

# Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) – Economic Development District (EDD)

Serving the seven-county area encompassing Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, and Victoria Counties

## About GCRPC

The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC), formed in 1968, is a voluntary association of 19 local governments and various special districts within the seven-county region encompassing Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties. GCRPC was designated as the region's official Economic Development District (EDD) by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) in 1995.

## GCRPC Board of Directors

GCRPC is governed by a Board of Directors. It is composed of 28 members representing each of the counties, cities within each county, at-large members, special districts, and citizens-at-large. The Board of Directors serves as the decision-making body for the Economic Development District.

## Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC)

The Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) serves the Board of Director's as a multi-sector collaborative working group responsible for the development, implementation, assessment, and update of the Economic Development District's (EDD) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Participation in the REDAC is a powerful means by which members can participate in shaping the future of the region.

The REDAC is composed of 32 voting members and currently 10 non-voting members representing the public, non-profit, and private sectors. Voting members serve 2-year staggered terms. The REDAC meets at least four times per year (1 meeting per quarter). Working groups, formed to implement and assess CEDS goals, meet as needed.

## What we do:

GCRPC-EDD's role and responsibilities include:

- Provide EDA technical assistance to member jurisdictions.
- Support regional economic development entities in their missions to the grow and sustain the economy of the Golden Crescent Region.
- Support the development, implementation, assessment, and update of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- Facilitate and administer U.S. EDA funding for recipient communities and organizations within the seven-county Golden Crescent Region.

## GCRPC-EDD:

**Vision** - The EDD will be a model for urban-rural economic cooperation, growth, resilience, and sustainability.

**Mission** - The EDD will promote and facilitate regional economic growth, resilience, and sustainability through regionwide:

- 1) Resource coordination;

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- 2) Regionally led, local collaboration;
- 3) Continuous interagency and cross-sector planning;
- 4) Strategic support to incorporate resilience & sustainability projects into local workplans; and
- 5) Practical strategy implementation.

## Golden Crescent – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, 2020-2025

### Priorities, Objectives, and Goals:

1. **Financial Resources**  
Objective – Spur community wealth building regionwide thereby improving the ability of Golden Crescent communities to increase asset ownership, anchor jobs locally, expand provision of public services, and ensure local economic stability.
2. **Cultural Resources**  
Objective – Establish and sustain a vibrant and active Golden Crescent regional economic development partner network.
3. **Built and Natural Resources**  
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Goal	CEDS 2020-2025 (Final Draft Amended)	Working Group(s)
1	Develop and Implement a Regional Economic Development Partner Summit no later than 2022. 1.a Event will include the following tracks: General, Industry, Workforce, Education, Arts, and Tourism.	Cultural
2	Develop, maintain, and provide local governments and economic development partners with a Regional Economic Development dashboard for decision makers by 2023.	REDAC
3	Develop, maintain, and provide local governments with a comprehensive Financial Resource tool by 2021	Finance
4	Identify, Deconflict, and Synthesize Anchor Institution (Ed/Med/O&G) Initiatives by 2021	Built and Natural
5	Identify, Develop, Implement, and Maintain a Regional Resilience Funding Mechanism by 2025	REDAC

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