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**“StrikeForce” Addresses Eastern**

**NC Economic Opportunities**

***November Meeting Discusses Local Initiatives***

RALEIGH – A coordinated federal, state, and local effort addressing the needs of rural eastern North Carolina communities suffering from persistent poverty will meet **Wednesday, November 12, Greenville City Hall (200 West 5th Street) Greenville, NC at 10:30 am in the City Council chambers on the 3rd floor.** This effort, the USDA *StrikeForce Initiative* *for Rural Growth and Opportunity,* joins area private sector and public sector to increase economic opportunities. USDA, host of the event, encourages public attendance and comments.

Mayors, Commissioners, farmers, and community based organizations will discuss with USDA officials the process of how citizens and towns can obtain infrastructure, home and agricultural loans, preserve soil, and insure crops.

USDA Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Risk Management Agency, and Rural Development will make presentations. Bob Etheridge, State Executive Director for USDA Farm Service Agency, is Chair of USDA 2014 StrikeForce.

Interested individuals and organizations should RSVP with Alicia Bridges (919) 875-4803 or Alicia.Bridges@nc.usda.gov . Visit [www.usda.gov/strikeforce](http://www.usda.gov/strikeforce) for details on the StrikeForce Initiative.

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