



**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM
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Greater Eastern Regional Priorities and Focus Areas

Appointed by the Governor, Advisory Committees are composed of community leaders, including a Convener and representatives for cities, counties, businesses, sovereign Tribal nations, and philanthropic and community benefit organizations. Committees are tasked with identifying Regional Priorities for community and economic development, assisting with obtaining and connecting to resources and funding, and utilizing their local connections to advance regional efforts. Below are the priorities adopted by the members of the Greater Eastern Regional Solutions Advisory Committee on December 19, 2024. The focus areas comprise conversations that the Committee had during the development of the priorities in fall of 2024.

Priorities	Focus Areas
Housing Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle market housing• Workforce development for housing• Reciprocity for trades
Community Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural downtown revitalization• Food security• Access to healthcare
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water infrastructure• Industrial symbiosis• Broadband• Transit
Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainability of childcare centers and businesses• Encouraging counties to develop a local foundation to create an endowment to keep childcare businesses successful• Look at workforce programs to help create high school students as interns in childcare businesses• Support the childcare business accelerator program• Ask counties if they can earmark funds for childcare priorities• Small business grant program through chambers
Energy Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting all the counties in the region to apply for grant funding to develop a county energy plan• Helping small cities in coordination with GEODC to get education and outreach on funding opportunities for energy resilience• Look to identify communities that might benefit from alternative energy or energy resilience opportunities

Committee Members

Convener	Mayor John Turner
County Representative	County Commissioner John Shafer
City Representative	City Councilor Carol MacInnes
Business Representative	Debbie Radie
Philanthropy Representative	K'Lynn Lane
Tribal Representative	Keith MacGeagh
Tribal Representative	Monica Paradise