



## Annual Report: Our Impact in 2022

Last year, TARCOG made a difference in the lives of more than 700,000 residents throughout our five-county region. Whether providing legal assistance to our seniors or securing funding for our economic development partners, we helped strengthen this region through our work every day.

Our impact in 2022 was significant, and the results speak for themselves. Check out the full Annual Report to learn even more about how we're serving the region.

[Read the Report](#)

## Serving People: Welcome to Sheila Dessau-Ivey, Director of Aging Programs!



We are pleased to introduce Sheila M. Dessau-Ivey, MSSA, LICSW, as TARCOG's new Director of Aging Programs.

Sheila has dedicated the last 30 years of her career to advocating for and protecting elder rights while supporting case management, geriatric social work, and program development services throughout the Greater Cleveland, Ohio, area.

Sheila is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW, Alabama) and a Licensed Independent Social Worker with Supervision Designation (LICSW-S, Ohio). She holds a B.S. in Social Work from Tuskegee University and an M.S. in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University.

At TARCOG, Sheila oversees all operations, services, and programs that assist with improving the quality of life for older citizens throughout our region.

Sheila relocated to Madison, Alabama, after marrying her husband, Winston. In her free time, she enjoys jigsaw puzzles, reading, watching movies, and spending time with her 11-year-old Maltese, Bentley.

Please join us in welcoming Sheila to the TARCOG team!

[Explore Our Aging Programs](#)

## Improving Communities: New Geospatial Analysis Services

Have you heard the news? We have expanded our geospatial services to include onsite, real-time data collection with drone and Trimble capabilities. These new tools enable our GIS specialists to collect aerial and point data and allow them to map and analyze our region in more detail than ever before.

To learn more about our expanded geospatial and mapping services, or to discuss potential drone or Trimble projects, contact James King, Associate Planner, at [james.king@tarcog.us](mailto:james.king@tarcog.us) or 256-326-6105.

[Learn More About Our Community Planning Services](#)



## Growing Our Economy: Jackson County Receives Funds for Comprehensive Planning

Our Economic Development & Planning team worked closely with partners in Jackson County to apply for \$150,000 of U.S. Economic Development Administration funds for a countywide comprehensive plan. Beginning later this summer, the planning effort will enable Jackson County to define its vision and strategically plan for future growth.

Areas for assessment include infrastructure, housing, business and industry needs, school system and workforce development needs, outdoor recreation, tourism opportunities, and more.

Are you working on your own economic development project? Click below to learn more about how TARCOG can help.

[Discover Our Economic Development Programs](#)



## Upcoming Events

### Virtual Dementia Tour

Multiple dates, July 11 – August 24  
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Multiple locations

The Virtual Dementia Tour is a hands-on experience that provides an understanding of the physical and mental challenges of those suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia.

Click below for more details, or contact the DeKalb County Council on Aging at 256-845-8593.

[Learn More](#)



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