

**TENTATIVE AGENDA & MEETING NOTICE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018
8:30 A.M.**

**WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**

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AGENDA ITEM 2:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 18, 2018, Regular Meeting

September 18, 2018, Closed Session

DRAFT**MINUTES****WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting, as scheduled, on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the Watauga County Administration Building, Boone, North Carolina.

PRESENT: John Welch, Chairman
 Billy Kennedy, Vice-Chairman
 Jimmy Hodges, Commissioner
 Larry Turnbow, Commissioner
 Perry Yates, Commissioner
 Anthony di Santi, County Attorney
 Deron Geouque, County Manager
 Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

Chairman Welch thanked all emergency personnel as well as the Governor and Senator Ballard for their service during the recent weather events associated with Hurricane Florence.

Commissioner Yates opened with a prayer and Vice-Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the September 4, 2018, regular meeting and closed session minutes.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the September 4, 2018, regular meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the September 4, 2018, closed session minutes as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
 Nay-0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Welch called for additions and/or corrections to the September 18, 2018, agenda.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, moved to approve the September 18, 2018, agenda as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO UPGRADE AND PROFESSIONALIZE THE DOC WATSON MUSEUM AT THE HISTORIC COVE CREEK SCHOOL

Ms. Karen James, who is working with the Cove Creek Preservation & Development (CCP&D), stated that she planned to apply for a grant through the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area. If awarded, the funds would be used to hire a Museum Consultant to review the available space and develop a master plan to ensure the feasibility of enhancing the Doc Watson Museum in the Historic Cove Creek School. The grant requires a partner funds 50% of the grant award amount. Ms. James requested Watauga County partner by committing to provide \$15,000. The grant application is due on October 1, 2018, and requires the commitment at the time of the submission. Discussion was held regarding this being an appropriate request for the Tourism Development Authority (TDA); however, the TDA's next meeting is October 9, 2018, which is after the October 1 deadline.

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, moved to commit, contingent upon Ms. James receiving the grant award, a match of half of the grant, in the amount of \$15,000, with the Board of Commissioners to discuss with the Tourism Development Authority where best for the funds to be allocated from.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ROAP) GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST

Mr. Craig Hughes, AppalCART Director, presented the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application for FY 2019. Watauga County was awarded \$157,297 which is down slightly from last year's funding. The grant does not require a local match.

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to approve the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) grant application for FY 2019 and accept the funds to be awarded in the amount of \$157,297.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

TAX MATTERS

A. Monthly Collections Report

Tax Administrator, Mr. Larry Warren, presented the Tax Collections Report for the month of August 2018. The report was presented for information only and, therefore, no action was required.

B. Refunds and Releases

Mr. Warren presented the Refunds and Releases Report for August 2018 for Board approval:

TO BE TYPED IN MINUTE BOOK

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, moved to approve the Refunds and Releases Report for August 2018 as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER MATTERS

A. Proposed Resolution Approving A Contract and A Deed of Trust and The Delivery Thereof and Providing for Certain Other Related Matters

County Manager Geouque stated that a public hearing was held to allow citizen input on the proposed financing of the Community Recreation Center on August 21, 2018. In order for the project to continue forward, Board action is required to approve the enclosed resolution authorizing a contract, deed of trust, and the delivery thereof and providing for certain related matters. The resolution states that the County will not finance more than \$20,000,000 for the project.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Yates, moved to adopt the resolution as presented.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

B. Community Recreation Center Update

Mr. Chad Roberson, Clark Nexsen, introduced Mr. David Fey, Project Manager, and Mr. Matt Johnson, Construction Manager, and gave an update on the progress of the new Community Recreation Center. A video illustrating a walk-through of the new facility was shown. Mr. Roberson stated that tariffs were affecting project costs. Pre-qualification of trade partners were ongoing. Mr. Johnson stated that the project has gone through fourteen months of work resulting in three detailed estimates. Eighteen supply houses have been visited locally, within a fifty mile radius, and there has been fifteen percent minority participation thus far.

Mr. Roberson stated that the Local Government Commission's (LGC) push for information has resulted in the project being pushed ahead by three months with an anticipated substantially complete date of March 2020. This presentation was given as information only.

C. Community Recreation Center GMP

Mr. Chad Roberson presented the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Community Recreation Center as required by the contract and provided Change Order #1 to Harper Corporation's existing contract for Board consideration. Change Order #1 for the GMP includes Clarifications, Schedule of Values, General Conditions Itemized Costs, weather assumptions, and Preliminary Project Schedule. Additionally, the Total Project Budget indicating budgetary items necessary for the successful completion of the project includes the following:

- owner contingency
- architectural fees
- engineering fees
- building permit fees
- bid contingency
- special inspections budget
- survey costs
- technology/equipment budget
- furniture, fixture and equipment budget

Mr. Roberson stated that the building will be turnkey and ready for operations at completion.

The proposed Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is \$32,937,626 with a total project budget of \$38,547,395.78. The difference between the Schematic total project budget and GMP is \$3,600,178.40.

There are two options for handling the increase:

Option 1 is to reduce the scope of the project. Should the Board choose this option the only way to reduce the cost by \$3.6 million is delete two of the gyms and construct them at a later date. This option would also reduce the walking track and will cost more to construct in the future.

Option 2 would be to appropriate the additional funds necessary from the general fund balance. A \$3.6 million fund balance allocation would leave the County with an unaudited fund balance in the range of 30%-33% which is well above the required amount.

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the Community Recreation Center in the amount of \$32,937,626.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Vice-Chairman Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to approve Change Order # 1 for a total project budget of \$38,547,395.78 with the additional \$3.6 million to cover the increase to be allocated from the general fund balance.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Announcements

County Manager Geouque announced that the Trustees of Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute (CCC&TI) invited the Board of Commissioners to a meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at the Watauga Instructional Facility on Hwy 105 Bypass, Boone NC, in Room 112.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:29 P.M., Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to enter Closed Session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(3), and Land Acquisition, per G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5)(i).

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

Commissioner Yates, seconded by Commissioner Turnbow, moved to resume the open meeting at 7:25 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

ADJOURN

Commissioner Turnbow, seconded by Vice-Chairman Kennedy, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

VOTE: Aye-5
Nay-0

John Welch, Chairman

ATTEST:
Anita J. Fogle, Clerk to the Board

AGENDA ITEM 3:

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2018, AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 4:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE RADIO PURCHASE REQUEST

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

The Sheriff's Office will request to purchase six (6) new radios for patrol vehicles. The radios will be placed in newly purchased vehicles for the current fiscal year. The cost per radio is \$4,319.17 for a total cost of \$25,915.00.

Adequate funds are included in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget to cover the expenditure. Board action is required to authorize the purchase of the six (6) new radios in the amount of \$25,915.00.

Board action is required to award the bid.



WATAUGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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LEN D. HAGAMAN, JR.
SHERIFF



12 September 2018

To: Deron Geouque- Watauga County Manager

From: Captain Kelly Redmon

Ref: Radio Purchase FY 2018-19

The Watauga County Sheriff's Office request Board of County Commission approval to purchase 6 new radios for patrol cars that have been approved in the 2018-19 FY Budget.

The cost per radio is \$4,319.17 each. These will be installed in the new patrol vehicles that have been approved for purchase this year.

Motorola Solutions
 4800 REAGAN DRIVE
 CHARLOTTE, NC 28206

Quotation

Quote Number: 100216 BCC Meeting
 Consultant: Randy Heaton
 Date of Quote: July 17, 2018

Customer:		Ship To:	
Watauga County Sheriff's Dept 184 Hodges Gap Road Boone, North Carolina Attn Captain Kelly Redmon		Same	
Tax Exempt Number:			
TERMS: Net 30 days ARO			
SHIP: best way		ph. 828-455-2904	
Page 1		e-mail rheaton@wirelessnc.com	
ph			
e-mail:			

Line	Qty.	Model number	Description	unit price	extended
1	6	M37TXS9PW1AN	Motorola APX8500 dual band high power mobile with 7/800mhz VIPER channels activated in radio	\$25,915.00	\$25,915.00
	3				

Sub-Total: \$25,914.00

Additional Information		
	FCC/LIC REQ.	
	Deliver:	
	Ship:	x
	Install:	
	Prog on File	
	SVC Visit Req	
	CWO/COD	
Client Approval:	X	Date:

Consultant:	Randy Heaton	Date:
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e-mail: rheaton@wirelessnc.com

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AGENDA ITEM 5:

PRESENTATION ON PRITZKER INITIATIVE

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

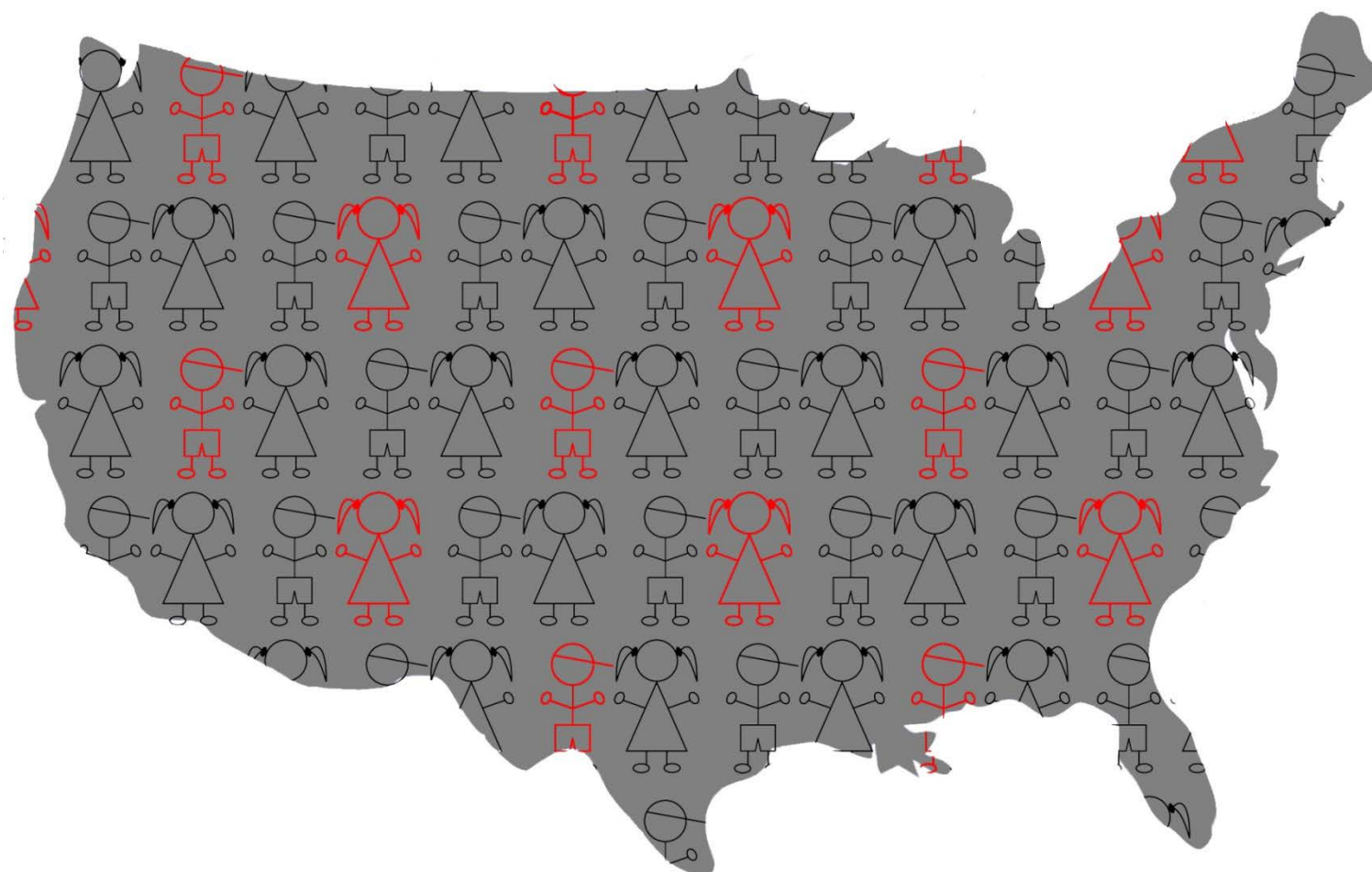
Ms. Crystal Kelly will update the Board on the Pritzker Children's Initiative and methods for local financing of early childhood system building. At this time, staff is of the understanding that the presentation is for information only and no direct request for action has been made.

Pritzker Children's Initiative



KINDERGARTEN READINESS

NATIONAL STATISTICS

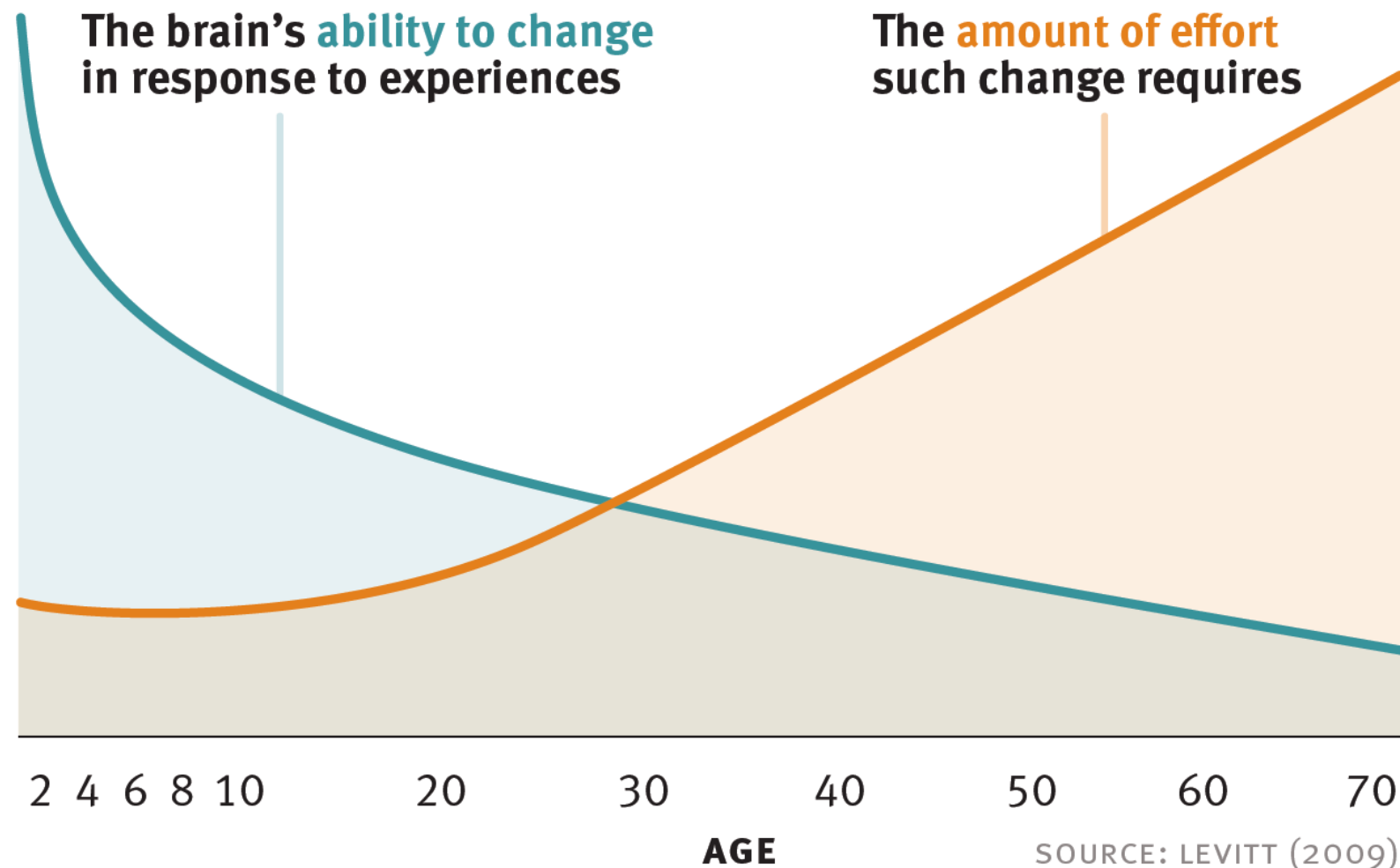


1-in-4 children will arrive in their first classroom unprepared for their K-12 education



BRAIN SCIENCE

THE DEVELOPING BRAIN



- Brains are built over time from the bottom up.
- In the first three years, a child's brain has up to twice as many synapses as it will have in adulthood.
- Early experiences shape brain development.
- The brain's ability to change over time decreases.

Center on the Developing Child  HARVARD UNIVERSITY

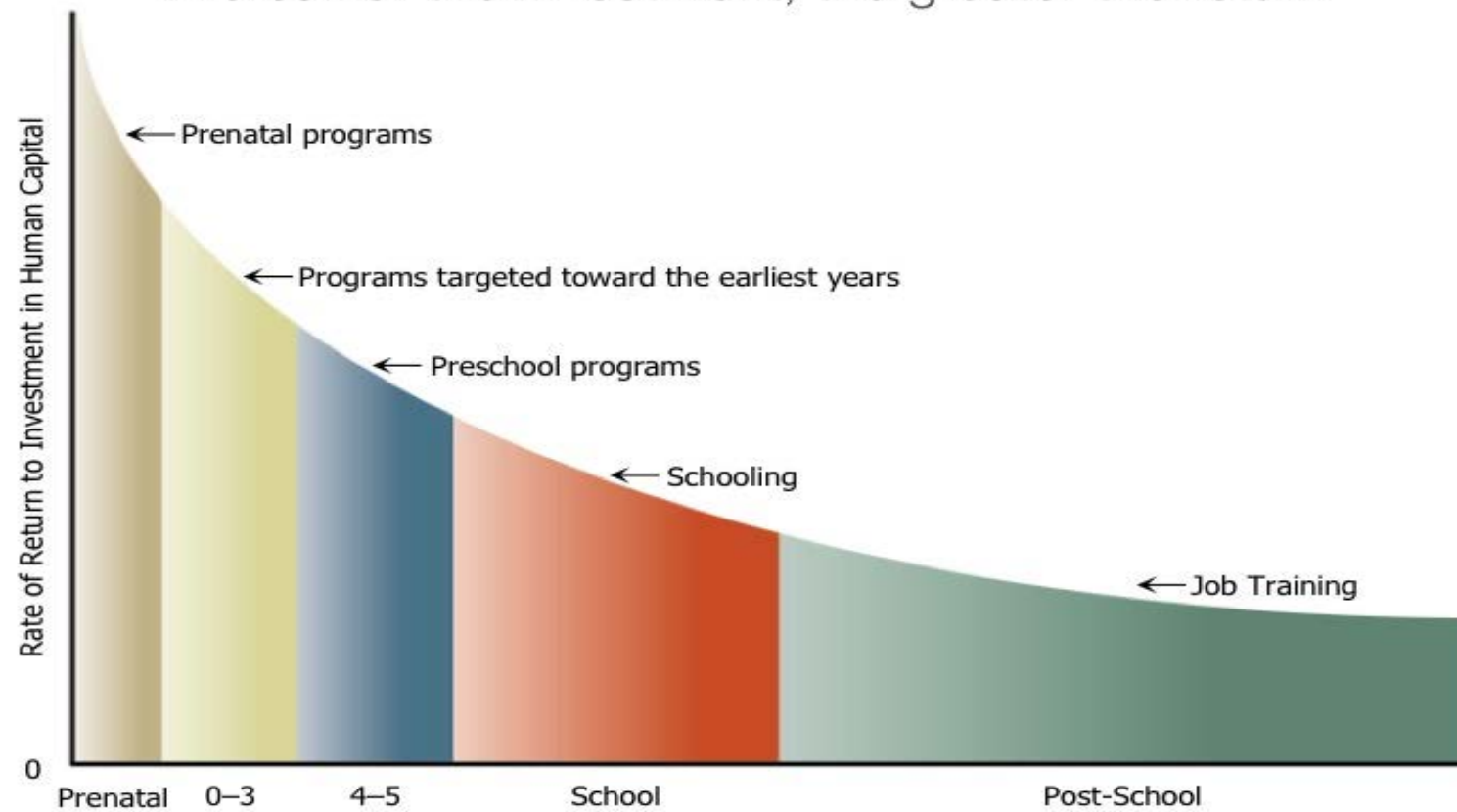
www.developingchild.harvard.edu

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

A GOOD INVESTMENT

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A **SMART INVESTMENT**

The earlier the investment, the greater the return



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

- Investments in high-quality early childhood education drives a 13% per year return on investment.
- Child development is a foundation for community development and economic development, as capable children become the foundation of a prosperous and sustainable society.
- All aspects of adult human capital, from workforce skills to cooperative and lawful behavior, build on capacities that are developed during childhood, beginning at birth.

COUNTIES MATTER

NACo CHARGE

“Ages 0-3 is where counties can make the most difference, move the needle on addressing poverty in the United States... raise awareness about the county role in addressing poverty, advocate for federal policies & support.” Hon. Roy Charles Brooks, NACo President



COUNTIES MATTER

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Counties play a critical role in addressing the needs of our nation's youngest residents. They administer a wide-range of early childhood programs and services, which may include:

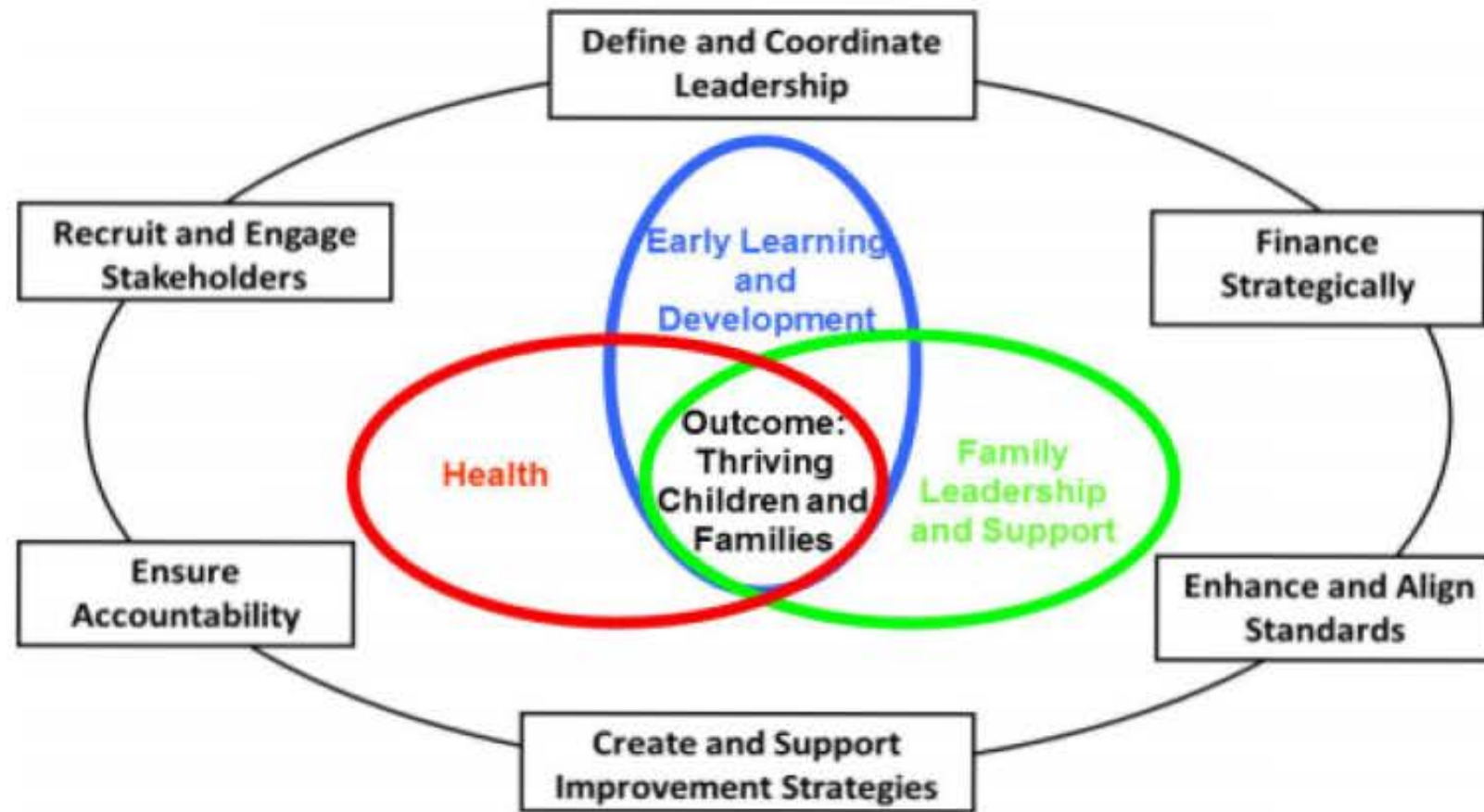
- Child welfare services
- Foster care and adoption
- Safe Baby and/or Juvenile Courts
- Bullying prevention
- Child passenger safety
- Child health and nutrition services
- Immunizations
- Developmental and behavioral health screenings and consultation
- Prenatal care and maternal health screenings and services
- Early Intervention services
- Early Head Start, Head Start and/or Universal Pre-K
- Child care regulation and inspection
- Technical assistance to child care providers
- Child care subsidies
- Home visiting services
- Youth programs at community recreation centers
- Early literacy programs
- STEM/STEAM programs
- Parent education classes and positive parenting support
- Federally mandated programs, such as WIC, CHIP and Medicaid



COUNTIES MATTER

EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEMS

What are the Functions of a Comprehensive Early Childhood System?



Graphic: The Build Initiative

PCI Strategy

STRATEGY

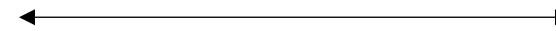
PRITZKER CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE (PCI)



Communities

NACo, NLC, CSSP,
NICHQ, StriveTogether

Other Strategic
Partners



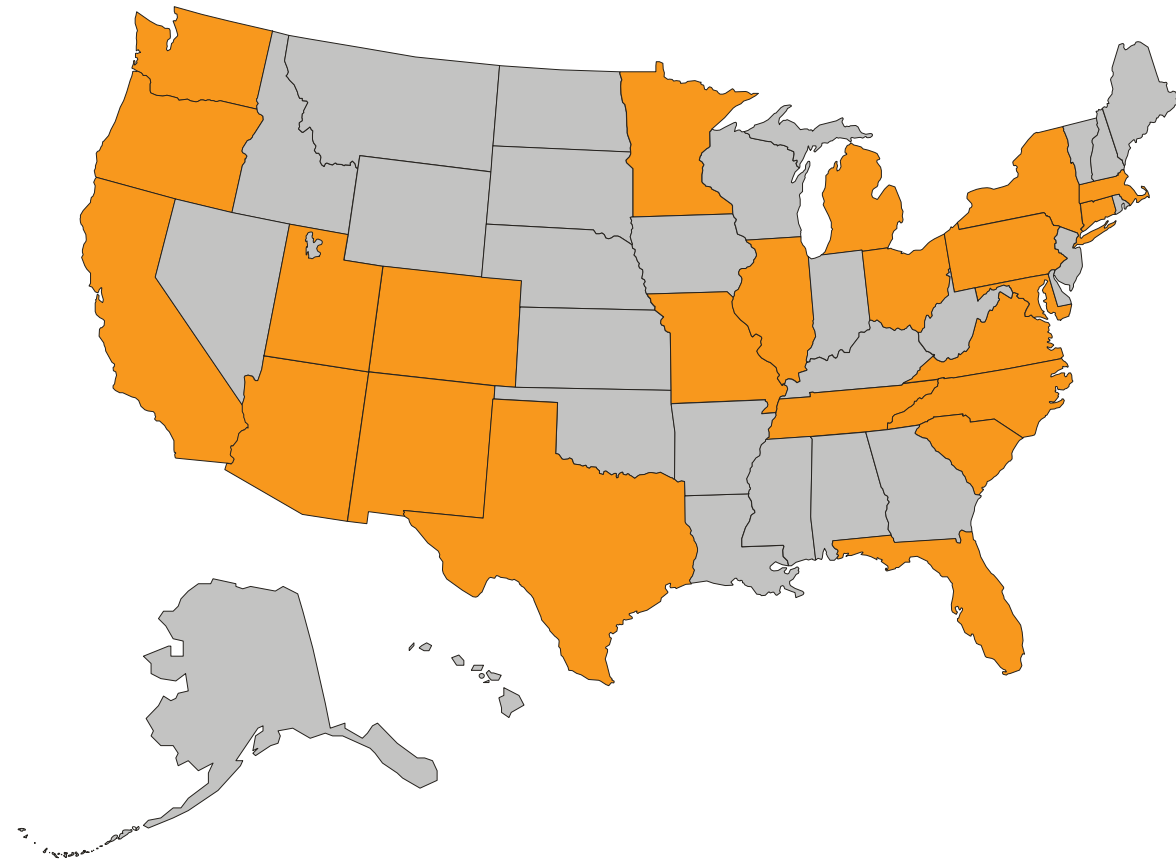
States

State Governments, State Associations,
National Organizations
for Policy and Advocacy



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

A NETWORK



- Tarrant County (TX)
- Watauga County (NC)
- Dauphin County (PA)
- Champaign County (IL)
- Washington County (VA)
- Pierce County (WA)
- Boone County (MO)
- Ramsey County (MN)



- Boston (MA)
- Denver (CO)
- Flagler and Volusia (FL)
- Guilford (NC)
- Multnomah (OR)
- Onondaga (NY)
- Ventura (CA)
- Los Angeles (CA)
- Kent (MI)
- Orange (CA)



- Tucson (AZ)
- Albuquerque (NM)
- Norwalk (CT)
- Salt Lake City (UT)
- Memphis (TN)
- Spartanburg (SC)



CITIES STRONG TOGETHER

- Austin (TX)
- Baltimore (MD)
- Cleveland (OH)
- Chattanooga (TN)
- Denver (CO)
- Minneapolis (MN)



SORENSEN IMPACT



NACo Strategy

STRATEGY



PRITZKER CHILDREN'S IMPACT NETWORK

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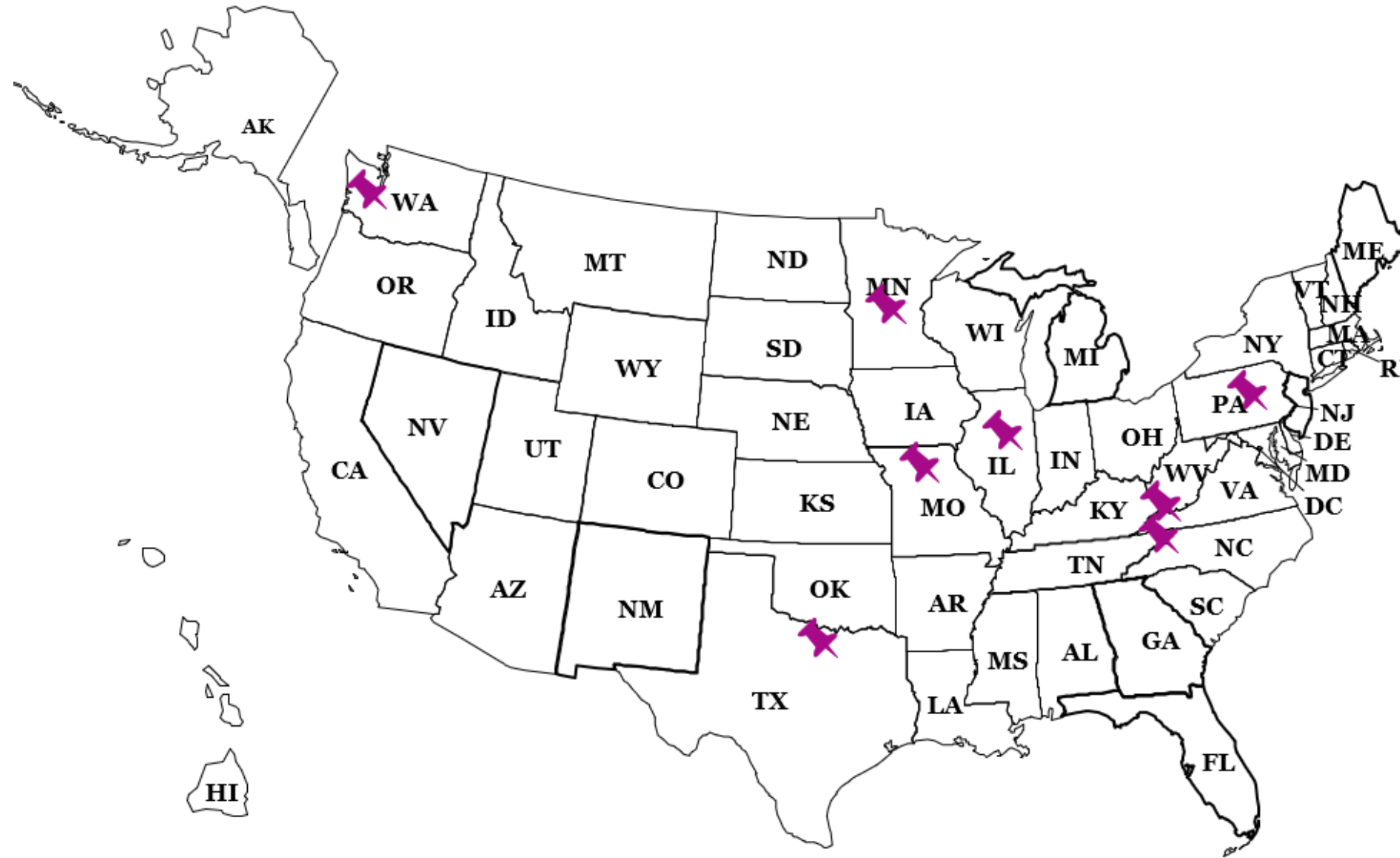
“The National Association of Counties is proud to partner with the Pritzker Children’s Initiative in our joint effort to improve kindergarten readiness.

We applaud the pioneering work of the counties named in today’s announcement. County leaders will leave no stone unturned in our goal to build healthy, vibrant, safe communities for our residents – and the best path to success starts early. With the Pritzker Children’s Initiative, we will strengthen early childhood systems, collaborate across diverse experiences and build strong futures for kids today.”

NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase

PRITZKER CHILDREN'S IMPACT NETWORK

NACo INAUGURAL COHORT SITE MAP



Boone County, MO; Pierce County, WA; Tarrant County, TX; Champaign County, IL; Ramsey County, MN;
Watauga County, NC; Washington County, VA; Dauphin County, PA



THREE FOCUS AREAS

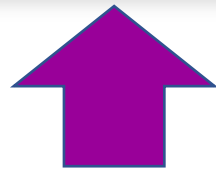
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NACo THEORY OF CHANGE

STRATEGY

LONG-TERM COMMUNITY OUTCOME
 Resilient children thrive in their environments
 and enter Kindergarten with the foundation necessary to succeed.



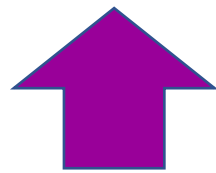
GOAL 2
 County leaders act as change catalysts in support of the healthy development of their tiniest residents.

Why Is This Important?

- Counties can utilize resources and increased knowledge to generate support, take action, and serve as local and national models.

Strategies to Support Goal 2:

- Create a resolution template and outreach strategy for counties to pass at the local level with the purpose of prioritizing early childhood initiatives and investments within their county;
- Create urban, suburban, and rural early childhood committees meeting for the purpose of sharing best practices, evidence-based models and sparking innovation; and
- Work intimately with select counties in the Pritzker Children’s Impact Network (PCIN) cohort to provide customized technical assistance, which includes activities such as: establishing a early childhood stakeholder group, conducting a needs assessment, setting goals, and adopting a results-oriented approach.



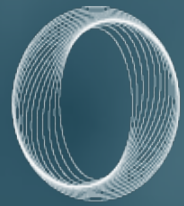
GOAL 1
 Counties leaders are armed with the knowledge, tools and resources necessary to build and sustain strong early childhood systems.

Why Is This Important?

- Counties are knowledgeable about brain science, return on investment, impact on outcomes, child development milestones, the PCI focus areas, the various components of a strong early childhood system, and evidence-based programs and services that promote a strong foundation. They are able to utilize the information to strengthen their early childhood systems.

Strategies to Support Goal 1:

- Workshops, webinars, publications, blogs and resources, tools and modules contained on the On Ramp website to strengthen early childhood systems, programs, and services.



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David Eccles
School of Business
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Pritzker Children's Initiative Fellows Program

The Fellows Program



Why a Fellows Program?

- Build catalytic leadership capacity in communities in order to develop and drive implementation of an ambitious prenatal to age three (PN-3) agenda.
- Meet the need for dedicated staff, **particularly with community credibility and a significant level of experience**, to catalyze and sustain community efforts.
- Identify and support community leaders and develop a critical mass of birth to three leadership.

WATAUGA COUNTY PLAN

PRIORITIES OF FELLOWSHIP

1. Develop a comprehensive plan for the integration of (1) local accreditation program for early childhood providers AND (2) universal assessment and referral system.
2. Develop a collective impact model for becoming a trauma-informed community.
3. Build a community coalition to develop a local financing plan for early childhood.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Supportive Families
- Healthy Beginnings
- Early Childhood System Building

NEXT STEPS

CALL TO ACTION FOR WATAUGA COUNTY

1. Engage stakeholders to develop action plan.
2. Address intergenerational poverty and identify key points for upstream interventions.
3. County leadership adopting early childhood as a priority for Watauga County.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

- Supportive Families
- Healthy Beginnings
- Early Childhood System Building

Local Financing for Early Childhood System Building

Shared Agreement for Watauga County

The following community partners participated in a one day intensive Local Financing training sponsored by the North Carolina Early Childhood Foundation designed to learn about local financing options for early learning in NC, how to prepare a funding initiative and how to assess our community's readiness to do so.

They agreed to serve as representatives and to have continued work and conversations to implement strategies to create a sustainable, long term plan for early childhood financing for our community.

Crystal Kelly, Executive Director, *Children's Council of Watauga County*
 David Jackson, President, *Boone Chamber of Commerce*
 Joe Furman, Director, *Watauga County Planning and Economic Development*
 Gary Childers, Executive Director, *High Country United Way and Board member WCS*
 Gary Moss, Ameriprise Financial, *Business Representative*
 Athalia Whitworth, Small Business Owner, *Parent Representative*
 Denise Brewer, Interim Chair, *Child and Family Studies Appalachian State University*
 Billy Kennedy, County Commissioner, *Watauga County*
 Marshall Ashcraft, *Former Smart Start Director and WCS Employee*
 Mary Scott, Program and Outreach Coordinator, *Children's Council of Watauga County*

Specifically, this Community Agreement serves as a platform to show support and the cross-sector interest and collaboration to address the need for local funding specifically for early childhood initiatives in Watauga County. By signing this agreement, I am supportive of the Children's Council's request for local funds to be allocated to early childhood programs and services in Watauga County.

In addition, participants commit to fostering dialogue and action within their personal and professional sphere that can result in increased opportunities for all children, and especially those from vulnerable communities. **They have agreed to meet at least 4 times over the next 18 months to plan and analyze local financing options and make recommendations for consideration.**

IN BRIEF | THE IMPACT OF EARLY ADVERSITY ON CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT

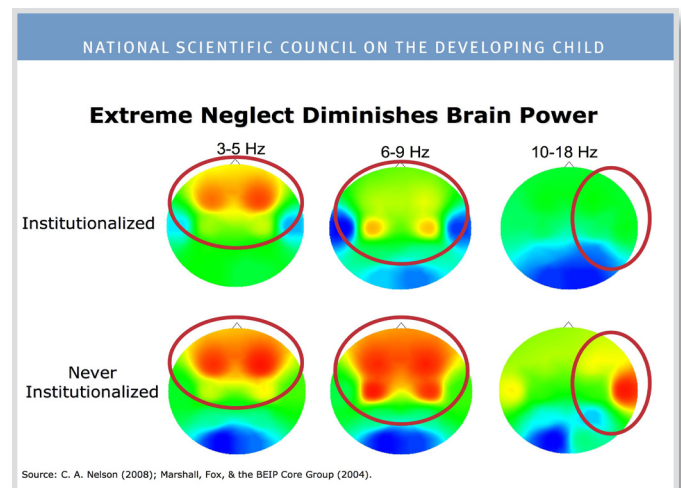
A series of brief summaries of the scientific presentations at the National Symposium on Early Childhood Science and Policy.

What happens in early childhood can matter for a lifetime. To successfully manage our society's future, we must recognize problems and address them before they get worse. In early childhood, research on the biology of stress shows how major adversity, such as extreme poverty, abuse, or neglect can weaken developing brain architecture and permanently set the body's stress response system on high alert. Science also shows that providing stable, responsive, nurturing relationships in the earliest years of life can prevent or even reverse the damaging effects of early life stress, with lifelong benefits for learning, behavior, and health.

1 Early experiences influence the developing brain. From the prenatal period through the first years of life, the brain undergoes its most rapid development, and early experiences determine whether its architecture is sturdy or fragile. During early sensitive periods of development, the brain's circuitry is most open to the influence of external experiences, for better or for worse. During these *sensitive periods*, healthy emotional and cognitive development is shaped by responsive, dependable interaction with adults, while chronic or extreme adversity can interrupt normal brain development. For example, children who were placed shortly after birth into orphanages with conditions of severe neglect show dramatically decreased brain activity compared to children who were never institutionalized.

2 Chronic stress can be toxic to developing brains. Learning how to cope with adversity is an important part of healthy child development. When we are threatened, our bodies activate a variety of physiological responses, including increases in heart rate, blood pressure, and stress hormones such as cortisol. When a young child is protected by supportive relationships

with adults, he learns to cope with everyday challenges and his stress response system returns to baseline. Scientists call this *positive stress*. *Tolerable stress* occurs when more serious difficulties, such as the loss of a loved one, a natural disaster, or a frightening injury, are buffered by caring adults who help the child adapt, which mitigates the potentially damaging effects of



The brain's activity can be measured in electrical impulses—here, “hot” colors like red or orange indicate more activity, and each column shows a different kind of brain activity. Young children institutionalized in poor conditions show much less than the expected activity.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- The basic principles of neuroscience indicate that providing supportive and positive conditions for early childhood development is more effective and less costly than attempting to address the consequences of early adversity later. Policies and programs that identify and support children and families who are most at risk for experiencing toxic stress as early as possible will reduce or avoid the need for more costly and less effective remediation and support programs down the road.
- From pregnancy through early childhood, all of the environments in which children live and learn, and the quality of their relationships with adults and caregivers, have a significant impact on their cognitive, emotional, and social development. A wide range of policies, including those directed toward early care and education, child protective services, adult mental health, family economic supports, and many other areas, can promote the safe, supportive environments and stable, caring relationships that children need.

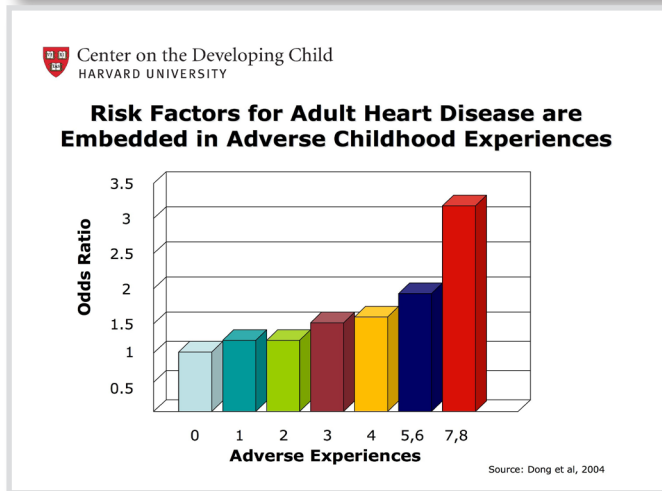
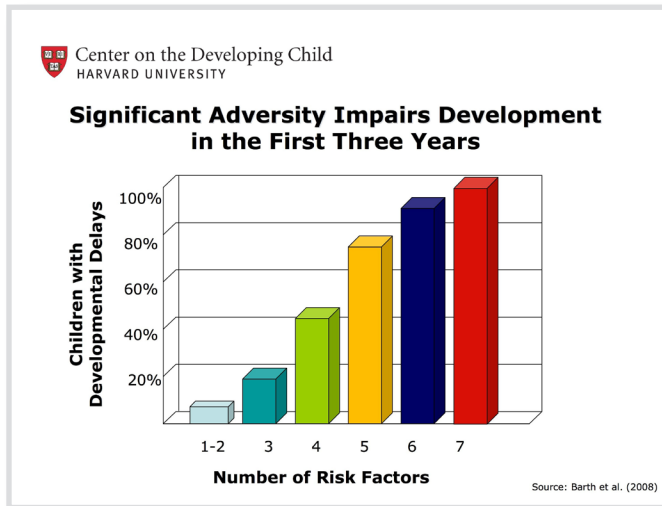
abnormal levels of stress hormones. When strong, frequent, or prolonged adverse experiences such as extreme poverty or repeated abuse are experienced without adult support, stress becomes *toxic*, as excessive cortisol disrupts developing brain circuits.

3 Significant early adversity can lead to lifelong problems. Toxic stress experienced early in life and common precipitants of toxic stress—such as poverty, abuse or neglect, parental substance abuse or mental illness, and exposure to violence—can have a cumulative toll on an individual’s physical

and mental health. The more adverse experiences in childhood, the greater the likelihood of developmental delays and other problems. Adults with more adverse experiences in early childhood are also more likely to have health problems, including alcoholism, depression, heart disease, and diabetes.

4 Early intervention can prevent the consequences of early adversity. Research shows that later interventions are likely to be less successful—and in some cases are ineffective. For example, when the same children who experienced extreme neglect were placed in responsive foster care families before age two, their IQs increased more substantially and their brain activity and attachment relationships were more likely to become normal than if they were placed after the age of two. While there is no “magic age” for intervention, it is clear that, in most cases, intervening as early as possible is significantly more effective than waiting.

5 Stable, caring relationships are essential for healthy development. Children develop in an environment of relationships that begin in the home and include extended family members, early care and education providers, and members of the community. Studies show that toddlers who have secure, trusting relationships with parents or non-parent caregivers experience minimal stress hormone activation when frightened by a strange event, and those who have insecure relationships experience a significant activation of the stress response system. Numerous scientific studies support these conclusions: providing supportive, responsive relationships as early in life as possible can prevent or reverse the damaging effects of toxic stress.



As the number of adverse early childhood experiences mounts, so does the risk of developmental delays (top). Similarly, adult reports of cumulative, adverse experiences in early childhood correlate to a range of lifelong problems in physical and mental health—in this case, heart disease (bottom).

For more information, see “The Science of Early Childhood Development” and the Working Paper series from the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child.

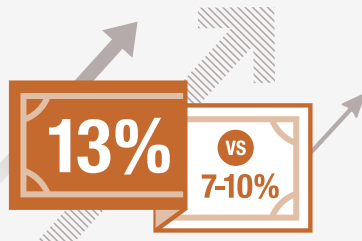
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Quality birth-to-five early childhood education delivers the greatest return on investment.



HIGHER RETURNS THAN PRESCHOOL ALONE Every dollar invested in high-quality birth-to-five early childhood education for disadvantaged children delivers a 13% annual return on investment, significantly higher than the 7-10% return delivered by preschool alone.

THERE IS NO FADEOUT Unlike other early childhood programs, ABC/CARE shows lasting gains in IQ. Lasting boosts in cognition and socio-emotional skills drive better education, health, social and economic outcomes.



QUALITY PROGRAMS ARE COMPREHENSIVE Starting from birth, integrating early health and nutrition with early learning, providing reliable child care and having a developmentally focused program delivered by nurturing teachers and skilled professionals lead to better outcomes.

CHILD CARE HELPS MOMS Quality care and learning provided five days a week for five years gave ABC/CARE mothers the time to enter the workforce, build skills and advance careers and income—while their children gained the skills to become productive adults. The program pays for itself within five years just based on income gains among mothers who re-enter the work force.



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It pays to invest in comprehensive, high-quality, birth-to-five early childhood education. **Learn more at www.heckmanequation.org.**



Making the Case for Birth to Three

Messages to support policies and programs that ensure every infant and toddler has the support they need to build a strong foundation for success in school and life.

The National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), a program of the Pritzker Children's Initiative, partnered with bi-partisan research team Hart Research and Echelon Insights, to conduct qualitative research with engaged citizens and policy leaders. Discussions focused on participants' perceptions of the first three years of a child's life, beliefs about what is needed to support healthy development and the role state and local governments play in supporting families. Based on the research findings, NCIT is offering the following message framework to help make the case for investments in programs that support children from birth to three.

Core Message

A child's brain develops faster from birth to age three than at any later period in life, building the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health. Parents play the lead role in their child's healthy development, but all parents are stretched in the earliest months and years of their child's life. Communities and governments can provide parents with support they may need at this especially critical and stressful time. Policies and programs should ensure healthy beginnings at birth, support families with young children and make high-quality child care and learning environments more accessible and affordable to all parents who want them. When we support them in their earliest years, infants grow into healthy kids who are confident, empathetic and ready for school and life—and our communities, workforce and economy become stronger and more productive. That is why it is so important to start early and advance programs and policies that promote healthy development.

Supporting Messages

- **A child's experiences in the first three years are the bricks and mortar of brain development.**

The brain develops faster from birth to age three than at any later period in life, building the foundation for all future learning, behavior and health.

- **Parents are a child's most important caregiver and play the lead role in their child's healthy development.**

All families with young children—especially first-time parents, those with both parents in the labor force and those without extended family nearby—are stretched for time and resources.

High-quality child care is often unavailable or unaffordable for parents who need it, and many are not connected to networks or early care supports that can offer guidance and confidence to navigate the earliest months and years.

- **Communities and governments can provide families with support they may need at an especially critical and stressful time.**

Programs and policies should start early to ensure healthy beginnings at birth, support families with infants and toddlers and make high-quality child care and learning environments more accessible and affordable to all.

- **When infants and toddlers get what their growing brains need, they become healthy kids who are confident, empathetic and ready for school and life.**

Research shows that when we invest in the first three years of a child's life the returns for the community are the highest, and we can reduce the need for more expensive interventions later.

Programs and policies that support healthy brain development from birth to age three result in better social, economic and health outcomes and build a more productive workforce that strengthens our economy now and in the future.

The National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers is committed to advancing policies and programs that ensure families have the support they need to give their infants and toddlers the foundation for a strong start in life. Funded by the Pritzker Children's Initiative, a program of the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation, this effort brings together national partners, early childhood leaders, policymakers and practitioners inside and outside state and local government to create and strengthen promising policies and programs and share what works so that more states and communities can support the healthy development of our youngest children.

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Watauga County announces new Pritzker Fellow with a focus on ensuring families have the support they need to provide infants and toddlers with a strong start in life

Crystal Kelly of Boone, North Carolina selected for prestigious new national fellowship program

Boone, NC – Sept. 20, 2018 – Crystal Kelly was selected to join a dozen other community leaders nationwide for the inaugural cohort of the Pritzker Fellows Program. The fellows, with expertise across the fields of pediatric medicine, social work, child care and mental health services, were selected to lead their community’s unique efforts to advance policies and programs focused on increasing the availability of high quality programs and services for infants and toddlers from birth to age three.

The program aims to build a network of strong leaders nationwide who will lead community-based efforts focused on the first three years of life when rapid periods of brain development are critical for a child’s later success.

Each community is being awarded up to \$150,000 for two years to support the creation of a two-year fellow position to be a dedicated leader for birth to three initiatives in Watauga County. The fellow will direct efforts to building a coordinated, early childhood system and local financing stream for early childhood initiatives that include a high quality early care and education accreditation program for local child care programs and universal home visiting for new families . As a condition for the grant, the Children’s Council of Watauga County will contribute 50-percent matching funds for the first year, and 100-percent matching for the second year.

Fellows are deeply embedded in communities and will be working directly with early childhood leaders, and local policymakers and practitioners to create, implement and sustain ambitious communitywide birth to three action plans to support the healthy development of Watauga County’s youngest children. The fellows will also be part of a dynamic cohort who together will have the opportunity to learn from one another as well as other state and national birth to three leaders through their participation in the program. The ongoing work of the cohort will be managed by The Sorenson Impact Center, housed at the University of Utah’s David Eccles School of Business.

Crystal Kelly has served as the Executive Director of the Children’s Council for the past seven years and has extensive experience of bringing together the early care and education community, as well as businesses, school systems, families, and stakeholders to make positive decisions for young children and their families. She brings a strong commitment to equity, diversity, and cultural competence in early childhood system building. This fellowship will provide national resources and support to Watauga County to execute an ambitious local plan for increasing access for high quality prenatal to three services.

The Pritzker Fellows Program is part of the recently-launched National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers (NCIT), a nationwide effort to prioritize a strong start for infants and toddlers by ensuring a healthy start at birth, stronger support of families with infants and toddlers and expanded access to high-quality care and learning environments. As part of the effort, The National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, Center for the Study of Social Policy, National Institute for Children’s Health Quality (NICHQ) and StriveTogether are working with community partners in 29 communities that are demonstrating a commitment to increasing high-quality programs and services for children from birth to age 3.

The National Association of Counties is working directly with the Children’s Council of Watauga County and Watauga County Commissioners to support Crystal’s early childhood work. NCIT is funded by the Pritzker Children’s Initiative, a project of the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation, which supports solutions in early childhood development birth to age 3.

“Crystal is remarkable at bringing different people and organizations together around a common agenda. She can do this because she is highly respected, uses data and knowledge to build support, and has a proven track record for being able to develop and implement effective programs through red tape. Crystal is a remarkable leader and is the perfect match for the Fellows program and objectives.” -- Gary Childers, High Country United Way Executive Director

Watauga County and the Children’s Council understands that the benefits of investing in infants and toddlers can be profound. With an estimated 3 million of the nation’s youngest children at risk of reaching kindergarten not ready to learn, Watauga County is working to provide families with support they may need at an especially critical and stressful time. Investments in high-quality programs are critical in helping more children become ready for school and more confident, empathetic, contributing members of their communities.

“I am honored and excited to be selected as a Pritzker Fellow with the primary objective to bring a laser focus to the care and nurturing of our youngest children. I embrace the vision of a community that truly nurtures and supports children and families. This opportunity allows for the development of a comprehensive plan that supports pregnant mothers and wraps all children in care and support, beginning at birth. I deeply believe that this change is possible and through grassroots activation coupled with local private and public investment we can build an innovative and coordinated early childhood system for the prenatal to three population in our community. I look forward to working with community members, parents, and our government leaders to strengthen our collective commitment to young children and their families” Crystal Kelly, Pritzker Fellow, Children’s Council of Watauga County

About The Children’s Council

*Established in 1977, the Children's Council of Watauga County, Inc. builds upon the strengths of children, families, and educators by investing resources, information, and training toward promoting the future health and success of our greatest community asset: Our Children. All of the programs, from prenatal to age 12, concentrate on child development to prepare children **to be ready to succeed in school**. Through family support, early literacy programs, child care technical assistance & professional development, and community outreach & collaboration we focus on the importance of each child. We are committed to our vision of a community where every child has the support to live a healthy, happy life. We work to*

build a strong foundation for children's learning and development by strengthening families, the early childhood system, and the wider community.

About The National Collaborative for Infants and Toddlers

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AGENDA ITEM 6:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR CIP RESERVE FUNDS, LONG TERM CIP FUNDS, AND LOTTERY FUNDS

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Dr. Scott Elliott, Watauga County School Superintendent, will request the release of funds from the County CIP Reserve and Education Lottery Fund. A total amount of \$1,028,500 is being requested. \$716,500 is being requested from the CIP Reserve for various projects. The CIP Reserve funds will be released on a reimbursement basis. \$312,000 is being requested from the Education Lottery proceeds.

Board approval is required.



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TO: Misty Watson, Finance Director
Watauga County

FROM: Ly Marze, Finance Officer
Watauga County Schools

DATE: September 27, 2018

RE: CIP Reserve Funds, Long Term CIP Funds, and Lottery Funds Request

Watauga County Schools respectfully requests the release of \$716,500 from the CIP Reserve Funds for the following projects:

<u>2018-19 Projects</u>		<u>2017-18 Carryover Projects</u>	
Classroom Presentation Technology	\$ 79,500	Sealant to Track at WHS	\$ 35,000
Facilities – Furniture/Equipment	58,500	Staff Vehicle Replacements	21,500
Roof Maintenance	45,000	Total	\$ 56,500
Security Cameras	75,000		
Door Replacements	20,000		
HVAC / Sewer Pump Replacements	10,000		
Gym Floor Replacements	75,000		
School Kitchen/Cafeteria Equipment	60,000		
Flood Remediation – Valle Crucis	37,000		
Pre-K Start Up – Bethel	40,000		
Pavement Repair	160,000		
Total	\$ 660,000		

Watauga County Schools respectfully requests the approval of the attached applications for state Lottery funding for the following projects:

<u>2018-19 Projects</u>		<u>2017-18 Carryover Projects</u>	
Double Entry Vestibule System	\$ 145,000	Roof Renovations	\$ 167,000

Thank you for your continued support of Watauga County Schools.

**APPLICATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY**

Approved: _____

Date: _____

County: Watauga County

Contact Person: Ly Marze

LEA: Watauga County

Title: Finance Officer

Address: 175 Pioneer Trail, Boone, NC 28607

Phone: 8282647190

Project Title: Double Entry Vestibule Systems

Location: All K-8 Schools in District

Type of Facility: K-8 Schools

North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 18C, provides that a portion of the proceeds of the North Carolina State Lottery Fund be transferred to the Public School Building Capital Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.2. Further, G.S. 115C-546.2 (d) has been amended to include the following:

- (3) No county shall have to provide matching funds...
- (4) A county may use monies in this Fund to pay for school construction projects in local school administrative units and to retire indebtedness incurred for school construction projects.
- (5) A county may not use monies in this Fund to pay for school technology needs.

As used in this section, "Public School Buildings" shall include only facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, and does not include central administration, maintenance, or other facilities. ***Applications must be submitted within one year following the date of final payment to the Contractor or Vendor.***

Short description of Construction Project: Renovating all main entrances in all K-8 schools to provide another layer of safety in the management of visitors into the school buildings

Estimated Costs:

Purchase of Land _____	\$ _____	
Planning and Design Services _____	_____	
New Construction _____	_____	
Additions / Renovations _____	_____	145,000.00
Repair _____	_____	
Debt Payment / Bond Payment _____	_____	
TOTAL _____	\$ _____	145,000.00

Estimated Project Beginning Date: June 2018 Est. Project Completion Date: July 2019

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state monies expended for this project within 60 days following completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project, and request release of \$ 145,000.00 from the Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution). We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of G.S. 115C-546.

(Signature — Chair, County Commissioners) (Date)

(Signature — Chair, Board of Education) (Date)

**APPLICATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY**

Approved: _____

Date: _____

County: Watauga County

Contact Person: Ly Marze

LEA: Watauga County

Title: Finance Officer

Address: 175 Pioneer Trail, Boone, NC 28607

Phone: 8282647190

Project Title: Roof Renovations

Location: All K-8 Schools

Type of Facility: K-8 Schools

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As used in this section, "Public School Buildings" shall include only facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, and does not include central administration, maintenance, or other facilities. **Applications must be submitted within one year following the date of final payment to the Contractor or Vendor.**

Short description of Construction Project: Renovate roof sections on all K-8 schools

Estimated Costs:

Purchase of Land _____	\$ _____	
Planning and Design Services _____	_____	
New Construction _____	_____	
Additions / Renovations _____	_____	167,000.00
Repair _____	_____	
Debt Payment / Bond Payment _____	_____	
TOTAL _____	\$ _____	167,000.00

Estimated Project Beginning Date: Sept 2018 Est. Project Completion Date: June 2019

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state monies expended for this project within 60 days following completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project, and request release of \$ 167,000.00 from the Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution). We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of G.S. 115C-546.

(Signature — Chair, County Commissioners) (Date)

(Signature — Chair, Board of Education) (Date)

AGENDA ITEM 7:

REQUEST FOR SPACE FOR A LOCAL ATTORNEY MEMORIAL

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Andrea Capua will request the Board consider dedicating space for a memorial for local attorneys. The plan is to receive approval for the use of the space, subject to the presentation of a diagram of what the memorial will look like. Ms. Capua is exploring the idea of having an artist do a legal related sculpture and then have a plaque of some kind bracketed directly on the wall that can be removed to add names. Ms. Capua has indicated that there will be criteria for getting your name on the plaque that will be vetted by a committee.

Staff would caution the Board in this consideration as other professions may make similar requests to the Board.

Direction from the Board is requested.

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AGENDA ITEM 8:

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR ROAD NAMES

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Will Holt, Emergency Services Director, will request a public hearing be set for Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 5:30 P.M. to allow citizen comment on proposed road names.

Board action is required to schedule the public hearing.

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AGENDA ITEM 9:

PROJECT ON AGING MATTERS

A. Annual Report

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Angie Boitnotte, Project on Aging Director, will submit the Fiscal Year 2018 annual comprehensive evaluation of the agency's operations and policies as required by the NC Division of Health Service Regulation.

Board action is requested to accept the annual report.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Angie Boitnotte, Director

DATE: September 24, 2018

SUBJ: Request for Board of Commissioners' Consideration: Project on Aging Annual Report

The NC Division of Health Service Regulation requires the Project on Aging to conduct an annual comprehensive evaluation of agency operations and policies which must be presented to the Board of County Commissioners. The attached annual report addresses statistical information as to clients, services, and revenues as required by licensure standards.

I plan to be present for discussion and questions.

**PROGRAM EVALUATION
NCDHSR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

As required by the NC Division of Health Service Regulation, the Project on Aging Director must conduct an annual comprehensive evaluation of agency operations and policies. The evaluation shall assure the appropriateness and quality of the agency's services with findings used to verify policy implementation, to identify problems, and to establish problem resolution and policy revision as necessary.

An overall policy and administration review was conducted on the following areas: scope of services offered, arrangements for services with other agencies or individuals, admission and discharge policies, supervision and plan of care, emergency care, service records, personnel qualifications, and program evaluation.

The attached annual report addresses statistical information regarding: number of clients receiving each service; number of visits or hours for each service; client outcomes; adequacy of staff to meet client needs; numbers and reasons for non-acceptance of clients; and reasons for discharge.

**WATAUGA COUNTY PROJECT ON AGING
FY 18 ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018**

FY 18 Budget

Budgeted Amount	\$ 1,373,876
Expenditures	<u>1,252,112 (91%)</u>
Balance (under)	\$ 121,764 (9%)

FY 18 Revenue

Medicaid	\$ 84,839	} \$450,079
DSS Contract	11,498	
Donations/Fees	25,155	
HCCBG, State funds, NSIP	293,063	
E & D Transportation	15,880	
State Senior Center Allocation	14,586	
SHIP Grant	5,058	
Watauga County ¹	\$ 802,033	
Total Revenue	\$1,252,112	

1 \$34,731 minimum match was required for federal and state grants.

CAP/DA MEDICAID:

The Community Alternatives Program for Disabled Adults (CAP/DA and CAP/CHOICE) provided services to 35 Medicaid clients who were certified as medically eligible to enter a nursing home but who preferred to stay at home. Medicaid funds received are based on billable services to CAP/DA and CAP/CHOICE clients and are as follows:

	<u>NUMBER SERVED</u>	<u>AMOUNT BILLED</u>
Home Delivered Meals	1,004 meals	\$ 3,001.96
Case Management	1,394 hours	78,844.64
Waiver Supplies	6 clients	<u>4,600.38</u>
Total		\$ 86,446.98
		(\$84,839.18 or 98.1% collected)

D.S.S. CONTRACT

The Project on Aging contracts with the Watauga County Department of Social Services to provide in-home aide services to disabled adults between the ages of 18 and 60, who have physical and/or mental disabilities.

849 Hours

\$11,497.50

HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE BLOCK GRANT

The Home and Community Care Block Grant consists of Federal Older Americans Act funds, required State match, and additional State legislative allocations. The United States Department of Agriculture reimburses .60 per meal through a program called Nutritional Services Incentive Program (NSIP) for each eligible meal served.

In-Home Aide Level I	\$93,463
In-Home Aide Level II	\$32,773
Home Delivered Meals	80,832
Congregate Meals	45,955
NSIP	24,243
Transportation	<u>15,797</u>
Total	\$293,063

SERVICES SUMMARY**SERVICES DELIVERED / CLIENTS SERVED**

(Funding sources – County, HCCBG, Medicaid, DSS Contract, E&D)

DESCRIPTION	UNITS SERVED	# of CLIENTS
Congregate Meals	15,017	408
Home Delivered Meals	17,680	143
CAP Home Delivered Meals	1,004	7
Transportation (HCCBG / E & D)	3,975	62
In-Home Aide Level I	7,488	145
In-Home Aide Level II	3,535	59
Respite Level II	742	10
DSS In-Home Aide	849	18
Medical Loan Closet	--	67

STAFF SUMMARY

The following staff worked in providing In-Home Services during FY 18:

- 8 In-Home Aides
- 1 In-Home Aide Supervisor
- 1 Home Delivered Meals Coordinator
- 1.5 CAP Case Managers
- .5 RN Case Manager

CLIENT OUTCOMES

108 clients receiving in-home services were discontinued in FY 18 for the following reasons:

- 34 Services not needed (improved, no longer qualified, client request)
- 29 Placed in a LTC Facility
- 24 Death
 - 9 Moved out of County
 - 7 Hired Caregiver / Private Home Care / Hospice Care
 - 4 Off Over 30+ Days
 - 1 Placed on CAP/DA or CAP/CHOICE Services

NON-ACCEPTANCE of CLIENTS

45 clients were referred for services in FY 18 who were not placed on service roles.

CAP – 15

- 4 Medicaid issues (eligibility, deductible, estate recovery)
- 3 Other services in place; CAP not needed
- 3 Deceased
- 3 Placed in nursing facility / chose to stay in nursing facility
- 2 Declined services

In-Home Aide – 30

- 11 Declined services
- 10 Needs met through other services/support
 - 3 Nursing Facility
 - 2 Not eligible
 - 2 Hospice
 - 1 Deceased
 - 1 No response from client

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

During FY 18, more females than males were served through the In-Home Services programs; 68% of the clients were female, and 32% of the clients were male. Forty-one percent (41%) of the In-Home Services clients served were classified as economically needy, while 100% of in-home clients were classified as at-risk or high-risk for being placed in a facility or not being able to remain in their own homes. The majority of the clients served were over the age of 75 (64%) while 91% were over the age of 60.

SENIOR CENTER REPORT

The mission of the Lois E. Harrill Senior Center and the Western Watauga Community Center is to create an environment that encourages independence in older adults and promotes their active participation in all aspects of their lives.

The Senior Centers continue to grow with many activities being requested especially in the areas of wellness/fitness and computers. The Lois E. Harrill Senior Center partnered with many area agencies to provide clinical assessments in general health status, physical activities, activities of daily living, mental acuity/cognition, nutrition, mental/behavioral health and social environment support. The Lois E. Harrill Senior Center continues to provide evidenced based health promotional classes through partnership with the Area Agency on Aging. SHIIP volunteers continue to go out into the community to assist with enrolling new Medicare clients into prescription drug plans and have also helped many apply for extra help, thus lowering the cost of their monthly premiums. During FY18, the SHIIP volunteers and staff assisted 391 Medicare recipients with Medicare questions, prescription drug plans and supplements.

LOIS E. HARRILL SENIOR CENTER

Congregate Participants	245
AARP Tax Assistance	137
ASU Interns / Research Projects / Volunteers / etc.	84
Center Classes, Activities and Services	2,888
Newsletter	550

WESTERN WATAUGA COMMUNITY CENTER

Congregate Participants	170
AARP Tax Assistance	76
ASU Interns / Research Projects / Volunteers / etc.	80
Center Classes, Activities and Services	660
Community Center	4,292
Parking/Ground Use	1,145

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Project on Aging's revenues were more than projected during FY 18, while expenditures were less than projected. We also maintained a Medicaid revenue collection rate of 98.1%.

Nutrition services increased in both Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Nutrition; 18,684 (+37) Home Delivered Meals were delivered to 150 (+15) frail adults, while 15,017 (+349) Congregate meals were served to 408 (+27) clients. We did not serve meals nine (9) days during FY 18 due to inclement weather. Emergency meals were provided to Home Delivered Meals clients to cover those days.

Services were delivered below the prior year's level for In-Home Aide Services; 12,612 (-501) hours of In-Home Aide Services were delivered to 232 (-14) frail adults.

Transportation services were also delivered below the prior year's level with 3,975 trips (-1,022) provided to 62 clients (-8).

During FY 18, the Home Delivered Meals program averaged 84 clients at any given time with an average of 1 on the waiting list. The In-Home Aide program averaged 162 clients and 14 on the waiting list, with more than 5 current clients who are eligible for and need additional service. The CAP program maintained an average caseload of 32 clients with no waiting list during FY 18. The Congregate Nutrition Program averaged 200 clients and the Transportation program averaged 22 clients. Neither program maintained a waiting list during FY18.

The Project on Aging continues to serve as the focal point for Aging Services in Watauga County. The agency encourages independence and promotes wellness by providing supportive services to the County's older adults thereby helping to prevent premature institutionalization. The Project on Aging will continue to focus on providing services to the frailest, oldest, and poorest residents. Currently, by census projection, there are 11,000+ residents in Watauga County over the age of 60. As the at-home population becomes older and frailer with more acute needs for services, the demand for services will continue to increase. The Project on Aging continues to maximize its efforts in service delivery and utilized more than 300 volunteers in the delivery of services during FY18.

AGENDA ITEM 9:

PROJECT ON AGING MATTERS

B. Proposed Allocation of Projected FY 2019 Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) Funds

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Angie Boitnotte will request the Board accept an increase in the FY 2019 Home and Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) funds in the amount of \$22,433. The required local match is \$2,493 and is present in the Project on Aging's FY 2019 budget.

Board action is required to accept the \$22,433 increase in Community Care Block Grant (H&CCBG) funds for FY 2019 with a local match of \$2,493.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron Geouque, County Manager

FROM: Angie Boitnotte, Director

DATE: September 24, 2018

SUBJ: Request for Board of County Commissioners' Consideration: Allocation of FY2019 Home and Community Care Block Grant funds

We were notified by the High Country Area Agency on Aging that Watauga County's Home and Community Care Block Grant Allocation for FY 2019 was increased by \$22,433. This increase requires an additional \$2,493 in local match, which is present in the agency's current budget.

In communicating with the HCCBG Committee, the Committee recommended that the increase be allocated as follows:

HCCBG Service	Increase
In-Home Aide I	\$5,600
In-Home Aide II	\$5,633
Congregate Meals	\$5,600
Home Delivered Meals	\$5,600

Upon approval, these funds will become part of the Project on Aging FY 2019 budget.

I plan to be present for discussion or questions.

cc: Karin Bare, Administrative Assistant II

NAME AND ADDRESS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDER Watauga County Project on Aging 132 Poplar Grove Connector, Suite A Boone, NC 28607	Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults County Funding Plan Provider Services Summary	DOA-732 (Rev. 2/15) County: Watauga July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 REVISION # 1, DATE: 9/20/18
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Services	Ser. Delivery		A				B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	(Check One)		Block Grant Funding				Required	Net*	NSIP	Total	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
	Direct	Purch.	Access	In-Home	Other	Total	Local Match	Serv Cost	Subsidy	Funding	HCCBG Units	Reimburse. Rate	HCCBG Clients	Total Units
Transportation		X	15,798			//////////	1,755	17,553	0	17,553	2,037	8.6171	25	4,200
In-Home Aide I	X			99,063		//////////	11,007	110,070	0	110,070	4,645	23.6988	130	16,940
In-Home Aide II	X			39,074		//////////	4,342	43,416	0	43,416	1,833	23.6971	50	6,060
Congregate Meals	X				51,554	//////////	5,728	57,282	10,000	67,282	8,114	7.0603	400	18,200
Home Delivered Meals	X				86,433	//////////	9,604	96,037	14,000	110,037	11,149	8.6145	150	24,000
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Total	//////////	//////////	15,798	138,137	137,987	291,922	32,436	324,358	24,000	348,358	27,778	//////////	755	69,400

*Adult Day Care & Adult Day Health Care Net Service Cost

	ADC	ADHC			
Daily Care	_____	_____	Certification of required minimum local match availability. Required local match will be expended simultaneously with Block Grant Funding.	_____	
Transportation	_____	_____		Authorized Signature, Title	
Administrative	_____	_____		Community Service Provider	
Net Ser. Cost Total	_____	_____		_____	
			_____	_____	_____
			Signature, County Finance Officer	Date	Signature, Chairman, Board of Commissioners
			_____	_____	Date

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AGENDA ITEM 10:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

Ms. Misty Watson, Finance Director, will review budget amendments as included in your packet.

Board approval is requested.



WATAUGA COUNTY FINANCE OFFICE

814 West King St., Suite 216, Boone, NC 28607 Phone (828) 265-8007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deron T. Geouque, County Manager
FROM: Misty Watson, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Budget Amendments - FY 2018/19
DATE: October 2, 2018

The following budget amendment requires the approval of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners. Board approval is requested.

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
103300 345000	ROAP Grant		157,297
104500 469845	Elderly and Disabled	61,135	
104500 469844	Employment Transportation	13,551	
104500 469843	Rural General Populations	82,611	

To recognize the acceptance of the NC DOT Rural Operating Assistance Program funds. No County dollars are required as a match.

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
233991 399101	Fund Balance Appropriation		6,500
234310 429002	Drug Dog Expenses	6,500	

Per the request of Sheriff Hagaman; to recognize additional funds for use in law enforcement cases as drug dog expenses. These funds are from the State Substance Abuse Tax Fund.

AGENDA ITEM 11:**MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS*****A. Boards and Commissions*****MANAGER'S COMMENTS:*****Board of Adjustment***

Mr. Joe Furman shared that Mr. Adam Rhyne's 3 year term on the Board of Adjustment expires in November. He is willing to be reappointed. There is an active case under consideration by the Board; I expect it to be wrapped up in late October, or in November. He resides in the South Fork New River Watershed. If he is to be replaced, it is recommended that another resident of that area be appointed "if practicable". A map of the area is attached. As you can see, 3 watershed areas adjoin, creating essentially one single residency district.

Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission

Mr. Joe Furman shared that Ms. Erin Thompson's 3 year term on the Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission expired in September. Ms. Thompson is willing to be reappointed.

Anita.Fogle

From: John.Spear
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Deron.Geouque; Anita.Fogle
Cc: Joe Furman
Subject: FW: Boards and Commissions
Attachments: SFNR Watershed.bmp

Please see below from Mr. Furman ..

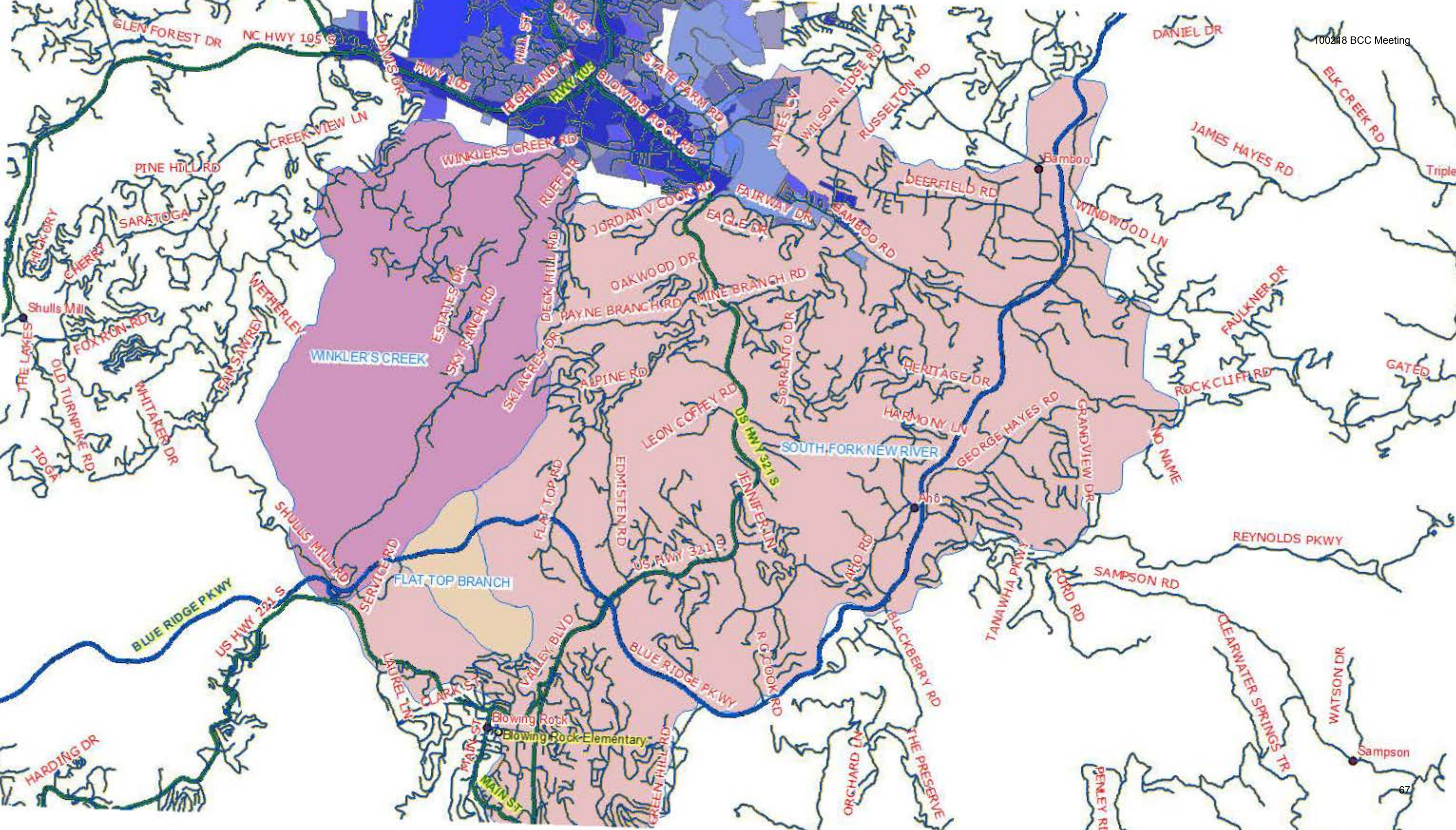
From: Joe Furman
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 12:55 PM
To: John.Spear
Subject: Boards and Commissions

Deron,
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Also, Erin Thompson's 3 year term on the Valle Crucis Historic Preservation Commission expires this month. She is willing to be reappointed.

Joe

Joseph A. Furman, AICP
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AGENDA ITEM 11:

MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

B. Announcements

MANAGER’S COMMENTS:

A Ground Breaking Ceremony will be held for the Community Recreation Center on Tuesday, October 3, 2018, at 3:00 P.M. at the corner of State Farm Road and Hunting Hills Lane.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold an Open-House Public Meeting for the proposed improvements to NC 105 from US 321 (Blowing Rock Road) to the NC 105 Bypass (SR 1107) on October 9, 2018, from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Written comments may be submitted through October 24, 2018.

You Are Invited

Please Join
The Watauga County Board of Commissioners
As We Break Ground For The
Watauga County Community Recreation Center



Tuesday, October 16, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.
Corner of State Farm Road & Hunting Hills Lane



Proposed Improvements to N.C. 105

From U.S. 321 (Blowing Rock Road) to the N.C. 105 Bypass

State Transportation Improvement Program | Project U-5603 | Watauga County

Public Meeting

October 9, 2018

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Caldwell Community College
Watauga Campus
Building W372

372 Community College Drive
Boone

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold an Open-House Public Meeting for the proposed improvements to N.C. 105 from U.S. 321 (Blowing Rock Road) to the N.C. 105 Bypass (S.R. 1107) in Boone, Watauga County.

Interested citizens are encouraged to attend the Open-House Public Meeting any time between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Please note there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the project. A map of the proposed project is available on the NCDOT Public Meetings website at:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>

Anyone desiring additional information regarding the project may contact Ramie Shaw, Division 11 Project Manager at (336) 903-9134 or rshaw@ncdot.gov. Comments may be submitted until **October 24, 2018**.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Samantha Borges, Environmental Analysis Unit, at (919) 707-6115 or smborges@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Questions / Comments?

Ramie Shaw
Division 11 Project Manager
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North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
(336) 903-9134
rshaw@ncdot.gov

Aileen S. Mayhew, P.E.
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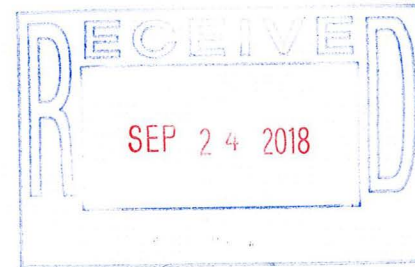
Aquellas personas que hablan español o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.



STIP Project No. U-5603

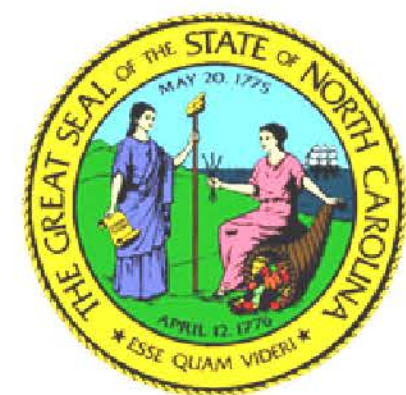
Attn: Aileen Mayhew, PE
Consultant Project Manager
7621 Purfoy Road, Suite 115
Fuquay-Varina, N.C. 27526

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PROPOSED UPGRADE OF
NC 105 FROM STA 321 TO NC 105 BYPASS

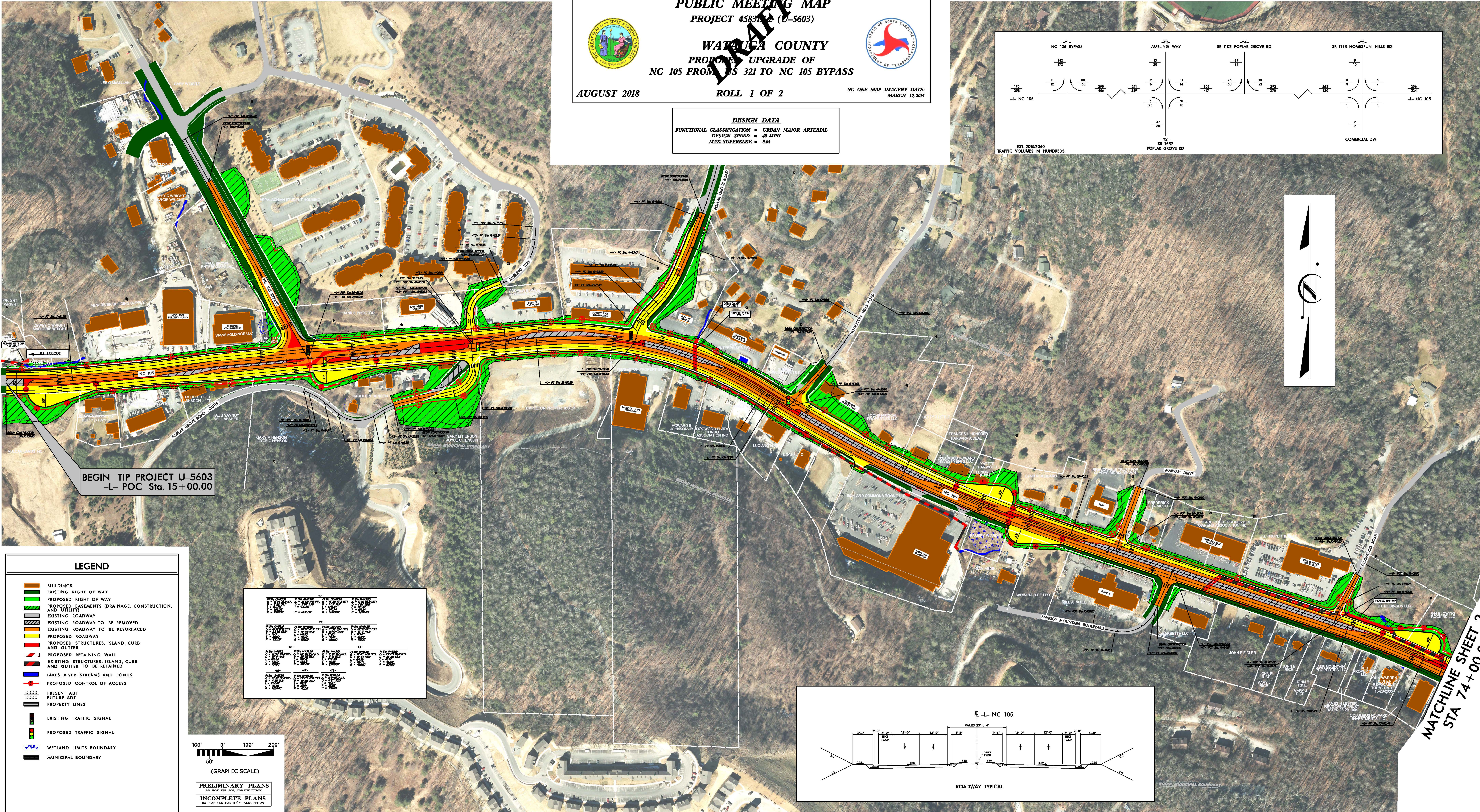
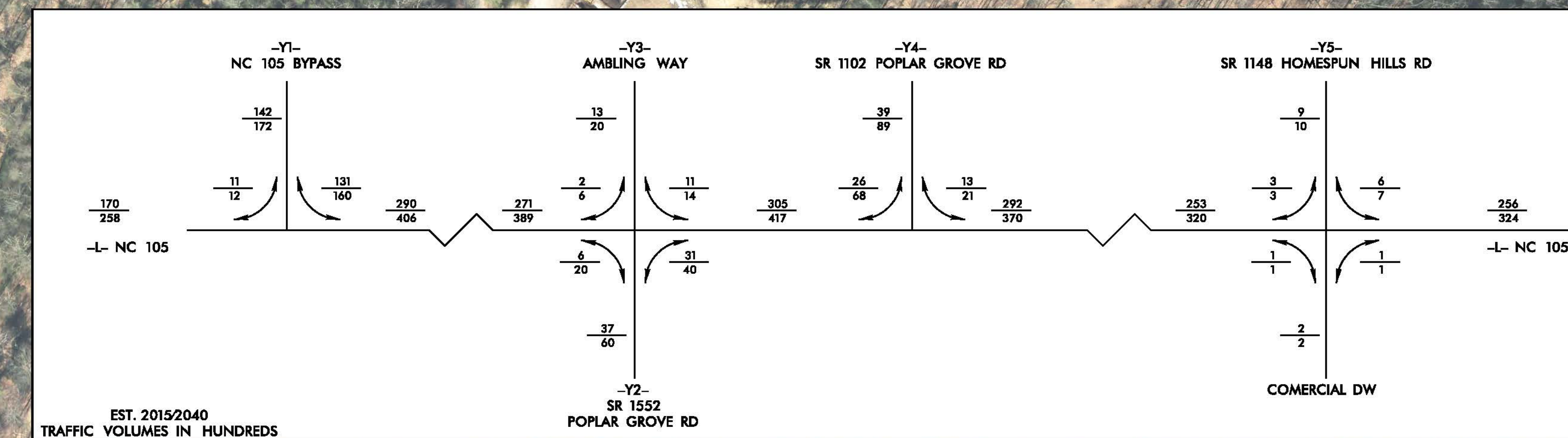
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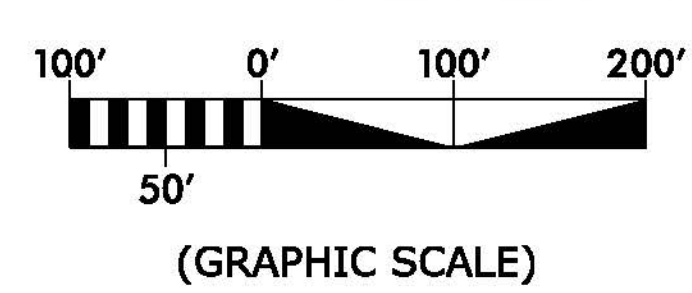


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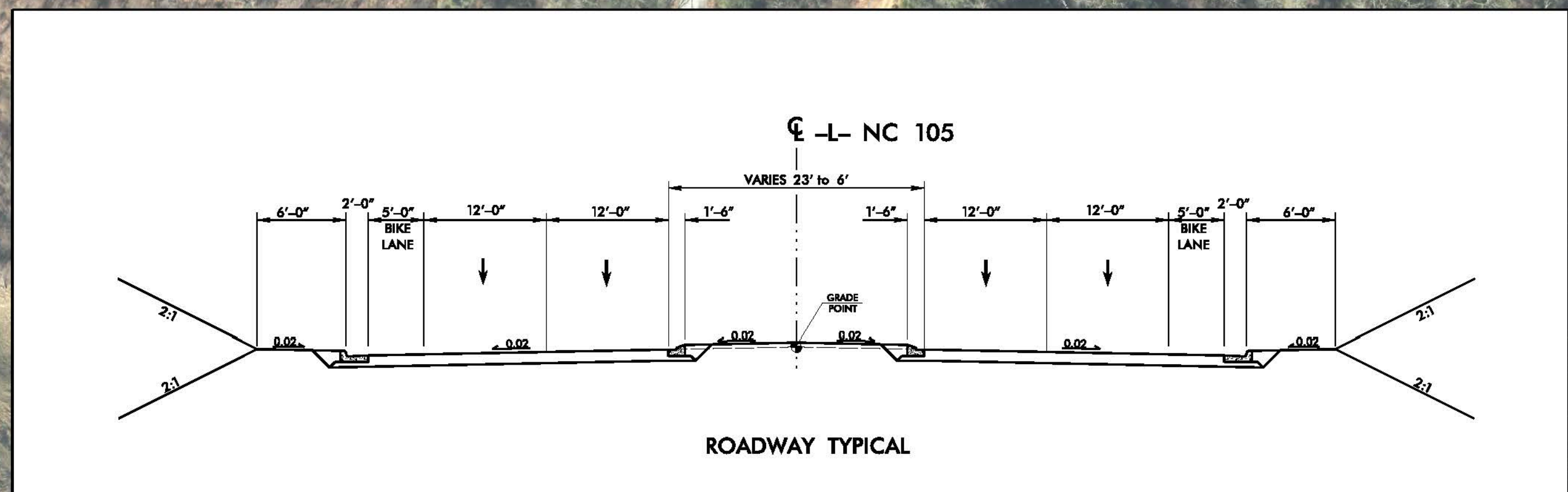
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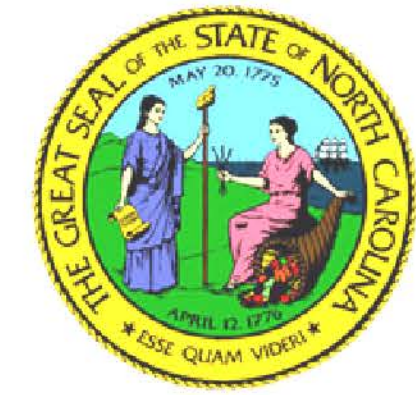


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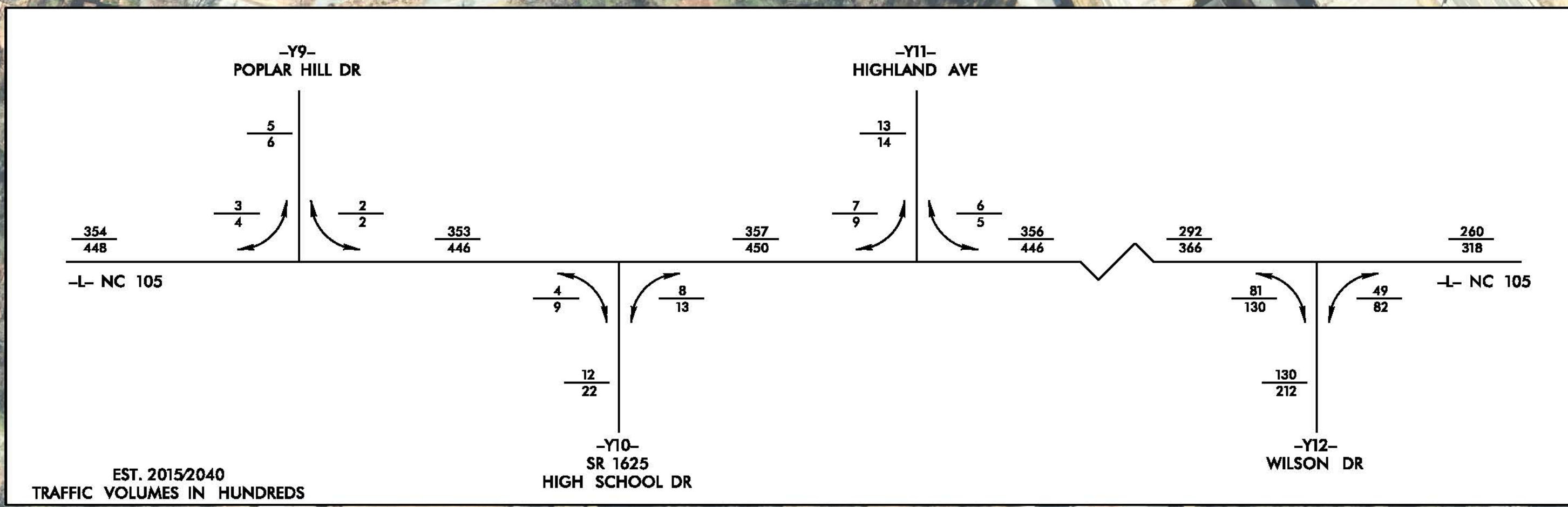
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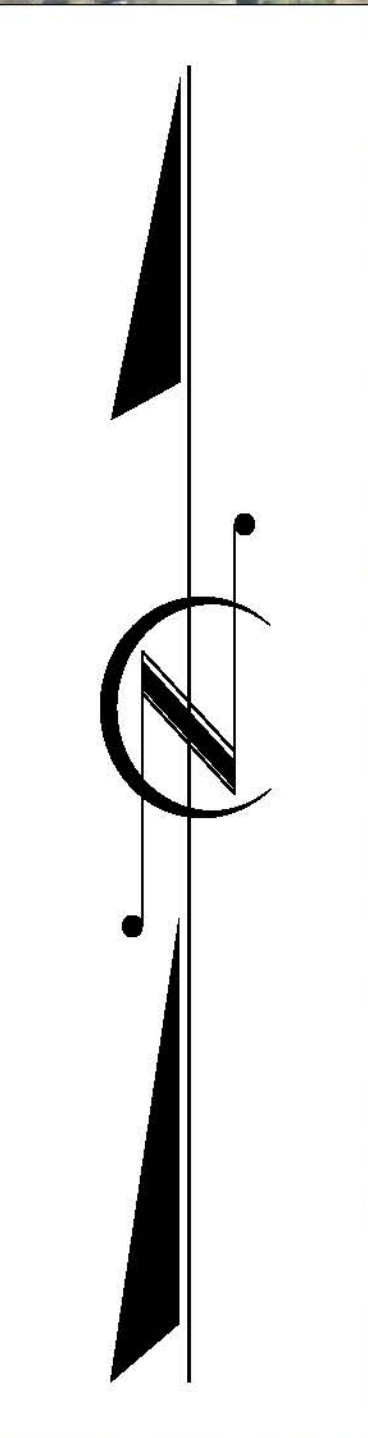
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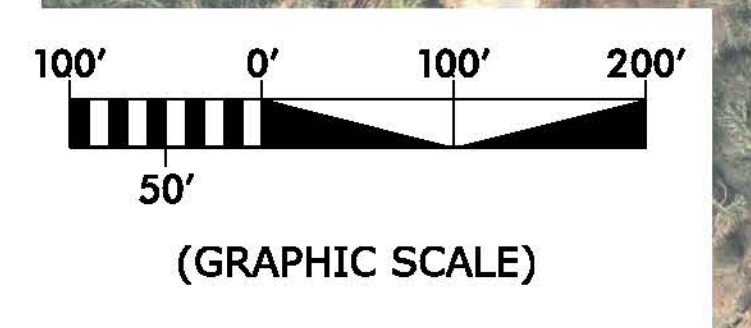
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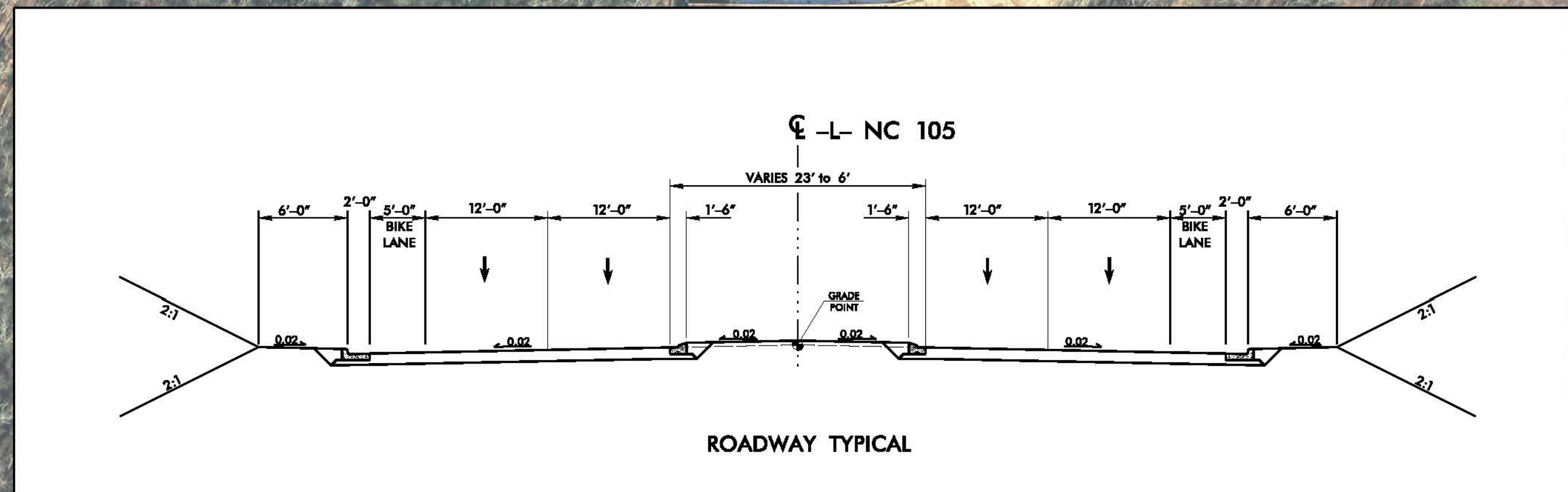
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AGENDA ITEM 12:

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ITEM 13:

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AGENDA ITEM 14:

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