



# Rural Development

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Greetings from U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development in Georgia. We are in touch today to share some current events and reboot our email communications.

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## Current Events

June is National Homeownership Month! This is a time to recognize the life-changing impact of the work USDA Rural Development accomplishes every day. Across rural America, we are helping families access affordable housing and achieve the stability that comes with homeownership.

On June 15, 2026 Rural Development Georgia State Director Joyce White published a news release to announce a Georgia success story about Barbara Coldwell, who approached her goal of homeownership methodically and proactively- resulting in a “home sweet home” away from the busyness of urban Gwinnett County...Here is the link to the [news release](#) and also the [success story](#) as posted online with USDA Rural Development Georgia. Enjoy!



## Additional Recent Celebrations

**USDA Invests \$406,000 toward the Ambulance Replacement Initiative in Dade County, Georgia**  
The project was funded through Congressionally Directed Spending with USDA's Community Facilities Grant Program. This investment will be used to purchase a two new ambulances to help improve reliability, reduce service disruptions, and ensure consistent emergency coverage for countywide 911 services in Dade County, Georgia. To celebrate this important achievement, on May 28th Georgia Area Director Tamika Lucas presented county officials with a ceremonial \$406,000.00 check. The County put forth an additional \$420,725.00 toward the purchase of the ambulances. Catch the news at <https://dadecounty-ga.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3170>



**USDA Invests \$18.6 Million in the City of Jasper for Major Sewer Infrastructure Improvements**  
 On June 9, 2026 Rural Development Georgia State Director Joyce White announced the completion of major wastewater infrastructure improvements in the city of Jasper, Pickens County. The project was funded by the agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program. Read the news release at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/news-release/usda-invest-186-million-city-jasper-major-sewer-infrastructure-improvements>



## Useful Resources

Rural Development publishes funding opportunities, Notices of Solicitation of Applications (NOSAs) or Notices of Funding Availability in the Federal Register. Current federal funding opportunities are also posted at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/newsroom/federal-funding-opportunities>

USDA Income and Property Eligibility Site:  
<https://eligibility.sc.gov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

USDA Rural Development Eligibility Lookup Tool (direct link):  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/3c2f6c9581bb4f06a4ab68df8f34b0be>

Contacts directory for Rural Development Georgia:

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/ga/georgia-contacts>

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