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September 28th
ECICOG Board of Directors Meeting
ECICOG Office
700 16th Street NE, Ste 301
Cedar Rapids
1:30 p.m.

October 2nd-4th
Iowa Waste & Recycling Conference

October 3rd & 4th
Growing Sustainable Communities Annual Conference

October 5th
Iowa Environmental Council Annual Conference

October 18th
STBG Pre-application Workshop Johnson County Secondary Roads conference room
1:30pm

October 26th
ECICOG Board of Directors Meeting

View our full calendar at
www.ecicog.org/event-calendar

ECICOG was established in 1973 to promote regional cooperation and provide professional planning services to local governments in Benton, Iowa.

ECICOG Executive Director Doug Elliott Appointed NADO President

Doug Elliott, Executive Director of the East Central Iowa Council of Governments in Cedar Rapids was elected as President of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) on September 12, 2017 at NADO's Annual Business Meeting. The meeting was held in conjunction with the association’s 50th Annual Training Conference in Anchorage, Alaska. As President, he will preside over the NADO Board of Directors which oversees the association’s budget and operations and develops policy on issues affecting regional development organizations.

"We are honored to have Doug Elliott serve as President of our national association. Doug brings a wealth of expertise, knowledge, and leadership on regional community and economic development issues to the national level," stated Joe McKinney, NADO Executive Director. "Most importantly, he is focused on helping our nation's local communities pursue comprehensive regional strategies for remaining economically competitive in today's rapidly changing global environment."

Tracey Achenbach Awarded Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa Award

Each year the Iowa Finance Authority honors an Iowan for their contribution to affordable housing. We're proud to say that this year's Kay Anderson Friend of Iowa award has been presented to executive director of the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County and ECICOG's Housing Trust Fund Administrator, Tracey Achenbach!
Johnson, Jones, Linn and Washington Counties. ECICOG also provides solid waste planning services to Tama County and transportation planning services to Cedar County.

2017 Members of the ECICOG Board of Directors:
- Aaron Moniza
- Ed Raber
- Alan Johnson (Chair)
- John Harris
- Bob Yoder
- Jon Zirkelbach
- Ben Rogers
- Kathleen VanSteenhuyse
- Brent Hinson
- Kevin Heithusen
- Bob Yoder
- Laurie Goodrich
- Cathy Knebel
- Mike Carberry
- Darrin Gage
- Paula Mitchell-Hinzman
- Dave Fish
- Todd Wiley
- Don Gray
- Vicki Pope
- Dusty Embree

ECICOG Staff
- Doug Elliott
  - Executive Director
- Gina Peters
  - Administrative Assistant
- Tracey Achenbach
  - Housing Trust Funds
- Mary Rump
  - Transportation & Regional Development Director
- Brock Grenis, AICP
  - Transit Administrator/Planner
- Chad Sands, AICP
  - Housing & Community Development Director
- Gary Hughes
  - Grant Writer/Administrator
- Melanie Riley
  - Community Development
- Mark Culver
  - Housing Specialist
- Jennifer Ryan Fend
  - Solid Waste & Environmental Services Director
- Alicia Presto
  - Iowa Waste Exchange
- John Bruce
  - Iowa Waste Exchange
- Robyn Jacobson
  - Contracts Administrator
- Natalie Frachlich
  - Public Information Specialist

ECICOG Provides Building Inspections

ECICOG now offers building inspection services for small communities. Following the National Building Code, we can review plans and perform inspections for your city. Code enforcement can improve public health and safety. Adoption and enforcement of the building codes reflect a jurisdiction's increased knowledge and commitment to ensuring health and safety of its citizens. Failure to adopt and enforce current codes puts a jurisdiction at a competitive disadvantage. Codes uphold a democratically derived, minimum level of quality and of public health and safety that a new building or building repairs should not fall below. If you are interested in our building code services, please contact Mark Culver for more information.

For more information call (319) 365-9941 ext. 124.

EDA Visits ECICOG Region

We enjoyed the opportunity to share some of the EDA-funded projects in our region with the U.S. Economic Development Administration. These projects are helping to make the Creative Corridor a better place to live.
(Right to left: Fred Schuster, Regional Director-Grassley; Angela Belden Martinez, EDA Regional Director; Doug Elliott, ECICOG Executive Director; Steve Castaner, EDA Economic Development Representative; Brittany Zumbach Carroll, Regional Director-Ernst; Michael Keefer, Transportation Director-Blum)

ECICOG executive director Doug Elliott and the EDA representatives met with the Congressional delegation to discuss how EDA funds impact the corridor region, especially through the RLF programs.

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**Solid Waste Plan Featured in Johns Hopkins Report**

ECICOG's Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan was featured in the Johns Hopkins report *Governmental Plans to Address Waste of Food*. See our feature in the Interactive Map [here](#).

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**Iowa Ideas Conference**

Mary Rump, ECICOG's Transportation and Regional Development Director, will sit on a panel for Iowa Ideas-a statewide conference intended to foster discussion and progress in major industries. Mary will be discussing transportation in the corridor.

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