



South Carolina Community Development Association

Annual Meeting May 6 – 8, 2026

Hyatt Place, Florence Downtown
100 E Evans St, Florence, SC 29506

Wednesday, May 6

Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Registration Open**
1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

City of Florence representative

1:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Downtown Florence Tour**
Meet in the Hyatt Place Lobby no later than 1:30 p.m. to join the walking tour of downtown Florence, to include the City Center Market.

6:00 p.m. **Dinner at Victors**
Join us for a dinner to kick off the Annual Meeting. Tickets are \$30.

Thursday, May 7

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
(included in the room rate)

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Building the Right Team for Funding Success**

Dianna Gracely, Director of Local Government Services, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc.

This session explores how to assemble and align a multidisciplinary team capable of securing funding for community and economic development initiatives. Participants will learn practical strategies for defining roles, leveraging partnerships, and positioning their projects for competitive grants and investment opportunities.

10:15 a.m. **Bus Departs for the City of Dillon**

Meet in the Hyatt Place Lobby to board the buses. The buses will return attendees to the Hyatt Place at 4 p.m. Comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.

11:00 a.m. **Arrive at the City of Dillon’s Visitor’s Center**

Mayor Nicholas Tally McColl Jr. will greet attendees and welcome everyone to the City of Dillon.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Bus Tour of Dillon

The tour will include stops at Dillon’s Wellness Center and a bus tour of Dillon’s schools.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch at Farmers Market Pavilion**

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Afternoon Tours**

Meet at the Visitor’s Center to board the buses for the afternoon tours, which will include Dillon’s Inland Port and Harbor Freight Distribution Center.

4:00 p.m. **Bus Returns to Hotel**

Friday, May 8

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
(included in the room rate)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Economic Update**

Mark Vitner, Chief Economist, Piedmont Crescent Capital

This presentation will offer a concise overview of current economic trends and their impact on local governments and communities in South Carolina, covering key indicators such as inflation, unemployment and housing markets, as well as emerging challenges and opportunities.

10:30 a.m. **Business Meeting and Door Prizes**

10:45 a.m. **Adjourn**



Who We Are

The SC Community Development Association provides a forum for learning about the community development process through workshops and seminars. Its members include municipal, county, regional and state community development professionals; employees of private companies with an interest in community development; elected officials and volunteers. For more information, visit www.masc.sc (keyword: SCCDA).

Upcoming Meeting

Fall Meeting

Thursday, October 8, 2026
Hilton Garden Inn Columbia Airport
110 McSwain Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169

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Registration Information

The registration deadline is Friday, April 24.

Registration fees of \$280 for members and \$325 for nonmembers include meeting registration, educational materials, the networking luncheon and mobile tour.

Online registration is available for the Annual Meeting. Save time and postage by logging on to www.masc.sc to register. Online registrations must be paid by Visa or MasterCard.

If paying by check, mail the completed registration form and check made payable to the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

Register online at www.masc.sc or mail completed registration form and check made payable to the Municipal Association of SC to:

MASC
PO Box 12220
Columbia, SC 29211
ATTN: SCCDA

Cancellations must be received by 5 p.m. on April 24. Refunds will not be given after this date.

For special needs requests, contact Dawn Dukes at 803.933.1240 or ddukes@masc.sc by April 24, and we will accommodate if possible.

Accommodations

Special room rates are available at the Hyatt Place Downtown Florence located at 100 E. Evans St., Florence, SC 29506. Book online by using the link on the SCCDA Annual Meeting page at www.masc.sc. or by calling 843.519.9900. If booking by phone, you must identify yourself as part of the SCCDA Group to receive the group rate using code G-MASC. The room rate includes breakfast. The deadline to book at the group rate is April 7.

SCCDA rate reservation deadline: April 7

Check in: 3 p.m.

Check out: Noon

Hotel information:

- King Room: \$139 per night + taxes
- Queen Room: \$149 per night + taxes
- Parking is \$5 per day at the BTC building.

SCCDA Registration Information

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Name Badge Information

The following information will appear on your name badge for this meeting.

First name (example: Bill) Mr. Ms. Dr.

Full name (example: William J. Smith, Jr.)

Title New

Local government/business name

Guest Information

Guest's first/last name

City/State

Contact Information

Birth month/day Last four digits of SSN

This combination of numbers is used as the official's personal identification number to access online services, simplify event registration and ensure proper recording of participation in Association training programs.

Local government/business name

Preferred mailing address New Type: Municipal Business

City/State Zip

Preferred phone New Type: Municipal Business Mobile

Email address New

For additional attendees, make a copy of this form.

Registration Fees

Check one:

Member \$280

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Nonmember \$325

Includes meeting registration, educational materials, the networking luncheon and mobile tour.