WHAT A REGIONAL COMMISSION DOES & CAN DO FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

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Middle Georgia Regional Commission

ABOUT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

- Currently 12 Regional Commissions in the State of Georgia.
  - Have been called APDCs, RDCs
- Creation of the local governments, authorized by the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. § 50-8-32.
- Mission: advance efficient and effective service provision for local governments.

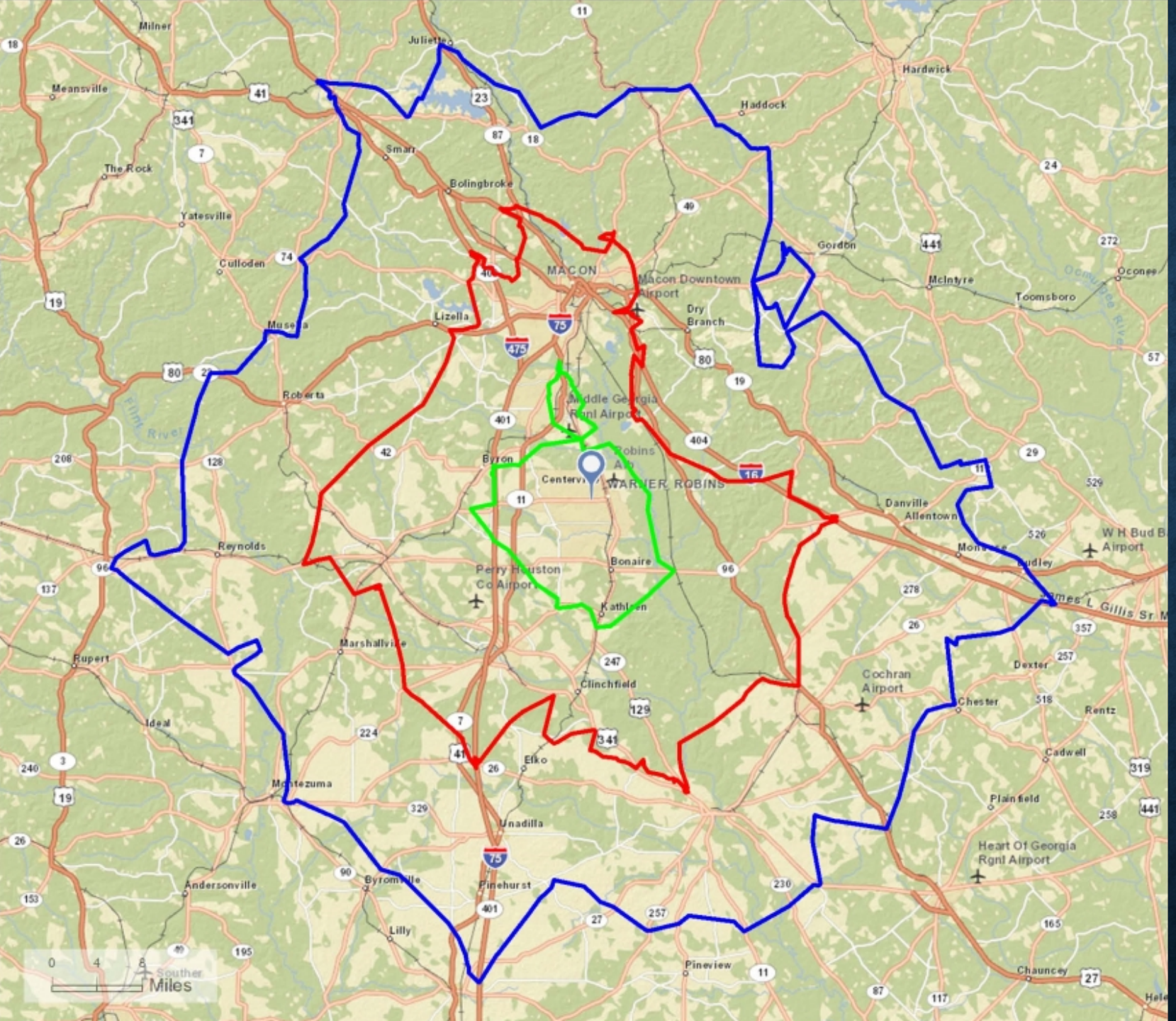
WHY REGIONALISM

- People want….
  - Opportunities in THEIR community
  - To grow tax base and employment options HERE
  - Their efforts and resources to stay HOME

- If we act regionally, won't people think we don't care about our own city/county?

WHY REGIONALISM?

- City/County boundaries are arbitrary. Cross-jurisdictional issues abound.
- Regionalism allows communities to undertake efforts too large, costly, or complex for one jurisdiction.
- Cooperative, regional efforts can result in more effective and efficient delivery of services.



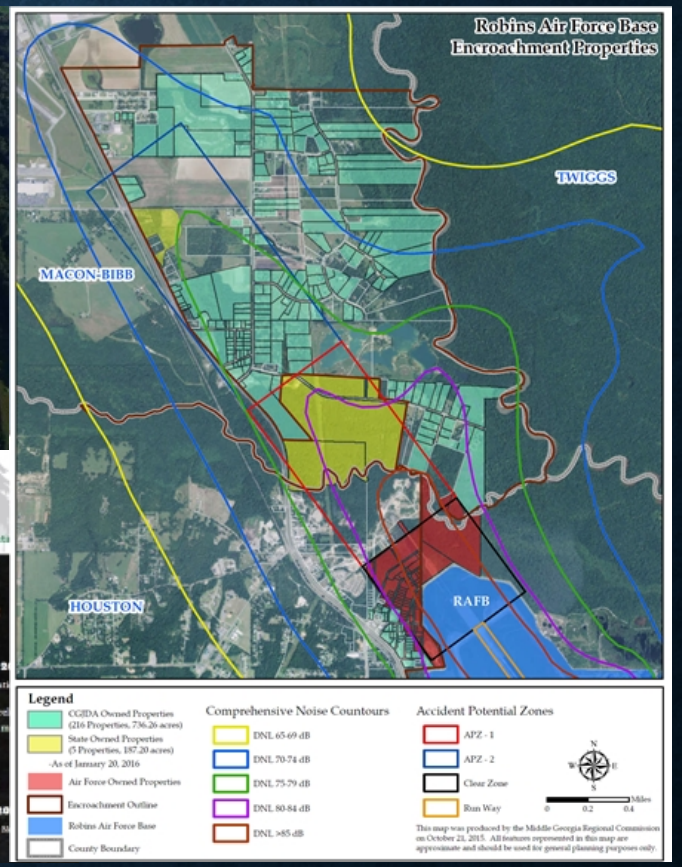
YOUR REGIONAL MARKET

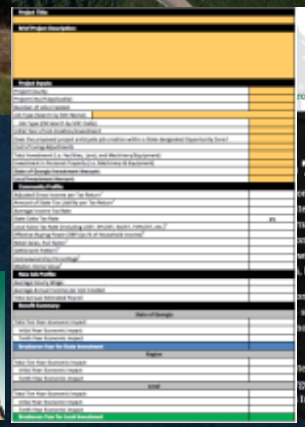
- City of Warner Robins: 67,313 people & 29,132 workers.
- 15-minute drive: 116,865 people & 51,544 workers.
- 30-minute drive: 296,880 people & 122,286 workers.
- 45-minute drive: 424,080 people & 175,141 workers.

MIDDLE GEORGIA RC SERVICES

Aging Services	Technology Services	Local Government Assistance	Workforce Development
Planning	Transportation	Economic Development	Georgia Small Business Loans (GSBL)

SAMPLE MGRC PROJECTS WITH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES





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