

AGENDA



Keith Wood, Chairman
Wayne Barneycastle, Vice Chairman
Brad Chandler, Commissioner
Sonya Cox, Commissioner
Rick Morris, Commissioner

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Monday, February 10, 2025
1014 MAIN STREET
DANBURY, NC 27016
6:00 PM

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Approval of the Agenda

II. Public Comments

III. Comments - Managers/Commissioners

IV. Conflicts Of Interest

V. Consent Agenda

a. Budget Amendments

VI. Information Agenda

a. RiverStreet Update

VII. Discussion Agenda

a. Parks and Recreation Steering Committee Creation

b. Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities

c. FY 2026 Operating Plan Priorities

VIII. Action Agenda

a. Parks and Recreation Steering Committee Creation

IX. Closed Session

X. Adjournment

**Anyone with a disability(is) who needs an accommodation to participate in this meeting is*

requested to inform us 48 hours prior to the scheduled time of the affected group meeting

*Attachments may be delivered before or at the time of the meeting

*Times may vary due to times preset for agenda items



**Board of County Commissioners
February 10, 2025
6:00 PM**

Item number: V.a.

Budget Amendments

Contact: Tammy Keaton Finance Director

Summary:

Budget Amendment #53 - To appropriate insurance claim funds for accidents (Sheriff's Department).

Budget Amendment #54 - To appropriate one-time regional funds received by the Health Department.

Budget Amendment #55 - See attachment for memo.

Budget Amendment #56 - To transfer funds from Salaries and Wages to Salaries and Wages - Part Time (EMS Department).

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Budget Amendments #53-#56	2/7/2025	Cover Memo
Budget Amendment #55 ARC Coordinator Training	2/7/2025	Cover Memo

STOKES COUNTY-BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	Sheriff			
100.4310.351	Maint. & Repairs Auto	\$ 102,933.76	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 106,083.76
	TOTALS	<u>\$ 102,933.76</u>	<u>\$ 3,150.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u> <u>\$ 106,083.76</u>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claim supplement funds for accident
Accident involving Vehicle 7037 on 10-7-2024 Claim number 4A2411P833J-001

This will result in a net increase of \$3,150.00 in the expenditures and other financial use of the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
	General Fund			\$ -
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	\$ 6,714.58	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 9,864.58
	TOTALS	<u>\$ 6,714.58</u>	<u></u>	<u>\$ 9,864.58</u>

SECTION 2. Copies of this amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, Budget Officer and to the Finance Director.

Adopted this _____ day of .

Verified by the Clerk of the Board



Department Head's Approval

Date



County Manager's Approval

1/29/25
Date



Finance Director's Approval

1/29/25
Date



Stokes County
Purchasing Department

Memorandum

To: Tammy Keaton, Finance Director

From: Glenda Pruitt, Purchasing/Project Manager

Date: January 28, 2025

Re: Budget Amendment Insurance Claim

Attached is a budget amendment for claim number 4A2411P833J-001 for storage & tear down fees from an accident on October 7, 2024, to vehicle 7037. The vehicle was totaled by the insurance company, and they are working with Enterprise on settlement. Check number 147614618 The total amount of \$3,150.00 was deposited into insurance claims 100.3839.850 and needs to be moved to maintenance and repair of auto in the Sheriff's budget.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

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Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
110.5104.5000311	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
	TOTALS	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

The Health Department has received one time regional funds to pay for staff trainings, including lodging and mileage reimbursement.

This will result in a net increase of \$10,000.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year and must be expended by 6/30/25.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
110.3301.3301000	HEALTH GENERAL	\$ 83,689.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 93,689.00
	TOTALS	\$ 83,689.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 93,689.00

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Adopted this _____ day of February, 2025.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board




 Department Head's Approval _____ Date 2/6/25


 County Manager's Approval _____ Date 2/6/25


 Finance Director's Approval _____ Date 2/6/2025

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	EMS			
100-4370-8000000	Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,790,772.25	\$ (135,000.00)	\$ 1,655,772.25
100-4370-8000020	Salaries and Wages-Part Time	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 355,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,010,772.25	\$ -	\$ 2,010,772.25

This budget amendment is justified as follows: To transfer funds to cover part time salary and wages due to all of the vacancies in the EMS department.

This will result in a net increase of \$0.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
				\$ -
				\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Adopted this 10th day of February, 2025

Verified by the Clerk of the Board

Department Head's Approval

County Manager's Approval

Finance Director's Approval

Amber Brown

2-7-2025

Date

2/7/25

Date

2-7-2025

Date



Stokes County Emergency Services
3169 NC 8 Hwy S
Walnut Cove, NC 27052
Phone: (336) 593-1567
Fax: (336) 593-5412



Director
Brandon Gentry
bgentry@co.stokes.nc.us

Operations Manager/Training Officer
Renee Bridges
rbridges@co.stokes.nc.us

Memorandum

To: Tammy Keaton, Finance Director

From: Brandon Gentry

Date: February 7, 2025

Re: Budget Amendment – Salary and Wages Part Time

This budget amendment is to move \$135,000 from account 100.4370.5000000 to account 100.4370.5000020. Due to all the vacancies in the department since July of 2024 we have depleted our part-time budget. We need to move some of the lapse salaries to the part-time budget to cover the last pay periods for the year. We are currently averaging \$27,000 a pay period.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

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Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
204-5861-311	Training	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,500.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
	TOTALS	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,500.00</u>

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

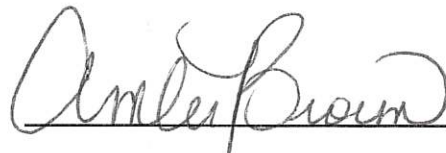
This will result in a net increase of \$6,000.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received in this fiscal year.

Account Number	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT	INCREASE (DECREASE)	AS AMENDED
204-3301-000	Opioid Settlement Funds	\$ 458,365.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 464,365.00
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
	TOTALS	<u>\$ 458,365.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 464,365.00</u>

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Adopted this 10th day of February, 2025.

Verified by the Clerk of the Board



Department Head's Approval

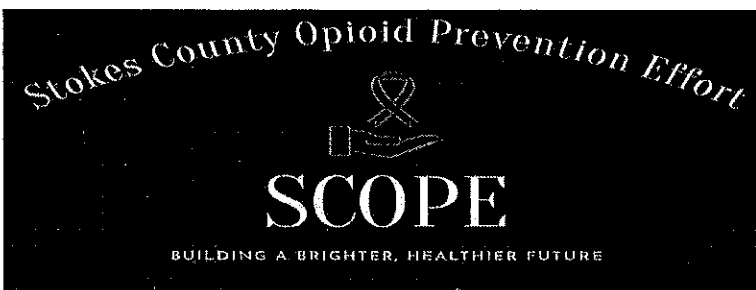
Date


County Manager's Approval

2/7/25
Date


Finance Director's Approval

2/7/2025
Date



Memo

To: Stokes County Board of Commissioners

From: Savannah Hayes: SCOPE Program

Date: 02/10/25

Subject: Request for Budget Amendment – Add training budget to accountability and recovery court coordinator position

Purpose of Amendment

This amendment proposes the addition of a training and travel line item to the budget for the ARC Coordinator position. The allocated funds will be used to support professional development through training programs, conferences, and necessary travel to enhance job performance and ensure compliance with best practices.

Proposed Budget Adjustments

Budget Line Item	Current Allocation	Proposed Adjustment	Amended Allocation
Training & Travel	\$0.00	\$6000.00	\$6000.00

Justification

Ensuring the ARC Coordinator has access to relevant training and certifications is essential for establishing an efficient and useful accountability and recovery court.

Travel funds will support attendance at recovery courts around the state and the All Rise Training in Kissimmee, Florida from May 28-31, 2025 (\$900 registration fee plus travel and lodging).

Investing in professional development benefits both the employee and the organization by increasing knowledge, skill sets, and networking opportunities.

Approval and Implementation

Upon approval funds will be available for use in accordance with organizational policies.

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if any further details are required

Savannah Hayes, RN, BSN

Stokes County Opioid Prevention Coordinator

shayes@co.stokes.nc.us



**A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF STOKES
TO DIRECT THE EXPENDITURE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

WHEREAS Stokes County has joined national settlement agreements with companies engaged in the manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of opioids, including settlements with drug distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and AmerisourceBergen; drug makers Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals, and Purdue Pharma, Mallinckrodt, Insys, Allergan, Endo, and Teva; and pharmacies CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Walmart;

WHEREAS the allocation, use, and reporting of funds stemming from these national settlement agreements and bankruptcy resolutions ("Opioid Settlement Funds") are governed by the Memorandum of Agreement Between the State of North Carolina and Local Governments on Proceeds Relating to the Settlement of Opioid Litigation ("MOA") and the Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of Opioid Litigation ("SAAF");

WHEREAS Stokes County has received Opioid Settlement Funds pursuant to these national settlement agreements and deposited the Opioid Settlement Funds in a separate special revenue fund as required by section D of the MOA;

WHEREAS section E.6 of the MOA states that, before spending opioid settlement funds, the local government's governing body must adopt a separate resolution that:

- (i) indicates that it is an authorization for expenditure of opioid settlement funds; and,
- (ii) states the specific strategy or strategies the county or municipality intends to fund pursuant to Option A or Option B, using the item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to identify each funded strategy; and,
- (iii) states the amount dedicated to each strategy for a specific period of time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the NC MOA and SAAF, Stokes County authorizes the expenditure of opioid settlement funds as follows:

1. First strategy authorized

- a. Name of strategy: Collaborative Strategic Planning
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 1
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$472,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date November 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2028
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding this strategy will be used to hire an Opioid Settlement Coordinator that will act as project manager in overseeing programs and funding for opioid settlement monies. This funding will cover

personnel costs (salary and benefits), equipment, supplies, travel, and other expenses needed for this position to carry out its functions.

g. Provider: Stokes County

2. Second authorized strategy

a. Name of strategy: Post-Overdose Response Team

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 8

d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$145,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date November 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2025

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding this strategy will be used to hire a full-time community paramedic position that will work under EMS to assist in developing the Medication Assisted Treatment Bridge Program (MAT-bridge). This position will primarily be responsible for initial induction of medications and daily re-evaluation and redosing of medications until the patient is placed into long-term substance use disorder treatment. They will also continue providing point-of-care to the community in addition to naloxone care and overdose care. This funding will cover personnel costs (salary and benefits), equipment, supplies, transportation costs, and medication costs associated with the MAT-bridge program.

g. Provider: Stokes County EMS

3. Third authorized strategy

a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 3

d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$101,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date November 1, 2023 through End date June 30, 2025

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Funding this strategy will be used to hire a peer support specialist that will be an advocate and provide support for those struggling with substance use and opioid addiction. This funding will cover personnel costs (salary and benefits), equipment, supplies, and other costs associated with carrying out the duties of this position.

g. Provider: Stokes County

4. Fourth authorized strategy

a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services

b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A

c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 3

d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$564,000

e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:

Start date September 1, 2024 through End date September 1, 2029

f. Description of the program, project, or activity: A Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) providing recovery support services in Stokes County focused on helping individuals overcome opioid use and mental health challenges. Their duties include conducting assessments, developing personalized medication assisted treatment plans for opioid use disorder, offering individual and group therapy for opioid use recovery, connecting clients to community resources, and providing ongoing emotional and practical support.

- g. Provider: Stokes County

5. Fifth authorized strategy

- a. Name of strategy: Recovery Support Services
- b. Strategy is included in Exhibit A
- c. Item letter and/or number in Exhibit A or Exhibit B to the MOA: Strategy 3
- d. Amount authorized for this strategy: \$134,000
- e. Period of time during which expenditure may take place:
Start date September 1, 2024 through End date September 1, 2029
- f. Description of the program, project, or activity: Fifty percent of the salary of an Accountability and Recovery Court Coordinator providing the day-to-day management and coordination of the court's accountability and recovery programs. This individual plays a key role in overseeing opioid user's case management, working with participants in opioid use recovery, and ensuring compliance with court-ordered opioid use treatment plans. The coordinator serves as the liaison between the court, opioid treatment providers, law enforcement, and community partners to support the successful rehabilitation and reintegration of participants into society.
- g. Provider: Stokes County

The total dollar amount of Opioid Settlement Funds appropriated across the above named and authorized strategies is \$1,416,000.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____.

Keith Wood, Chair
Stokes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amber N. Brown
Amber N. Brown, Clerk to the Board





Board of County Commissioners
February 10, 2025
6:00 PM

Item number: VI.a.

RiverStreet Update

Contact: Greg Coltrain, RiverStreet

Summary:

Greg Coltrain with RiverStreet will be delivering an update on their broadband projects in Stokes County. More information including the presentation will be shared during the meeting and uploaded after.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
RiverStreet Presentation	2/19/2025	Cover Memo



Stokes County Partnership Update

February 6, 2025



Greg Coltrain

VP of Business Development



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RiverStreet FTTH Project Stokes County, NC



Project Title:
RSCNC FTTP NCGG2022

Projected Passings:
1,301 Residential
18 Businesses

Proposed Routes:
124.61 Miles

Award Date: **August 1, 2022**

Effective Date: **September 8, 2023**

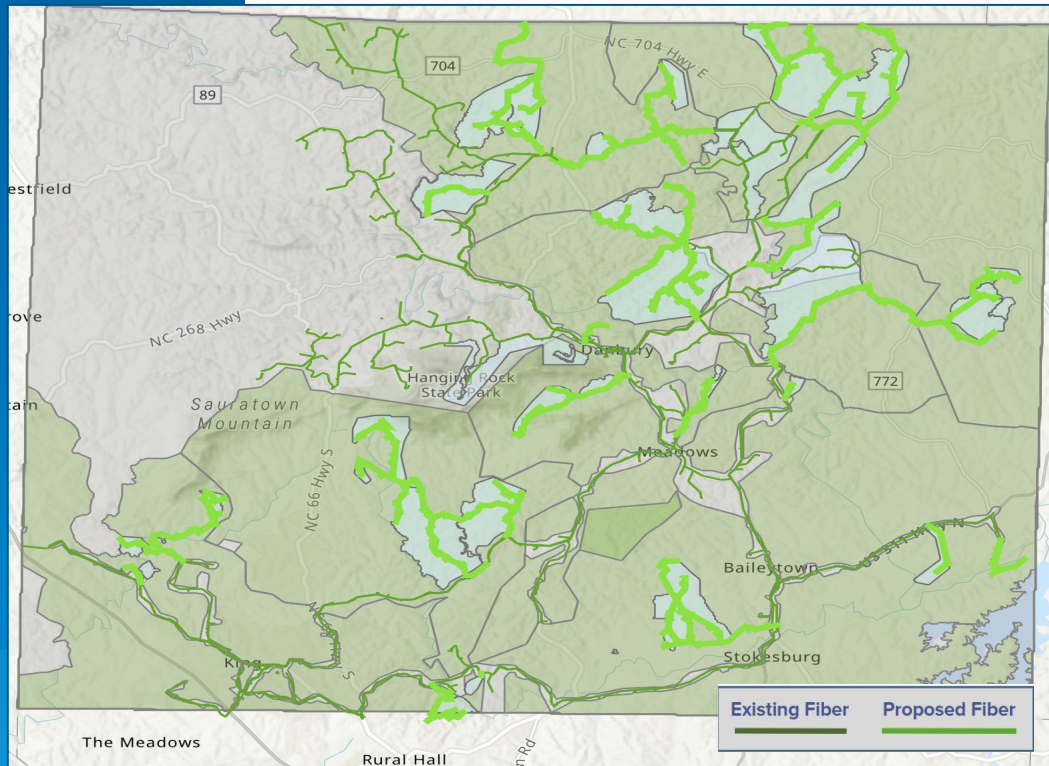
End of Construction: **September 30, 2025**

Grant Amount: **\$4,000,000.00**

County Match: **\$1,263,315.50**

RiverStreet Match: **\$1,263,315.50**

Total Project: **\$6,526,631.00**





Projects Status

- **CAF II 99% complete (Connect America Fund)**
 - Railroad permits complete and boring scheduled to finish the last 2.8 of 41.67 miles
 - Finish the last 10 of 120 locations
- **RDOF 47% complete (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund)**
 - Lawsonville area underway
 - Design and permitting for Oak Ridge and Pleasant View areas are in production
 - Splicing delayed due to resources needed in Western Carolina.
 - 166 of 405 locations completed
 - 20.3 of 73.42 route miles constructed
- **NC GREAT 19% complete (Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology)**
 - 253 of 1309 Passings completed
 - 24.6 of 124+ route miles completed associated with these passings

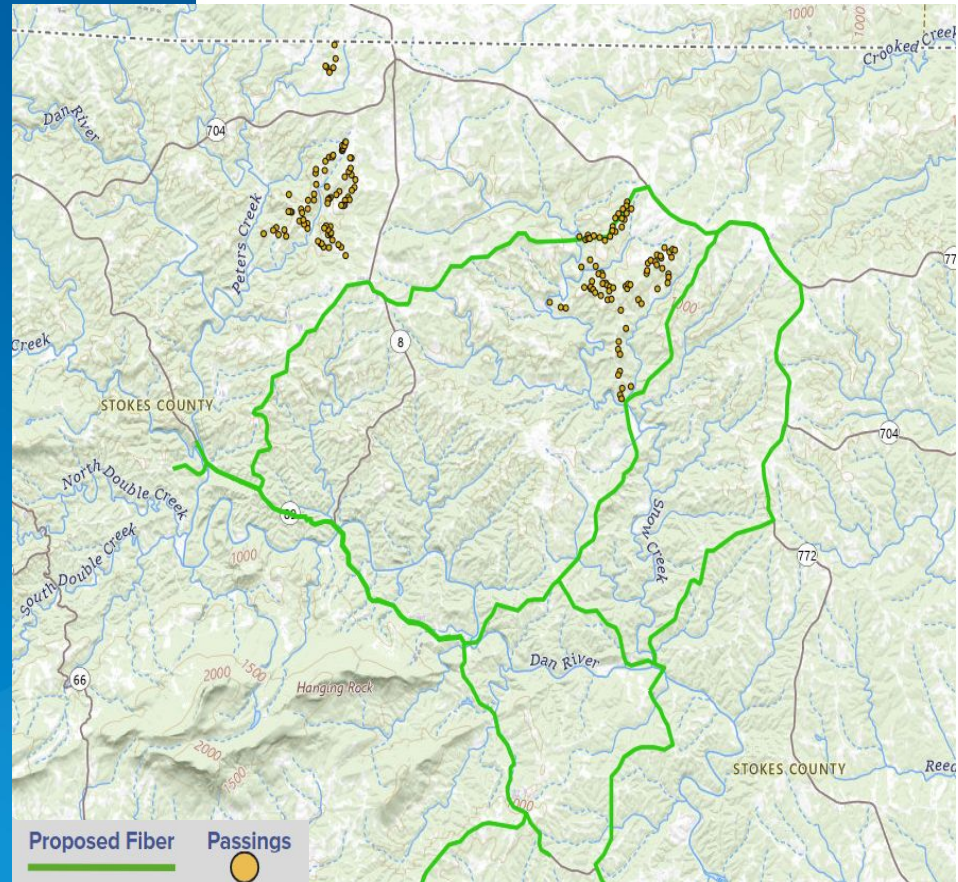
Stokes County, NC Great Grant Construction

Construction is in progress in
one Oak Ridge and two
Lawsonville areas

Nineteen miles of Construction
have been completed

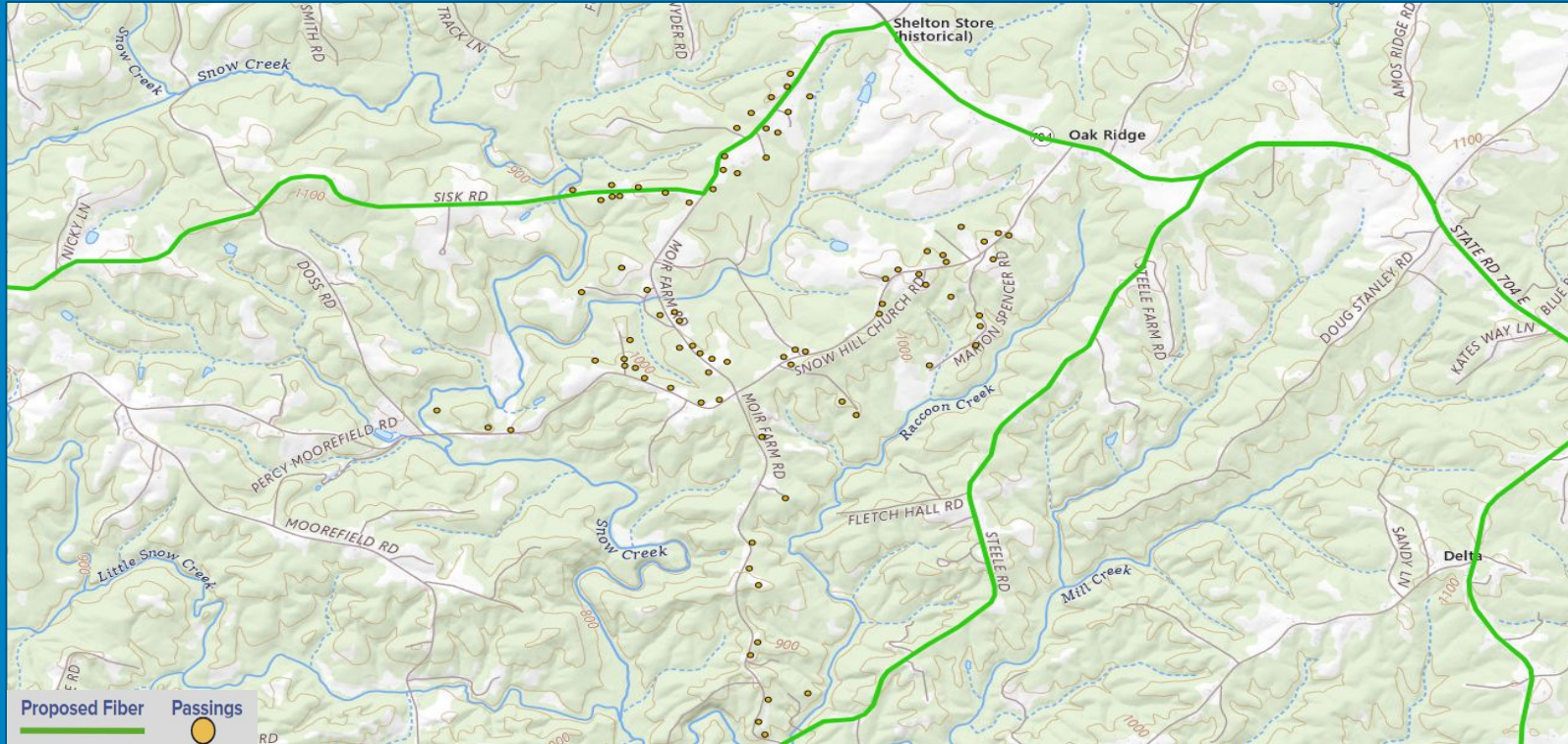
Two of Three Remote Buildings
placed, while the third is
process.

142 Passings associated with
this current build





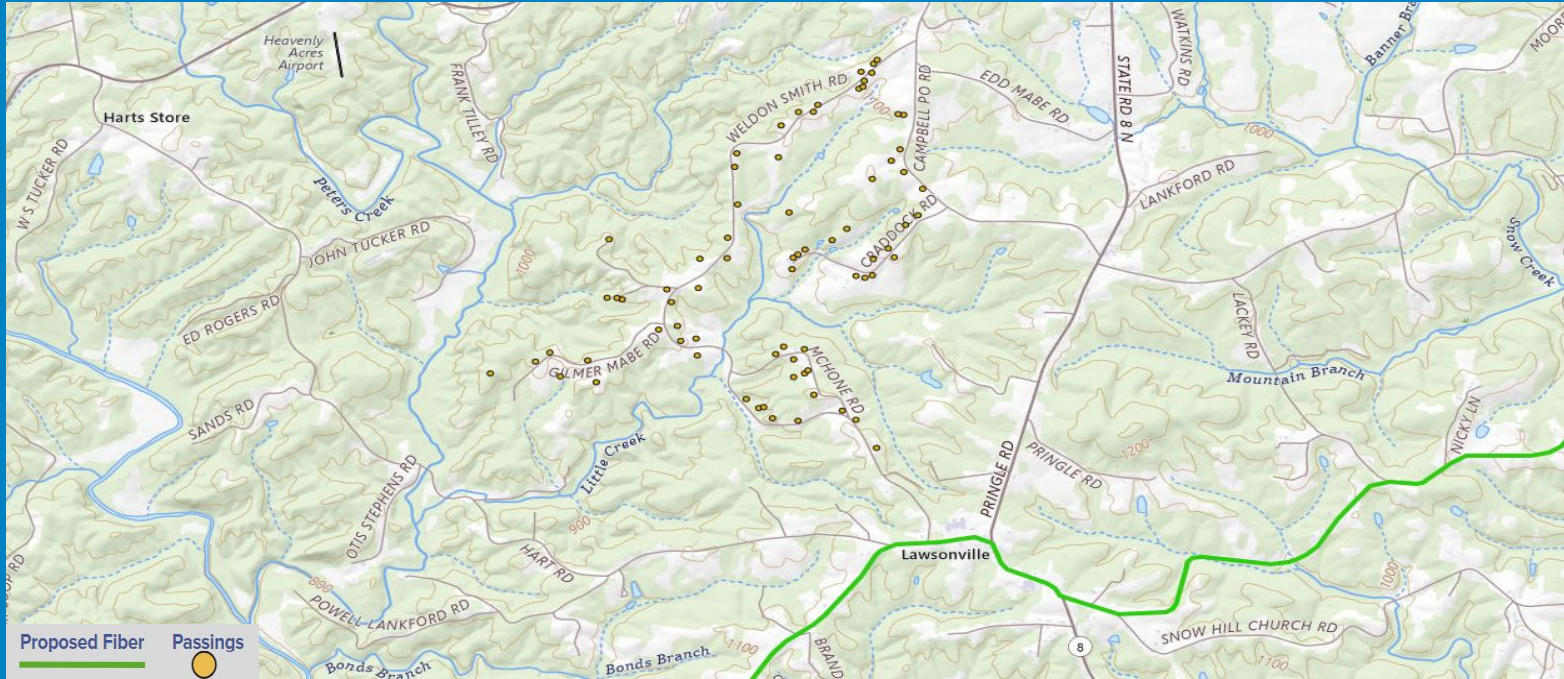
Stokes County Great Grant Build Route 1 – Under Construction



65 Great Grant Funded Passings Associated with This Build Plan Route



Stokes County Great Grant Build Route 2 – Under Construction



77 Great Grant Funded Passings Associated with This Build Plan Route



NC CAB 2.0 Status (Completing Access to Broadband)

- 91 Counties with Scopes of Work
- Form A - Deadline January 21, 2025 - Preliminary Documents
- Form B - Deadline February 17, 2025 - Submission of Final Applications

NC BEAD Status (Broadband Equity Access & Deployment)

- NC extended their BEAD challenge window to January 8, 2025 due to Western Carolina Helene Damage
- NC extended BEAD Prequalification window to February 3, 2025
- NC BEAD challenge rebuttals ends February 20, 2025
- NC BEAD final determination period will be from February 21, 2025 - March 22, 2025, work with NTIA to determine final available locations for funding
- BEAD program will begin after the state finishes awarding CAB 2.0 awards statewide

Stokes County, NC Marketing Samples

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- **Enhanced Security and Parental Controls:** Keep your network secure with our robust security features.

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- 2) At sign-up, have your family member(s) or friend(s) mention your name and the promo code "Refer A Friend."
- 3) You'll receive a \$50 bill credit for every new sign up PLUS your friends will receive one too. It's a win-win!

For each friend you refer, you
will receive a \$50 credit on us.



Social Media Samples



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#DoubleTheFun #ReferAndSave

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Caring

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Receive a \$50 bill
credit for each friend
you sign up!



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BETTER INTERNET



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Looking for something new to watch?

Here's a list of binge-worthy shows to brighten up your February! What's on your watchlist?

📺 February 12: The Masked Singer (Fox)

📺 February 14: Yellowjackets

📺 February 16: The White Lotus (HBO)

📺 ... See more



February Streaming List

What are you watching?

💡 Invest in Your Future 💡

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2025 Scholarship applications are now open for high school seniors!

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**Scholarship
Applications**

for 2024-2025
High School Seniors

Each year, we invest in the future leaders of our communities by awarding scholarships to numerous high school seniors across our serving areas.

Deadline: April 4, 2025



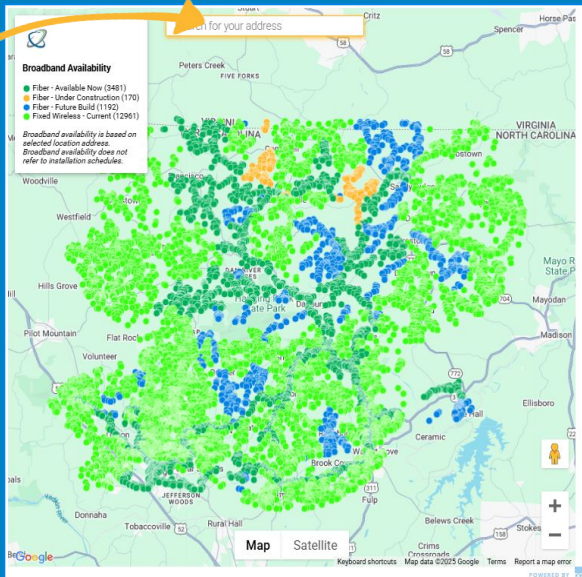
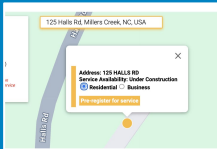
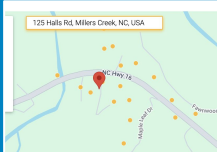
For eligibility details, visit myriverstreet.net/scholarship

Stokes Fiber Build Updates on Our Website

Visit: myriverstreet.net/community/stokes/ or click FIBER BUILD UPDATES in the menu bar as shown below:

Enter your address to view more details

Samples below:



Available Now

Fiber construction is complete and services are available.
Register your address to SIGN UP TODAY!

Under Construction

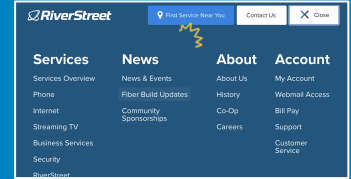
Multiple construction crews are working as quickly as possible to bring fiber Internet to your area.
Register your address to pre-order fiber services.

Future Build

We are currently engineering this area for our 100% fiber network.
Register your address to show your interest.

Register your address below:

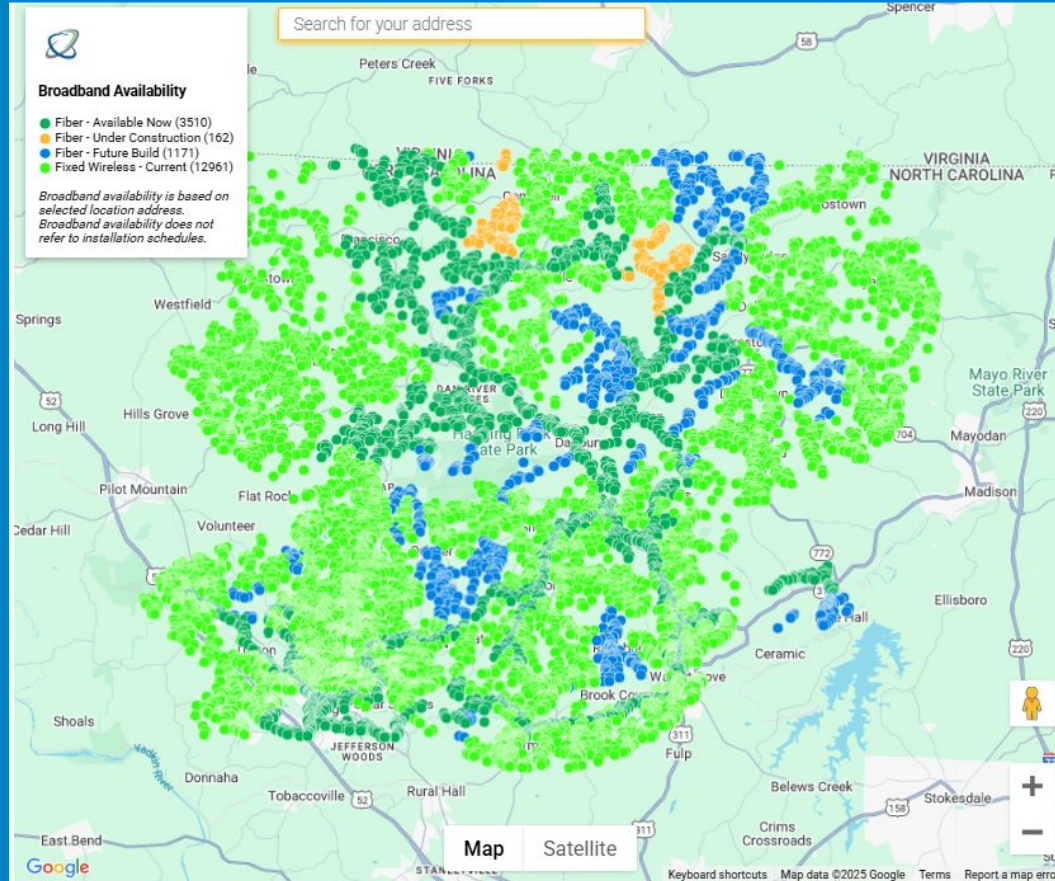
REGISTER



Register your interest or sign up for service here.



Stokes County Mapping



Questions



myriverstreet.net | 844.238.0131



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Current Fiber Routes Stokes County, NC

2015 Project

County Grant
\$1,800,000

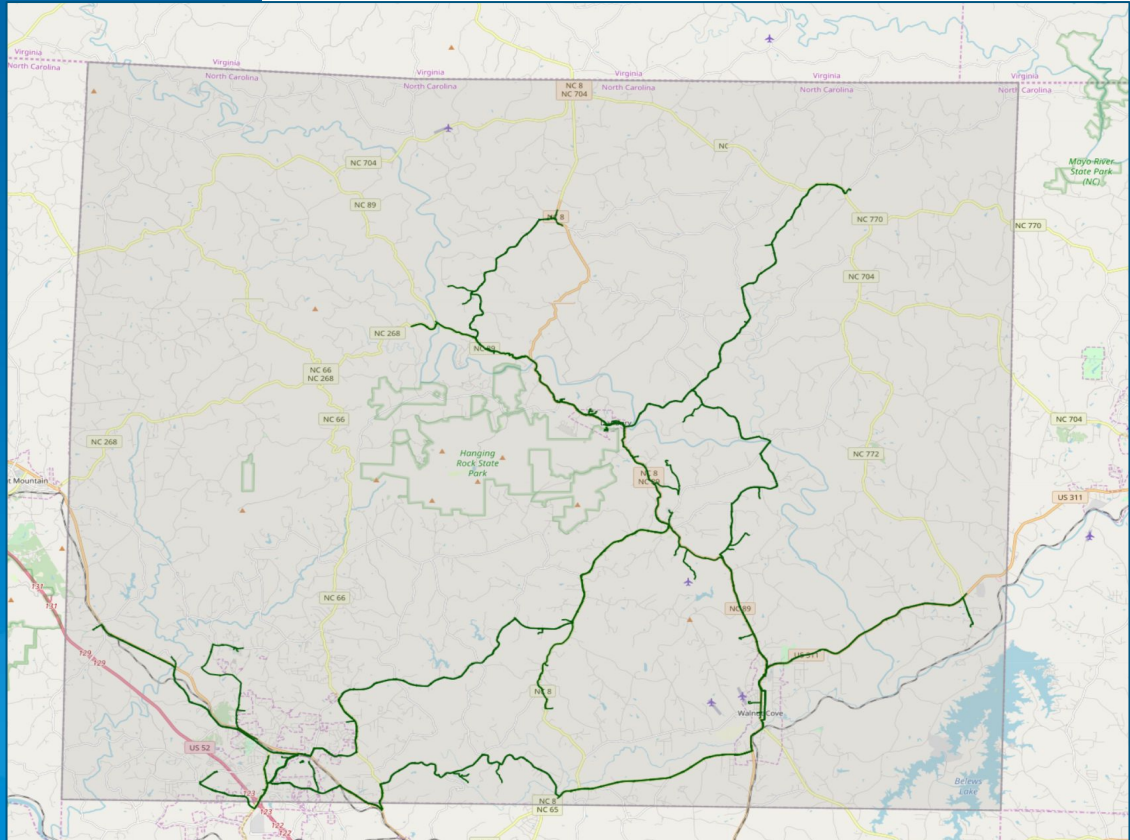
RSN Funded
\$8,488,955

Total Project
\$10,288,955

Constructed Fiber Cable
239.15

Constructed Route Miles
107.38

Serviceable Locations Passed w/Fiber
2,886





Future Fiber Routes Stokes County, NC

2023-2026 Project

Proposed Fiber Route Miles

<25/3 (CAF II) - 41.67

<25/3 (RDOF) - 73.42

<25/3 (GREAT) - 124.61

Total Proposed Route Miles

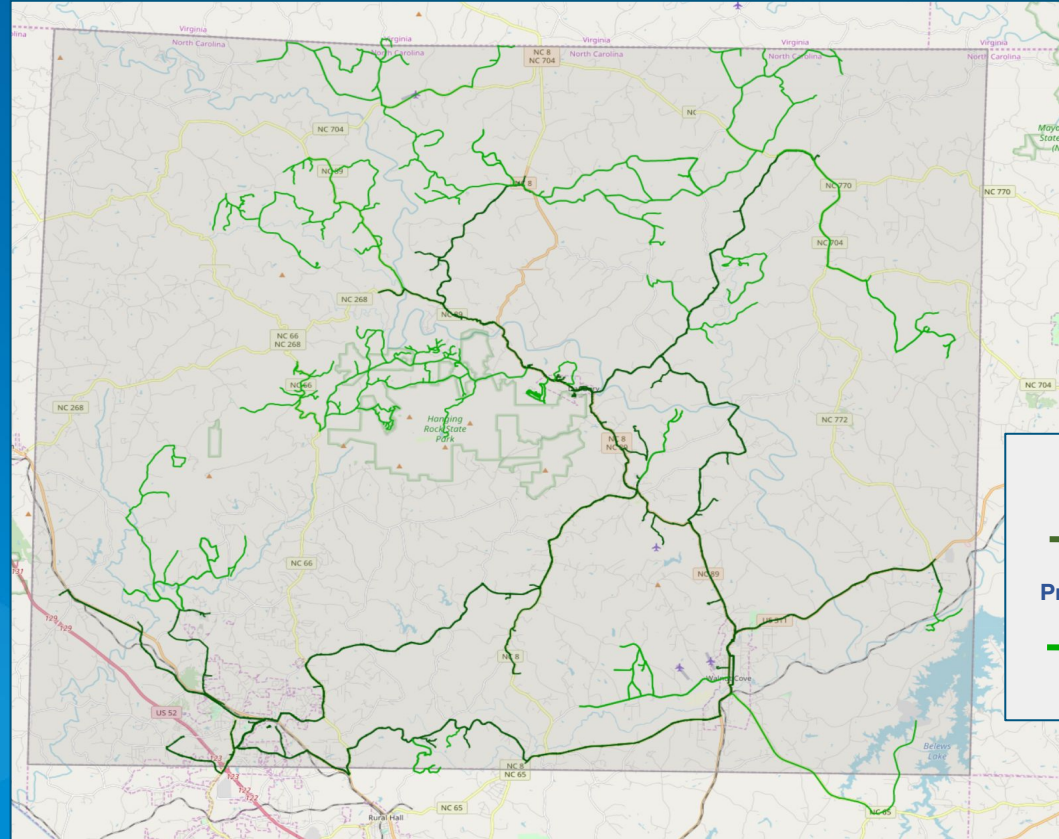
239.70

Completed Route Miles

107.38

Remaining Route Miles

132.32



Fiber

Proposed
Fiber

Stokes County, NC - CAF II Build Underway (Phase I)



CAF II Award Summary

10 Yr Federal Support
\$236,900

Total Project Cost
\$1,361,065

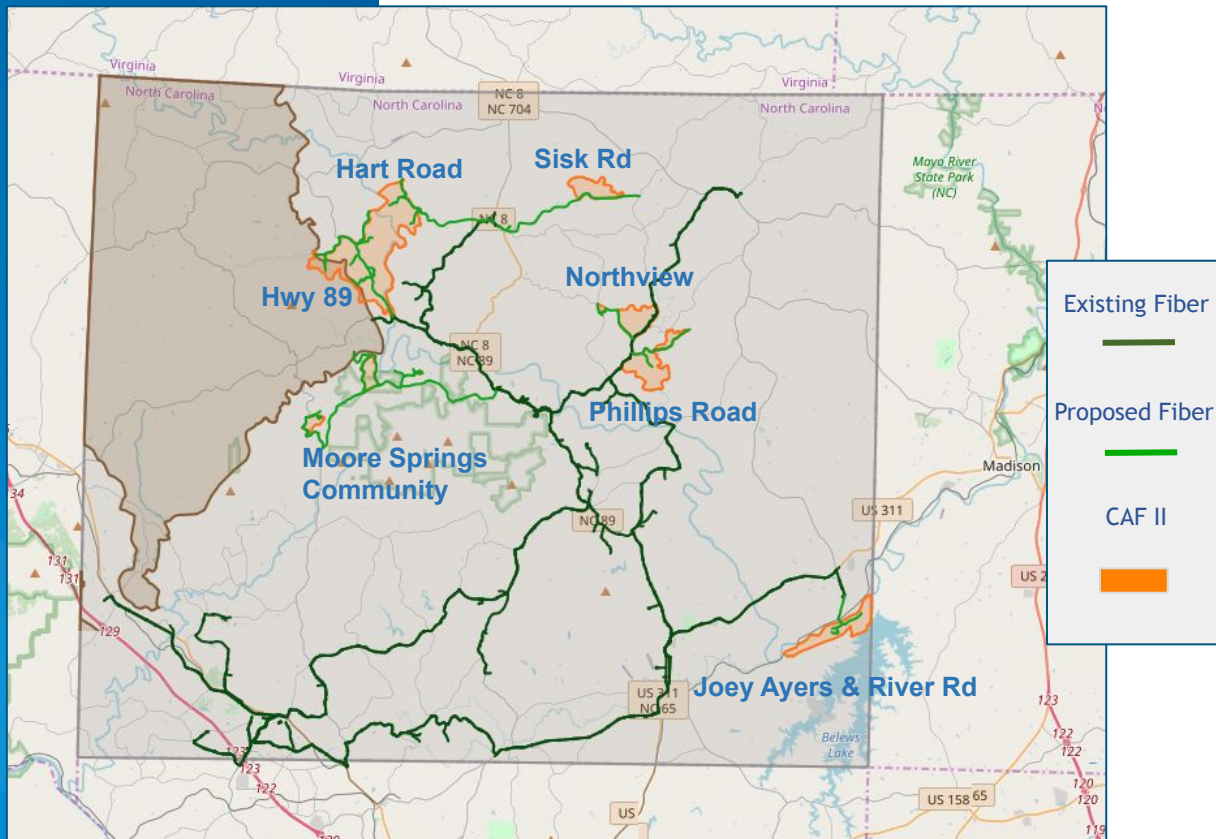
Funded Locations Passed - 120

Structures Passed
378

Route Miles
41.67

Cost Per Eligible Location
\$11,342

Cost Per Structure Passed
\$3,601



Stokes County, NC - RDOF I Build (Phase II)



RDOF I Summary

10 Yr Federal Support
\$746,538

Total Project Cost
\$3,061,092

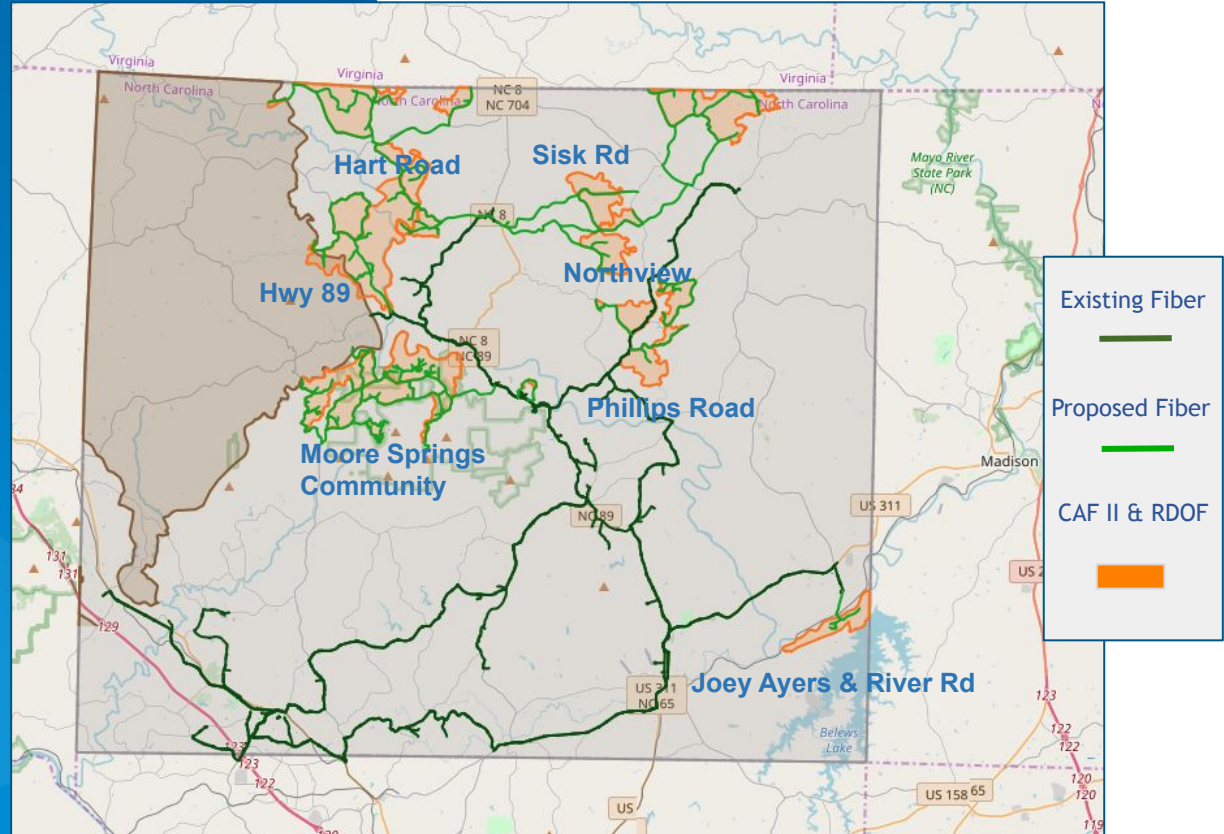
Funded Locations Passed - 405

Structures Passed
793

Route Miles - 73.42

Cost Per Eligible Location
\$7,558

Cost Per Structure Passed
\$3,860



Stokes County, NC - Great Grant 2022 (Phase III)



GREAT Grant Summary

County Match
\$1,263,315.50

RiverStreet Match
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Grant Awarded
\$4,000,000

Total Project Cost
\$6,526,631

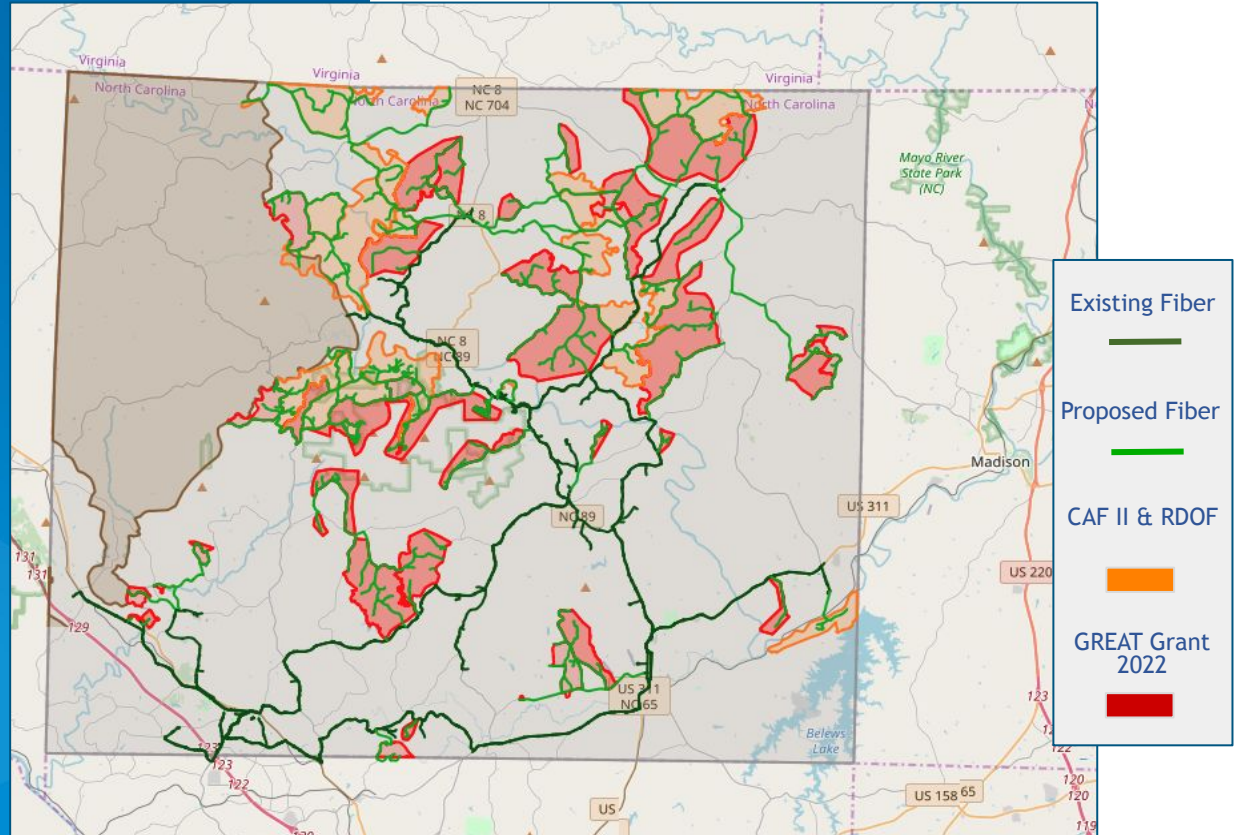
Fundable Locations Passed - 1,319

Locations Passed - 1,933

Route Miles - 124.61

Cost Per Fundable Passing - \$4,948

Cost Per Locations Passed - \$3,376





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Item number: VII.b.

Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities

Contact: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator

Summary:

Discussion:

1. Increase the Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities.

Items for Approval on February 24, 2025:

1. Increase the Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
Tax Office Agenda	2/7/2025	Cover Memo



COUNTY OF STOKES

TAX ADMINISTRATION

Post Office Box 294 • 1014 Main Street • Administration Building • Danbury, NC 27016
Phone (336) 593-2811 • Fax (336) 593-4019

Date: February 7, 2025

To: Stokes County Board of Commissioners

From: Richard Brim, Tax Administrator

Reference: Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities

Board Members:

The Stokes County Tax Office collects property taxes for all three of the municipalities located in Stokes County (Danbury, King and Walnut Cove). Stokes County currently charges the municipalities a rate of 1%, based upon their levy, to provide this service. The Tax Office recently polled every county in North Carolina. We received responses from 74 counties. The median percentage that other counties charge their municipalities to provide collection services is 1.75%.

It is the recommendation of the Stokes County Tax Office to increase our "Collection Retainer Fee for Municipalities" to 1.75% of the municipalities' levy.

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard Brim

Approval

Denial

Keith Wood
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Date



**Board of County Commissioners
February 10, 2025
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Item number: VII.c.

FY 2026 Operating Plan Priorities

Contact: Jeff Sanborn, County Manager

Summary:

During our planning retreat on January 16-17, the Board of Commissioners agreed to several funding and planning priorities relevant to the next five years. As a follow-up to that discussion, the attached briefing summarizes those priorities, their timing, and the impact on our five-year financial forecast. A draft recommended tax rate structure based on this year's revaluation is also included in that forecast.

Jeff Sanborn

ATTACHMENTS:

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FY 26 Operating Plan Priorities	2/7/2025	Cover Memo



FY 2026 Operating Plan Priorities

Feb 10, 2025

Agenda



- Review priority Opportunities for Improvement (OFIs) identified during the planning retreat
- Discuss revenue neutral tax rate and inflation adjusted revenue neutral tax rate
- Review updated five-year financial forecast
- Discuss \$0.04 School Capital Fund (211)

Draft Impacts to 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-01	Address pay salary compression (50% solution), added to operating	\$400K	—————	—————	—————	—————▶
25-02	Improve EMS staffing and performance (24/72, +\$3), added to operating	\$675K	—————	—————	—————	—————▶
25-04	Update Comprehensive Plan		\$200K			
25-05	Implement use and personal property tax compliance program, add to operating	\$20K	—————	—————	—————	—————▶
25-06	Develop & implement annual resident survey, add to operating	\$20K	—————	—————	—————	—————▶
25-07	Complete broadband expansion county-side ahead of BEAD cycle		\$1M			
25-09	Add 3 rd floor to DSS building or build new structure (fund with debt)				\$1.5M	
25-10	Add Mountain View Rd greenbox site, add \$60K to operating		\$530K			
25-12	Renovate plumbing in Jail			\$225K	\$225K	\$450K
25-15	Demo old Danbury School				\$200K	
25-17	Remodel King health facility		\$100K			
25-19	Replace an elementary school and begin school consolidation (debt service, possible grants)				\$50M	

Draft Staffing Impacts to 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-S1	Environmental health specialist	\$73K	_____→	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S4	Deputy DSS director (50% paid by state)	\$95K	_____→	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S6	Animal wellness technician		\$53K	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S13	EMS training officer	\$80K	_____→	_____→	_____→	_____→
25-S9	Building inspector or planner		\$68K	_____→	_____→	_____→

Evaluations and Projects that do not impact 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-03	Evaluate response truck program	X				
25-11	Evaluate options for addressing future landfill capacity needs		X			
25-13	Evaluate disposition of old courthouse	X				
25-16	Expand EMS Station #3 (King) (\$350K plus \$600K operating) Push to FY31+					
25-18	Build Capital Replacement Plan	X				
25-20	Evaluate options for real-time tracking of fire apparatus and fire fighters (AVL, FOBs, etc)	X				
25-21	Evaluate/Develop Code for housing condemnation	X				
25-22	Evaluate efficacy of contracted solid waste		X			
25-S2	Evaluate addition of Health Dept processing assistant (mental health workload, King facility)			X		
25-S3	Evaluate addition of mental health provider (King facility)			X		
25-S5	Evaluate shelter attendant and/or rescue coordinator			X		
25-S8	Evaluate additional vehicle mechanic	X				
25-S9	Evaluate Planning & Inspections staffing (inspector vs planner)	X				

Evaluations and Projects that do not impact 5 Yr Financial Model



OFI #	Title/Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
25-S10	Evaluate addition of a custodian	X				
25-S11	Evaluate addition of a HR position	X				
25-S12	Evaluate addition a tax compliance review officer		X			
25-S14	Evaluate addition of a community paramedic		X			
25-S15	Evaluate addition of an IT position (tech vs security)	X				

Capital Replacement Plan -- Should not Impact 5 yr Financial Plan



OFI #	Title/Description	Cost	Year
25-C1	Replace front load solid waste truck (#138, 2016 model, 224,953 miles)	\$415K	27-28
25-C2	Replace transfer station scales	\$100K	26
25-C3	Replace two ambulances (financed?)(we have spoken for two that are in the pipeline due to long lead times)	\$612K	26-27
25-C4	Replace EMS Supervisor/medical examiner transport truck (240K miles)	\$200K	26-27
25-C5	Replace one ambulance	\$336K	27-28
25-C6	Replace one ambulance	\$369K	28-29
25-C7	Replace ventilators (EMS)	\$210K	29
25-C8	Replace one ambulance	\$406K	30
25-C9	Replace Lucas CPR devices	\$200K	30
25-C10	Replace one ambulance	\$447K	31

Tax Rates



- NCGS require that we conduct real property revaluation at least every four years
- Our revaluation process is nearly complete and, on average, real property has appreciated in value by roughly 41 percent over the last four years
- NCGS require that local governments identify the revenue neutral tax rate prior to adopting a new tax rate after each revaluation
- The revenue neutral tax rate for this revaluation is 0.5733 compared to the current combined tax rate of 0.71
- Adjusting the revenue neutral rate for the impact of inflation results in a rate of 0.6420

0.5733 ← ————— New Tax Rate ————— → 0.6420

Updated Five-Year Financial Forecast



This forecast reflects projected outcomes for our general fund (100) and our school capital fund (211) combined.

Between 0.5733 and 0.6420

Still working on these. Expect them to increase. May result in a slightly lower recommended tax rate.

	Budget	Forecast				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Population	46,353	46,605	46,802	46,955	47,075	47,168
Property Tax Rate	0.710	0.615	0.615	0.615	0.615	0.615
Operating Revenues						
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 36,201,391	\$ 40,597,531	\$ 41,838,930	\$ 43,496,715	\$ 45,220,519	\$ 47,134,492
Intergovernmental Revenues - (Restricted & Unrestricted)	14,321,006	11,986,006	12,179,432	12,376,727	12,577,968	12,783,234
Permits & Fees	592,083	598,004	598,004	598,004	598,004	598,004
Sales & Services	5,021,401	5,019,101	5,019,101	5,019,101	5,043,101	5,043,101
Other Operating Revenues	145,690	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000
Interest Income	750,150	997,634	1,022,620	946,770	997,890	955,478
Other Taxes & Licenses	10,264,000	10,461,500	10,662,950	10,868,429	11,078,018	11,291,798
Operating Revenues	67,295,721	69,839,775	71,501,037	73,485,747	75,695,499	77,986,107
Other Financing Sources (OFS)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total GF Revenues & OFS	\$ 67,295,721	\$ 69,839,775	\$ 71,501,037	\$ 73,485,747	\$ 75,695,499	\$ 77,986,107
Highlighted cells reflect "What If Scenarios" Decisions Tab						
Operating Expenditures						
Personnel in FTEs	362.0	365.0	367.0	367.0	367.0	367.0
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 27,403,114	\$ 30,292,209	\$ 31,873,454	\$ 33,322,433	\$ 34,871,934	\$ 36,402,969
Operating	25,186,037	24,311,708	25,467,723	24,334,677	25,016,071	25,532,092
Stokes County Public Schools	15,089,840	15,391,637	15,699,470	16,013,459	16,333,728	16,660,403
Debt Service	4,572,105	6,872,313	6,813,548	6,341,477	9,429,871	8,651,431
Contingency	350,000	357,000	364,140	371,423	378,851	386,428
Operating Expenditures	72,251,096	76,867,867	79,854,195	80,012,047	85,651,605	87,246,895
Other Financing Uses (OFU)	993,177	-	-	-	-	-
Total GF Expenditures & OFU	73,244,273	76,867,867	79,854,195	80,012,047	85,651,605	87,246,895
Revenues Over (Under) Exp	\$ (5,948,553)	\$ (7,028,092)	\$ (8,353,158)	\$ (6,526,300)	\$ (9,956,105)	\$ (9,260,788)

5 new FTEs

Proposed new elementary school

Updated Five-Year Financial Forecast Continued



	Budget	Forecast				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Projected Impact on Fund Balance in the General Fund:						
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 25,804,654	\$ 27,365,648	\$ 28,134,463	\$ 27,950,669	\$ 29,654,650	\$ 28,240,941
Budgeted Revenues Over (Under)						
Exp	(5,948,553)	(7,028,092)	(8,353,158)	(6,526,300)	(9,956,105)	(9,260,788)
Budget to Actual Variance ¹	7,509,547	7,796,907	8,169,363	8,230,282	8,542,396	8,831,419
Projected Revenues Over (Under)						
Expenditures	1,560,994	768,815	(183,794)	1,703,982	(1,413,709)	(429,369)
Projected Ending GF Bal	\$ 27,365,648	\$ 28,134,463	\$ 27,950,669	\$ 29,654,650	\$ 28,240,941	\$ 27,811,572
% of Total Budget	37.4%	36.6%	35.0%	37.1%	33.0%	31.9%
¹ Assumes actual operating revenues of 101% of budget and actual operating and salary expenditures of 87% of budget						
Revenue per Penny of Property Tax						
Rate	511,295.33	663,319.18	683,853.29	711,291.72	739,822.20	771,504.06
Tax Rate Needed to Balance Forecast						
		(1.16)	0.27	(2.40)	1.91	0.56
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Operating Margin	87%	87%	89%	87%	87%	88%
Debt Service as % of total exp	6.24%	8.94%	8.53%	7.93%	11.01%	9.92%
Policy Minimum for FB graph	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
* Operating Expense for FY 25-26 includes one-time amount of \$1,136,685 for Riverstreet Contract						

Projected annual end-of-year impact on combined fund balance (100 & 211)

Projected annual end-of year fund balance (100 & 211); fund balance for general fund may be slightly below policy minimum of 30% in the later years

Acceptable operating margins

Debt service slightly over 10%

What to do with the \$0.04 School Capital Fund Moving Forward



A) Continue to levy this funding separate from the general fund tax levy and keep two separate funds (100 & 211)

provides greater protection of and transparency for school capital funds to be used for their intended purposes

vs

B) Combine the levies and make the school capital fund an account within the general fund

Provides for less complicated accounting, but would require end of year resolutions to reserve excess funds for future school capital needs

C) Continue to dedicate \$0.04 to school capital

Helps to adjust for over a decade of significant construction cost inflation

vs

D) Change to something between revenue neutral and inflation adjusted revenue neutral

Allows for a slightly lower combined tax rate

Next Steps



- Feb 28: Revaluation expected to be completed
- March: Senior Budget Team reviews departmental level budgets with department heads
- Apr 14: Manager presents budget preview to the board and public
- May 12: Manager will present the proposed budget
- **May 15: School budget request deadline**
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