



Wayne County, North Carolina Board of Commissioners

February 5, 2025
The Maxwell Center
3114-A Wayne Memorial Drive
Goldsboro, NC 27534

MINUTES

8:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER - Chairwoman Barbara Aycock

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in rooms D and F of the Maxwell Center, 3114-A Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, North Carolina, after due notice thereof had been given.

Members present: Chairwoman Barbara Aycock; Vice-Chairman Bevan Foster (9:05 a.m.); George Wayne Aycock, Jr. (9:24 a.m.); Joe C. Daughery; Chris Gurley; Tim Harrell; and Antonio Williams (8:25 a.m.).

Members absent: None

BREAKFAST

INVOCATION - Chairwoman Barbara Aycock

Chairwoman Barbara Aycock gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Tim Harrell

Commissioner Tim Harrell led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ECONOMIC UPDATE - NC Global TransPark EDR President Mark Pope

NCGTPEDR President Mark Pope provided an update on the Economic Development Region, attached hereto as Attachment A. Commissioner Joe C. Daughery questioned Mr. Pope on local incentives and job creation, and why the state does not provide more. Mr. Pope said the local government gets the tax benefit. The discussion included lobbying legislators for incentives, the need of a new industrial park before ParkEast is filled, and the need for housing in Wayne County to support the GTP expansion in Lenoir County.

DISCUSSION WITH U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR N.C. ON FEDERAL GOALS

Kimberly Mack, District Director for First Congressional District, U.S. Congressman Don Davis. Her statements are attached hereto as Attachment B. Grayson Overholt, Southeastern Regional Representative for U.S. Senator Thom Tillis discussed the senator's current focus of nominees and tariffs. Both spoke to the board and answered questions, particularly about Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and the quality of life for base residents, the F15Es, agricultural costs affecting farmers, and economic development product needs.

At 9:46 a.m., Chairwoman Barbara Aycock recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting.

At 10:04 a.m., Chairwoman Barbara Aycock reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting.

DHHS UPDATE - Assistant County Manager Ginger Moore

Assistant County Manager Ginger Moore gave an update on the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services and the Opioid Settlement, attached hereto as Attachment C. Commissioner Joe C. Daughtery stated the budget for the department would need to be increased to hire a full-time dentist, as finding a part-time dentist is nearly impossible. Ms. Moore discussed the issues regarding communication with, and action from Trillium.

FACILITIES UPDATE - Facilities Director Kendall Lee

Staff Attorney Andrew Neal gave an update on Alianza at ParkEast and the utilities and rail on site. He said the spur and the building will be constructed simultaneously, with an anticipated completion expected in 2025.

Facilities Director Kendall Lee gave an update on the new detention center and said the county was waiting for the certificate of occupancy from the City of Goldsboro. Once that was received, the state would come in for the final inspection. He explained an issue that occurred at the detention center regarding a water line leak in the parking lot. Mr. Lee also stated the signage for the Carey Winders Detention Center would be reinstalled.

Mr. Lee stated the DHHS building would be ready prior to the completion of the detention center. He said the final cleaning was being done, locks were being put on the doors, and the County had received a temporary certificate of occupancy(CO). He expected the final CO the third week in February and the departments to begin moving in.

Mr. Lee discussed the Corporate Drive building and the Hwy. 117 North storage facility for the Sheriff's Office; the fence project and ditch drainage at the jetport; and the move of Literacy Connection and Veterans Services. County Manager Chip Crumpler said the move of Literacy Connection and Veterans Services would allow for the expansion of Services on Aging. He also shared plans for other departments. Commissioner Joe C. Daughtery asked staff to prepare a list of all county-owned surplus properties and to have it advertised on the County website.

LUNCH

At 12:15 p.m., Vice-Chairman Bevan Foster left the retreat.

2024 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES REVIEW - County Manager Chip Crumpler

Assistant Finance Director Ann Kelley-Moore reviewed the budget schedule and answered questions from the board.

County Manager Chip Crumpler presented a PowerPoint reviewing projects, attached hereto as Attachment D. Commissioner Joe C. Daughtery applauded the staff for the number of projects handled by them.

Mr. Crumpler introduced Wayne County Schools Superintendent Dr. Marc Whichard, who discussed the proposed monthly meeting between the school board and commissioners. He and the board also discussed the school board submitting their budget to the county in March instead of May. He shared with the board the odd funding dynamics of the public school system and Brogden Primary and Middle schools being the next focused replacement. It was recommended the boards look for land now.

GOAL SETTING WORK SESSION

Mr. Crumpler asked the board members to share their goals.

Commissioner Joe C. Daughtery:

- Construction of a 'T' hangar at the jetport to house 12 additional aircraft.
- Push the Sheriff Harder to get accreditation for the Sheriff's Office.
- Participate in the 5 on 5 program with the Board of Education.
- Provide for additional Teacher Supplements in the upcoming budget.
- Provide childcare for teachers.
- Surplus vacant county buildings.
- Put Sales and Use Tax on the 2026 primary election.
- Put a referendum for alcohol sales throughout the county on the ballot.

Commissioner Chris Gurley:

- Childcare for county employees and possibly teachers.
- Regional Sewer System.
- Fuel Farm Completion.
- Finish the design for a County complex.
- Upgrade the master plan for the Hwy. 117 North site.
- Secure the next industrial park with infrastructure.
- Expand the Farmer's Market and add refrigeration. Also expand hours of operation and recruit more vendors.
- Create a new facility for fleet maintenance.
- Surplus Vacant County buildings.
- Increase amount for fire departments following a study by the county manager.

Commissioner George Wayne Aycock, Jr.:

- Regional Sewer System and let the City of Goldsboro run it.
- Increase payment to Fire Service Districts.
- Retain employees with higher wages.

Commissioner Antonio Williams:

- Lobby our local delegation for a Public Defender's Office including a resolution of support, attached hereto as Attachment E.

- Sheriff's Office Training Facility.
- Mount Olive Industrial Park.
- Small business incentives (\$50,000 for property owners).

Commissioner Tim Harrell:

- Teacher supplements and administrator supplements - moving away from a percentage and work on a dollar amount. Be competitive with surrounding counties.
- Brogden Elementary and Middle - work with school board for needs based public school grant, which would require design and land ready.

Vice-Chairman Bevan Foster:

- Dillard track renovation.
- \$5,000 to \$10,000 donation to Dillard Alumni.
- Match the City of Goldsboro donation for Juneteenth event advertising with Curtis Media.

Chairwoman Barbara Aycock:

- Reinstate retiree employee health benefits who retire with at least 25 years of continuous service.
- Childcare
- Participate in the boe 5 x 5 meeting as proposed by the superintendent.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:46 p.m., Chairwoman Barbara Aycock adjourned the Budget and Goals Retreat of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.



Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board



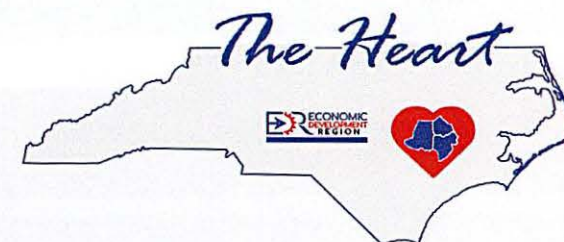
Greene, Lenoir, Wayne Counties and the Global TransPark

Formed in 2020



NCGTPEDR MISSION STATEMENT

The NC Global TransPark Economic Development Region (NCGTPEDR) was founded to foster a collaborative regional strategy for economic growth, uniting various stakeholders to draw and maintain businesses in Eastern NC. NCGTPEDR delivers economic development services via contractual agreements with Greene, Lenoir, Wayne counties, and the Global TransPark.



NCGTPEDR *PURPOSE*

- Consolidate the economic growth initiatives of Greene, Lenoir, Wayne counties, and the Global TransPark.
- Foster job creation and encourage capital investment.
- Highlight the virtues of Eastern North Carolina.
- Showcase the region's resources, workforce, living standards, and military installations.



NCGTPEDR REGIONAL ASSETS



- 125+ manufacturers
- 15,000+ employees
- 200,000 population
- Universities and Colleges
 - University of Mount Olive
 - Wayne Community College
 - Lenoir Community College
- Pro-Active Local Governments
- Private Support:
 - Public-private partnerships in 3 counties
- Partnerships with state, regional, and local economic offices
- Partnerships with utility providers



The Heart
of Eastern North Carolina

EDR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGION
Greene, Lenoir, Wayne, and Wayne Counties and the Global TransPark

WHY OUR REGION

The NC Global TransPark Economic Development Region (EDR) was established with the goal of fostering economic development in eastern North Carolina by bringing together various entities in partnership. The EDR, known as NCGTPEDR, works in collaboration with Lenoir, Wayne, Greene Counties, and the Global TransPark to attract and retain businesses.

The region benefits from its proximity to three universities and thirteen community colleges, all within a one-hour drive. This supports workforce development and ensures a skilled labor force. Additionally, the region is strengthened by the presence of five military bases, which contribute over 20,000 exiting military personnel each year. These bases are all located within a two-hour radius of the region. Overall, the labor pool in the EDR region stands at an impressive 450,000.

In terms of education, the EDR region offers Public Innovative Schools, including the Wayne School of Engineering, the Wayne School of Technical Arts, three Early College High Schools, and three STEM Schools of Distinction.

The EDR region also boasts a range of available lots, parcels, and industrial parks that have access to rail, interstates, nearby deepwater ports, and on-site utilities. Notably, the NC Global TransPark (GTP), located within the region, features an 11,500-foot runway, Opportunity Zone, and FTZ (Foreign Trade Zone) zone. The GTP is home to existing MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) companies and offers available sites for new industries. Recently, \$400 million has been allocated for such construction at the GTP.

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NORTH CAROLINA GLOBAL TRANSPARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGION SET FOR TAKE-OFF

Located in the heart of Eastern North Carolina, the North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region is a collaborative effort aimed at attracting and retaining businesses and industries in the area. With a focus on providing exceptional services, we have established strong partnerships with Greene, Lenoir, and Wayne Counties, as well as the North Carolina Global TransPark.

Our comprehensive range of services includes Lead Generation and Client Development, Project Management and Technical Assistance, Involvement of Public Partners, and Market Intelligence. By leveraging these services, our clients gain regional advantages and are empowered to make well-informed business decisions.

The region boasts several notable highlights, including one of the longest runways in the Eastern US, excellent access to rail and interstates, a variety of educational institutions ranging from K-12 Public, Charter, and Private Schools to Community Colleges and Universities. Additionally, the region offers convenient access to deep water ports in Morehead City, Wilmington, Norfolk, and Charleston, as well as a highly skilled and diverse labor pool of over 450,000 individuals. Furthermore, the presence of large military bases and defense facilities, along with available sites, parcels, and industrial parks, further enhance the region's appeal.

With a focus on key industries such as Aerospace and Aviation, Advanced Manufacturing, Logistics and Distribution, Military and Defense, and Agribusiness, the region offers a diverse range of opportunities for businesses.

Strategically located at the North Carolina Global TransPark, our region holds a distinct advantage in attracting businesses and fostering economic growth. We actively promote the region as a premier destination for high-quality economic investment, showcasing its assets, talented workforce, exceptional quality of life, and proximity to local military bases.

At the North Carolina Global TransPark Economic Development Region, we are committed to driving economic development in Eastern North Carolina.



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Governments Entities

30

Announcements

3,333

Total New Jobs

\$903M

New Capital Investment

Since November 2020:

530,000+

Total Workforce
within 45 minutes

1,000+

Acres for Development

9

Community Colleges
or Universities within
45 minutes

Over

2,000

New College
Graduates in the
Region Each Year

125+

Manufacturers
in the RegionEasy Access to
North Carolina Ports

TOTAL INCENTIVES \$437M


**STATE
INCENTIVES**
\$17.5M


**LOCAL
INCENTIVES**
\$13.2M 

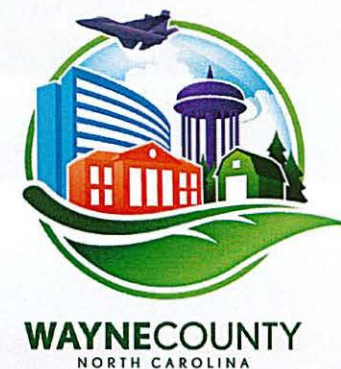
**GRANT
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\$200K 

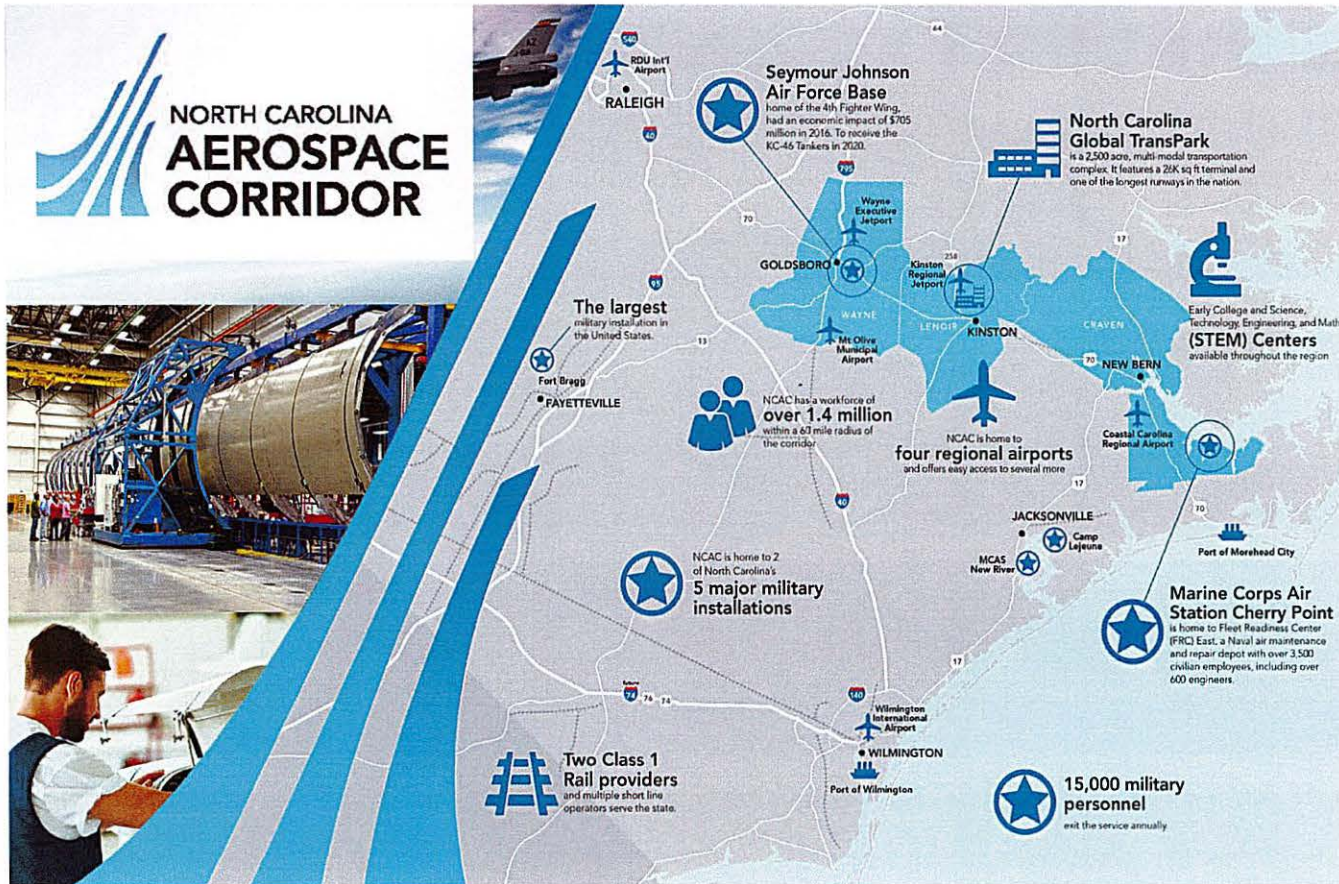
**LEGISLATIVE
APPROPRIATION**
\$407.2M 

WAYNE COUNTY – ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020-2024

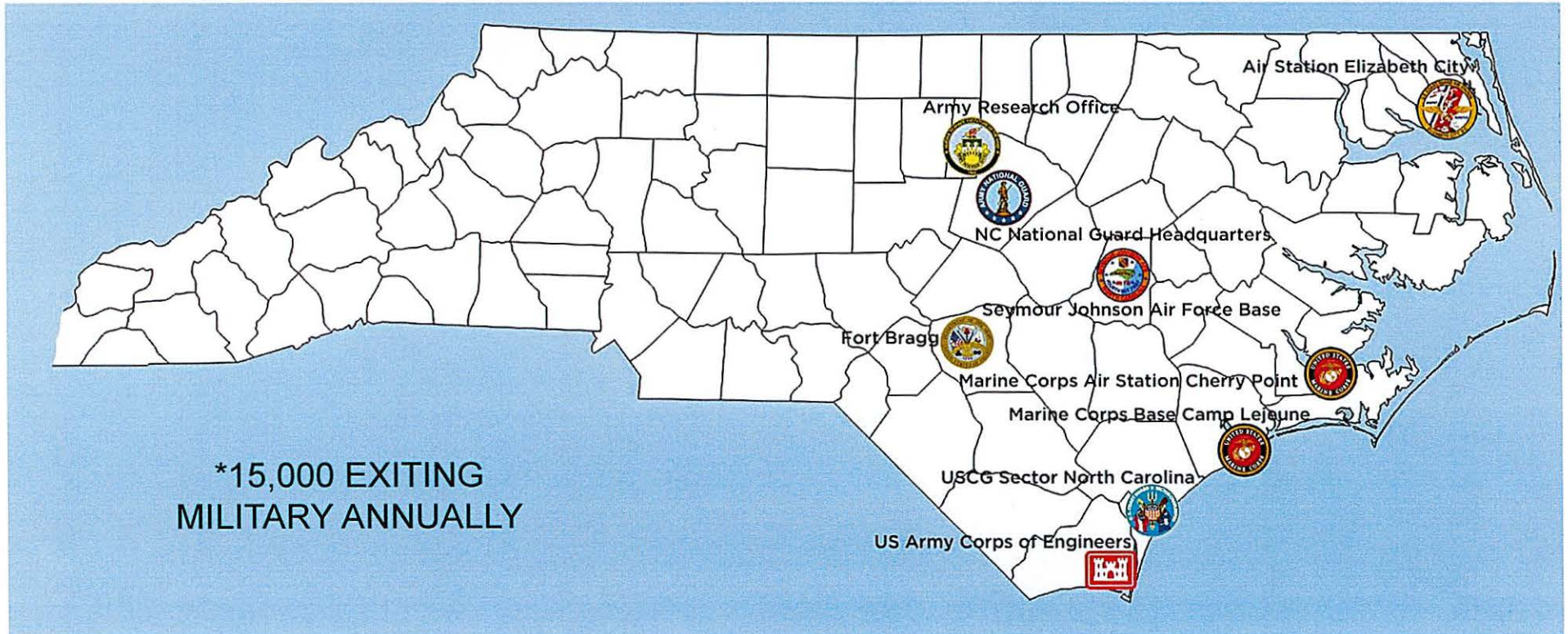
- Sanctuary Systems, (Wayne County)
\$5M investment, 118 new jobs – 12/10/20
- AP Emissions, (Wayne County)
\$400,000 investment, 96 new jobs – 4/7/21
- Pamlico Air, (Wayne County)
\$5M investment, 249 new jobs – 10/6/21
- Hosokawa, (Wayne County)
\$5.5M investment, 16 new jobs – 11/17/21
- Mt. Olive Pickle Company Inc., (Wayne County)
\$45.5M investment, 167 new jobs – 2/10/22
- SunTree Snack Foods LLC
\$10.1M investment, 94 new jobs – 9/15/2022
- Select Genetics, (Wayne County)
\$58M investment, 26 new jobs – 4/27/23
- Alta Foods, LLC., (Wayne County)
\$2M investment, 17 new jobs – 7-19-23
- Alianza Team, (Wayne County)
\$36.4M investment, 16 new jobs – 6/18/24
- Goshen Engineering, (Wayne County)
\$2.8M investment, 40 new jobs – 7/03/24
- NAVCO-North American Vinegar Co., (Wayne County)
\$4M investment, 10 new jobs – 7/03/24
- Golden Grove USA, (Wayne County)
\$5M investment, 12 new jobs – 10-22-24





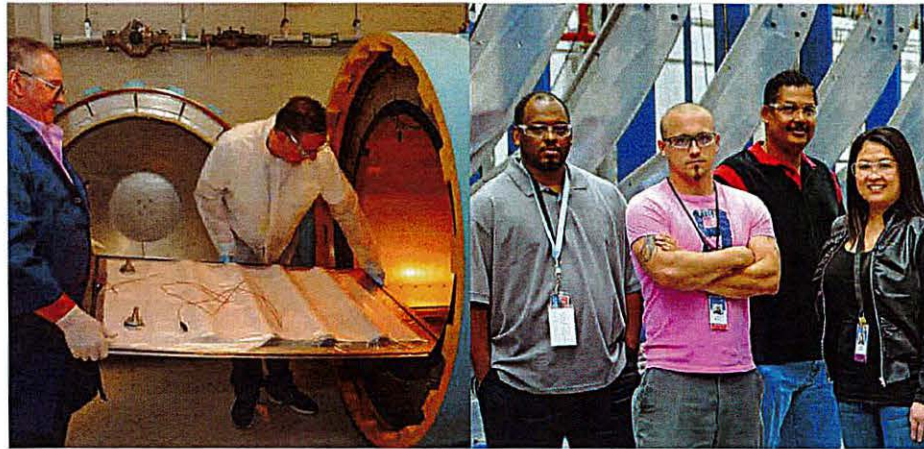
- Focus on Aerospace/Defense Sector
- Recruiting Advanced Manufacturing to support Aerospace/DOD
- Focusing on regional community college collaboration for workforce development
- Talent pipeline to serve aerospace & advanced manufacturing industries
- Formed the new NCGTP Economic Development Region (Greene, Lenoir and Wayne Counties)

NC MILITARY/WORKFORCE



TRAINING AND INNOVATION

Education Collaboration with our Universities and Community Colleges



University of
MOUNT OLIVE



NC STATE
UNIVERSITY

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT



INTERSTATE ROUTES

FUTURE I-42

1-587

MAIN ROUTES

Harvey Parkway

Hwy 11

OTHER NCDOT ROUTES

 INTERSTATE ROUTES

— US ROUTES

— NC ROUTES

MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

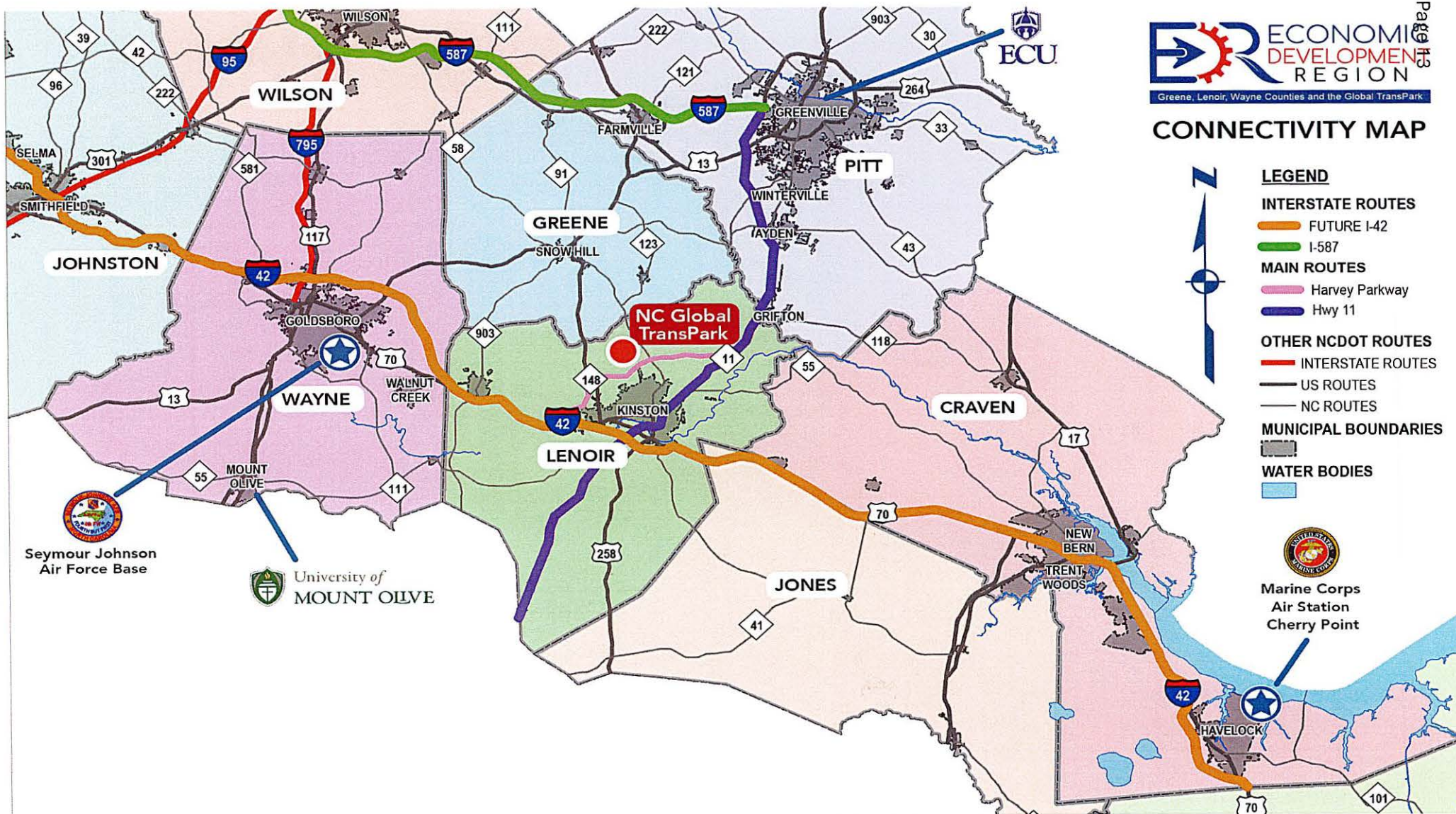
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WATER BODIES

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Marine Corps
Air Station
Cherry Point





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SWOT

STRENGTHS + WEAKNESSES

STRENGTHS

- **Site Size:** The site is 502 total acres.
- **Site Developability:** The site topography is flat, with elevation changes from approximately 73 feet to 90 feet.
- **Due Diligence Completed:** Several environmental studies, including a Phase I ESA, geotechnical report, have been completed. Additionally, a wetlands 404 permit has been approved.
- **Available Utilities:** Electricity, natural gas, water, wastewater, and fiber infrastructure exists adjacent to the site. The available capacities and required improvements for each to support potential new projects are well-understood by each utility provider.
- **Veteran Labor Force:** According to the community, a relatively high percentage of the labor force is comprised of veterans due to the proximity to five major military installations.
- **Aerospace Cluster:** The GTP and surrounding region classifies as an aerospace cluster (A location quotient of 2.67 at 30-min drive time level). Aerospace-related manufacturing projects are drawn to existing clusters due to the expectation of a specialized labor force.
- **Unique Aerospace Assets:** Aerospace-related manufacturing projects prioritize proximity to an airport. The GTP allows senior management and/or engineering teams to fly directly into a facility to review product and technical issues. Additionally, due to the low volume, high value of many aerospace products, air freight often makes sense to keep production lines running.

WEAKNESSES

- **Existing Site Access:** The site currently has a single ingress/egress point via Cargo Drive. Until the Spine Road connection is in place, this may be viewed unfavorably by many industrial prospects.
- **Existing Interstate Access:** Investment projects with a preference or requirement for proximity to interstate may view the GTP unfavorably until I-42 is completed.
- **Workforce Challenges:** The labor force and prime age labor force participation rates in the area are lower than the North Carolina statewide averages. The challenge of finding and retaining skilled workers is likely to persist due to the requirement for specific expertise in aerospace, manufacturing, and other specialized industries.
- **Utility Extensions:** Electricity, natural gas, water, and wastewater will all require varying improvements and/or extensions to serve future projects at the site.
- **Zoning Restrictions and Permitting Process:** Restrictions for development align with FAA regulations and GTP works closely with companies to ensure compliance. While these may be cumbersome for more traditional manufacturers, these regulations are typical for aerospace and defense companies.
- **Ownership:** The site is for lease only. This may be viewed as a disadvantage for prospects with a preference for site options available for purchase.

SWOT

OPPORTUNITIES + THREATS

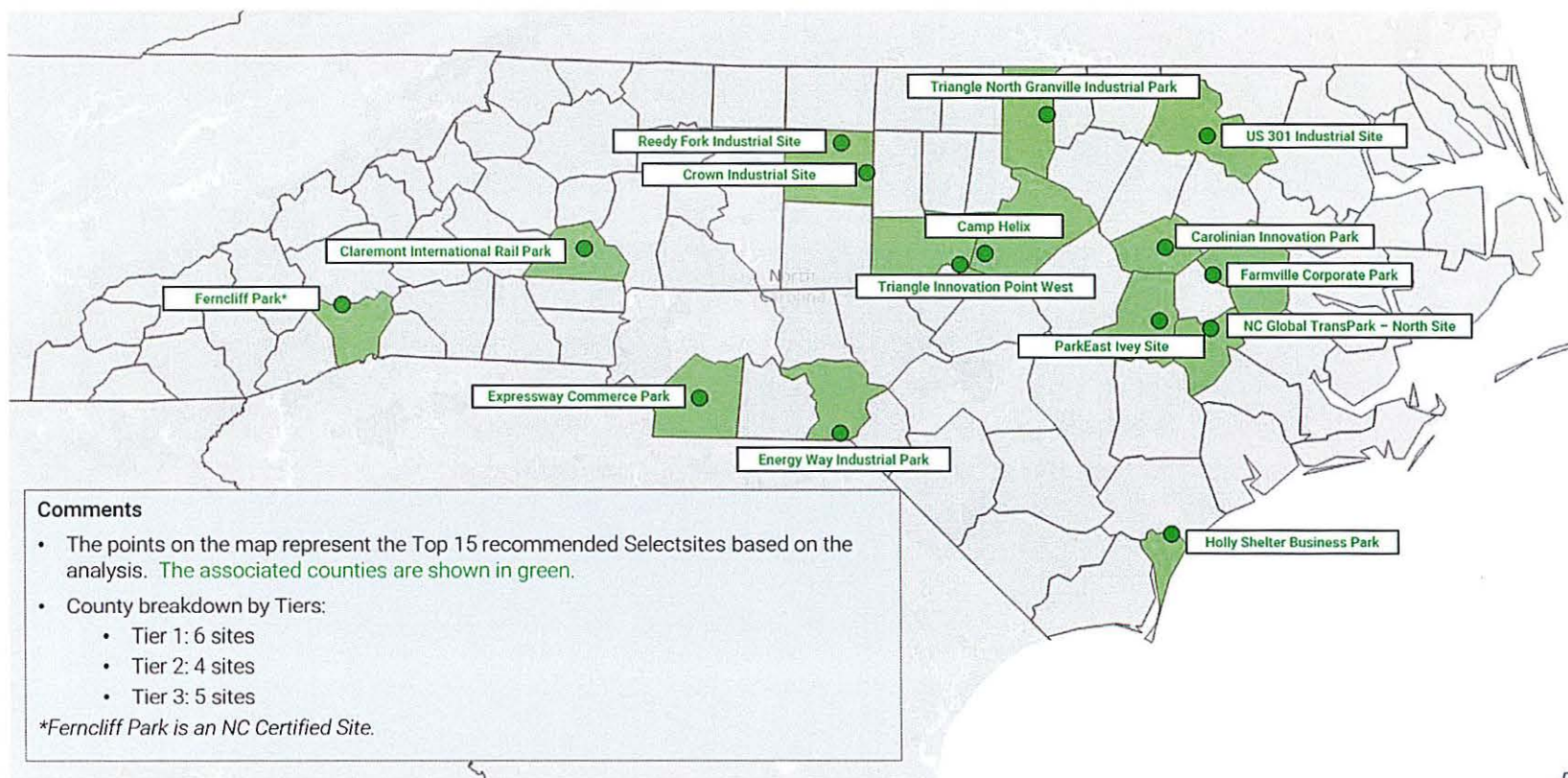
OPPORTUNITIES

- **Interstate Completion (I-42):** The potential completion of I-42, connecting the GTP to a wider interstate network, would significantly improve access to the site and enhance the site's attractiveness to industrial prospects.
- **Secondary Site Access:** The potential completion of Spine Road, which would connect Poole Road (western site boundary) to Highway 58 (eastern site boundary) would significantly improve the attractiveness of the site to industrial prospects.
- **Collaboration with Military Institutions:** The GTP's focus on aerospace and defense aligns with the strong presence of military bases in the area. This allows for collaboration on issues ranging from workforce development (e.g., exiting military, trailing spouses) to specific contracts. Additionally, access to a veteran workforce are often viewed as an advantage by prospects.
- **Diversification of Industries:** While aerospace and defense are key sectors, diversifying into related industries like advanced manufacturing could create a more resilient industrial base.
- **Workforce Development:** Prospects can collaborate and partner with local colleges and/or training centers to develop curriculum for college programs to support the development of a pipeline. Additionally, companies located within the region can participate in the existing apprenticeship programs.

THREATS

- **Delays to Infrastructure Development:** The site's competitiveness and growth potential could be negatively impacted by delays or challenges in developing I-42.
- **Proximity to Residential:** The site is surrounded by relatively sparse residential areas, and as additional projects locate at GTP, truck and employee traffic may increase and disrupt residents. Ensuring minimal impact to residents will be crucial.
- **Economic Dependence:** The heavy emphasis on aerospace and defense sectors could create vulnerability if these industries experience downturns or budget cuts.

NC SELECTSITE READINESS PROGRAM - TOP 15

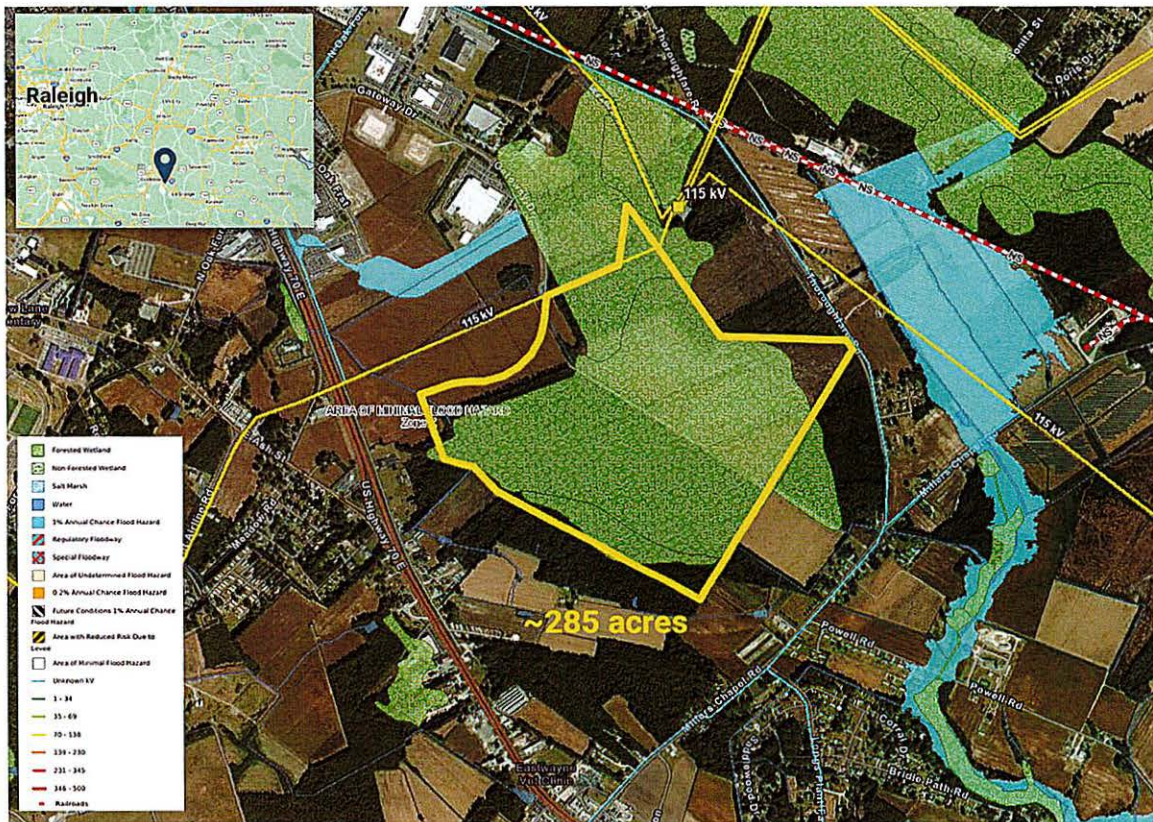


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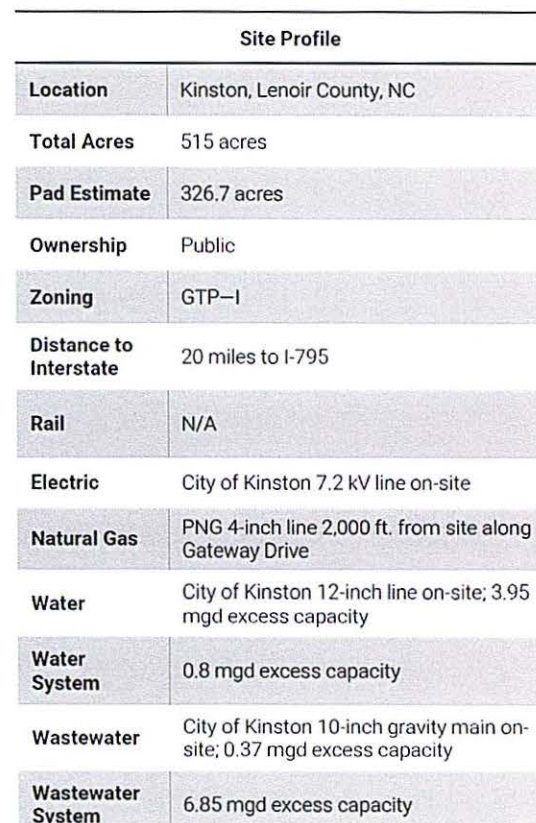


NC SELECTSITE READINESS PROGRAM - TOP 15

PARKEAST SITE – WAYNE COUNTY

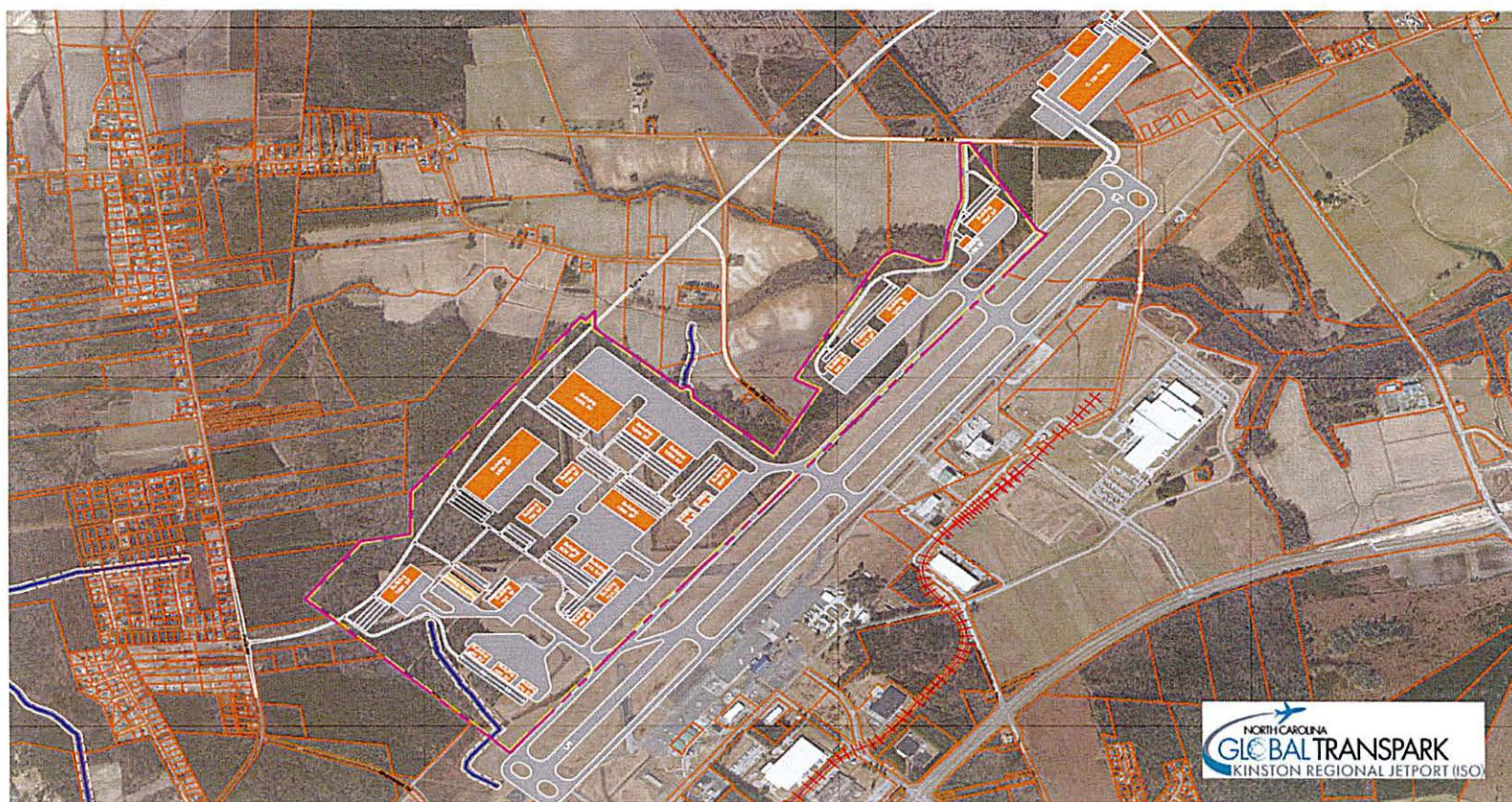


Site Profile	
Location	Goldsboro, Wayne County, NC
Total Acres	285 acres
Pad Estimate	260.7 acres
Ownership	Private (w/ Public Agreement)
Zoning	Industrial and Residential
Distance to Interstate	Seven miles to I-795
Rail	Norfolk Southern line approximately 0.5 miles to north
Electric	Duke Energy 23.9kV & 115kV lines on-site
Natural Gas	PNG 6-inch line adjacent
Water	City of Goldsboro 12-inch line adjacent; 0.9 mgd excess capacity
Water System	7.28 mgd excess capacity
Wastewater	City of Goldsboro 18-inch gravity line adjacent; 0.5 mgd excess capacity
Wastewater System	2.27 mgd excess capacity



NC SELECTSITE READINESS PROGRAM - TOP 15

NC GLOBAL TRANSPARK SITE – LENOIR COUNTY



BURNETTE SITE – GREENE COUNTY



630 Acre Site



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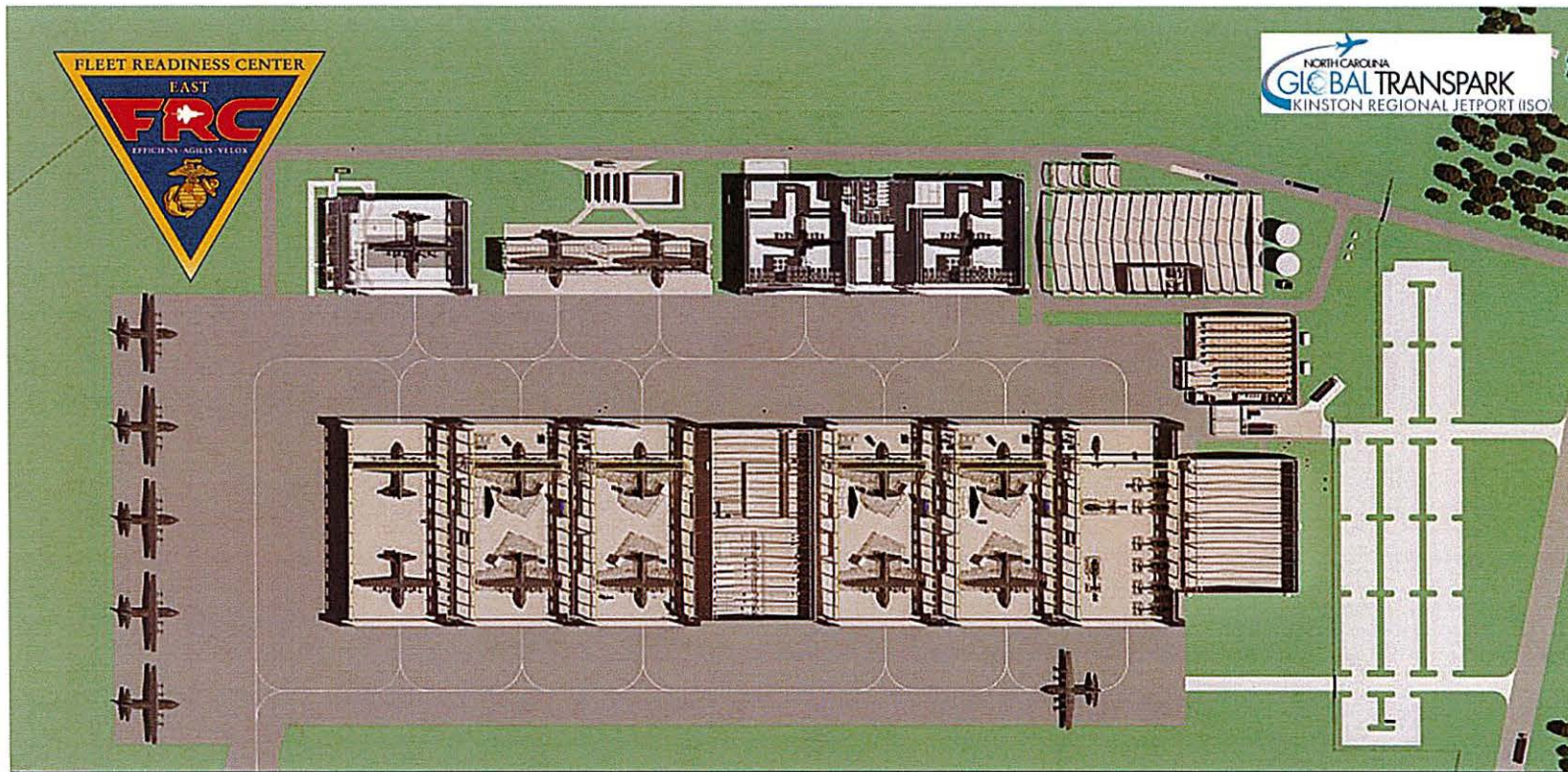


HWY 70 INDUSTRY PARK - PAD SITE – LENOIR COUNTY

5.3 Acre Site



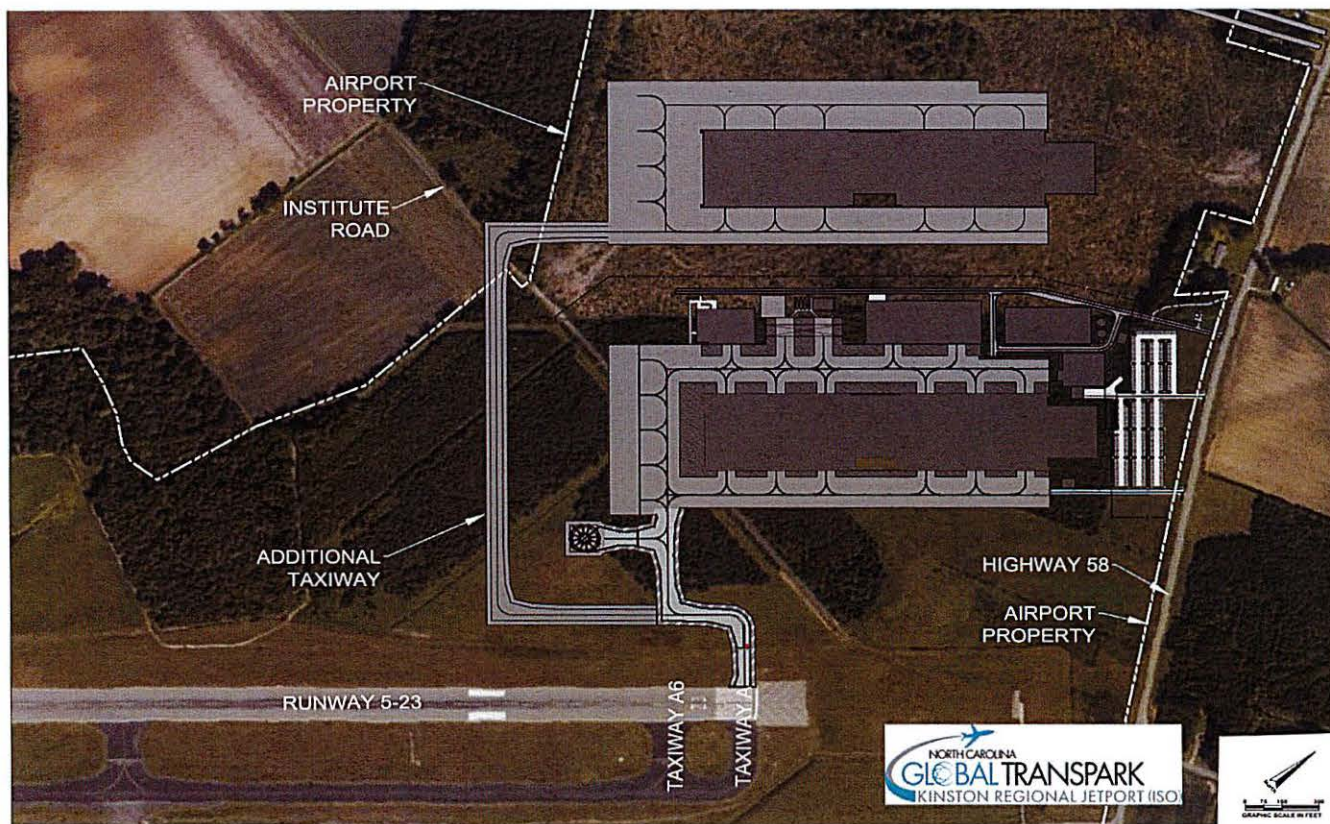
NC GLOBAL TRANSPARK - FRC EAST C-130 MRO COMPLEX



75 Acre Site

NC GLOBAL TRANSPARK - FRC EAST C-130 MRO COMPLEX

(Future Expansion)



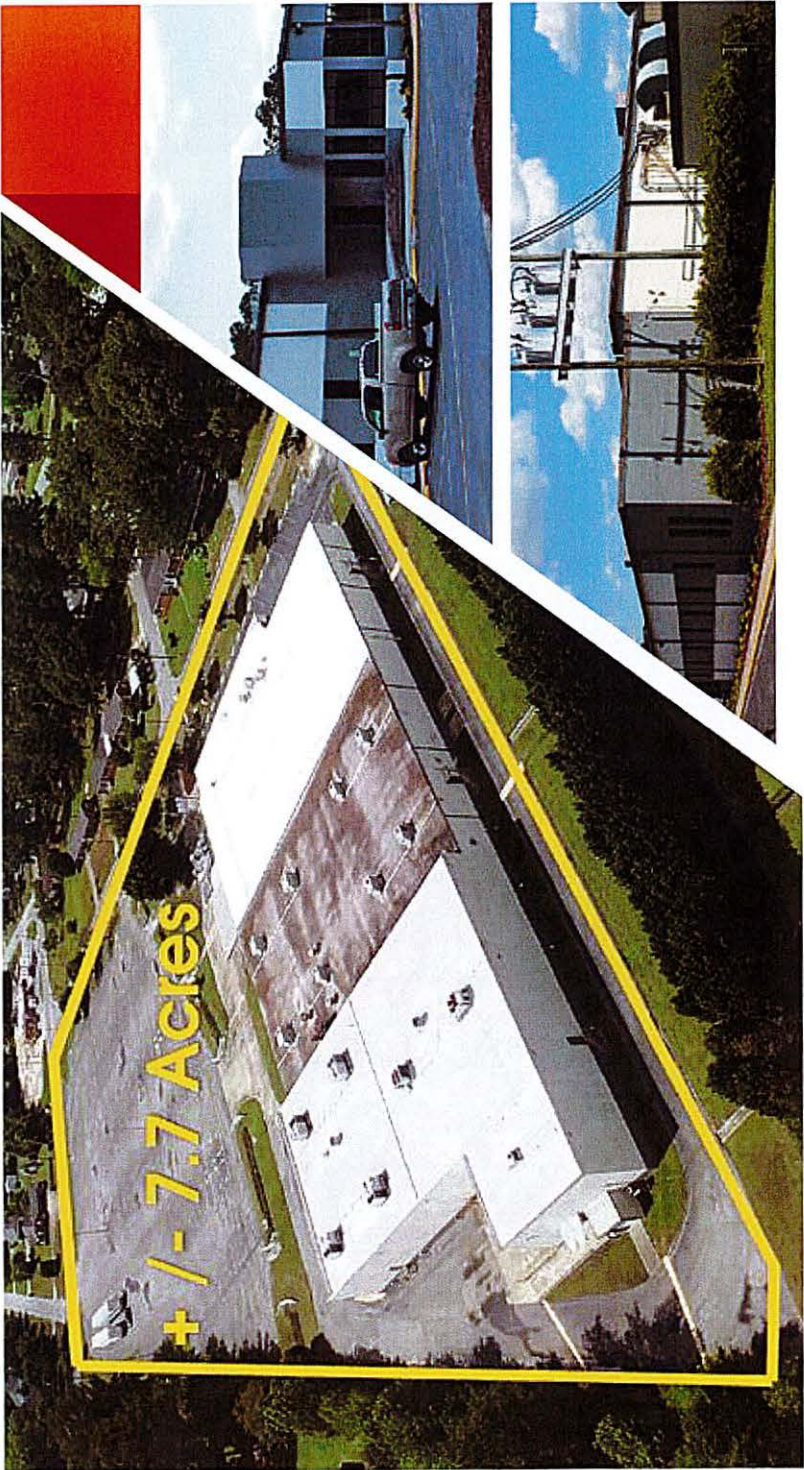
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NC GLOBAL TRANSPARK - FUEL FARM



210 DIXIE TRAIL - BUILDING



72,000 SF



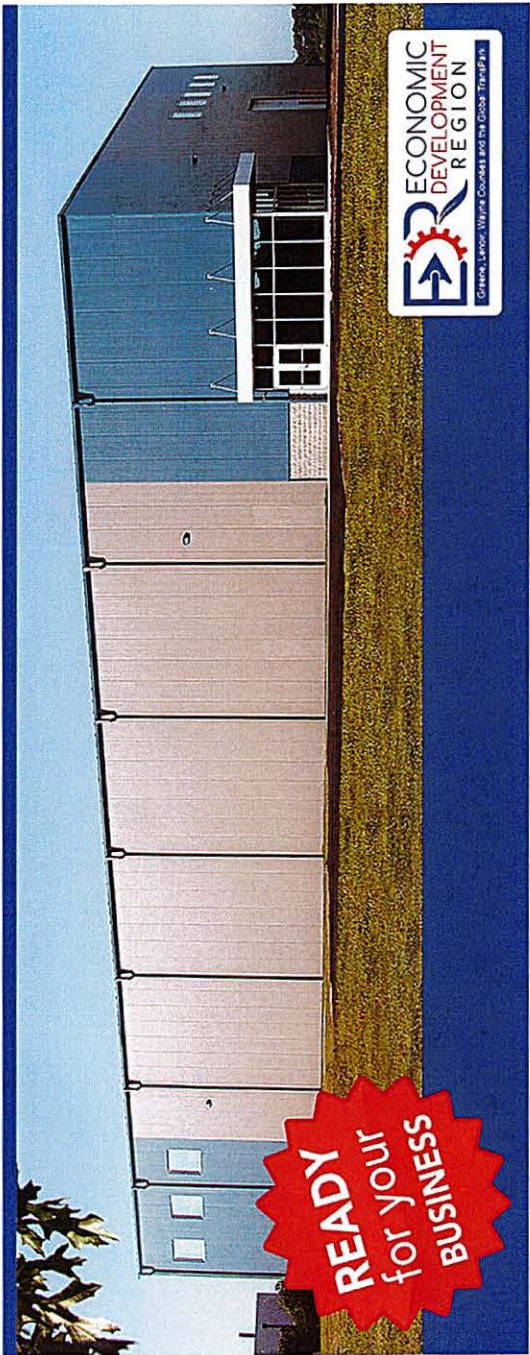
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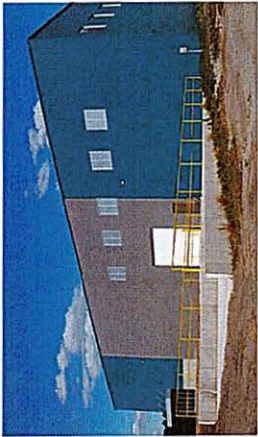
PARKEAST - INDUSTRIAL PARK



PARKEAST LOT 23 - 30K SHELL BUILDING

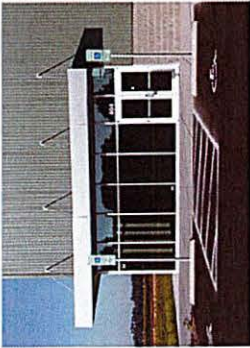
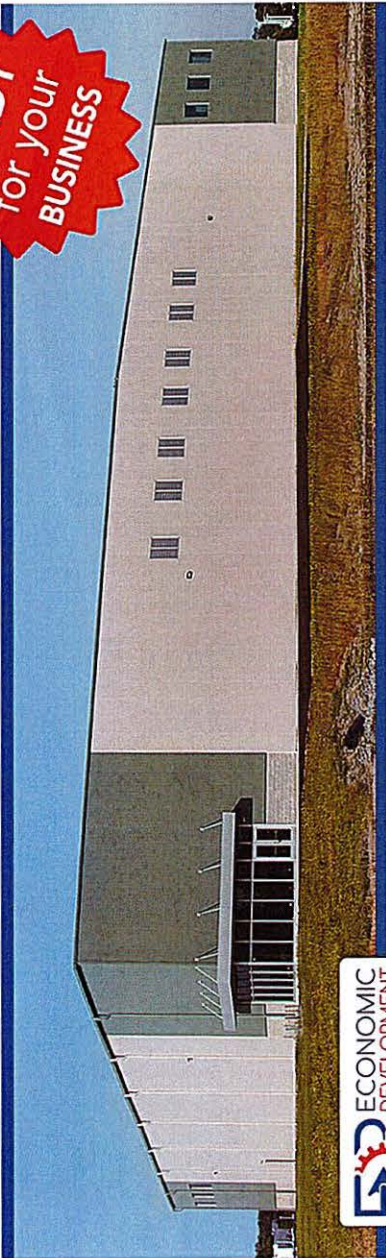


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PARKEAST LOT 23 - 50K SHELL BUILDING

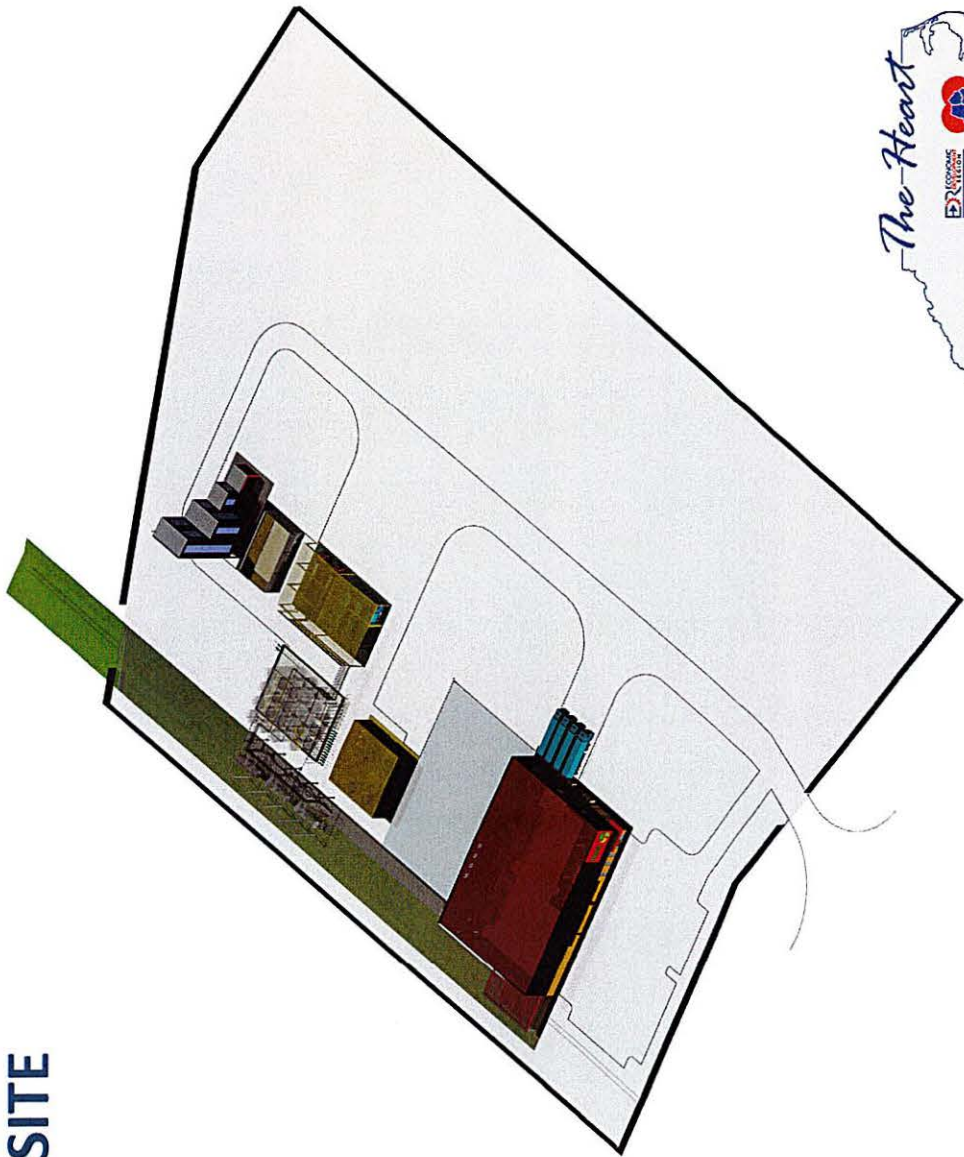
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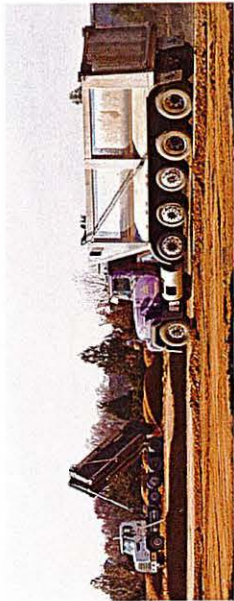
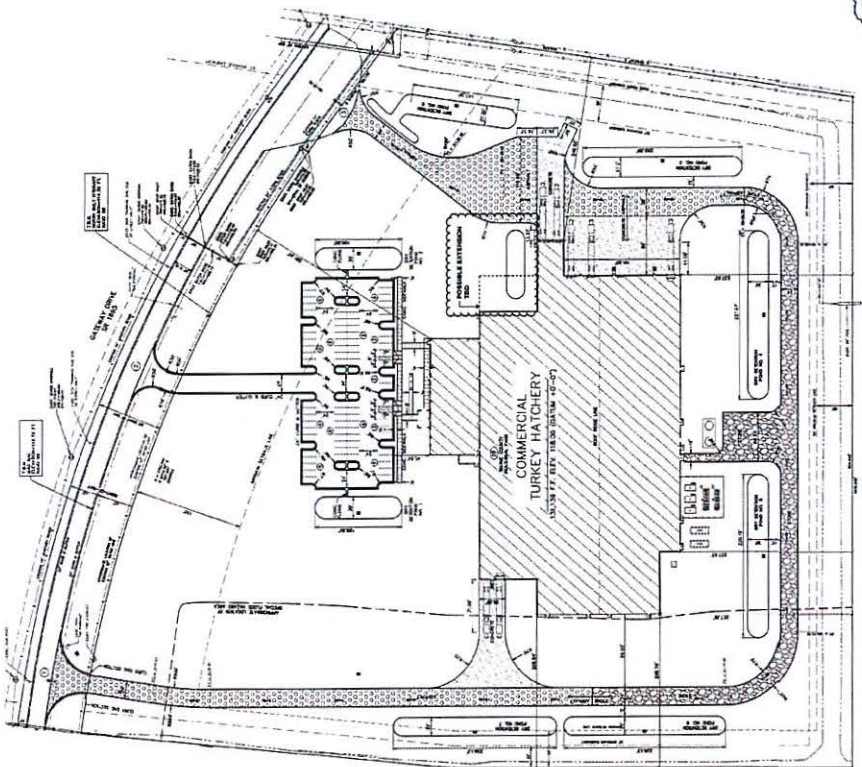
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PARKEAST - ALIANZA TEAM SITE



PARKEAST - SELECT GENETICS SITE



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PARKEAST - IVEY ROAD

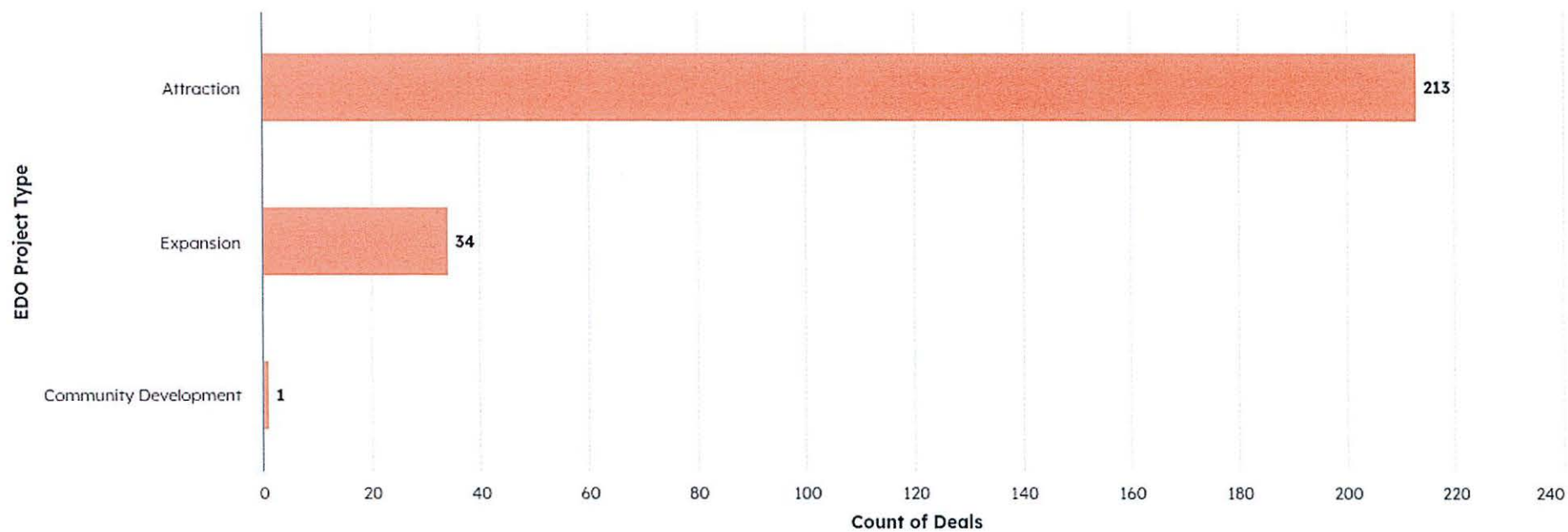


- Road construction is complete
- The two-lane road has a curb and gutter and an adjacent sidewalk.
- Connects Gateway Drive and McLain Street, with Ivey Drive joining at its midpoint
- Provides increased accessibility within the park.

ACTIVE PROJECT UPDATES

Attraction vs Expansion

ALL TIME



Count of Deals



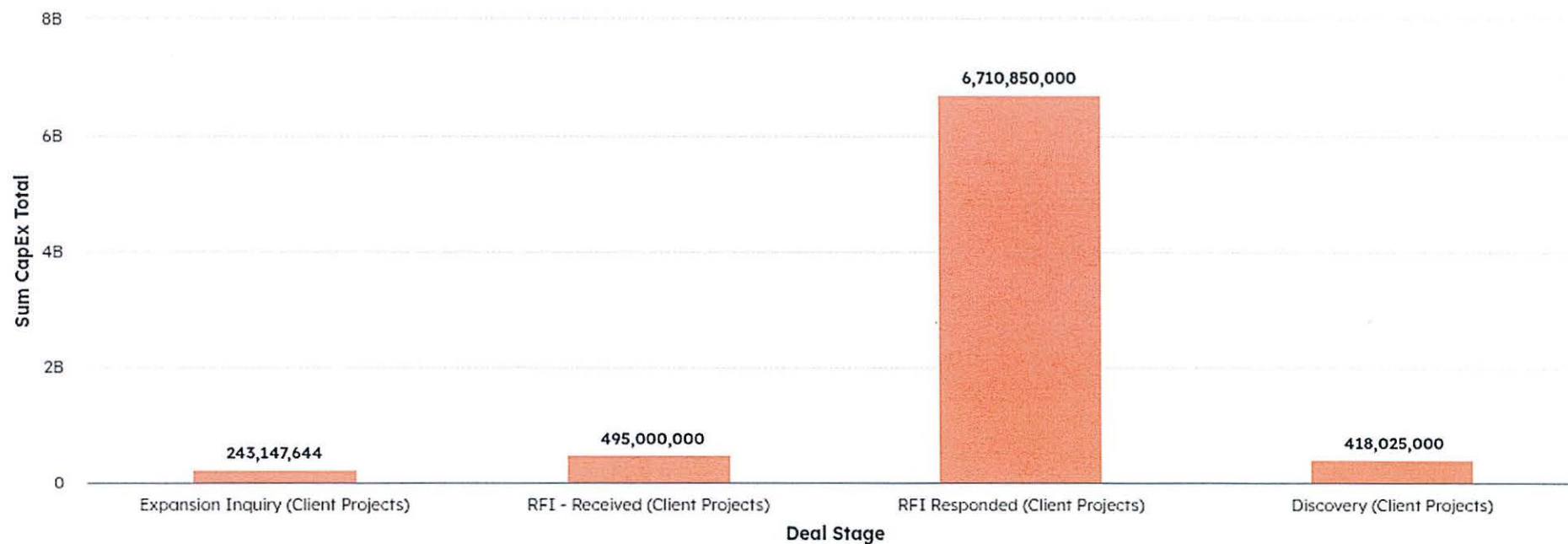
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Total CapEx of Active Deals by Stage

ALL TIME

FILTERS (1)



● Sum CapEx Total



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RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS



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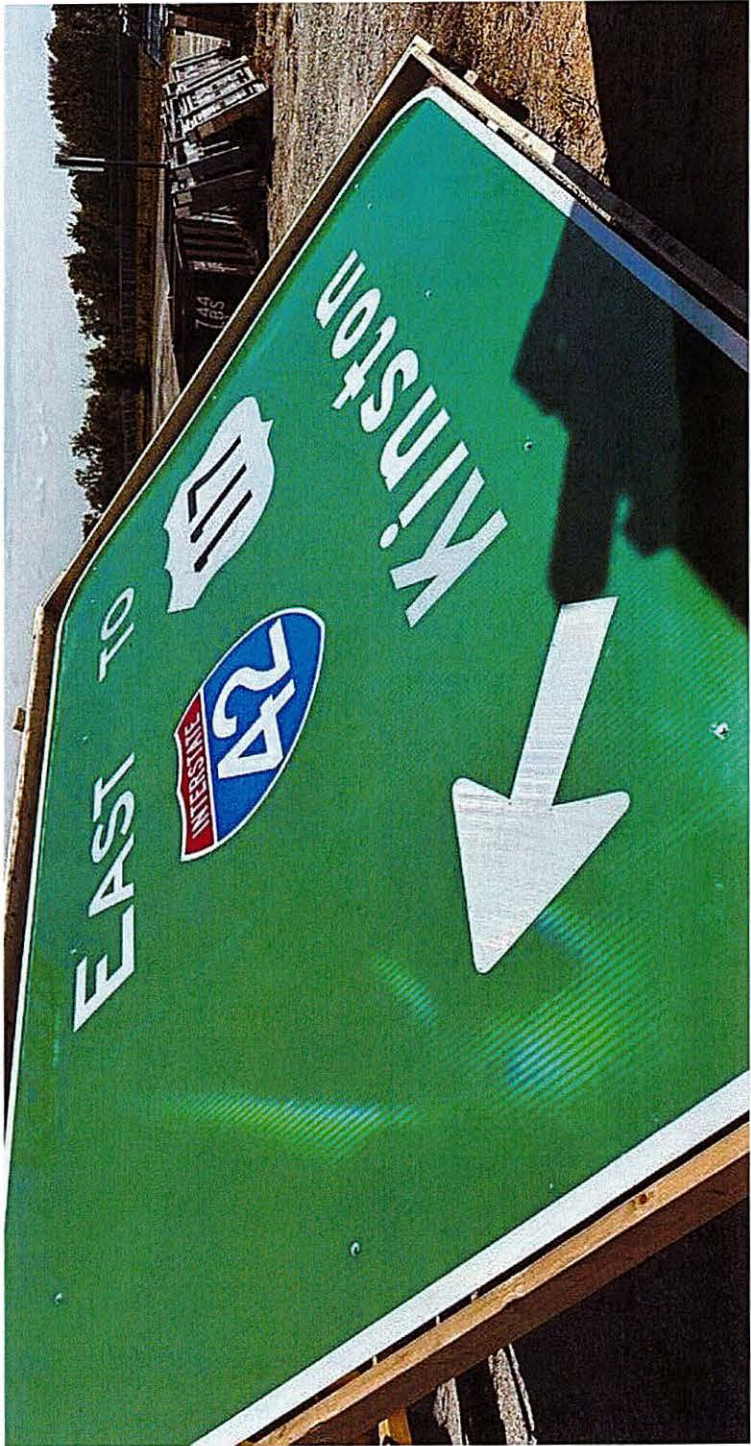
Mt. Olive Pickle Expansion – Wayne County



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Interstate 42 Signage – Wayne County



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Alianza Team Groundbreaking



Select Genetics Groundbreaking



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GENETICS

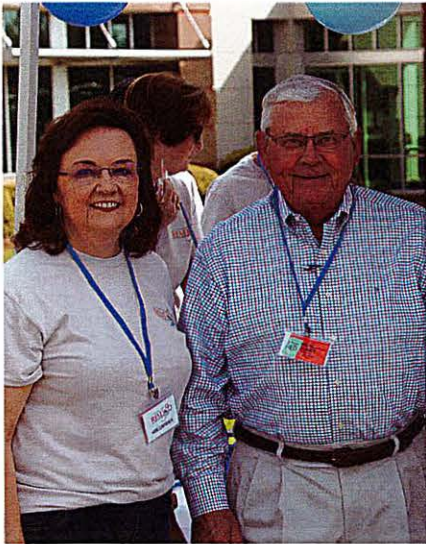


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RIME Regional Industry & Manufacturing Expo



UPCOMING EVENTS

Join EDR in partnership with WCDA at the



WINGS OVER WAYNE

2025 AIR SHOW



Save The Date!
May 3-4, 2025

Featuring USAF Thunderbirds!





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KIM MACK TALKING POINTS

INTRODUCTION

- Thank you for having me today! My name is Kimberly Mack and I am the District Director for North Carolina's First Congressional District. I'm excited to be here in Congressman Don Davis' stead.
- It's wonderful to welcome Wayne County back into North Carolina's First Congressional District, and we're looking forward to being part of the NC-01 family.

119TH CONGRESS UPDATES

New Committees & For Country Caucus

- Congressman Davis has been appointed as the ranking member of the **House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development**. This leadership position provides an important opportunity to address rural development priorities such as broadband expansion, rural workforce development, and rural electrification.
- Congressman Davis will also serve as the **Vice-Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee**, an important role given Seymour Johnson Air Force Base's inclusion in the district. This position will help positively impact both the local community and the district as a whole.
- In addition, Congressman Davis is co-chairing the **For Country Caucus**, alongside Congressman Ellzey from Texas.

~~The~~ This bipartisan caucus focuses on ~~finding common ground~~ on national security and veterans' affairs ~~priorities~~.

- Congressman Davis has been appointed for a **second term on the U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors** by House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries.

LOOKING BACK AT THE 118TH CONGRESS

Saving Seymour Johnson AFB & H.R. 4518

- In the last Congress, Congressman Davis
 - Numbers:
 - sponsored 26 bills
 - cosponsored 880 bills of which 702 were bipartisan bills
 - Maintained an 88% bipartisan voting record
 - Returned \$5,725,00 + dollars to eastern North Carolina families
 - Distributed \$389,000,000+ grant dollars for eastern North Carolina
 - Secured \$13+ million for 2024 community project funding
- Congressman Davis played a pivotal role in securing the future of **Seymour Johnson Air Force Base** and its F-15E Strike Eagles by successfully including a provision in the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** that prevents the Air Force from divesting these aircraft. This move preserved critical mission capabilities at the base and kept 520 local jobs intact, ensuring continued economic stability in Wayne County.
- In addition, the NDAA ~~authorized~~ **allocated \$41 million** for a new **Combat Arms Training & Maintenance Complex** at Seymour Johnson AFB.

- Congressman Davis' bill, **H.R. 4518 - Veterans Caregiver Appeals Reform Act**, was signed into law ~~in January by President Biden~~, cutting through red tape for disabled veterans applying through the VA caregivers program.

ADDRESSING ISSUES FACING WAYNE COUNTY

Drug Overdose Deaths & The MAP Act

- Drug overdose deaths remain a significant concern in our community, and Congressman Davis is actively working on solutions. He is leading the **Modern Authentication of Pharmaceuticals (MAP) Act 2025** with Congressman John Rutherford. This bill is designed to secure the U.S. pharmaceutical supply chain and protect against dangerous counterfeit drugs, including fentanyl. The MAP Act will help safeguard high-risk populations, including teenagers and seniors, from opioid overdoses.

SUPPORT FOR SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE

- Congressman Davis continues his efforts to ensure **Seymour Johnson AFB** thrives in the long term. He is fighting for funding to repair and expand the **Child Development Center (CDC)** at the base, which is crucial for supporting the families of our military personnel. The CDC is in urgent need of repairs, and Congressman Davis is working to secure funding to ensure it is a safe and supportive environment for military children.
- Additionally, Congressman Davis is focused on ensuring that Seymour Johnson AFB retains its two **combat-coded squadrons**, which consist of over 40 F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft. His long-term goal is to have the base upgraded with newer aircraft, including the F-15EX, to maintain and expand operations and to solidify the base as a central training hub for pilots.

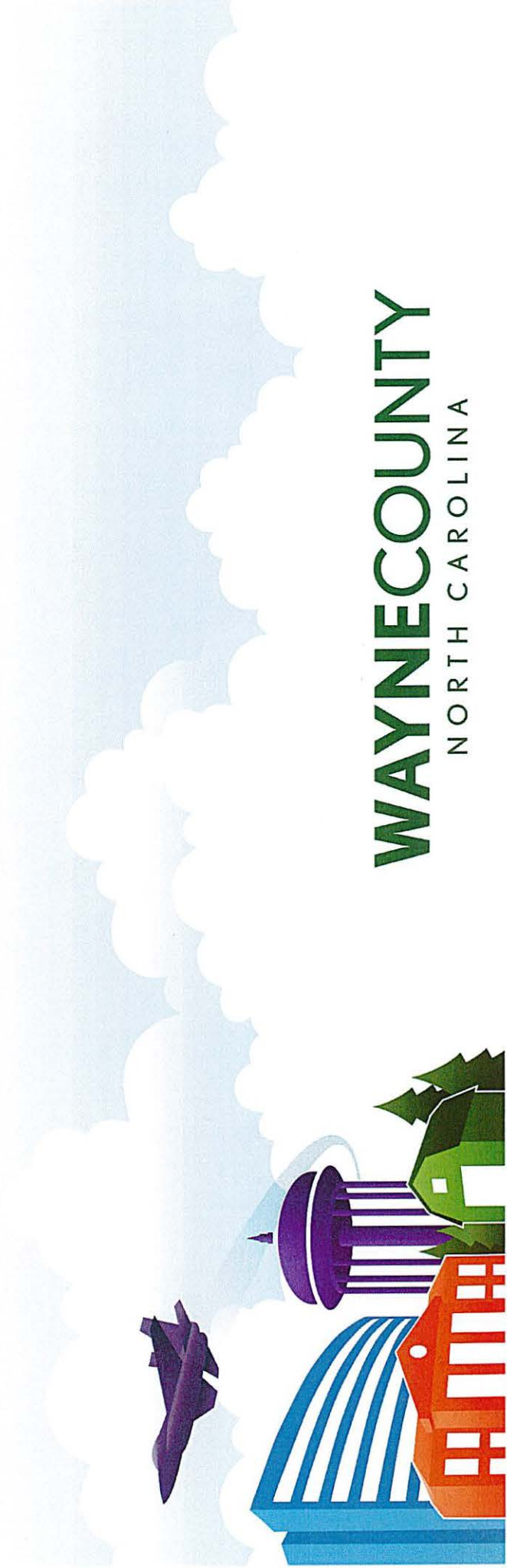
CONCLUSION

- Congressman Davis is committed to protecting our military, supporting agriculture, and ensuring the prosperity of Wayne County and the entire district. With his leadership in both agriculture and defense, he will continue to advocate for the resources and support needed to secure our region's future.

HHS and Opioid Settlement Update

Ginger Moore

February 5, 2025



Health and Human Services

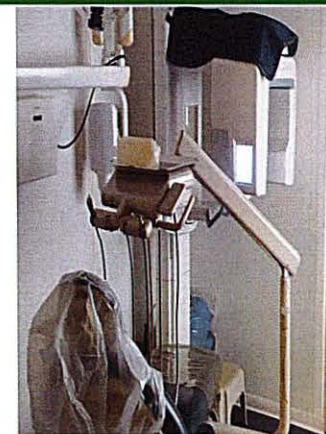
- DSS/HD consolidation effective July 1, 2023
- Advisory Board meets bi-monthly
- New Health and Human Services building in final stages of completion
- Staff to begin moving in late February



Health and Human Services

Items of Interest

- Medicaid expansion effective December 2023
- New health director hired November 2024
- Mobile Dental Unit booked for 24-25 school year



Opioid Settlement Update

Settlement amounts to each county were determined based on population and the local impact of the opioid crisis as determined by public health statistics.

Nationally: approximately \$50 Billion

North Carolina: approximately \$1.37 Billion

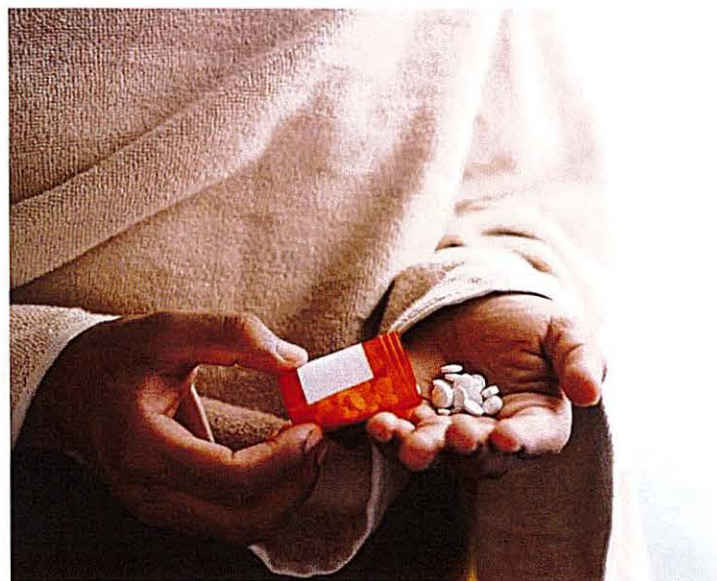
85% of funds allocated to local governments

15% of funds allocated to the State of North Carolina

Total Wayne County Allocation: \$11,304,746

Funds will be broken out into annual payments through FY 39.

Amount received annually varies year to year.



Opioid Settlement Update

Board of Commissioners established an Opioid Working Group to develop an Option A program for the disbursement of Wayne County settlement funds

County Staff and the Working Group consulted with the NC Association of County Commissioners Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Team (OSTAT) to develop an RFA curtailed specifically for Wayne County.

Opioid Settlement Update



- Reimbursement based grants.
- Subrecipients required to submit financial and impact reports on a quarterly basis.
- Awards are subject to termination in the event the subrecipient fails to comply with terms of award.
- Grants to County Departments did not supplant department budgets. Grants were only provided for newly created programs.
- Unallowable Costs: Capital expenses, research, lobbying activities, and pre-award costs.

2024 Award Recipients

Reentry Programs

- Wayne Community College
- Hope Restorations, Inc.

Recovery Support Services

- Wayne County Coalition for Addiction and Life Management, Inc. (CALM)
- Wayne County Day Reporting Center
- Hope Center Ministries
- Four Day Movement, Inc.



Addiction Treatment for Incarcerated Persons

Wayne County Sheriff's Office
IMS Correctional Healthcare



Naloxone Distribution

Wayne County Health Department



Early Intervention

Wayne County Structured Day
Wayne County Public Schools



Evidence-Based Addiction Treatment

Goldsboro Comprehensive Treatment Center

Reporting

Agency Awards	Reimbursements as of 01/15/2025
WCPS: \$410,000/3 years (\$350,000, \$35,000, \$35,000)	\$0.00
CALM: \$50,000/1 year	\$0.00
Day Reporting: \$150,000/3 years	\$9,270.00
ATS: \$50,000/2 years	\$5,436.00
Hope Ministries: \$97,888/1 year	\$10,424.37
Public Health: \$50,000/1year	\$0.00
4-Day Movement: \$150,000/1 year	\$7,272.37
WCC: \$180,000/5years	\$158
Hope Restorations: \$111,600/2 years	\$4,125.00
IMS : MAT Program (Jail)	\$93,694.00
WCSO: \$525,000(over 3 years)	\$323.34

Current Projects

• **ECC Opioid Asset Mapping**

- To create a comprehensive assessment across the continuum of care for adult substance use disorder for ECC's nine-county region.
- Counties included are Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Pamlico, Onslow, and Wayne.
- Goal is to create an assessment map of the ECC region used to identify gaps in service that can be addressed through regional collaboration by partnering with Recovery Alliance Initiative (RCI) to collect data
- RCI will work with county stakeholders beginning in mid-January
- Data collection to begin in early February and end in late March
- Preliminary results shared in late April
- Final report delivered in June

Current Projects

- Peer Support Program
 - Development of peer support specialists in Wayne County
 - Engaged with Health Director and EMS Director to review current overdose mitigation strategies
 - Consulted with other counties and outside agencies in NC that have successfully implemented similar programs
 - Currently in the planning stages but presents significant potential as a valuable resource for Wayne County.

Closing

January 24, 2025, Purdue and Sackler's reached a settlement of \$1.6 billion for NC

For reference, the total amount received from all other settlements to date was \$1.4 billion

Recommend April 1- May 10, 2025, for the next round of funding applications.

Attorney General Jeff Jackson Secures \$7.4 Billion from Purdue and the Sacklers

"Purdue and the Sackler family are finally being held to account for the role they've played in fueling addiction and deaths across North Carolina and the nation.

"This settlement means we will get more money than the original plan and the Sacklers will be required to exit the opioid business. Attorneys in our office have spent years working to get this point, and I'm deeply grateful for their efforts."



Attorney General

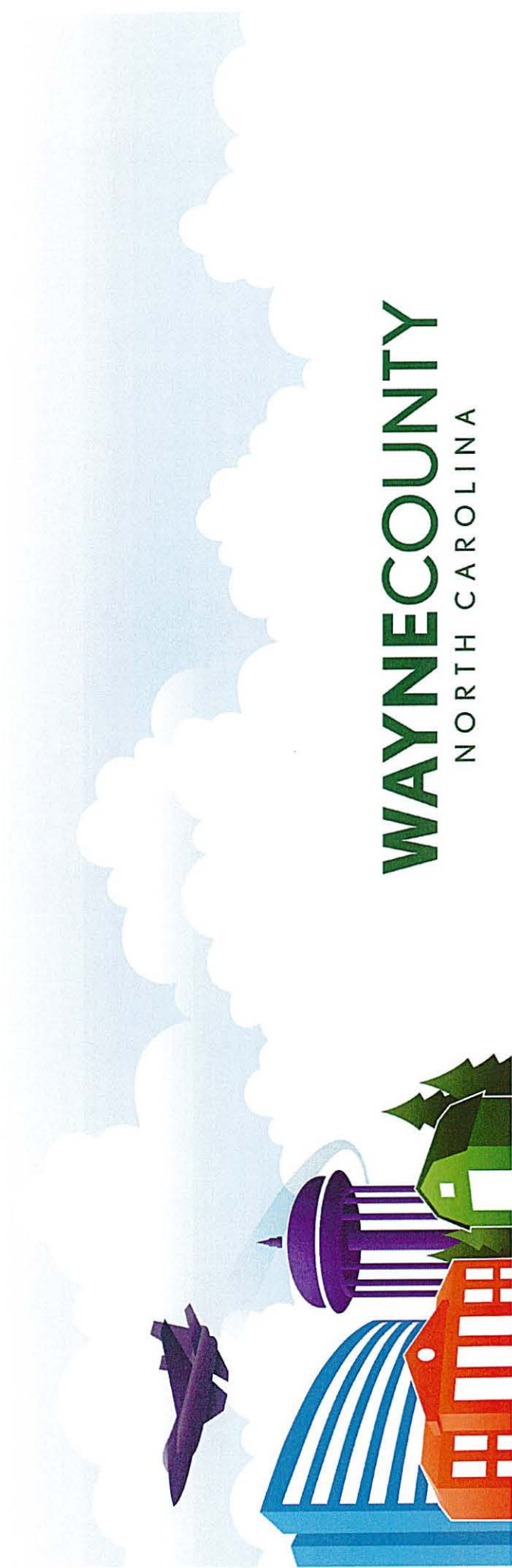
Jeff Jackson

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Thursday, January 23, 2025

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Goals & Budget Work Session

February 5, 2025



Call to Order

- Chairwoman Barbara Aycock



Invocation

- Chairwoman Barbara Aycock



Pledge of Allegiance

- Commissioner Tim Harrell



Breakfast



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Legislative Discussion

- Update from U. S. Senator Thom Tillis by Grayson Overholt, Southeastern Regional Representative.
- Update from U.S. Senator Don Davis
- Update from N.C. Representative Jimmy Dixon.
- Update from N.C. Senator Buck Newton.

Economic Update

- NC Global TransPark EDR President Mark Pope



DHHS Update

- Assistant County Manager Ginger Moore



Facilities Update

- Facilities Director Kendall Lee



Presentation of Budget Schedule

February

- 5th - Board of Commissioners Budget Retreat
- 12th - Review Revenue Estimates with County Manager
- 20th - Budget Orientation Meeting with Department Managers

March

- 3rd-21st - Budget Moved & Departments enter Budget
- 10th - Notify Fire Districts
- 21st - Outside Agency requests due
- 21st - HR Budgetary Request Spreadsheet due to Finance
- 31st - Department Managers Meetings with Budget Team

April

- 1st-11th - Department Managers Meetings with Budget Team
- 4th - Fire District Request Due
- 14th - Firm revenue figures to WC Public Schools

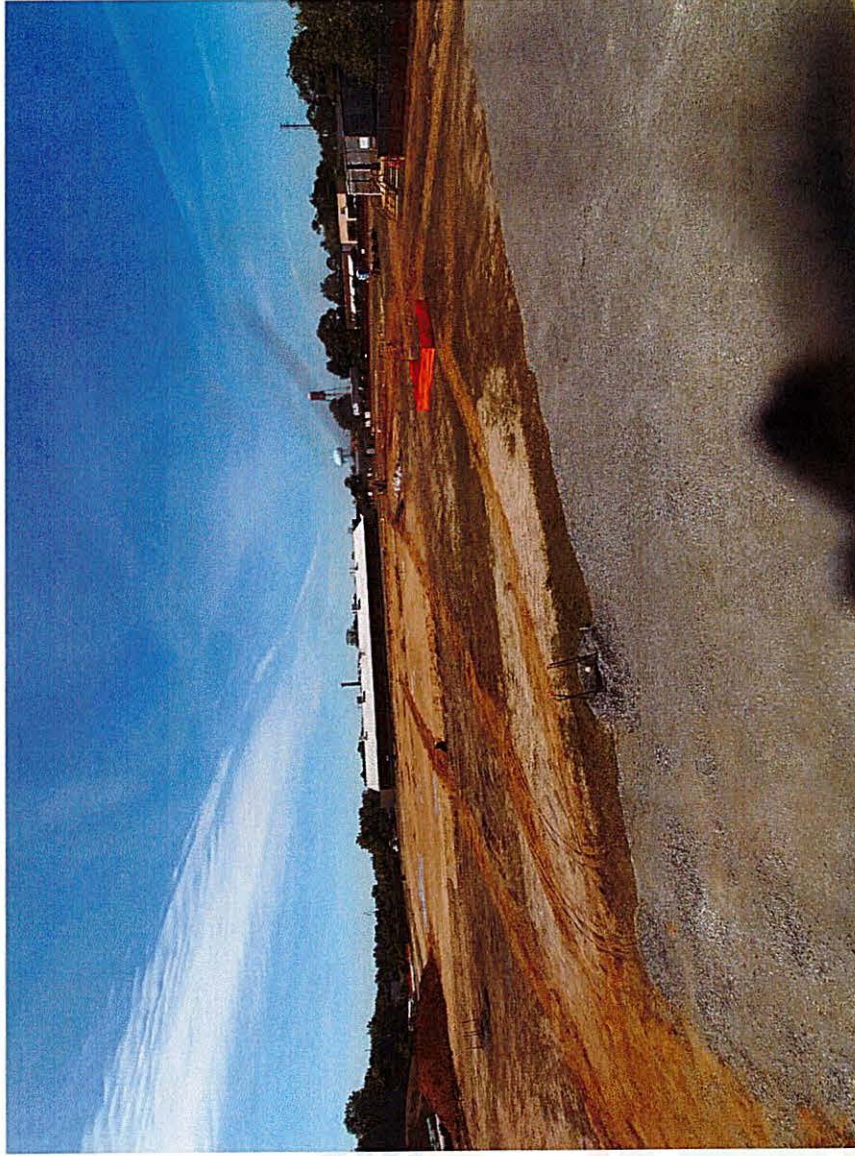
May

- 1st - WC Public Schools budget due to County
- 1st - County Manager's Recommendation finalized
- 6th - Davenport's Presentation
- 20th - County Manager's Recommended Budget presented to BOC
- 28th-30th - Budget Work Sessions with BOC

June

- 3rd - Budget Hearing
- 17th - Budget Ordinance Consideration

Projects & Accomplishments



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Projects & Accomplishments



- Northern Library was completed and is operating
- Retrofit of existing HR department in the Jeffreys Building was completed
- Ivey Road project completed
- Former Gambelli Building roof has been completed. Project ready for RFP for design and construction services. Once finalized this will return to the facilities working group for review.

Projects & Accomplishments

- Executive Jetport – Drainage improvements project underway. New fencing project underway. Parking lot remodel underway. FBO remodel study in design phase.
- US 117 North Campus – Concrete work, floor resurfacing, and demolition of office walls has been completed. Reconstruction has started at this point to include relocation of some drain lines. Garage doors and openers installed. Fencing and gating along US 117 installed to include automatic opener. Building for Sheriffs Command Vehicle is completed. Garage doors installed.



Projects & Accomplishments



- Fremont Elementary School is completed
- Rosewood Middle School is underway now
- CITE Building at Wayne Community College is open
- Rollingwood CBDG-NR project – required policies and plans have been adopted by the Commissioners
- Hurricane Matthew HMGP- 4285 Buyout program – Demolition of the remaining structures is taking place

Projects & Accomplishments

- 50,000 square foot shell building progress completed
- 30,000 square foot shell building almost complete
- Goldsboro Industrial Campus drawing completed
- Genoa Sewer System – The County has applied for NCDWI grants funds to proceed with year one repairs identified in the Asset and Inventory study produced by CDM Smith as part of our Regionalization Sewer Study
- New EMS Station 12 – SJAFB/Elm street area. Awarded \$2.1 million HUD Grant to build EMS Station near SJAFB



Projects & Accomplishments



- Garbage truck was purchased and county is handling our own dumpsters
- Three spending plans have been approved as part of the National Opioid Settlement
- We celebrated 46 employees who received employee recognition awards

2023 Goals and Objectives Review

1. County-wide Intranet for Employee Communication and Interaction
 - **IN PROGRESS** - IT Department has implemented Office 365 which allows for intranet to be launched. IT & Public Affairs working to create intranet.
2. EMS Station 6
 - **COMPLETED** - Move Eighth Street Facilities Fleet service to 117 North Property; Put EMS Station at Eighth Street location; EMS Station near SJAEB main gate. Awarded \$2.1 million HUD Grant to build EMS Station near SJAEB. GM0
3. Evaluate County Vehicles for under-used or unneeded vehicles. Possible bank of vehicles for multi-departmental use.
 - **COMPLETED** - Initiated a policy of vehicle purchases need to be approved by Manager, Assistant Manager or Facilities Director.

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2023 Goals and Objectives Review

4. Retention Plan to keep employees in Wayne County (benefits, etc.)
 - **COMPLETED** - Working group is in place to address this and several personnel actions have taken place. Tuition, Eight hours of personal observance.
5. Garbage collection trucks for use with County-owned dumpsters.
 - **COMPLETED** - Truck is ordered and currently awaiting delivery.
6. Broadband: find a way to fund the infrastructure for Open Broadband in other areas of the County.
 - **IN PROGRESS** – 2 GREAT grant awards to extend broadband into underserved areas. \$4.8 million in grant funding with Lumos Fiber and InfinityLink Communications

2023 Goals and Objectives Review

7. Funding for Economic Development. Need more product. Ask legislators for GTP funding – ½ to GTP and ½ to 3 counties based on county population.
- **IN PROGRESS**
8. Develop a plan for Opioid Settlement Funds to include County Departments.
- **ONGOING** – Three spending plans have been approved. Expected to open another round of funding this year.

2022 Goals and Objectives Review

1. Northern Library – focus on a new Library and search for a grant to help with the project.
 - **COMPLETED** – Library opened
2. SEWER: Develop long-term solution to County sewer issues, including Town of Mount Olive. Possibly bring sanitary districts in as partners and form a water/sewer merged system.
 - **ONGOING**

2022 Goals and Objectives Review

3. Expand Broadband

- **Completed** - Two great grant awards for Wayne County to underserved areas. Project in construction phase by sub applicants.

4. Hire full-time Grant Writer

- **COMPLETED** – A consultant was interviewed and hired as the County's grant writer.

5. Look at Pay Grades for Departments not previously addressed

- **COMPLETED** - All departments were completed last fiscal year. A new schedule of reviews will commence this year with approx. 1/3 of all departments being reviewed on an annual basis.

6. Quarterly Meetings with Municipalities

- **COMPLETED**

2022 Goals and Objectives Review

7. Authorize a Study to improve every department's operation to improve efficiency and minimize positions while improving delivery of services. Better use of technology.
 - **IDLE** – A proposal was received from NC State to analyze departments starting with DSS and Health and implement the LEAN principles.
8. Discussion and next steps for exploring the merging of the DSS and Health Dept. into a consolidated Human Services Department.
 - **COMPLETED**
9. Create a working group with the Board of Education, after completion of Fremont Elementary and Rosewood Middle Schools.
 - **COMPLETED**

2022 Goals and Objectives Review

10. Storage are for the Facilities Department for safe storage.

- **COMPLETED** – building at corner of Stronach and Commercial Dr. Mobile storage trailers for Shelters

11. Summer Youth Employment.

- **COMPLETED**

2022 Goals and Objectives Review

12. Digital Library for District 2.

- **ONGOING**

13. Storm Water Management plan for design/construction of water management structure to alleviate potential flooding. Develop a reservoir for drinking water and recreation with development surrounding property. Also a Stoney Creek watershed project to protect property values and infrastructure.

- **ONGOING** – This is an ongoing project between the State of NC and Army Corps of Engineers

Goal Setting Work Session

- Board of Commissioners



Lunch



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Goal Setting Work Session Cont.



Adjournment



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Alamance County Board of Commissioners Urge Lawmakers to Fund Public Defender's Office

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The Alamance County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to pass a resolution urging the North Carolina General Assembly to provide funding for a public defender's office, as well as an additional district court judge seat, for the state's 15th largest county.

The Board of Commissioners, which consists of five Republican members, expressed their hopes that Senate Republicans provide the necessary funding into the state budget after the House GOP neglected to do so before sending their proposal to the Senate

"I think we as a county board have to show our resolve and ask that they add that back into the budget," said Chairman John Paisley. "If not, we have no chance in my opinion."

§ 7A-498.7. Public Defender Offices.

(a) **(Effective until July 1, 2024)** The following counties of the State are organized into the defender districts listed below, and in each of those defender districts an office of public defender is established:

Defender District	Counties
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2	Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrell, Washington
3	Pitt
4	Carteret, Craven, Pamlico
5	Duplin, Jones, Sampson
6	New Hanover, Pender
7	Bertie, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton
10	Wake
14	Cumberland
15	Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus
16	Durham
17	Alamance
18	Chatham, Orange
20	Robeson
21	Hoke, Scotland
24	Guilford
26	Mecklenburg
30	Union
31	Forsyth
32	Alexander, Iredell
38	Gaston
39	Cleveland, Lincoln
40	Buncombe
41	McDowell, Rutherford
42	Henderson, Polk, Transylvania
43	Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain

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(b) For each new term, and to fill any vacancy, public defenders shall be appointed from a list of not less than three and not more than four names nominated as follows:

- (1) Not less than two and not more than three by written ballot of the attorneys resident in the defender district who are licensed to practice law in North Carolina. The balloting shall be conducted pursuant to rules adopted by the Commission on Indigent Defense Services.
- (2) One name submitted by the Administrative Officer of the Courts after consultation with the Director of the Office of Indigent Defense Services.

(b1) The appointment required under subsection (b) of this section shall be made by the senior resident superior court judge of the superior court district or set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1 that includes the county or counties of the defender district for which the public defender is being appointed.

(c) A public defender shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in North Carolina and shall devote full time to the duties of the office. In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to

regular State employees, a public defender shall receive as longevity pay an amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent (14.4%) after 15 years of service, nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20 years of service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service. "Service" means service as a public defender, appellate defender, assistant public or appellate defender, district attorney, assistant district attorney, justice or judge of the General Court of Justice, or clerk of superior court.

(c1) When traveling on official business, each public defender and assistant public defender is entitled to reimbursement for his or her subsistence expenses to the same extent as State employees generally. When traveling on official business outside his or her county of residence, each public defender and assistant public defender is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses to the same extent as State employees generally. For purposes of this subsection, the term "official business" does not include regular, daily commuting between a person's home and the public defender's office. Travel distances, for purposes of reimbursement for mileage, shall be determined according to the travel policy of the Administrative Office of the Courts.

(d) Subject to standards adopted by the Commission, the day-to-day operation and administration of public defender offices shall be the responsibility of the public defender in charge of the office. The public defender shall keep appropriate records and make periodic reports, as requested, to the Director of the Office of Indigent Defense Services on matters related to the operation of the office.

(e) The Office of Indigent Defense Services shall procure office equipment and supplies for the public defender, and provide secretarial and library support from State funds appropriated to the public defender's office for this purpose.

(f) Each public defender is entitled to assistant public defenders, investigators, and other staff, full-time or part-time, as may be authorized by the Commission. Assistants, investigators, and other staff are appointed by the public defender and serve at the pleasure of the public defender. Average and minimum compensation of assistants shall be as provided in the biennial Current Operations Appropriations Act. The actual salaries of assistants shall be set by the public defender in charge of the office, subject to approval by the Commission. The Commission shall fix the compensation of investigators. Assistants and investigators shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the public defender.

(f1) In cases in which a public defender determines that a conflict of interest exists in the office, whenever practical, rather than obtaining private assigned counsel to resolve the conflict, the public defender may request the appointment of an assistant public defender from another office of public defender in the region to resolve the conflict.

(g) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, an assistant public defender shall receive as longevity pay an amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent (14.4%) after 15 years of service, nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20 years of service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service. "Service" means service as a public defender, appellate defender, assistant public or appellate defender, district attorney, assistant district attorney, justice or judge of the General Court of Justice, or clerk of superior court.

(h) The term of office of public defender appointed under this section is four years. A public defender or assistant public defender may be suspended or removed from office, and reinstated, for the same causes and under the same procedures as are applicable to removal of a district attorney.

(i) A public defender may apply to the Director of the Office of Indigent Defense Services to enter into contracts with local governments for the provision by the State of services of temporary assistant public defenders pursuant to G.S. 153A-212.1 or G.S. 160A-289.1.

(j) The Director of the Office of Indigent Defense Services may provide assistance requested pursuant to subsection (i) of this section only upon a showing by the requesting public defender, supported by facts, that the overwhelming public interest warrants the use of additional resources for the speedy disposition of cases involving drug offenses, domestic violence, or other offenses involving a threat to public safety.

(k) The terms of any contract entered into with local governments pursuant to subsection (i) of this section shall be fixed by the Director of the Office of Indigent Defense Services in each case. Nothing in this section shall be construed to obligate the General Assembly to make any appropriation to implement the provisions of this section or to obligate the Office of Indigent Defense Services to provide the administrative costs of establishing or maintaining the positions or services provided for under this section. Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to obligate the Office of Indigent Defense Services to maintain positions or services initially provided for under this section. (2000-144, s. 1; 2001-424, ss. 22.11(a), 22.11(d); 2002-126, s. 14.11(a); 2003-284, ss. 30.19A(c), (d); 2004-124, ss. 14.4(a), (b); 2005-276, s. 14.14(a); 2005-345, s. 50A; 2007-323, ss. 14.4(b), (d), 28.18A(g); 2008-107, s. 14.4; 2009-451, s. 15.17B(c); 2010-96, s. 27; 2011-145, s. 15.16(b); 2013-360, ss. 18A.5(a), 18A.6(a); 2018-5, s. 18A.2(a); 2021-180, s. 17.4(a); 2022-74, s. 17.1(a); 2023-134, ss. 16.26(f), (g), 17.1(a), (b).)

This Board has considered a Public Defenders Office as in many discussions we have considered the cost to house each inmate.

Many inmates are not capable of being bailed out while awaiting trial or sentencing. Most are unable to afford an attorney.

We currently have almost 400 inmates and our longest housed inmate has been incarcerated in our county jail 7 years and 5 months since 2017.

I would have to state that it is troubling.

I have learned from many within our legal community that our County is in Dire need of attorneys that are qualified to handle felony offenses.

There seems to be an Attorney desert here as we see many other county's have public defender offices.

We have had to spend considerable monies when inmates are ill.

I ask that the Board Supports a Resolution for a Wayne County Public Defenders Office.

Public Defender office benefits
① Speeds up the handling of cases
② effective & efficient counsel
③ Saves money
④ protects constitutional rights

**WAYNE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution and the North Carolina Constitution guarantee the right to legal representation for individuals accused of crimes who cannot afford an attorney; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County currently relies on a court-appointed attorney system for indigent defense, which can lead to inconsistencies in legal representation, increased case backlogs, and administrative inefficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Public Defender's Office in Wayne County would provide dedicated, full-time legal counsel to indigent defendants, ensuring more effective, consistent, and timely representation; and

WHEREAS, a Public Defender's Office would help improve the efficiency of the court system, reduce delays in case processing, and promote fairness and justice for all individuals regardless of economic status; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services has recognized the benefits of Public Defender's Offices in other counties, demonstrating cost-effectiveness and improved legal outcomes for indigent defendants; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Public Defender's Office would also provide additional oversight, training, and accountability for defense attorneys, ensuring high standards of representation for those who cannot afford private counsel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wayne County Board of Commissioners supports the creation of a Public Defender's Office to serve Wayne County and urges the North Carolina General Assembly and the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services to take the necessary steps to establish such an office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to members of the North Carolina General Assembly representing Wayne County, the North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services, and other relevant stakeholders to advocate for the implementation of this critical initiative.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Barbara Aycock

Chair, Wayne County Board of Commissioners

Attest: Carol Bowden, Clerk to the Board