

Join Our Team at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission!

The Southern Georgia Regional Commission (SGRC) Planning Division is seeking qualified applicants for the position of **Planner I**. This is an excellent opportunity for Urban Planning professionals to assist in planning and community development efforts throughout the 18-county Southern Georgia region.

About the Position: The **Planner I** position provides professional and technical planning assistance to SGRC's member local governments.

Work includes:

- Comprehensive Plans and long-range community planning
- Transportation Planning, with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian mobility
- Public engagement, presentations, and stakeholder coordination
- Demographic and GIS-based data analysis
- Zoning and subdivision reviews
- Development regulations and ordinance updates

The ideal candidate is a strong communicator, detail-oriented researcher, and effective writer who is comfortable working with local officials, community stakeholders, and the public.

Key Responsibilities

- Research, draft, update, and present comprehensive plans, transportation studies, and other long-range planning documents
- Assist with public meetings, workshops, and community outreach
- Assist local governments with zoning, subdivision review, and land development code updates
- Conduct demographic, socio-economic, GIS, and transportation-related data analysis specifically with a bicycle and pedestrian safety program
- Prepare planning reports, maps, graphics, and presentations
- Support department and senior planners on multi-disciplinary planning projects

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning, Public Administration, Political Science, Geography, GIS, Environmental Studies, or related fields.
- 1–3 years of experience in planning, land use, transportation, or a related area; or an equivalent combination of training and experience
- Strong analytical, writing, and communication skills
- Experience in Microsoft Office Suite and proficiency in keyboarding
- Valid Georgia Class C Driver's License and acceptable MVR
- Successful background check and drug test

Work Environment & Schedule

Office location will be in Valdosta, GA. Excellent benefits package included. Salary competitive and DOE/Q (depending on experience and qualifications).

To apply, please submit your application, resume, and cover letter to jlbenett@sgrc.us. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. The position remains open until filled.