



Meet SEARPDC's Associate Planner, Chris Rush, who has been with the company for just over a year. As the Associate Planner for Community and Economic Development department, Chris brings a unique perspective to the team. Growing up, he was homeschooled from fourth grade until his senior year and spent most of his time on the farm with his family and going to gun shows. In fact, he the youngest member to be a lifetime member of the Alabama Firearms Association. After completing an undergraduate degree in History and Political Science, Chris's interests soon shifted towards Community Planning. Despite having a family of lawyers, Chris realized that his true calling was in Community Planning. Throughout college he worked as a Design Administration Graduate Assistant where he honed his skills in ArcGIS, a geospatial software used primarily with viewing, editing, and analyzing geographic data. In December 2022, Chris graduated with a dual master's in Public Administration and Community/Rural Planning from Auburn University. With his current project of Comprehensive Planning for Florala, Chris is working diligently to make a difference in the community. When he's not working, Chris enjoys unwinding at the beach, engaging in pickleball, and cherishing moments with his family. Chris's unique background and passion for planning make him an excellent addition to the SEARPDC team.