CENTRAL PINES
REGIONAL COUNCIL

CPRC Program Overview

2026-2027

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Thriving People & Communities

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Supporting the well-being, health, and quality of life for all residents across the region through direct assistance, age-friendly communities, community outreach, and service coordination.

- Family Caregiver Support Program
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention
- Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Program
- Providing Elders Additional Sustenance Project
- Legal Services
- Street Outreach Coordination in Chatham County
- Home and Community Care Block Grant Administration
- **"Choosing Home" Grant Administration**
- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Senior Center Support
- **Veteran Directed Home and Community Services**
- Durham Street Medicine Program
- Youth Homelessness System Improvement Project

Programs in bold print are highlighted on the next two pages.

State Fiscal Recovery Funding Housing & Home Improvement

The Choosing Home program, funded by state American Rescue Plan funding and administered by Central Pines Area Agency on Aging and local partners, helps older adults remain safely and independently in their homes through housing assistance, accessibility improvements, and critical home repairs. By addressing housing stability and safety challenges, the program reduces the likelihood of premature placement in long-term care and supports aging in place.

Ms. Bennett received a full roof repair with Choosing Home. Before the repair, her shingles were falling off, missing, and the fascia and soffit were in need of repair. She was worried about worsening damage and potential pest infestation if the roof was not fixed but did not have the income to get these repairs done on her own.

Before

After

"It's taken a lot of worries off of me, things I couldn't do, and they were able to help me with it. I'm really satisfied."

Veteran Directed Care Program

My Care, My Choice serves Veterans of any age who are at risk of nursing home placement and prefer to remain in their homes while receiving the support they need. Through the program, Veterans manage their own services, hire caregivers, and purchase supports that best meet their individual needs and goals. CPRC's Veteran Directed Care Advisor works closely with Veterans, the Durham VA Medical Center, and the Financial Management Service to ensure a person-centered approach to service planning and delivery.

Since 2024, 19 veterans have enrolled in the program. As awareness of the program continues to grow, Central Pines Area Agency on Aging is committed to expanding outreach efforts and increasing access for more Veterans throughout the region.

$1.06M

in Veteran Directed Service Budgets administered by CPRC

20

Veterans enrolled across Durham, Granville, Lee, Orange, and Wake counties

Connected Places

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Connected Places

Creating accessible, well-planned, and linked communities through coordinated land use, transportation networks, housing opportunities, regional water/sewer opportunities, and regional planning.

- Central Pines Rural Planning Organization
- Transportation Demand Management
- Clean Fuels and Advanced Technologies Grant
- **Urban Transportation (MPO) Coordination**
- Triangle Clean Cities
- Cary CBDG Administration
- Chatham Housing Project
- **Durham Senior Housing Program**
- Essential Family Rehabilitation Loan Program – Lee, Wake, Chatham Counties
- Urgent Repair Program– Chatham, Lee, and Wake Counties
- Regional Weatherization Assistance Program
- Lead Remediation Programs
- Triangle Region Solid Waste Consortium
- Triangle Water Supply Partnership
- Jordan Lake One Water

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Adoption of Destination 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

For many years, Central Pines has provided ongoing facilitation and technical support to the Capital Area MPO and Triangle West TPO on regional joint transportation planning efforts. In February 2026, the jointly developed Destination 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan was adopted following nearly three years of technical analysis and coordination.

Central Pines staff led key components of the planning effort, including land use forecasting, revenue forecasting, performance measurement, and project coordination.

$80B

The MTP includes about $80B in planned transportation project spending over the next 30 years.

1.3M

The combined MPO regiona is anticipated to add 1.3 million additional residents between 2020 and 2055.

Durham Senior Home Repair Program

This program is adminstered by CPRC, in partnership with Durham County, using local American Rescue Plan funding. It aims to enable low-income senior residents to age in place safely. Homeowners that are 60 years or older and at or below 80% of the County's Area Median Income may qualify.

Funding can be used to provided comprehensive minor home modifications, such as critical plumbing, roofing, accessibility, or structural repairs.

97+
Total applications

33
Priority properties assessed

21
Critical home repairs completed

Prosperous & Sustainable Region

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Building economic and environmental resilience through strategic asset building, resource protection, and community resilience initiatives.

- Foreign Trade Zone
- Economic Development District
- EPA Brownfields Grant
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant
- Trinity Zion Rehabilitation Project
- Current and Long-Range Planning Support
- Raleigh Watershed Protection
- Upper Cape Fear River Basin
- LMI Solarize – City of Raleigh and Durham, Carrboro
- Fayetteville Street Corridor Community-Projects
- Grant Administration Services
  - Town of Vass
  - Town of Carthage
  - City of Sanford
  - City of Durham
- **Digital Inclusion Planning**
- Nature Conservancy Resilience and Restoration Project
- Water Quality Planning Grants
- Clean Water Education Partnership
- **Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Project**
- Electrify the Triangle

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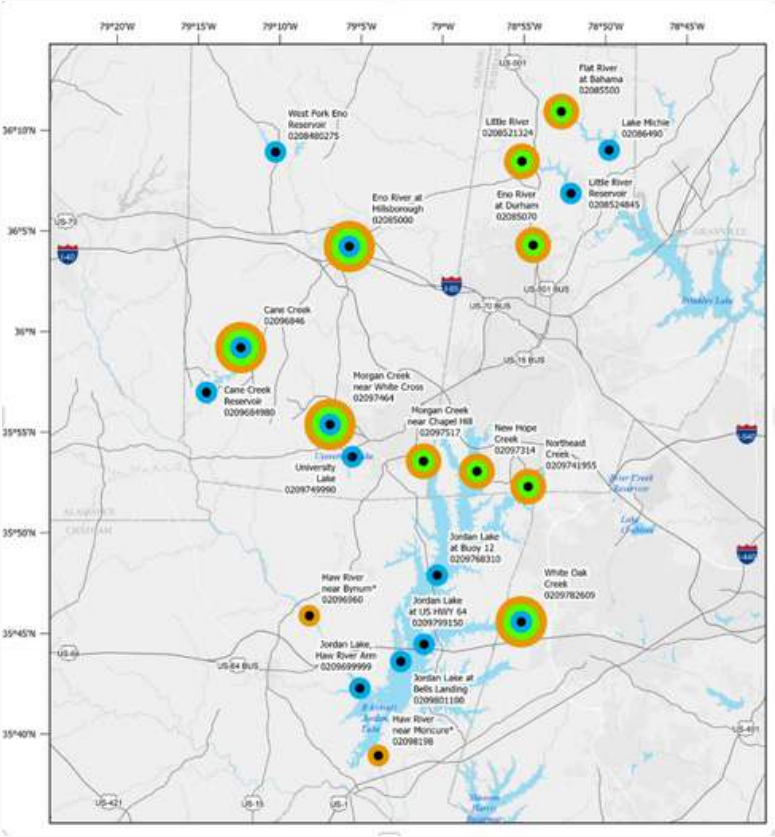
Expanding Water Quality Monitoring to Include PFAS

The Triangle Area Water Supply Monitoring Program (TAWSMP) is a regional partnership among Apex, Cary, TriRiver, Durham, Hillsborough, Orange County, Orange County Water and Sewer Authority, Central Pines, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to monitor the quality of drinking water sources throughout the Upper Cape Fear River Basin. Since 1988, the program has provided data needed to protect drinking water supplies.

- During Phase IX (2022-2027), the partnership expanded its focus to PFAS while continuing monitoring of rivers and reservoirs for other contaminants.
- Staff are planning for Phase X (2027-2032), with the partnership exploring microplastics monitoring as a new component.



Chatham-Durham Digital Opportunity Grant Award

Through an $800,000 from the North Carolina Department of Information and Technology, CPRC collaborated with nonprofits, local governments, libraries, and community organizations to hold digital literacy trainings for residents across Chatham and Durham counties.

Through training provider Kramden Institute's model and the support of local partners, the initiative exceeded target numbers. Populations served included rural, low-income households, English language learners, and low literacy individuals. All participants were given their own device upon course completion, so that they can continue their learning and skill development beyond the life of this grant award.

97+
Digital literacy classes held

1200+
Individuals reached

Regional Excellence & Innovation

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Serving as the premier convener and catalyst for local government members through technical assistance and expertise, collaboration, innovative solutions, and efficient shared services.

- Member Support and Strategy
- Grant Assistance Program
- Regional Data Center
- Government Facilitation Services
- American Rescue Plan
- Human Resources Assistance
- **Financial Assistance**
- Wake County ARPA Administration
- **Advancing Workforce Mobility Project**
- NC Regional Councils SLFRF Subrecipient Administration

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Financial Assistance for Small Towns

After falling behind on required audits and landing on the state's local government watch list, Micro turned to Central Pines Regional Council for support. CPRC worked side-by-side with Town leadership—providing temporary staff to help manage day-to-day operations, establishing structured budget meetings, and helping Town staff comb through years of financial records.

Thanks to this sustained partnership, Micro has been removed from the state's watch list and is back on solid footing.

> CPRC's diligence and care has put Micro back on track. We couldn't be more thankful for their assistance.“
> **-Katy Garcia, Town of Micro Commissioner**

Pathways to Government

Our Pathways to Government Report – commissioned by the United Way of the Greater Triangle (UWGT) and carried out by the Raleigh Innovation Team (i-Team) and Central Pines Regional Council – identified priority career paths in local government that would benefit from stronger pathways for new jobs seekers.

Through a new Advancing Workforce Mobility grant award, CPRC is working to define these careers and the skills to succeed in each. This information will be used to produce template job descriptions, interview guidance, recruitment materials, and more.

Top 4 Drivers of Vacancy Strain

- Skill Gaps
- Compensation Competition
- Limited Applicant Pool
- Credential Barriers

Hard-to-Fill, High-Demand Careers

- Building Inspections
- Social Work
- Utilities
- Land Management

Organizational Excellence

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Ensuring operational effectiveness, financial stewardship, compliance, and organizational capacity to deliver on our mission through strong administrative functions and strategic internal investments.

Organizational Excellence does not have any programs, however listed below are the three goals of this strategic focus area.

Goal 1

Uphold exceptional financial stewardship through transparent financial management, strong compliance practices, and proactive risk management that reinforce member trust and position CPRC as a dependable regional partner.

Goal 2

Strengthen organizational cpacity to provide proactive, member-centered, cross-functional, technical expertise.

Goal 3

Elevate operational excellence & accountability.