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## Latest News

### **With Institute's help, Clarkesville experiences a renaissance**

Track the progress of our work in Clarkesville from a devastating fire to the rebirth of its downtown corridor in this Georgia Magazine article...[read more](#)



### **Institute delivers leadership training for Brazilian government officials**

Over 60 Brazilian government supervisors eagerly participated in an American-style interactive learning program the Institute delivered in its inaugural training venture in South America...[read more](#)



**State-level supervisors earn Certified Public Manager® recognition**

Sixteen Georgia government leaders were recognized for successfully completing UGA's Certified Public Manager® training program that the Institute provides for local and state officials...[read more](#)



**Glynn officials launch cultural exchange with South Korean county**

The Institute of Government's International Center facilitated a new educational and cultural exchange agreement between leaders with Glynn County and South Korea's Taean County...[read more](#)



**DeKalb leaders enhance managerial skills via Bright Futures training**

Executives and managers with the DeKalb County government are enhancing their leadership skills through the Bright Futures training program created and delivered by the Institute of Government...[read more](#)

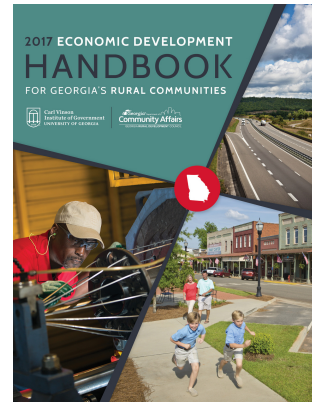


## **Institute's rural economic development handbook now available online**

The handbook for rural economic development professionals that the Institute created in partnership with the Georgia Rural Development Council is now available in a digital edition and in softbound.

*[Read more about the digital edition.](#)*

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## **Institute assessment informs Evans County consolidation exploration**

An Institute feasibility assessment explores the ramifications of consolidating government services in Evans County and the cities of Bellville, Claxton, Daisy and Hagan...*[read more](#)*

## **Financial webinars gain national certification, online courses next**

Accountants throughout the country can now earn continuing professional education credits by enrolling in the Institute's nationally certified financial management webinars...*[read more](#)*

## **Atlanta leaders gain more informed citizen input through Institute program**

Citizen volunteers were recognized for successfully completing the Institute's new leadership training program for Atlanta's neighborhood planning units...*[read more](#)*

## **Project presentations delivered by 3 fall semester Vinson Fellows**

Fall semester's three Vinson Institute Fellows presented the results of their undergraduate internship projects recently at a gathering of Institute faculty and staff...*[read more](#)*

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## Did You Know?

Registration is underway for this year's first course in the Institute's Georgia Certified Economic Developer program. [Learn more.](#)



## Upcoming Events

**COAG Winter Conference**

January 22-25

**Georgia APWA Executive Development Conference**

January 23-26

**ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy**

January 26

**Georgia Clerks Education Institute**

February 4-6

**GAZA Winter Conference**

February 7-9

**GMA Newly Elected Officials Institute (Athens)**

February 15-16

**GLGPA 2018 Mid-Year Conference**

February 28–March 1

**GACE Spring Conference**

March 7–9

**GMA Newly Elected Officials Institute (Tifton)**

March 8–9

**ACCG Spring Training**

March 15–16

**GCCMA Spring Conference**

March 26–28

**Newsworthy Notable**



## J. Scott Pippin

Public Service Assistant  
Strategic Operations and Planning Assistance

Scott helps Georgia communities address critical planning, land use and economic development issues, including finding ways local officials can make infrastructure more resilient to flooding while controlling flood insurance costs. An attorney, Scott helped develop an innovative way to identify potential heirs property more quickly by using computer-assisted mass appraisal data, created an interactive licensing guide for businesses, and he is developing a green infrastructure planning guide for coastal communities. Since joining the Institute in 2014, he has also helped communities strengthen their planning and zoning ordinances, community resilience and sustainability practices. Scott earned his law degree and master's in environmental planning and design at UGA and is a certified floodplain manager.



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