

Housing Initiative Brief: Millen/Jenkins County, Georgia

Millen and Jenkins County represent the heart of rural Georgia—communities with strong local identity, deep family roots, and meaningful opportunities for growth. As the area continues to plan for the future, housing remains one of the most important foundations for community stability, workforce development, and economic progress. Many rural communities face challenges related to aging housing stock, limited affordable rental options, home repair needs, infrastructure constraints, and barriers to homeownership. In Millen and Jenkins County, addressing these needs is essential to helping families remain in the community, supporting seniors who wish to age in place, and ensuring that residents have access to safe, quality, and affordable housing.

The housing initiative for Millen/Jenkins County is focused on strengthening the community through planning, partnership, and practical housing solutions. By aligning with Georgia’s housing and community revitalization efforts, the initiative can help identify local housing priorities, support neighborhood improvement strategies, and create a framework for long-term housing development. This includes looking at ways to preserve existing homes, encourage rehabilitation, expand housing choices, connect residents to resources, and support future development that reflects the needs of the community. A strong housing strategy also supports broader goals such as job creation, business attraction, school stability, public health, and neighborhood pride.

MARS Community Development Corporation is committed to supporting this work by bringing its experience in housing support, community outreach, education, resource coordination, and economic development to the Millen/Jenkins County area. MARS CDC seeks to work alongside local officials, residents, community organizations, housing partners, and public agencies to help advance solutions that are locally driven and community centered. Through collaboration and strategic planning, MARS CDC aims to help strengthen housing opportunities, support families, promote revitalization, and contribute to a healthier and more sustainable future for Millen and Jenkins County.

This initiative is about more than housing construction or repairs—it is about building a stronger foundation for people and communities. Safe and stable housing helps children succeed in school, allows seniors to remain connected to their neighborhoods, gives workers a place to live near employment opportunities, and helps families build long-term security. By supporting housing-centered development in Millen and Jenkins County, MARS CDC is working with the community in mind: preserving local character, expanding opportunity, and helping create a place where residents can live, grow, and thrive.