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January 24, 2024

PROGRAM

**Welcome**

Michael E. Paris  
*President & CEO, Council for Quality Growth*

**Invocation & Pledge**

Kendall Jones, MUST Ministries

**Council Chair Remarks & Recognition of Elected Officials**

Sally Riker  
*Founder & CEO, Terminus Transformation Group*

**Presenting Sponsor Remarks**

Fabricio Ponce  
*Managing Director, VHB*

**Metro North Georgia Water Planning District Update**

Katherine Zitsch  
*Deputy COO, Atlanta Regional Commission*

**Presenting Sponsor Remarks**

Katie Pearson  
*Director of Operations, Northside Hospital Cherokee*

**Cherokee County School District**

Dr. Brian Hightower  
*Superintendent, Cherokee County School District*

**Cherokee Office of Economic Development**

Misti Martin  
*President, Cherokee Office of Economic Development*

**State of Cherokee County Address**

Chairman Harry B. Johnston  
*Cherokee County Board of Commissioners*

**Closing Remarks**

Michael E. Paris



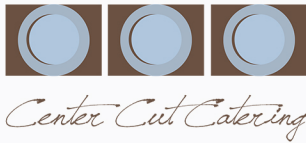


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# Upcoming Council Events



**Quality Growth INSTITUTE**

**COUNCIL for QUALITY GROWTH**

**PART I INTERPRETING SACKETT**

**PART II A WIN-WIN IN WATER WARS**

*Presented by:* *Featuring:*

COUNCIL FOR QUALITY GROWTH WATER FORUM  
**January 31, 2024 | 11:30 AM**

**GWINNETT**

# State of the County

*Presented by:*

# March 7, 2024

**8:30 - 10:15 AM**  
12Stone Church

*featuring* CHAIRWOMAN

**Nicole Love Hendrickson**





<b>JAN</b> <b>24</b>		<b>STATE OF CHEROKEE COUNTY</b> Featuring Chair Harry B. Johnston	Cherokee Conference Center 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
<b>JAN</b> <b>31</b>		<b>WATER FORUM</b> Discussing Water Issues in Georgia	CQG Offices 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
<b>MAR</b> <b>7</b>		<b>STATE OF GWINNETT COUNTY</b> Featuring Chair Nicole Hendrickson	12Stone Church, Lawrenceville 8:30 – 10:15 AM
<b>MAR</b> <b>28</b>		<b>STATE OF ROCKDALE COUNTY</b> Featuring Chair Oz Nesbitt, Sr.	Costley Mill Event Center, Conyers 8:00 – 9:15 AM
<b>APR</b> <b>3</b>		<b>STATE OF HENRY COUNTY</b> Featuring Chair Carlotta Harrell	Grace Baptist Church, Stockbridge 8:00 – 9:15 AM
<b>APR</b> <b>17</b>		<b>STATE OF DOUGLASVILLE/ DOUGLAS COUNTY</b>	Douglasville Conference Center 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM
<b>MAY</b> <b>TBA</b>		<b>STATE OF DEKALB COUNTY</b> Featuring CEO Michael L. Thurmond	<i>Location &amp; Time TBA</i>
<b>MAY</b> <b>TBA</b>		<b>STATE OF CLAYTON COUNTY</b> Featuring Chair Jeffrey E. Turner	<i>Location &amp; Time TBA</i>
<b>MAY</b> <b>TBA</b>		<b>SPRING MEET &amp; GREET</b> with County Commission Chairs & Metro Region Mayors	<i>Location &amp; Time TBA</i>
<b>AUG</b> <b>9</b>		<b>THE INTERSECTION 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL QUALITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE</b> Critical Issues Affecting our Region	City Springs Studio Theatre, Sandy Springs 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM
<b>AUG</b> <b>TBA</b>		<b>STATE OF MARTA</b> Featuring Collie Greenwood, <i>GM &amp; CEO</i>	<i>Location &amp; Time TBA</i>
<b>SEP</b> <b>TBA</b>		<b>WATER FORUM</b> Discussing Water Issues in Georgia	CQG Offices 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
<b>OCT</b> <b>10</b>		<b>35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FOUR PILLAR TRIBUTE</b> Recipient TBA	Georgia World Congress Center 6:00 – 9:30 PM
<b>NOV</b> <b>TBA</b>		<b>15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CID RECOGNITION</b> Presenting John Williams CID Award & CID Professional Excellence Award	<i>Location &amp; Time TBA</i>
<b>DEC</b> <b>17</b>		<b>39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING &amp; LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION</b> With the Georgia General Assembly	Cherokee Town & Country Club 6:00 – 8:00 PM