

**Watauga County  
Annual Retreat  
February 26 & 27, 2015**



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Deron Geouque  
County Manager

SUBJECT: Annual Retreat

DATE: February 17, 2015

Economic indicators are showing a positive direction for the North Carolina economy. Watauga County continues to recover from the past economic downturn. Revenues are maintaining at current levels with slight increases. The first tax bills with the new valuations were sent out in August 2014. January 1, 2015 marked the starting point for appeals to be filed on the 2014 valuations. Appeals will continue to be accepted until the Board of Equalization and Review adjourns. The current sales assessment ratio is 98.88%. The sales assessment ratio measures the difference between tax values and actual sale values.

The General Assembly reconvened its 2015 Long Session and was waiting for the Governor's State of the State before addressing key issues. Governor McCrory gave his State of the State address that centered on his plan for economic development, called "NC Competes," and an immediate need for economic development tools to attract and retain businesses through incentive programs, tax credits, including historic preservation tax credits, education, and public infrastructure investment. He specifically stated a goal to enact two bonds for infrastructure programs — a \$1.2 billion bond for transportation projects, and a \$1.2-1.4 billion bond to rebuild and renovate public buildings called "Project Phoenix." On education, the Governor stated goals to raise starting teacher pay to \$35,000, eliminate unnecessary testing, and bring Wi-Fi connectivity to classrooms. The Governor touched on his ideas for Medicaid reform and briefly discussed Medicaid expansion but did not mention specifics. The latest state revenue forecast anticipates collections for the current fiscal year to come in about \$271 million below the \$21 billion budgeted. A more accurate figure on the short fall will be available after April 15, 2015. All of these issues have the potential to affect the County's budget. Staff will continue to monitor for any developing changes.

Commissioner input will be critical during the retreat process for staff to determine appropriate expenditures and funding levels. Staff will provide information and reports on the County's current financial status. Staff appreciates the Board's time in providing direction and guidance for the upcoming budget.

I look forward to the retreat to determine Commissioners' goals and objectives for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2016 Budget.

**TENTATIVE RETREAT AGENDA**  
**WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM**  
**WATAUGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BOONE, NC**  
**FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2015**

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<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015</b>			
10:00 AM	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>	MR. DERON GEOUQUE	
10:05 AM	<b>RECREATION CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY</b>	MR. CHAD ROBERSON	1
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1:45 PM	<b>PLANNING AND INSPECTIONS MATTERS</b>	MR. JOE FURMAN	
	A. Update on Greenway Projects		
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<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015</b>			
12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
12:30 PM	<b>TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TDA)</b>	MR. MATT VINCENT & MR. WRIGHT TILLEY	90
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1:15 PM	<b>CALDWELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE &amp; TECHNICAL INSTITUTE</b>	DR. KENNETH BOHAM	
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2:45 PM	<b>WRAP UP, GOALS &amp; OBJECTIVES, BOARD DIRECTIVES</b>		
3:00 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>		

# WATAUGA COUNTY RECREATION CENTER





# Existing Conditions





# 100 Year Flood Plain Zone



# Option 1 – Total Site Build Out



# Option 1 - Greenway View





Option 1 - Interior View





**Counsilman Hunsaker**  
AQUATICS FOR LIFE



<i>Recreation Center construction cost (71,000sf @ \$265/sf)</i>	<i>\$18,815,000</i>
<i>Re-orient field, relocate courts, new parking area</i>	<i>\$ 800,000</i>
<i>Escalation (36 months = 4.3%)</i>	<i>\$ 812,800</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$20,427,800</i>
<i>Overhead &amp; Profit (5%)</i>	<i>\$ 1,021,400</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$21,449,200</i>
<i>Bonds &amp; Insurance (1.5%)</i>	<i>\$ 321,700</i>
<i>Grand Total Construction Costs</i>	<i>\$21,771,000</i>
<i>Owner Contingency (3%)</i>	<i>\$ 653,100</i>
<i>Soft Costs (10% - AE fees, geotech, special inspections...)</i>	<i>\$ 2,177,000</i>
<i>Furniture, fixtures, equipment (71,000sf @ \$8/sf)</i>	<i>\$ 568,000</i>
<i><u>Proposed Total Project Budget for Recreation Center</u></i>	<i><u>\$25,169,200</u></i>

*\*Assuming concession/toilet building and greenway connection to be paid from different funding source*



## Option 1 – Conceptual Budget



# Option 2 – Phased Site





# Option 2 – Phased Site – Year 1



# Option 2 – Phased Site – Year 3



FLOOD HAZARD  
ALPHA\_COPY  
0.2 PCT Annual Chance  
100y Flood Zone AC  
100y Flood Zone AL  
100y Flood Zone AH



# Option 2 – Phased Site – Year 5

Year 1

*Re-orient field, relocate basketball & tennis courts, new parking area* \$ 800,000

Year 3

*Recreation Center construction cost (71,000sf @ \$265/sf)* \$18,673,000

*Escalation (72 months = 8.6%)* \$ 1,613,400

*Subtotal* \$20,286,400

*Overhead & Profit (5%)* \$ 1,014,300

*Subtotal* \$21,300,700

*Bonds & Insurance (1.5%)* \$ 319,500

*Grand Total Construction Costs* \$21,620,200

*Owner Contingency (3%)* \$ 648,600

*Soft Costs (10% - AE fees, geotech, special inspections...)* \$ 2,162,000

*Furniture, fixtures, equipment (71,000sf @ \$8/sf)* \$ 568,000

*Proposed Total Project Budget for Recreation Center* \$24,998,800

Year 5

*Concession/toilet building; Demo/Renovate existing Parks & Rec Buildings*

*Proposed Total Project Budget for Recreation Center* \$25,798,800

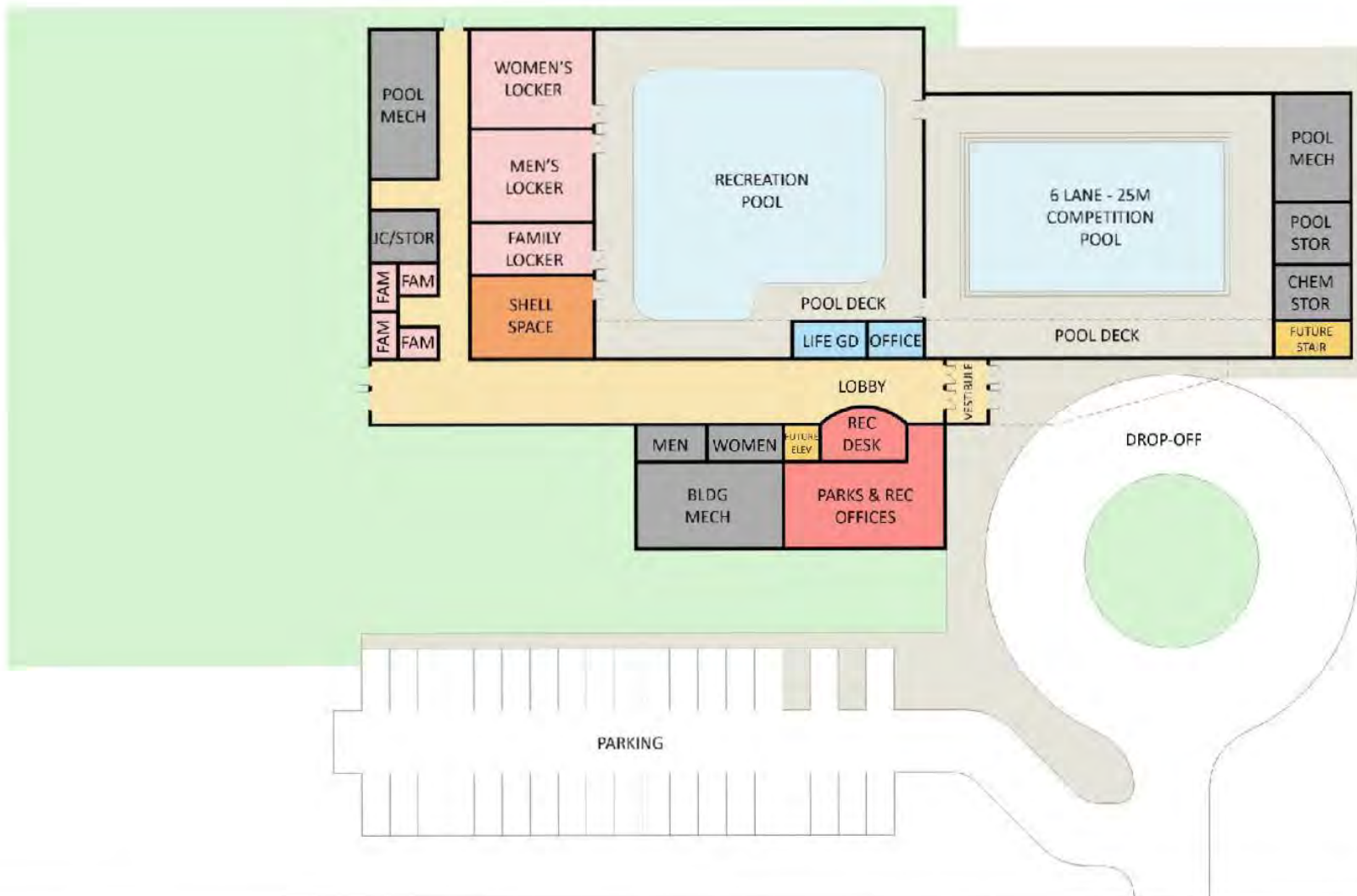


## Option 2 – Conceptual Budget

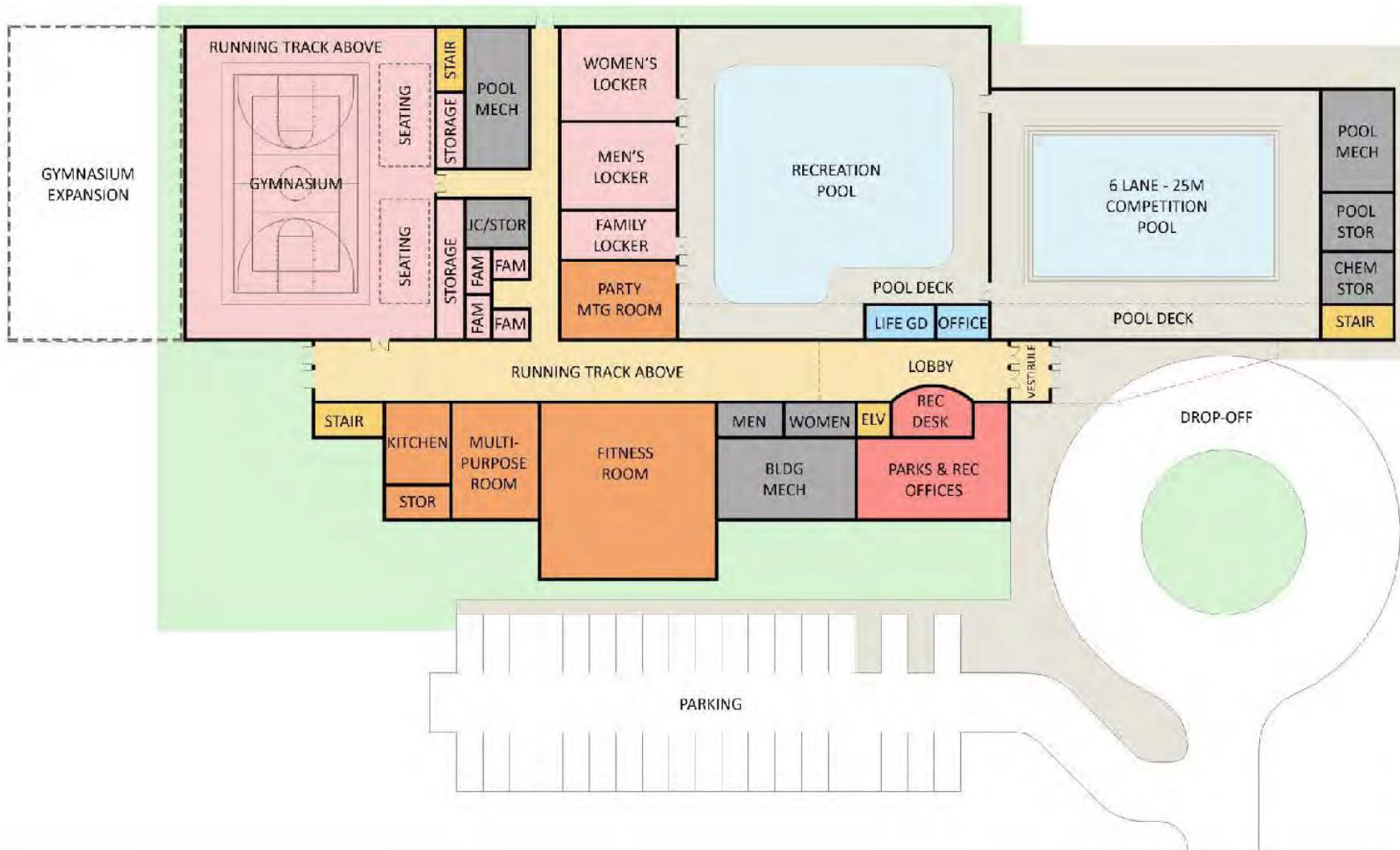




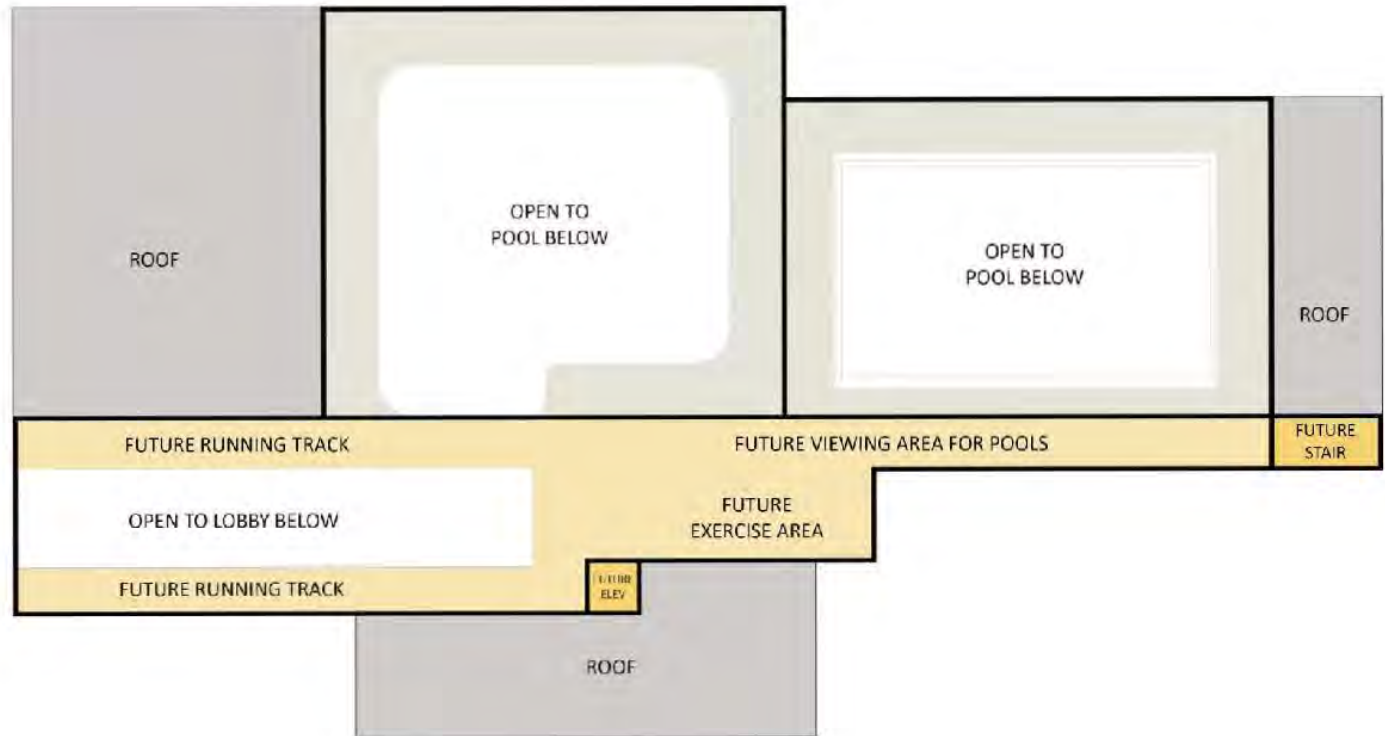
# Option 3 – Phased Site & Phased Building



# Option 3 – Phase 1 – Ground Floor

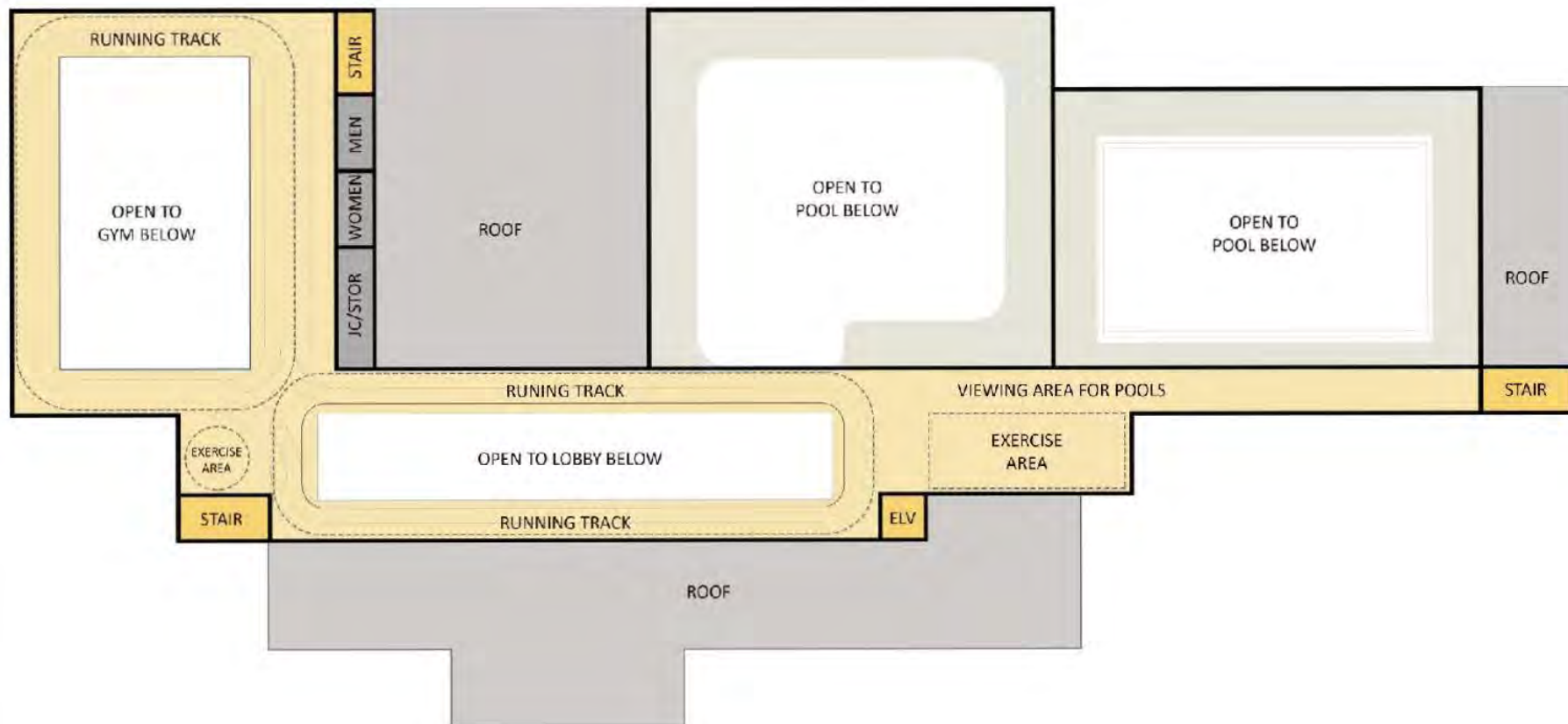


# Option 3 – Phase 2 – Ground Floor



# Option 3 – Phase 1 – Upper Floor





# Option 3 – Phase 2 – Upper Floor

Year 1

*Re-orient field, relocate basketball & tennis courts, new parking area* \$ 800,000

Year 3

*Aquatic Center construction cost (40,900sf @ \$265/sf)* \$10,838,500

*Escalation (72 months = 8.6%)* \$ 936,500

*Subtotal* \$11,775,000

*Overhead & Profit (5%)* \$ 588,800

*Subtotal* \$12,363,700

*Bonds & Insurance (1.5%)* \$ 185,500

*Grand Total Construction Costs* \$12,549,200

*Owner Contingency (3%)* \$ 376,500

*Soft Costs (10% - AE fees, geotech, special inspections...)* \$ 1,255,000

*Furniture, fixtures, equipment (40,900sf @ \$8/sf)* \$ 327,200

*Proposed Total Project Budget for Aquatic Center* \$14,507,800



## Option 3 – Conceptual Budget

Year 5*Concession/toilet building; Demo/Renovate existing Parks & Rec Buildings*Year 6

<i>Recreation Center construction cost (30,100sf @ \$265/sf)</i>	<i>\$ 7,976,500</i>
<i>Modify Aquatic Center Building</i>	<i>\$ 500,000</i>
<i>Escalation (96 months = 11.5%)</i>	<i>\$ 976,500</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 9,453,000</i>
<i>Overhead &amp; Profit (5%)</i>	<i>\$ 472,700</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$ 9,925,700</i>
<i>Bonds &amp; Insurance (1.5%)</i>	<i>\$ 148,900</i>
<i>Grand Total Construction Costs</i>	<i>\$10,074,500</i>
<i>Owner Contingency (3%)</i>	<i>\$ 302,200</i>
<i>Soft Costs (10% - AE fees, geotech, special inspections...)</i>	<i>\$ 1,007,500</i>
<i>Furniture, fixtures, equipment (30,100sf @ \$8/sf)</i>	<i>\$ 240,800</i>
<i><u>Proposed Total Project Budget for Recreation Center</u></i>	<i><u>\$11,625,000</u></i>

*\*Assuming concession/toilet building and greenway connection to be paid from different funding source*



## Option 3 – Conceptual Budget

# Option 1 – Total Recreation Center Building

Proposed Total Project Budget

2015 Annual Retreat  
\$25,169,200



# Option 2 – Phased 4-Year Recreation Center Building

Proposed Total Project Budget

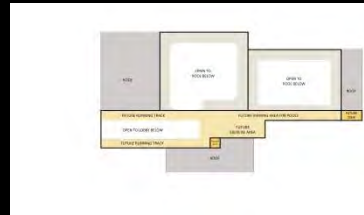
\$25,798,800



# Option 3 – Phased 6-Year Aquatic Center + Recreation Building

Proposed Total Project Budget

\$26,932,800



## Conceptual Budget Summary





# Option 1 – Total Recreation Center Building

## Escalation Costs

\$812,800

2015 Annual Retreat



# Option 2 – Phased 4-Year Recreation Center Building

## Escalation Costs

\$1,613,400



# Option 3 – Phased 6-Year Aquatic Center + Recreation Building

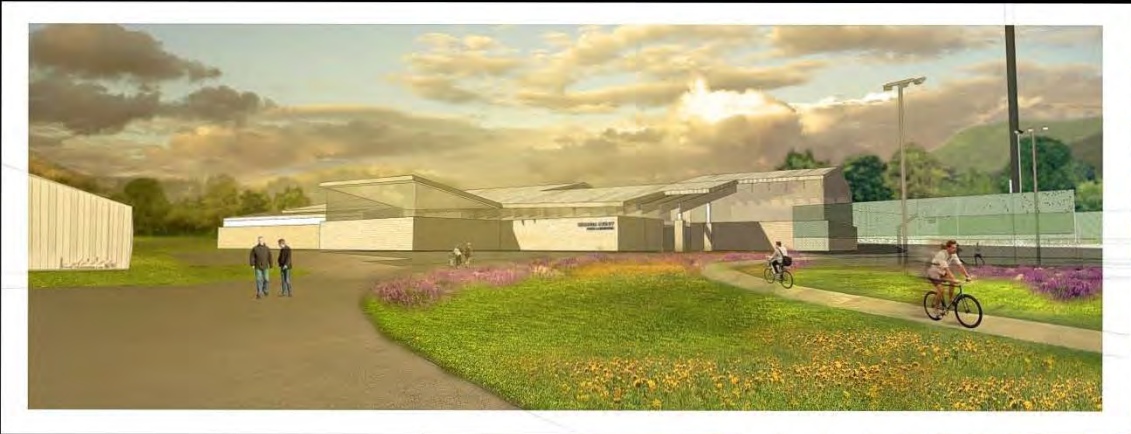
## Escalation Costs

\$1,913,000



## Conceptual Budget Summary





<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS SUMMARY</b>
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2/24/2015

Project Description	6/30/2014	2014/15	Budget Amendments		6/30/2015
	Balance	Budget	In	Out	Balance
Caldwell Comm. College	100,338				100,338
Data Processing	430,099				430,099
Debt Service Plan	1,200,000	-1,200,000			(0)
East Annex Renovations	322,084				322,084
Eastern Community Center	51,621				51,621
Emergency Communications	828,390				828,390
Future County Buildings	548,627				548,627
Industrial Park (EDC)	381,640				381,640
Recreation Complex/Pool Repair	1,145,997		2,094,595		3,240,592
Recreation-Future Park Development	192,920				192,920
Watauga Co. Schools-CIP	641,264	300,000			941,264
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$5,842,980</b>	<b>-900,000</b>	<b>2,094,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$7,037,575</b>

# Old AppalCART Facility



Carwash



Office

# Old CCC&TI Building

2015 Annual Retreat



# Old CCC&TI Building

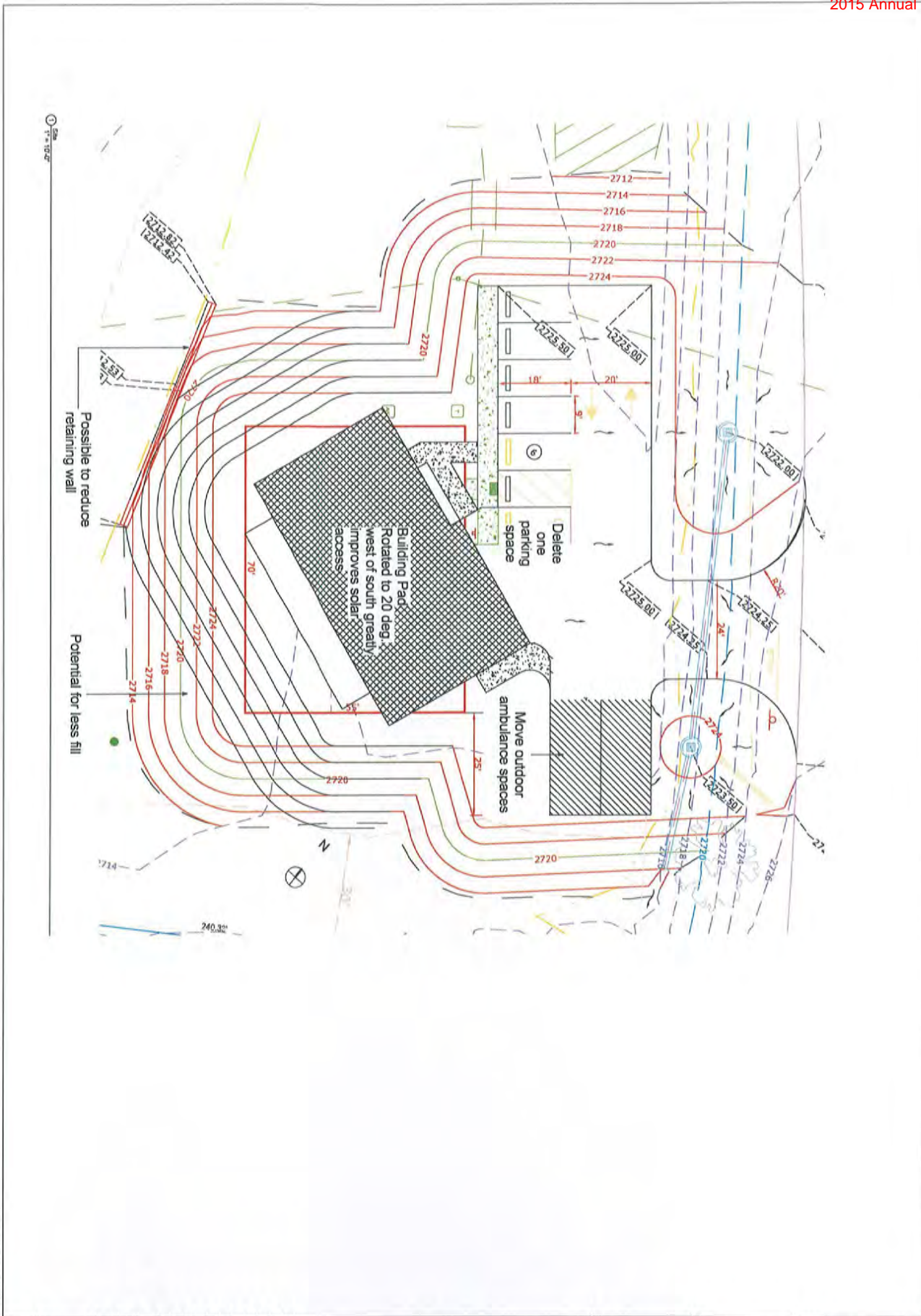
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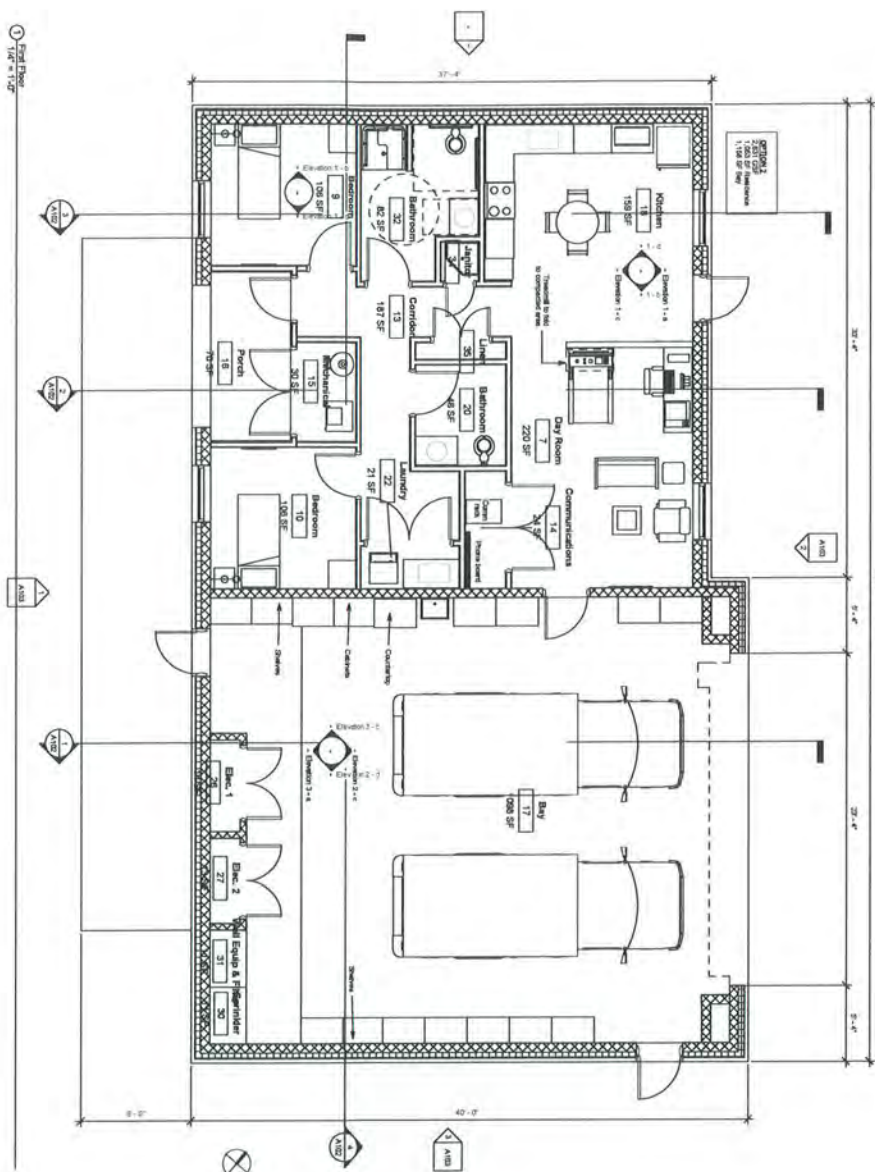
# New Ambulance Site





<p><b>Medic Base 3</b> Watauga County US 321 and Willowdale Church Rd., Vilas, NC</p>			
<p><b>Site Plan</b></p>		<p><b>INNOVATIVE DESIGN</b> ARCHITECTURAL &amp; ENGINEERING 1000 WILLOWDALE CHURCH RD., SUITE 200 VILAS, NC 27653 PHONE: 813-222-1111 WWW.INNOVATIVEDESIGNINC.COM</p>	
<p>SHEET NAME: <b>Site Plan</b></p>	<p>PROJECT NUMBER: <b>1403</b></p>	<p>DATE: _____</p> <p>SCALE: _____</p>	
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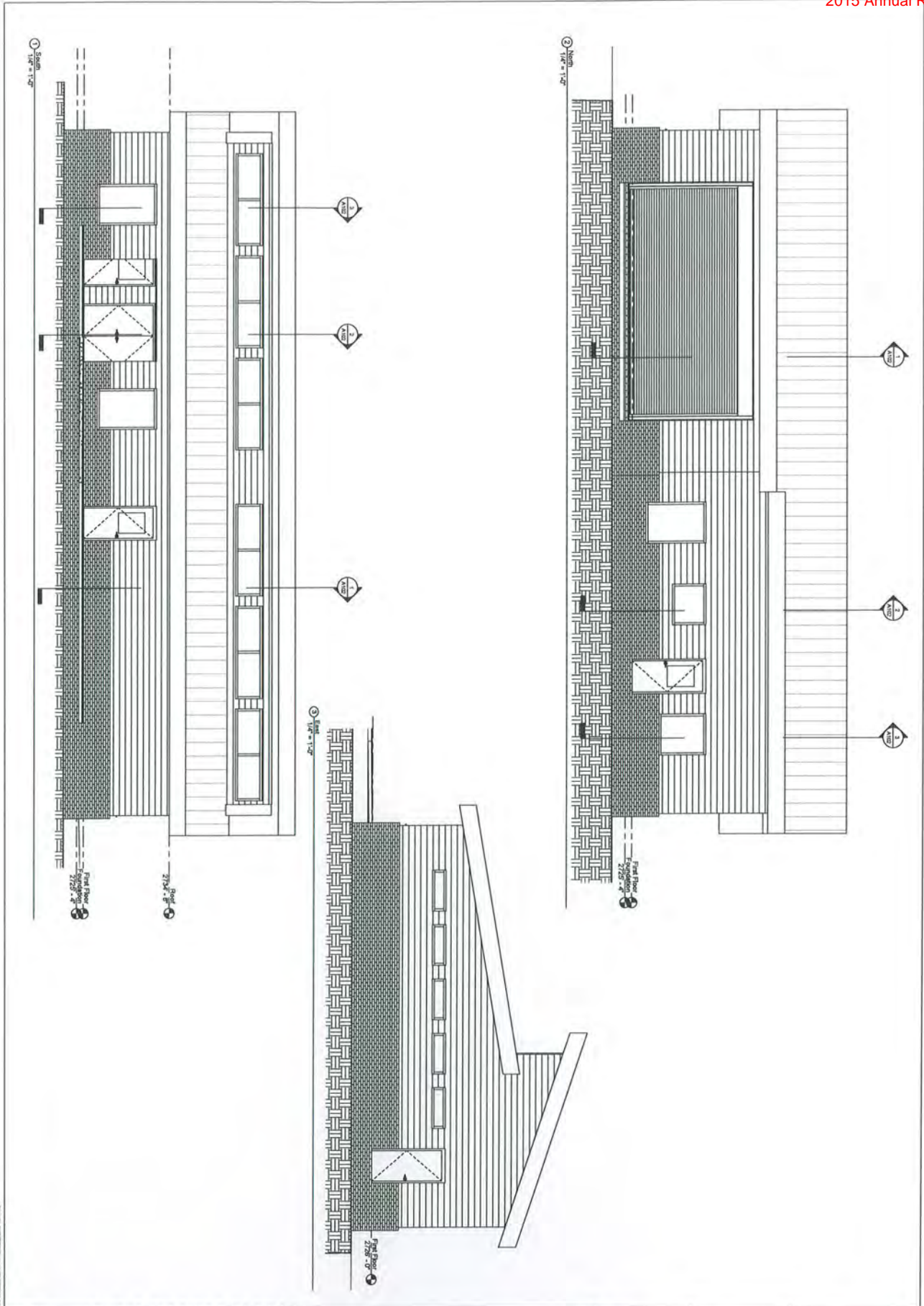
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**Medic Base 3**  
**Watauga County**  
 US 321 and Wilfordale Church Rd., Vilas, NC

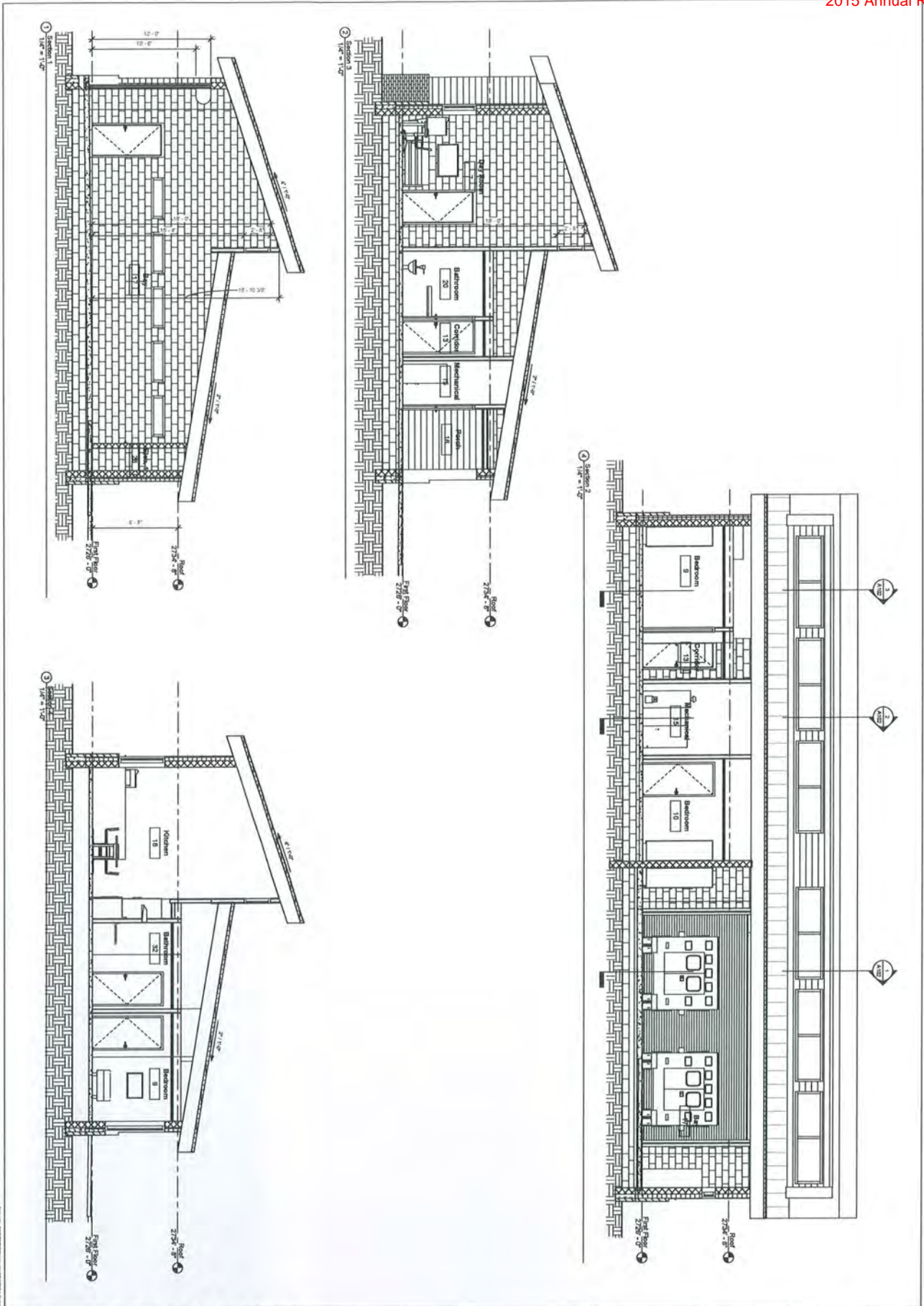


**INNOVATIVE DESIGN**  
 ARCHITECTS  
 1000 NORTH CAVANAUGH STREET  
 WILSON, NC 27157

SHEET NUMBER:  
**A101**



<p>PROJECT NAME: <b>Building Elevations</b></p> <p>SHEET NUMBER: <b>A103</b></p>	<p><b>Medic Base 3</b> <b>Watauga County</b></p> <p>US 321 and Willowdale Church Rd., Vilas, NC</p>	<p>FOR REVIEW ONLY</p> <p>MICHAEL B. HARRIS ARCHITECT 2015</p>	<p>SEAL</p> <p>REGISTERED ARCHITECT</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA</p> <p>2015</p>	<p><b>INNOVATIVE DESIGN</b></p> <p>1000 W. NORTH CAROLINA 21000 WILKESBORO, NC</p>
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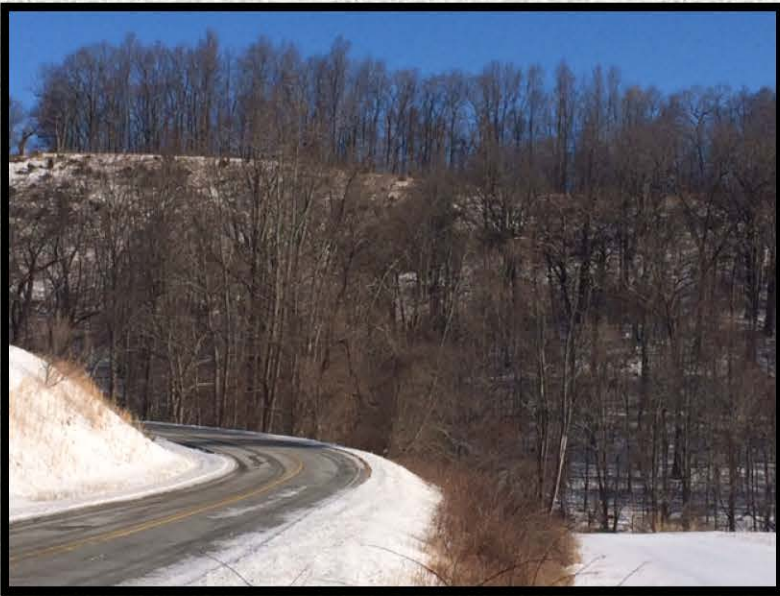


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# Soccer Field



# Trails



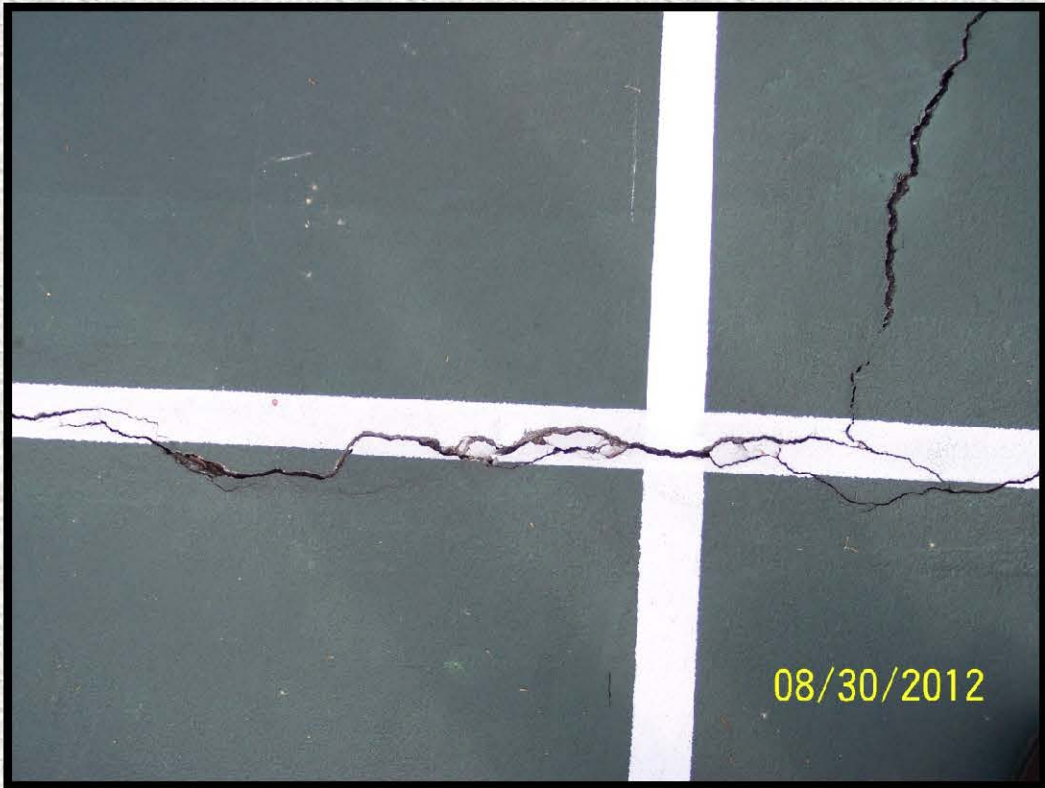
# Tennis Court Cracks

2015 Annual Retreat



# Tennis Court Cracks

2015 Annual Retreat





Flood Hazard  
ALPHA\_COPY  
0.2 PCT Annual Chance  
100y Flood Zone AE  
Floodway Zone AE  
5 ft Contours

# Option 2 – Phased Site – Year 1







Flood Hazard  
ALPHA\_COPY  
0.2 PCT Annual Chance  
100y Flood Zone AE  
Floodway Zone AE  
5 ft Contour



# Option 1 – Total Site Build Out



Watauga County Center  
971 West King Street  
Boone, NC 28607  
828.264.3061

## Memo

**Date:** February 11, 2015

**To:** Deron Geouque & County Board of Commissioners  
Watauga County

**RE:** Extension Budget Situation/Recommendation for Budget Retreat

NC State Cooperative Extension rolled out its strategic plan in Fall 2014, which includes a base staffing plan that we must implement over the next two fiscal years and funding parameters for county center staff.

Beginning in FY2015/16 (July 1, 2015), NC State will only provide funding for one support staff position. We currently have 2 support staff, Susanne Winebarger (Admin Asst) and Kathy Lee (Support Specialist) currently funded at 45% by the county.

Beginning FY2016/17, NC State will fund:

- 50% of the Administrative Assistant position (Susanne Winebarger)
- 50% of the County Extension Director position (Jim Hamilton)
- 50% of the 4H Agent position (Vacant)
- 30% of the Livestock Agent Position (Eddy Labus)
- 33% of the Family & Consumer Science Agent Position (Margie Mansure) IF that position is split between Watauga & an additional county.

Two of our agents are funded by North Carolina A&T State University and are 'exempt' from the NC State Extension Strategic Plan. Wendy Patorprsty (Natural Resource Agent) is funded 45% by the county. Richard Boylan (Area Specialized Agent for Alternative Crops; Ashe & Watauga County—based in Watauga) is funded 12.4% by the county. We also fund 12.5% (\$3,920) of an area IPM Technician (Ashe, Alleghany, & Watauga) who services the largest commercial Christmas tree growers in the county. This technician is based in Ashe County.

Under NC State's strategic plan any additional staff needs will have to be met at a 100% county funding level.

With the recent departure of our 4-H agent and our budget allocated for the Horticulture

Agent (frozen since 2013), I am proposing that the county fund our Horticulture Agent, Paige Patterson, who has been working as a temporary employee for the past 1 ½ years. This position is crucial to address the many home and commercial horticulture calls and issues that are brought to our office and for conducting the Master Gardener Program and managing the 40 + master gardener volunteers that we currently have in the county. This position also provides regular programming and technical assistance for the Christmas tree industry in Watauga.

I am working with NC State Extension leadership on either reclassifying our FCS Agent as the 4-H Agent so that Margie Mansure can be covered at 50%; or 4-H responsibilities be split between Margie and the Horticulture Agent. As of this memo, I have not received a decision on how they wish to proceed.

As for the impact of all of this on our county center Extension budget, with the loss of 1 support specialist and the reallocation of 4-H Agent funding to support Margie Mansure and Paige Patterson's position (if approved by NC State) we're looking at an overall increase of less than \$10,000. As soon as I receive more detail from NC State Extension leadership, I will be able to firm up our FY2015/16 budget and beyond and work with Deron to rewrite the MOU between the county and NC State Cooperative Extension.

Thank You,

Jim Hamilton  
Director, Watauga County Cooperative Extension

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**From:** Joe Furman  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:08 PM  
**To:** Deron.Geouque  
**Cc:** Anita.Fogle; Laura England  
**Subject:** item for retreat  
**Attachments:** HC for County Commission Feb 2015.pptx

Deron,

For the last few years, both ASU and WHS classes have been using Hardin Creek (the stream that runs through the WHS property) as a learning laboratory. In the course of that use, it has become apparent that the stream is in need of repair, particularly unstable stream banks. If left unaddressed, the stream could threaten the greenway which parallels the stream, and potentially create the need for expensive repairs to it. Late last year, I began meeting with an ad hoc committee to discuss possibilities for a stream bank restoration project. You will recall that the County has been involved with several stream bank restoration projects through the years; of particular note is the very successful one completed a few years ago at Brookshire Park.

Grant funds from various agencies are generally available for this kind of project, and the committee would like to explore the possibilities. As it is early in the process, it is unknown what entity would be the most appropriate applicant for grant funds. What is known is that the stream is on the County's property, so the County would need to be onboard in any event. Laura England, a Lecturer in the ASU Departments of Sustainable Development and Biology, has been facilitating the discussions and research to date. She would like to attend the retreat and ask for the Commissioners' blessing for the committee to continue planning and researching grant possibilities. Before any grant is pursued, another presentation would be made to the Commissioners, whether the County is being asked to be the applicant or not. If the Commissioners are not supportive of the project at this time, there is no reason for the committee to continue. Wendy Patoprsty and I have been meeting with the committee and will also attend the retreat session. Slides for discussion during the retreat session are attached. Thanks.

Joe

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# HARDIN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

February 2015

# OUTLINE

- Partners involved in project discussions
- Hardin Creek—need for restoration
- Proposed restoration project components
- Grant funding opportunities
- Questions and discussion

# PARTNERS

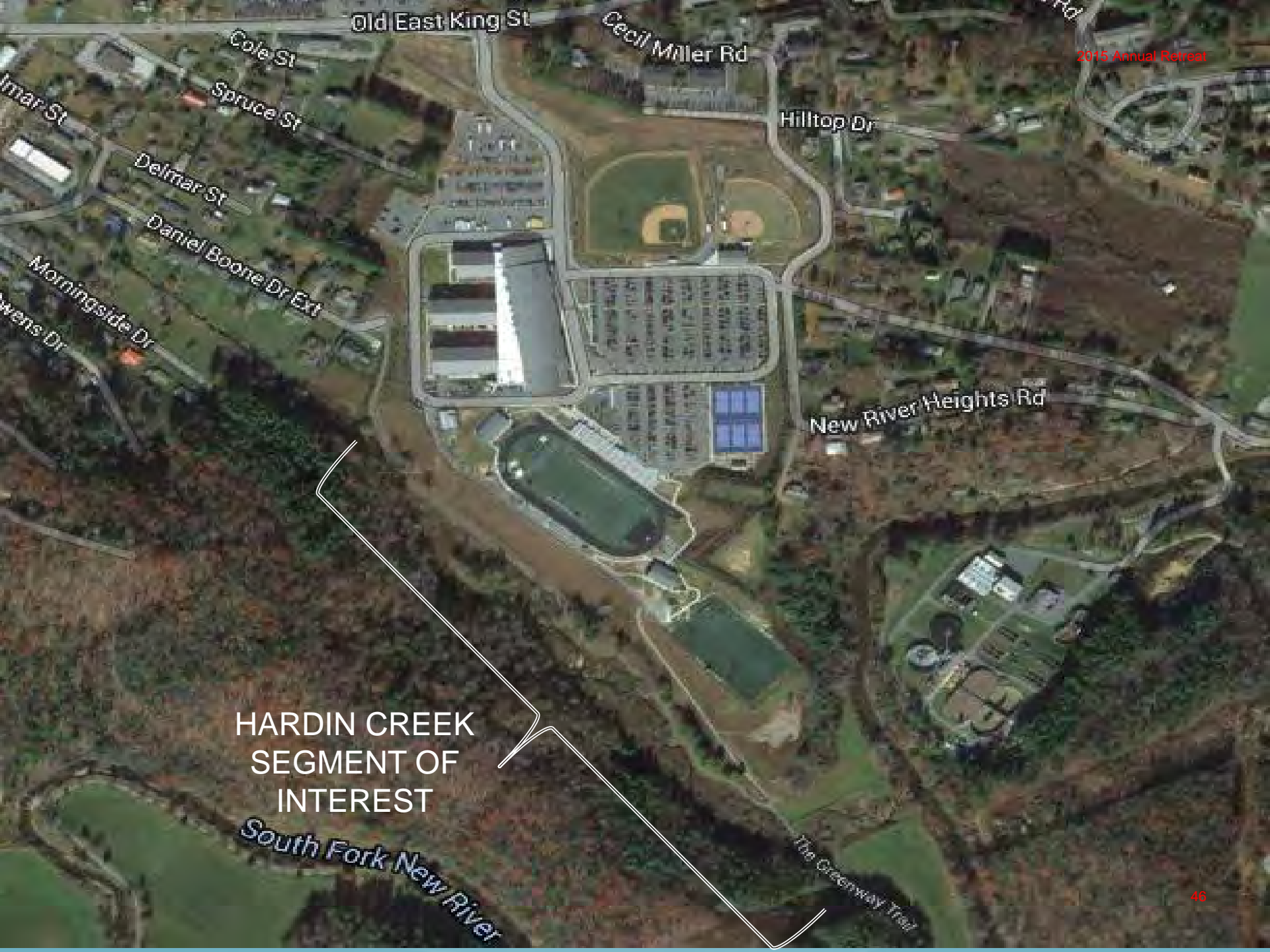
Participants in the discussion thus far include representatives of:

- Watauga High School
- Mountain Alliance
- Watauga County—Planning & Inspections
- Watauga County Soil & Water
- Town of Boone—Planning & Inspections
- Town of Boone—Public Works
- New River Conservancy
- NC Cooperative Extension, Watauga County Office
- Appalachian State University
- Trout Unlimited

# HARDIN CREEK

- Headwater stream
- Tributary to the South Fork of the New River
- Drains an urbanized watershed
- Highly unstable habitat; poor aquatic health
- Contributes sediment to New River when it rains
- Steep banks are a potential safety hazard





2015 Annual Retreat

Old East King St

Cecil Miller Rd

Hilltop Dr

New River Heights Rd

HARDIN CREEK  
SEGMENT OF  
INTEREST

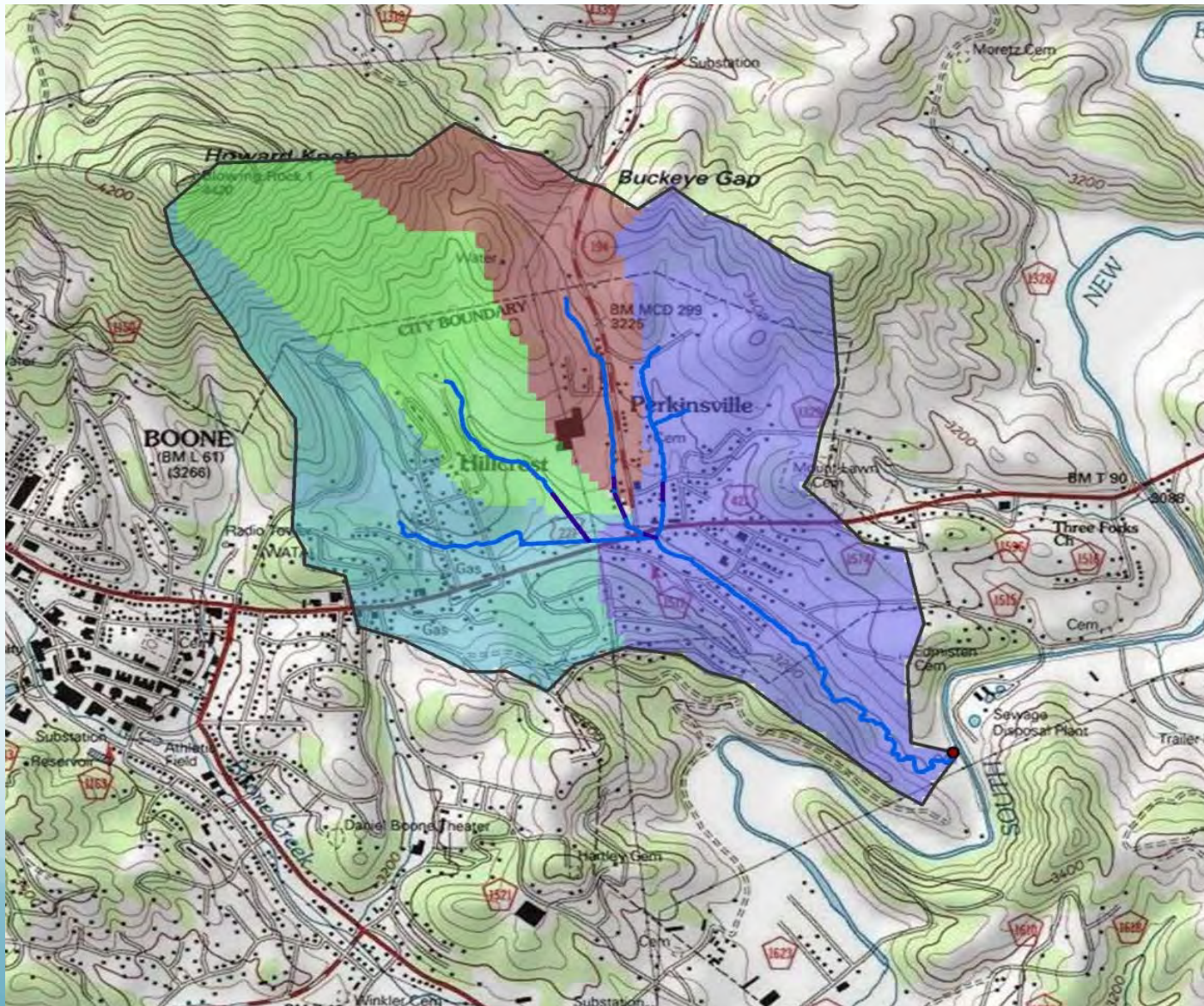
South Fork New River

The Greenway Trail

Cole St  
Spruce St  
Delmar St  
Daniel Boone Dr Ext  
Morningside Dr  
Hawens Dr

# HARDIN CREEK WATERSHED

2015 Annual Retreat



As of 2009,  
> 26% of the  
watershed land  
area was covered  
by impervious  
surfaces.

Aerial view

# UPSTREAM OF NEW MARKET CENTER

2015 Annual Retreat



# ALONG GREENWAY PATH

2015 Annual Retreat



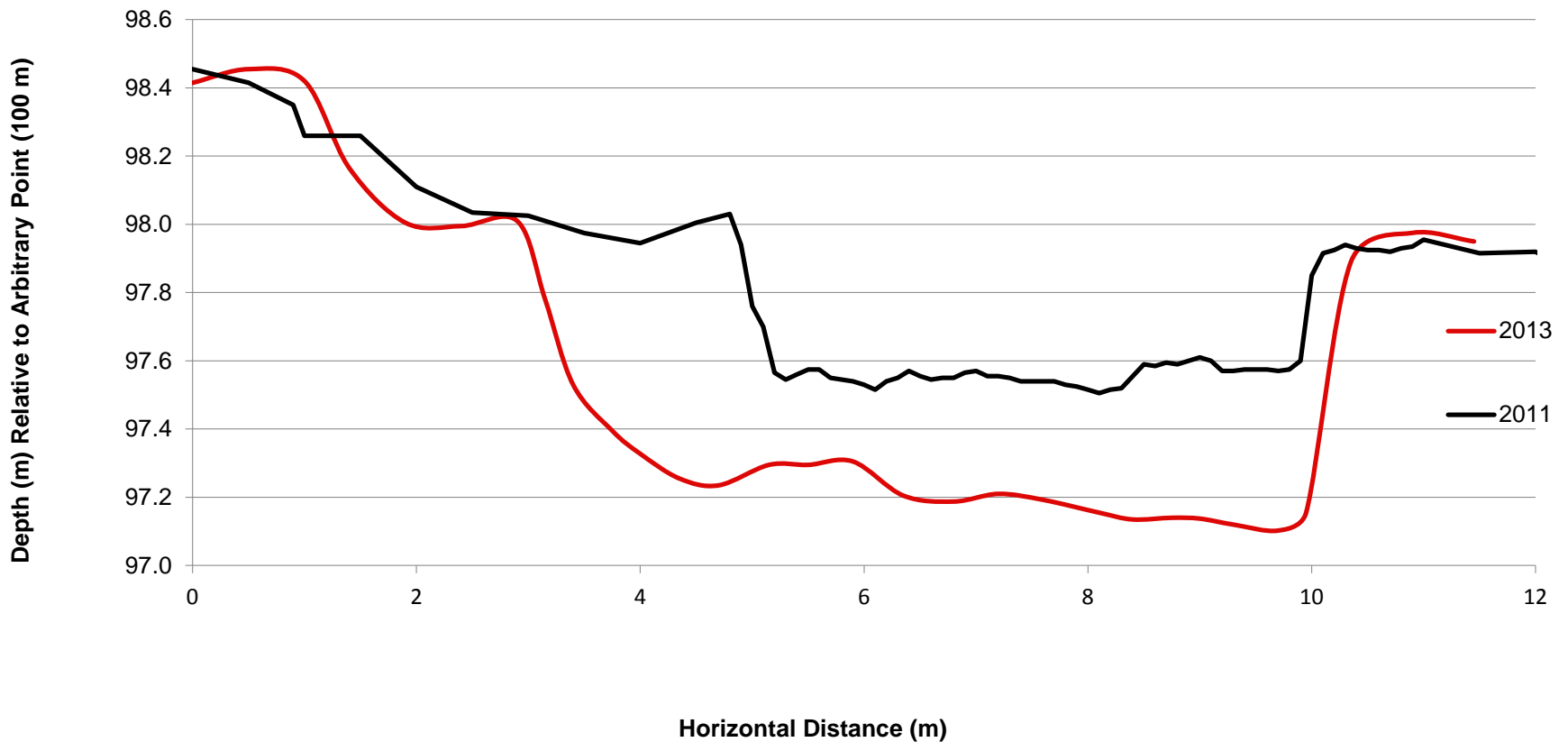
# DOWNSTREAM NEAR S. FORK NEW RIVER

2018 Annual Retreat



# RAPID CHANNEL EROSION

## Hardin Creek Cross-Section



# STORMFLOW SEDIMENT PROBLEM



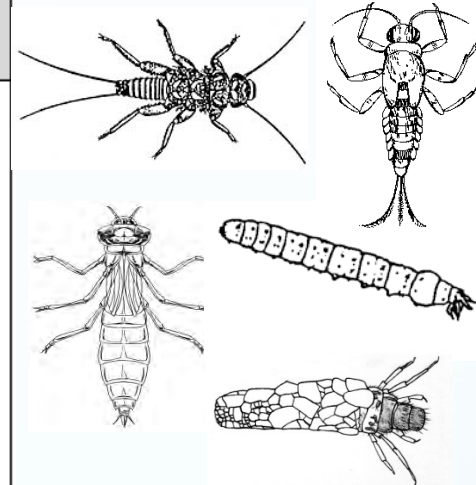
# CONFLUENCE WITH S. FORK NEW RIVER 2015 Annual Report





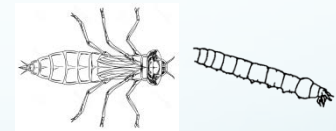
# BIOASSESSMENT SHOWS IMPACTS

<b>Upstream</b>						
Order	Family	Individuals	Tolerance (TV)	Abundance	Biotic Index (BI)	
Diptera	Tipulidae	2	5.7	1	0.11875	
Diptera	Dixidae	1	2.8	1	0.058333333	
Ephemeroptera	Heptageniidae	20	3.9	10	0.8125	
Ephemeroptera	Leptophlebiidae	57	2.7	10	0.5625	
Ephemeroptera	Ephemerillidae	27	2.8	10	0.583333333	
Lumbriculida	Lumbriculidae	1	7.3	1	0.152083333	
Odonata	Gomphidae	1	5.8	1	0.120833333	
Odonata	Libellulidae	1	8.4	1	0.175	
Plecoptera	Peltoperlidae	10	3.4	10	0.708333333	
Plecoptera	Chloroperlidae	5	0.3	3	0.01875	
Trichoptera	Limnephillidae	2	2.2	1	0.045833333	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>127</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>3.35625</b>	



Excellent Quality

<b>High School</b>						
Order	Family	Individuals	Tolerance (TV)	Abundance	Biotic Index (BI)	
Diptera	Tipulidae	9	5.7	3	4.275	
Odonata	Libellulidae	1	8.4	1	2.1	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>6.375</b>	



Fair

<b>Downstream</b>						
Order	Family	Individuals	Tolerance (TV)	Abundance	Biotic Index (BI)	
Diptera	Tipulidae	2	5.7	1	5.7*	



Sample too small for accurate rating

# PROPOSED RESTORATION SITE

2015 Annual Retreat

(on county property along Greenway)



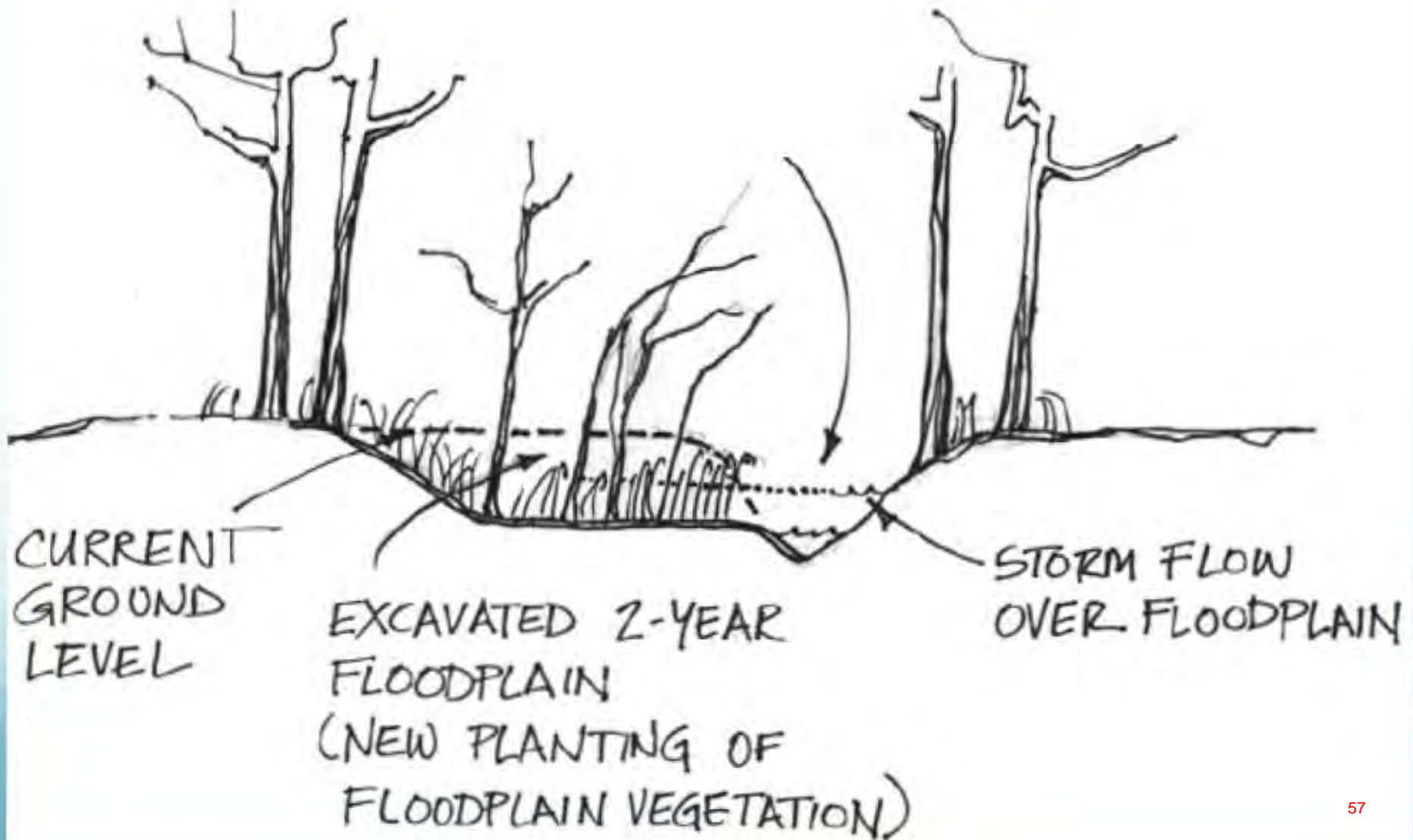
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# KEY PROJECT COMPONENTS

- Improve stream channel stability
  - ✧ Slope back the streambanks
  - ✧ Reconnect stream with its floodplain
  - ✧ Re-meander highly unstable reaches
  - ✧ Plant streambank/riparian vegetation
- Improve stormwater management on WHS campus with infiltration demonstration project(s)
- Improve educational value of creek
  - ✧ Access for students to safely get down into creek
  - ✧ Signage along Greenway path
  - ✧ Flow-through station for bug/fish investigation

# CHANNEL STABILIZATION

2015 Annual Retreat



# STORMWATER AT WHS

2015 Annual Retreat

- January and February workshops with Mountain Alliance students
- Identify sites where bioretention basins could be used to infiltrate some runoff
- Focus on visible sites for educational value
- Work with WCS & WHS to firm up conceptual plans



# GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Goal: submit proposals to at least two of the following in 2016:

- NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- NCDENR-DWR Water Resources Development Program
- NCDENR-DWR 319 Program
- NFWF Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Program

# SEEKING SUPPORT

Before the partners proceed with grantwriting, we want to ensure that we have the blessing of:

- Watauga Board of Education ✓
- Watauga County Commission
- Boone Town Council

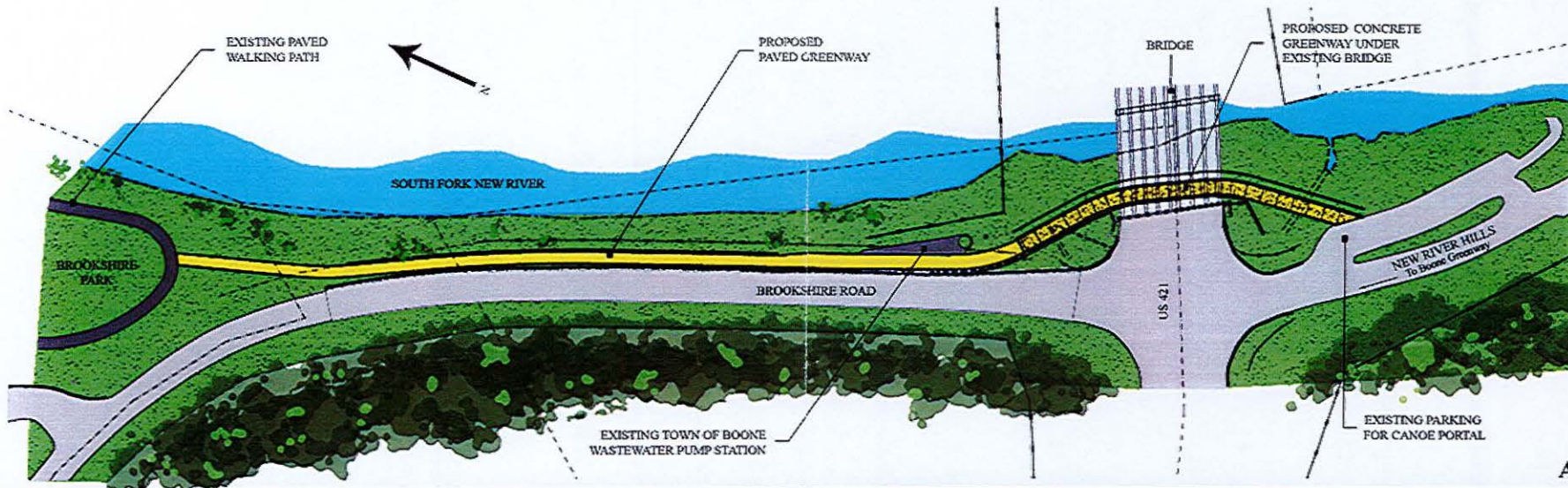
# NOW vs. POTENTIAL

- Highly unstable channel
- Streambanks washing downstream
- Significant source of sediment to New River
- Only tolerant bugs/fish
- Eyesore and safety issue
- Just another degraded urban stream
- Reduced channel erosion
- Cleaner water delivered to New River
- More diverse and abundant aquatic life
- Aesthetic amenity
- Outdoor living classroom
- Point of pride for our community



*Restoration of Hardin Creek as a living classroom offers a meaningful opportunity for community partnership, environmental improvement, and education in the headwaters of the New River watershed.*

# QUESTIONS?



AUGUST 2012



**BROOKSHIRE PARK/BOONE GREENWAY CONNECTOR:  
HIGHWAY 421 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS**





STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PAT MCCRORY  
GOVERNOR

P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh, NC 27611-5201  
PHONE (919) 733-2520

ANTHONY J. TATA  
SECRETARY

October 8, 2014

Joseph A. Furman, Director  
Watauga County Planning & Inspections and Economic Development  
331 Queen Street, Suite A  
Boone, North Carolina 28607

Subject: Watauga County  
TIP No.: EB-5612  
Supplemental Agreement

Dear Mr. Furman:

Enclosed for your records is one original fully executed Supplemental Agreement for the above-mentioned greenway project in Watauga County.

If I can provide any additional information, I may be reached at (336) 667-9111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. A. Pettyjohn" followed by a stylized flourish.

M. A. Pettyjohn, PE  
Division Engineer

MAP/JLL:jl

Enclosure

cc: Joe L. Laws, PE

NORTH CAROLINA  
WATAUGA COUNTY

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT**

DATE: 7/29/2014

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

TIP #: EB-5612

AND

WBS ELEMENTS: PE 56026.1.1

ROW \_\_\_\_\_

WATAUGA COUNTY

CON 56026.3.1

OTHER FUNDING:

FEDERAL-AID #: STEB-1104(16)

CFDA #: 20.205

TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS [NCDOT PARTICIPATION] \$0

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the last date executed below, by and between the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "Department", and the Watauga County, hereinafter referred to as the "County."

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Department and the County on 2/28/2013, entered into a certain Project Agreement for the original scope: A .1 mi. multi-use greenway underpass beneath Highway 421. The construction will be a 10 ft. wide paved asphalt section with 2 ft. shoulders. This will connect the Boone Greenway system to Brookshire Park, Appalachian State University Soccer Complex, and the now funded New River Greenway, programmed under Project EB-5612; and,

WHEREAS, the parties wish to extend the pre-construction date and completion date of the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties wish to supplement the aforementioned Agreement whereby the following provisions are amended:

**TIME FRAME**

The County shall complete pre-construction activities to include Environmental Document, Right of Way Certification and final PS&E package by March 31, 2015.

The County shall complete the construction of the Project by December 31, 2015.

**E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE**

Each of the parties covenants that if it enters into any subcontracts in order to perform any of its obligations under this contract, it shall require that the contractors and their subcontractors comply with the requirements of NC Gen. Stat. Article 2 of Chapter 64. In this E-Verify Compliance section, the words contractors, subcontractors, and comply shall have the meanings intended by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 153A-449.

Except as hereinabove provided, the Agreement heretofore executed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Watauga County on 2/28/2013, is ratified and affirmed as therein provided.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed, in duplicate, the day and year heretofore set out, on the part of the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the County by authority duly given.

L.S. ATTEST:

WATAUGA COUNTY

BY: *Cynthia J. Zogbe*

BY: *[Signature]*

TITLE: Clerk to the Board

TITLE: Chairman, Watauga County Board of Commissioners

DATE: 8/8/14

DATE: 8/8/14

NCGS 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

(SEAL)

*Margaret Moore* 8/7/14  
(FINANCE OFFICER)

Federal Tax Identification Number

56-6001816

Remittance Address:

Watauga County

814 West King St. Suite 216  
Boone NC 28607

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: *Millie Hob*  
(CHIEF ENGINEER)

DATE: 9/23/14

APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION ITEM O: 9-4-14 (Date)



## Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is a summation of this agreement and is not intended to be used as the agreement between the Department (North Carolina Department of Transportation) and the Party (Entity).

**Entity:** Watauga County

**County:** Watauga

**TIP:** EB-5612

**Project:** Brookshire Park and Boone Greenway Connector

**Scope:** construction of an approximately .1 mile multi-use greenway underpass beneath Highway 421. The construction will be a 10 ft. wide paved asphalt section with 2 ft. shoulders. This will connect the Boone Greenway system to Brookshire Park, Appalachian State University Soccer Complex, and the now funded New River Greenway.

**Eligible Activities:**

<b>PE</b>	56026.1.1	Design
		Environmental
<b>ROW</b>	_____	ROW Acquisition
		Utility Relocation
<b>CON</b>	56026.3.1	Construction
<b>OTHER</b>		
<b>FEDERAL-AID</b>	STPEB-1104(16)	

Fund Source	Federal Funds Amount	Reimbursement Rate	Non-Federal (State) Match \$	Non-Federal (State) Match Rate
STP-EB (Bike/Ped)	\$480,000	80 %	\$120,000	20 %
<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>			<b>\$600,000</b>	

**Responsibility:** Watauga County shall be responsible for all aspects of the project.



NORTH CAROLINA

**LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -  
FEDERAL**

WATAUGA COUNTY

DATE: 11/29/2012

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

TIP #: EB-5612

AND

WBS Elements: PE 56026.1.1

ROW \_\_\_\_\_

WATAUGA COUNTY

CON 56026.3.1

OTHER FUNDING:

FEDERAL-AID NUMBER: STPEB-  
1104(16)

CFDA #: 20.205

Total Funds [NCDOT Participation] \$600,000

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into on the last date executed below, by and between the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the "Department" and Watauga County, hereinafter referred to as the "County".

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, Section 1113 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA – LU), establishes Transportation Enhancement funds, which require that federal funds be available for certain specified transportation activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Watauga County has requested federal funding for Brookshire Park and Boone Greenway Connector, hereinafter referred to as the Project, in Watauga County, North Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, subject to the availability of federal funds, the County has been designated as a recipient to receive funds allocated to the Department by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) up to and not to exceed the maximum award amount of \$480,000 for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has agreed to administer the disbursement of said funds on behalf of FHWA to the County for the Project in accordance with the Project scope of work and in accordance with the provisions set out in this Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has agreed to provide the required non-federal match of \$120,000 for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has programmed funding in the approved Transportation Improvement Program for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the governing board of the County has agreed to participate in certain costs and to assume certain responsibilities in the manner and to the extent as hereinafter set out; and,

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made under the authority granted to the Department by the North Carolina General Assembly including, but not limited to, the following applicable legislation: General Statutes of North Carolina (NCGS) Section 136-66.1, Section 136-71.6, Section 160A-296 and 297, Section 136-18, Section 136-41.3 and Section 20-169, to participate in the planning, construction and/or implementation of the Project approved by the Board of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Agreement states the promises and undertakings of each party as herein provided, and the parties do hereby covenant and agree, each with the other, as follows:

## **1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT**

All parties to this Agreement, including contractors, subcontractors, and subsequent workforces, associated with any work under the terms of this Agreement shall provide reports as required by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) for this Project.

### **AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS**

Any modification to this Agreement will be agreed upon in writing by all parties prior to being implemented.

Any increases to the funding amount will be agreed upon by all parties by means of a Supplemental Agreement.

### **LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY TO PERFORM ALL WORK**

The County shall be responsible for administering all work performed and for certifying to the Department that all terms set forth in this Agreement are met and adhered to by the County and/or its contractors and agents. The Department will provide technical oversight to guide the County. The Department must approve any assignment or transfer of the responsibilities of the County set forth in this Agreement to other parties or entities.

### **PERSON IN RESPONSIBLE CHARGE**

The County shall designate a person or persons to be in responsible charge of the Project, in accordance with Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 635.105. The person, or persons, shall be expected to:

- Administer governmental project activities, including those dealing with cost, time, adherence to contract requirements, construction quality and scope of Federal-aid projects;
- Maintain knowledge of day to day project operations and safety issues;
- Make or participate in decisions about changed conditions or scope changes that require change orders or supplemental agreements;
- Visit and review the project in accordance with the project scope and scale;
- Review financial processes, transactions and documentation to reduce the likelihood of fraud, waste, and abuse;
- Direct project staff, agency or consultant, to carry out project administration and contract oversight, including proper documentation; and
- Be aware of the qualifications, assignments and on-the-job performance of the agency and consultant staff at all stages of the project.

The person in responsible charge must be a full-time employee of the County, but the duties may be split among several employees, if necessary.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH STATE/FEDERAL POLICY**

The County, and/or its agent, including all contractors, subcontractors, or sub-recipients shall comply with all applicable Federal and State policies and procedures, stated both in this Agreement and in the Department's guidelines and procedures, including the *Local Programs Management Handbook*.

#### **FAILURE TO COMPLY - CONSEQUENCES**

Failure on the part of the County to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement will be grounds for the Department to terminate participation in the costs of the Project and, if applicable, seek repayment of any reimbursed funds.

## 2. SCOPE OF PROJECT

The Project consists of an approximately .1 mile multi-use greenway underpass beneath Highway 421. The construction will be a 10 ft. wide paved asphalt section with 2 ft. shoulders. This will connect the Boone Greenway system to Brookshire Park, Appalachian State University Soccer Complex, and the now funded New River Greenway.

The Department's funding participation in the Project shall be restricted to the following eligible items:

- Design
- Construction

as further set forth in this Agreement.

## 3. FUNDING

Subject to compliance by the County with the provisions set forth in this Agreement and the availability of federal funds, the Department shall participate up to a maximum amount of Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000) in Federal funding, and an additional One Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$120,000) in State funding, as detailed below. The County shall be responsible for all costs that exceed the total estimated cost.

### FUNDING TABLE

Fund Source	Federal Funds Amount	Reimbursement Rate	Non-Federal (State) Match \$	Non-Federal (State) Match Rate
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<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>			<b>\$600,000</b>	

## 4. TIME FRAME

The County, and/or its agent, shall complete pre-construction activities, to include Environmental Document, Right of Way Certification and final PS&E package, by 12/31/2014, in order to authorize construction funds prior to the end of the Federal Fiscal Year (September 30). In the event additional time is required to complete pre-construction activities, the Department will accept a written request for an extension of time as long as authorization of construction funds can still occur in the same Federal Fiscal Year. Any extensions of time beyond the current Federal Fiscal Year will require a supplemental agreement.

The County shall complete the Project by 07/31/2015. Completion for this Agreement is defined as completion of all construction activities, acceptance of the project, and submission of a final reimbursement package to the Department.

The Department and/or FHWA reserves the right to revoke the funds awarded if the County is unable to meet milestone dates included herein.

## 5. PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AUTHORIZATION

If Preliminary Engineering is an eligible expense, then upon receipt of an executed agreement, the Department will authorize Preliminary Engineering funds and shall notify the County, in writing, once funds have been authorized and can be expended. The County shall not initiate any work, nor solicit for any professional services prior to receipt of written authorization from the Department to proceed. Any work performed, or contracts executed, prior to receipt of written authorization to proceed will be ineligible for reimbursement.

## 6. PROFESSIONAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

The County shall comply with the policies and procedures of this provision if Preliminary Engineering and/or Construction Contract Administration is an eligible expense.

### PROCUREMENT POLICY

When procuring professional services, the County must adhere to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 18.36; Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172; Title 40 United States Code, Chapter 11, Section 1101-1104; NCGS 143-64, Parts 31 and 32; and the Department's *Policies and Procedures for Major Professional or Specialized Services Contracts*. Said policies and standards are incorporated in this Agreement by reference at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/legislat.html](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/legislat.html) and [www.ncleg.net/gascrpts/Statutes/Statutes.asp](http://www.ncleg.net/gascrpts/Statutes/Statutes.asp).

- The County shall ensure that a qualified firm is obtained through an equitable selection process, and that prescribed work is properly accomplished in a timely manner and at a just and reasonable cost.
- All Professional Services Firms shall be pre-qualified by the Department.
- If the proposed contract exceeds \$30,000, a pre-negotiation audit must be requested from the Department's External Audit Branch.

## **SMALL PROFESSIONAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FIRMS REQUIREMENTS**

Any contract entered into with another party to perform work associated with the requirements of this Agreement shall contain appropriate provisions regarding the utilization of Small Professional Services Firms (SPSF). This policy conforms with the SPSF Guidelines as approved by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

- The County shall not advertise nor enter into a contract for services performed as part of this Agreement, unless the Department provides written approval of the advertisement or the contents of the contract.
- If the County fails to comply with these requirements, the Department will withhold funding until these requirements are met.

## **WORK BY ENTITY**

If the Professional and Engineering Services required for this project will be undertaken by the County, and the County requests reimbursement, then the County must submit a request and supporting documentation to the Department for review and approval, prior to any work being initiated by the County.

## **7. PLANNING / ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The County shall prepare the environmental and/or planning document, including any environmental permits, needed to construct the Project, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and all other appropriate environmental laws and regulations. All work shall be performed in accordance with Departmental procedures and guidelines. Said documentation shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

- The County shall be responsible for preparing and filing with all proper agencies the appropriate planning documents, including notices and applications required to apply for those permits necessary for the construction of the desired improvements. Copies of approved permits should be forwarded to the Department.
- The County shall advertise and conduct any required public hearings.
- If any permit issued requires that action be taken to mitigate impacts associated with the improvements, the County shall design and implement a mitigation plan. The Department will determine if any mitigation costs are eligible for reimbursement. The County shall bear all costs associated with penalties for violations and claims due to delays.

- The County shall be responsible for designing an erosion control plan if required by the North Carolina Sedimentation Pollution Control Act of 1973, NCGS 113A, Article 4, incorporated in this Agreement by reference at [www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statues/Statutes.asp](http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statues/Statutes.asp) and obtaining those permits required thereby in order to construct the Project. During the construction of the improvements, the County, and its contractors and agents, shall be solely responsible for compliance with the provisions of said Act and the plan adopted in compliance therewith.

## 8. DESIGN

### CONTENT OF PLAN PACKAGE

The County, and/or its agent, shall prepare the Project's plans, specifications, and a professional estimate of costs (PS&E package), in accordance with the Department's guidelines and procedures, and applicable Federal and State standards. All work shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval. The plans shall be completed to show the design, site plans, landscaping, drainage, easements, and utility conflicts.

## 9. RIGHT OF WAY / UTILITY AUTHORIZATION

If the costs of right of way acquisition or utility relocation are an eligible expense, the County shall submit a letter of request to the Department to authorize and set up right of way and/or utility funding. The acquisition for right of way, construction easements, and/or utility relocation may be undertaken only after the County receives written authorization from the Department to proceed.

## 10. PROJECT LIMITS AND RIGHT OF WAY (ROW)

### SPONSOR PROVIDES ROW

The County, at no liability whatsoever to the Department, shall be responsible for providing and/or acquiring any required ROW and/or easements for the Project.

### ROW GUIDANCE

The County shall accomplish all ROW activities, including acquisition and relocation, in accordance with the following: Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 710, Subpart B and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24, [Uniform Act] incorporated by reference at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/legisregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legisregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm); NCGS, Chapter 133, Article 2, Sections

133-5 through 133-18, Relocation Assistance, incorporated by reference at [www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/Statutes.asp](http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/Statutes.asp); and the North Carolina Department of Transportation Right of Way Manual.

### **APPRAISAL**

If the costs of ROW acquisition are an eligible expense, the County shall submit the appraisal to the Department's Right of Way Branch for review and approval in accordance with Departmental policies and procedures.

### **CLEARANCE OF PROJECT LIMITS / ROW**

The County shall remove and dispose of all obstructions and encroachments of any kind or character (including hazardous and contaminated materials) from said ROW, with the exception that the County shall secure an encroachment agreement for any utilities (which shall remain or are) to be installed within the ROW. The County shall indemnify and save harmless the Department, Federal Highway Administration, and the State of North Carolina, from any and all damages and claims for damages that might arise on account of said right of way acquisition, drainage, and construction easements for the construction of said Project. The County shall be solely responsible for any damages caused by the existence of said material now and at any time in the future and will save the Department harmless from any legal actions arising as a result of this contaminated and/or hazardous material and shall provide the Department with documentation proving the proper disposal of said material.

### **RELOCATION ASSISTANCE**

The County shall provide relocation assistance services and payments for families, businesses, and non-profit organizations being displaced by the Project in full accordance with the Federal relocation requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 24 [Uniform Act], as amended. Relocation assistance services and payments may be accomplished by contract with any other municipal corporation, or State or Federal agency, rendering such services upon approval by the Department and Federal Highway Administration.

## **11. UTILITIES**

The County, and/or its agent, at no liability to the Department, shall relocate, adjust, relay, change or repair all utilities in conflict with the Project, regardless of ownership. All utility work shall be performed in a manner satisfactory to and in conformance with State and Federal rules and



regulations, prior to County beginning construction of the project. This Agreement does not modify or supersede any existing Utility Encroachment Agreements that may be in place.

## 12. RIGHT OF WAY CERTIFICATION

The County, upon acquisition of all right of way/property necessary for the Project, shall provide the Right of Way Agent, located at the Department's Local Right of Way Office, all required documentation (deeds/leases/easement/plans) to secure right of way certification from that office. Certification is only issued after all ROW is in public ownership or property is publicly accessible by a legal document and utilities in conflict with the project are relocated.

## 13. CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

The County shall submit the required environmental and/or planning document, ROW certification, final construction plans, total contract proposal, and an estimate of Project costs (final PS&E package) to the Department for review and approval.

- After approval of all documentation, the Department will request construction authorization from the Federal Highway Administration.
- The County shall not advertise for bids prior to receiving written construction authorization from the Department.

## 14. CONTRACTOR PROCUREMENT

### ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Upon receipt of written construction authorization from the Department, the County may advertise the Project. The County shall follow applicable Federal and/or State procedures pertaining to the advertisement of the Project, bid opening, and award of the contract, according to Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 18.36 and Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 633 and Part 635, incorporated by reference at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm); and NCGS, Chapter 143, Article 8 (Public Contracts), incorporated by reference at [www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/Statutes.asp](http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/Statutes.asp).

## **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS**

All Contractors submitting bids on the project shall be pre-qualified by the Department. All proposed subcontractors must be pre-qualified before construction work begins. Any subcontractors who are proposed to meet the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal must be certified by the Department.

## **CONSTRUCTION SUBCONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS**

Any contract entered into with another party to perform work associated with the requirements of this Agreement shall contain appropriate provisions regarding the utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), or as required and defined in Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26 and the North Carolina Administrative Code. These provisions are incorporated into this Agreement by reference <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/Contracts/Pages/LGA-Projects.aspx>.

- The County shall not advertise nor enter into a contract for services performed as part of this Agreement, unless the Department provides written approval of the advertisement or the contents of the contract.
- If the County fails to comply with these requirements, the Department will withhold funding until these requirements are met.

## **AWARDING CONTRACT**

After the advertisement of the Project for construction bids, the County shall request concurrence from the Department to award the construction contract by submitting a letter along with tabulated bids received depicting Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) goals, and a resolution recommending award of the Project to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. The Department will review the submitted information and provide written approval to the County prior to the contract being awarded by the County.

## **DELAY IN PROCUREMENT**

In the event the Project has not been let to contract within six (6) months after receiving construction authorization from the Department, the County shall be responsible for documenting to the Department justification for project delay and that the Project remains in compliance with the terms of this Agreement, the approved plans and specifications, and current codes.

## **FORCE ACCOUNT**

Force account work is only allowed when there is a finding of cost effectiveness for the work to be performed by some method other than a contract awarded by a competitive bidding process, or there is an emergency. Written approval from the Department is required prior to the use of force account by the County. Federal Highway Administration regulations governing Force Account are contained in Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 635.201, Subpart B; said policy being incorporated in this Agreement by reference [www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/cfr23toc.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/cfr23toc.htm). North Carolina General Statutes governing the use of Force Account, Chapter 143, Article 8 (Public Contracts) can be found at [www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/Statutes.asp](http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/Statutes/Statutes.asp).

## **15. CONSTRUCTION**

The County, and/or its agents shall construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications of the Project as filed with, and approved by, the Department. During the construction of the Project, the procedures set out below shall be followed:

### **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

The County shall comply with the NCDOT Construction Manual as referenced at <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/operations/dp%5Fchief%5Feng/constructionunit/formsmanuals/construction/>, which outlines the procedures for records and reports that must be adhered to in order to obtain uniformity of contract administration and documentation. This includes, but is not limited to, inspection reports, material test reports, materials certification, documentation of quantities, project diaries, and pay records. The County, and/or its agent, shall perform the construction engineering, sampling and testing required during construction of the Project, in accordance with Departmental procedures, including the Department's Guide for Process Control and Acceptance Sampling and Testing. The County shall document that said compliance was accomplished in accordance with State and Federal procedures, guidelines, standards and specifications.

### **RETAINAGE**

The County shall not retain any portion of a payment due the contractor.

### **SIGNAGE**

The County shall provide and maintain adequate signage and other warning devices for the protection of the public in accordance with the approved traffic control plans for the Project and

the current edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for Streets and Highways, or any subsequent revision of the same, published by the Federal Highway Administration and effective at the time of award of the contract.

#### **SITE LAYOUT**

The County shall be responsible for ensuring that all site layout, construction work, and Project documentation are in compliance with applicable city, state and federal permits, guidelines, and regulations, including American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design ([www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/stdspdf.htm](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/stdspdf.htm)).

#### **RIGHT TO INSPECT**

The Department and representatives of the Federal Highway Administration shall have the right to inspect, sample or test, and approve or reject, any portion of the work being performed by the County or the County's contractor to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement. Prior to any payment by the Department, any deficiencies inconsistent with approved plans and specifications found during an inspection must be corrected.

#### **CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE**

The County will be responsible for ensuring that the contractor complies with all of the terms of the contract and any instructions issued by the Department or FHWA as a result of any review or inspection made by said representatives.

#### **CHANGE ORDERS**

If any changes in the Project plans are necessary, the Department must approve such changes prior to the work being performed.

#### **SHOP DRAWINGS**

Shop Drawings shall be submitted in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and may require review by the Designer.

### **16. CLOSE-OUT**

Upon completion of the Project, the County shall be responsible for the following:

## **FINAL INSPECTION**

The County shall arrange for a final inspection by the Department. Any deficiencies determined during the final field inspection must be corrected prior to final payment being made by the Department to the County. Additional inspection by other entities may be necessary in accordance with the Department's guidelines and procedures. The County shall provide the Department with written evidence of approval of completed project prior to requesting final reimbursement.

## **FINAL PROJECT CERTIFICATION**

The County will provide a certification to the Department that all work performed for this Project is in accordance with all applicable standards, guidelines, and regulations.

## **17. MAINTENANCE**

The County, at no expense or liability to the Department, shall assume all maintenance responsibilities for the Brookshire Park and Boone Greenway Connector, or as required by an executed encroachment agreement.

## **18. REIMBURSEMENT**

### **SCOPE OF REIMBURSEMENT**

Activities eligible for funding reimbursement for this Project shall include:

- Design
- Construction

### **REIMBURSEMENT GUIDANCE**

The County shall adhere to applicable administrative requirements of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 18 ([www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legsregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm)) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A-102 ([www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html)) "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Reimbursement to the County shall be subject to the policies and procedures contained in Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 140 and Part 172, which is being incorporated into this Agreement by reference at

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/legregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/legregs/directives/fapgtoc.htm) and by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87 ([www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html)) "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments." Reimbursement to the County shall be subject to the guidance contained in Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 170 (<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-22705.pdf>) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) "Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act" (FFATA). Said reimbursement shall also be subject to the Department being reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration and subject to compliance by the County with all applicable federal policy and procedures.

## REIMBURSEMENT LIMITS

- **WORK PERFORMED BEFORE NOTIFICATION**

Any costs incurred by the County prior to written notification by the Department to proceed with the work shall not be eligible for reimbursement.

- **NO REIMBURSEMENT IN EXCESS OF APPROVED FUNDING**

At no time shall the Department reimburse the County costs that exceed the total federal funding.

- **UNSUBSTANTIATED COSTS**

The County agrees that it shall bear all costs for which it is unable to substantiate actual costs or any costs that have been deemed unallowable by the Federal Highway Administration and/or the Department's Financial Management Division.

- **WORK PERFORMED BY NCDOT**

All work performed by the Department on this Project, including, but not limited to, reviews, inspections, and Project oversight, shall reduce the maximum award amount of \$600,000 available to the County under this Agreement. If the cost of work done by the Department exceeds the funding award, the Department will bill the County for the excess costs.

- **CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION**

Reimbursement for construction contract administration will be made as governed by Departmental policy that limits reimbursement for construction contract administration to no more than fifteen (15%) percent of the actual construction contract of the Project.

These costs will also include any cost overruns and charges to the Project by the Department during the Construction Phase.

- **CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT UNIT PRICES**

Reimbursement for construction contract work will be made on the basis of contract unit prices in the construction contract and any approved change orders.

- **RIGHT OF WAY**

Reimbursement will be limited to the value as approved by the Department. Eligible costs for reimbursement of Right of Way Acquisition include: realty appraisals, surveys, closing costs, and the approved appraised fair market value of the property, at the reimbursement rate as shown in the FUNDING TABLE.

- **FORCE ACCOUNT**

Invoices for force account work shall show a summary of labor, labor additives, equipment, materials and other qualifying costs in conformance with the standards for allowable costs set forth in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87 ([www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html)) "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments." Reimbursement shall be based on actual eligible costs incurred with the exception of equipment owned by the County or its Project partners. Reimbursement rates for equipment owned by the County or its Project partners cannot exceed the Department's rates in effect for the time period in which the work is performed.

## **BILLING THE DEPARTMENT**

- **PROCEDURE**

The County may bill the Department for eligible Project costs in accordance with the Department's guidelines and procedures. Proper supporting documentation shall accompany each invoice as may be required by the Department. By submittal of each invoice, the County certifies that it has adhered to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations as set forth in this Agreement.

Along with each invoice, the County is responsible for submitting the FFATA Subrecipient Information Form, which is available at

<http://www.ncdot.gov/programs/Enhancement/ProjectAdministration/Forms/>.

- **INTERNAL APPROVALS**

Reimbursement to the County shall be made upon approval of the invoice by the Department's Financial Management Division.

- **TIMELY SUBMITTAL OF INVOICES**

The County may invoice the Department monthly for work accomplished, but no less than once every six (6) months to keep the Project funds active and available. If the County is unable to invoice the Department, then they must provide an explanation. Failure to submit invoices or explanation may result in de-obligation of funds.

- **FINAL INVOICE**

All invoices associated with the Project must be submitted within six (6) months of the completion of construction and acceptance of the Project to be eligible for reimbursement by the Department. Any invoices submitted after this time will not be eligible for reimbursement.

## **19. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND RECORDS RETENTION**

### **PROJECT EVALUATION REPORTS**

The County is responsible for submitting quarterly Project evaluation reports, in accordance with the Department's guidelines and procedures, that detail the progress achieved to date for the Project.

### **PROJECT RECORDS**

The County and its agents shall maintain all books, documents, papers, accounting records, Project records and such other evidence as may be appropriate to substantiate costs incurred under this Agreement. Further, the County shall make such materials available at its office and shall require its agent to make such materials available at its office at all reasonable times during the contract period, and for five (5) years from the date of payment of the final voucher by the Federal Highway Administration, for inspection and audit by the Department's Financial Management Section, the Federal Highway Administration, or any authorized representatives of the Federal Government.



## **20. OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **REFERENCES**

It will be the responsibility of the County to follow the current and/or most recent edition of references, websites, specifications, standards, guidelines, recommendations, regulations and/or general statutes, as stated in this Agreement.

### **INDEMNIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT**

The County agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department, FHWA and the State of North Carolina, to the extent allowed by law, for any and all claim for payment, damages and/or liabilities of any nature, asserted against the Department in connection with this Project. The Department shall not be responsible for any damages or claims, which may be initiated by third parties.

### **DEBARMENT POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department not to enter into any agreement with parties that have been debarred by any government agency (Federal or State). By execution of this agreement, the County certifies that neither it nor its agents or contractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal or State Agency or Department and that it will not enter into agreements with any entity that is debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction.

### **TITLE VI - CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

The County shall comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (Title 49 CFR, Subtitle A, Part 21). Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, gender, and age in all programs or activities of any recipient of Federal assistance.

### **OTHER AGREEMENTS**

The County is solely responsible for all agreements, contracts, and work orders entered into or issued by the County for this Project. The Department is not responsible for any expenses or obligations incurred for the Project except those specifically eligible for Enhancement funds and obligations as approved by the Department under the terms of this Agreement.

**AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

All terms and conditions of this Agreement are dependent upon, and, subject to the allocation of funds for the purpose set forth in the Agreement and the Agreement shall automatically terminate if funds cease to be available.

**IMPROPER USE OF FUNDS, EXCESS USE OF FUNDS**

Where either the Department or the FHWA determines that the funds paid to the County for this Project are not used in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or if the cost of work done by the Department exceeds the funding award, the Department will bill the County.

**TERMINATION OF PROJECT**

If the County decides to terminate the Project without the concurrence of the Department, the County shall reimburse the Department one hundred percent (100%) of all costs expended by the Department and associated with the Project.

**AUDITS**

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations" ([www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a133/a133.html)) dated June 27, 2003 and the Federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, the County shall arrange for an annual independent financial and compliance audit of its fiscal operations. The County shall furnish the Department with a copy of the annual independent audit report within thirty (30) days of completion of the report, but not later than nine (9) months after the County's fiscal year ends.

**REIMBURSEMENT BY COUNTY**

For all monies due the Department as referenced in this Agreement, reimbursement shall be made by the County to the Department within sixty (60) days of receiving an invoice. A late payment penalty and interest shall be charged on any unpaid balance due in accordance with NCGS 147-86.23.

**GIFT BAN**

By Executive Order 24, issued by Governor Perdue, and NCGS 133-32, it is unlawful for any vendor or contractor (i.e. architect, bidder, contractor, construction manager, design professional, engineer, landlord, offeror, seller, subcontractor, supplier, or vendor), to make gifts or to give

favors to any State employee of the Governor's Cabinet Agencies (i.e. Administration, Commerce, Correction, Crime Control and Public Safety, Cultural Resources, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Revenue, Transportation, and the Office of the Governor).

**21. SUNSET PROVISION**

All terms and conditions of this Agreement are dependent upon, and subject to, the allocation of funds for the purpose set forth in the Agreement and the Agreement shall automatically terminate if funds cease to be available.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED that the approval of the Project by the Department is subject to the conditions of this Agreement, and that no expenditures of funds on the part of the Department will be made until the terms of this Agreement have been complied with on the part of the County.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed, in duplicate, the day and year heretofore set out, on the part of the Department and the County by authority duly given.

ATTEST: WATAUGA COUNTY  
BY: Anita J. Fogle BY: [Signature]  
TITLE: Clerk to the Board TITLE: Chairman  
DATE: 1/29/13

NCGS 133-32 and Executive Order 24 prohibit the offer to, or acceptance by, any State Employee of any gift from anyone with a contract with the State, or from any person seeking to do business with the State. By execution of any response in this procurement, you attest, for your entire organization and its employees or agents, that you are not aware that any such gift has been offered, accepted, or promised by any employees of your organization.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners of the Watauga County as attested to by the signature of Anita J. Fogle Clerk of the Board of Commissioners on January 29, 2013 (Date)

This Agreement has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

[Signature] 1/29/13  
(FINANCE OFFICER)

Federal Tax Identification Number  
56-600 1816

Watauga County

Remittance Address:  
814 West King St., Rm 216  
Boone NC 28607

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY: [Signature]  
(CHIEF ENGINEER) Deputy Secretary of Transit

DATE: 2-28-2013

OK  
Approved  
2/26/13

APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION ITEM O: 1-10-13 (Date)



Watauga County Tourism  
Development Authority  
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Boone, NC 28607  
828-266-1345  
tda@ExploreBoone.com

TO: Deron Geouque, Watauga County Manager  
Watauga County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Wright Tilley, Executive Director

RE: TDA Update for Watauga County Board Retreat

DATE: 2/13/15

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The Watauga County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) is pleased to give an update at the 2015 Watauga County Commissioners' Retreat.

Attached to this memo is a copy of the FY 13/14 year-end occupancy tax collection chart showing multiple years, a copy of the FY 14/15 Occupancy Tax chart through December 2014 comparing current fiscal year to last fiscal year, and a copy of the 2014 Calendar Year occupancy tax collections compared to calendar year 2013.

Also attached is a summary from the NC Commerce Department regarding Watauga County tourism statistics for 2013.

Below are some bulleted highlights from FY 13/14 and FY 14/15 so far.

**Watauga TDA Highlights:**

- **Calendar year 2014 occupancy tax collections were up 7.15% over the 2013 calendar year, which amounts to a \$71,387.93 increase in occupancy tax collections.**
- **Current FY 14/15 Fiscal Year occupancy tax collections are up 9.18% over last year for July through December.**
- **Closed the FY 13/14 fiscal year with an increase in occupancy tax revenue of 3.14%, which amounts to a \$ 30,769.57 increase in occupancy tax funds.**
- **Watauga County moved up a spot from 19 to be ranked 18<sup>th</sup> out of North Carolina's 100 counties in terms of overall travel impact among North Carolina's 100 Counties. (NC Commerce)**
- **Domestic tourism in Watauga County generated an economic impact of \$216.72 million in 2013, a 2.71% increase from 2012. (NC Commerce)**

- State and local tax revenues from travel to Watauga County amounted to \$18.96 million. This represents a \$359.83 tax savings to each county resident. (NC Commerce)
- More than 2,520 jobs in Watauga County were directly attributable to travel & tourism. (NC Commerce)
- The TDA continued to support the Watauga County Choose & Cut program in 2014 with a \$10,000 marketing grant to the Watauga County Christmas Tree Association.
- The Watauga County TDA continued its participation in the High Country Marketing Co-op with other area TDAs and private businesses to market the NC High Country as a regional destination. This is in addition to our own marketing program.
- The Watauga County TDA hired a new advertising agency last spring. Clean Design, based in Raleigh, NC, is providing strategic marketing strategies and media placement recommendations. In addition, we went through a re-branding process that includes a new logo, new advertising creative elements, and a comprehensive themed campaign. The campaign called “Step Outside Yourself” encourages visitors to step outside of their everyday routine and find just the right amount of adventure in the Boone area.
- In addition to a new advertising agency, the Watauga TDA also recently hired a website development company to design and build a new website on a responsive design platform. This new platform optimizes our website for all devices including regular desktop computers, laptops, tablets and mobile phones. The new website launched in mid-November and will continue to be a work in progress as we edit & add new copy, photos and video to the site.

#### TDA Infrastructure Project Update

- **Rocky Knob Park:**

Working with the County, the TDA completed the construction of permanent bathrooms at Rocky Knob Park this past summer. In addition, the TDA was also able to provide funding to have the driveway and parking lot paved.

- The TDA is turned over maintenance of Rocky Knob Park and Watauga Gorge to Watauga County. The TDA and Watauga County agreed upon an annual fee for maintenance to include mowing & landscaping services, trash collection, cleaning and maintenance of the bathrooms at Rocky Knob, etc. The TDA is providing the funding for these annual maintenance costs but the oversight and general operation is being handled by appropriate county departments. All picnic pavilion rentals and

special event requests are being handled by Watauga County Parks & Recreation.

- **Middle Fork Greenway – The Watauga County TDA recently agreed to provide a \$25,000 grant to the Middle Fork Greenway Association to help with construction plans and construction of parts of the Greenway that will include trail sections on National Park Service land. The sections of the greenway through the NPS land will connect the Middle Fork greenway to the Mountains To Sea Trail and the Blue Ridge Parkway.**

**Outdoor Recreation Plan:**

- **The Watauga TDA does not currently have any other projects in the works that relate to the previously adopted Outdoor Recreation Plan. The TDA has not applied for any infrastructure grants and is not actively pursuing any new infrastructure projects at this time.**

**Occupancy Tax Collection Report**

Jan 2014 To Date

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	JAN to Date
<b>BR</b>	33,768.12	30,329.81	29,887.64	37,277.34	53,343.11	83,405.61	109,400.18	100,528.84	69,261.98	116,570.74	55,183.11	50,081.91	769,038.39
	43,902.91	35,099.41	30,052.26	41,939.58	58,449.09	82,842.45	116,846.02	106,594.82	68,599.44	124,717.18	57,243.44	62,726.52	829,013.12
	10,134.79	4,769.60	164.62	4,662.24	5,105.98	(563.16)	7,445.84	6,065.98	(662.54)	8,146.44	2,060.33	12,644.61	59,974.73
	30.01%	15.73%	0.55%	12.51%	9.57%	-0.70%	6.81%	6.03%	-0.96%	6.99%	3.73%	25.25%	7.80%
<b>Boone</b>	64,339.67	67,421.30	65,904.65	66,721.85	86,387.74	106,947.49	121,628.70	133,499.33	110,895.97	139,608.97	77,697.55	79,309.32	1,120,362.54
	75,276.52	73,838.55	61,798.98	67,298.78	90,547.58	109,952.25	121,917.73	114,673.94	86,211.19	145,841.55	73,464.12	82,012.00	1,102,833.19
	10,936.85	6,417.25	(4,105.67)	576.93	4,159.84	3,004.76	289.03	18,825.39	24,684.78	6,232.58	4,233.43	2,702.68	(17,529.35)
	16.99%	9.52%	-6.33%	0.09%	4.82%	2.80%	0.24%	-14.10%	-22.00%	4.46%	-5.40%	3.41%	-1.56%
<b>Wat</b>	70,879.34	59,323.69	46,966.77	40,928.21	63,923.61	87,950.76	136,972.70	109,184.33	72,028.80	123,704.51	79,114.26	107,193.91	998,170.89
	85,332.62	66,429.12	42,644.62	40,750.38	66,851.67	81,692.05	147,957.87	111,501.20	69,082.70	137,639.78	99,316.29	120,360.52	1,069,558.82
	14,453.28	7,105.43	(4,322.15)	(177.83)	2,928.06	-6,258.71	10,985.17	2,316.87	(2,946.00)	13,935.27	20,202.03	13,166.61	71,387.93
	20.39%	11.98%	-9.20%	0.04%	4.58%	-7.10%	8.02%	2.12%	-4.10%	11.27%	25.53%	12.28%	7.15%
<b>TTLS</b>													
Prior Yr	168,987.13	157,074.80	142,759.06	144,927.40	203,654.46	278,303.86	368,001.58	343,212.50	252,186.75	379,884.22	211,994.92	236,585.14	2,887,571.82
Cur Yr	204,512.05	175,367.08	134,495.86	149,988.74	215,848.34	274,486.75	386,721.62	332,769.96	223,893.33	408,198.51	230,023.85	265,099.04	3,001,405.13
\$'s +/-	35,524.92	18,292.28	(8,263.20)	5,061.34	12,193.88	(3,817.11)	18,720.04	(10,442.54)	(28,293.42)	28,314.29	18,028.93	28,513.90	113,833.31
% +/-	21.02%	11.65%	-5.79%	3.49%	5.99%	-2.40%	5.09%	0.97%	-11.50%	7.45%	8.50%	12.05%	3.94%

Boone hotels had a large number of college students occupying their rooms in August & September of 2013, so those prior year numbers were higher than average. This was due to construction delays on new apartments for the students. Below are the 2013 August & Sept. number for Boone, as a reference. Also, it is noted that there was only (1) home football game in September of 2014 so that caused a decrease also.

Boone 2012 August Collections = \$116,576.99  
Boone 2012 September Collections = \$ 98,045.04



**Occupancy Tax Collection Report**

July 2014 to Date

	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>JULY to Date</u>
<b>BR</b>	109,400.18	100,528.84	69,261.98	116,570.74	55,183.11	50,081.91							501,026.76
	116,846.02	106,594.82	68,599.44	124,717.18	57,243.44	62,726.52							536,727.42
	7,445.84	6,065.98	(662.54)	8,146.44	2,060.33	12,644.61							35,700.66
	6.81%	6.03%	-0.96%	6.99%	3.73%	25.25%							7.13%
<b>Boone</b>	121,628.70	133,499.33	110,895.97	139,608.97	77,697.55	79,309.32							662,639.84
	121,917.73	114,673.94	86,211.19	145,841.55	73,464.12	82,012.00							624,120.53
	289.03	(18,825.39)	(24,684.78)	6,232.58	(4,233.43)	2,702.68							(38,519.31)
	0.24%	-14.10%	-22.00%	4.46%	-5.40%	3.41%							-5.81%
<b>Wat</b>	136,972.70	109,184.33	72,028.80	123,704.51	79,114.26	107,193.91							628,198.51
	147,957.87	111,501.20	69,082.70	137,639.78	99,316.29	120,360.52							685,858.36
	10,985.17	2,316.87	(2,946.10)	13,935.27	20,202.03	13,166.61							57,659.85
	8.02%	2.12%	-4.10%	11.27%	25.53%	12.28%							9.18%
<b>TTLS</b>													
Prior Yr	368,001.58	343,212.50	252,186.75	378,884.22	211,994.92	236,585.14							1,791,865.11
Cur Yr	386,721.62	332,769.96	223,893.33	408,198.51	230,023.85	265,099.04							1,846,706.31
\$'s +/-	18,720.04	(10,442.54)	(28,293.42)	28,314.29	18,028.93	28,513.90							54,841.20
% +/-	5.09%	-0.97%	-11.50%	7.45%	8.50%	12.05%							3.06%

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Blowing Rock TDA  
 Boone TDA  
 Beech Mountain TDA  
 Watauga County TDA

\*\*October 2009 went to 6%

\*\*\*First collections in July 2006

year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Totals
2006	120,889.02	99,291.93	79,181.30	107,943.97	50,879.85	55,420.32	31,335.11	37,531.32	29,435.55	37,166.79	56,637.83	90,201.81	\$ 795,914.80
	61,771.86	55,782.28	47,694.90	60,693.75	34,397.34	38,915.72	32,370.51	39,309.54	32,360.25	31,836.21	40,015.44	58,186.19	\$ 533,333.99
	98,722.04	75,180.98	58,824.05	92,706.53	52,673.99	80,063.48	49,632.33	48,692.79	24,933.99	31,383.76	43,056.80	72,422.32	\$ 728,293.06
2007	114,224.85	110,457.88	80,870.39	109,896.31	59,030.00	48,586.27	38,506.48	36,295.22	29,336.94	31,027.15	52,229.41	70,080.86	\$ 780,541.76
	60,648.36	64,133.62	48,287.67	65,322.55	40,487.67	38,718.11	39,281.79	43,701.25	31,274.93	30,639.22	38,566.26	53,110.74	\$ 554,172.17
	110,838.40	99,859.19	59,507.63	97,802.70	69,670.45	83,090.14	55,520.98	59,116.81	32,934.23	27,323.63	50,465.39	70,074.86	\$ 816,204.41
2008	111,461.45	104,287.66	56,990.66	102,356.95	47,704.66	40,350.89	37,999.48	27,945.33	17,050.58	27,595.26	42,923.70	63,017.66	\$ 679,684.28
	61,317.05	63,953.04	41,615.00	68,196.86	34,510.11	36,713.60	39,892.00	37,147.00	26,212.62	29,896.70	35,085.79	51,316.00	\$ 525,855.77
	121,620.82	103,051.49	52,092.94	98,971.94	68,375.52	81,345.85	54,845.36	49,735.68	16,665.87	26,951.94	41,815.06	62,837.02	\$ 778,309.49
2009	99,353.76	78,133.43	52,907.25	92,038.43	41,149.73	44,052.46	31,229.92	24,841.76	16,719.75	30,389.13	40,948.56	74,004.48	\$ 625,768.66
	59,722.46	54,259.28	42,339.19	132,508.11	66,927.72	83,276.00	73,736.54	73,015.95	64,623.26	63,695.25	76,073.53	105,259.98	\$ 895,437.27
	108,977.15	84,495.10	51,097.22	92,273.50	58,827.09	73,783.88	60,170.04	46,869.99	27,193.49	30,013.12	38,878.69	56,144.88	\$ 728,724.15
2010	115,976.02	90,968.67	62,746.64	110,462.60	46,076.08	48,646.35	32,574.26	27,536.06	21,737.93	30,279.41	45,012.96	68,215.21	\$ 700,232.19
	125,492.50	105,980.34	81,385.95	140,980.21	59,358.13	79,508.35	66,435.77	62,098.35	57,960.12	57,524.10	66,449.14	95,652.67	\$ 998,825.63
	20,080.00	13,565.00	5,212.00	12,618.00	6,681.00	55,853.00	41,568.00	43,535.00	11,191.00	2,038.00	1,862.00	7,032.00	\$ 221,235.00
2011	133,639.59	93,076.01	53,858.36	110,589.58	59,540.12	87,183.21	61,415.73	48,165.16	26,222.43	29,038.46	41,072.86	77,273.12	\$ 821,074.63
	119,173.62	89,976.31	64,282.77	106,080.85	42,559.03	45,029.46	29,023.27	30,714.85	24,029.80	33,076.12	51,187.24	83,839.21	\$ 718,972.53
	121,679.31	101,762.92	88,035.92	129,486.64	59,602.02	62,599.78	59,675.73	65,490.17	59,138.27	64,357.36	90,678.82	111,848.32	\$1,014,355.26
2012	18,777.00	11,375.00	9,051.00	10,678.00	6,120.00	43,858.00	33,764.00	33,504.00	4,357.00	3,491.00	2,602.00	7,438.00	\$185,015.00
	133,182.15	92,358.95	64,704.08	113,541.81	64,974.05	91,982.43	61,399.94	57,808.88	34,438.24	37,607.40	51,727.45	83,414.83	\$ 887,140.21
	107,415.71	93,735.40	72,522.46	111,775.53	49,570.38	50,928.59	33,768.12	30,329.81	29,887.64	37,192.84	53,343.11	83,405.61	\$ 753,875.20
2013	121,739.85	116,576.99	98,045.04	132,367.17	63,806.25	70,873.31	64,339.67	67,421.30	65,904.65	66,721.85	86,387.74	106,947.49	\$1,061,131.31
	21,897.00	20,559.00	5,306.00	8,517.00	6,695.00	39,114.00	36,530.00	36,401.00	10,087.00	4,891.00	3,819.00	8,514.00	\$ 202,330.00
	135,398.64	108,921.98	75,203.98	112,012.97	88,173.20	91,446.25	70,879.34	59,323.69	46,966.77	40,928.21	63,923.61	87,950.76	\$ 981,129.40
2013	109,400.18	100,528.84	69,261.98	116,570.74	55,183.11	50,081.91	43,902.91	35,099.41	30,052.26	41,939.58	58,449.09	82,842.45	\$ 793,312.46
	121,628.70	133,499.33	110,895.97	139,608.97	77,697.55	79,309.32	75,276.52	73,838.55	61,798.98	67,298.78	90,547.58	109,952.25	\$1,141,352.50
	15,876.00	9,201.00	5,453.00	13,418.00	6,912.00	45,577.00	46,185	44,134	10,765	3,877	5,934	8,370	\$ 215,702.00
	136,972.70	109,184.33	72,028.80	123,704.51	79,114.26	107,193.91	85,332.62	66,429.12	42,644.62	40,750.38	66,851.67	81,692.05	\$1,011,898.97

## Travel Economic Impact Model

These county-by-county travel economic impact statistics are prepared annually by the Research Department of the US Travel Association for the N.C. Department of Commerce. The 2013 County level spending numbers are located at the bottom of this page.

In addition to the direct visitor spending estimates for all 100 NC counties, county level employment, payroll and tax revenues as a result of direct visitor spending are included.

This research was gathered using the **Travel Economic Impact Model (TEIM)**

To use this information in a press release or reference it in any way, the name of the study is "The Economic Impact Of Travel On North Carolina Counties." The credit line should read: "This study was prepared for the North Carolina Department of Commerce by the US Travel Association."

## Watauga County Statistics for year 2013

Year	Revenues \$(millions)	Change from previous year
2013	\$216.72	2.71 %
2012	\$211.00	6.80 %
2011	\$197.56	4.11 %
2010	\$189.77	5.86 %
2009	\$179.27	-5.53 %
2008	\$189.76	-0.73 %
2007	\$191.15	6.70 %
2006	\$179.14	9.18 %
2005	\$164.08	3.10 %
2004	\$159.14	4.95 %
2003	\$151.64	-2.78 %
2002	\$155.98	6.17 %
2001	\$146.92	-2.89 %
2000	\$151.29	5.33 %
1999	\$143.64	10.30 %
1998	\$130.23	7.92 %
1997	\$120.67	1.79 %
1996	\$118.55	5.12 %
1995	\$112.78	8.79 %
1994	\$103.67	6.42 %
1993	\$97.42	6.53 %
1992	\$91.45	8.87 %
1991	\$84.00	2.46 %

- Domestic tourism in Watauga County generated an economic impact of \$216.72 million in 2013. This was a 2.71 % change from 2012.
- In 2013, Watauga County ranked 18 in travel impact among North Carolina's 100 Counties.
- More than 2,520 jobs in Watauga County were directly attributable to travel and tourism.
- Travel generated a \$46.45 million payroll in 2013.
- State and local tax revenues from travel to Watauga County amounted to \$18.96 million. This represents a \$359.83 tax saving to each county resident.
- Area attractions include the Blue Ridge Parkway, "Horn in the West" outdoor drama, Hickory Ridge Homestead, Mast General Store, Beech Mountain Resort, Mystery Hill, museums devoted to Appalachian culture and heritage, Blowing Rock, Tweetsie Railroad and Appalachian Ski Mountain.

## REVENUE SUMMARY REPORT

*These numbers reflect 58% of Fiscal Year completed.*

	<i>Actual Revenues Thru 1-31 of Each Year</i>				<b>FY 2014-15</b>		
	<b>FY 10-11</b>	<b>FY 11-12</b>	<b>FY 12-13</b>	<b>FY 13-14</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Actual at 1/31/2015</b>	<b>Percent Collected</b>
<b>Property Tax</b>	\$ 25,444,486	25,585,429	26,058,877	26,489,912	27,296,370	25,893,197	94.9%
<b>Sales and Other Taxes</b>	4,336,034	4,527,831	4,359,856	4,726,544	11,071,133	5,121,569	46.3%
<b>Grants &amp; Other Restricted</b>	490,746	379,505	300,465	743,150	2,201,430	571,583	26.0%
<b>Sales and Services</b>	58,252	57,141	116,365	168,715	250,355	147,967	59.1%
<b>Planning and Inspections</b>	111,737	85,346	158,184	126,157	200,000	130,703	65.4%
<b>Register of Deeds</b>	386,815	374,351	378,311	387,291	614,000	388,577	63.3%
<b>Recreation</b>							
Aquatics	31,824	36,903	42,196	44,220	78,000	41,909	53.7%
Programs & other revenue	86,390	89,678	103,103	150,880	222,000	154,760	69.7%
<b>Project on Aging</b>							
Program & other revenues	258,547	270,650	253,920	236,082	420,124	192,850	45.9%
<b>Other</b>	385,115	682,260	499,312	1,229,726	3,514,001	1,336,149	38.0%
<b>General Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$ 31,589,946</b>	<b>32,089,094</b>	<b>32,270,589</b>	<b>34,302,677</b>	<b>\$ 45,867,413</b>	<b>33,979,264</b>	<b>74.1%</b>
<b>Social Services</b>	\$ 2,631,483	2,783,159	2,360,760	2,671,116	\$ 5,624,051	3,092,612	55.0%
<b>Solidwaste</b>	\$ 3,578,982	3,194,801	3,127,026	3,338,828	\$ 4,234,987	3,283,486	77.5%

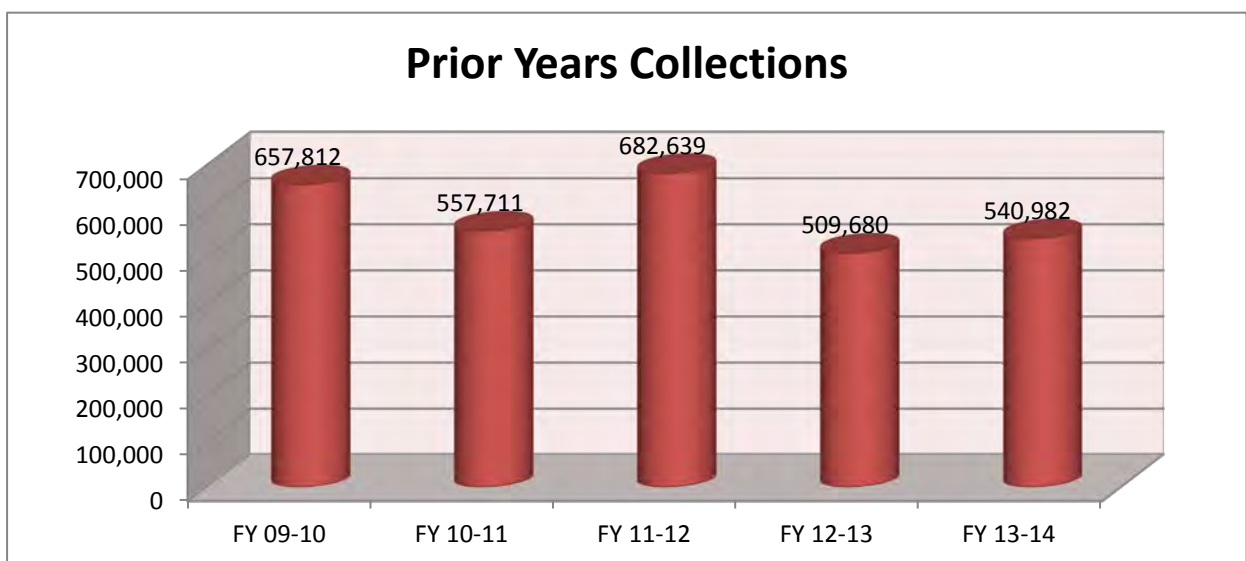
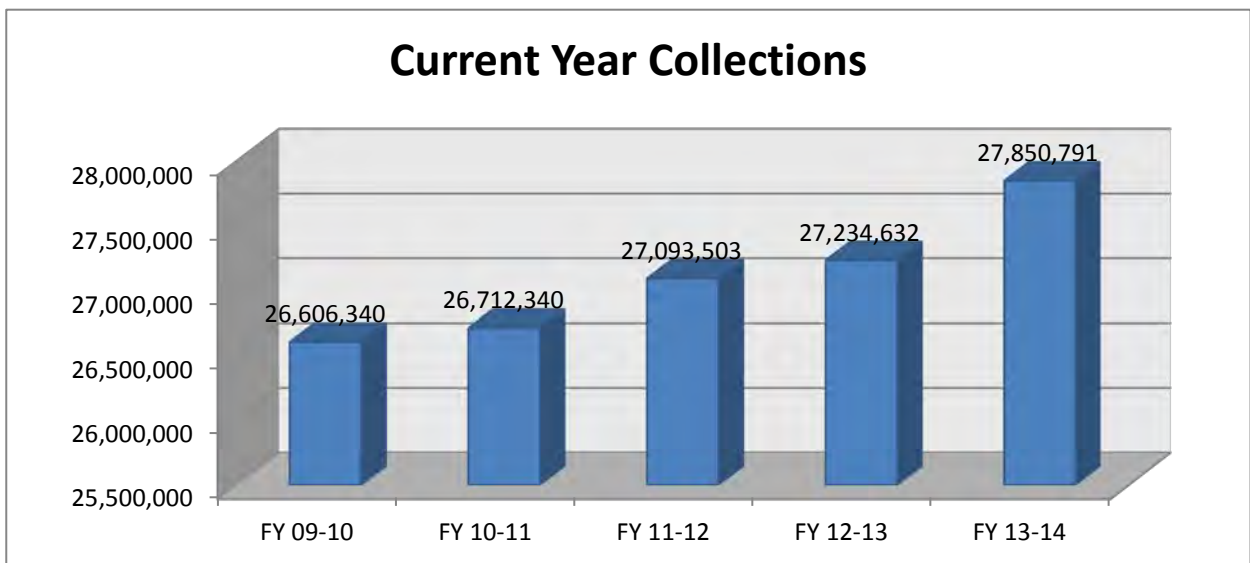
All revenues are on target.



## County Property Tax Revenue Summary

	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
<b>Current Year Collections</b>	26,606,340	26,712,340	27,093,503	27,234,632	27,850,791*
<b>Prior Years Collections</b>	657,812	557,711	682,639	509,680	540,982
<b>Totals:</b>	27,264,152	27,270,051	27,776,142	27,744,312	28,391,773

\*Current year collections in FY 13-14 include 14 months of motor vehicle taxes due to the transition to VTS.



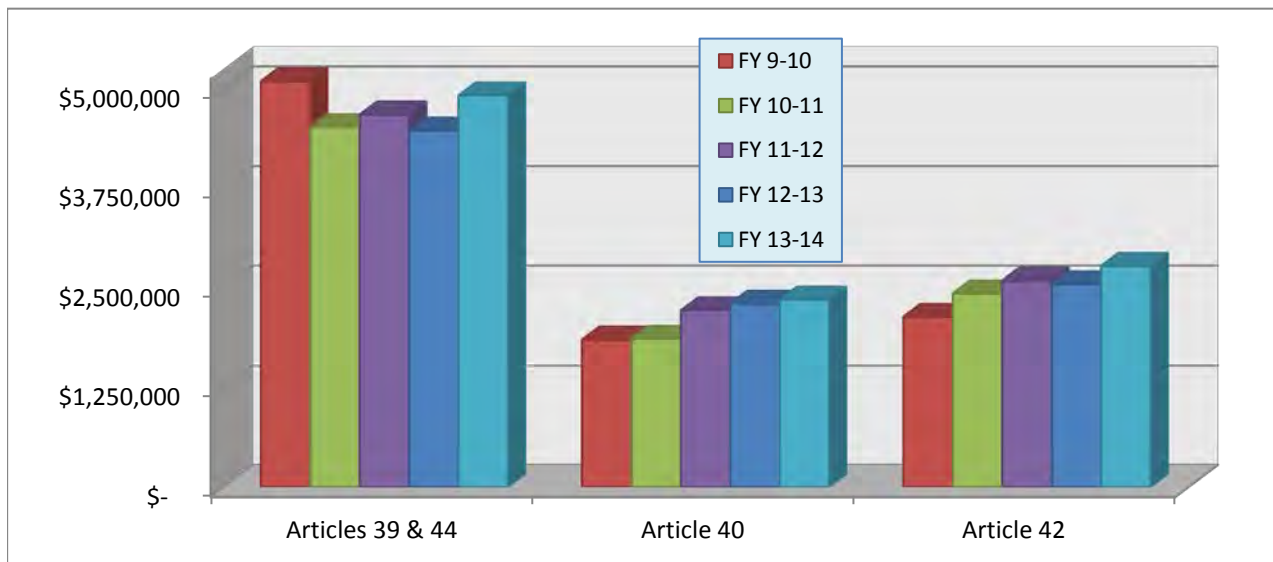
## Sales Tax Revenue Summary

	FY 9-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14
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<b>Articles 39 &amp; 44</b>	\$ 5,095,182	\$ 4,520,994	\$ 4,676,977	\$ 4,475,326	\$ 4,916,370
<b>Article 40</b>	\$ 1,858,956	\$ 1,867,834	\$ 2,226,080	\$ 2,310,745	\$ 2,361,424
<b>Article 42</b>	\$ 2,144,574	\$ 2,439,125	\$ 2,594,877	\$ 2,546,948	\$ 2,777,293

<b>Totals:</b>	\$ 9,098,712	\$ 8,827,953	\$ 9,497,934	\$ 9,333,019	\$ 10,055,087
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<b>Growth</b>	-26.77%	-2.98%	7.59%	-1.74%	7.74%
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## Expenditure Budget to Actual Comparison

2015 Annual Retreat

*The expended numbers reflect 58% of the Fiscal Year completed.*

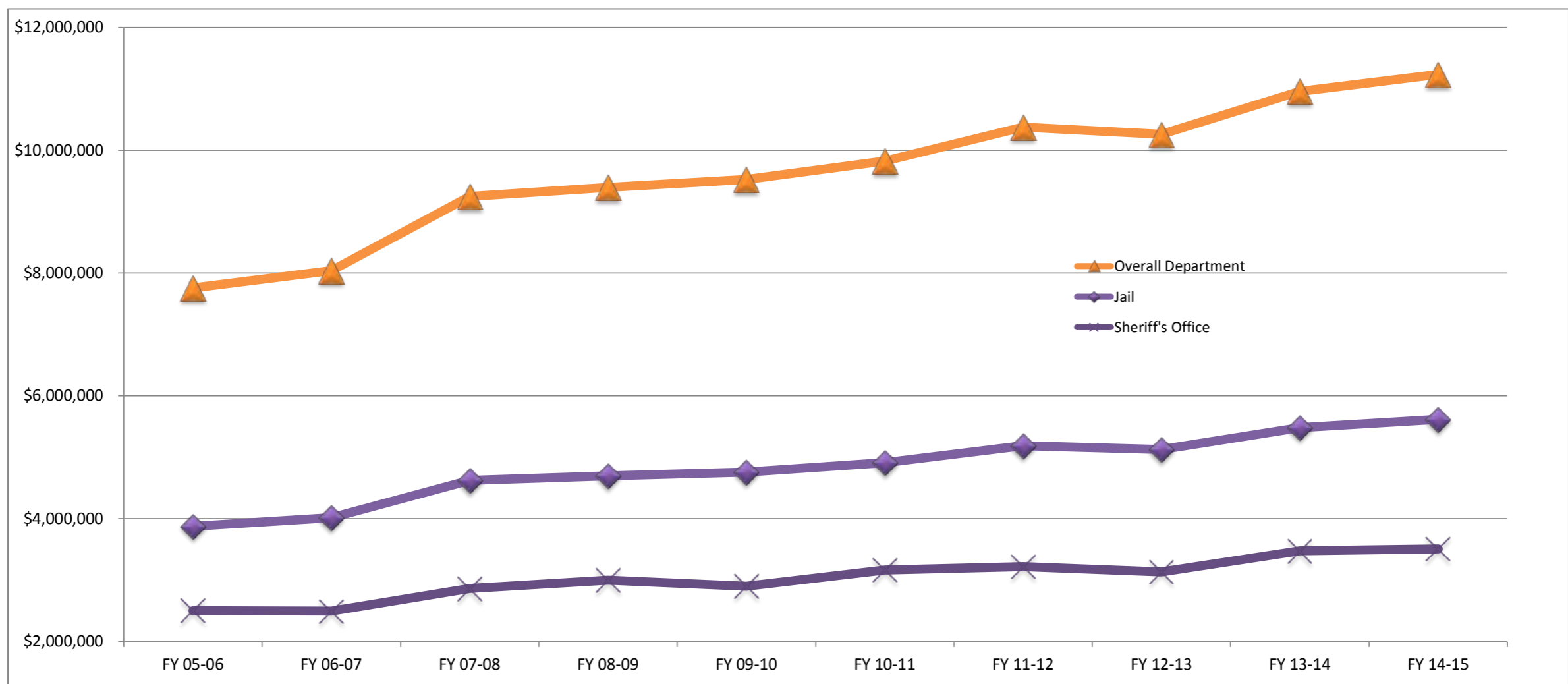
Department or Area	Fiscal Year 2014-15				Fiscal Year 2013-14	
	Annual Budget	Expended Thru 01/15	% of Budget Expended	% of Total Budget	Expended Thru 01/14	% of Budget Expended
Governing Body	\$ 62,082	28,795	46.4%	0.14%	\$ 33,080	53.3%
Administration	\$ 335,737	185,261	55.2%	0.73%	\$ 195,823	60.0%
Finance	\$ 376,076	218,465	58.1%	0.82%	\$ 232,696	64.0%
Tax	\$ 1,282,299	611,959	47.7%	2.80%	\$ 715,400	48.2%
Tag Office	\$ 185,469	100,912	54.4%	0.40%	\$ 91,966	59.2%
Legal	\$ 50,000	34,550	69.1%	0.11%	\$ 17,017	34.0%
Court Facilities	\$ 2,000	1,014	50.7%	0.00%	\$ 900	32.1%
Elections	\$ 325,406	214,179	65.8%	0.71%	\$ 177,240	56.7%
Register of Deeds	\$ 479,406	270,074	56.3%	1.05%	\$ 264,226	56.3%
General Administration	\$ 1,202,079	381,035	31.7%	2.62%	\$ 368,077	30.6%
Information Technology	\$ 802,039	475,789	59.3%	1.75%	\$ 469,059	60.7%
Maintenance	\$ 1,167,635	626,813	53.7%	2.55%	\$ 615,181	54.4%
Public Buildings	\$ 3,036,622	1,063,957	35.0%	6.62%	\$ 574,445	24.9%
Sheriff	\$ 3,462,247	2,000,685	57.8%	7.55%	\$ 2,087,934	61.2%
Jail	\$ 2,109,541	1,189,957	56.4%	4.60%	\$ 1,204,174	59.7%
Emergency Services	\$ 759,295	398,553	52.5%	1.66%	\$ 447,355	60.3%
Emergency Management	\$ 1,335,730	879,598	65.9%	2.91%	\$ 823,680	63.0%
Planning & Inspections	\$ 629,869	356,895	56.7%	1.37%	\$ 357,142	60.1%
Medical Examiner	\$ 25,000	9,300	37.2%	0.05%	\$ 11,200	44.8%
Ambulance & Rescue Squads	\$ 1,191,700	694,454	58.3%	2.60%	\$ 688,451	59.0%
Animal Control	\$ 123,645	69,807	56.5%	0.27%	\$ 74,487	59.3%
Transportation	\$ 162,514	106,954	65.8%	0.35%	\$ 42,070	26.2%
Forestry	\$ 43,881	15,030	34.3%	0.10%	\$ 15,080	34.4%
Economic Development	\$ 79,458	19,439	24.5%	0.17%	\$ 49,988	53.4%
Cooperative Extension	\$ 251,902	117,353	46.6%	0.55%	\$ 103,015	39.4%
Soil Conservation	\$ 156,863	62,813	40.0%	0.34%	\$ 61,638	52.3%
Public Health	\$ 568,183	331,440	58.3%	1.24%	\$ 378,789	66.7%
Mental Health	\$ 171,194	85,598	50.0%	0.37%	\$ 85,597	50.0%
Project on Aging	\$ 1,240,043	659,862	53.2%	2.70%	\$ 677,102	55.0%
Veteran's Service	\$ 104,601	55,293	52.9%	0.23%	\$ 57,939	57.0%
Special Appropriations	\$ 454,809	257,569	56.6%	0.99%	\$ 276,145	60.1%
Watauga Co. Bd of Education	\$ 13,222,013	7,221,876	54.6%	28.83%	\$ 8,515,895	65.2%
CCC&TI, Watauga Campus	\$ 851,709	425,855	50.0%	1.86%	\$ 417,505	50.0%
Library	\$ 509,850	297,413	58.3%	1.11%	\$ 339,900	66.7%
Parks & Recreation	\$ 953,038	514,502	54.0%	2.08%	\$ 490,879	52.7%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$ 8,153,478	4,076,739	50.0%	17.78%	\$ 4,178,509	50.0%
<b>General Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$ 45,867,413</b>	<b>24,059,788</b>	<b>52.5%</b>		<b>\$ 22,843,506</b>	<b>53.2%</b>
Debt Service-Education	\$ 6,452,109	996,925	15.5%	89.67%	\$ 900,558	12.9%
Debt Service-Other	\$ 743,542	354,856	47.7%	10.33%	\$ 381,105	46.9%
<b>Debt Service Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$ 7,195,651</b>	<b>1,351,781</b>	<b>18.8%</b>		<b>\$ 1,281,663</b>	
<b>Social Services Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,624,051</b>	<b>3,105,905</b>	<b>55.2%</b>		<b>\$ 2,840,519</b>	<b>56.1%</b>
<b>Solidwaste Fund Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,234,987</b>	<b>2,158,178</b>	<b>51.0%</b>		<b>\$ 2,122,089</b>	<b>50.4%</b>

**WATAUGA SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 10 YEAR BUDGET REVIEW**

	ACTUALS									BUDGET
	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 07-08	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
<b>SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	\$ 2,504,637	2,494,043	2,861,752	3,001,753	2,900,360	3,165,889	3,218,591	3,136,036	3,475,445	3,506,657
<b>JAIL</b>	\$ 1,374,434	1,524,944	1,761,843	1,695,835	1,861,256	1,745,016	1,969,969	1,992,626	2,004,873	2,109,540
<b>TOTAL: \$</b>	<b>3,879,071</b>	<b>4,018,987</b>	<b>4,623,595</b>	<b>4,697,588</b>	<b>4,761,616</b>	<b>4,910,905</b>	<b>5,188,560</b>	<b>5,128,662</b>	<b>5,480,318</b>	<b>5,616,197</b>
<b>INCREASE/ (DECREASE) :</b>	<b>\$ 565,221</b>	<b>139,916</b>	<b>604,608</b>	<b>73,993</b>	<b>64,028</b>	<b>149,289</b>	<b>277,655</b>	<b>(59,898)</b>	<b>351,656</b>	<b>135,879</b>

**# OF NEW POSITIONS FUNDED BY COUNTY**

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**Ten Year County Funding Summary for Watauga County Schools**

Fiscal Year	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
<b>Current Expenses</b>										
Current Operating	\$ 9,075,796	9,740,344	10,572,168	11,150,085	11,065,679	10,984,774	11,839,645	11,839,645	12,062,834	12,197,834
<b>Annual Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>\$ 588,696</b>	<b>664,548</b>	<b>831,824</b>	<b>577,917</b>	<b>(84,406)</b>	<b>(80,905)</b>	<b>854,871</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>223,189</b>	<b>135,000</b>
	<b>6.94%</b>	<b>7.32%</b>	<b>8.54%</b>	<b>5.47%</b>	<b>-0.76%</b>	<b>-0.73%</b>	<b>7.78%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>1.89%</b>	<b>1.12%</b>

<b>WCS Fund Balance</b>	<b>3,361,234</b>	<b>3,252,155</b>	<b>2,455,042</b>	<b>1,187,468</b>	<b>2,079,384</b>	<b>3,020,398</b>	<b>5,097,556</b>	<b>5,133,548</b>	<b>4,077,715</b>	<b>3,327,715</b>
<b>Operating Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>68,380</b>	<b>(109,079)</b>	<b>(797,113)</b>	<b>(1,267,574)</b>	<b>891,916</b>	<b>941,014</b>	<b>2,077,158</b>	<b>35,992</b>	<b>(1,055,833)</b>	<b>(750,000)</b>

<b>Capital Expenses</b>										
Additional Projects		40,000	215,400	290,250	3,461,824	50,000	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	\$ 1,803,089	2,150,401	2,282,937	6,673,028	6,514,178	6,370,571	7,528,099	6,999,071	7,020,392	6,452,109
Current Capital	\$ 819,588	745,215	832,360	650,404	326,909	407,814	321,574	340,400	-	175,000
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 170,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	-	-	-	640,400	300,000
<b>Subtotal of Capital</b>	<b>\$ 2,792,677</b>	<b>3,185,616</b>	<b>3,580,697</b>	<b>7,863,682</b>	<b>10,302,911</b>	<b>6,828,385</b>	<b>7,849,673</b>	<b>7,339,471</b>	<b>7,660,792</b>	<b>6,927,109</b>
<b>Annual Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>\$ 568,189</b>	<b>392,939</b>	<b>395,081</b>	<b>4,282,985</b>	<b>2,439,229</b>	<b>(3,474,526)</b>	<b>1,021,288</b>	<b>(510,202)</b>	<b>321,321</b>	<b>(733,683)</b>

<b>WCS Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 381,168</b>	<b>393,736</b>	<b>365,537</b>	<b>306,603</b>	<b>287,507</b>	<b>261,068</b>	<b>321,344</b>	<b>229,235</b>	<b>39,504</b>	<b>39,504</b>
<b>Capital Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>\$ (143,182)</b>	<b>12,568</b>	<b>(28,199)</b>	<b>(58,934)</b>	<b>(19,096)</b>	<b>(26,439)</b>	<b>60,276</b>	<b>(92,109)</b>	<b>(189,731)</b>	<b>-</b>

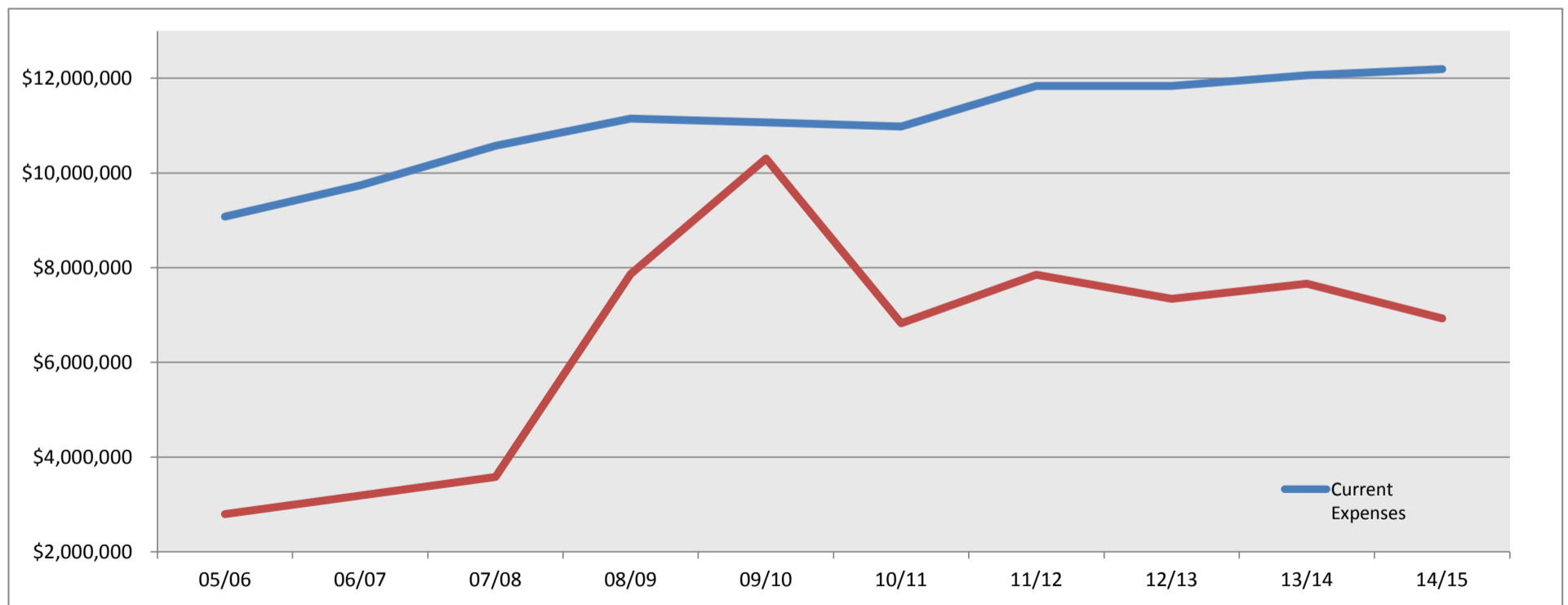
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$ 11,868,473</b>	<b>12,925,960</b>	<b>14,152,865</b>	<b>19,013,767</b>	<b>21,368,590</b>	<b>17,813,159</b>	<b>19,689,318</b>	<b>19,179,116</b>	<b>19,723,626</b>	<b>19,124,943</b>
<b>Annual Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>\$ 1,156,885</b>	<b>1,057,487</b>	<b>1,226,905</b>	<b>4,860,902</b>	<b>2,354,823</b>	<b>(3,555,431)</b>	<b>1,876,159</b>	<b>(510,202)</b>	<b>544,510</b>	<b>(598,683)</b>

Average Annual Increase in Current Expense Funding: 3.44%

Total Dollar Increase in Current Expense Funding for the past 10 years: \$ 3,122,038

Average Annual Increase in Total Funding: 6.11%

Total Dollar Increase in School Funding for the past 10 years: \$ 7,256,470



## Proposed Capital Funding Plan

### School System

	Current Capital From County	Capital Project From County	Total Annual County Funding
<b>2013-14</b>	\$0	\$340,400 300,000 *	640,400
<b>2014-15</b>	175,000	300,000	475,000
<b>2015-16</b>	275,000	375,000	650,000
<b>2016-17</b>	300,000	400,000	700,000
<b>2017-18</b>	350,000	400,000	750,000
<b>2018-19</b>	375,000	425,000	800,000
<b>2019-20</b>	450,000	500,000	950,000
<b>2020-21</b>	450,000	500,000	950,000

Lottery Funds Balance is \$411,450

ADM Funds Balance is \$142,083

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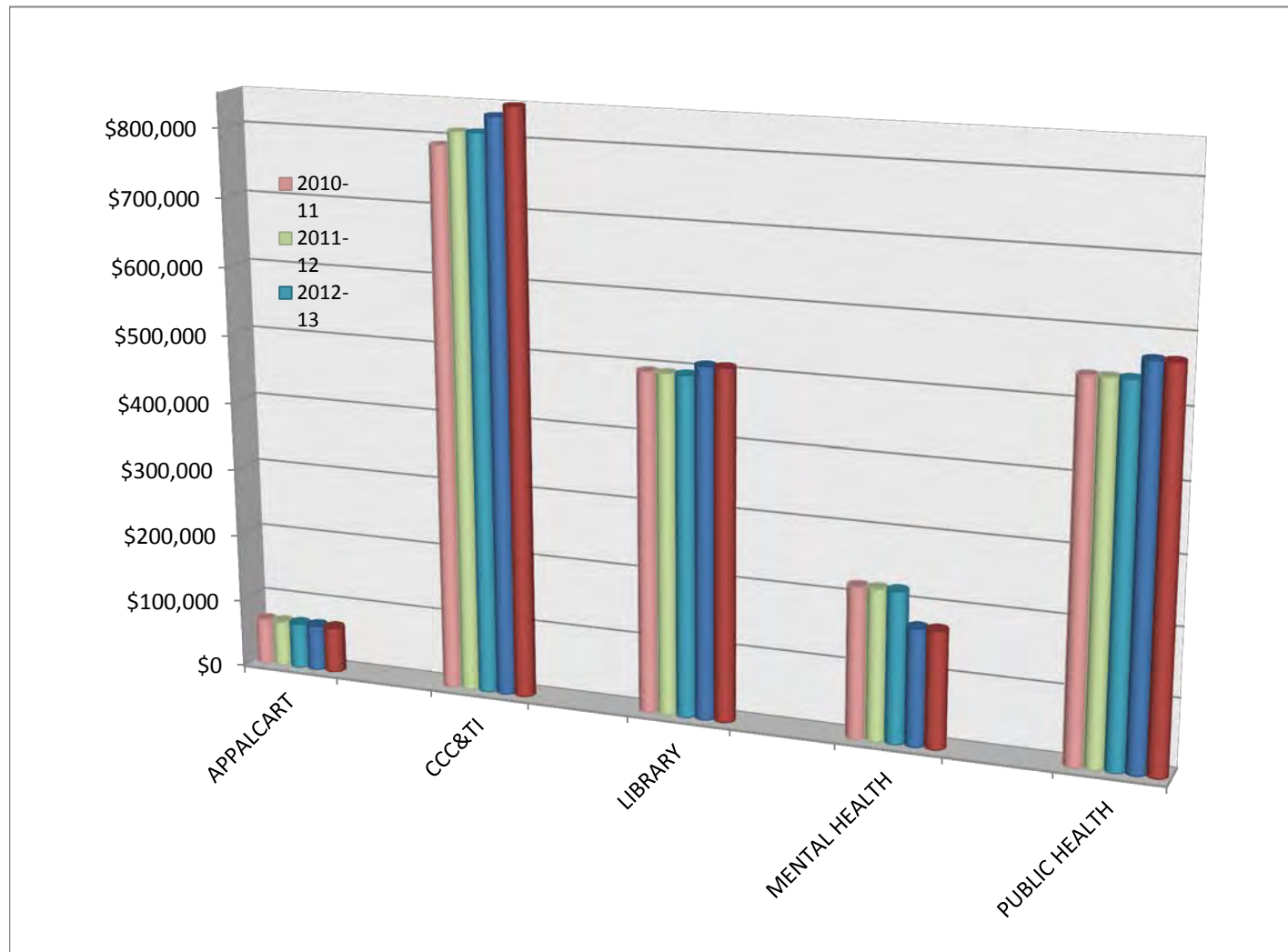
#### Annual Budgeted Amount

<b>2013-14</b>	\$870,236 *
<b>2014-15</b>	2,094,595 *
<b>2015-16</b>	450,000
<b>2016-17</b>	500,000
<b>2017-18</b>	550,000
<b>2018-19</b>	600,000
<b>2019-20</b>	650,000
<b>2020-21</b>	700,000

*\*One time allocations from unassigned fund balance  
increase at prior year end.*

### Agency Funding Summary

AGENCY	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2010-11	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2011-12	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2012-13	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2013-14	BUDGETED EXPENDITURES 2014-15
APPALCART	\$67,495	\$67,495	\$67,495	\$67,495	\$67,495
CCC&TI	\$790,851	\$810,980	\$810,980	\$835,009	\$851,709
LIBRARY	\$495,000	\$495,000	\$495,000	\$509,850	\$509,850
MENTAL HEALTH	\$221,194	\$221,194	\$221,194	\$171,194	\$171,194
PUBLIC HEALTH	\$541,127	\$541,127	\$541,127	\$568,183	\$568,183
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,115,667</b>	<b>\$2,135,796</b>	<b>\$2,135,796</b>	<b>\$2,151,731</b>	<b>\$2,168,431</b>



**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>
<b>BEECH MTN. PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	10,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	-
<b>BLOWING ROCK PARKS &amp; REC-POOL</b>	25,000	25,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>BLOWING ROCK PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>	17,500	17,500	17,500	15,000	15,000	15,000	12,000
<b>BLOWING ROCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>	9,000	4,000	4,000	-	-	-	-
<b>BLOWING ROCK PERFORMING ARTS CTR</b>	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	-	-
<b>BOONE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>	14,000	14,000	14,000	7,500	-	-	-
<b>CHILDREN'S COUNCIL</b>	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	-	-	-
<b>COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC</b>	15,600	22,500	24,000	22,500	22,500	17,000	17,000
<b>FOSCOE GRANDFATHER COMM. CENTER</b>	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-	5,000	5,000
<b>FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM</b>	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	-	-
<b>GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY PARK</b>	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	8,000	8,000
<b>HOSPITALITY HOUSE - WECAN</b>	3,025	3,025	3,025	2,000	1,000	2,500	2,500
<b>HOSPITALITY HOUSE</b>	9,475	9,475	11,000	-	-	-	-
<b>HUNGER COALITION</b>	12,500	12,500	14,000	14,000	14,000	8,500	8,500
<b>MOUNTAIN ALLIANCE</b>	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
<b>OASIS-BUILDING GRANT MATCH</b>	-	-	10,000	10,000	-	-	-
<b>OASIS</b>	13,800	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
<b>PARENT TO PARENT</b>	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-
<b>SOUTHERN APP HISTORICAL ASSN</b>	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	20,400	12,000	12,000
<b>THE CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE</b>	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	-	2,500	-
<b>VALLE CRUCIS COMMUNITY PARK</b>	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	15,000	15,000
<b>WAMY</b>	-	10,714	10,714	10,714	10,714	10,714	10,714
<b>WATAUGA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL</b>	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800	8,800
<b>WATAUGA HUMANE SOCIETY</b>	10,000	10,000	-	475,000	78,000	79,482	80,356
<b>WATAUGA OPPORTUNITIES</b>	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
<b>WESTERN YOUTH NETWORK</b>	3,300	3,300	4,500	3,300	3,300	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>267,100</b>	<b>270,914</b>	<b>241,639</b>	<b>673,414</b>	<b>261,314</b>	<b>241,496</b>	<b>234,370</b>

## Debt Service Summary

2015 Annual Retreat

Fiscal Year		1992 School Bond Debt DTC	2012 School Debt	New WHS \$10M BB&T	QSCB SCHOOL BB&T	Jail/ Sheriff RBC	Tweetsie/ Land WACHOVIA	TOTAL GF Debt Service	Baler/Tran. Station DTC	Total S/W Debt Service	Total Debt Service
		BONDS	LOBs	1.81%	5.8%, .422%	3.24%	5.942%		BONDS		
2014-15	Principal	\$1,116,254	\$595,000	\$2,529,930	\$129,028	\$333,333	\$260,000	\$4,963,545	\$38,746	\$38,746	
	Interest	\$41,478	\$1,949,725	\$45,792	\$44,902	\$49,950	\$59,866	\$2,191,713	\$1,647	\$1,647	
Total		\$1,157,733	\$2,544,725	\$2,575,722	\$173,930	\$383,283	\$319,866	\$7,155,258	\$40,392	\$40,392	\$7,195,651
<i>*Federal credit of \$41,624 expected</i>											
2015-16	Principal		\$3,395,000		\$129,028	\$333,333	\$260,000	\$4,117,361			
	Interest		\$1,931,875		\$37,418	\$39,150	\$44,416	\$2,052,859			
Total			\$5,326,875		\$166,446	\$372,483	\$304,416	\$6,170,220			\$6,170,220
<i>*Revenue unknown until Federal budget set</i>											
2016-17	Principal		\$3,360,000		\$129,028	\$333,333	\$260,000	\$4,082,361			
	Interest		\$1,830,025		\$29,934	\$28,350	\$28,967	\$1,917,276			
Total			\$5,190,025		\$158,962	\$361,683	\$288,967	\$5,999,637			\$5,999,637
<i>*Revenue unknown until Federal budget set</i>											
2017-18	Principal		\$3,355,000		\$129,028	\$333,333	\$260,000	\$4,077,361			
	Interest		\$1,695,625		\$22,451	\$17,550	\$13,518	\$1,749,144			
Total			\$5,050,625		\$151,479	\$350,883	\$273,518	\$5,826,505			\$5,826,505
<i>*Revenue unknown until Federal budget set</i>											
2018-19	Principal		\$3,355,000		\$129,028	\$333,333	\$65,000	\$3,882,361			
	Interest		\$1,561,425		\$14,967	\$6,750	\$966	\$1,584,107			
Total			\$4,916,425		\$143,995	\$340,083	\$65,966	\$5,466,468			\$5,466,468
<i>*Revenue unknown until Federal budget set</i>											
2019-20	Principal		\$3,350,000		\$129,027			\$3,479,027			
	Interest		\$1,427,225		\$7,484			\$1,434,709			
Total			\$4,777,225		\$136,511			\$4,913,736			\$4,913,736
<i>*Revenue unknown until Federal budget set</i>											
2020-21	Principal		\$3,370,000					\$3,370,000			
	Interest		\$1,269,375					\$1,269,375			
Total			\$4,639,375					\$4,639,375			\$4,639,375
2021-22	Principal		\$3,385,000					\$3,385,000			
	Interest		\$1,117,725					\$1,117,725			
Total			\$4,502,725					\$4,502,725			\$4,502,725
2022-23	Principal		\$3,420,000					\$3,420,000			
	Interest		\$948,475					\$948,475			
Total			\$4,368,475					\$4,368,475			\$4,368,475
2023-24	Principal		\$3,455,000					\$3,455,000			
	Interest		\$777,475					\$777,475			
Total			\$4,232,475					\$4,232,475			\$4,232,475
2024-25	Principal		\$3,490,000					\$3,490,000			
	Interest		\$604,725					\$604,725			
Total			\$4,094,725					\$4,094,725			\$4,094,725
2025-26	Principal		\$3,465,000					\$3,465,000			
	Interest		\$491,300					\$491,300			
Total			\$3,956,300					\$3,956,300			\$3,956,300
2026-27	Principal		\$3,505,000					\$3,505,000			
	Interest		\$318,050					\$318,050			
Total			\$3,823,050					\$3,823,050			\$3,823,050
2027-28	Principal		\$3,545,000					\$3,545,000			
	Interest		\$142,800					\$142,800			
Total			\$3,687,800					\$3,687,800			\$3,687,800
										<b>FY 13/14 thru 27/28</b>	<b>\$68,877,143</b>
Principal		\$1,116,254	\$45,045,000	\$2,529,930	\$774,167	\$1,666,665	\$1,105,000	\$52,237,016	\$38,746	\$38,746	
Interest		\$41,478	\$16,065,825	\$45,792	\$157,156	\$141,750	\$147,733	\$16,599,734	\$1,647	\$1,647	

## FY 2015-16 BUDGET SCHEDULE

### **January 2015**

Capital Improvement Plan packets to departments.

### **January 30, 2015**

Capital Improvement Program requests returned.

### **February 2015**

Requests for funding sent to outside agencies.

### **February 26 and 27, 2015**

Board of Commissioners Retreat with staff. There are typically two sessions with some presentations.

### **March 2, 2015**

Department head staff meeting - budget information packets disbursed. Worksheets and all supporting documents due back by email to Margaret by March 23.

### **April 2015**

Individual agency and department meetings held during April with budget staff.

### **May 5, 2015**

Staff submits recommended budget to Board of Commissioners for review prior to work sessions.

### **Early May 2015**

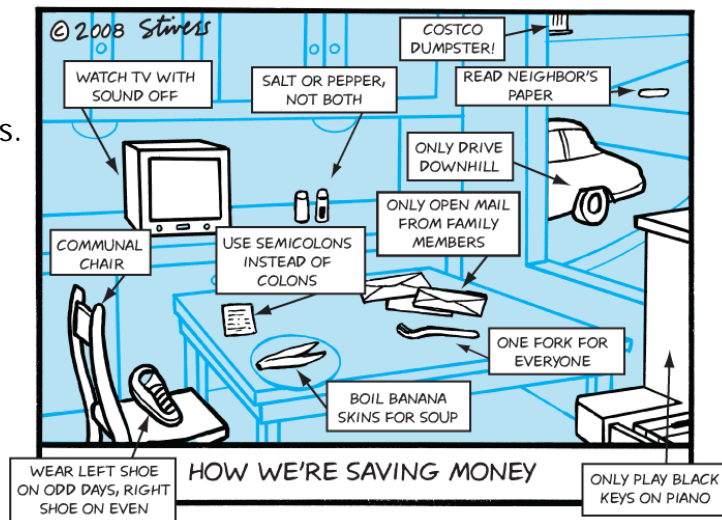
Budget work sessions for staff and Board of Commissioners. There are typically two sessions with some presentations. Tentatively proposed for two days during May 11-14.

### **May 19, 2015**

Public hearing on County Manager's proposed budget.

### **June 2, 2015 or June 16, 2015**

Budget adoption.



WATAUGA  
COUNTY SCHOOLS  
CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT  
PLAN (2015-2025)

## **WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2015 – 2025**

The information contained in this booklet outlines the long range plan for the Watauga County School System's facilities capital improvement requirements for the period of 2015 to 2025. The cost estimates were determined by using North Carolina Department of Instruction facilities cost data, actual local estimates, or other generally accepted facilities cost metrics. The cost estimates contained in this booklet are for long range budget planning and do not reflect any yearly increases due to cost increases in labor or materials. The Watauga County School System consists of eight elementary school campuses, one high school campus, a central administrative office, a maintenance department and a transportation department. The system has over 900,000 square feet of building space and approximately 260 acres of land.

Watauga County School System conducted an architectural review of the elementary schools last year in an effort to update the capital improvement plan. The service of David R. Jones Architecture was obtained to provide a report on the condition of our schools. The Board of Education received the report in February 2014. Much of what Mr. Jones recommended is contained in this plan. One item that will change throughout the Capital Improvement Plan will be to change all lighting in the K-8 schools from T-12 fluorescent lighting to LED lighting. The price of LED lighting and subsequent energy savings has drastically improved and WCS will be working with vendors to price this upgrade.



**WATAUGA COUNTY SCHOOLS  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2015 – 2025**

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2015/2016</b>	<b>Hardin Park School</b>	
	• Replace of air handler units (main bldg.)	<b>298,500.00</b>
	• Upgrade electrical service & lighting (LED)	<b>342,000.00</b>
	• Replace boiler in center	<b>33,500.00</b>
	<b>Valle Crucis School</b>	
	• Upgrade electrical service	<b>60,300.00</b>
	• Gym lighting upgrade (LED)	<b>15,000.00</b>
	<b>Parkway School</b>	
	• Upgrade electrical service	<b>75,300.00</b>
	• LED lighting throughout the school	<b>120,000.00</b>
	<b>Cove Creek School</b>	
	• LED lighting throughout the school	<b>113,000.00</b>
	<b>Mable School</b>	
	• Install new fuel tank	<b>70,000.00</b>
• Resurface parking lot	<b>120,000.00</b>	
<b>Green Valley School</b>		
• LED lighting throughout the school	<b>115,000.00</b>	
<b>Blowing Rock</b>		
• LED lighting throughout the school	<b>120,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL 2015/2016</b>		<b>1,482,600.00</b>

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2016/2017</b>		
	<b>Cove Creek School</b>	
	• Resurface parking lots	120,000.00
	• Upgrade electrical service	60,300.00
	<b>Valle Crucis</b>	
	• LED lighting throughout the school	120,000.00
	<b>Bethel School</b>	
	• LED lighting throughout the school	100,000.00
	<b>Hardin Park School</b>	
	• Install air conditioning throughout campus	1,593,750.00
<b>TOTAL 2016/2017</b>		<b>1,994,050.00</b>

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2017/2018</b>		
	<b>Bethel School</b>	
	• Replace rotted floor timbers in area with crawl space & remodel 2 classrooms in basement of rock bldg.	383,400.00
	<b>Blowing Rock School</b>	
	• Resurface front parking area	80,000.00
	• Renovate science lab	45,600.00
	• Renovate bathrooms on 3/5 hallway	57,000.00
	<b>Maintenance Building</b>	
	• Resurface parking lot	70,000.00
	<b>Transportation</b>	
	• Resurface parking lot	70,000.00
	<b>Central Office</b>	
	• Increase parking area	95,000.00
	<b>Parkway School</b>	
	• Install air conditioning throughout campus	1,093,750.00
<b>TOTAL 2017/2018</b>		<b>1,894,750.00</b>

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2018/2019</b>		
	<b>Valle Crucis</b>	
	• Replace single ply roofing (flat roof)	<b>202,500.00</b>
	<b>Green Valley School</b>	
	☼ Install air conditioning throughout campus	<b>813,750.00</b>
	<b>Valle Crucis School</b>	
	☼ Install air conditioning throughout campus	<b>808,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2018/2019</b>		<b>1,824,250.00</b>

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2019/2020</b>		
	<b>Central Office</b>	
	• Upgrade electrical service	<b>4,200.00</b>
	<b>Hardin Park School</b>	
	• Resurface parking lot	<b>74,100.00</b>
	<b>Blowing Rock School</b>	
	☼ Install air conditioning throughout campus	<b>881,000.00</b>
	<b>Cove Creek School</b>	
	☼ Install air conditioning throughout campus	<b>798,750.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2019/2020</b>		<b>1,758,050.00</b>

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>Central Office</b>	
	• Additional office space	<b>325,000.00</b>
	<b>Bethel School</b>	
	☼ Install air conditioning throughout campus	<b>600,000.00</b>
	<b>Mabel School</b>	
	☼ Install air conditioning throughout campus	<b>596,250.00</b>
	<b>Central Office</b>	
	☼ Replace heating and cooling system	<b>65,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2020/2021</b>		<b>1,586,250.00</b>

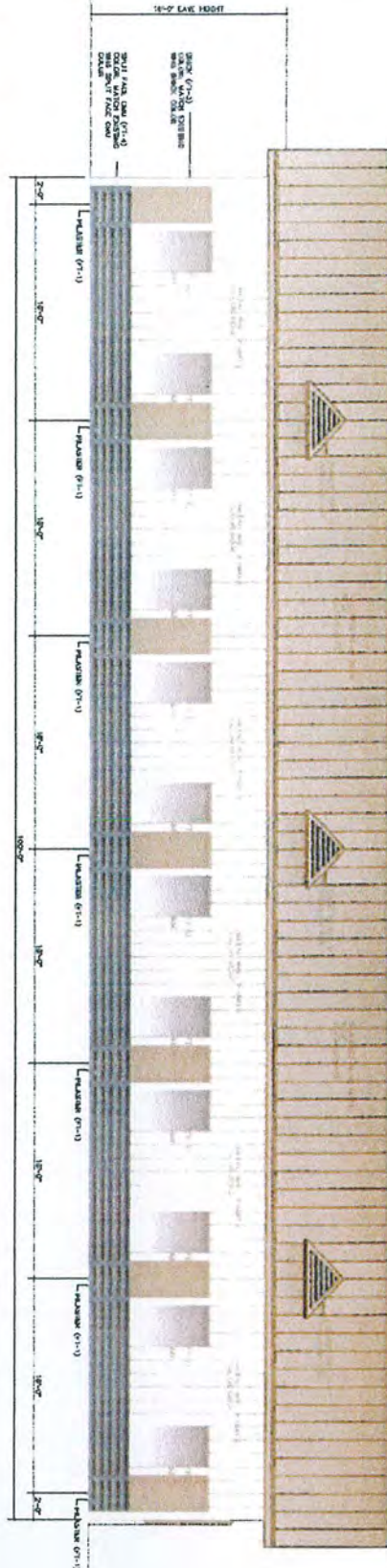
<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>Valle Crucis School</b>	
	• Furnishings for 4 classroom bldg	<b>108,400.00</b>
	• Construct a new 4 classroom bldg.	<b>1,132,500.00</b>
	• Demolish 4 classroom bldg. that floods	<b>57,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2021/2022</b>		<b>1,298,500.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2022/2023</b>	<b>Bethel School</b>	
	• Install new roof (shingles and single ply flat roof)	<b>205,200.00</b>
	• Waste water treatment plant	<b>285,000.00</b>
	<b>Central Office</b>	
	• Install new single ply roof	<b>94,400.00</b>
	• Resurface parking lot & drive	<b>85,400.00</b>
	<b>Maintenance</b>	
	• Install new single ply roof	<b>112,600.00</b>
<b>TOTAL 2022/2023</b>		<b>782,600.00</b>

<u>FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u> <u>CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>Bethel School</b>	
	● Replace entrance doors	<b>30,000.00</b>
	● Resurface parking lot	<b>102,600.00</b>
	● Install boiler in main building	<b>51,300.00</b>
	<b>Blowing Rock School</b>	
	● Replace entrance doors	<b>30,000.00</b>
	<b>Cove Creek School</b>	
	● Replace entrance doors	<b>30,000.00</b>
	<b>Green Valley School</b>	
	● Replace entrance doors	<b>30,000.00</b>
	● Resurface bus parking lot	<b>102,600.00</b>
	<b>Hardin Park School</b>	
	● Replace entrance doors	<b>45,200.00</b>
	● Resurface parking lots front & rear	<b>256,500.00</b>
<b>Mabel School</b>		
● Replace entrance doors	<b>30,000.00</b>	
● Replace both boilers	<b>102,600.00</b>	
<b>Parkway School</b>		
● Replace entrance doors	<b>30,000.00</b>	
<b>Valle Crucis School</b>		
● Replace entrance doors	<b>30,000.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL 2023/2024</b>		<b>870,800.00</b>

<u>FISCAL</u> <u>YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u> <u>CONSTRUCTION COST</u>
2024/2025	<b>Blowing Rock School</b>	
	• Replace small boiler	33,500.00
	<b>Cove Creek School</b>	
	• Replace both boilers	102,600.00
	• Replace waste water treatment plant	305,000.00
	<b>Mabel School</b>	
	• Replace waste water treatment plant	305,000.00
<b>TOTAL 2024/2025</b>		<b>746,100.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 2015/2025</b>		<b>14,237,950.00</b>

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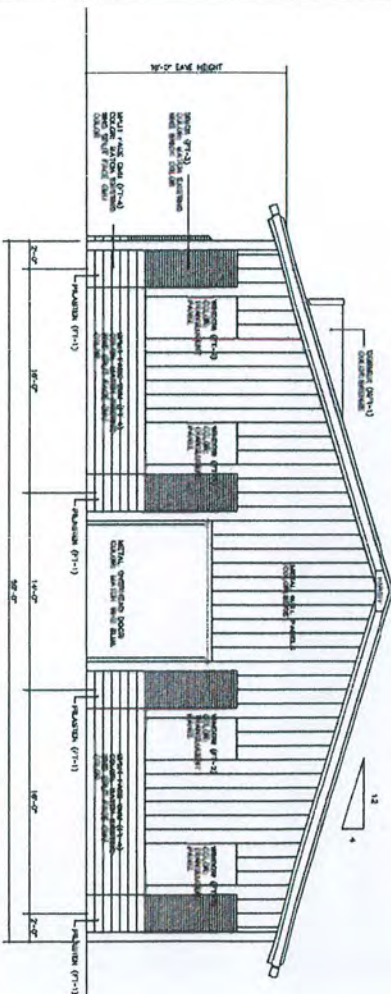
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**FINISHING SCHEDULE - INDUSTRY STANDARD**

FINISHING ITEM	NO. OF CONDITIONS	NO. OF CONDITIONS
1. EXTERIOR WALLS	1	1
2. EXTERIOR ROOFING	1	1
3. EXTERIOR FLOORING	1	1
4. EXTERIOR PAINTING	1	1
5. EXTERIOR LIGHTING	1	1
6. EXTERIOR SIGNAGE	1	1
7. EXTERIOR VENTILATION	1	1
8. EXTERIOR SECURITY	1	1
9. EXTERIOR UTILITIES	1	1
10. EXTERIOR LANDSCAPING	1	1
11. EXTERIOR FURNITURE	1	1
12. EXTERIOR ACCESSORIES	1	1

**INDUSTRY STANDARD FINISHING SCHEDULE - 1/2\"/>**

**2 FEATURE SCHEDULES**  
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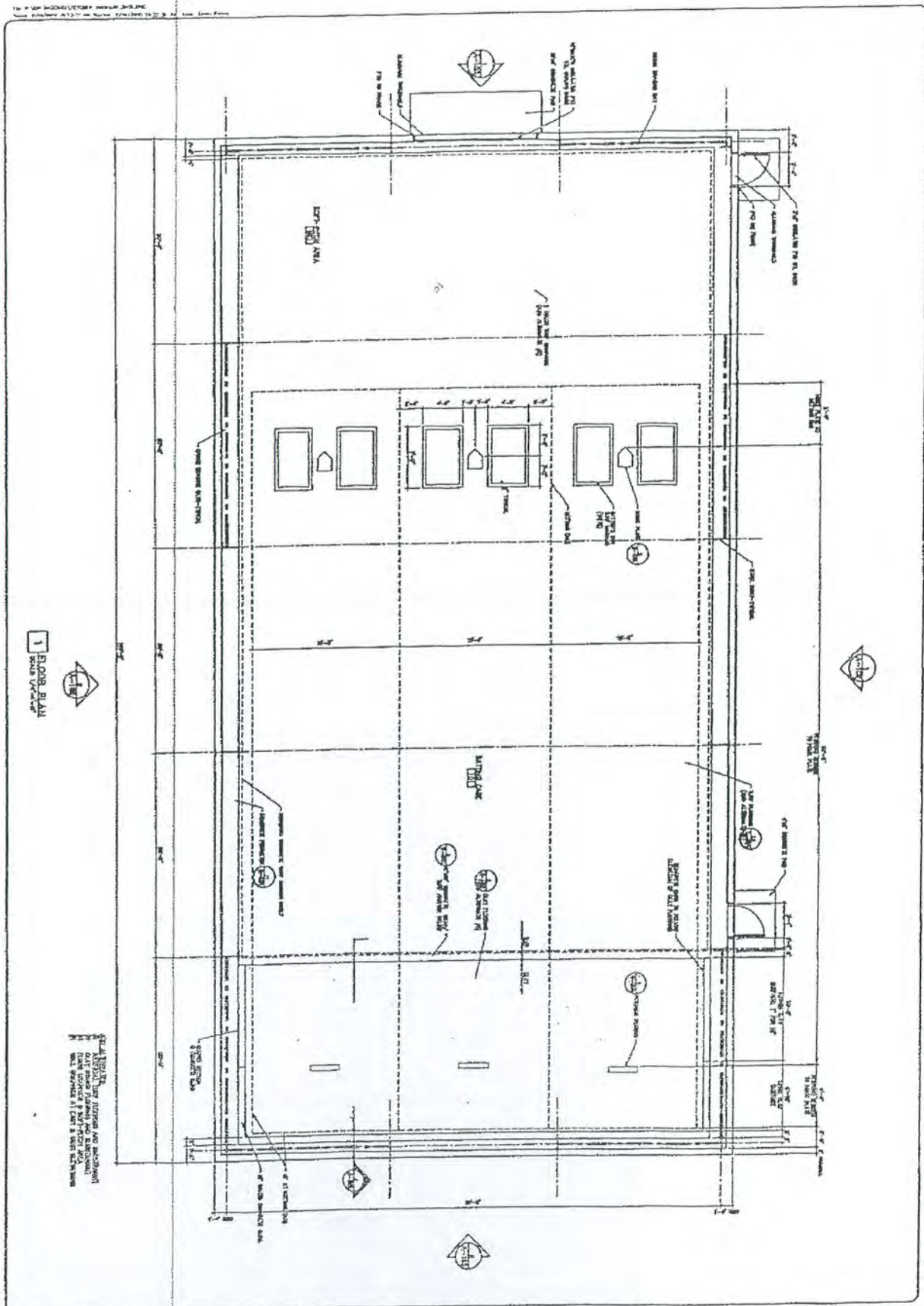
**3 EAST ELEVATION**  
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<p><b>GREENE ARCHITECTURE</b> POST OFFICE BOX 111 101 2 MCARIS STREET BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA 28689 PHONE 828-293-6182 FAX 828-293-6182</p>			<p><b>WILL DICUS</b> <b>INDOOR BASEBALL FACILITY</b> WATAUGA HIGH SCHOOL BOONE, NC</p>	<p>DATE: 04/03/2011 DRAWN BY: [Name] CHECKED BY: [Name]</p>
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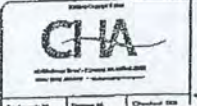


1 FLOOR PLAN

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BATTING BUILDING - BECK BASEBALL IMPROVEMENTS  
BATTING CAGE BUILDING FLOOR PLAN







**MOUNTAIN STEEL BUILDINGS LLC**

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Dicus Foundation  
Feb 4, 2015

Re: Indoor Practice Facility  
Watauga High School

We hereby submit the following estimate for your consideration:

**Scope of work****Foundation-**

Installation of 4" monolithic slab with perimeter footer to frost depth.  
Slab to be placed on 4" compacted gravel with pier locations as per building plans  
All concrete to be reinforced with ½" rebar and/or fiber mesh

**Erection of Building-**

50' x 100' x 16' eave height  
2/12 roof pitch  
Install all framing  
Install 'Split-face' block wainscot and brick pilasters as per plan  
Install insulation as per code  
Apply all standard wall sheathing  
Install 2 10 x10 framed openings with garage doors  
Install 16 windows as per plans  
Install standing seam metal roof as per plan  
Install decorative dormers as per plan  
Install gutters, downspouts and trim as needed  
Complete cleanup of site

Foundation estimated cost-	36250.00
Masonry estimated cost-	9500.00
Building Package cost-	72000.00
Windows and doors cost-	8000.00
Equipment rental costs-	5000.00
Building erection cost-	45000.00

**Total Estimated Cost:                   \$175750.00**

\*This estimate does not include any permits that will be required by local officials.

\*This estimate does not include any plumbing, electrical, or HVAC

Thank you for allowing us to quote this project. Please review and feel free to call with any question you may have.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Weaver  
Mountain Steel Buildings LLC

FRIENDS OF WATAUGA PIONEER BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL  
c/o 136 North Water Street  
Boone, NC 28607  
(828) 264-5900

April 23, 2010

Town of Boone  
Department of Planning and Inspections  
Attn: Mr. David Graham  
1510 Blowing Rock Road  
Boone, NC 28607

Dear Mr. Graham:

I am pleased to submit for Town approval the Site Plan, building specifications, and illustrative sketches for the proposed Will Dicus Indoor Training Facility at the new Watauga High School. Given our often severe winter and early spring weather in Watauga County, it is impossible for our baseball and softball teams to prepare adequately for their seasons without such a facility. The indoor facility will also be used throughout the year when rain or other weather conditions preclude outdoor play. The former high school featured a Quonset Hut-style building provided through private funding that, despite inadequate lighting, heating, ventilation, and a dusty dirt floor, allowed Watauga high's baseball program to compete for the conference championship year after year. This facility served a crucial purpose, but between its leaking roof and its lack of aesthetic compatibility with the new campus, it had to be left behind when the new high school opened.

The need for a new indoor training facility was recognized during the new high school's planning process, when the project architects suggested a state-of-the-art facility to be located between the new baseball and softball fields. The fifty by one hundred foot footprint for the building was in fact shown on the approved master plan. Unfortunately, budget constraints eliminated this facility from final construction plans. The critical need for such a facility nonetheless remains.

A group of supporters of the Watauga High School baseball and softball programs has formed to address this need. Our group is raising the funds necessary to acquire and erect an attractive pre-engineered metal building, fifty by one hundred feet, in a slightly relocated area still convenient to the baseball and softball fields. Both the Watauga County Board of Education and the Watauga County Board of Commissioners have enthusiastically endorsed this project.

We have obtained, and enclose with this letter, a site plan showing the proposed building location just beyond the left-field fence of the high school softball field as well as specifications for the building, which we are now ready to order. The building will be engineered to feature a snow-load rating of 35, well beyond Code requirements, and a

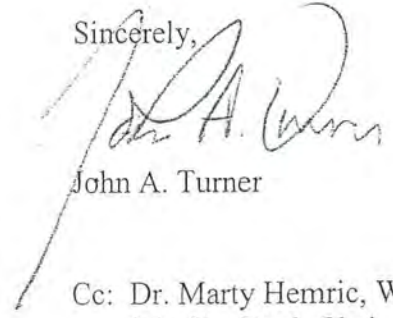
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wind-load capacity of 100. It will have an attractive, standing-seam metal roof with the highest quality finish (35-year warranty) available. Color samples for the roof and sidewalls are enclosed. We anticipate some landscaping as well as protective screening to be installed between the outfield fence and the façade of the building.

We ask that this facility be approved as a utility building for athletic training, with restroom facilities to be provided within the Field House located within the baseball-softball complex. We do intend to insulate the building, but will heat it only immediately before and during practices.

As we plan to have this facility in place this calendar year, we would greatly appreciate your guidance on how this exciting project can be most expeditiously approved. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John A. Turner

Cc: Dr. Marty Hemric, Watauga County Board of Education  
Mr. Jim Deal, Chairman, Watauga County Board of Commissioners



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April 19, 2011

Town of Boone  
 Department of Planning and Inspections  
 Attn: Ms. Jane Shook  
 1510 Blowing Rock Road  
 Boone, NC 28607

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**EXHIBIT A**

Dear Ms. Shook:

This letter is to supplement previous submissions concerning the Will Dicus Indoor Training Facility (the "Dicus Center") to be constructed at Watauga High School through application of privately-raised funds. The proposed fifty feet by one hundred feet proposed footprint for this training facility was in fact shown on the final approved and sealed master plans for the high school, albeit in a slightly different location between the softball and baseball fields that ultimately proved unworkable. As such, the proposed site plan submitted now shows the building location approximately fifteen feet behind the leftfield fence of the softball field.

I understand that architect Larry Greene yesterday supplied copies of the elevations for the Dicus Center to replace the illustrative sketches I had provided last August. Michael Trew of Municipal Engineering Services has already supplied the modified site plan. It is my further understanding that Todd Miller of the Inspections Office has confirmed that the Dicus Center will qualify for designation as a utility building, given its use as a practice facility during limited hours. We ask that this facility be approved as a utility building for athletic training, with restroom facilities limited to one handicapped-accessible bathroom, since the primary bathroom facilities are provided within the Field House located within the baseball-softball complex. We do intend to insulate the building, both for sound dampening as well as heat retention, but the building will be heated above a minimum base level only immediately before and during practices.

The building will be engineered to feature a snow-load rating of 35 per square foot, well beyond current Code requirements, and a wind-load capacity of 100 miles per hour. It will have an attractive, standing-seam metal roof finished in a bronze color closely matching the main high school building and with the highest quality materials (35-year warranty) available, a 4:12 roof pitch, and one-and-one-half-foot (1.5') eaves beyond the end-walls and sidewalls. Color samples for the bronze roof and sand-colored sidewalls are enclosed. We intend to install a twenty-foot-high protective screen netting between the outfield fence and the entire southern façade of the building and would like to reserve the right to install at some point when the budget allows some evergreen landscaping between this protective netting and the outfield fence.

To comply with the Commercial Design Standards of the Unified Development Ordinance, which other planning staff members have previously indicated will apply to only the southern and eastern façades, these façades will be enhanced, as per Larry Greene's elevations, with split-faced block wainscoting and brick pilasters to repeat elements of both the main academic building and also the baseball/softball fieldhouse. As a slight modification of Mr. Greene's submitted elevations, I anticipate that the block wainscoting will be a darker sand color similar to that installed on the main academic building's front façade rather than the gray of the fieldhouse. The brick pilasters will likewise resemble the brick colors of the main academic building. Both relevant façades of the Dicus Center will also feature several translucent window panels as an architectural element that will provide natural light while reducing the potential for breakage from errant balls. The wainscoting along the southern façade will be largely, if not

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completely obscured by the outfield fence and the protective netting adjacent to the building. Given these obstructions, I would like for the Appearance Commission and the Town Council to waive the requirement for this wainscoting along the southern façade, as it would not significantly enhance the appearance from any residential viewpoint but would add significant expense to the project's budget. If the Town insists, however, this wainscoting will remain part of the design.

The traffic to the Dicus Center will be almost entirely pedestrian, as the players and coaches will use the walkway between the two fields to access the building at the west façade's entrance. A proposed service driveway that will facilitate both construction access and also occasional ongoing deliveries of equipment, and possibly heating fuel, to the Dicus Center once it is in use is shown on the site plan. This driveway will be discreetly located behind the outfield fence of the softball field, tucked under the bank of, and within a corridor framed by an existing landscaped buffer off Cecil Miller Road Extension. The service driveway will be gated within the existing green chain-link fence line located just beyond the driveway's proposed intersection with Cecil Miller Road Extension.

Since this service driveway is within the new residential transitional zone, we intend to mitigate the driveway site by moving any landscaping disturbed by the construction of the service driveway into additional buffering locations on the side of the driveway nearest Cecil Miller Road Extension. Fortunately, since the grade of the driveway is almost entirely flat, and since much of this driveway will be obscured by the gate, the existing (and to the degree applicable, relocated) landscaping buffer, and the higher grade of Cecil Miller Road Extension to the north of the driveway intersection, the view of this driveway from any neighboring residential zone will be minimal at most. The service driveway will have only sporadic and very limited vehicular traffic once construction is completed this summer. It will not be used for player parking, which will remain in the main parking lot. The driveway will not be lighted, and the building's exterior lights will be limited to the minimum entry lights required by Code. As previously mentioned, the building will be insulated to help minimize any noise transfer to residential areas. All of these features should combine to assure the least possible impact reasonably possible on any residential areas.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions about this project, or the materials provided in support thereof, I would welcome your call. The funding group is ready to order the building as soon as the project receives the necessary regulatory approvals.

Sincerely,

John A. Turner

Cc: Dr. Marty Hemric, Mr. Don Critcher, and Mr. Dennis Ray, Watauga County Schools  
 Mr. Michael Trew, Municipal Engineering Services, PA  
 Coach Pete Hardee and Coach Stephanie Long, Watauga High School  
 Mr. Tom Wright, Athletic Director  
 Mr. Larry Greene, Project Consulting Architect  
 Mr. Deron Geouque, Assistant Manager, Watauga County



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TOWN OF BOONE

CONDITIONAL DISTRICT ZONING MODIFICATION ORDER

On May 19, 2011 the Town Council of the Town of Boone approved a modification to the existing Conditional District Zoning with a site specific development plan previously approved on June 21, 2007. Previous order (Case 20070229) was recorded in the Watauga County Registry Book of Records 1473 Page 87.

CASE NUMBER: 20110133

APPLICANT: Deron Geoque, Watauga County Assistant Manager

PROPERTY OWNER: Watauga County

PROPERTY LOCATION: 300 Go Pioneers Drive

WATAUGA COUNTY PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 2910-88-3456-000

VESTING: Five years from June 21, 2007

ORIGINAL REQUEST: Conditional District Office Institutional (CD-O/I) and Conditional District General Business (CD-B3) for the construction of the new Watauga High School designed for 1600 students including associated athletic facilities and a future 80,000 square foot indoor community recreation center. A five year vested right has been requested due to the time required for planning, funding and construction of the indoor recreation center.

The following fifteen conditions were placed on the district:

1. The project is approved subject to a zoning map amendment petition received from Watauga County and all accompanying civil, architectural and electrical drawings and correspondence described on the letter of transmittal dated May 1, 2007 and the revised civil plan submittal and written summary dated June 14, 2007. Minor modifications may be permitted in order to comply with the requirements of the UDO. Any commitments and representations concerning the proposed project made by the applicant or his representatives at the public hearing shall also become a condition of approval.
2. The Town Council provides that rights are vested for a period of time not to exceed five years in accordance with UDO Section 79.
3. Final plans shall be submitted that are in compliance with the provisions of the UDO and other applicable provisions of Town, State and Federal codes prior to final zoning approval.
4. NCDOT and Town of Boone driveway permits shall be obtained prior to final zoning approval.



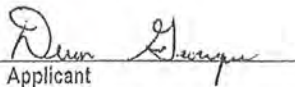
5. All roadway improvements recommended by Kimley-Horn for Scenario II for the intersection of US 421 and E. King Street/Grove Street; the intersection of US 421 and E. King Street/Industrial Boulevard; and the intersection of E. King Street and the proposed school access must be diligently pursued. Refer to page 42 of the Traffic Impact Study for Watauga High School, received May 1, 2007.
6. Further analysis of the traffic impact at the intersection Cecil Miller Road and E. King Street shall be provided prior to final zoning approval. Recommended improvements, if any, must be implemented prior to issuance of certificates of occupancy.
7. Realignment of Daniel Boone Drive with the intersection of US 421 and NC 194 must be incorporated into the design of NCDOT Project U-4020-King Street widening. A commitment from NCDOT shall be provided prior to issuance of certificates of occupancy.
8. Planned improvements to E. King Street shall be examined by the County, Town and DOT collectively to determine how sidewalks and bike lanes in accordance with NCDOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program goals, the Boone Comprehensive Plan and the Boone/Blowing Rock Alternative Transportation Plan can be incorporated.
9. Proposed cul-de-sacs at the end of Daniel Boone Drive Extension and Hill Top Drive must be constructed to Town standards and dedicated for public use.
10. The planned connector road from Hill Top Drive to Daniel Boone Drive Extension shall be built to Town standards and dedicated for public use prior to closing Daniel Boone Drive Extension.
11. The County and School Board will donate an easement along the westernmost perimeter of the high school property and the County will assist in advocating to ASU for an easement to connect the Greenway to the neighborhood without wetlands involvement with the understanding that any connector will be developed with input from the neighborhood.
12. The proposed indoor recreation center must be located further than 100' from the adjoining R-1 zoning district or it may not exceed 35 feet in height.
13. The Community Appearance Commission must approve any deviations from the lighting standards prior to final zoning approval.
14. In order to permit removal of certain historic and significant trees in the area of the indoor recreation center and football field, the Town Council has determined that a redesign is not possible without reducing the intensity of development on the site.
15. The westernmost 1.5 acres of the former Ray Greene property located between Spruce Street and Delmar Street shall retain the current R-1 zoning classification. No clearing or grading activity associated with this conditional district approval is permitted within this R-1 area.

**APPROVED MODIFICATION:** Modify the existing site specific development plan for the Conditional District O/I Office Institutional zoning to the existing High School site to include the addition of an Alpine Tower (to be located to the south of the soccer field) and an Indoor Training Facility (located to the north of the softball field).

The following four conditions were placed on the approved modification:

1. Approval is subject to the site plan and supplemental information submitted bearing the received date of April 1, 2011 (Building Elevation received date April 18, 2011). Insignificant deviations may be permitted to comply with the requirements of the UDO or State Building Code.
2. Applications and final plans shall be submitted that are in compliance with the provisions of the UDO, Town Code and State Building Code.
3. All commitments in the letter bearing the received date of April 19, 2011 from John Turner shall be adhered to. (See Exhibit A)
4. The HVAC/mechanical equipment is to be oriented, as much as practical, away from the existing R1 neighbors to the NE of the Indoor training facility.

Consent to:

 County Manager.  
Applicant

NORTH CAROLINA  
WATAUGA COUNTY



I, Angela Ritter, a Notary Public of Watauga County, North Carolina, certify that Deron Geouge personally appeared before me and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.



Angela Ritter  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Ordered this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

Loretta Clawson  
Mayor, Loretta Clawson  
Attest  
Freida Van Allen  
Freida Van Allen, Town Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA  
WATAUGA COUNTY

I, Linda C. Council, a Notary Public of Watauga County, North Carolina, certify that Freida Van Allen, Town Clerk for the Town of Boone, personally appeared before me and acknowledged, the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.



Linda C. Council  
NOTARY PUBLIC



## North Carolina Department of Administration

Pat McCrory, Governor  
Bill Daughtride, Jr., Secretary

Ilario G. Pantano  
Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs

January 28, 2015

**MEMORANDUM NO. 3**  
**COUNTY SEQUENCE NO. 2**

**TO:** All Offices, NC Division of Veterans Affairs

**FROM:** Phillip G. Batten, Deputy Director

**SUBJECT:** Yearly Request for State Matching Funds for County Veterans Service Program

In accordance with the repeal set forth in Senate Bill S744 – Page 209, the General Assembly eliminated the authority for State contribution to County Veterans Service Program. Therefore, there will be no matching funds reimbursed to the counties this year.

PGB:ah

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**Deron.Geouque**

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**From:** Moore, Ronald <Ronald.Moore@ncdps.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 23, 2015 3:00 PM  
**To:** Deron.Geouque  
**Subject:** SHP Lease

Good Afternoon Deron:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule this morning to talk with me concerning the State Highway Patrol lease. Per our conversation all State Agencies including the Department of Public Safety are being required to reduce their expenditures due to the shortfall in the State Budget. This includes salary adjustments, Requisitions, Personal Service Contracts and Temporaries, Travel and Training, Cell Phones, Mobile Hotspots, Fleet Management Vehicles, Usage Orders and other.

The Highway Patrol desires to remain at their current location (Watauga County Law Enforcement Center) but their current lease will terminate on 03/31/2015. The current lease amount is 4,560.00/yr. Due to the State Budget (red ink), the Department would appreciate any cost consideration for another three year lease with Watauga County.

I appreciate your attention in this matter.

Ron Moore  
Property Manager  
NC Department of Public Safety  
Purchasing and Logistics  
MSC 4227  
3030 Hammond Business Place  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
Phone: 919.324.6467  
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