

The following document contains descriptions of the projects awarded funding by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in the four ARC counties within the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission's geographic footprint (Barrow, Elbert, Jackson, & Madison). The projects are listed by both year and county and include those funded from 2007-2015.

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