



CAWACO RC&D COUNCIL

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

VISION:

Cawaco Resource, Conservation & Development Council's vision is to develop vibrant communities that achieve balance between economic, human, and natural resource needs. We work to identify unmet community needs and develop solutions to meet those needs.

This is achieved by helping others accomplish their mission through administration of grant programs and by coordinating, developing, and delivering on-the-ground projects.

Current strategic goals include support of projects that:

- **Provide education for job creation and job development**
- **Preserve community character**
- **Develop or conserve natural resources and associated occupations**
- **Preserve and assist with the development of public access to open space and recreation**
- **Build capacity for first responders**

Cawaco staff is led by a volunteer Board of Directors and accomplishes its mission through administration of the Alabama Association of RC&D Council's Grant Program as well as other internal programs.

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Turkey Creek Nature Preserve

Your Town Alabama

University of Alabama Center for Economic Development

State of Alabama, Department of Labor Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Office

The World Games

Alabama Rivers & Streams Network

The Holle Family Foundation

UAB Sustainable Smart Cities Research Center, Grand Challenge

Birmingham Sunrise Rotary Club

Jefferson County Department of Health

Summary Sheet- Cawaco RC&D 2022 Grant Data**

**This data does not reflect other Cawaco Programs

31 General Fund (Challenge) Grants

23 Educational Grants

19 public facilities improved

1,407,397 people served





862 volunteers




County	Number of Grants
AREA WIDE	6
BLOUNT	12
CHILTON	7
JEFFERSON	16
SHELBY	7
WALKER	11

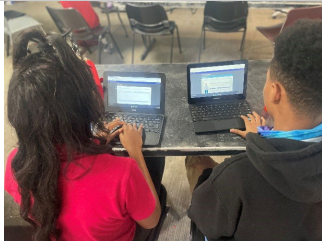




TYPE	GRANT AMOUNT	ADDED VALUE	TOTAL VALUE	People Served	Volunteers	Events	Volunteer Hours	FACILITIES IMPROVED
GENERAL	\$194,181.00	\$811,682.51	\$1,025,403.51	634602	687	11691	15710	11
ED	\$209,820.00	\$931,904.70	\$1,075,929.50	703,595	152	2533	4939	3
Comm Dev	\$100,000.00	\$128,405.12	\$203,405.12	69200	23	134	75	5
TOTALS	\$504,001.00	\$1,871,992.33	\$2,304,738.13	1,407,397	862	14358	20724	19





2022 CAWACO COMPLETED GRANT PROJECT REPORT






2022 EDUCATION GRANTS




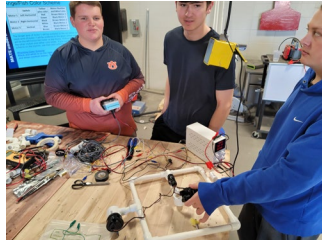
Applying Entity	County	Project Title	Project Summary
Blount County Education Foundation Inc	Blount	STREAM-ing for Summer Learning	<p>The summer camps provided by BCEF impacted 1,051 students across the county, with opportunities provided in every community! There were 8 library/literacy camps, 2 of which were also SAIL Coalition camps. Additionally, there were 15 “sign-up” camps provided across the district. By providing camps in every area of the county, at no cost for attending, impact was realized throughout Blount County.</p>  
Friends of the Locust Fork River	Blount	Internships	<p>Friends of the Locust Fork River recruited two (2) college student interns to engage in ongoing environmental education for elementary-age children, community outreach in monthly river cleanups and water testing, and outreach to high school students.</p>  
Fairview Volunteer Fire & Rescue	Chilton	Basic Life Support Training	<p>Increasing the number of people trained in CPR directly improves the odds that basic life support will be provided. Our program has currently reached approximately 52 people in Chilton, Dallas and Autauga Counties. This number will increase as we continue to provide this training to first responders and others within the community.</p>




			
Alabama Audubon	Jefferson	New Swift Habitat at Turkey Creek Nature Preserve	<p>This project created much-needed habitat for chimney swifts, a migratory bird species whose numbers have declined by over 65% since the 1960s and provided hands-on conservation and educational opportunities for visitors to Turkey Creek, while expanding and enhancing Turkey Creek's conservation infrastructure.</p>  
Banks Academy	Jefferson	Educational Assessment and Remediation	<p>Banks Academy is ensuring that students do not fall behind in reading and math skills through utilizing Edgenuity learning systems. This system assesses and creates a custom learning plan to remediate and advance students' skills to be at or above grade level when graduating. The goal is to have students fully prepared to enter college or the workforce. A grant from Cawaco paid for the software.</p>







				
College Choice Foundation	Jefferson	Bateman Scholars Program	<p>College Choice Foundation, through the Bateman Scholars Program, provided exceptional programming for the Class of 2022. They offered over 60 hours of ACT test prep which resulted in scores going up 2-6 points, took students to visit colleges all across the country, assisted 29 families with the FAFSA, gave students in need a laptop computer, hosted two college-readiness camps, and continued to support students in college.</p>	 
Jefferson SWCD	Jefferson	Litter Quitters	<p>This is an anti-litter, stormwater-protection video competition for public high schools in Jefferson County. It is aimed at young drivers, asking them to produce a short video to educate their family and friends about the negative impacts of litter and how it relates to stormwater. Videos are found on the Litter Quitters website. Prizes were awarded based on the number of likes received during the competitions designated time frame. Each school competed against the other schools in their watershed for cash prizes and a chance to be featured on local television. The winning video can be found here.</p>	 





<p>Jones Valley Teaching Farm</p>	<p>Jefferson</p>	<p>Woodlawn High School Apprenticeship Program</p>	<p>Through Jones Valley Teaching Farm’s High School Internship, Birmingham City Schools juniors and seniors gain deep agricultural skills, workforce preparedness and personalized counseling while earning course credit and a living hourly wage. The program job training and support services aim to create pathways to full-time employment and/or post-secondary education.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
<p>The Foundry Ministries</p>	<p>Jefferson</p>	<p>Employment Readiness</p>	<p>The Foundry’s employment readiness training equips individuals who have been chronically unemployed due to substance abuse with the skills needed to obtain and retain employment. When these individuals have stable employment in our communities, they become tax paying citizens who make positive contributions to society.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
<p>Adamsville Fire & Rescue</p>	<p>Jefferson</p>	<p>Fire Fighter Training</p>	<p>CAWACO has provided in part the funds to allow the firefighters in the West Jefferson area a place to train. This training is not limited to but includes fire suppression and fire rescue. This is a great benefit for the City of Adamsville and surrounding communities.</p>

			
Cawaco RC&D Inc.	Jefferson	Birmingham Neighborhood Support	<p>Birmingham Community Support projects range from planning church gardens in food desert neighborhoods, selection, and planting of street trees for shade, and transforming vacant residential lots to community assets. Relationships with non-profits, neighborhoods and city government assist in better outcomes for local needs.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
Freshwater Land Trust	Jefferson	Internships	<p>This project funded two Stewardship Internships at Freshwater Land Trust (FLT). These interns worked with Sam McCoy, FLT's Land Stewardship Director, to monitor and manage the habitat on FLT conservation properties. Interns Emily Hallit and Ashton Regard assisted in monitoring 23 properties totaling 2600 acres.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
Turkey Creek Nature Preserve	Jefferson	Internships	<p>Two interns provided through this grant filled gaps in programming and were a vital source of support during busy months. In addition to assisting with the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of the Preserve, the interns assisted with 14 educational programs that reached over 600 people. Both interns completed an independent project that was</p>


			<p>developed to suit their career goals and make a long-lasting impact to the operation of the Preserve.</p> 
Jefferson State Community College	Jefferson Area-Wide	The Birmingham Workforce Retraining Initiative	<p>Ten scholarships were awarded to qualified applicants enrolled in in-demand healthcare training. Jefferson State's Birmingham Workforce Retraining Initiative focuses on serving low-income women, dislocated workers, new entrants to the workforce, and incumbent workers for good jobs in a high-demand healthcare occupations aligned with regional and community economic development strategies.</p> 
Alabaster City Schools	Shelby	Warrior Engineering	<p>The funds allowed the school to increase the number of teams competing in engineering and robotics competitions. This will give more opportunities to all students and increase diversity in the program. It will also teach the students about the rich career opportunities in STEM.</p>  
Calera Main Street	Shelby	Calera Downtown Vision Plan	<p>Cawaco RC&D awarded Calera Main Street a partial grant to assist with funding for the Calera Vision Plan. A dynamic team was assembled to address the needs of the City of Calera and its MainStreet Program and a conceptual plan was created that will serve as a</p>


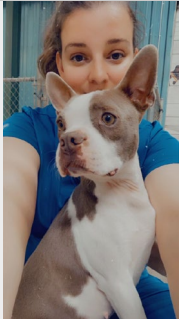


			<p>policy and visual guide for continued growth and development in downtown and the adjacent neighborhoods.</p> 
<p>Shelby County Board of Education</p>	<p>Shelby</p>	<p>"Don't Worry, Be HIPPY"</p>	<p>Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a home-based, parent involvement program that brings early learning educational materials into the homes of those most at risk due to poverty, lack of parent education and social isolation. CAWACO enriches the HIPPY Program by providing additional funds used to purchase the curriculum and other learning activities such as manipulative shapes, blocks and books. The materials are written both in English and Spanish.</p>  
<p>Shelby County Career Technical Education Center</p>	<p>Shelby</p>	<p>Garden Shed and Recycling Center for Family- CTEC</p>	<p>Construction Technology Students at Shelby County Career Tech Center built a Garden Shed and Recycling Center! The 8 ft. by 12 ft. structure was built from a set of Construction Drawings designed by New Yankee Workshop. The project was an essential educational course objectives for instruction, provided a service to the community, and encouraged family cohesion through outdoor engagement in gardening and recycling. The structure will be presented to a family residence with Habitat of Humanity of Greater Birmingham.</p>





			 
University of Montevallo Foundation	Shelby	Environmental Education in Montevallo: Part 2	<p>During summer camp, students were able to visit Ebenezer Swamp Ecological Preserve and explore the great biodiversity that can be found in Montevallo, AL. Field trips included visits to the James Wylie Shepherd Observatory and looked through a solar telescope to see the surface of the sun. These experiences and connections, made possible through the CAWACO Resource Conservation and Development Council, empower students to make a positive impact in their community and environment.</p>  
Curry Volunteer Fire & Rescue Inc.	Walker	Fire & Medical Training Kit	<p>This grant purchased a Training Kit consisting of a computer, projector, screen, and training materials. This will be used to improve the capabilities of the volunteers of the Curry Fire Rescue volunteer fire department and will result in better fire and medical services provided to the Curry Fire District.</p>  




<p>THE ARC OF WALKER COUNTY</p>	<p>Walker</p>	<p>Remote Work Technology</p>	<p>Arc of Walker County has upgraded technology and increased remote work opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.</p> 
<p>Walker County Children's Policy Council, Inc.</p>	<p>Walker</p>	<p>Early Learning Nation</p>	<p>Provide the framework for our community to improve early learning opportunities and outcomes. Through a public media campaign, the project educated Walker County communities and caregivers on the importance of early childhood development, screenings, and developmental milestones in the early years.</p> 
<p>Walker County Soil and Water Conservation strict</p>	<p>Walker</p>	<p>Conservation Education</p>	<p>Funds were used to support several conservation workshops for students and adults in Walker County. Topics included water quality, forestry, and wildlife conservation, focusing on the importance of protecting and conserving our natural resources.</p>  




2022 CHALLENGE GRANTS




Organization	County	Project Title	Project Summary
YMCA of Chilton County	Chilton	Soccer Field Improvements	<p>The funds were used to install an irrigation system to allow improvements on field grass. The improved playing fields will enable more youth to practice and play at this location and will enable the YMCA to host multiple soccer events.</p> 
Yerkwood Community Improvement Association	Walker	YCIA Community Feeding Program	<p>Purchase of kitchen equipment has allowed children from Yerkwood and surrounding communities to receive meals during the week. Being able to prepare the meals on sight has made a huge impact on the community. Meals will soon be prepared Monday through Friday.</p> 
Walker County Humane Society	Walker	Spaying and Neutering Services and Transportation	<p>From October 1, 2021-December 31, 2021, WHS was able to provide 115 cat and dog spay and neuter services to help stop overpopulation of kittens and puppies in Walker County.</p>





			 
Town of Maplesville	Chilton	Town of Maplesville Storm Shelter	<p>This grant provided partial funding for a new storm shelter in the Town of Maplesville.</p> 
Susan Moore Volunteer Fire Department	Blount	Tool Upgrades	<p>Purchased a new thermal imaging camera and rescue saw. By having these tools, first responders can better serve and protect the community.</p> 
Saragossa Volunteer Fire Department	Walker	Training for the best and preparing for the worst.	<p>Saragossa Fire was able to purchase 3 new scene lights to help with work safety especially at night. The Thermal Image Camera will allow us to locate possible fire victims as well as assist with lost individuals in wooded areas. The smoke machine will allow us to create similar conditions found inside a burning house, but in a controlled manner.</p>

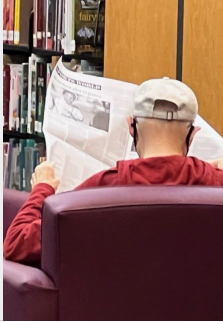





			
Royal FD	Blount	Turnout Gear	<p>The Royal Fire Department was able to purchase turnout gear, boots and helmets for the station.</p> 
Pine Mountain Community Center	Blount	Pine Mountain Community Center Playground	<p>Provided a place for the children of the Pine Mountain community to enjoy while creating a safe environment and amenity for their whole families.</p> 
Oneonta Fire & Rescue Service	Blount	Public Safety Training Center Improvements	<p>Through the construction of this training center, Oneonta Fire & Rescue can now train firefighters and first responders at a local level, which saves the departments a lot of money.</p> 


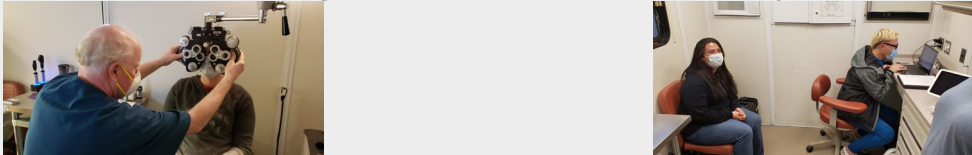
North Shelby Fire District	Shelby	North Shelby Fire District Turnout Gear	The North Shelby Fire District was able to purchase new turnout gear to replace the old gear.
Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging	Shelby	Center for Critical Needs Project	The project and funds had a tremendous impact for over 45 families served and provided adults and individuals with disabilities the ability to meet their emergency need which helped them to remain safe and at home in their community to better "age in place".
			
IDA of Chilton County	Chilton	Feasibility for Educational and Recreation Park	This study determined if the North Chilton County area can hold a tourism project promoting outdoor recreation, RV, sports, and family entertainment.
Holly Springs FD	Blount	Equipping our firefighters	Acquired three sets of turnout gear to replace outdated and damaged gear. Purchased a thermal imaging camera to allow firefighters to more safely provide lifesaving services to residents.
			Hayden Police Department
Blount	State Highway 160 Driver Program	The Hayden Police department purchased chemical testing equipment to remove impaired drivers from the highway.	

			
Friends of the Locust Fork River	Blount	RiverSide	<p>Thanks to a partnership with Cawaco and the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, in about 6 months Friends of the Locust Fork River will announce the grand opening the Taylor Park Canoe Launch. Taylor Park is the beginning of the Locust Fork Scenic River Trail.</p> 
East Lake Initiative	Jefferson	GROW community gardens	<p>The garden allows neighbors to take part in workdays to plant and tend the garden as well as harvesting fresh produce at no cost to them. This offers the community an opportunity to interact with one another and be part of something positive in their neighborhood. Individuals throughout the city of Birmingham can utilize this market for fresh produce. Classes from Barrett Elementary take advantage of the garden's close proximity to utilize it for hands on science class experiences. Volunteer groups help maintain and plant the garden.</p> 





Community Arts Council of Blount County	Blount	Energy Efficiency for Community Arts Center	<p>After the new windows are installed, the Community Arts Center will be much more energy efficient.</p> 
City of Vestavia Hills	Jefferson	Pipeline Park	<p>Funding was used toward design for the sidewalk connection that will run through the natural area which will be where a creek (currently overgrown and used as a drainage ditch) will be restored. The community will be able to walk between the shopping center and the venue and restaurants adjacent to the park; visitors to the outdoor venue will have easy access to also enjoy the park area. The Cawaco grant helped with design work.</p> 
Chestnut Creek	Chilton	Save Our Steeple	<p>Structural weaknesses in the Heritage Chapel steeple were repaired, making the building safer for the community events.</p> 
Cawaco RC&D Inc.	Area-Wide	Tools for Trails	<p>Provided trail building tools to volunteer groups throughout Central Alabama. Between October 1- August 1, the tools were used by 355 volunteers, in 29 locations.</p>

			
Carbon Hill Women's Club	Walker	Tree Scape	<p>Shade trees were planted along First Street to beautify and cool the town.</p> 
Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy Center	Chilton	Spreading Our Wings - Our Forever Home	<p>The services enable children who are in their darkest times to get the help needed to live a life full of possibilities no longer defined by the abuse. The new, larger facility allows the Butterfly Bridge staff to provide more services in a homelike environment with safety, privacy, and confidentiality. Funding helped with furnishing the building.</p>  
Blountsville Public Library	Blount	The Great Grapes Renovation	<p>The "Great Grapes Renovation" has helped Blountsville Public Library have an updated, modern and more cohesive look. The grape-colored fabric is more easily cleaned than the previous chairs.</p>

			 
<p>Backyard Blessings</p>	<p>Walker</p>	<p>Backyard Blessing (BYB) Children's Food Program</p>	<p>With the support of CAWACO, BYB served meals to over 1000 children in food-insecure homes, ensuring that they did not go to bed hungry on weekends and holidays, and providing relief for caregivers who too often must choose between food and other basic living necessities.</p>  
<p>Alzheimer's of Central Alabama</p>	<p>Jefferson</p>	<p>Project Lifesaver Bracelets and Supplies</p>	<p>Purchased Project Lifesaver Bracelets for the Jefferson County Sheriff's department. These radio transmitting bracelets are the most successful products available when searching for a person with dementia who has wandered. 72 residents are currently wearing the bracelets. This grant helped update batteries and buy more bracelets.</p>  

Aldridge Gardens	Jefferson	Accessible Path to Hydrangea Garden	<p>Aldridge Gardens now has all-weather access to the Hydrangea Garden and the picnic area even after large storm events, making the trail system 100% accessible.</p> 
Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association	Area-Wide	Alabama Lions Sight Mobile Eye Clinic	<p>Alabama Lions Sight Mobile Eye Clinic provides comprehensive eye exams to thousands of patients across Alabama, most of whom are over 50 and do not yet qualify for Medicare. With help from CAWACO, the scholarship program ensures that every patient who needs an exam and glasses will receive them, even if they cannot afford a modest fee.</p> 

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS			
County	Applicant	Project title	Description
Blount	Susan Moore Agri Science	Agriscience Dept Improvements	This grant will improve the agriscience department at Susan Moore High School, which will in turn better prepare the students for their future. We were able to purchase many cordless tools such as: drills, impact drivers, saws, sanders, staplers, and an air compressor. Which we will all be used for our wood working projects to teach carpentry skills.

			 
Jefferson	Center Point Fire District	Center Point Fire District Training Facility	<p>Development of a multi-use training facility in Northern Jefferson County.</p> 
Walker	Nauvoo Volunteer Fire District	Station Upgrades and Gear	<p>Nauvoo Fire department was able to add additional space and also purchase much needed equipment.</p> 
Shelby	Evangel Christian School	Bleacher repair	<p>Evangel Christian school can now provide a safe environment for students and members of the community to engage in various sports activities.</p>

				
Chilton	Chilton County Commission	Storm Shelter Repairs	<p>Repaired, sandblasted and painted storm shelters throughout the Country to make them functionable to the communities.</p> 	

CAWACO PROGRAMS

The following initiatives are conducted by Cawaco staff and supplement the mission of the Council:

RC&D Grows Gardens

Cawaco partners with other RC&D Councils, the Alabama Association of RC&D Councils and USDA/NRCS to provide vegetable seeds to schools, community gardens and veterans at no cost. Funds also provide mini-grants for garden-related expenses. The goal is to empower communities and schools to grow fresh local produce that can be shared, eaten, and even sold to generate income for their programs. The project also has the added benefit of exposing students to agricultural career opportunities.

In the year 2022, twenty-five mini-grants were given to community and school garden all over the state, seeds were distributed to 64 gardens and calculated value of this state-wide initiative totals \$257,339.00.

RC&D Builds Trails

In 2011, Cawaco received a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to purchase and equip a trailer to assist groups in developing and maintaining recreational trails. Volunteers can borrow the trailer and its hand tools for trail building, garden improvement and invasive species removal. So far in 2022 the tools have been used by 255 volunteers, and have logged 134 volunteer hours, for a total value of \$40,526.80. These volunteers used the tools to clear over 44 acres of privet or other invasive species, and create or maintain over 34,000 feet of trail. The tools are currently being utilized by Alabama State Parks so these numbers will increase by the end of the fiscal year.

Community Support

Cawaco provides ongoing support for underserved urban communities in Jefferson County. Through numerous partnerships and networks, we assist neighborhoods, churches and community development needs through site visits, consultation and connections to resources including Cawaco grant programs. So far, support has been given to the following entities:

- Assisted **Birmingham City Council District 8 Carol Clarke** with proposal to form a Community Trust for neighborhoods in her district. Proposal was discussed with Mayor's office for approval of projects within confines of CARES recovery funding given to the city.
- Presented to **Birmingham City Council District 8 Carol Clarke** at the Neighborhood/Community Summit February 2022. Cawaco represented the 'Environmental Stewardship' programs in Birmingham with emphasis on urban tree planting.
- Coordination and assistance to **UAB Grand Challenge Live HealthSmart Challenge**. Advising UAB Sustainable Smart Cities program in community health and built environment interventions including transformation of vacant property and reforestation of city streets.

- Assisted **Birmingham Sunrise Rotary, Titusville Community Development Corporation**, and **UAB Sustainable Cities** with January Martin Luther King Day of Service with restoration of vacant lots and maintenance on North Titusville community garden and Triangle Community Park.
- Reviewed National Fish & Wildlife Foundation 5 Star Proposal from the **City of Vestavia** for stormwater flooding interventions in commercial and residential areas of Vestavia. Consultation included using green infrastructure for stormwater management.
- Assisted Birmingham neighborhood urban farm **Fountain Heights Farms** with expansion planning. Included mapping of available vacant lots for community garden expansion.
- Advised **Black Cherry Tree Project** on establishing neighborhood memorials through planting native black cherry trees. The Black Cherry Tree Project addresses racial reconciliation through the memorialization of the 33 African Americans who were lynched in Jefferson County between the mid to late 1800's and the mid 1900's. As part of The Black Cherry Tree Project, 33 commemorative black cherry tree saplings will be planted across Birmingham in publicly accessible locations in honor of each victim.
- Supported **Birmingham Sunrise Rotary** workday in North Titusville Neighborhood, Birmingham in April 2022. Volunteer activities Included vacant lot clean up and maintenance of community garden. Birmingham Sunrise Rotary Club is actively involved in the greening of Birmingham creation of green spaces, walking trails, and parks that serve the people of Birmingham.
- Advised **Mt Hebron Missionary Baptist Church** in ACIPCO/Findley Neighborhood in Birmingham with community garden planning on church owned property. The urban garden plan is part of their community health outreach.

Alabama River and Streams Network www.alh2o.org

Cawaco RC&D provides administrative and project support to the Alabama Rivers and Streams Network. The Network is an informal group that shares information regarding:

- Threatened, endangered and at-risk species,
- Cooperative opportunities for sampling or performing assessments, and
- Cooperative opportunities to implement on the ground projects that improve habitat for at-risk species.

The Network is comprised of entities who comply with or regulate the Endangered Species Act:

- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- Geological Survey of Alabama
- Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Alabama Department of Environmental Management
- Utilities
- Forestry
- Consultants
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Universities and Colleges

For 2022, projects contracted to assist the Network in accomplishing their mission include:

- Mulberry Fork Streambank Stabilization Project (completed) - USFWS
- Big Canoe Creek Streambank Stabilization Project (completed) - USFWS
- Turkey Creek Streambank Stabilization Project (completed) - USFWS
- Urban Darter Project (in progress) - USFWS
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Internships (in progress) - USFWS
- Fish Passage Study on the Lower Alabama River (in progress) - The Nature Conservancy
- Study: *Improving Passage and Monitoring Populations of Trispot Darters in the Big Canoe Watershed* (in progress) - National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Choccolocco Creek Fish IBI Study (in progress) - USFWS
- USFWS Coal Darter Species Status Assessment (in progress) - USFWS
- Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Coosa Moccasinshell Propagation (in progress) - Coosa River Basin Initiative
- Big Wills Creek Dam Removal (in progress) - USFWS

Your Town Alabama

Cawaco provides administrative support for Your Town Alabama. Since 1998, Your Town Alabama has conducted annual workshops for town officials and community leaders across Alabama. For citizens interested in improving their communities, the workshop introduces asset-based design in community planning. This method focuses on the inventory and utilization of the community's best assets, whether cultural, natural, historical, or otherwise. The 2022 Your Town Alabama workshop was held May 4-6, 2022 at Camp McDowell. Fifty-two (52) participants attended the workshop, including Cawaco Chairperson Sheila Baker.

Holle Family Foundation

Cawaco staff provides a variety of services and administrative support to the Holle Family Foundation. The Foundation supports projects that promote individuals and institutions throughout central Alabama that nurture individual accomplishment and worth. Areas of focus include addressing societal needs, providing opportunities for achievement, developing the next generation of leaders, and celebrating local history and culture.