

# 2026 AML REGIONAL MEETINGS

Municipalities are increasingly being asked to take on more responsibilities with fewer resources. From navigating the next steps after abating neglected properties to addressing challenges in delivering essential water and wastewater services with limited capacity, the need for collaboration has never been greater. The Arkansas Municipal League's regional meetings offer a space to explore practical solutions like cooperative purchasing, interlocal agreements, and regional planning for economic growth. By encouraging participation from state legislators, municipalities, counties, chambers of commerce, state agencies, planning and development districts, and private partners, these meetings help build a more connected and resilient Arkansas.

## 9 a.m. SHARED RESOURCES, SHARED BENEFITS

Our 2025 regional training series put the spotlight on the legal procedure to abate dilapidated and nuisance properties and confirmed that the many hurdles that our municipalities face can be cleared through cooperation and collaboration.

Neighbors who share resources share the benefits of success. This training offers an overview of a few tools in the municipal toolbox such as cooperative purchasing, intergovernmental cooperation councils, interlocal agreements, and more. While cooperation is beneficial for all local governments regardless of size, utilization of interlocal assistance agreements can be incredibly helpful in the less populated rural areas of the state as they move forward with efforts to clear blight and make way for economic opportunities. In this training we will spotlight opportunities and facilitate discussion among members as to what they are doing in their own areas.

## 10:30 a.m. LAND & WATER

As two of the most vital resources entrusted to municipalities, land use and water infrastructure require effective planning and stewardship. Local experts will join John Wilkerson and James Walden in a discussion of key legislative changes from the 2025 session, water infrastructure needs and the importance of working with ANRC, as well as emerging issues on the state and federal horizon (like the Road to Housing Act) that directly affect municipal growth and infrastructure.

Attendees will receive a pre-event survey to lead this interactive discussion. Audience participation is encouraged and appreciated.

## 12 p.m. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT LUNCH

Legislators, chamber members, economic developers, and other local guests interested in moving Arkansas forward are invited to join this discussion of Issue 3, which will appear on the November '26 ballot to establish Economic Development Districts in Arkansas.

Please purchase your lunch at [events.arml.org](https://events.arml.org).

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+ \$20 LUNCH

= \$40 ENTIRE DAY

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## WORKING CALENDAR

Stay tuned for updates at [events.arml.org](https://events.arml.org)

### Wednesday, March 11

Heartland Whole Health Institute  
850 Museum Way, Bentonville

### Wednesday, April 8

Robbins Sanford Grand Hall  
118 N Spring St, Searcy

### Thursday, May 7

El Dorado Chamber of Commerce  
111 W Main St, El Dorado

Fall 2026 regional meetings will be held in Hot Springs, DeWitt and Mountain Home