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GREAT PLACES IN NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association celebrates excellence in planning.

Great Places Awards
Category Overview

- **Great Place for Public Art**
- **Great Transformation**
- **Great Street**
- **Great Healthy Place**
- Great Place for Equity







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Mount Holly's Creative Spaces Initiative

Great Places Honorable Mention

CITY OF MOUNT HOLLY-CREATIVE SPACES INITIATIVE

-STARTED IN 2024 AS OUR SCULPTURE PROGRAM

-HAVE EIGHT RENTAL LOCATIONS & TWO PERMANENT WORKS THAT WE HAVE PURCHASED

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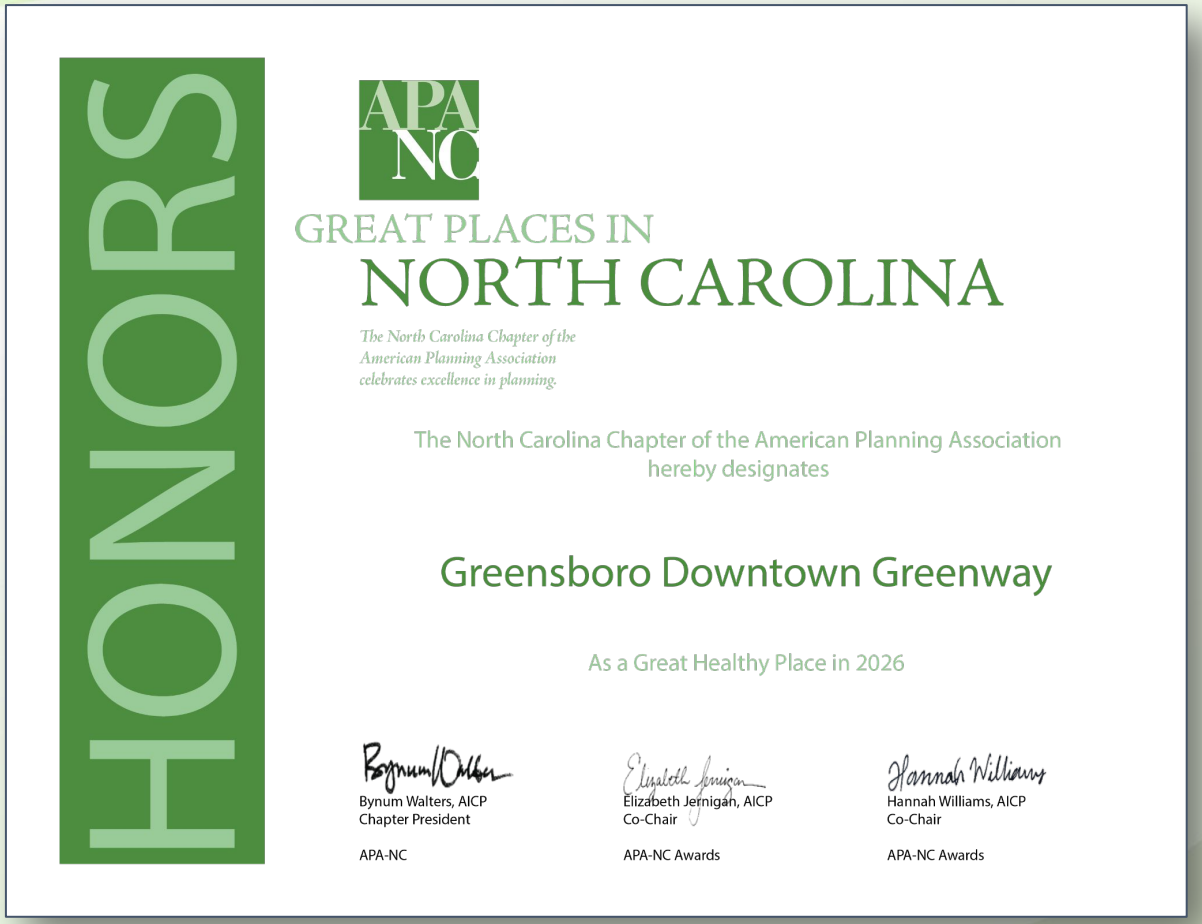
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Downtown Concord Streetscape

Great Street


cellar door
wine shop
things go better with Coke
Cabarrus
Union



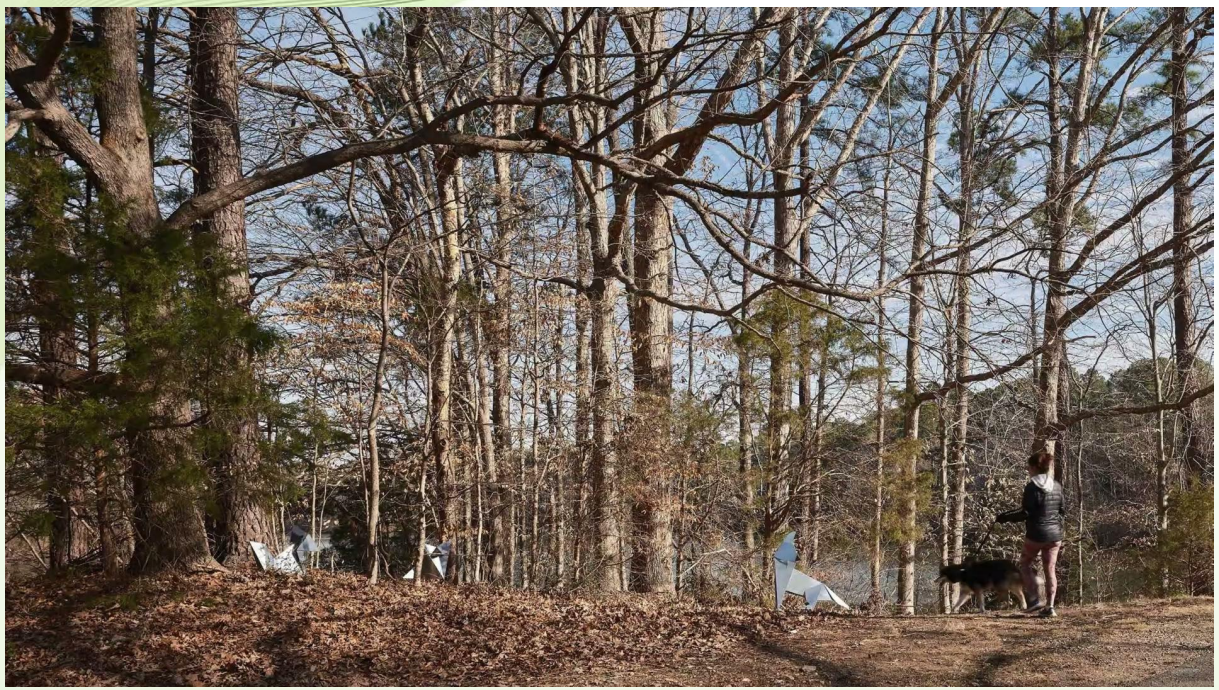
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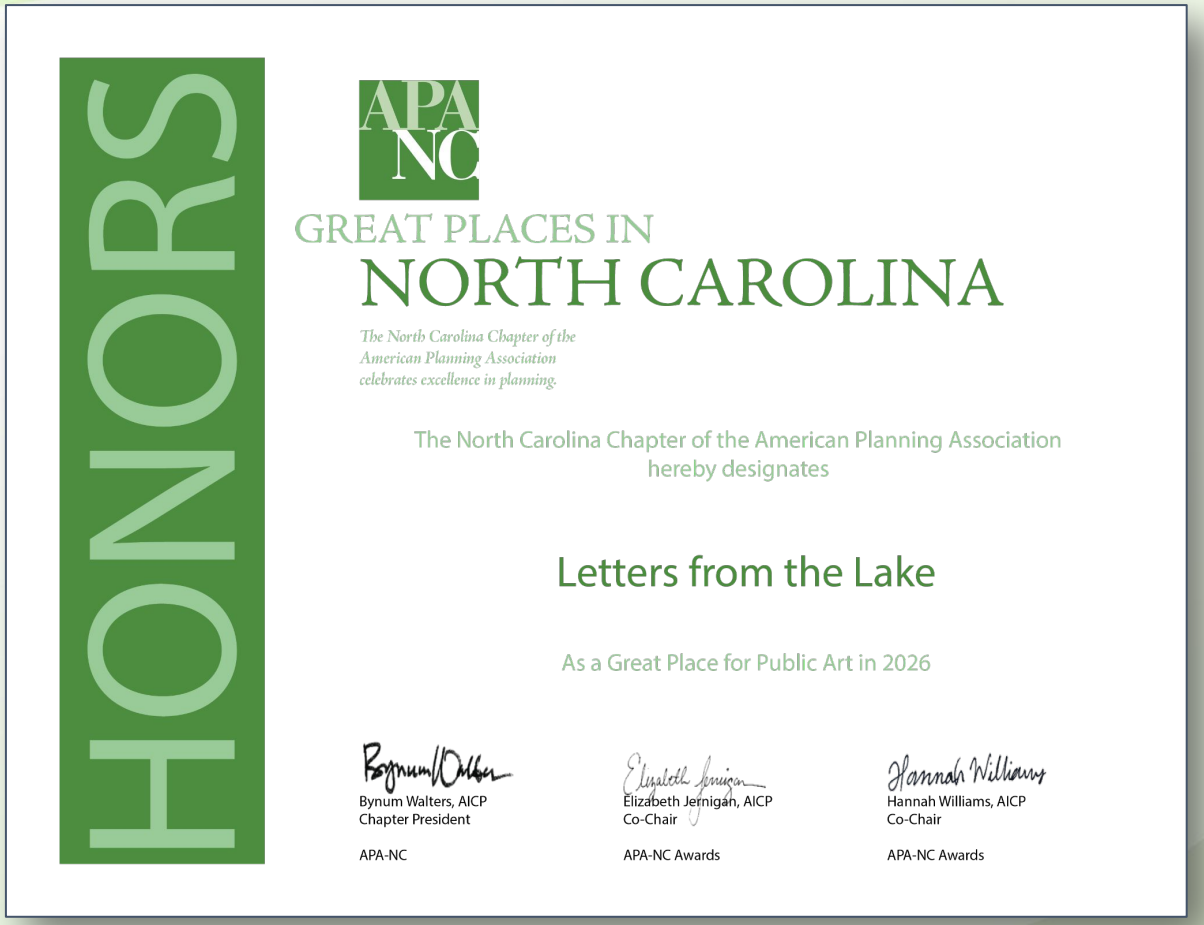
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Greensboro Downtown Greenway

Great Healthy Places


Downtown
Greenway
GREENSBORO, NC





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Letters from the Lake

Great Place for Public Art

a gang of three

thanks:
Nick Neptune
McConnell Studios
Chris Vitiello (The Poetry Fox)
Bentley Ruggles
Raleigh Arts



and all the neighbors & friends of Lake Lynn









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The North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association hereby designates

City of Newton's Downtown Placemaking
Successful Streetscape Revitalization

As a Great Transformation in 2026

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City of Newton

Great Places


STREETSCAPE REVITALIZATION
NEWTON
NORTH CAROLINA

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Marvin Collins

Statewide Award

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Marvin Collins Awards
Category Overview

Planners

- Outstanding Student
- Philip R. Green, Jr. Distinguished Service
- Robert E. Reiman Career Achievement

Projects

- Advancing Equity
- Comprehensive Plan
- Engagement
- Implementation
- Resilience & Sustainability
- Small Area Plan
- Specialized Planning
- Transportation
- Student Project





2026 Marvin Collins
Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Outstanding Student | Appalachian State University

This Certificate is Awarded to
Logan Worcester

In Recognition of
Academic Excellence

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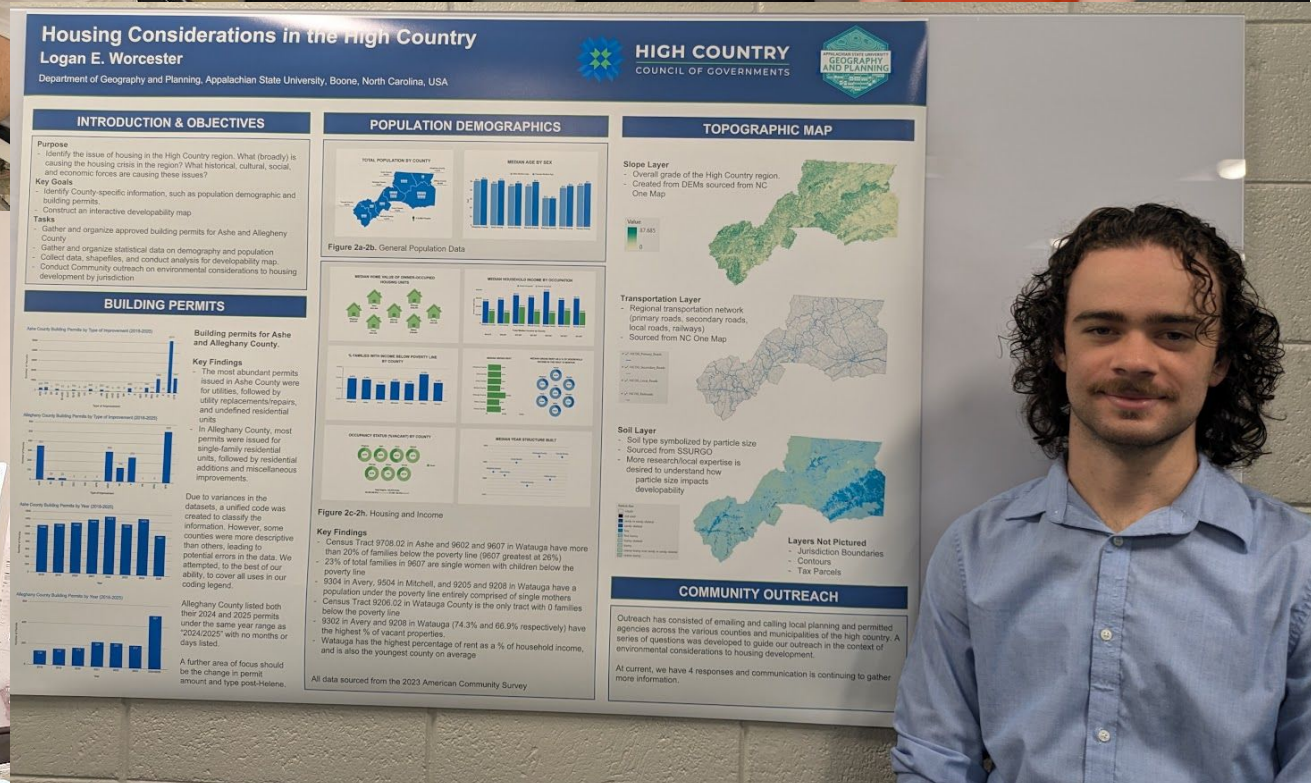
Outstanding Student | Undergraduate





Congratulations to Logan Worcester!
Community and Regional Planning Student
Appalachian State University







2026 Marvin Collins
Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Student Project | East Carolina University

This Certificate is Awarded to
Sam McCormack

In Recognition of
West Ehringhaus Street Transformation Plan

Given on this 14th day of October, 2026

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Outstanding Student | Undergraduate





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Outstanding Student
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Outstanding Student | Graduate



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Alice Wilson, AICP, GISP

In Recognition of her
Contribution to the Chapter

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Alice Wilson, AICP,GISP

Philip R. Green, Jr. Distinguished Service Award

Alice Wilson, AICP, GISP
Local Government Committee (LGC) Rep.





- The LGC is comprised of one representative from eight Organizations: https://it.nc.gov/about/boards-commissions/gicc/committees/local-government
- The LGC's mission is to advise the NC Geographic Information Coordinating Council (NCGICC) on issues, problems and opportunities related to GIS within Local Government (LG) in NC and to inform LG Users of GIS activities, efforts and actions in the state
- In May 2013, I requested APA NC be added which was approved by the LGC and the NCGICC
- As an APA NC representative, I share with the APA-NC GIS activities, and general information that the LGC is working on such as land use, flooding and imagery collection
- I work to get AICP CM credits for the NC GIS conference and share general GIS information on the NC Planning listserv as well as encourage participation and feedback to the LGC



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Michael Zehner

Philip R. Green, Jr. Distinguished Service Award



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Award Category
Robert E. Reiman Career Achievement

This Certificate is Awarded to
Robert Waring Oast, Jr.

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Robert Waring Oast, JR.

Robert E. Reiman Career Achievement Award





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Award Category
Student Project | East Carolina University

This Honorable Mention Certificate is Awarded to
Lauryn Rodriguez Strothers

In Recognition of
Pinetops Pavilion and Revitalization Project

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Lauryn Rodriguez Strothers

Outstanding Student Project

THE PINETOPS PAVILION & DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Thank You for Recognizing Us With the 2026 North Carolina Marvin Collins Honorable Mention!

Student Project Completed by:
Lauryn Rodriguez
East Carolina University

On Behalf of:
The Pinetops Community Development Advisory Board





2026 Marvin Collins
Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Student Project | East Carolina University

This Honorable Mention Certificate is Awarded to
Madalyn Gibbs, Joseph Kamery, Sam Matney, Julienne Munson, & Malcolm Thomas

In Recognition of
A Road Map for Building Resilience to Flood Risks in Grimesland, Pitt County

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Madalyn Gibbs, Joseph Kamery, Sam Matney, Julienne Munson, and Malcom Thomas

Outstanding Student Project

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PLANNING



Left to right: Madalyn Gibbs, Malcolm Thomas, Sam Matney, Joseph Kamery & Julienne Munson

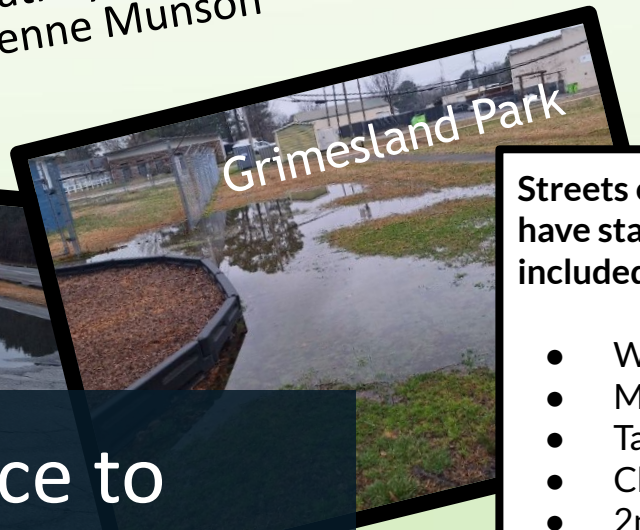


This student project served as a technical pilot to introduce the NC Flood Resiliency Blueprint tool to a lower-capacity municipality. Going beyond the initial scope, the student group not only studied the risks associated with major riverine flooding but also analyzed localized stormwater issues that lead to chronic, neighborhood-level inundation, and identified three primary actionable resilience needs:

- **Stormwater Infrastructure**
- **Floodplain Buyouts**
- **Intergovernmental Coordination**

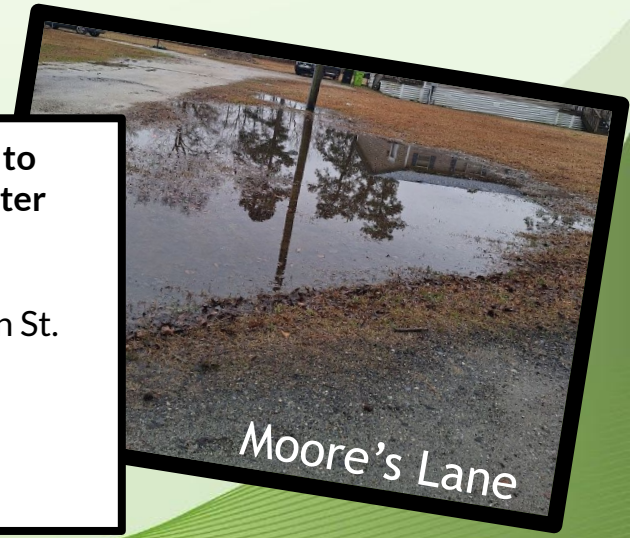
Project Team: "Thank you...It's so wonderful to have the work we put into the project recognized."





Streets observed to have standing water included:

- Washington St.
- Moore's Ln
- Tar St.
- Chicod St.
- 2nd St.



A Road Map for Building Resilience to Flood Risks in Grimesland, Pitt County

Dr. Anuradha Mukherji, Associate Professor & Course Instructor



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Award Category
Student Project | UNC Chapel Hill

This Certificate is Awarded to
Aidan Aciukewicz, Brianna Beadle, Thomas Johnson, Jason Merrill, and Shal'lise Oliver

In Recognition of
The Invisible Landlord: RealPage and the Algorithmic Suppression of Rent Competition in North Carolina

Given on this 21st day of October, 2026

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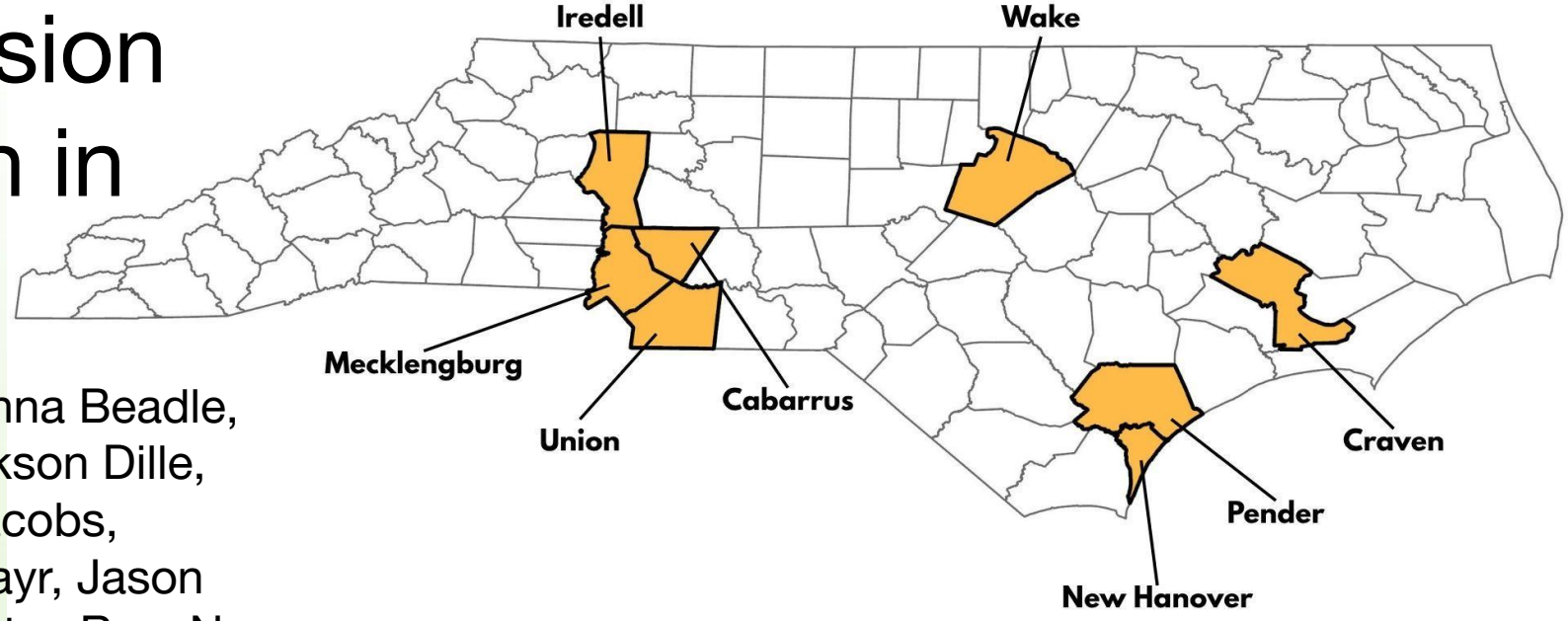
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Outstanding Student Project

THE INVISIBLE LANDLORD:

RealPage and the Algorithmic Suppression of Rent Competition in North Carolina

Winner of the 2026
APA-NC Marvin Collins Student Project Award



Team members: Aidan Aciukewicz, Brianna Beadle, Rhea Brown, Alejandro Cotte Alsina, Jackson Dille, Megan Goyer, Lily Hayward, Benjamin Jacobs, Thomas Johnson, Olivia Levine, Klaus Mayr, Jason Merrill, Sha'lise Oliver, Devin Rooney, Aditya Roy, Nea Strawn, Morgan Thorstenson, Manuel Valbuena Pena, Paul Warner, Jennifer Watkins, Britney Watson

Faculty: Dr. Renee Tapp

Read the report here →



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Award Category
Student Project | UNC Chapel Hill

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Logan Bealke

In Recognition of
From Minimums to Maximums: Evaluating the Impact of Raleigh's Parking Reform on Residential Parking Supply

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Student Project | UNC Chapel Hill

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Cambell Pfister

In Recognition of
A Deep Dive Into Wayfinding and its Applications to the North Carolina State Bike Routes

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Student Project | East Carolina University

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Outstanding Student Project



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Award Category
Specialized Plan | Advancing Equity

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City of Raleigh

In Recognition of
LGBTQIA + Historic Context Study

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LGBTQIA+ Historic Context Study

Advancing Equity | Large Community





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Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Advancing Equity | Small Community

This Certificate is Awarded to
Town of Navassa

In Recognition of
The Navassa MOZE Waterfront Planning Initiative

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Advancing Equity | Small Community

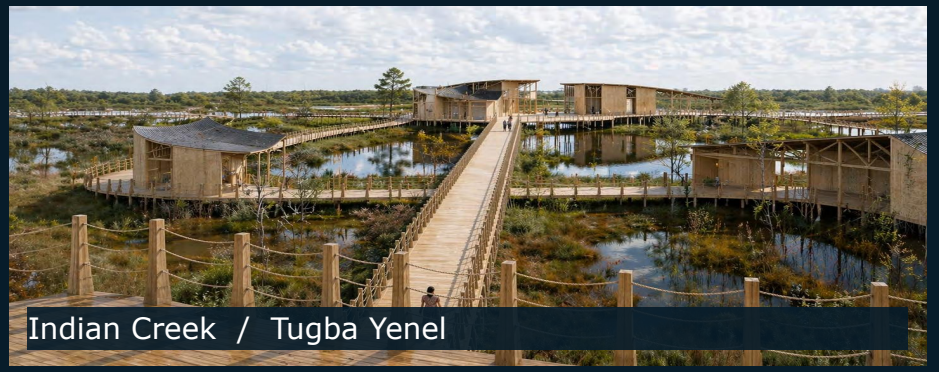
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Navassa Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail

MOZE Waterfront Planning Initiative



MOZE Heritage Center / Gargi Wadodkar



Indian Creek / Tugba Yenel



The Cypress Vessel / Michelle Cabrera

STUDIO DESIGN CONCEPTS

TOWN OF NAVASSA

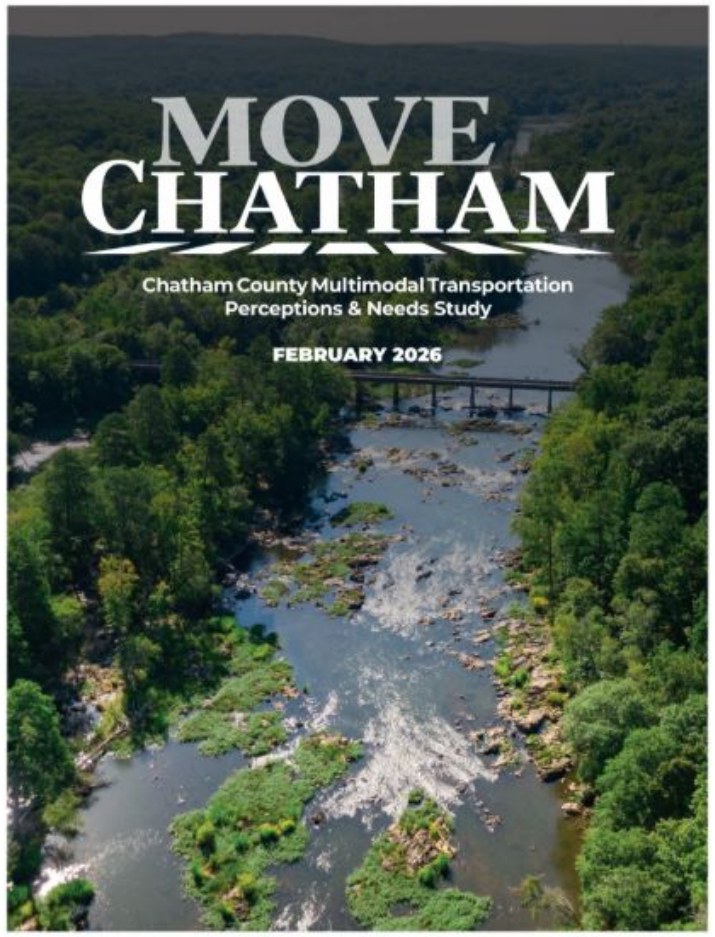
Landin Holland, MPA, AICP
Town Council, Town Planning Board & the public

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

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Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Engagement | Large Community

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Chatham County

In Recognition of
MoveChatham Phase 1

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MoveChatham

Engagement | Large Community

CHATHAM COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA



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Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Engagement | Small Community

This Certificate is Awarded to
UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

In Recognition of
Activate! Fairview Active Living Plan 2022–2027

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Activate! Fairview Active Living Plan

Engagement | Small Community







ACTIVATE! FAIRVIEW

GASTON COUNTY
Local Strengths. Global Success.



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Award Category
Engagment | Large Community

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In Recognition of
"A Planned Party" - Innovative Public Engagement Through Podcasting

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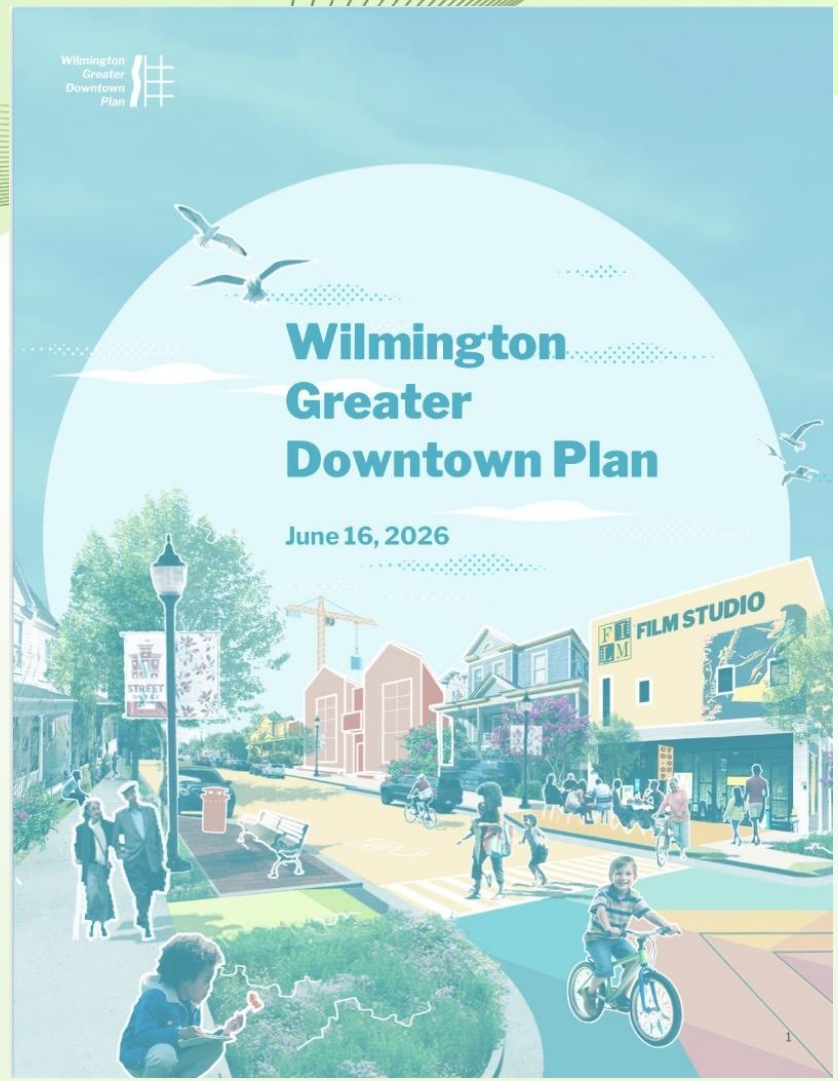
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"A Planned Party"

Engagement | Large Community


HEY, I'M PEYTON AND I'M JAMIE,



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Engagement | Large Community

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In Recognition of
Wilmington Greater Downtown Plan

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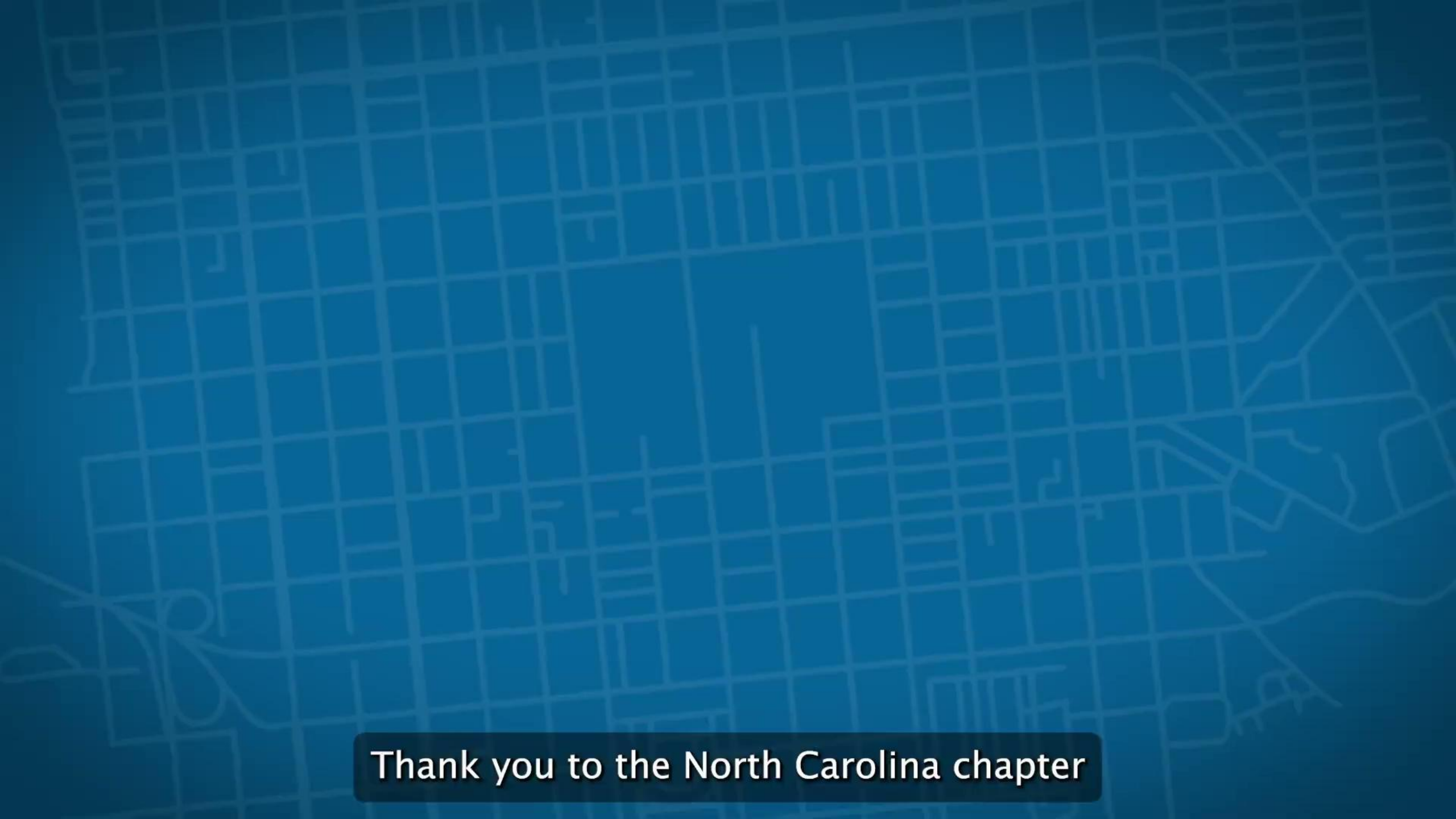
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Wilmington Greater Downtown Plan

Engagement | Large Community


Thank you to the North Carolina chapter



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Award Category
Sustainability and Resilience | Large Community

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Henderson County

In Recognition of
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Resilience & Sustainability|Large Community

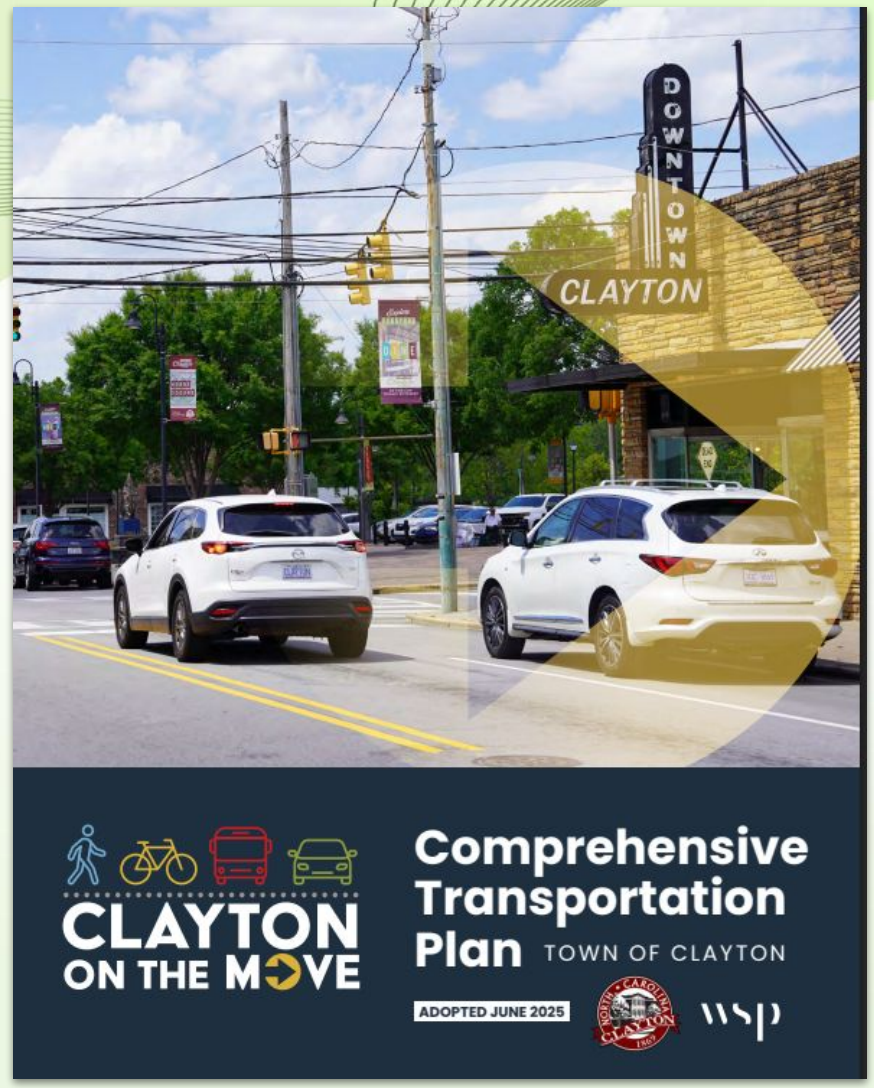
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Bat Cave Recreation Corridor & Rocky Broad River Park

The artist's conceptual rendering of the Bat Cave Recreation Corridor is a visualization to share the possibilities for what this area could look like. Any future planning, design or engineering would include the landowner's involvement and approval.





2026 Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Transportation | Small Community

This Honorable Mention Certificate is Awarded to
Town of Clayton

In Recognition of
Clayton on the Move

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Clayton on the Move

Transportation | Small Community



CLAYTON ON THE MOVE

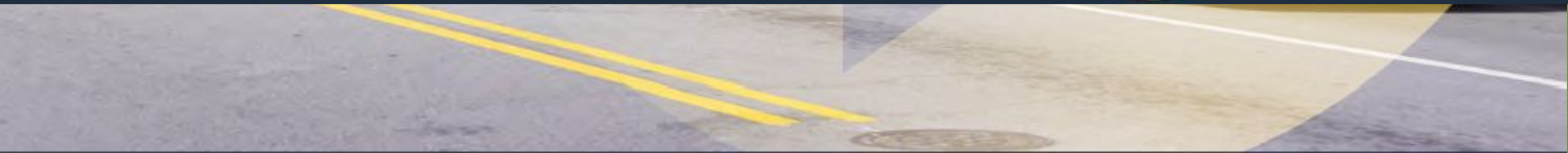
Comprehensive Transportation Plan

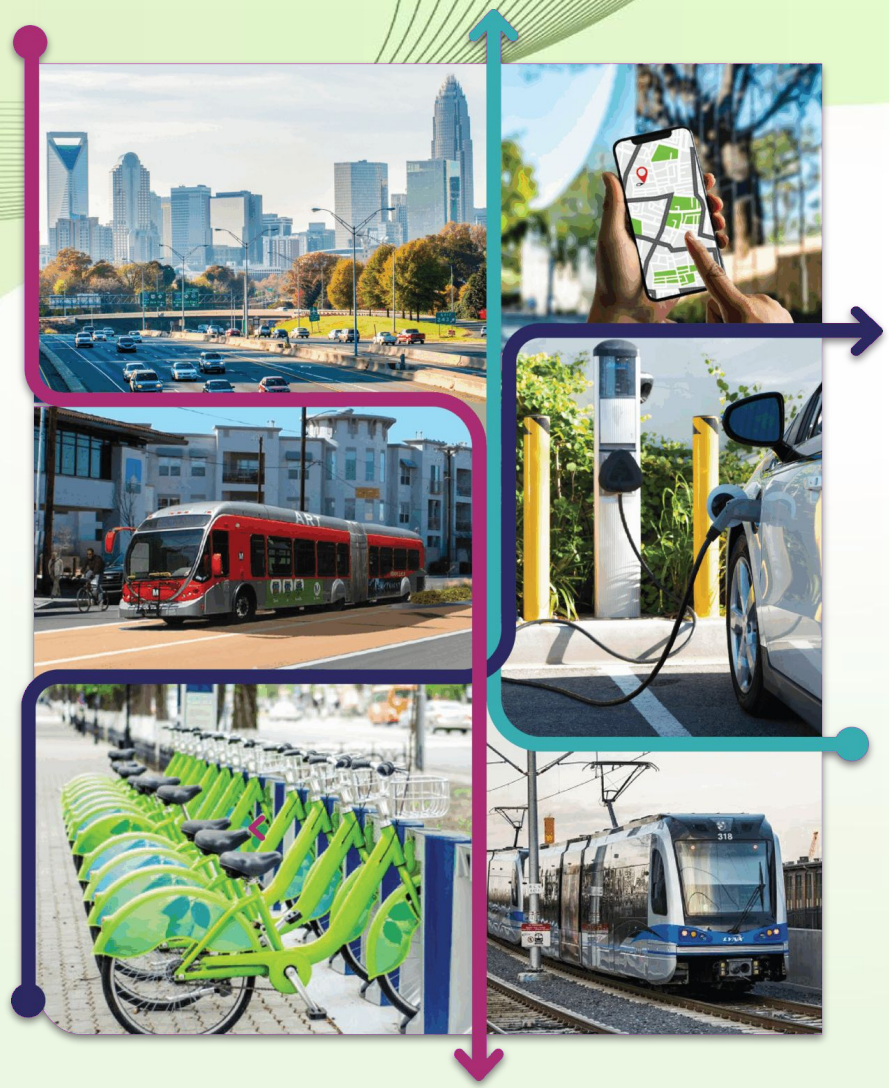
TOWN OF CLAYTON

ADOPTED JUNE 2025

NORTH CAROLINA CLAYTON 1869

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Outstanding Planning Award

Award Category
Transportation | Large Community

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Centralina Regional Council

In Recognition of
CONNECT Beyond Mobility Hub

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CONNECT Beyond Mobility Hub

Transportation | Regional



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Transportation | Large Community

This Certificate is Awarded to
Charlotte Area Transit System/CATS

In Recognition of
2055 Transit System Plan | Moving Forward Together

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Charlotte Urban Design Center

Transportation | Large Community

TRANSIT SYSTEM PLAN

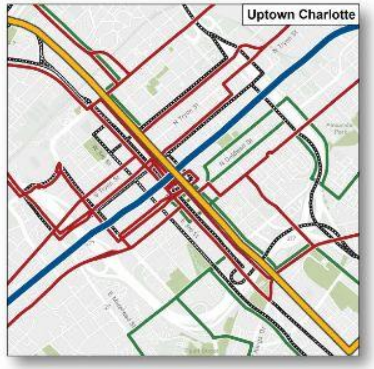
CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM

The Transit System Plan was adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission on May 28, 2025. The Plan aims to serve all corridors and communities, advancing economic mobility and fostering sustainability and innovation, and better connecting the communities we serve through increased transit options.









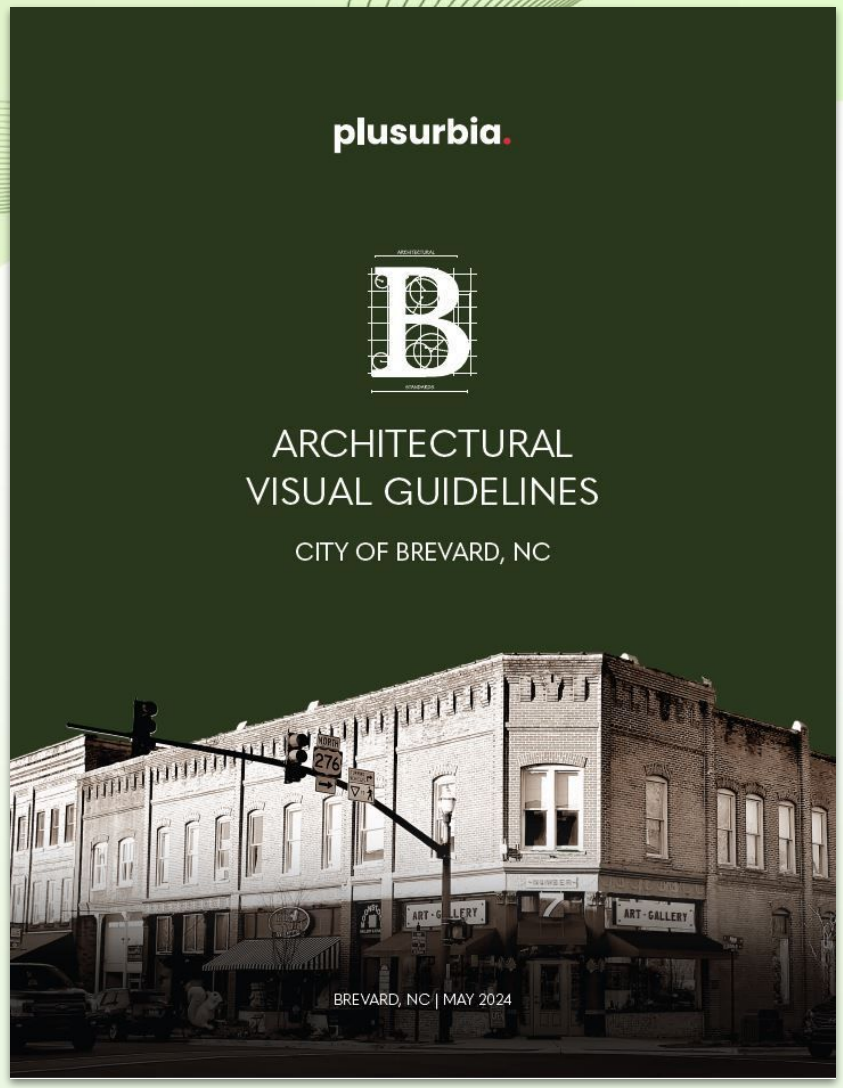












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Award Category
Specialized Plan | Small Community

This Honorable Mention Certificate is Awarded to
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In Recognition of
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City of Brevard

Specialized Plan | Small Community

Brevard Architectural Standards Update









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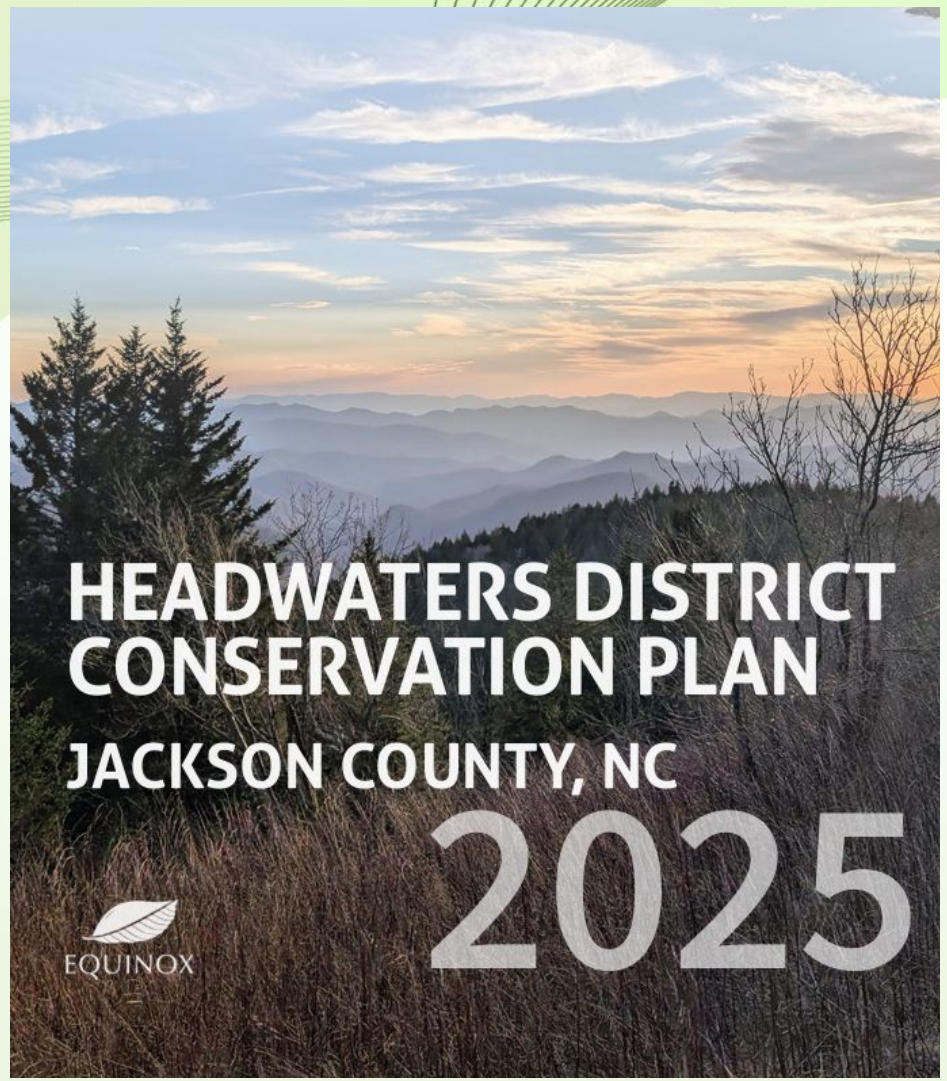
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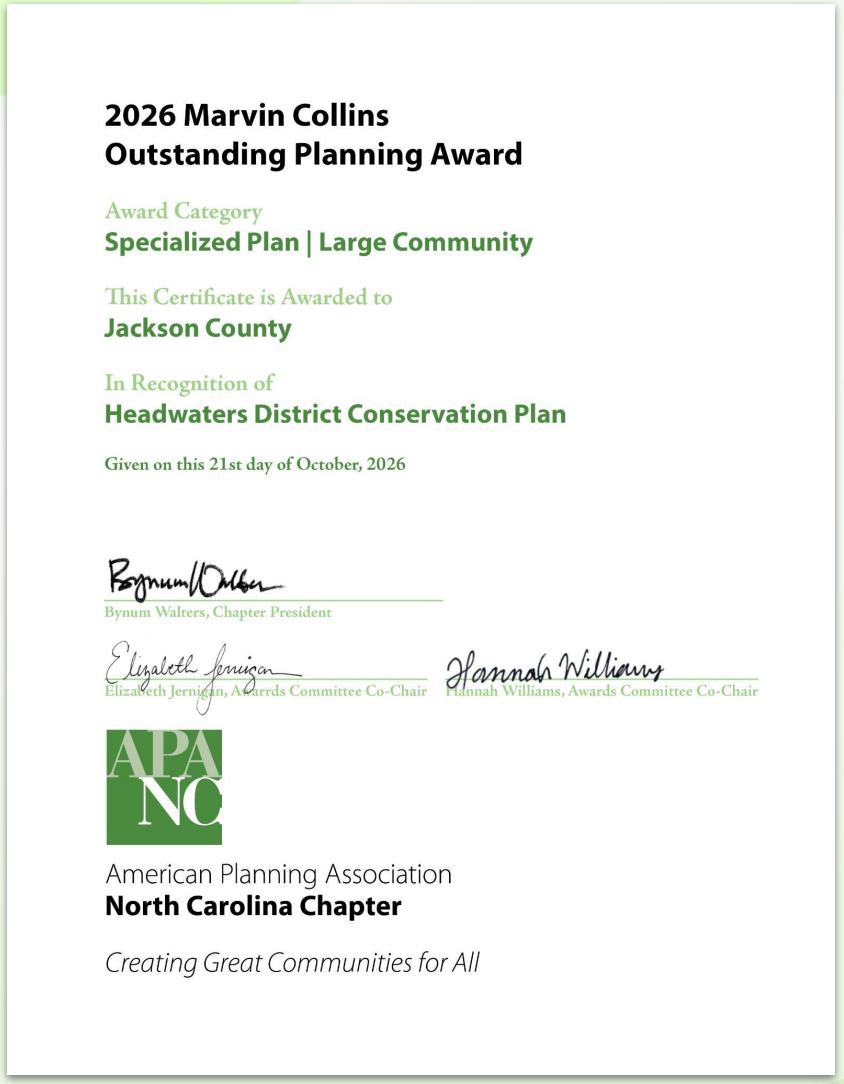
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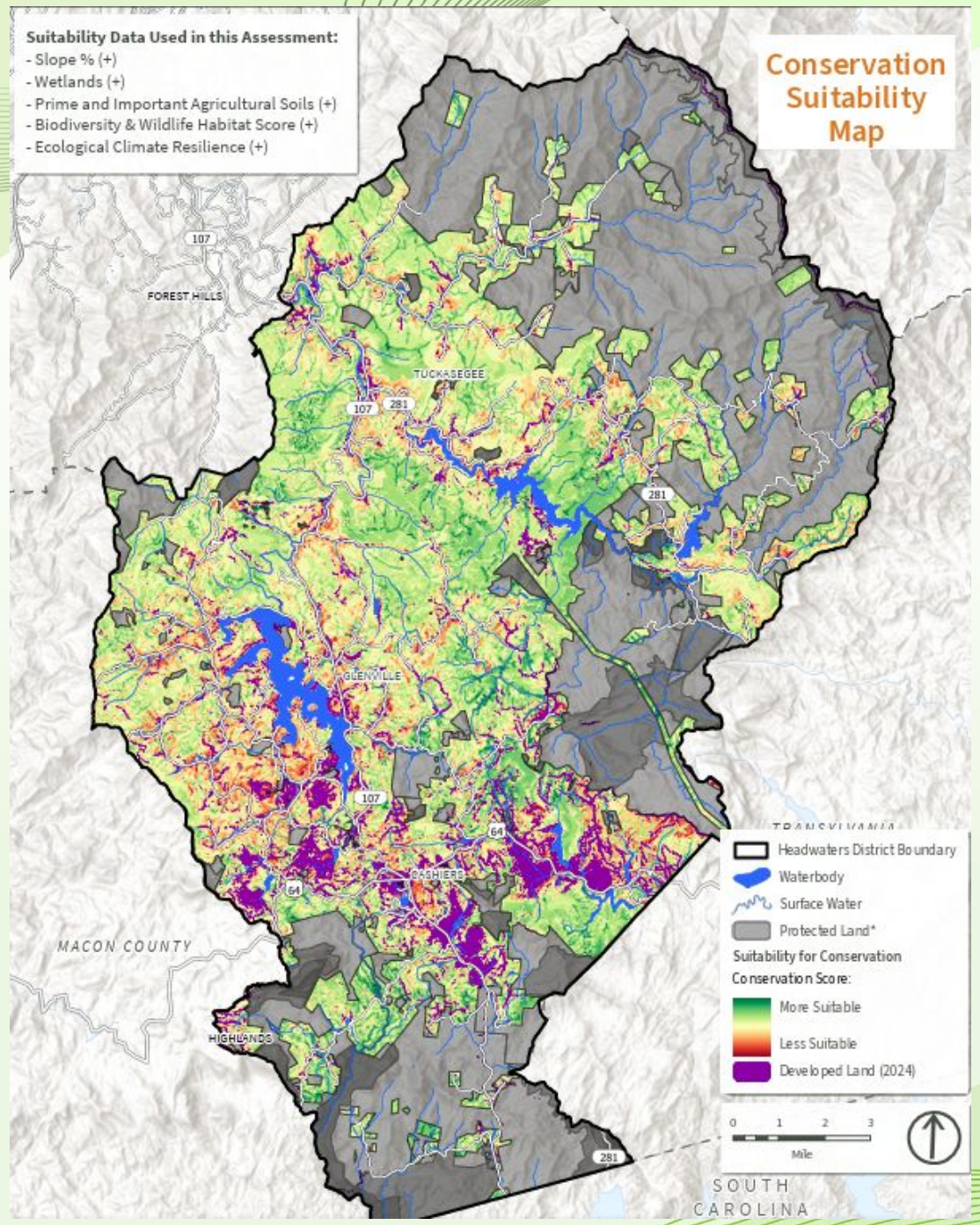
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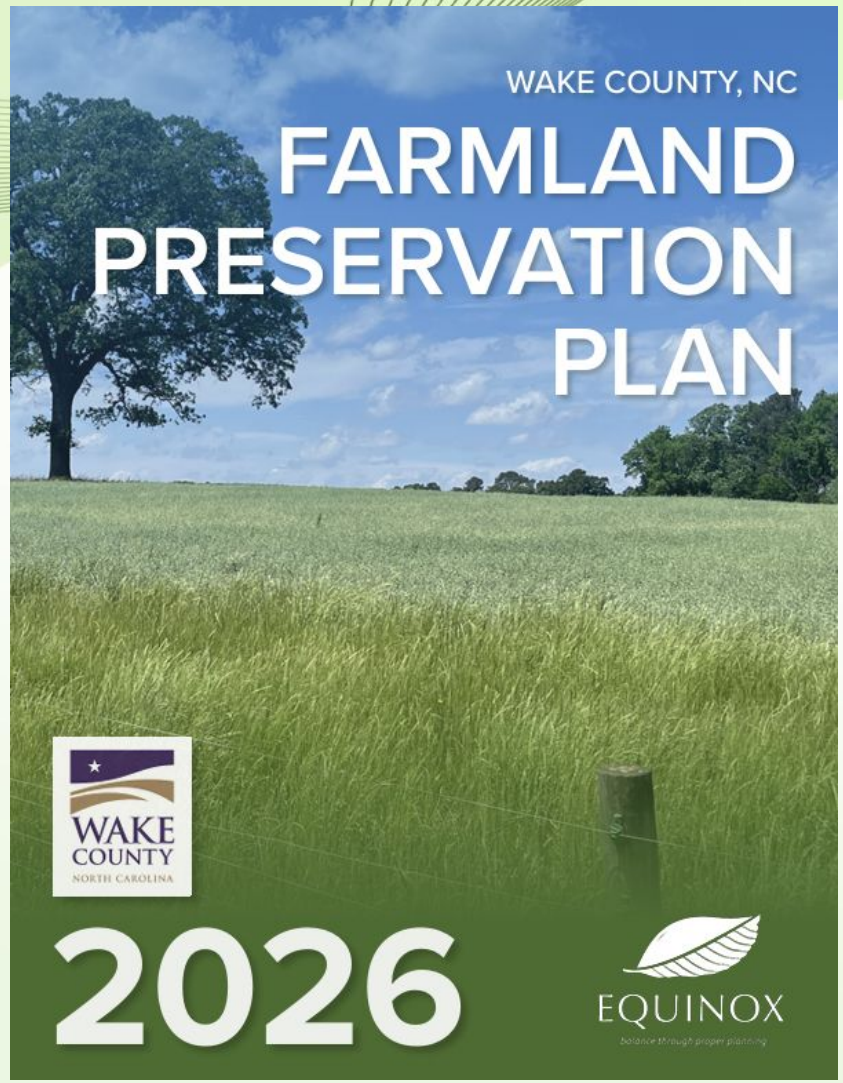
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Headwaters District Conservation Plan

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Suitability Data Used in this Assessment:
- Slope % (+)
- Wetlands (+)
- Prime and Important Agricultural Soils (+)
- Biodiversity & Wildlife Habitat Score (+)
- Ecological Climate Resilience (+)
Conservation Suitability Map
FOREST HILLS
TUCKASEGEE
GLENVILLE
CASHIERS
HIGHLANDS
MACON COUNTY
TRANSYLVANIA
SOUTH CAROLINA
107
281
64
Headwaters District Boundary
Waterbody
Surface Water
Protected Land*
Suitability for Conservation
Conservation Score:
More Suitable
Less Suitable
Developed Land (2024)
0 1 2 3
Mile





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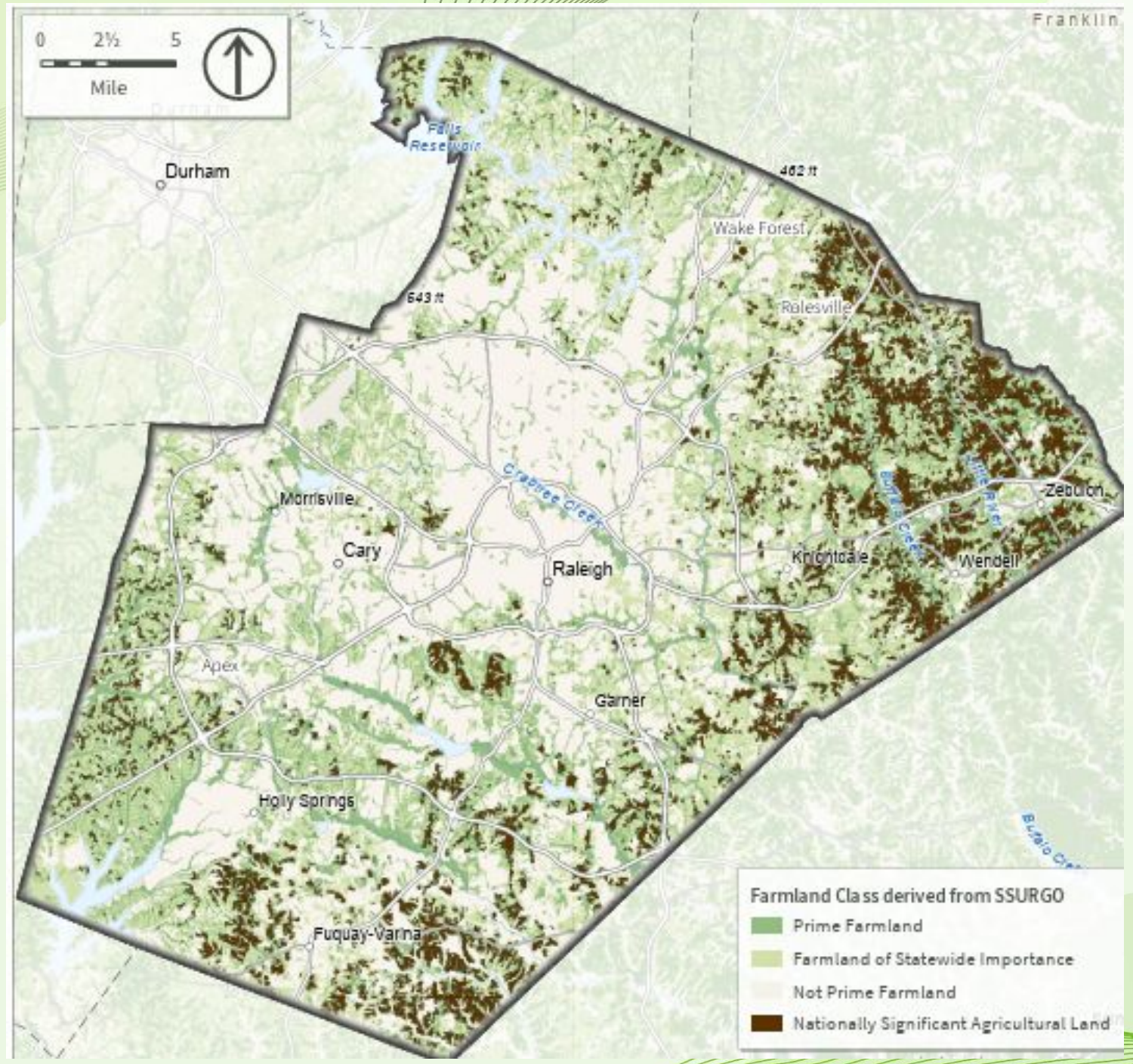
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Wake County Farmland Preservation Plan

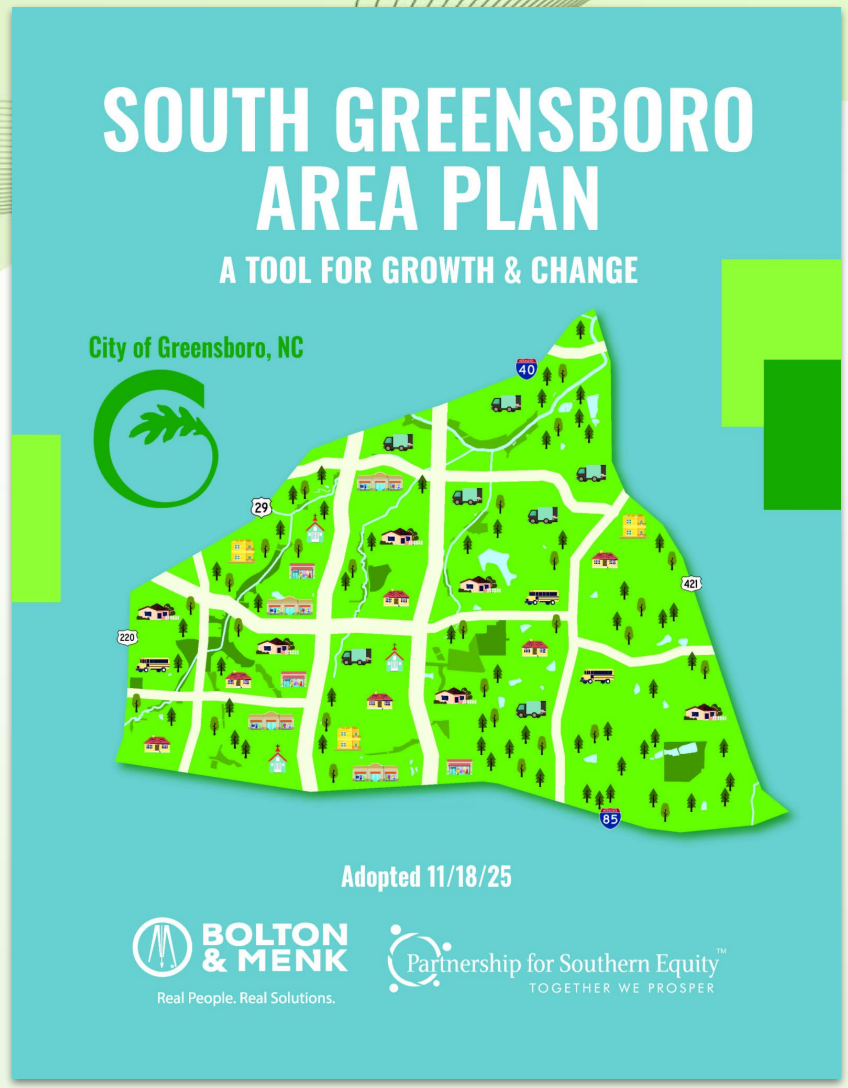
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Mile
Franklin
Falls Reservoir
Durham
462 ft
Wake Forest
643 ft
Ralesville
Morrisville
Cary
Raleigh
Zebulon
Knightdale
Wendell
Apex
Garner
Holly Springs
Fuquay-Varina
Farmland Class derived from SSURGO
Prime Farmland
Farmland of Statewide Importance
Not Prime Farmland
Nationally Significant Agricultural Land







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In Recognition of
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South Greensboro Area Plan

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South Greensboro Area Plan

















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Comprehensive Plan | Small Community

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Lenoir 2045 Comprehensive Plan

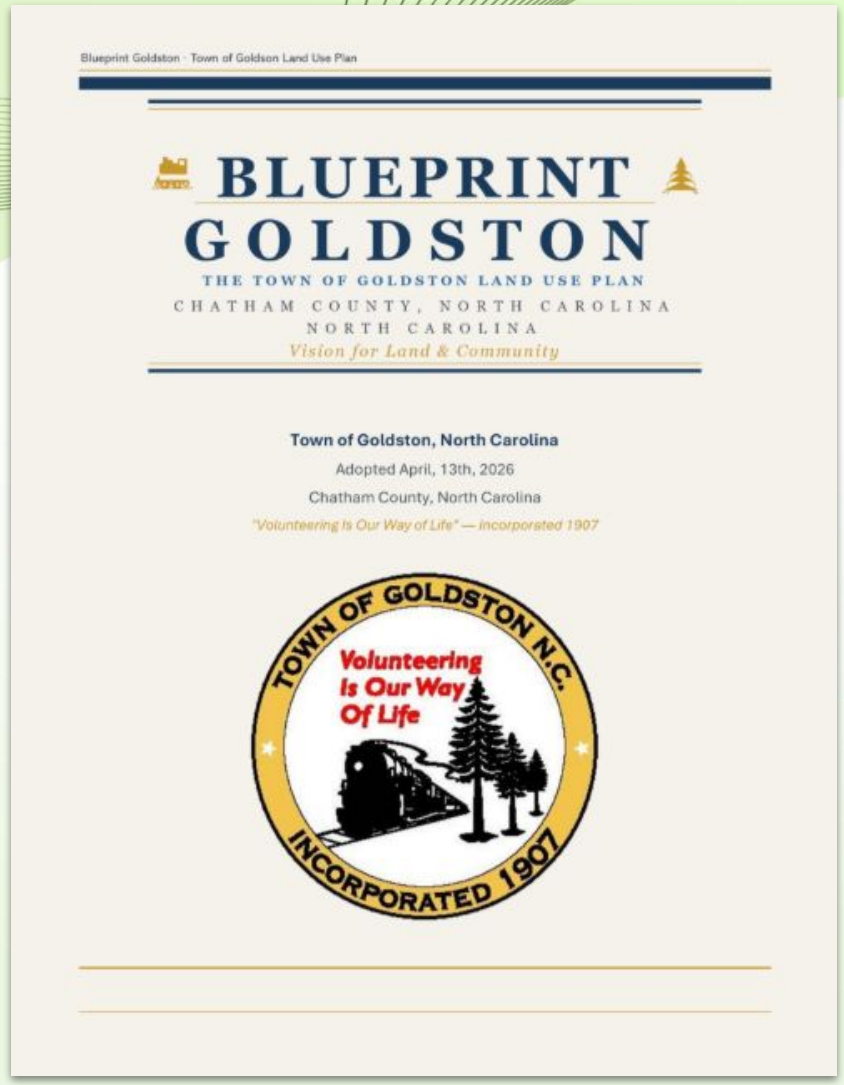
Comprehensive Plan | Small Community



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Adopted August 5, 2025





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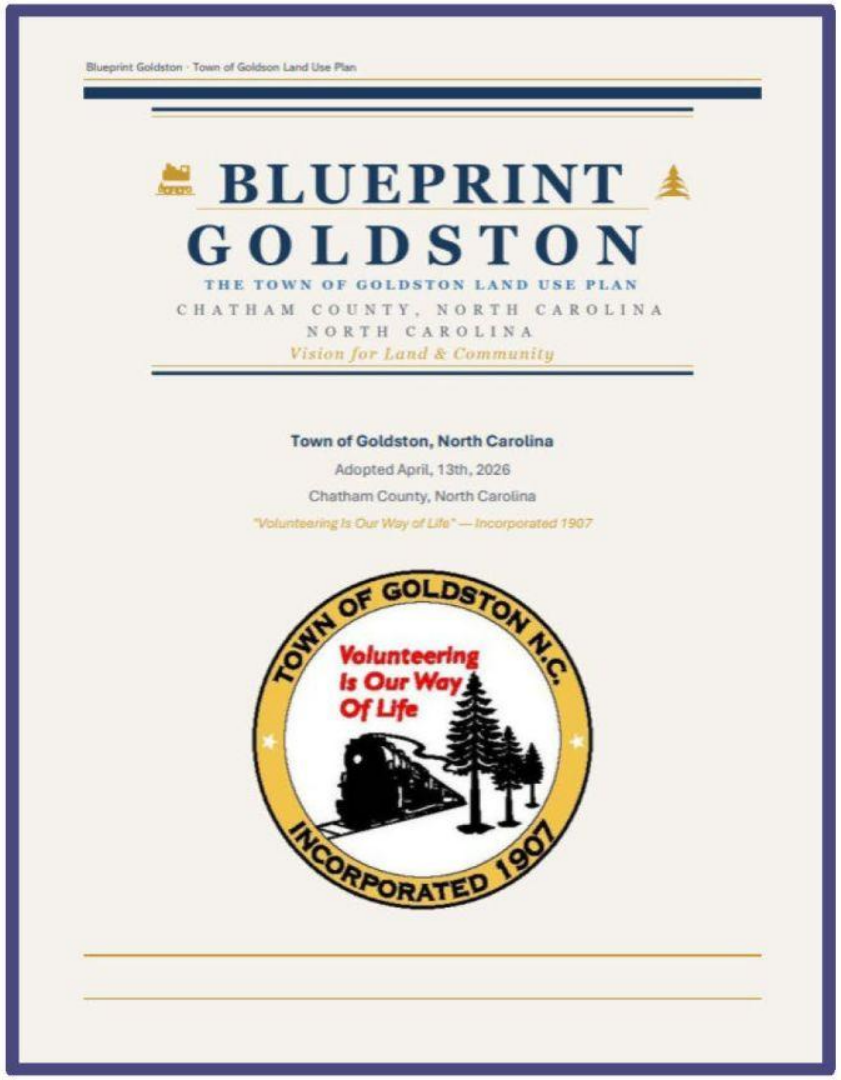
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Blueprint Goldston

Comprehensive Plan | Small Community

Blueprint Goldston

Town of Goldston Land Use Plan



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Mount Holly Creative Spaces Initiative, Great Place for Public Art (Honorable Mention)

Logan Worcester, ASU Student

Sam McCormack, ECU Student

Pinetops Pavilion & Revitalization, Student Project (Honorable Mention)

Grimesland Flood Resilience Road Map, Student Project

"A Planned Party" Podcast, Engagement

Wilmington Greater Downtown Plan, Engagement

Hickory Nut Gorge Recovery Plan, Resilience & Sustainability

Letters from the Lake, Great Place for Public Art

Jennifer Watkins, UNC Graduate Student

The Invisible Landlord, Student Project

From Minimums to Maximums, Student Project

Clayton on the Move, Transportation

CONNECT Beyond Mobility Hub, Transportation

CATS 2055 Transit System Plan, Transportation

Downtown Concord Streetscape, Great Street

Alice Wilson, Philip R. Green, Jr. Distinguished Service

NC Bike Route Wayfinding, Student Project

West Ehringhaus Street Plan, Student Project

Brevard Architectural Standards, Specialized Plan

CLT Airport Destination District Manual, Specialized Plan

Greensboro Downtown Greenway, Great Healthy Place

Michael Zehner, Philip R. Green, Jr. Distinguished Service

LGBTQIA+ Historic Context Study, Advancing Equity

Navassa Gullah Geechee Heritage Trail, Advancing Equity

Headwaters District Conservation Plan, Specialized Plan

Wake County Farmland Preservation Plan, Specialized Plan

Downtown Newton Streetscape, Great Transformation

Robert Waring Oast, Jr., Robert E. Reiman Career Achievement

MoveChatham, Engagement

Activate! Fairview, Engagement

South Greensboro Area Plan, Small Area Plan

Lenoir 2045 Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan

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