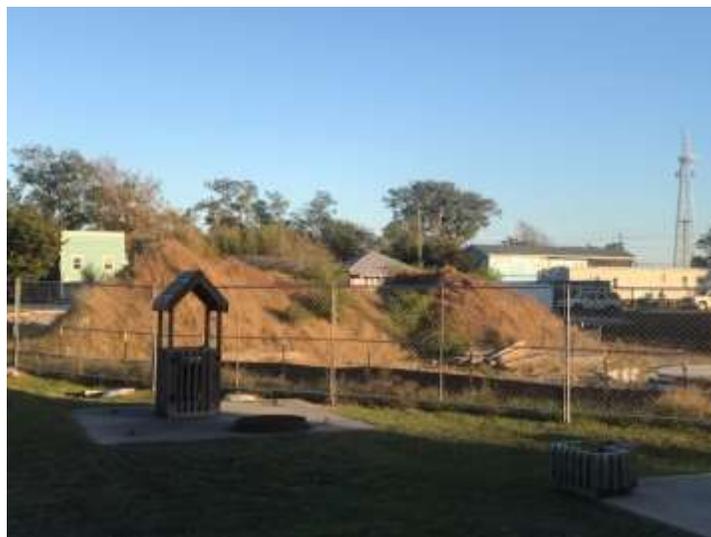


Eastern NC started the year with five new State Political Coordinators (SPC), bringing that area to a total of ten SPCs covering the 15 state legislators living in that area. Kudos to this region for their outstanding advocacy efforts and participation!

This regional also had some exemplary community outreach efforts in 2020 and will continue that great work this year. Four NAR grants were awarded last year in this region to do community outreach projects.

- Washington-Beaufort partnered with Rose Haven Shelter for Homeless Veterans. They purchased the vacant lot beside the shelter which will be turned into a public park and community garden for the community. Washington-Beaufort will deed the park to Rose Haven Shelter after its completion.
- Neuse River partnered with Friends of the Library and County Parks and Recreation to do a story book trail within an existing county park. There will be story kiosks along the trail and sitting areas. The community will have access to mobile stories that will go into underserved rural economically challenged areas.
- Carteret partnered with Parks and Recreation to build the first dog park in the county. The park will have sitting areas and will feature jumps and runs for the park's four-legged visitors.
- Carteret also partnered with Morehead City Police Department to build a Safe Zone Park. The land was provided by the Police Department and will become a safe haven for children with families involved in domestic situations. The meeting area will offer a safe place for parents to meet and safely adhere to visitation rights. The park will also be used as a safe area to exchange internet purchases. Monitored police cameras will offer a security for all those taking advantage of this safe zone. The park will also have walking and picnic areas for the community to enjoy.

This is just a highlight of some of the activities and projects that happened in the Eastern Region last year. As we start this year, if you are interested in policy issues, community projects or economic development initiatives, contact your area GAD to assist with these important efforts. Please stay tuned as we provide updates to last year's projects and announce news ones.



Construction Phase of the Carteret Safe Zone Park



Neuse River Storybook Trail



Washington-Beaufort Rose Haven Park