



GARC
Economic Development Conference
May 1-3, 2016

Lake Lanier Islands Resort
Buford, Georgia

AGENDA

Sunday, May 1, 2016

3:00-5:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION / CHECK IN**

3:30 p.m. **APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION MEETING**
Speaker – Annaka Woodruff, Georgia ARC State Program Manager

5:00 p.m. **RECEPTION** (Ticketed)

6:00 p.m. **DINNER**
Welcome – Terrell Hudson, GARC Board Chairman
Speaker – TBD
Introduced by: Jim Dove, GARC President and Northeast Georgia
RC Executive Director
Conference Updates: Jim Dove, GARC President and Northeast
Georgia RC Executive Director

Monday, May 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST**

8:30 a.m. **SESSION 1 – MAIN STREET/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**
Speaker – Jessica Reynolds, DCA Main Street
Introduced by: Burke Walker, Director of Planning & Gov't. Services
Northeast Georgia RC

9:15 a.m. **SESSION 2 – GEORGIA'S TAX INCENTIVES**
Speakers – Dawn Sturbaum, DCA
Tammy Caudell, Region 2 GDEcD
Carol Moore, HPD
Introduced by: Heather Feldman, Director of Economic
Development, Georgia Mountains RC

10:30 a.m. **BREAK**

10:45 a.m. **SESSION 3 – BROWNFIELDS/EPA PROGRAMS**
Speakers: Shannon Ridley, Brownfields Unit Manager, EPD
Margaret Olson, Env. Engineer, Brownfields Program, EPA
Keith Ziobron, P.E., Resolute Environmental & Water Resources
Introduced by: Greg Boike, Government Services Specialist,
Middle Georgia RC

12:00 p.m. **LUNCHEON**

Monday, May 2, 2016 - Continued

- 1:15 p.m. **SESSION 4 – EDA UPDATES**
Speaker – Jonathan Corso, Economic Development Rep.
 Economic Development Administration
Introduced by: Kimberly Hobbs, Southern Georgia RC
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:45 p.m. **SESSION 5 – USDA PROGAM UPDATES**
Speaker – David Mull, Area Director, USDA
Introduced by: Katy Morton, Dir. Of Comm. & Econ. Dev.
Heart of Georgia Altamaha RC
- 6:00 p.m. **RECEPTION – (Ticketed)**
- 6:30 p.m. **DINNER**
Speaker – TBD
Introduced by: Andy Crosson, Executive Director, CSRA RC
- DOOR PRIZES – RC Staff**

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST**
- 8:45 a.m. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND POLICY MEMBERS MEETING**
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
- 10:00 a.m. **ADJOURNMENT – Travel Safely**