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Proposed Scope of Work

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Revised Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Economic Resiliency Focus



Short-Term and Long-Term Economic Development Planning



A response to the economic impacts from the coronavirus



Interactive online economic tool for the region to be developed using digital tools



Action Plan with goals and strategies, evaluation tools, and three economic resiliency strategies



Technical Assistance and Capacity Building



Organizational Capacity Support for Coronavirus Response

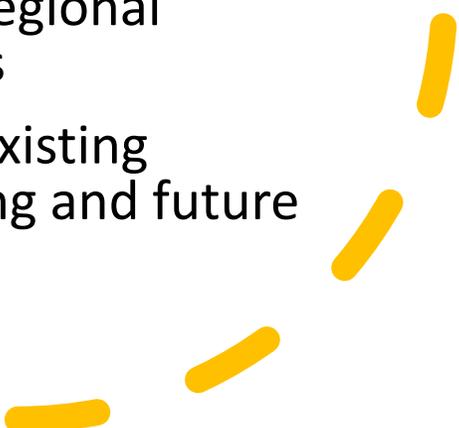
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Infrastructure Strategy

Objective

- Assess the availability and capacity for infrastructure systems, including water, sewer, roads, and internet, and identify opportunities for systems to be modernized and expanded to enhance overall resiliency

Strategies Will Address

- “Lifeline Planning” systems focused on critical infrastructure required to secure the well-being of communities across the region
 - Social and economic security of the region in addition to the physical environment to ensure that regional infrastructure is less vulnerable to hazards
 - New developments and maintenance of existing infrastructure systems that support existing and future employment centers and communities
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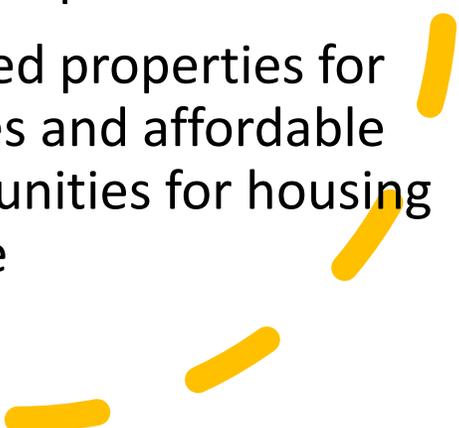
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Adaptive Reuse Strategy

Objective

- Incorporate the assets held by the Catawba Regional Development Corporation and local governments across the region for adaptive reuse and workforce housing to enhance the economic resiliency of the region, reduce costs for local governments, and increase the stock of workforce housing

Strategies Will Address

- Partnerships with local governments, commercial and residential builders, non-profits, and local financial institutions for an efficient program for the construction and marketing of residential and commercial properties
 - Evaluation of existing local and state-owned properties for the development of commercial properties and affordable housing for all ages and to expand opportunities for housing near jobs, schools, transit, and health care
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Post- Pandemic Strategy

Objective

- Address the many unknowns the Catawba Region and South Carolina will face emerging from the pandemic. Needs which were considered extremely remote pre-pandemic (i.e. PPE) are now part of everyday resiliency planning

Strategies Will Address

- New needs and conditions which affect the economy and life of the region, its communities, institutions (i.e. education and healthcare) and people
 - Resources will be devoted to finding capital to meet these needs and better prepare the region for future challenges in a post-COVID-19 environment
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