

South Carolina Community Development Association

Fall Meeting October 3, 2024

Cooperative Conference Center
169 Laurelhurst Ave., Columbia SC

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and
Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and
Announcements**

*President Doug Polen, Assistant Town Administrator,
Town of Irmo*

**9:15 – 10:00 a.m. Exploring How Artificial
Intelligence Can Impact
Local Government**

Kevin Benson, Senior Software Engineer, VC3

Artificial intelligence is being used in many municipalities for virtual meetings. In this session, learn how to be sure that privacy settings are set to protect both staff and residents. Hear about the good and the bad of what AI means for local governments.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

**10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Advocacy Initiatives
Roundtables**

*Casey Fields, Manager for Municipal Advocacy,
Municipal Association of SC*

*Mary Catherine Lawton, Research and Legislative
Analyst, Municipal Association of SC*

*Joannie Nickel, Legislative and Public Policy
Advocate, Municipal Association of SC*

*Erica Wright, Legislative and Public Policy
Advocate, Municipal Association of SC*

Cities and towns face many challenges and obstacles when it comes to community development. Join the legislative team from the Municipal Association and participate in this information gathering opportunity for the Association's Advocacy Initiatives.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m. Break

**11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Finding Money for
Affordable Housing
in Small Towns**

*Tonya Haddock, Managing Partner,
Cadence Development, LLC*

Small municipalities need money for affordable housing just like larger municipalities. In this session learn how to find money for affordable housing in places where Community Development Block Grant funding is not available for the Association's Advocacy Initiatives.

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Networking Luncheon

1:15 – 2:00 p.m. Case Studies Panel

Hear from small, medium-sized and large municipalities about community development projects they have completed. There will also be a chance to ask questions about these projects.

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Break

**2:15 – 3:00 p.m. The Process of Demolishing
a House**

*Stefanie Smith Derwort, Grants Manager,
SC Department of Commerce*

*Christopher Morgan, Codes Enforcement Officer,
City of Hartsville*

*Eric Shytle, General Counsel,
Municipal Association of South Carolina*

For municipalities looking to demolish a house in their jurisdiction, the legal and logistical process can be challenging. In this session learn the steps that officials must follow.

3:00 p.m. Adjourn



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*The South Carolina Community Development Association is an
affiliate of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.*

Who We Are

The SC Community Development Association provides a forum for learning about the community development process through workshops and seminars. Its members include municipal, county, regional and state community development professionals; employees of private companies with an interest in community development; elected officials and volunteers. For more information, visit www.masc.sc (keyword: SCCDA).

Upcoming Meeting

2025 Annual Meeting

May 7 – 9, 2025

Beach House
Hilton Head Island

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Registration Information

Online registration is available for the fall meeting. Save time and postage by logging on to www.masc.sc to register. Online registrations must be paid by Visa or MasterCard. Registration fees of \$100 for members and \$135 for nonmembers include meeting registration, all educational materials and the luncheon. **The registration deadline is Thursday, September 26, at 5 p.m.**

Register online at www.masc.sc or mail completed registration form and check made payable to the Municipal Association of SC to:

MASC
PO Box 12220
Columbia, SC 29211
ATTN: SCCDA

Cancellations must be received by 5 p.m. on September 26. Refunds will not be given after this date.

Conference attire is business casual. The session rooms may be cool, so you may want to bring a sweater or jacket.

For special needs requests, contact Lea Ann Mitchell at 803.933.1254 or lmitchell@masc.sc by September 26, and we will accommodate if possible.

SCCDA Registration Form

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Name Badge Information

The following information will appear on your name badge for this meeting.

First name (example: Bill)

Full name (example: William J. Smith, Jr.)

Mr. Ms. Dr.

Title New

Local government/business name

Guest Information

Guest's first/last name

City/State

Contact Information

Birth month/day

Last four digits of SSN

This combination of numbers is used as the official's personal identification number to access online services, simplify event registration and ensure proper recording of participation in Association training programs.

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For additional attendees, make a copy of this form.

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