The University of Alabama Center for Economic Development (UACED) serves as a gateway to the University of Alabama in providing economic development resources. UACED has been in existence since 1987 and provides community-based strategic planning in support of local economic development efforts, primarily in the economically distressed parts of the state. UACED staff provide guidance to communities in leveraging other University resources and partners with the specific focus on community development and capacity building at all levels. Our mission is to assist communities as they prepare to take advantage of economic development opportunities for growth which puts them in a better position to support existing businesses as well as to create and attract new investments and jobs.

Mission:

- Enhance the economic well-being of Alabama communities by providing technical assistance and linkages to resources. > MORE

PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

ALABAMA BIRDING TRAIL

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ALABAMA INNOVATION ENGINE

Engine’s objective is to support communities within Alabama as they work together to realize the potential of their best assets: residents, local leaders, natural resources, and rich history...

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Creating opportunities for increased visitation and tourism through marketing efforts, partnering...

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A Town & Gown program to recognize outstanding living artists that has made significant contributions in the Arts.

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UCED is working in 37 Alabama counties which encompass eight regional birding trails to improve and promote birding...

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