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### A Lifetime of Advocacy

By: Dionne Lovett, Aging Services Director

The Coastal Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory Council has lost a distinctive advocate and friend. Rev. Lloyd E. Dees, Advisory Council Chairman, passed away February 4, 2016. Rev. Dees has been an active member of the AAA Advisory Council for nearly a decade or more; but more than that, he has been a staunch advocate for human and civil rights throughout his lifetime. He has traveled throughout Georgia, to attend advocacy CO-AGE meetings, meet with legislators at the state capitol, and meet with elected officials at the local level.



A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. to be held at Trinity United Methodist Church located at 225 West President Street, Savannah. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to: Coastal Regional Commission, Attn: Aging Services Fund, 1181 Coastal Drive, SW Darien, GA 31305

Rev. Dees has been an avid supporter and champion of aging issues, and has been recognized for his advocacy work by receiving the Georgia Council on Aging "Martha Eaves Advocating for Positive Change" award twice. This award, sponsored by the Georgia Council on Aging, recognizes adults, (60 and above) from across the State who have devoted time and energy advocating for positive change at the local, state or federal level. By creating this award and recognizing role models for local involvement, it is hoped that others will be encouraged to become advocates for issues concerning older adults in their own communities.

Rev. Dees was known for his melodic voice and for his inspirational rendering of "If I can help somebody," which he sang a time or two at the Coastal Regional Commission Council meetings. With a gracious spirit and kind heart, he gave of himself to help others in need. He was a voice for the voiceless, and a staunch proponent and advocate for the rights of the vulnerable citizens in Coastal Georgia.

Rev. Dees was a native of Alabama, and married to Dolores Mills Dees of New York. He was retired and resided in Rincon, GA (Effingham County). Having lived and served as a human rights activist in New York, New Jersey, Bermuda, West Virginia, North Carolina, and most recently Coastal Georgia, Rev. Dees was no stranger to hard work and grass-roots organizational efforts for positive change. Rev. Dees graduated with honors, from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and has done further study at the Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey and Union Seminary in New York City. After 17 years in the AME Church and pastoring churches in New Jersey and Bermuda, he became a member of the United Methodist Church in 1972.

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## Highlights from Past Coastal Regional Commission Council Meetings

By Colletta S. Harper, Administrative Services Director

### January 13, 2016

- Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2015 meeting;
- Approval of Bulloch County Non-Public Member Allen Amason, Dean, College of Business, GSU;
- Approval of Disclosure of CRC Employee Business Transactions; and
- Approval of Authorizing Resolution for the CRC to enter into a written Contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services for 5316 and 5317 Transportation Service.

“America’s First Coast Guard Community” - Ms. Sheila McNeill, President, the Camden Partnership, and first female National President of the Navy League, explained how important advocacy is and the role she has played in advocating for sea services for the last 25 years. As a result, four nuclear submarines (with 20 years of remaining life) which were scheduled for dismantling, were saved and retrofitted for normal warfare and are in current use today. There is a Coast Guard Command Center in St. Marys, and most recently Camden County has been designated as “America’s First Coast Guard Community.” She stated “you must have a passion for your project, research your subject, know your facts, devise a simple way to pitch the project, and have a good team of supporters.”



CRC staff members Bill Compton, Senior Planner/Grant Specialist, gave a presentation on the new Rules for Developments of Regional Impact and Hunter Key, GIS Manager, explained the upcoming Coastal Georgia Geospatial Consortium-Imagery Project. See their articles for additional information.

### February 10, 2016

- Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2016 meeting;
- Approval of Area Agency on Aging Area Plan for FY 2017-2020;
- Approval of Resolution for CRC to develop a DRI Pre-application form for local governments who elect for technical analysis above and beyond the minimum DCA requirements;
- Approval of Resolution Recognizing Georgia City-County Management Association’s (GCCMA) 60th Year of Service;
- Approval of Authorizing Resolution for the CRC to enter into a written contract with the Georgia Dept. of Human Services for transportation services; and
- Approval of Appointment of Jon Seagraves (Bryan County) to CADDA Board of Directors.

Mr. Scott Steilen, President, Sea Island Acquisition, provided an overview of Sea Island, which is a family destination known for its southern charm and heritage. The company is looking to do an economic impact study to determine the value of the company to Glynn County and the region.

### March 9, 2016

- Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2016 meeting;
- Approval of Mid-Year Budget;
- Approval of Appointments to Committees of the Council: Budget & Finance: Mayor Eddie DeLoach and Mayor Preston Dees; Economic Development: Allen Amason; Military: Mayor Allen Brown; Transportation: Mayor Ken Lee; Infrastructure: Mayor Eddie DeLoach and Ray Howard; and
- Approval of Executive Director’s Evaluation.



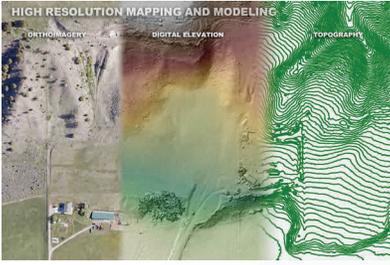
CRC ADRC Program Manager, Peggy Luukkonen, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for her 10 years of service.

Ms. Jill Andrews, Manager, Coastal & Ocean Management Program Director, DNR, spoke on Coastal Hazards & Resiliency - Chatham and Brantley counties were chosen for a pilot program to develop a Disaster Recovery and Redevelopment Plan (DRRP). The goal was to help cities and counties develop an approach to long-term disaster recovery for their community and help create stronger economies and healthier environments after a disaster. A new initiative will roll out in October - Green Infrastructure Resilience will look at using green infrastructure to help with flooding; Liberty County will be the first to undertake this project. Living shorelines—the Coastal Resources Division (CRD) is looking at eroding shorelines, how to protect property, marsh, oysters, shellfish, etc. If a property owner is experiencing an eroding shoreline, they should contact DNR for assistance. The CRD is partnering with Georgia SeaGrant to develop the state’s first oyster hatchery. The Coastal Georgia Ecosystem Report Card looks at DNR’s data and monitoring activities conducted along the Coast of Georgia. Coastal Georgia received a B+; check out the report card on their website.

The next Coastal Regional Commission Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Richmond Hill City Center.

# Coastal Georgia Geospatial Consortium Orthoimagery Flight 2018: Update on Process

By: Hunter Key, GIS Manager



The Orthoimagery Flight planned for January 2018 is deep in the planning stages for the Coastal Georgia Region. Now is the time to collect Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) from interested participants. We will be using the NOAA procurement process.

The NOAA procurement process will involve acquiring the MoUs for all participants. By using NOAA, the services will be provided by demonstrated contractors and the data will have contiguous specifications region-wide. Each entity will have the opportunity to order additional geospatial products such as LIDAR or planimetric data. (Building footprints and tree canopy are examples of planimetric data).

## Benefits of Orthoimagery

Orthoimagery is an essential part of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) practice. In practical use and applications, agencies use orthoimagery products to confirm parcel information, develop datasets, improve floodplain mapping, and support property assessment workflows.

The end product is an ultimate base map that supports a wide range of users not limited to public agencies, citizens, and academic institutions. Similar projects have benefits that include time savings in locating assets, emergency response, and decision support. Most datasets are referenced and quality checked through the use of quality Orthoimagery base layers.

## Next Steps

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) will be submitted to participating entities by June 2016. A 45 day timeline is the expected turnaround and will be confirmed soon. These completed MoUs will solidify the anticipated coverage area.

In short, these MoUs confirm entities are interested in participating in the 2018 flight. Pricing will come later in the process. These MoUs are intended to define the region for further planning and do not imply a 100% commitment by signed participants.

A meeting via conference call will be scheduled for the end of May 2016 specifically to discuss the MoUs. Please watch for this date and time in your correspondence.

## Later in the Process

Pricing is one the biggest questions from potential participants. Once all the MoUs are in place, pricing will be determined based on the MoU coverage area. This portion of the process is expected to occur in the fall of 2016.

## *Questions & Comments:*

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## A Matter of Balance (MOB) Fall Prevention Program

By: Loreatha Jenkins, Wellness Manager

Recently, the Coastal Area Agency on Aging (AAA) hosted *A Matter of Balance* two-day coaches training. This Fall Prevention evidence-based program was for community volunteers or partners interested in helping to expand the program. Five new coaches were trained.

Volunteer coaches from Bulloch and Glynn counties are currently planning an eight-week workshop in the next couple of months. Participants are being sought who are interested in learning of ways to prevent falls. The eight-week workshop focuses on practical strategies to manage falls, set goals for increasing physical activity, and discussing ways to reduce fall risks in the home.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from attending the *A Matter of Balance* workshop, please contact the Wellness Program Manager, Loreatha Jenkins, at 912-437-0843.

## Purchase of Service (POS) Contracts

By Donald J. Masisak, Transportation Director

The Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) operates a region-wide coordinated transportation system which effectively provides transit services and combines the limited resources that sustains such a system. This coordinated system also influences the efficiency in the operation of the transit system by reducing costs and capital outlay. The coordinated system has met the objectives of the initial design; however, the system still is experiencing an overall negative cash flow.

Staff has embarked on a due diligence process to decrease costs, increase efficiencies, services, and capitalize on opportunities for growth. The opportunity for growth is being approached from two parallel paths designed to identify and implement measures or actions that will enhance cost-efficiencies. One path identified ways to reduce costs, while the other path identified ways to increase revenues. Revenue is being increased by pursuing independent Purchase of Service (POS) contracts which establishes fixed costs for a fixed run. The contract is based on actual cost for a prescribed schedule and optimizes the utilization of the bus during down times. While the 5311 demand-response trips and the DHS coordinated trips continue to take precedence, the POS trips have allowed the CRC to supplement the required revenues and address unmet transportation needs within the region.

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## Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Leader's Training

By: Loreatha Jenkins, Wellness Manager

The Coastal Area Agency on Aging (AAA) offers the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) Lay Leaders' Training which is held in the Fall of the year. CDSMP is an evidence-based program developed by Stanford University Patient Education Research Center.

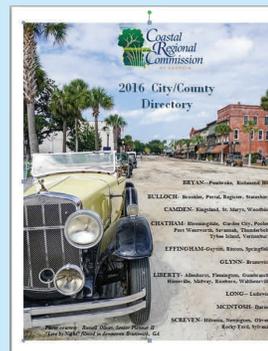
CDSMP is a six-week session workshop designed for people with any ongoing health condition such as arthritis, diabetes, heart disease, etc. Topics and techniques provided include the following:

- Exercise
- Nutrition
- Medication Usage
- Dealing with Frustration
- Goal setting
- Communication with family, friends, health professionals, and more

Classes are facilitated by two trained peer leaders and are highly participative, where success builds on the participants' confidence to manage their health and maintain active and fulfilling lives. The evidence-based program will be implemented throughout the Coastal Region (Bulloch, Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long and McIntosh counties).

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The 2016 City/County Directory is available on our website at [http://www.crc.ga.gov/publications/Directories/2016\\_City\\_County\\_Directory.doc](http://www.crc.ga.gov/publications/Directories/2016_City_County_Directory.doc). The online version is updated as changes are received throughout the year.



The Directory includes local information for coastal Georgia's city council members, county commissioners, legislators, Georgia Regional Commissions and the Coastal Regional Commission Council.

If you would like a hard copy, please email Colletta

Harper at [charper@crc.ga.gov](mailto:charper@crc.ga.gov).

## A Lifetime of Advocacy

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In North Carolina, he was a Campus Minister at North Carolina State University in Greensboro for several years. He then moved to Wheeling, West Virginia where he was the first Executive Director of the Commission on Human Rights for the City of Wheeling and Pastor of Simpson United Methodist Church. In New York, where he pastored mostly transitional churches, he was a member of the Board of Ordained Ministers for eight years and a member of its executive committee for six years. He served as a member of the Commission on Equitable Compensations for six years and chairperson for four years.



*Outgoing Chairman Henry Frasier passes gavel to incoming Chairman Rev. Lloyd Dees in April 2015*



Rev. Dees took a keen interest in civic affairs as well as secondary and higher education. He was a member of the Superintendent of Schools Advisory Committee in Lawrence and White Plains, New York, as well as a member of the Task Force on Graduation Standards for the White Plains Board of

Education. During his pastorate in Freeport, New York, he was a founding member of the Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity, Nassau County, and served as chairperson of Public Relations and Fund Raising. While pastoring in Bermuda, he co-founded *Bermudans for Reconciliation*, as a means to create a better economic and social environment for people on the island.

Although retired from his professional careers, Rev. Dees still advocated for positive change affecting seniors in the Coastal Region of Georgia. He made a point to request opportunities to speak at the local county commissioners meetings to educate members and residents of senior issues and insisted that more resources be made available for senior services within the county. Effingham County has vowed to let no senior go hungry, and there is never a waiting list for meals in this county. Rev. Dees also made himself available to the Coastal Regional Commission Council meetings, speaking at these meetings to educate members regarding the importance of senior issues within our region.

Rev. Dees kept abreast of senior issues and opportunities for advocacy. In November 2012, he was one of 15 enrollees in the First Annual Coastal Advocacy Academy held in Savannah, Ga. He attended the annual Senior Week at the Capitol in Atlanta event each year to have a chance to speak to elected officials. Not only did he attend: he like many others across the state, reached out to elected officials to inform (and sometimes educate) them on issues relevant to seniors in our communities. Rev. Dees voiced concerns to State Senator Jack Hill, US Senator Johnny Isakson, and Congressman John Barrow, just to name a few. At 85 years of age, Rev. Dees continued to advocate for issues. It was his mission to make sure he provided a voice for those in need.

## Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Leader's Training

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This four-day training is for committed volunteers or representatives of organizations interested in helping to expand evidence-based programs in the Coastal region in partnership with the Coastal AAA. Each organization needs two co-leaders. It is strongly recommended that at least one co-leader is living with a chronic disease. Each trainee receives a detailed leader's manual, a copy of the workshop's textbook and a CD. Trainees are required to attend all four sessions of the Lay Leader Training. The trainee must commit to a six-week workshop.

For more information, contact Loreatha Jenkins, Wellness Manager, at 912-437-0843 or [ljenkins@crc.ga.gov](mailto:ljenkins@crc.ga.gov).

## Nutrition and Quality Assurance Training

By: Loreatha Jenkins, Wellness Manager

On January 27, 2016, the Coastal Area Agency on Aging (AAA) hosted a Nutrition and Quality Assurance Training for contract service providers. The training included information on evidence based programs, expanding menus to include "client choice" and prioritizing the clients we serve.

All attendees were provided materials to conduct financial workshops for seniors at their service sites. The financial workshops cover: identity theft, imposter scams, charity fraud, health care scams, and paying too much.

## Development of Regional Impacts (DRI) Rules Update

By: Bill Compton, AICP, Senior Planner

In March 2014, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) updated the Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) rules. These are codified as Rules of Department of Community Affairs Chapter 110-12-3 Developments of Regional Impact. The effective date is March 1, 2014, and these new rules supersede those dated January 1, 2005.

In an effort to streamline the development process, the new rules shorten the DRI timeline from up to 170 days to a firm 30 days; and fundamentally change the Coastal Regional Commission's (CRC) role in the DRI process. This 30-day process begins upon submission of DRI forms by the applicant local government to DCA.

The CRC's role in the process is to manage the distribution of information about the project to affected parties including neighboring jurisdictions and State entities, and then to coordinate a process whereby affected parties are provided opportunity to provide comment.

At the completion of the process, *which shall not last more than 30 calendar days* (unless extensions are taken), the CRC assembles a report including comments received from affected parties and State entities and submits it to DCA ending DRI analysis.

The materials presented in the DRI report are purely advisory and under no circumstances considered as binding or infringing upon the host jurisdiction's right to determine the appropriateness of development within its boundaries.

There are optional activities, including, upon request by the host jurisdiction, a CRC evaluation of the development project. The extent of this evaluation shall under **no circumstances delay completion of the DRI process.**

DCA encourages each Regional Commission to establish alternative DRI requirements, specifically tailored to the needs of their region, which may include amendments to the DRI Communication Procedures. Staff discussed alternatives with DCA and DCA recommends the CRC pursue a more informal approach to include a planning analysis for DRI's.

CRC Council has directed staff to develop a **Developments of Regional Impact Pre-Application Form** for local governments who elect technical analysis above and beyond minimum requirements as prescribed by DCA, to be submitted to the CRC prior to the submittal of DRI forms to DCA.

This allows the CRC to perform its analysis prior to the beginning of the 30-day process period and serves to ensure an efficient and equitable process for all parties.

## City of Riceboro Green Zone Well Project

By: Bill Compton, AICP, Senior Planner

Coastal Regional Commission (CRC) has been working for more than 18 months to formulate a financing package for this important public works project. The City of Riceboro, located in Liberty County, is in a restricted yellow zone for water permitting. One of Liberty County's largest employers, SNF, is headquartered in Riceboro and desires to expand their plant operations; with current water restrictions, they are unable to do this. If water is not available, then SNF may opt to relocate these operations to its facility in Plaquemines, LA, resulting in a potential loss of 500 jobs in Coastal Georgia.



By thinking creatively, Riceboro is developing a well nearby McIntosh County, located in a green zone without water restrictions. This public works project will construct a well, approximately 10,000 linear feet of water line, and a water storage tank in order to supply SNF with the water it needs. The total project costs are \$5.1 million. Funding for the project comes from USDA Rural Development, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), US Economic Development Administration (EDA), the City of Riceboro and SNF.

CRC's role has been to prepare and coordinate the \$1.25 million EDA Public Works grant. This grant has been conditionally approved, and CRC is working with Riceboro to address final conditions and considerations prior to funding which is anticipated near the end of 2016.

## Urban Zone Area Designation

By Donald J. Masisak, Transportation Director

As the U.S. Census Bureau and the Federal Highway Administration completes its analysis of census data, several areas within the Coastal Regional Commission's (CRC) region will be impacted relative to the 5311 program. Counties that are now designated as a small or large urban area with populations in excess of 50,000 include: Chatham (265,128), Effingham (52,250), Glynn (79,626), Liberty (63,453) and Camden (50,513) and have urban tracts located within what is labeled as an "Urban Zone Area" (UZA). The intent of the 5311 program is to provide transportation services for rural areas; some of our region's existing areas will no longer be eligible for 5311 service.

CRC staff completed an in-depth analysis of the 5311 ridership to identify and map the impacted area to begin the adjustment process. The analysis determined that several areas designated by the FTWA and GDOT as UZA's were basically "urban clusters" and should still be eligible for 5311 trips.

Though the aggregate number exceeded 50,000, the urbanized areas of St Marys, Kingsland, Rincon, and Springfield did not exceed that threshold. The areas of Pooler, Bloomingdale, Port Wentworth and Richmond Hill will experience the new delineation and may witness a reduction or elimination of transit services. Using historical data, the biggest impact will be to the Savannah UZA and Richmond Hill area, and the overall decrease in 5311 ridership will be approximately 20%. As requested by GDOT, staff has submitted the analysis (including numbers and map composites) on how the UZA designation will impact ridership, which will be used for consideration of future funding levels for FY17.

## Living Well Coastal CDSMP (Six-Week) Workshop

By: Loreatha Jenkins, Wellness Manager

The Coastal Area Agency on Aging (AAA) collaborated with the Camden County Salvation Army in St. Marys and the Camden County Recreation Center to host a Living Well Coastal six-week workshop. The workshop ended November 2015. Five participants completed the workshop by attending four or more of the sessions. They all received a certificate of attendance.



Upcoming six-week Living Well Coastal workshops are currently being planned for Effingham, Glynn, and Chatham counties.

Currently, Coastal AAA has three Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) Master Trainers which includes the Wellness Program Manager, the Coastal AAA Director, and the one Wellness Ambassador. The agency has 21 CDSMP volunteer Lay-Leaders.

For more information regarding the Living Well Coastal Six-Week Coastal Workshop, [view this flyer](#) and/or call 1-800-580-6860.

## McIntosh County Schools and Administrators for Golden Isles Career Academy Tour Coastal Area Agency's Assistive Technology Lab

By: Peggy Luukkonen, ADRC Program Manager

In January, Coastal Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) staff hosted tours of the Assistive Technology Lab with both McIntosh County Schools and with administrators for Golden Isles Career Academy.

Coastal ADRC is currently in the process of exploring new partnerships with both of these schools. A presentation was also given at the College of Coastal Georgia to recruit students who may be interested in Service Learning Projects and internships through the assistive technology lab.





## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### CRC Council Meetings

April 13, 2016

May 11, 2016

June 8, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Richmond Hill City Center

### Aging Services Advisory Council Meetings

April 26, 2016

July 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Richmond Hill City Center

### CCSP Networking/ADRC Council Meetings

May 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Richmond Hill City Center



### **Purchase of Service (POS) Contracts**

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The POS can be for an extended time frame, an isolated specific need, or event, i.e., the expansion of the Tybee Island run during the St Patrick's Day celebration in Savannah. Current POS contracts include the Savannah Association for the Blind (SAB), Coastal Community Health Services, Matthew Reardon Center, Jekyll Island Westin, Tortuga Jacks, and the Coastal Center for Development Services. These contracts generate approximately \$50,000 in general revenues and transports approximately 75 individuals for medical, educational and employment opportunities. Anticipated approval of additional contracts with Evans County and a sub-contractor for a hotel resort facility could generate an additional \$30,000 in revenues.



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