

# Growth Perspectives



Where Heartland Meets High Tech

# Introductions

## Monroe Elected Officials

Mayor Bobby Kilgore

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Anderson

Councilmember Surluta Anthony

Councilmember Marion Holloway

Councilmember Billy Jordan

Councilmember Lynn Keziah

Councilmember Franco McGee

## City Staff

Larry Faison, City Manager



# Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Land Use / Transportation Plan
3. Energy Services Initiatives & Improvements
4. Water Resources Initiatives & Improvements
5. Recreational Initiatives & Improvements
6. Other Initiatives: Airport, Downtown, EDC
7. Trends: Industrial & Residential
8. Collaboration & Cooperation Opportunities ~ *existing*  
& *potential*

# Forward Monroe

**City of Monroe's Land Use and Transportation Plan—takes a strategic approach to fostering economic prosperity and improving the quality of life for its residents.**

**The planning effort's goals are to:**

- Create a progressive, community-driven plan
- Promote healthy, sustainable growth with an eye toward stability, value, and aesthetics
- Enhance and promote mobility



# Common Themes

**Arts & Culture**

**Downtown**

**Economic Vitality**

**Historic Preservation**

**Neighborhoods**

**Parks & Open Space**

**Transportation**

**Priorities**

**Downtown** | Encourage growth and investment in the downtown.

**Economic Vitality** | Promote economic vitality through programs, policies, and investments.

**Neighborhoods** | Enhance existing neighborhoods.

# Vision

*Monroe will be a dynamic and progressive city that promotes growth that boosts our economy, protects our neighborhoods, and enhances our downtown. Our vibrant community will be a great place to live and work highlighted by safe and attractive neighborhoods, quality parks and open spaces, and transportation options that make it easy to travel throughout the city.*





# Forward Monroe e



..... *Land Use*

**Vision:**

**Monroe will be dynamic and progressive community...**

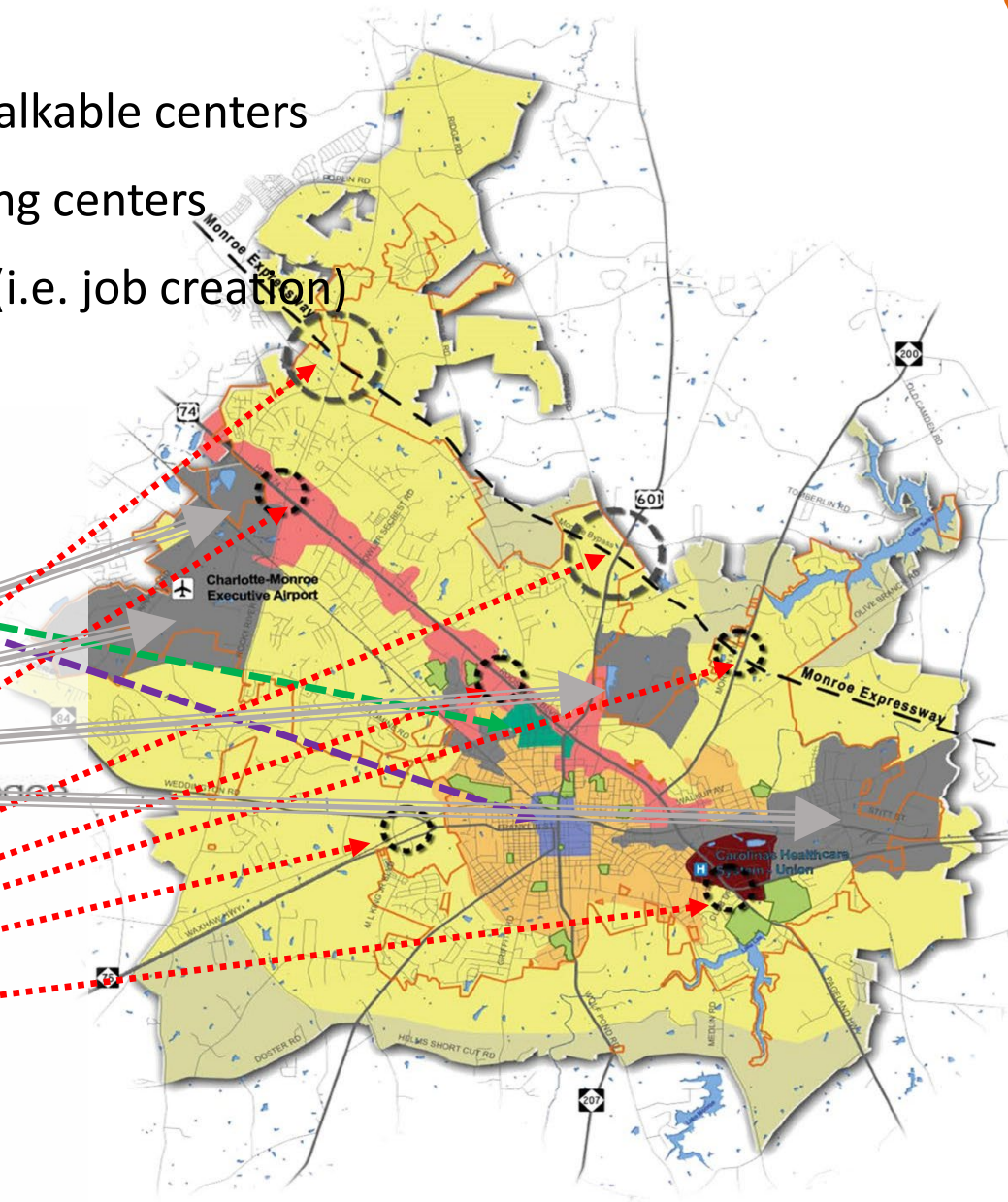
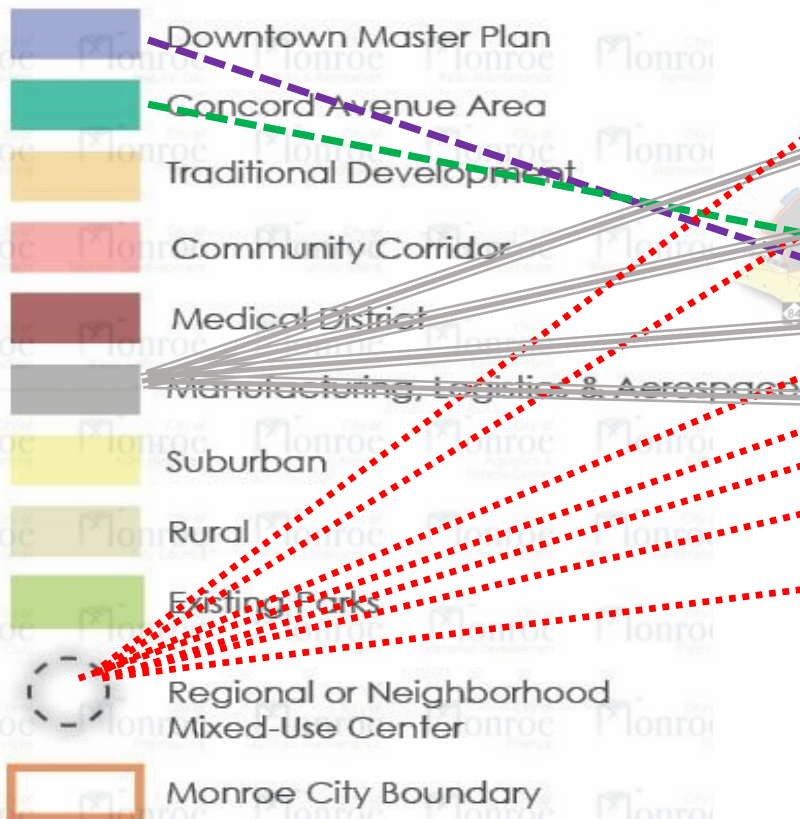
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**Creating a great place to live and work.... Because of our neighborhoods, parks and open spaces, and transportation options...**



# Future Land Use Map

- Invests in downtown & promotes walkable centers
- Guides growth to existing & emerging centers
- Maximizes economic development (i.e. job creation)
- Protects existing neighborhoods







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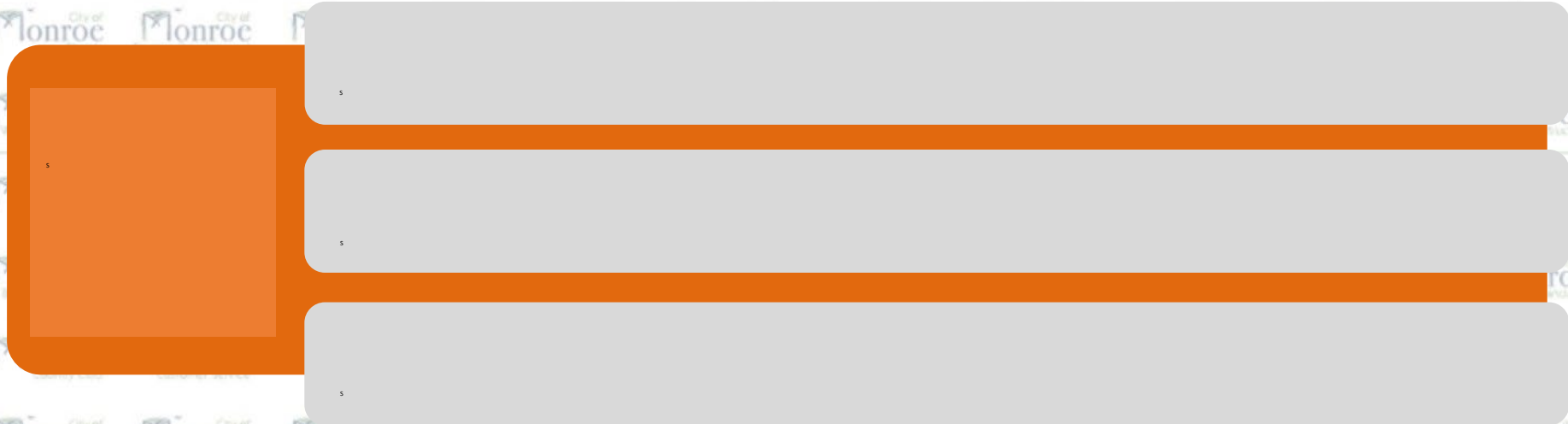
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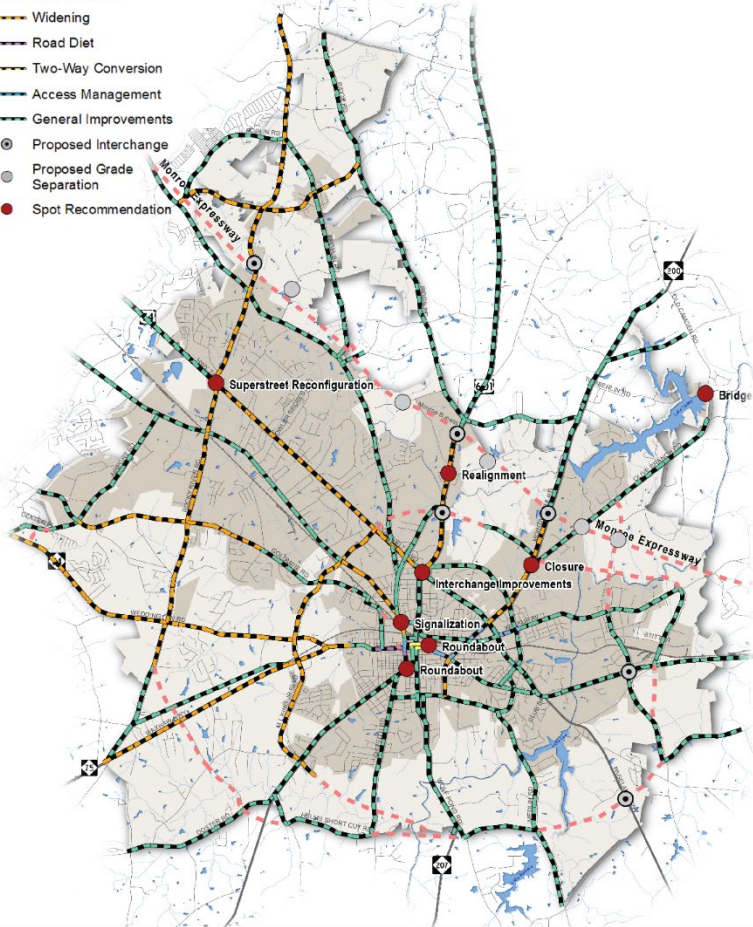


# Transportation Strategy

A well-planned system links residents to jobs, shops, and recreation activities while managing congestion and promoting healthy lifestyles. The transportation strategy responds to and helps promote the Future Land Use Map.

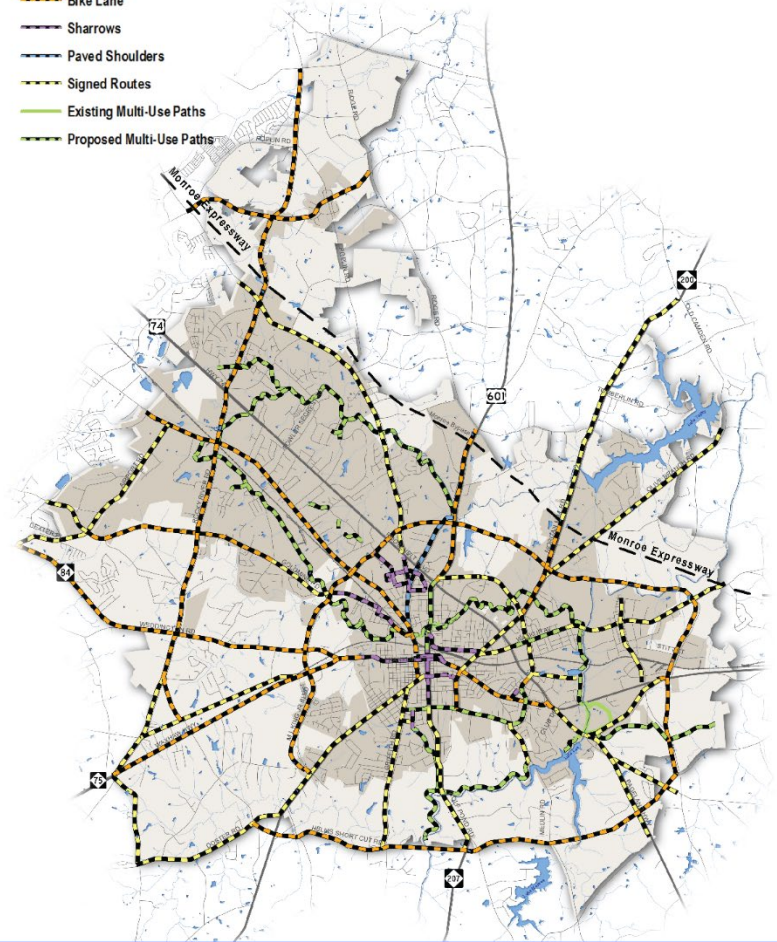


- New Location
- Widening
- Road Diet
- Two-Way Conversion
- Access Management
- General Improvements
- Proposed Interchange
- Proposed Grade Separation
- Spot Recommendation



The recommendations shown here respond to the Future Land Use Map and have been developed in concert with the recommendations bicycle and pedestrian recommendations that follow. This coordinated approach addresses anticipated travel needs while resulting in numerous incidental improvements to the bicycle and pedestrian network.

- Bike Lane
- Sharrows
- Paved Shoulders
- Signed Routes
- Existing Multi-Use Paths
- Proposed Multi-Use Paths

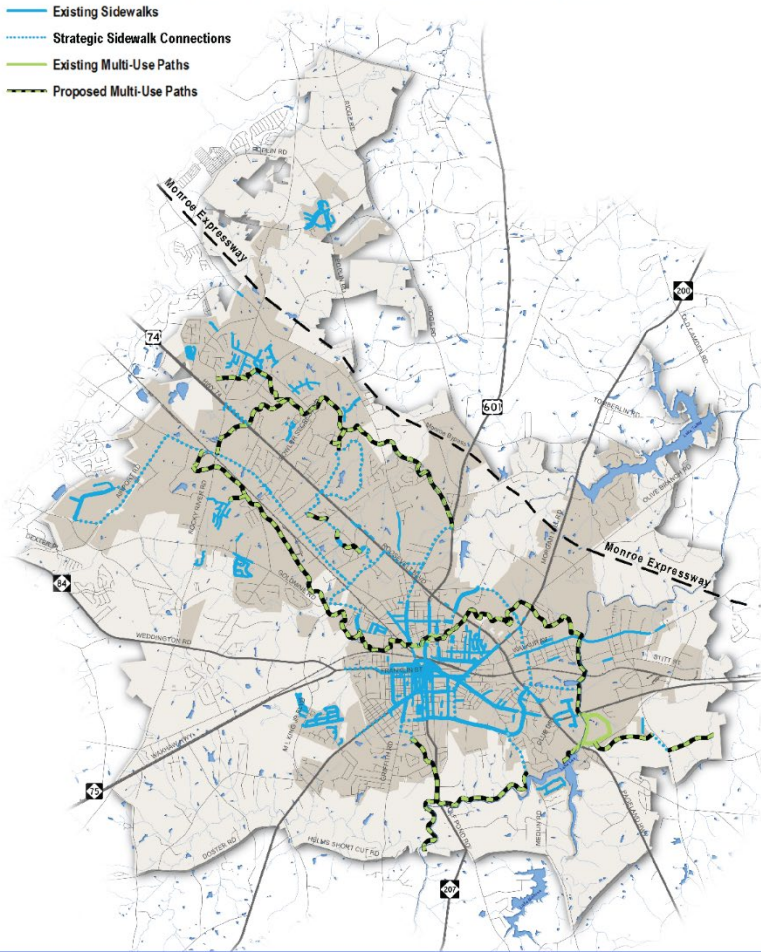


Many of the recommendations shown here were drawn from previous community plans, vetted through the *Forward Monroe* process, and checked to ensure their alignment with the plan's guiding statements. The recommendations include the facility types introduced on the previous page.



# PEDESTRIAN RECOMMENDATIONS

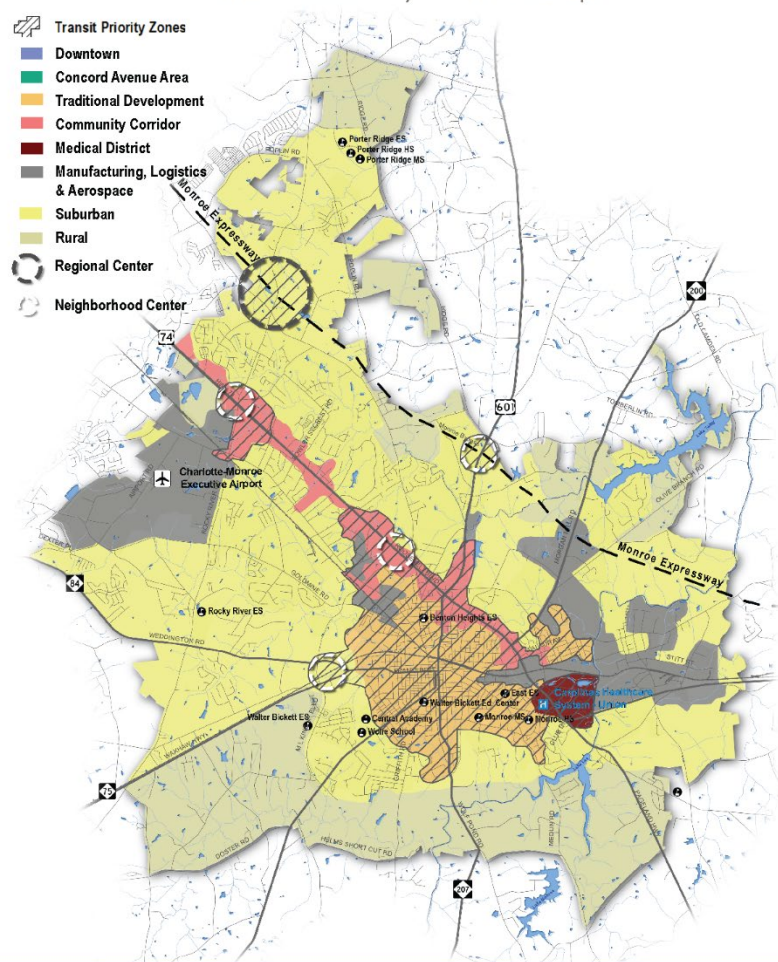
- Existing Sidewalks
- Strategic Sidewalk Connections
- Existing Multi-Use Paths
- Proposed Multi-Use Paths



The recommendations shown here focus on strategic pedestrian connections, including select sidewalk segments and proposed multi-use paths based on the 2015 Greenway Master Plan. These recommendations are not intended to be a comprehensive set of sidewalk recommendations. The City is encouraged to complete a standalone pedestrian plan to identify and prioritize specific improvements.

# TRANSIT PRIORITY ZONES MAP

- Transit Priority Zones
- Downtown
- Concord Avenue Area
- Traditional Development
- Community Corridor
- Medical District
- Manufacturing, Logistics & Aerospace
- Suburban
- Rural
- Regional Center
- Neighborhood Center



The recommendations shown here are organized around the concept of transit priority zones. These zones are the most likely places to support future fixed route transit based on a combination of expected population and employment densities. These zones align with the land use character areas that emphasize more intensity and a diversity of uses.

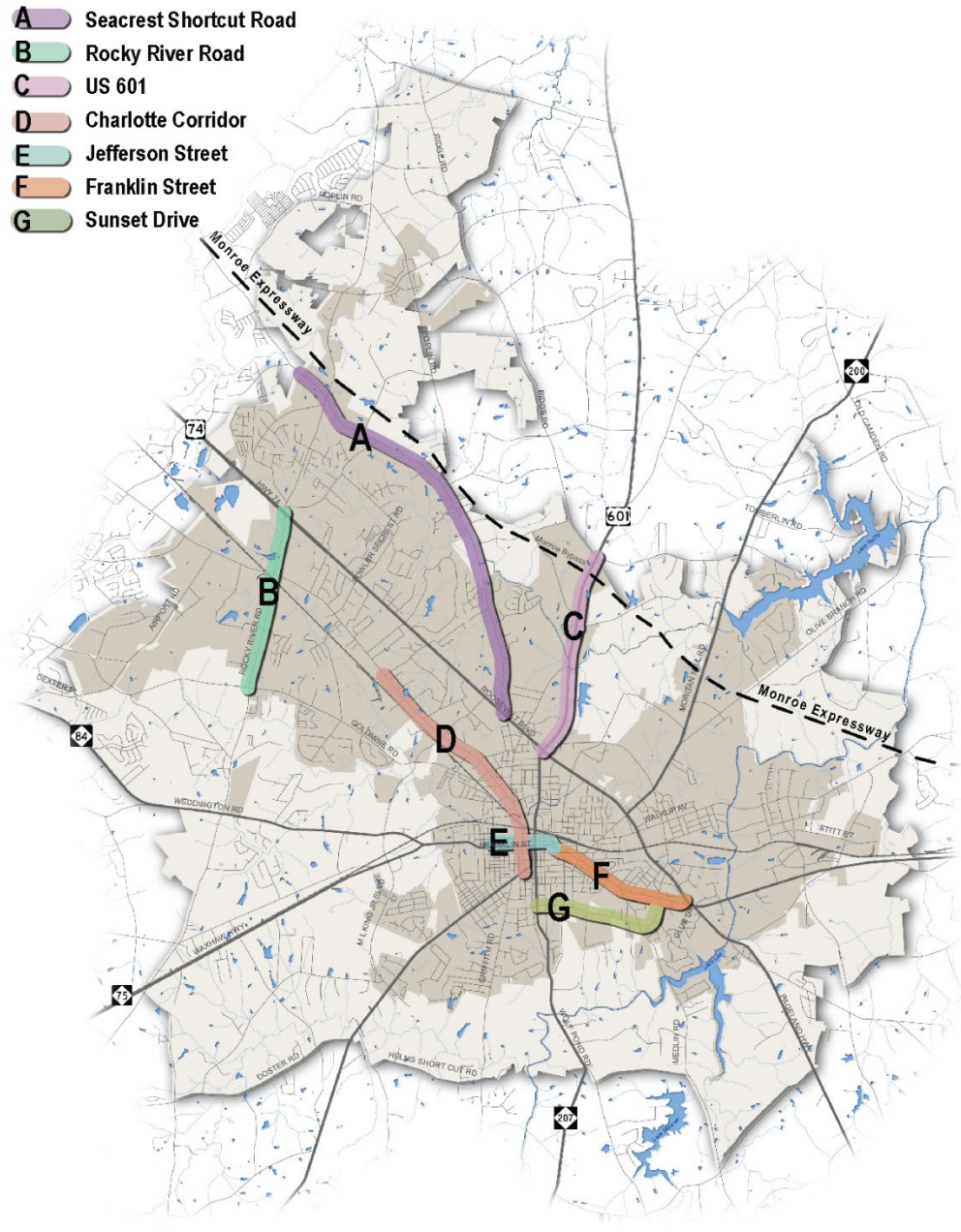


# Critical Corridors

....were designed to provide residents and visitors with choices in how they travel.

..... requires systematically improving the city's road network, focusing attention on the bicycle network, enhancing trails, & positioning the city to be "transit ready"

.... corridors respond to the unique street typology presented in the Forward Monroe Initiative linking land use context with transportation decision making

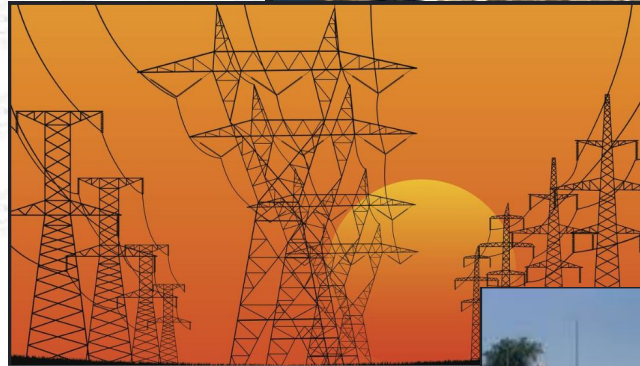
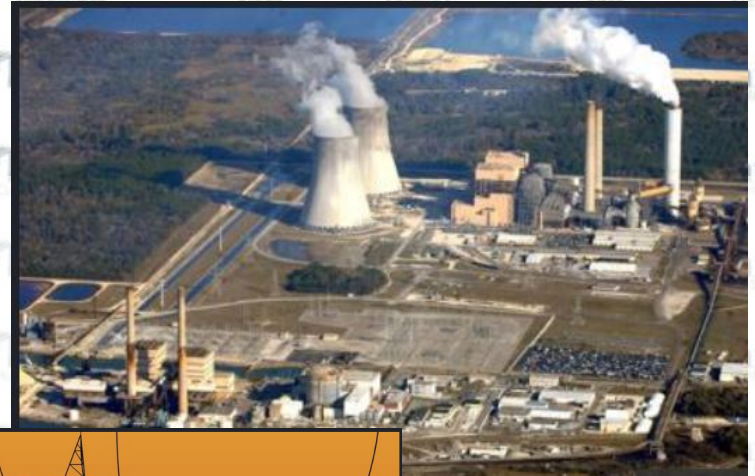




# Energy Services: Initiatives & Improvements

## Electric

- Supplemental Power Agreement
- Subdivision Construction



## Gas

- Pipeline Expansion Edwards & Marshville
- Subdivision Construction



# Supplemental Power Agreement

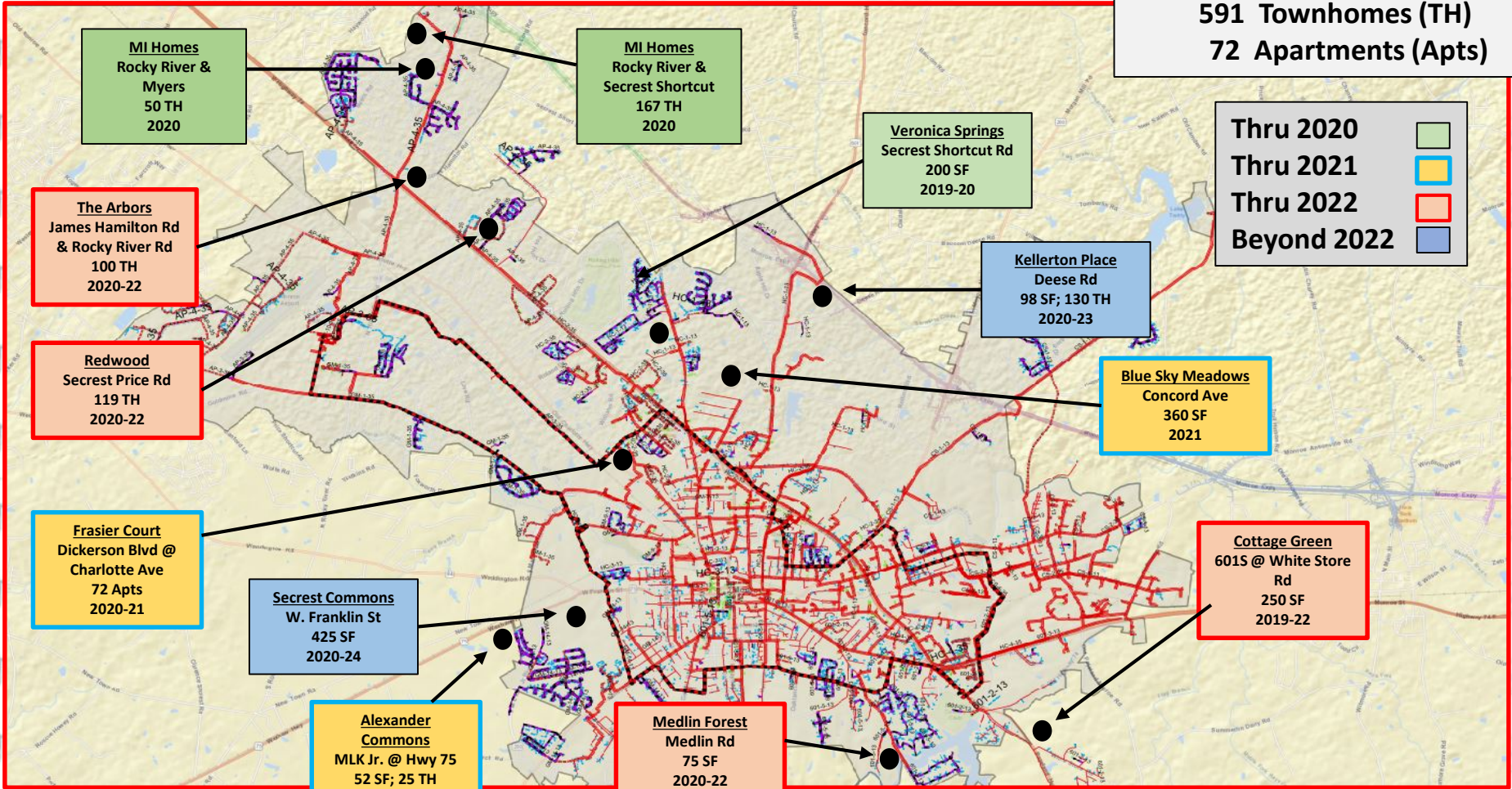
- ❖ 1970's Monroe w/18 western cities formed the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency #1 (**NCMPA#1**)
- ❖ NCMPA#1 owns majority share of (1) nuclear generator at Catawba Nuclear Power Plant
  - ❖ 98% of Monroe's energy needs provided by Catawba
  - ❖ Remaining 2% of energy is thru Supplemental Power supplier
  - ❖ Investigating options to Supplemental Power purchase costs.



# Electric Subdivision Construction

**2123 TOTAL**  
 1460 Single Family (SF)  
 591 Townhomes (TH)  
 72 Apartments (Apts)

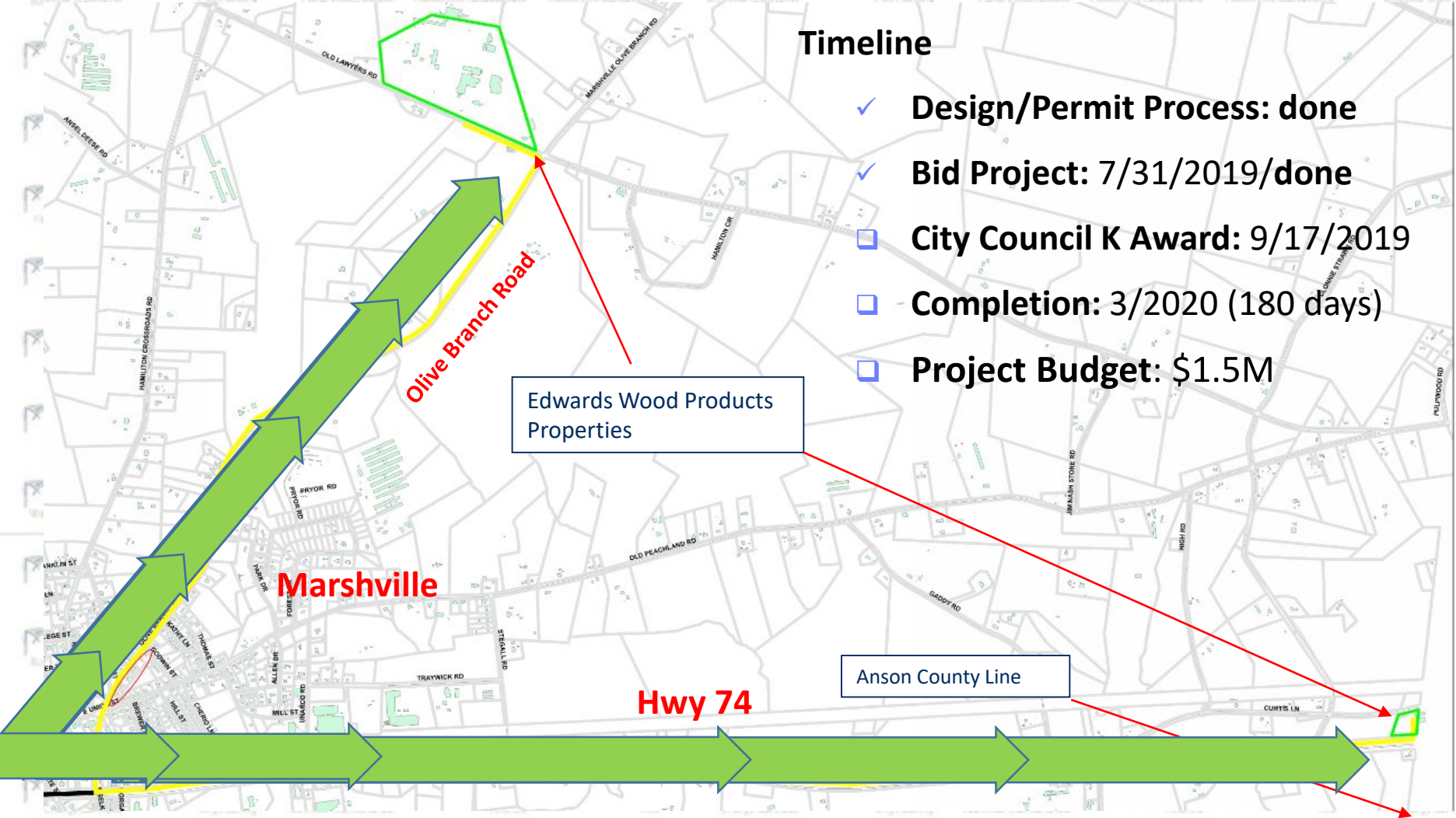
**Thru 2020** ■  
**Thru 2021** ■  
**Thru 2022** ■  
**Beyond 2022** ■



# Pipeline Expansion: Edwards Wood Products - Marshville

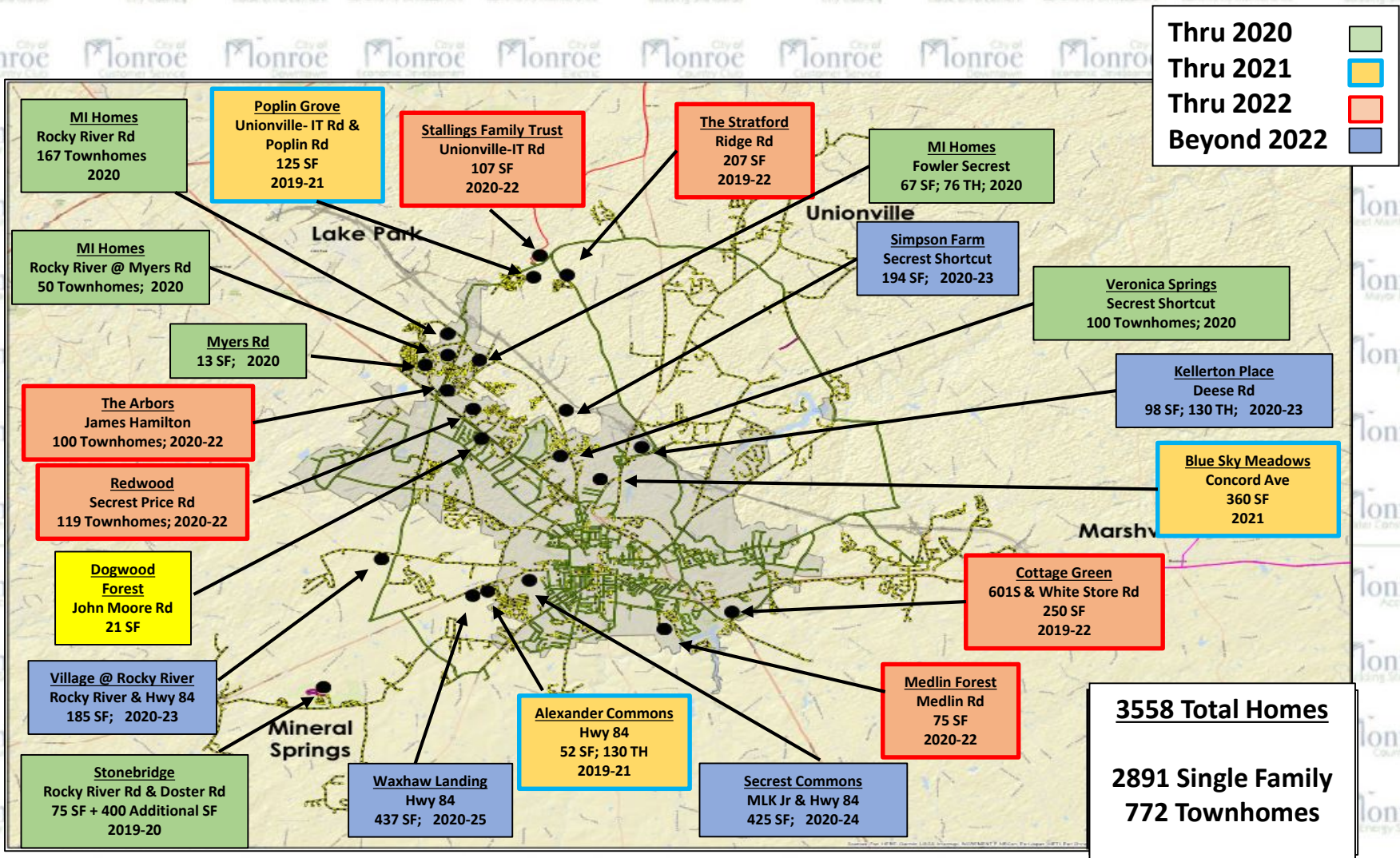
## Timeline

- ✓ Design/Permit Process: done
- ✓ Bid Project: 7/31/2019/done
- ❑ City Council K Award: 9/17/2019
- ❑ Completion: 3/2020 (180 days)
- ❑ Project Budget: \$1.5M





# Natural Gas Subdivision Construction





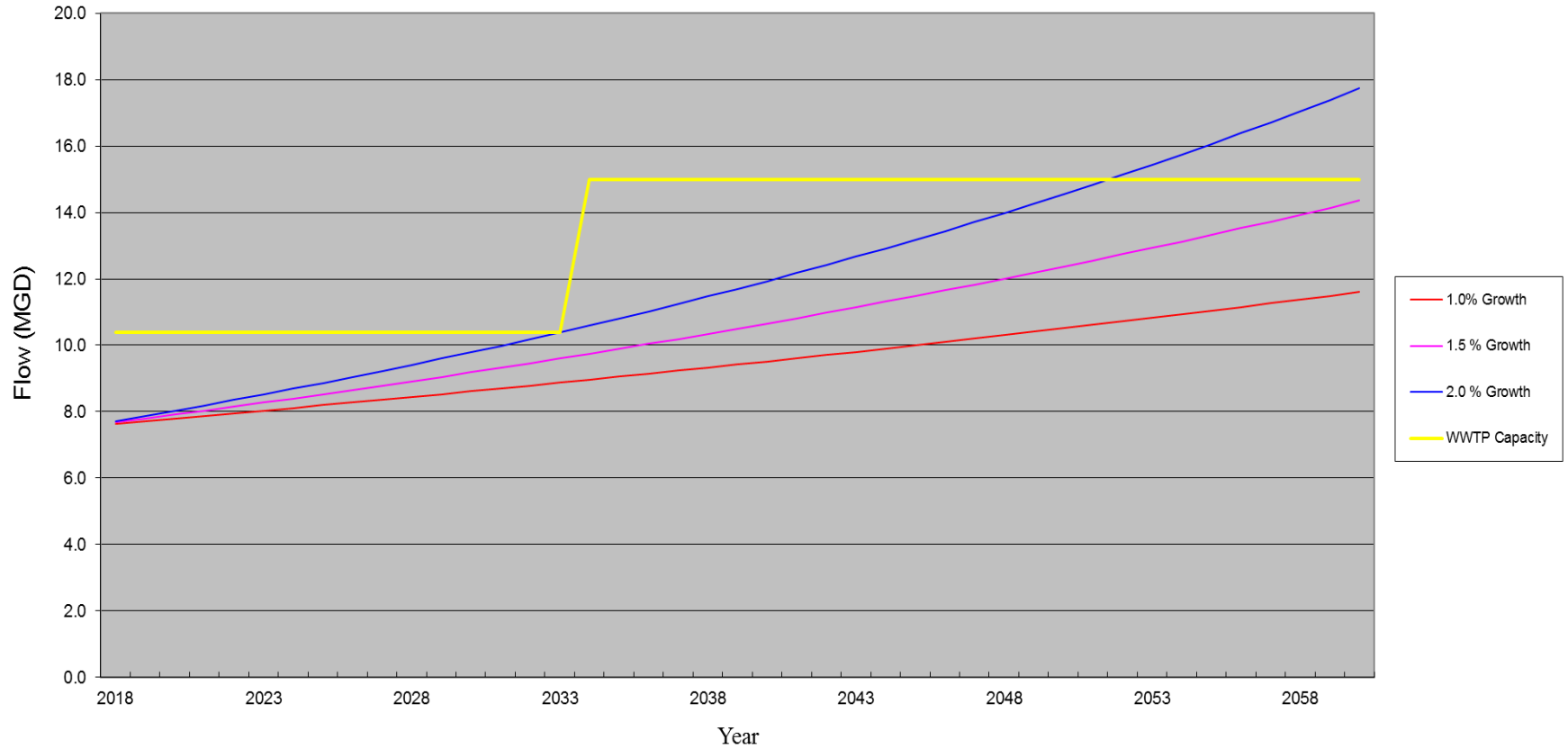
# Water Resources Initiatives & Improvements

- ❖ Waste Water capacity and capital plan
- ❖ Flow projections
- ❖ Water supply capacity & demand projections
- ❖ Water Agreements

# WWTP: capacity and capital plan

- ❖ Construct WWTP 2030's
- ❖ Initial phase 15 mgd (*collaboration w/Union Cty*)
- ❖ Preliminary Cost (estimate) \$130 million
- ❖ Funding Source:
  - Capital Reserve Funding (40%)
  - Debt (60%)

# WWTP Flow Projections

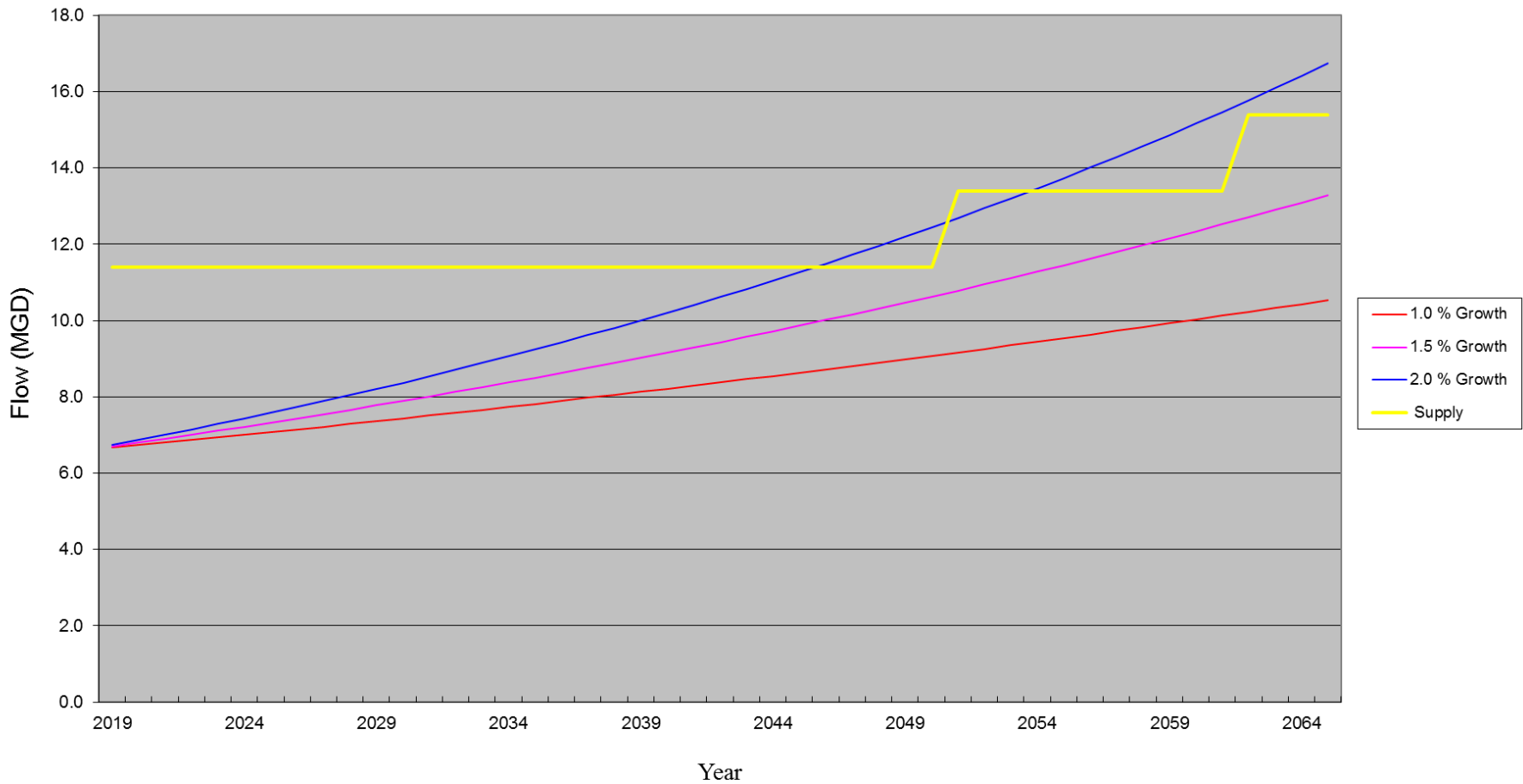




# Water Supply Capacity

- ❖ Water Supply Plan adopted ~ May 2019
- ❖ Supply adequate until 2050 ~ Catawba WTP
- ❖ Potential future source options –
  - ✓ Rocky River
  - ✓ Yadkin Regional System
  - ✓ Reclaimed Water
  - ✓ Alligator/Chesterfield Water System
    - Pending ~ joint study with Union County

# Water Demand & Supply Projections





# Water Agreements

- ❖ Master agreement entered in 2005 with Union County, perpetuity term ~ 2099
- ❖ Multiple amendments to update Master Agreement
- ❖ Provides Union County with 2.65MGD waste water capacity via City WWTP
- ❖ Provides Monroe with 1.99 MGD water supply via County's Catawba WTP

# Recreational Planning Efforts

❖ Recreational Master Plan 2015

❖ Greenway Master Plan June 2015

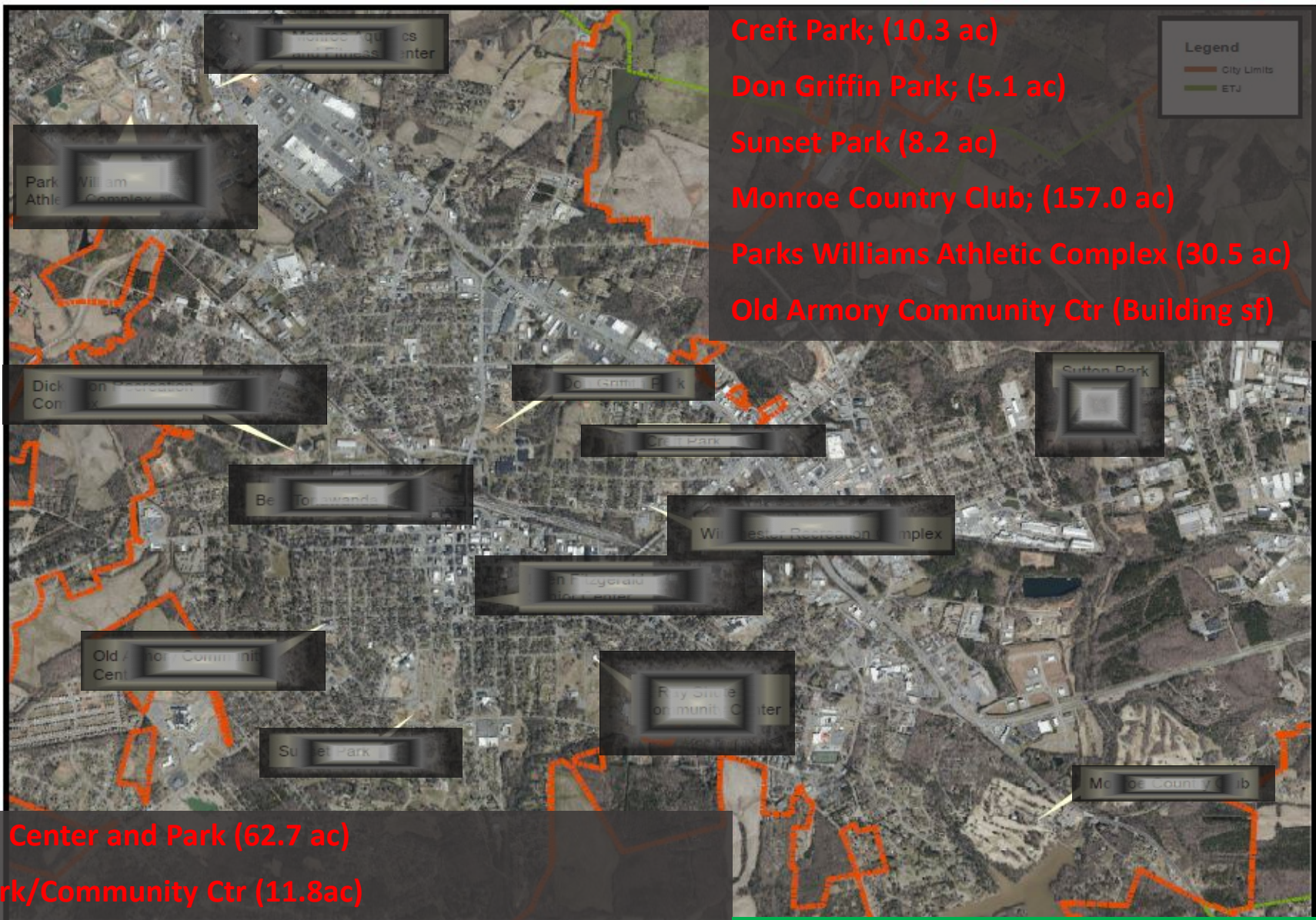
❖ MAFC Master Plan (pending)



# Recreational Master Plan ~ Strategic Goals

- 1. Provide quality recreational programming at existing MPRD operated parks and facilities that are inline with current trends of local growth, needs and interests of the changing demographics.
- 2. Create a cost effective maintenance plan that improves the overall appearance of existing parks and facilities for increased safety and aesthetic attraction.
- 3. Develop a creative and effective marketing strategy for MPRD Facilities and programming within those facilities.
- 4. Promote sustainable planning strategies and foster strong public input into the re-shaping of Monroe's parks, facilities and greenways.
- 5. Recognize the value of MPRD staff in meeting the mission, goals and daily responsibilities. Strive to offer a stimulating, challenging, safe and rewarding work environment to assure continuity of daily operations.
- 6. Coordinate with Union County and other municipalities on programming and facilities.
- 7. Enable the department to operate more cost-effectively.





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# Monroe Recreation Centers & Parks



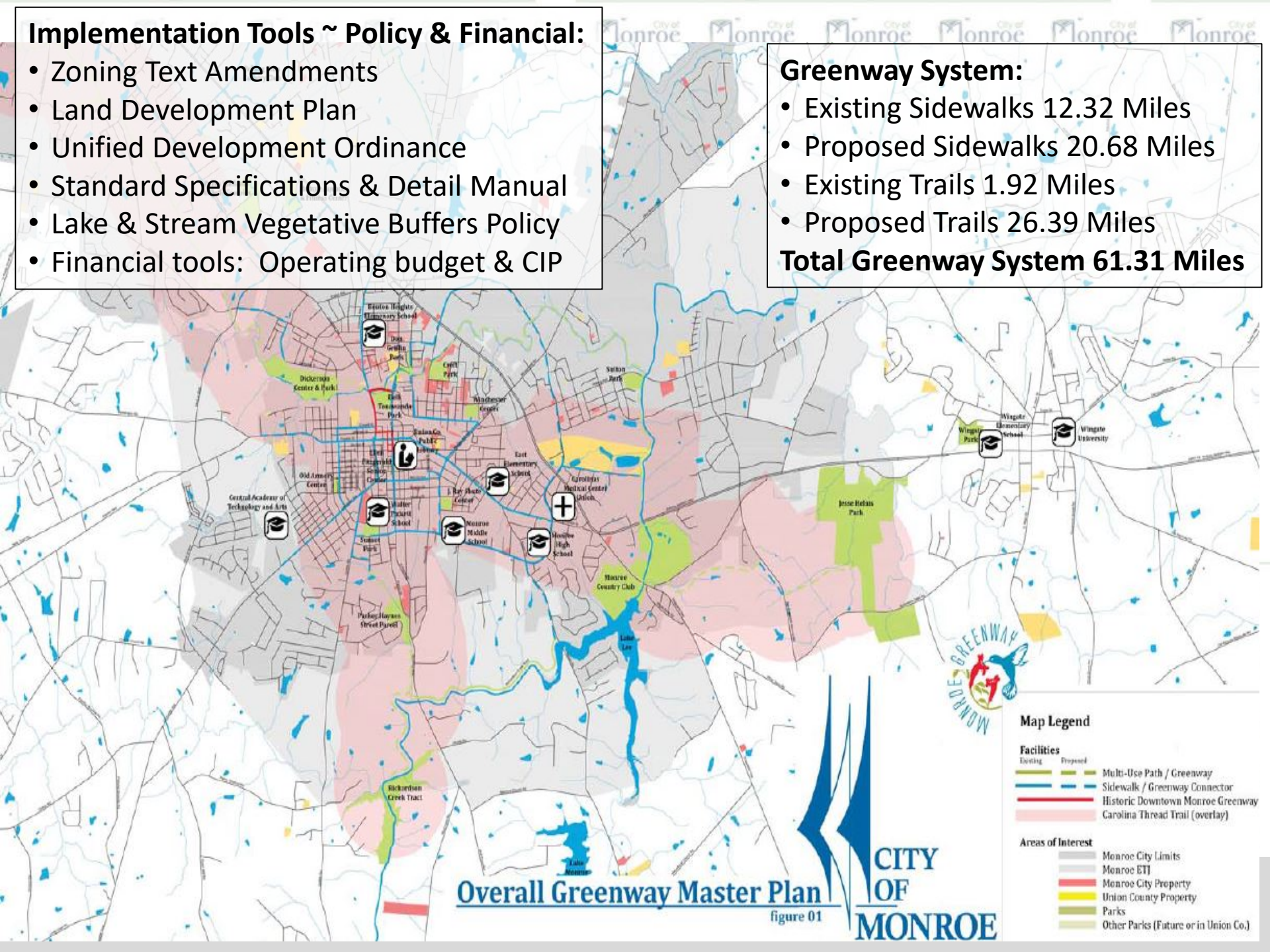
## Implementation Tools ~ Policy & Financial:

- Zoning Text Amendments
- Land Development Plan
- Unified Development Ordinance
- Standard Specifications & Detail Manual
- Lake & Stream Vegetative Buffers Policy
- Financial tools: Operating budget & CIP

## Greenway System:

- Existing Sidewalks 12.32 Miles
- Proposed Sidewalks 20.68 Miles
- Existing Trails 1.92 Miles
- Proposed Trails 26.39 Miles

**Total Greenway System 61.31 Miles**



# Other: Initiatives

❖ Downtown Renaissance Projects

❖ Airport Projects

❖ IP3

❖ Future Fire Station #6



# Other Initiatives

*leveraging growth thru public investment*

## Fostering a Downtown Renaissance

### *Renaissance*

~ cost: \$6.5M

~ seats: 565

## Dowd Center Theater



EXTERIOR VIEW LOOKING NORTH CLEARSCOA

## Science Center

~ cost: \$5M

~ sqft: 17,500







CSX Railroad

Proposed  
Police Department  
Administrative Bld

Monroe City Hall

Union City  
Government  
Complex







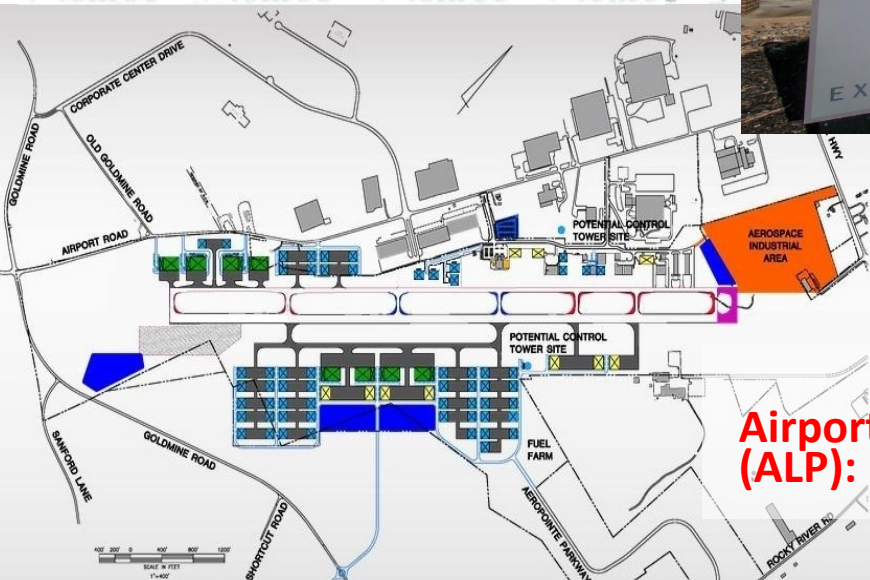
# Other Initiatives: Airport Projects

leveraging growth *thru* public investment



## Hangers: two additions in 2018-19

- ❖ Hanger 6: \$1.5M: 10,000 sqft
- ❖ Hanger 7: \$1.9M: 12,000 sqft



**Airport Layout Plan (ALP): \$420k**



**Taxi & Apron Rehab: \$3.2M**



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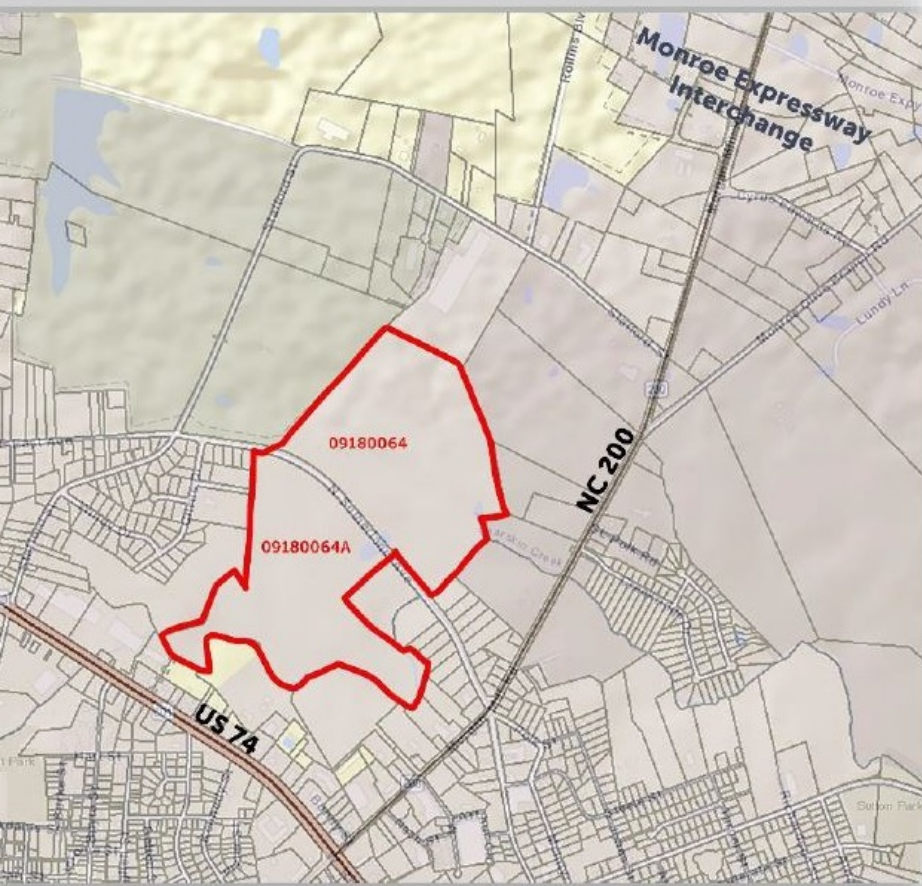
~ IP 3 ~

Acreage: 155

Land Cost: \$5.5 M

Infrastructure: Preliminary design

Target Sale price ~ @ Cost: \$65-  
\$85K/ac





**2012-16 EMS Incidents  
Call to 1st Arrival at 90%**

**Provisional Fire Station #6: 10 year plan**

- Staffing (12 fire fighters): \$720,000; add 3; Yr 1, 3, 5
- Apparatus (2): (engine/medic truck) \$680,000; Yr 5, 6
- Equipment: \$250,000;
- FS 12000 sqft; (@ \$304/sq.ft.):  
\$3,648,000 est; Yr 8, 9

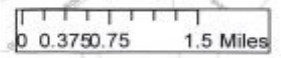
Baseline Objectives	
-- Rural Areas:	10:00
-- Urban Areas:	8:30
Benchmark Goals	
--Rural Areas:	6:00
--Urban Areas:	6:00

**FD Insurance classification improved from 3 > 2  
fire insurance premium reductions for commercial  
property of 5% or more (effc 7/1/19)**

*Provisional FS 6*

**Fire Stations  
(existing)**

MF01-FD4
MF02-FD3
MF03-FD3
MF04-FD3
MF05-FD5
MF06-FD1
MF07-FD1
MF08-FD1
MF09-FD5
MF10-FD2
MF11-FD2
MF12-FD5
MF13-FD5
MF14-FD4
MF15-FD4





# Other: Initiatives (recap)

## ○ Downtown renaissance:

- Center Theater cost: \$6.5M seats: 565
- Science Center: cost: \$5M, 17,500 sqft
- Police HQs: cost: \$9.5M est, 30,000+ sqft
- Senior Center (EJ bld): \$3M

## ○ Airport Projects:

- Hangers: \$1.9M: 12000 sqft; \$1.5M: 10000 sqft
- Taxi/Apron rehab: \$2.9M
- Airport Layout Plan (ALP): \$420k

- **IP3:** 155 acres acquired 2019; \$5.5M; approximate selling price: \$65-85k/acre

- **Future Fire Station #6:** \$3.7M; 12000 sqft; 10 year plan: priority of investment:

- staffing: \$720,000
- equipment: \$250,000
- apparatus (2): (engine/medic truck) \$680,000
- fire station (@ \$304/sq.ft.): \$3,648,000 est

# Growth Trends: Industrial Successes

- ▶ Investment & Job Creation: 2013-2016
  - ❖ \$368.54 million
  - ❖ 1,491 jobs
- ▶ Work Force: 126,400; UE: 3.9% (8/2019)
- ▶ **Monroe** industrial/commercial ratio to residential: > 40%
- ▶ Corporate & Industrial Parks:
  - ❖ Monroe Corporate Center (*nearly buildout*)
  - ❖ Expressway Commerce Park at Monroe (pending)
  - ❖ *Aero Pointe Industrial Centre (Union Cty)*
- ▶ Corporate Announcements last 36 months: 18
  - ❖ Capital investment \$200M+
  - ❖ Job creation: 549
- ▶ Recent projects :
  - ❖ Dukes Sandwich Productions - \$5m / 75 jobs - Food Processing
  - ❖ Collins Aerospace - \$26m / 45 jobs - Aerospace Manufacturing
  - ❖ Decorative Specialties - \$5m / 5 jobs - Construction Materials
- ▶ Development Ratio
  - ❖ Monroe: Residential: 40%; Industrial/Comm: 60%
  - ❖ Countywide: Res: 83%; Comm: 13%; AG: 4%



# Growth Trends: Residential

## Subdivisions: “>4 lots”

- 2007 – 2013: (0)
- 2014-present: (17)
  - Units: 2,397
  - Acreage: 755

## Permits

## issued

## value

2008

358

\$ 92,541,500

2009

235

\$ 39,466,600

2013

223

\$113,636,800

2019-YTD

172

\$143,512,700



# Opportunities for Collaboration & Cooperation

## Existing

Economic Development ~ Water & Sewer ~ Public Safety Services

## Potential & Pending

- New 15MGD WWTP 2030
- Water Supply
- Small Area Plans: Regional/Neighborhood

Mixed Use Ctrs (Hwy 74/Expressway; MLK / 84)

- Parking: Church St, et.al.
- Airport development & expansion
- Reuse city property ISO county functions
- Recreational programming & facilities



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# Back up - slides

- Land use: Community Themes
  - Possible Future Approaches
  - FLUM details narrative
  - MAP~Master Plan; Downtown
- NG Improvements
- Recent Water Projects
- Major Road Projects
- Recreation Center Initiatives/programs



# Planning....on the fly?



....is this responsive

- *Certainly reactive*
- *Probably at a higher cost*
- *Long range planning to frame near term objectives ~ success*



Monroe Parks and Recreation is committed to providing recreational and enrichment opportunities to all participants that utilize our facilities. Recreation facilities have established plans to impact their surrounding communities effectively.



# Community Themes



Vision Statement and Objectives

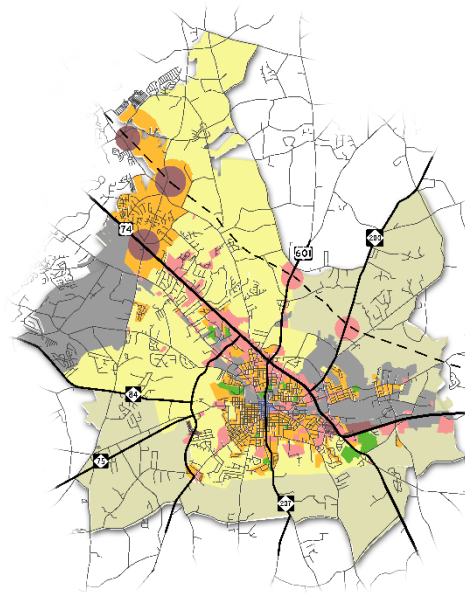
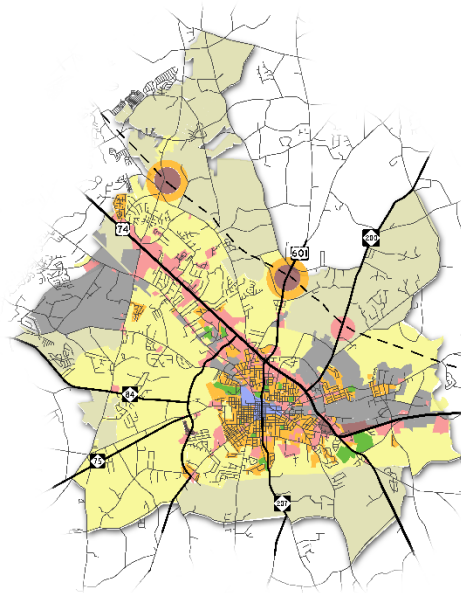
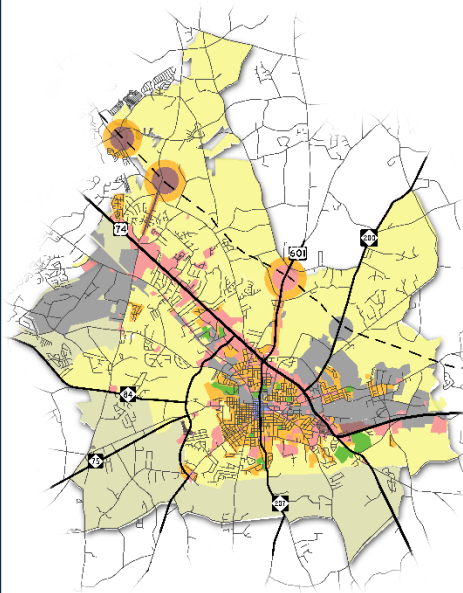
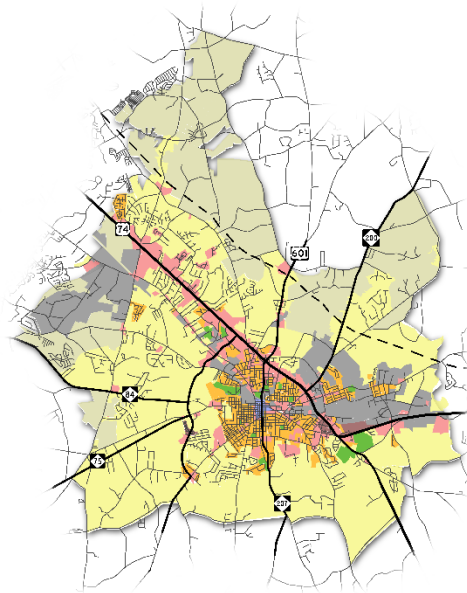
# Possible Future Approaches

Baseline

Monroe Expressway

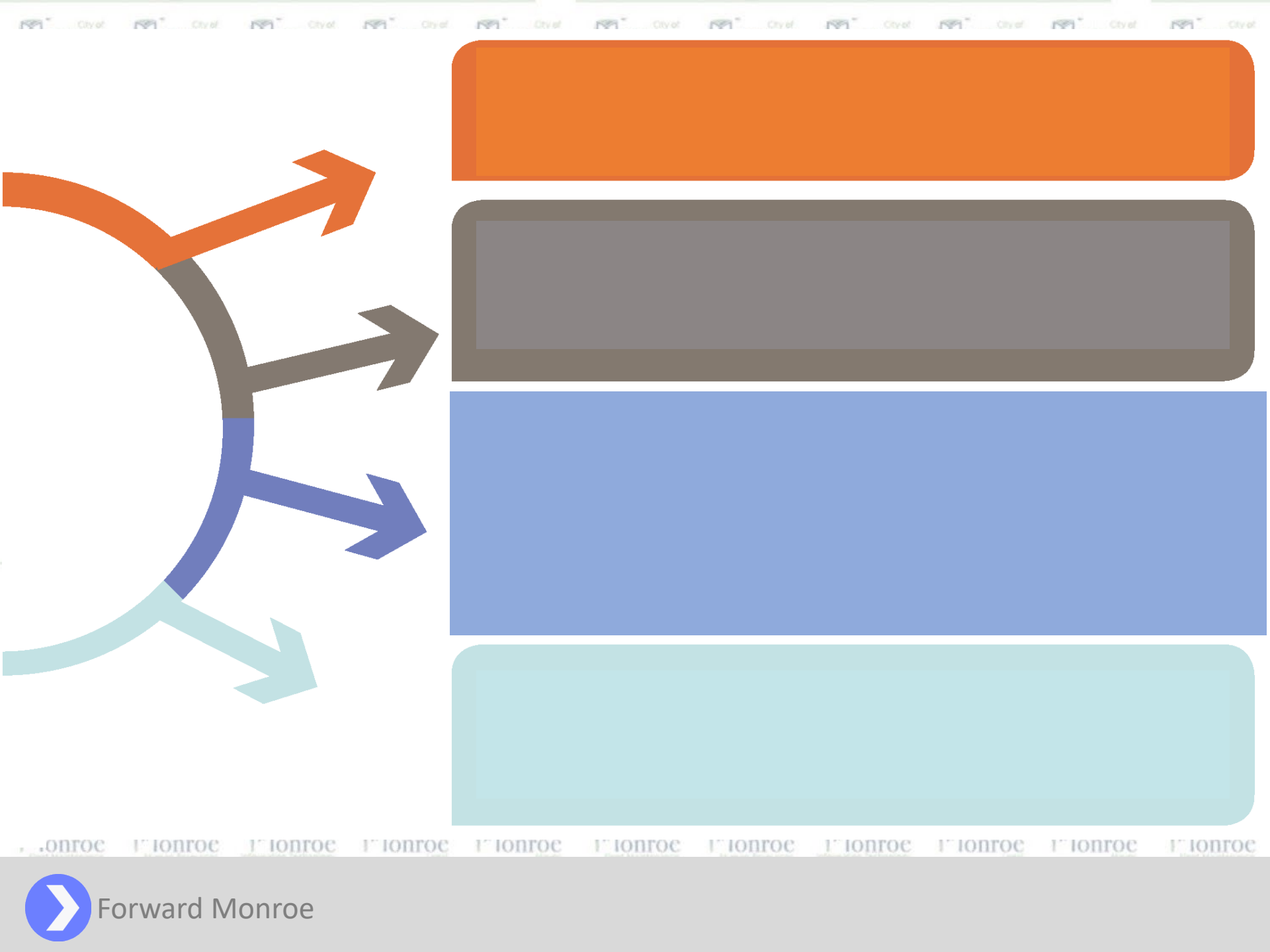
Multiple Centers

Westward Growth



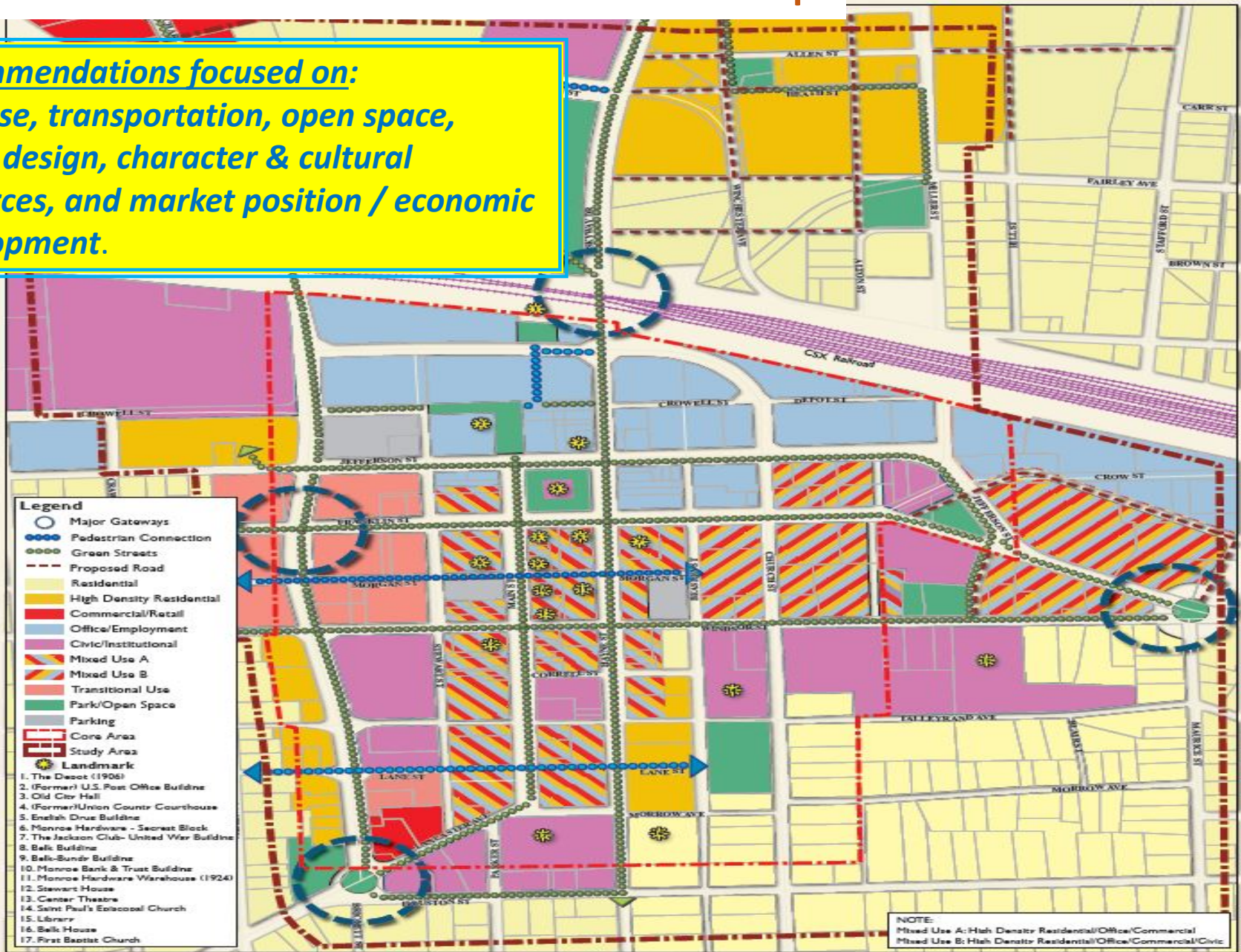
*The same amount of growth distributed in different locations and with different forms...*





# Downtown Future Land Use Map

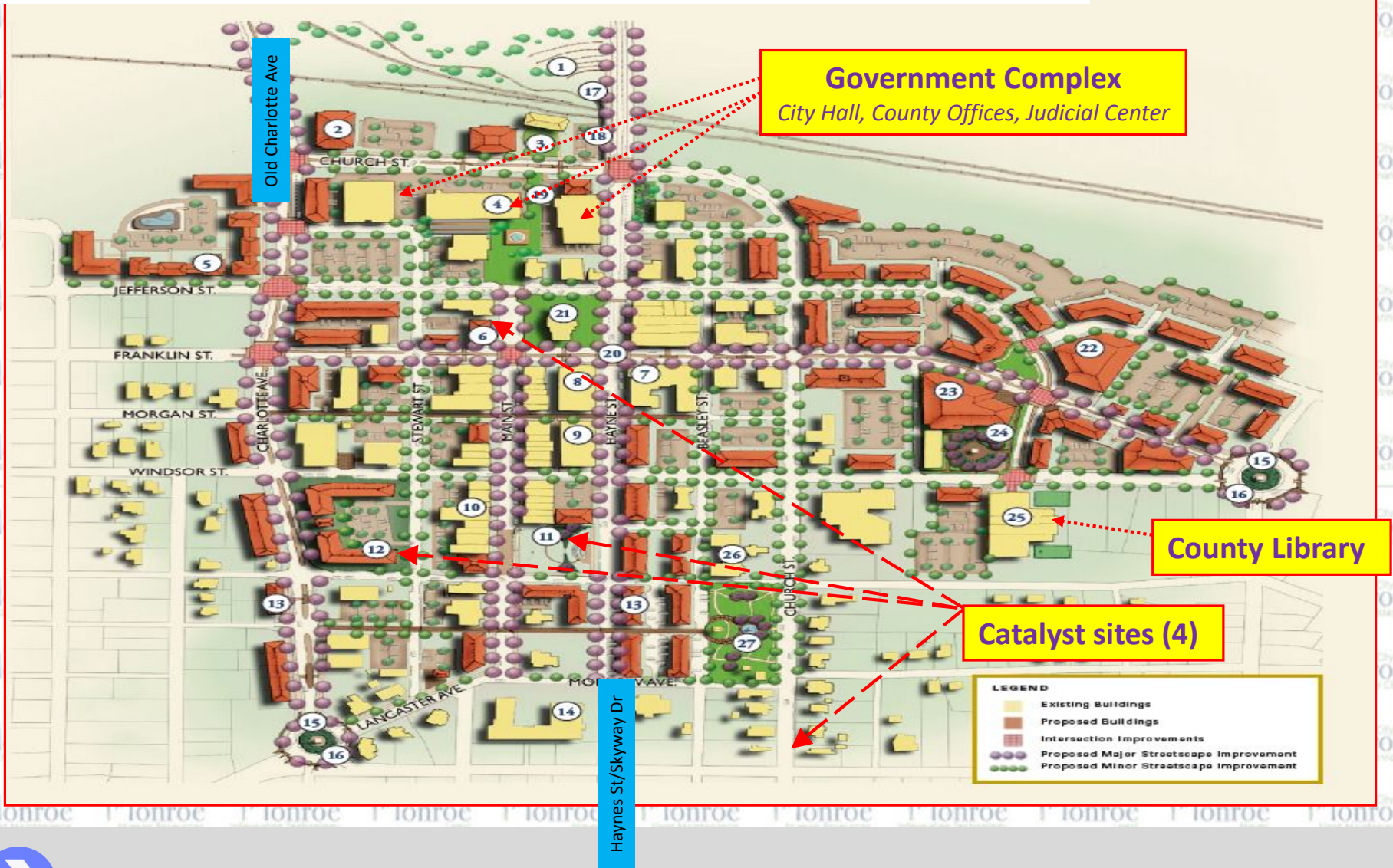
**Recommendations focused on:**  
*land use, transportation, open space,  
 urban design, character & cultural  
 resources, and market position / economic  
 development.*





*Plan Basics: physical improvements, mixture of downtown retail; bolster residential areas; respect downtown architecture, improvements to transportation network, and catalyst sites....*

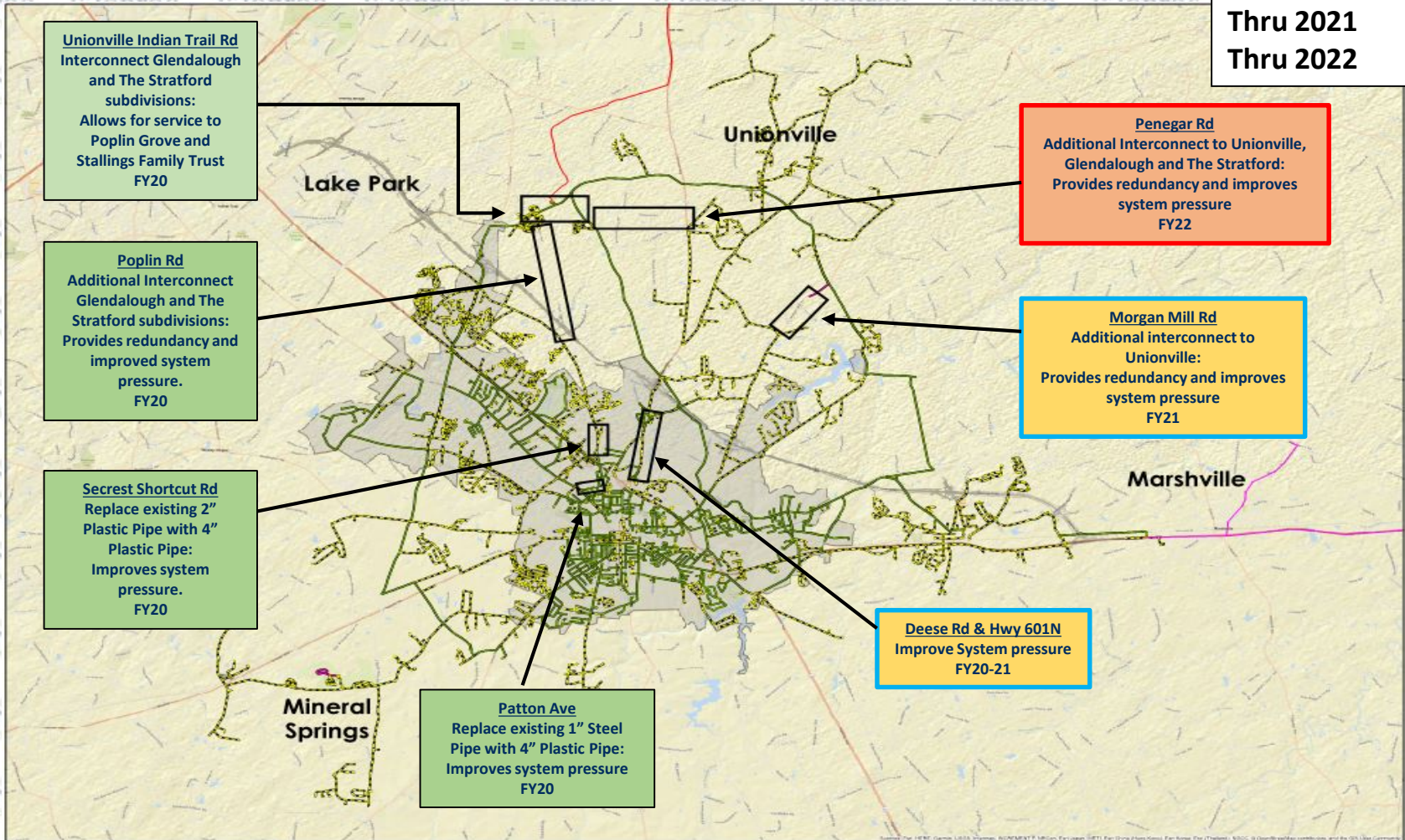
for the Monroe Downtown Master  
 w and Allen streets to the north,  
 downtown that warranted a closer  
 east, the First Baptist Church and





# Natural Gas System Improvements

Thru 2020 ■  
Thru 2021 ■  
Thru 2022 ■





# Recent Water Projects

## Airport Water Main 'loop'

○ 10000 ft Main

○ Supply redundancy:

- Monroe Corporate Center
- Loop for Union County Catawba Water supply

## Asset management

○ Water/Sewer main replacement : 1% year

# Major Road Projects





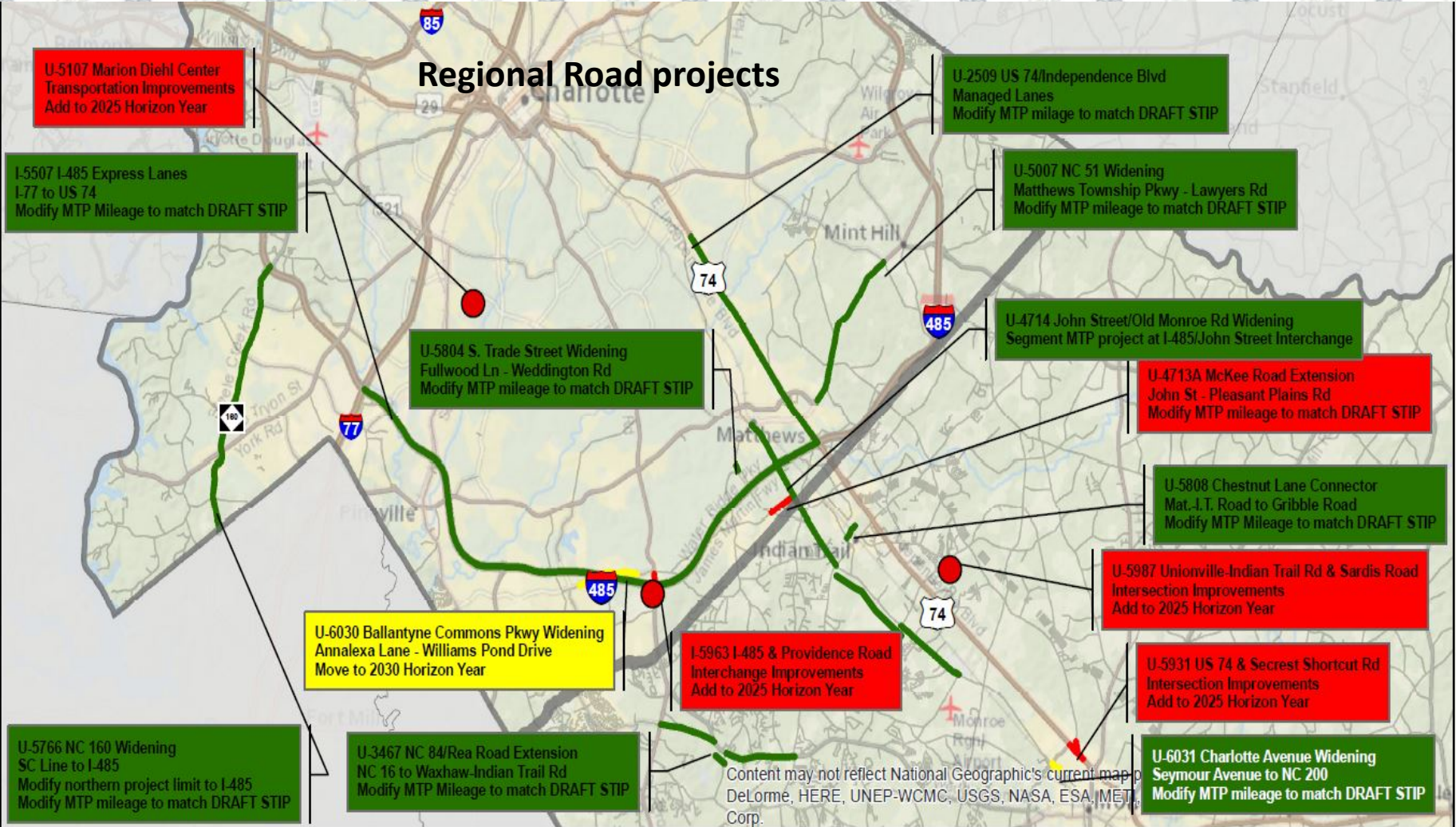
# NCDOT 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

- **What is STIP?** identifies transportation projects that will receive funding between 2018 and 2027, is made up of 1,367 projects, including 344 non-highway projects, in every county across the state; The N.C. Department of Transportation is required by both federal and state law to put together a multi-year plan that identifies the construction funding for and scheduling of transportation projects throughout the state.
- **What is CRTPO?** primary function is to carry out the transportation planning process among the member jurisdictions; coordinate transportation policy for local governmental jurisdictions within the Charlotte Urbanized Area; cooperation with the State, develops transportation plans and programs for the urbanized area.
- **How do roads get built?** Most major projects require more than five years before construction to plan, design, acquire right of way and permits as well as relocate utilities. Projects in the development period (the last five years of the STIP) are intended to let the public know what NCDOT has started work on for the delivery portion of a future STIP.





# Regional Road projects



— Add Project to MTP    
 — Modify Existing MTP Project Horizon Year    
 — Modify Existing MTP Project Details

**CRTP 2040 MTP Amendments MAP link:**  
[http://www.crtpo.org/PDFs/TIP/2018-2027/TIP\\_2040%20MTP%20Amendments\\_Map.pdf](http://www.crtpo.org/PDFs/TIP/2018-2027/TIP_2040%20MTP%20Amendments_Map.pdf)

Approved by CRTPO on September 20, 2017



# NCDOT Road Projects ~ *immediate* Monroe Area

NCDOT's Highway Maintenance Improvement Program map showing proposed streets to receive upcoming preservation treatments, resurfacing, or rehabilitation Monroe area projects (NCDOT)

- NC207 (Haynes): 2.03 miles; resurfacing; \$270k (2020) & SR 2115 (Stack Rd): 1.83 ml; resurfacing \$540k (2020)
- SR 2139 (Griffith Rd) 2.04 ml; resurfacing; \$280k (2020) & 2.3 MI; resurfacing \$675k (2020)
- NC 75 (W Franklin) 1.78 MI; resurfacing \$375k (2019)
- NC 84 (Weddington Rd) 2.6 MI; resurfacing \$520k (2023) & 1.94 ml; resurfacing \$390k (2022)
- NC 74 EB .88 ml; resurfacing \$300k (2020) & 1.45 ml; resurfacing \$450k(2020)

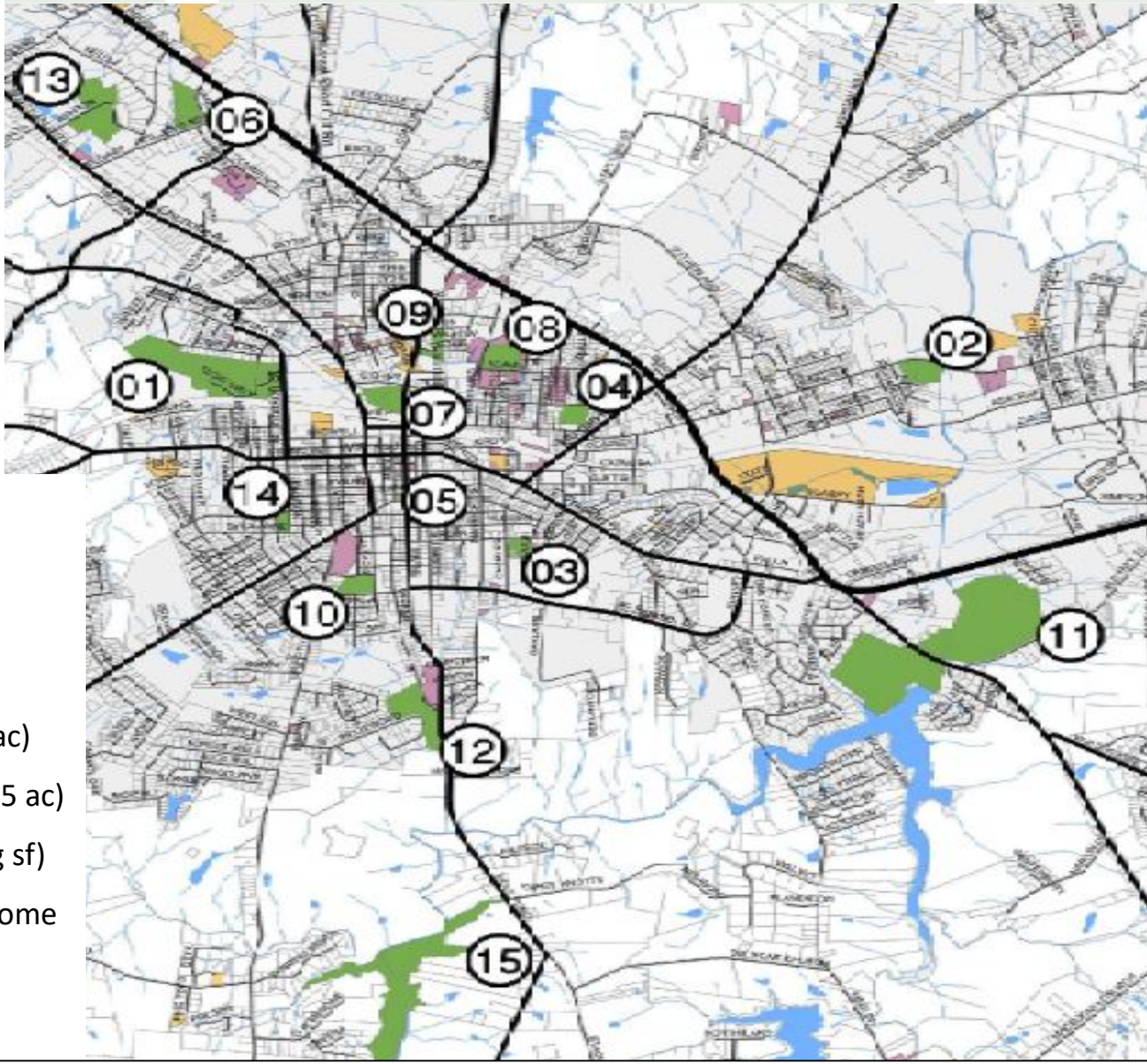
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### Legend: Parks & Centers

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- 15. Richardson Creek Tract; 603 GW Broome Road (approximate address)

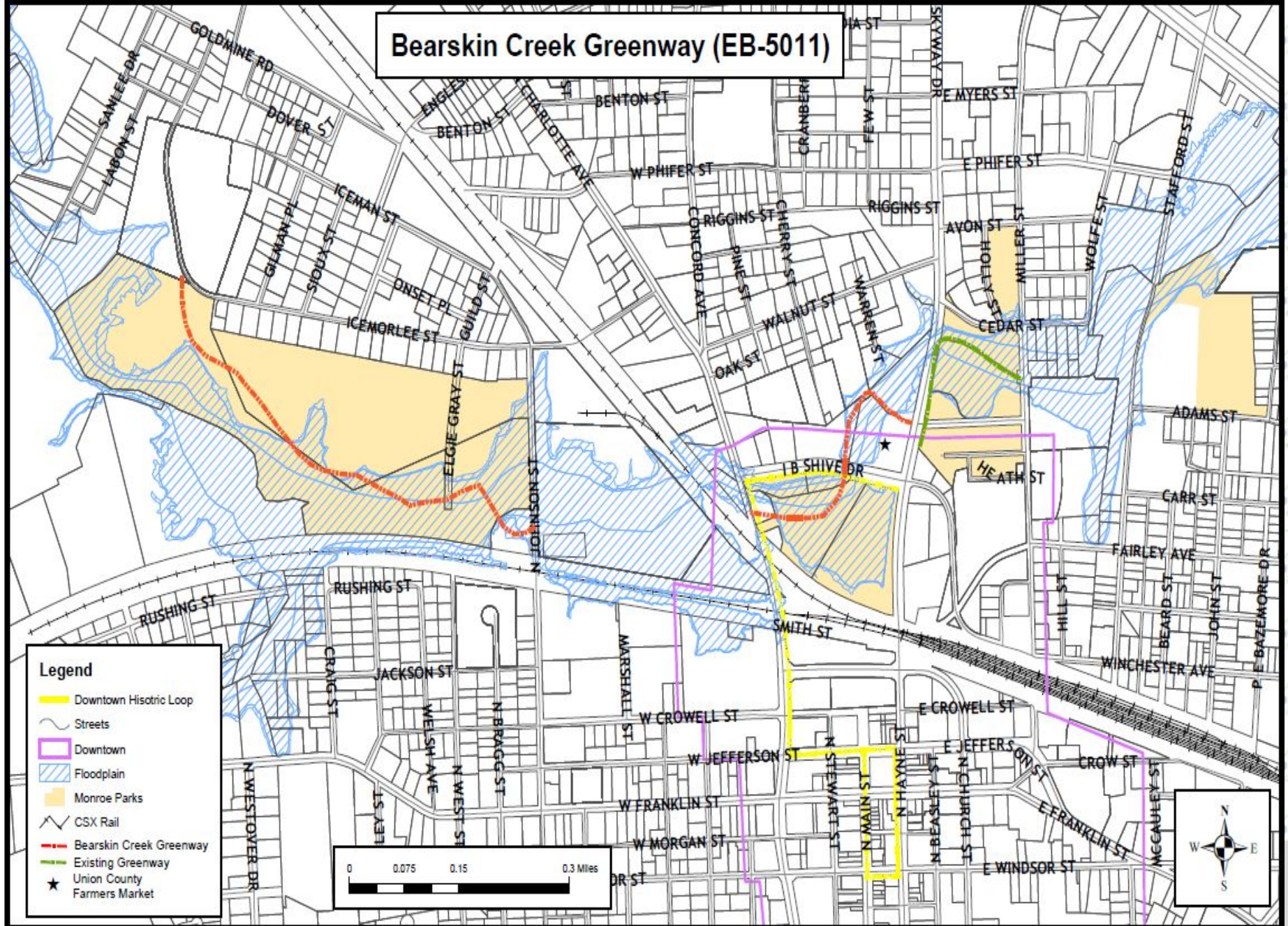


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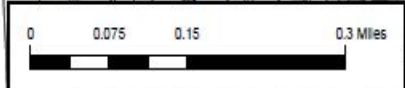
- City Park Facilities
- City property
- Monroe City Limits
- County property



# Bearskin Creek Greenway (EB-5011)



- Legend**
- █ Downtown Historic Loop
  - Streets
  - Downtown
  - Floodplain
  - Monroe Parks
  - CSX Rail
  - █ Bearskin Creek Greenway
  - █ Existing Greenway
  - ★ Union County Farmers Market







## Broadening Horizons with Enrichment Programming

Program components focus on exposure to new and interesting activities.

Promote programs to foster a perception that activities are not facility specific.



Summer Camp participants from all recreation facilities get together to enjoy a concert at the Dickerson Gym.



Incorporate components that focus on enrichment and cultural opportunities into existing programs.



Participants at Winchester wrap up another session of African Cultural Dance classes in partnership with the Union County Community Arts Council.

Provide Structured Curriculum that is Staff Led.



### Common Ground Study Assistance

- Weekly lesson plans
- Homework Help
- Feeding Program



# Incorporate Family Opportunities Into Afterschool and General Programming.



- Family First Thursday Nights
- Parents Appreciation Night
- Back2School Bash
- Community Happening Events

# Resource Based Programming



- City of Monroe Storm Water Division

- Union County Soil and Water Conservation

- Union County Health Department

- Union County Special Olympics



## Research Specific Demographic Needs



### Leaders In Training (L.I.T.)

- Teen focus group
- Teen focused activities developed by teens and for teens

# Programs and Special Events Focused on Teens

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

The City of Monroe Parks and Recreation Department has created a wide variety of resource based programs designed to help teenagers navigate through their young lives. These programs will assist teenagers enjoy this exciting time in their lives and prepare for their future in a fun, safe and pressure free environment. These programs are designed to help teens find out who they are and what they are capable of achieving.

### L.I.T. (LEADERS IN TRAINING) TEEN EVENT SERIES

The L.I.T. program is designed for teens by teens. We know teens have options, we have put together an awesome series of activities and events with teens in mind. The L.I.T. program provides fun opportunities for teens to enjoy their community and interact with their peers. All programs have been created for and will be organized by teens.



Take a study break with us and help motivate yourself for your EOG's. De-stress and enjoy time with your friends. Games, music and more are in store for you at OACCI! Event organized and offered by our teenage community youth leaders.

#### KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

Day: Thursday, 5/16  
Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages: 12 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Location: Old Armory Community Center (Sherrod Playground)  
Put an all star kickball team together and compete against your friends. Bagging rights are on the line. Kickball is a fun and easy sport to play. Get ready for an awesome day of competition.

#### SILENT PARTY

Day: Thursday, 8/8  
Time: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages: 12 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Silent discos is a unique way of experiencing live music - whether it be a DJ or even a live band. Guests wear wireless headphones and a silent atmosphere instantly transforms into a high energy musical performance.

When the silent disco headphones are on, the sound is crisp and clear anywhere in the venue. Since both, you and the performer(s) are wearing headphones, guests can hear the music exactly how it is intended to be heard in true stereo sound regardless of your position in the audience.

#### END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION

Day: Wednesday, 6/5  
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Ages: 10 - 17  
Fee: FREE

Another school year is in the books. Now it's time to kick back and welcome Summer with your friends! Old Armory will have something for everyone. This is a great way to celebrate another successful school year and jump into the Summer!

#### TEEN TALENT SHOW

Day: Thursday, 8/22  
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Ages: 8 - 17  
Fee: FREE

Do you have a talent that you want to share? Put your creative gift on display. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your skills.

### SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS

Summer nights are perfect for spending time with friends! We have tons of stuff going on at all of our Community Center on select nights during the Summer. Whether you like basketball, video games, music or games, we have it. Grab your buddies and come spend some time with us, the fun is waiting for you!

#### WINCHESTER

Day: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, June – August  
Time: 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

#### SUTTON PARK

Day: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, June – August  
Time: 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

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#### SUTTON PARK I AM

Day: Wednesdays in March  
Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Ages: 12 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Distractions are all around us on a daily basis! This program will dive into the challenges that prevent participants from staying on task. Staying goal oriented, removing external distractions, and using time wisely will provide every opportunity to reach your goals.

#### FUTURE JOURNEY

Day: Wednesdays in April  
Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Teens will learn the path to resolving conflict and will be given tools to help with the problem solving process. Participants will be exposed to several fun problems and will work together to find a solution to these obstacles as a group. They will learn how their ability to solve difficult problems can impact the vision they have for their future. This program is designed to teach teens how to work as a team and how to find creative ways to solve problems and reach goals. Together we can overcome any issue.

#### MONEY MATTERS

Day: Wednesdays in May  
Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Do you have a couple extra bucks in your pocket? Do you want to learn how to keep that money in your pocket and even make a little more? This program will help teens understand the difference between wants and needs and will teach them the tools needed to create a budget.

#### SUTTON'S CHEFS

Day: Wednesdays in June  
Time: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
Ages: 6 – 18 years old  
Fee: FREE

Kids will be responsible for putting together a menu and preparing a meal of their choice for their peers. This program will teach kids ways to budget their money, as well as, how to cook a healthy meal.

#### WINCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTER GAMES GALORE!

Day: Mondays and Wednesdays in March - August  
Time: 5:00p – 7:00p  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: FREE

There is nothing wrong with a little friendly competition. Winchester Center will provide a friendly atmosphere to compete in every game you could think of, whether it be a board game or a more active game. Have you created a cool game? If so, bring the idea to us and we will help you bring it to life!

### KIDS CREATIONS

Day: Fridays in March - August  
Time: 4:30p – 5:30p  
Ages: 6 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Express your creativity through art projects using canvas, clay and paint. Participants will be inspired by classical and contemporary music to help get the creative juices flowing.

### TEEN COUSIN

Day: Wednesdays in May  
Time: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
Ages: 10 – 16  
Fee: FREE

Teens take over the kitchen and learn step by step recipes from breakfast to desserts.

### T.N.T (TEENS NETWORKING TOGETHER) TEEN EVENT SERIES

Day: 4th Friday of April – July  
Time: 8:00p – 11:00p  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Beat the hot Summer nights at the Bazemore Building at the Winchester Recreation Center. We will have snacks, games, video games on the big TV and much more. Meet your friends at Winchester for a great place to have fun.

### J. RAY SHUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

REAL AMAZING MEN  
Day: 2nd and 4th Tuesday;  
April – August  
Time: 5p – 6p  
Ages: 13 – 18 year old young men  
Fee: FREE

Young men will be able to learn from guest speakers and activities promoting the topics of self-esteem, respect, empowerment and self-motivation. Teens will be able to discuss issues with which they faced with men who can help guide them towards their goals.

### SUCCESSFUL AMAZING WOMEN

Day: 1st and 3rd Wednesday;  
April – August  
Time: 5p – 6p  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: FREE

You can do anything you set your mind to. Learn from

female community leaders as to the importance of self-esteem, pride, and respect and how those characteristics help mold successful and amazing women.

### ENTERING WOMANHOOD SUMMIT

Day: Friday, 4/12  
Time: 6:00 – 10:00  
Ages: 13 – 18  
(Young Women Only)

Becoming a woman is an exciting journey. This summit will provide guidance and support when it comes to issues that teenage girls may face on a daily basis. Topics include establishing healthy relationships, leadership skills, decision making skills and more. Guest speakers, games, food and activities will be provided throughout the evening.

### ENTERING MANHOOD SUMMIT

Day: Friday, 6/14  
Time: 6p – 10p  
Ages: 13 – 18  
(Young Men Only)

New and exciting challenges and opportunities await every young man. Let us help you learn how to take advantage of these opportunities through real life experiences. Topics include healthy relationships, leadership skills, decision making skills and more. Guest speakers, games, food and activities will be provided throughout the evening.

### DELTA SIGMA'S GEMS

Day: 3rd Saturday;  
March – August  
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Ages: 12 – 18  
Fee: FREE

Monroe Parks and Recreation has partnered with the Delta Sigma Alumnae Sorority to provide opportunities for participants to plan for their future in a fun and exciting environment. Instructors will mentor participants in study skills, life skills and how to successfully create goals and visions for themselves.

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

### TEEN ADVENTURE TRIP SERIES

Everyone loves a little field trip! Our Teen Trips are designed by teens for teens. Space is limited. Minimum of 10 participants required.

#### DISCOVERY PLACE

Day: Wednesday, 4/24;  
Register by Friday, 4/19  
Time: Bus leaves the Dickerson Center at 9:00 am  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$20.00 per person

Discover your imagination at Discovery Place, with all kinds of things to peak your interest in a hands-on and engaging environment. Learning can be fun.

#### CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS

Day: Friday, 5/17;  
Register by Friday, 5/10  
Time: Bus leaves the Dickerson Center at 4:00 pm  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$15.00 per person

Experience Uptown Charlotte and check out the Knights. The stadium is located in the middle of the beautiful City of Charlotte skyline.

#### NATIONAL WHITEWATER CENTER

Day: Thursday, 6/13;  
Register by Friday, 6/7  
Time: Bus leaves the Dickerson Center at 9:00 am  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$30.00 per person

All kinds of awesome, adventurous stuff to do here! Challenge yourself on several ropes courses, take a bike ride through the trails or fly through the air on their HUGE zip line over the water! We are offering this trip to our participants at half the admissions fee; includes full access to all activities.

#### DAY AT THE MOVIES

Day: Tuesday, 6/18  
Time: 2p – 5p  
Bus will leave from Sutton Park Center at 8:00 am  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$5.00 per participant

Enjoy a matinee with your buddies. We provide transportation to the local movie theatre.

### BIG AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK – CHARLOTTE

Day: Tuesday, 6/18;  
Register by Friday, 6/14  
Time: Bus leaves the Dickerson Center at 9:00 am  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$25.00 per person

Ninja-warrior courses, trampoline laser mazes, interactive dodgeball courts, smiling faces, and more. You will culminate in an experience found nowhere but Big Air Trampoline Park.

### HORSEBACK RIDING

Day: Tuesday, 6/25;  
Register by Friday, 6/21  
Time: Bus leaves the Dickerson Center at 9:00 am  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$10.00 per person

If you love animals, this is the perfect trip for you. Enjoy the outdoors on a beautiful horse. For all skill levels. Staff at Hearts One Language will provide each participant with lessons to ensure that you enjoy horseback riding in a safe environment.

### SWIMMING AT WINCHESTER POOL

Dates: Thursday, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25  
Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Fee: \$1.00 per participant

Enjoy a fun day in the sun. Slide down the slide, and beat the heat in the spray fountain at the Winchester Community Pool.

### WET AND WILD WATERPARK DAY TRIP

Day: Thursday, 8/1;  
Register by Friday, 7/26  
Time: Bus leaves the Dickerson Center at 8:00 am  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$25.00 per person

Beat the heat at the largest Water Park on the East Coast. Get your bathing suits and get ready for an action packed day on some of the fastest water slides around. We are providing this trip at half the normal admission fee.

### CANE CREEK

Day: Saturday, 8/17;  
Register by Friday, 8/9  
Time: Bus leaves the Dickerson Center at 9:00 am  
Ages: 13 – 18  
Fee: \$10.00 per person

Enjoy the great outdoors at Cane Creek Park.



# Engaging and Interactive Learning Opportunities

## Wingate Biology



### Educational Partners

Wingate University  
Biology Department  
Chemistry Department  
Union County  
Cooperative Extension

City of Monroe Engineering  
- Stormwater

# Engaging and Interactive Learning Opportunities

## Wingate Chemistry



### Educational Partners

Wingate University  
Biology Department  
Chemistry Department  
Union County  
Cooperative Extension

City of Monroe Engineering  
- Stormwater



# Cultural Programming Partners



Union County Community Arts Council

Union County Playmakers



# Cultural Programming Partners



Monroe Garden Club  
and the Teaching Garden



# Providing Options for the Future



## Vocational/Resource Partners

South Piedmont  
Community College

Union County 4-H

Kid Coders of Union  
County

# Building a Better Community

**Ball With a Cop**  
**Monroe Police Department**





# Building a Better Community

**Community Youth Workshop  
Fire Department**

