# What We Do

The mission of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is to partner with communities to help create a climate of success for Georgia's families and businesses. Using state and federal resources, DCA promotes and implements community and economic development, local government assistance, and safe and affordable housing across the state.

## Coming Up!

**October**

**5 | CDBG Public Hearing**
Hyatt Regency
Savannah, GA

**6-7 | Annual DCA Fall Conference**
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Savannah, GA

**18 | QAP Public Hearing**
Cobb Galleria Centre
Atlanta, GA
9am-12pm

**19 | QAP Public Hearing**
Waycross City Hall
Waycross, GA
12pm-4pm

**20 | QAP Public Hearing**
Microbusiness Enterprise Center
Albany, GA
10am-2pm

DCA BUILDING COMMUNITIES

## DCA Names New Board

The first order of business at DCA's quarterly Board of Directors meeting in Augusta on August 24, 2016, was the installation of new officers. Joyce Stevens, of Good Hope, was appointed as Chair; Frank Turner, of Covington, as Vice-Chair; and Larry Hanson, of Valdosta, as Secretary. We are grateful for the dedication and support of these individuals and thank them for their continued service to the DCA Board. ..... *read more here*

## DCA Hosts National COSCDA Conference in Savannah

DCA had the honor of hosting the Council of State Community Development Agencies (COSCDA) annual conference at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah, Georgia from September 11-14th, 2016. COSCDA is a national association advocating and enhancing the leadership role of states in community development and provides a forum for state agencies to share best practices. The conference theme this year was "Effective Partnerships – Being Relevant in Today's World". ..... *read more here*

## New Limited-Time DCA Initiative Can Help Homeowners Underwater on Their Mortgages

On September 28, Georgia homeowners who owe more on their mortgage than their homes are worth will have a new opportunity to receive help. Underwater Georgia is a limited-time, federally funded program to help Georgians through a one-time principal reduction. The initiative will be administered as part of DCA's HomeSafe Georgia program. ..... *read more here*

## First Annual DCA Fall Conference to Encompass Annual CDBG Workshop

The first annual 2016 DCA Fall Conference will be held on October 6–7, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Savannah. As part of an expanded conference agenda, DCA will provide an agency-wide overview designed to increase awareness of the wealth of resources available to our communities from DCA programs. The traditional CDBG workshop and "big check" awards ceremony will continue to be a focus of the conference. ..... *read more here*

## DCA at Work: Board Tours Three Shining Examples of DCA-Funded Projects

This year's annual off-site DCA Board meeting in Augusta gave DCA a chance to highlight three examples of project success with private sector partners. First, the Board toured ADP Augusta, including a glimpse inside the company's cutting edge data protection center, CIRC (Critical Incidence Response Center). In coordination with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, DCA has provided $5.1 million over nearly 10 years to ADP for its Augusta facility. ..... *read more here*

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