastructure to attract business expansion and pursue the valuable resources to facilitate the development of activities to improve and sustain the quality of life that makes the coastal region the best place.



- Received a financial assistance award from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the technical and grant writing assistance provided to Liberty County for the construction of water, sewer and road improvements. These infrastructure improvements addressed the needs for the Firth Rixson company in the location of their new manufacturing facility.
- Provided technical and grant writing assistance in preparation of an U.S. Economic Development Administration application for the funds to enhance the water distribution capacity in the City of Thunderbolt. A local company, Thunderbolt Marine, Inc., needed to expand their operation but the water pressure was insufficient to address the water a required fire suppression system. The application was awarded by the requested funding agency.
- Mitsubishi Power Systems America, Inc located a manufacturing facility in the City of Savannah as a result from the collaboration of several local and state economic development agencies. The CRC provided grant writing assistance in preparing necessary applications for public funds to leverage the private investments made by Mitsubishi Power Systems.
- Facilitated the initiative to establish an Employment Based 5th Preference (EB-5) Regional center within the auspices of the CRC. Once approved, the EB-5 will serve as a mechanism to encourage foreign investments within the 10 county region. Under the support and guidance of the Economic Development Committee the necessary structure and documentation is being prepared for submission to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security to establish the Coastal Georgia Foreign Capital Center. The responsibility of the newly established EB-5 Regional Center will be to market the program, solicit capital projects, secure the necessary investment pool and administer/monitor the results of the invested projects.
- Continued to advance the goals set forth in the CRC's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document and encourage a greater emphasis on intergovernmental relationship building and the cooperative marketing of the 10 county region.



The Economic Development Administration (EDA) is Funding Infrastructure Improvements at Tradeport East Industrial Park in Liberty County, Georgia



administrative services

The Administrative Services Department provided a wide array of support services that ensured the proficient daily operation of the Coastal Regional Commission (CRC). Administrative services were provided to the CRC by the Administrative Services Director, the Administrative Secretary, and the Publications Secretary. In February, the Administrative Secretary was promoted to the Transportation Assistant, which left two employees in the Administrative Department.

The Administrative Services Director (ASD) manages this department and is the right arm of the Executive Director. One of the main functions of the ASD is coordinating Council and Budget and Finance Committee meetings, taking and keeping the minutes of both meetings; maintaining council appointments and documentation. The ASD also produced the City/County Directory which is a vital source of information provided to the coastal cities and counties and contains listings for coastal Georgia's city council members, county commissioners, legislators, Georgia Regional Commissions, and the Coastal Regional Commission Council.

The Publications Secretary is responsible for the Coastal Connector newsletter, the Annual Report/Calendar, and the formatting of comprehensive plans. She also assisted with the Area Plan for the Area Agency on Aging.

Administrative staff also provided public relation activities including press releases, layout and design of flyers and brochures. Administrative staff also takes minutes for meetings and assists staff members with various projects as needed.

The Administrative Services Director is responsible for coordinating Council and Budget and Finance Committee meetings. Meetings are held monthly in Richmond Hill.



The Administrative Services Department also assisted in the smooth transition of the CGRDC to the CRC. This included ordering new letterhead, business cards for employees and outdoor signage at the CRC office.

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Challenges and Growth



During the next State fiscal year, in 2011, the first baby boomers turn 65. Georgia is currently ranked as having the 9th highest growing older adult population in the entire US. A recent study predicted that the 55 and older cohort in Coastal Georgia is expected to double by the year 2030. This growth trend is having serious impacts on our transportation, healthcare, government planning, and service delivery systems. It's evident in the growing demand for services, the Coastal Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and our local governments will have tremendous challenges and opportunities ahead as we plan for the needs of older adults in our region.

Opportunities; Aging and Disability Resource Connection, a One-Stop-Shop for Information and Access

The mission and focus of the AAA is delivering comprehensive, coordinated services while promoting independence, autonomy and the well-being of all coastal area older adults and those with disabilities, and to provide these individuals and their caregivers with quality accurate and up to date information and access to needed services. During FY2010, Coastal AAA programs benefited more than 3,500 individuals at home or in community settings such as senior centers or adult day care programs. In addition, hundreds of individuals were served through the Elderly Legal Assistance Program, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, GeorgiaCares, and the Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC).

In 2007, Coastal AAA was awarded funding to expand and initiate a decentralized ADRC concept or a 'one-stop-shop' for older and disabled adults, caregivers and families who need help with one or more issues. The primary goal was to ensure that people seeking help won't 'fall through the cracks'. The AAA and our dedicated staff of aging professionals provided assistance through options counseling, screenings and referrals for OAA services, accurate and helpful information, and application and enrollment assistance for an array of benefits, plans and programs for which consumers may potentially be eligible for.

This past year, we were awarded funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to implement evidence-based health promotion programs to target ongoing health conditions and fall prevention for older adults.

For more than 30 years, the Coastal Regional Commission has served as the designated the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the nine counties of Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, and McIntosh. We strive and continue to lead in the field of aging information, programs and services, and are relentless advocates for those we serve.



Coastal Aging Network Accomplishments in FY2010:

- Provided direct services to 3,465 consumers through Community Care Services Program and the non-Medicaid Home and Community Based Services.
- Provided 99,288 hours of Adult Day Care and 5,704 days of Adult Day Health services
- Provided 1,740 hours of Case Management services.
- Served 451,733 meals to homebound elders and older adults attending senior center congregate meals programs.
- Served more than 803 older adults with 374,466 hours of in-home supportive services including personal support services, personal care assistance, homemaker services, and respite care.
- Responded to 13,475 callers contacting the Area Agency on Aging for information about programs and services, resulting in 23,293 contacts with or on behalf of clients (phone calls, letters, email, etc.).
- Conducted 2,980 telephone screenings for publicly funded services.
- Made 3,873 referrals to public or private services to meet the needs of consumers.
- The Medicare Diabetes Screening Project has been implemented in Liberty, Camden, McIntosh, and Glynn Counties.
- The AAA co-hosted with the National Council on Aging, a Medicare Diabetes Screening Project Training Workshop in Savannah. It was attended by over 50 people who will carry the message and program back to their communities.
- Provided more than 4,560 hours of legal counseling through the Elderly Legal Assistance Program (ELAP), resulting in a total of \$724,266 in direct monetary savings and benefits to older adults needing non-criminal legal assistance.
- ELAP also provided 81 community education sessions to more than 1,909 individuals on topics related to legal issues.
- Provided 185 community education activities as part of the Elder Abuse Prevention/Consumer Fraud Prevention Program; the majority of the programs were delivered by volunteers.
- Served 1,802 individuals through the Coastal GeorgiaCares Program, saving consumers \$1,080,955.46 in healthcare and prescription drug costs.



- The GeorgiaCares Program also provided 94 outreach events reaching 3,487 individuals and provided 41 Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) outreach events to 2,149 individuals.
- Seventeen GeorgiaCares Program volunteers provided 263 hours of outreach.
- Twelve GeorgiaCares Program volunteers provided 163 hours of counseling to beneficiaries.
- Investigated 476 nursing home and personal care home complaints made.
- Unannounced visits to 140 long-term care facilities across the region at least four times a year to monitor care and interact with residents.
- Monitored 32 programs and/or service sites for fiscal and programmatic compliance.
- Surveyed more than nearly 800 consumers for service satisfaction.
- Conducted ten public meetings, reaching 281 consumers across the region
- Provided 25,967 people, duplicated count with nutrition education, 13,549 people with Lifestyle Management information, and Physical Activity to 14,835 older adults in senior centers across the region.



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- Through the Georgia Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Georgia (GS FMNP), the Coastal AAA distributed 795 vouchers to individuals at or below poverty level at events held at 24 senior centers, one adult daycare center, and one senior high-rise in all nine counties. The \$20 vouchers were used to buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.

Other Aging Services Activities

- Created a five-minute outreach video to highlight the value of volunteerism. The video was used to remind current honorees of the importance and value of their service, inspire those who currently volunteer to expand and/or continue their service and formally thank volunteers.
- In March of 2010, held an annual Volunteer Recognition event to thank more than 50 volunteers for their service to the AAA.
- Arranged for 50 senior advocates to travel to Atlanta as part of Senior Days at the Capitol, an opportunity for advocates to meet face-to-face with their elected officials and to rally for support of services for elders.
- Successfully partnered with Congressman Jack Kingston and Congressman John Barrow to provide eight enrollment events for Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Programs serving approximately 218 beneficiaries.
- Completed 446 Low Income Subsidy and Medicare Savings Program Applications surpassing the goal of 341 set by a new two-year MIPPA grant.
- Three AAA staff completed certification for Tailored Care (TCARE) Master Training during FY2010.
- Two AAA staff completed certification for the Matter of Balance Program.
- Two AAA staff earned scholarships and attended the n4a Leadership Institute September 2009 in Annapolis, MD. Upon completion of a year long group project with leaders from the aging network across the country, they graduated from the Institute July 2010.
- Twelve AAA staff entered the Boston College Gerontology Certificate program this year. Two staff have completed the program and received their Certificates in Gerontology.



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99,288 hours of Adult Day Care provided

1,802 individuals served through the Coastal GeorgiaCares Program

803 older adults served with 374,466 hours of in-home supportive services

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Representative Jerry Keen speaks with coastal seniors during Senior Days at the state capitol. The AAA took over 50 seniors to Atlanta allowing them to speak face-to-face with their elected officials.

Volunteers were honored at a luncheon in March 2010. The luncheon was held to thank those that give of their time and talents for the seniors of the coastal region.



planning and government Services

Implementation of the Coastal Comprehensive Plan

- Presented findings of the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Inventory and the Transportation Assessment, completed by Thomas & Hutton and JIG respectively, on August 12 and incorporated recommendations in the Regional Plan.
- Developed design guidelines and model ordinances particular to Planned Unit Developments and significant lands protection with assistance from Prosser Hallock. Funded in part by DCA and EPD Coastal Non-Point Source Management Program, the ordinances will be an excellent tool for local governments that want to preserve the natural, cultural and agricultural lands in their community.
- Hosted regional meetings on September 10 and 11, 2009, as well as February 22 and March 1, 2010 to brief city/county managers and planners about regional plan implementation progress and deliverables, and get feedback on the performance measures.

Completion and Implementation of the *Regional Plan of Coastal Georgia*

- Convened a group of stakeholders that includes staff from Coastal Resources Division, UGA MAREX, Sea Grant, EPD Coastal Non-Point Source Management Program, Georgia Conservancy, ACCG, and private sector attorneys to draft the Regional Work Program, and coordinate regional plan implementation activities.
- Held public hearing for the transmittal of the Regional Plan at the March 10, 2010 Regional Commission Council meeting.
- Solicited public comment and incorporated it as appropriate into the final draft.
- The Regional Commission Council adopted the plan on June 9, 2010.

Coastal Communities for All Ages

- Planned and hosted a site design session on January 19-21, 2010 in Darien with funding from the Georgia Council on Aging and the Department of Community Affairs. The purpose of the event was to explore designing communities that allow people to remain in their homes and communities as long as they desire on an actual site. The Charrette brought together healthcare, aging, accessibility, architecture, planning and design experts to explore the challenges of creating a Community for All Ages.
- Incorporated the findings from the Darien Charrette into the Regional Plan.



Coastal Stormwater Supplement (CSS) Implementation

- Secured \$224,278 in Federal and non-Federal matching funds to implement the Coastal Stormwater Supplement (CSS), which is comprehensive guidance to natural resource protection, stormwater management and site design to protect coastal Georgia's natural resources from the negative impacts of land development and nonpoint source pollution.
- Provided targeted training sessions aimed at educating elected officials, county and municipal staff and private practitioners on the importance of the CSS as well as the technical components involved with implementing recommended green infrastructure practices on June 7, 8, 28 and 29 and July 12 and 27, 2010.
- Designed an exhibit for the ACCG April 2010 conference in Savannah, and hosted a Learning Café session. Local elected officials from not only the region but around the state were exposed to the importance of and innovative approach to stormwater management.



Implementation of the Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

- Facilitated meetings of the Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC) on August 20 and December 2, 2009, February 9 April 28 and June 24, 2010. The purpose of the committee is to review land use issues around Fort Stewart and aim to promote compatible use in areas deemed a concern to the military mission.
- Coordinated with Fort Stewart Growth Management Partnership Committee and provided data as requested.
- Hosted a workshop, *Farms and Forests Forever: Preserving Coastal Georgia's Prime Agriculture and Silviculture Land*, focused on conservation easements and other incentives that keep working farms and timberlands from development on September 15, 2009 in Midway.
- Secured four Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) which are agreements between Fort Stewart and the local government to share information about land use decisions and development plans in advance.

Comprehensive Planning and Services to Local Governments

- Conducted Planning Commissioner Training on July 22, 2009 for Glynn County, City of Brunswick and City of Darien.
- Hosted two-part American Planning Association Planning Commissioner training on December 9, 2009 and February 17, 2010. Officials from the Cities of Kingsland, Pooler, Sylvania, and St. Marys, as well as McIntosh County attended.
- Completed an Urban Redevelopment Plan and Revitalization Strategy for the Town of Hiltonia, which was submitted with their CDBG application.
- Prepared and presented a zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations for the City of Oliver.
- Drafted the Long County and Ludowici Partial Plan Update, which was adopted in June, 2010.
- Facilitated the City of Sylvania's City Council and Senior Staff Retreat on May 8, 2010.

Natural Resources

- Initiated Regionally Important Resource (RIR) Planning process. The RIR Plan is to be adopted by June 2011.
- Completed revisions to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plans for the Satilla and St. Marys River Basins.
- Contracted with Ogeechee RiverKeeper to conduct water quality monitoring on Jackson Branch in Screven County.
- Awarded \$14,014 from a Coastal Incentive Grant to facilitate, map and draft narrative to establish the Coastal Georgia Blueway Paddle Trail, the first in coastal Georgia .
- Awarded \$7,586 from a Coastal Incentive Grant to create a web-based informational toolbox as a one-stop resource providing best management practices, model ordinances, and local and regional plan implementation assistance primarily for local governments.
- Participated in meetings and provided technical assistance during the Jekyll Island Conservation Plan, and Coastal Regional Water Council planning processes.
- Contributed as a member of the Brunswick-Glynn Archway partnership Growth Task Force, and assisted the committee by preparing existing land use maps of a proposed revitalization area for field verification.
- Participated in the re-visioning of the Leadership Southeast Georgia Program with Fanning Institute, and met with Alumni Advisory Board as the program will be hosted by the CRC in January 2011.

Historic Preservation

- Organized and facilitated meetings of the Historic Preservation Advisory Council on August 11, 2009 in Flemington; November 10, 2009 in Bulloch County; February 11, 2010 in Hinesville; and May 11, 2010 in St. Marys.
- Recognized May as Historic Preservation Month with a presentation to the CRC Council while cities across the region, as well as Savannah College of Art and Design and Savannah Technical College recognized the month in a variety of ways.
- Provided technical assistance to:
 - City of Darien regarding Certified Local Government status and benefits
 - City of Tybee Island with organizing to develop design guidelines
 - City of Kingsland regarding National Register nominations
 - City of Springfield on restarting a Historic Preservation commission
 - Harrington School in Glynn County.
 - Dorchester Academy in Liberty County.
 - Tolomato Ruins in McIntosh County
 - Needwood Baptist Church in Glynn County.
 - Gullah-Geechee Heritage Corridor
 - Savannah Technical College Historic Preservation Advisory Board
 - Jekyll Island regarding cemetery preservation
- Drafted and submitted three grants – two for structural restoration to Dorchester and Harrington School – one planning grant for Harrington School to prepare a preservation plan.

Transportation

- Enhanced coordination with the three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) Hinesville Area, Coastal Region (Chatham-Savannah), and Brunswick-Glynn, by attending meetings and providing resources as requested.
- Supported Coordinated Transportation Department by allocating Rural Transit Planning funds for NEPA study of site for Coastal Mobility Center.
- Formed planning committee to explore designation of an Okefenokee Scenic Byway.
- Finalized and submitted Historic Effingham-Ebenezer Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan.
- Provided support to the Coastal Georgia Rails to Trails Committee to develop the Georgia Coast Rail Trail.
- Conducted a bicycle/pedestrian feasibility study along GA 119 from Springfield to Guyton in Effingham County.
- Undertook Walkability and Bikeability Assessments for the cities of Pembroke and St. Marys.
- Advanced Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs in Camden, Darien, and Savannah in conjunction with the SRTS Resource Center Regional Coordinator by attending sessions providing maps and data.
- Assisted with the organization of the dedication ceremony for the White Oak section of trail in Camden County on June 5, 2010.



Cyclists, hikers, bikers, and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages were eager to take to the trail once the ribbon was cut on June 5, 2010.



Geographic information Services

A geographic information system (GIS) integrates hardware, software, and data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information. GIS is used as a tool to help make many planning decisions. This system provides analytical tools consisting of various elements designed to store, retrieve, manipulate and display geographic data. It combines spatial and tabular information about a place to provide a better understanding of its characteristics.

The CRC has the latest GIS technology and use it to assist the member governments of the region in a variety of planning and development applications. Applications for GIS include business and environmental modeling, transportation analyses, land use and comprehensive planning, flood zone delineation, and capital improvement programming. GIS can be used for mapping social, economic, and population characteristics, redistricting of electoral boundaries, and planning bicycle and pedestrians routes.

The CRC also uses Global Positioning Systems (GPS) satellite technology to locate and map features such as community facilities including, but not limited to, schools, city halls, police stations, fire hydrants, and other landmarks on the ground.

FY10 GIS Project Summary

Department of Community Affairs Base

- Completed topology edits to regional land use database and uploaded to DCA.
- Prepared maps for the Hiltonia Revitalization Area Strategies.
- Provided mapping assistance to the City of Brunswick for the Archway Project.

Developments of Regional Impact

- DRI 2038, 2040, 2043 reviewed and completed.
- Provided mapping support for DRI 2129 in North Bryan County.

Camden County Technical Assistance

- Provided technical assistance to the GIS Department and process requests for assistance as needed.

Coastal Incentive Grant

- Assisted in the creation of the resilient communities grant application.
- Assisted in the creation of the website template for the Quality Growth Toolbox.
- Research and mapping of the potential Blueway was initiated with continuing development of route map and segmented waterways.

Joint Land Use Study Implementation

- Presented the JLUS Project at the 2009 ESRI International Users Conference.
- Updated land owner data and conservation easement data within the ACUB boundary.
- Updated MOU Map for Richmond Hill.
- Provided mapping support for the Flemington MOU.
- Provided web mapping training to the City of Pembroke, Evans and Tattnall counties.

Economic Development

- Produced a map showing a 50 mile radius around the Savannah International Airport and a map depicting the industrial sites in the Savannah Gateway Area.
- Created a map of FEMA Flood data for TradePort East industrial site for a grant application.

Rails to Trails Implementation Study

- Prepared map and photo documentation of the White Oak section of the trail.

Aging Services

- Provided senior health and chronic illness data for an ARRA grant application.

GDOT Safe Routes to Schools

- Provided mapping for West Chatham Elementary School and J.G. Smith Elementary School.

GDOT Bike and Pedestrian Plan

- Gathered data for Georgia 119 study.

Transportation Enhancement Program Support

- Collected GPS data and photo documentation for Camden, Glynn, Liberty, Long, Chatham, and Effingham.

Coastal Georgia Elevation Project

- CGEP committee met and heard the announcement that NOAA has chosen PhotoScience as the selected vendor for the data acquisition for the CGEP. Completed the NOAA Annex to allow funds to be transferred to NOAA.
- Applied for ARRA funding for the QA/QC portion of the project.

City of Brunswick

- Provided mapping support to the City of Brunswick for their Community Development Block Grant, completed a re-development map for the city, mapped housing inventory for CDBG, and provided data to city staff.

City of Oliver

- Updated zoning layer for map production.
- Mapped water/sewer inventory utilizing scanned and georeferenced engineering line drawings.

City of St. Mary's

- Completed septic tank inventory project.
- Assisted City with the Boundary Annexation Survey and with geocoding of census data.

City of Hiltonia

- Updated the city wide survey data and the water and sewer lines for the housing survey.

Awards

- GIS Staff awarded 2010 Special Achievement in GIS Award at ESRI International Users Conference.
- GIS Staff awarded first place in two categories in the map gallery at the GARC Conference.
- GIS Staff awarded National Association of Developmental Organizations Innovation Award.



"This is definitely an honor and we are extremely proud to be the first Regional Commission to receive such an honor" said Chris Chalmers, GIS/IT Director, "and would like to share this with all of the local governments whom we serve."

Other members of the GIS department who participated in the project include David Dantzler, GIS Analyst, and Ron Sadowski, Transportation Planner (pictured above).



Information technology Services

General

- Signed Contract with the Savannah Gateway to provide a website for the Collation of Industrial Authorities for the Counties of Effingham, Chatham, Bryan, and Liberty. Site completed and delivered.
- Implemented software upgrade to support system backup for server virtualization environment.
- Began supply ordering and administrative request SharePoint site to allow employees workflows to order supplies and create admin tasks.
- Incorporated Sonicwall Threat Management Solution to increase staff productivity and to ensure maximum security for the CRC.

GIS

- ♦ Assisted GIS department with caching base map for integration into ArcGIS Server.
- ♦ Received the CGEP USGS Server. Will be utilized for post processing of LiDAR Data. ArcGIS Server has been installed as well as the server OS.
- ♦ Implemented new ArcGIS Server. Redeployed all of the GIS applications on the new server.
- ♦ Installed, deployed, and provided technical assistance to GIS staff for ESRI ArcSDE geodatabase platform; this software is crucial to providing a more efficient GIS data structure.

Planning

- ♦ Developed website for Practicum Series; assisted with development of electronic mailing list for this learning series
- ♦ Developed and deployed Farms and Forest Forever in support of PG&S project.

Transportation

- Completed survey of 14 St. Andrews Ct. (home of Transportation Department). Redirected network cable to support remote server access. Reconfigured existing telephone to allow remote phone system operation to allow Transportation Department to have access to the CRC telephone VOIP network.
- Installed fiber optic cable to provide high bandwidth, high availability network connection to leased Transportation building.
- Provided support on phone system and SharePoint extranet sites for Transportation during 5311 service provider transition.

Aging

- Call reporting software
- Developed InfoPath forms to assist gateway staff consumer satisfaction survey.
- Assist with installation and configuration of voucher software to support SENIOR FARMERS MARKET PROGRAM.
- Launched the registration site for the protection of elders website.
- Updated the Cisco call-reporting tool to support I & A Gateway.
- Purchased server for inclusion of the thin client solution.
- Deployed Thin Client Solution for Aging employees



financial Services

The mission of the Coastal Regional Commission's Finance Department is to maintain an internal control environment designed to safeguard the Coastal Regional Commission's assets, to accurately report the financial results of operations, and to ensure compliance with numerous state and federal accounting procedures and reporting requirements inherent in government contracts.

It is the desire of the CRC Council to provide the highest level of service at the most economical cost to its member governments. The CRC actively participates in regional planning with State and Federal agencies, and counties and municipalities within the CRC to maximize services to the region's citizens and to provide those services as economically reasonable as possible.

The Finance Department manages all internal and external financial activities of the CRC. The Department runs all financial operations required for the day-to-day maintenance of the Commission such as: accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, cash management, capital budgeting, financial analysis and reporting, and internal control procedures. In addition, the Finance Department supports other departments in the Commission by tracking the funding status and expenditure levels of grants received, submitting required reports to grantor agencies, and assuring compliance with federal, state, and local regulations for programs and funding received by the Commission.

The Finance Director is responsible for preparing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The purpose of the report is to provide the Council, management, staff, the public and other interested parties with detailed information reflecting the CRC's financial condition. The report also satisfies state law to publish a complete set of financial statements presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.

The accounting firm of Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC audited the CRC's 2010 CAFR. It was the auditor's opinion that the financial statements of the CRC, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the CRC. The auditor's report also noted that the CRC complied with the requirements of major federal awards and that no deficiencies in internal control over compliance were identified. It should also be noted that there were no findings or questioned costs.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the CRC for its CAFR for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, the CRC had to publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR that satisfied both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current CAFR continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The following table represents the Statement of Net Assets of the CRC for fiscal year 2010, as compared to fiscal year 2009.

COASTAL REGIONAL COMMISSION
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2010

ASSETS	Governmental Governmental Activities	
	2010	2009
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 452,786	\$ 670,884
Investments	436,013	416,183
Receivables	1,547,893	1,605,968
Prepaid items	51,425	77,053
Capital assets, net of depreciation	1,548,705	584,965
Land	1	1
Total Assets	4,036,823	3,355,054
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	1,049,074	1,007,332
Accrued liabilities		
Deferred revenue	444,166	945,295
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Due within one year	12,026	10,203
Due in more than one year	36,078	30,608
Total Liabilities	1,541,343	1,993,438
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets	1,548,706	584,966
Unrestricted	946,774	776,651
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,495,481	\$ 1,361,617

Note: The majority of the increase in net assets for 2010 is attributable to the purchase of public transit vehicles in FY 2010. For additional information, a complete copy of the Coastal Regional Commission's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is available on our website, www.crc.ga.gov.