

Snyder celebrates Helping Hand’s new name with Ambassadors Program launch for 2026-2027

For the Ledger News

What began as a 2024 classroom project at Granville Academy is now a full-scale regional movement. Founder and eighth-grader

Lucas Snyder has officially announced the transition of his initiative into a dedicated organization: Helping Hand Bully Prevention & Community Building. The initiative first drew

community-wide attention in April 2025, when Snyder led a massive food drive that delivered 753 pounds of non-perishable goods to Area Congregations in Ministry (ACM). By December

2025, the project evolved from a school-based club into a mission-driven organization, culminating in its official rebranding in May 2026 under the banner: “One Voice, One Choice, One Change, One Legacy!” The cornerstone of this new chapter is the Helping Hand Ambassadors Club. Under this model, school principals select 12 student “Ambassadors” to serve as peer leaders, working to improve school culture and strengthen interpersonal bonds. This specific program is guided by its own motto: “One Hand, One Heart, One Spirit, One Community!” The mission is deeply personal for Snyder, who founded the project after facing bullying during his



This is the logo for the helping Hand Ambassadors Club. Courtesy of Helping Hand

elementary school years. His goal is to create a proactive support system that prevents bullying before it starts. As of May 2026, the organization is looking to ward the future, with plans to expand the ambassador program into Person County and build a larger team to meet the growing need for student-led advocacy.



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Oxford

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distribution center to Oxford, as Honduras is one of the top coffee producers in the world, as well as a cigar distribution center. Nurse said bringing cigar business in particular could bring business to Oxford tobacco farmers, many of whom have a

long history of farming in the area. “I think that’s one thing we’re going to explore, the coffee and the tobacco selling, do some cultural exchange and stuff like that,” he said. “But I think it’s good not just for Oxford. I think it’s good for the entire county.” Officials from Tegucigalpa are scheduled to visit Granville County in July, and both parties will also discuss what business Oxford can bring to

Tegucigalpa. Nurse also said the agreement could also open up economic opportunities for surrounding cities. “Let’s say they come when they want to put it in Creedmoor, that’s fine with me too,” he said. “Obviously, for me, always Oxford is number one, but if I don’t have the capacity and the capability of doing it, I rather it go to Creedmoor, Butner, Stovall, the rest of the county.”

Stein

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days without outside help. Key items include: Non-perishable food and water Battery-powered weather radio and extra batteries Prescription medications First-aid kit Blankets or sleeping bags Extra clothing Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, deodorant) Cash Pet supplies (food, water, leash, muzzle, vaccination records) Face masks and hand

sanitizer Important documents (birth certificates, insurance papers, property deeds) Remember to monitor local media for updates and keep a battery-powered radio on hand in case of power outages. If authorities issue evacuation orders, follow them immediately. Residents can also protect their homes by trimming trees, cleaning out gutters, securing loose outdoor items, and covering windows before a storm hits. For more tips and information on how to prepare for hurricanes, visit Ready-NC.gov.

Burning

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in one of the 19 counties still under the state-issued

burn ban, be patient and hold off on burning. We need more rain in your area to lift the ban. With the persistent drought, it’s important for all of us to use extreme caution when handling potential ignition

sources such as machinery and motorized equipment. When in doubt, lean on your N.C. Forest Service county ranger’s office for guidance and best practices.” The lifting of the burn ban in 81 counties does not apply to fires started within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. The local fire marshal has authority to issue or lift a burn ban within those 100 feet. As of 8 a.m. Sunday, May 3, burn permits are available in the counties no longer under the state’s ban on open burning. Residents in those counties can obtain a burn permit from any authorized permitting agent or online at <https://apps.ncagr.gov/burnpermits/>. All burn permits granted before the statewide burn ban were canceled when the ban became effective. To legally burn in the counties no longer under the state’s ban, a valid permit must be obtained. Residents with questions regarding their specific county can contact their local N.C. Forest Service county ranger or county fire marshal’s office. To find contact information for your local NCFS county ranger, visit www.ncforestservice.gov/contacts. To learn more about preparing for and preventing wildfires, visit www.preventwildfire.nc.gov.



Review the Draft Recommendations!

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Process

April - August 2025

Understand
Environmental and Utility
Conditions



July - December 2025

Identify a Regional Land
Use Vision



December 2025 - May 2026

Develop a Transportation
Plan

Land Use

Four development scenarios were developed for review: Business as Usual, Economic Growth (emphasis on growth and new job centers), Strong Towns (compact development around towns), and Watershed Protection (protection focus). These scenarios were discussed and evaluated through engagement and data-driven analysis to evaluate positives and negatives.

The Preferred Scenario is a blend of placetypes that incorporates aspects from each scenario. This scenario creates strong downtown cores while preserving land around sensitive watersheds and maintaining a diverse range of housing choices.



Draft Recommendations

Roadway

Recommendations include modifications to existing roadways through access management and realignments as well as the construction of new roads to increase connectivity.

Bicyclists and Pedestrians

Recommendations include new facilities that accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians through and to municipalities in the study area. Potential alignments of the East Coast Greenway are also included.

Transit

Recommendations include the potential for express bus along I-85 serving Butner and Oxford. Microtransit stops or park and rides would be placed strategically to increase access to I-85 from areas furthest from the interstate. Creedmoor and Oxford could be connected to the S-Line on the eastern edge of the study area by microtransit service.



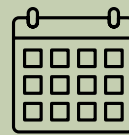
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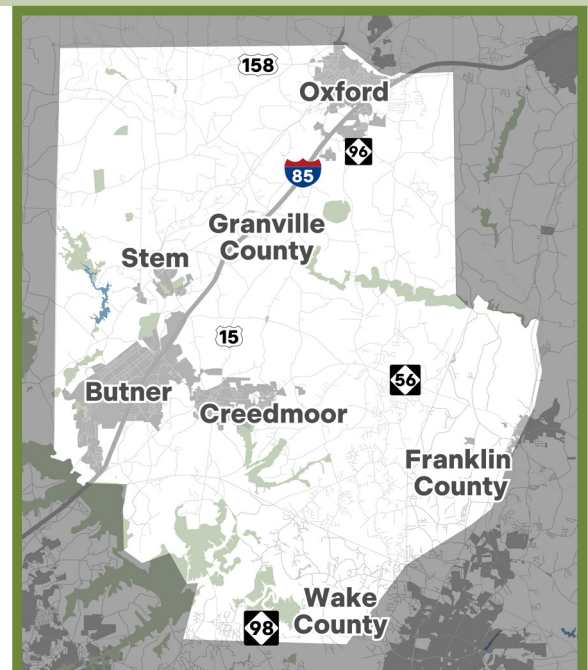
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- Development patterns that consider water and land management
- A transportation network that includes roads, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities

Short- and mid-term recommendations will help move the long-term vision forward.





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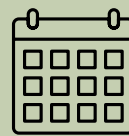


Comparta sus recomendaciones para el área de North Falls Lake



¡Visite la jornada de puertas abiertas del estudio que estamos conduciendo!

Revise las recomendaciones preliminares
y converse con el equipo del programa



19 de mayo de 2026 de 4 a 7 pm

Centro Comunitario de Creedmoor
108 E Wilton Avenue
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también pueden ser sometidas en línea!**



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El periodo de comentarios está abierto
al público hasta el 26 de mayo.
Visite la página web del proyecto para
obtener más información y compartir
sus comentarios.

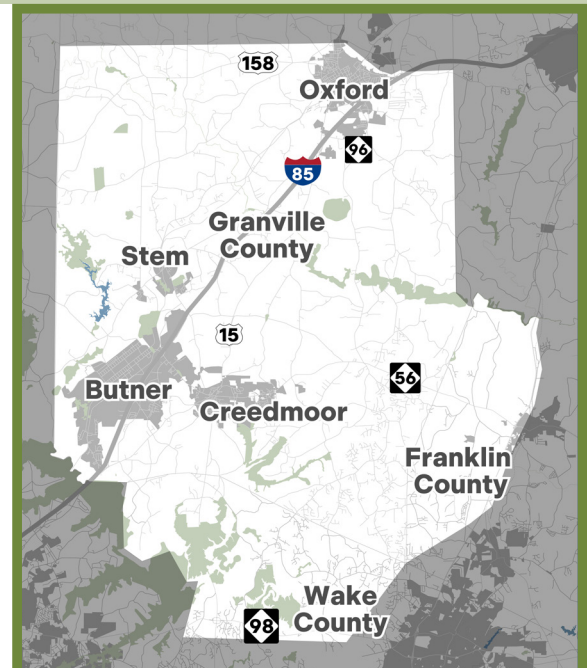
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El área de estudio incluye la parte sureña del condado de Granville y partes de los condados de Wake y Franklin e incluye Oxford, Stem, Butner y Creedmoor.

El estudio establecerá una visión a largo plazo para:

- Patrones de desarrollo que consideran la gestión del agua y de la tierra
- Una red de transporte que incluya carreteras, transporte público, infraestructura ciclista e instalaciones peatonales

Las recomendaciones a corto y medio plazo ayudarán a avanzar la visión a largo plazo.



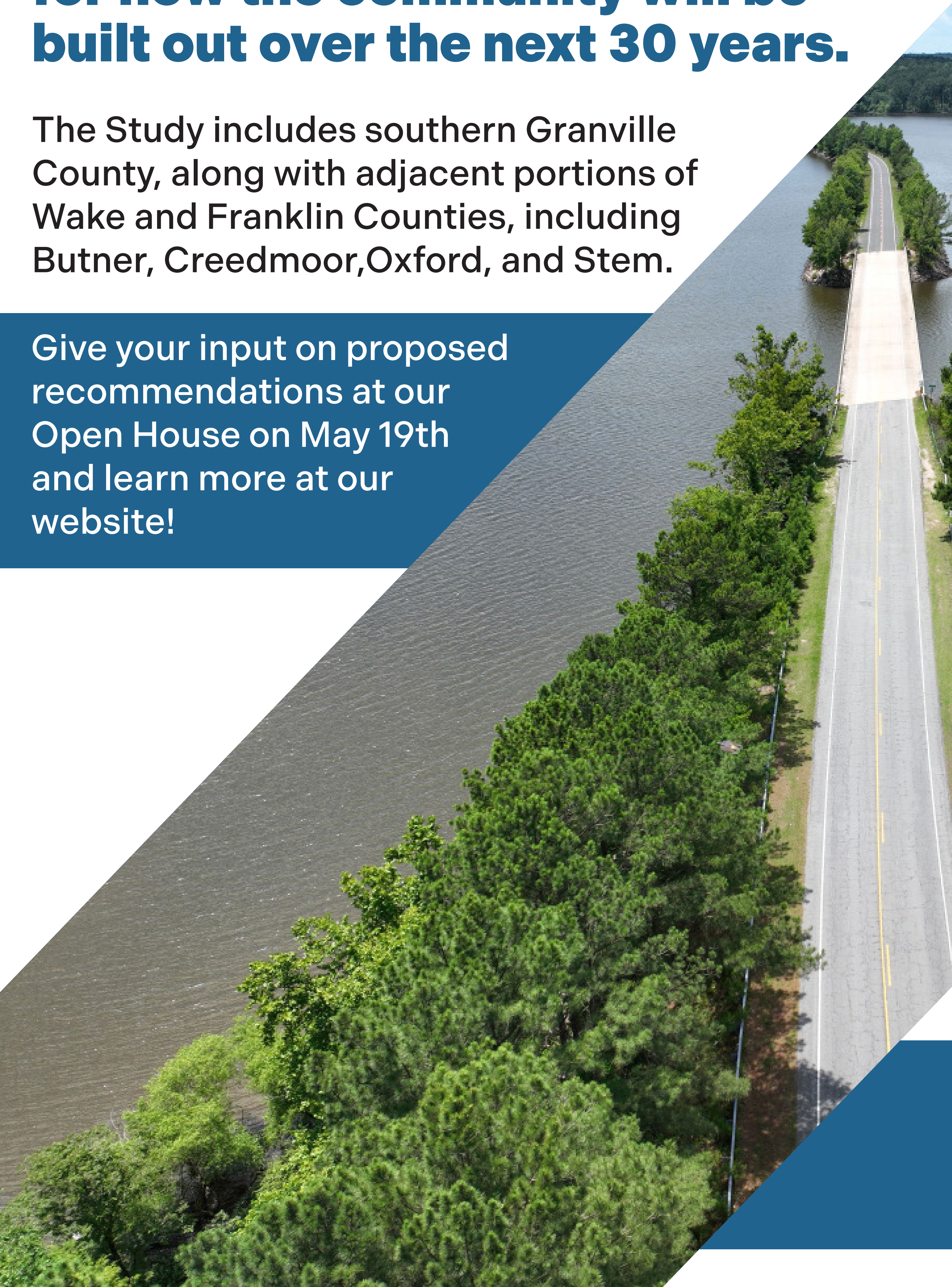


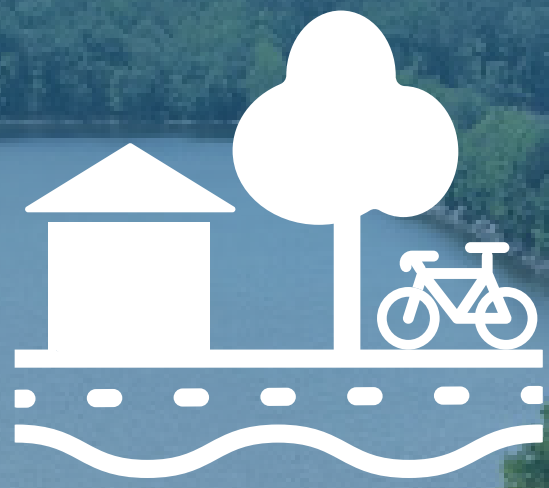
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Give your input on proposed recommendations at our Open House on May 19th and learn more at our website!





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needs your input on proposed
recommendations!**

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**The comment period will end on
Tuesday, May 26, 2026**



North Falls Lake

AREA STUDY

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transportation
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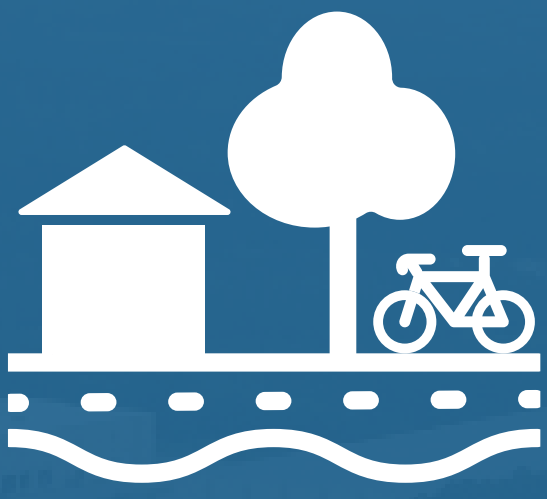
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Review recommendations at our Open House **tomorrow** and learn more at <https://publicinput.com/NFallsLake>



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AREA STUDY



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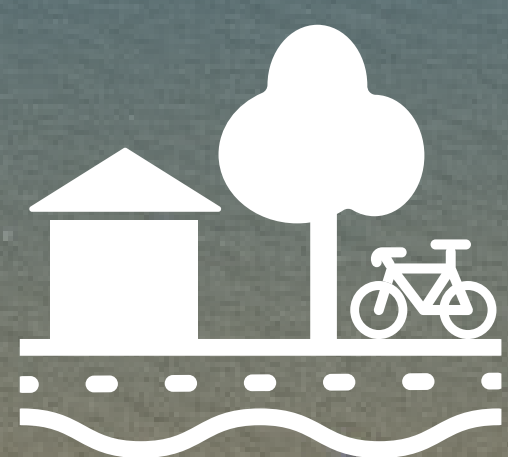
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Subject: Recommendations Released for Future Land Use & Transportation in North Falls Lake Area. Attend Open House – Share Your Feedback by May 26

Dear [FILL IN AS APPROPRIATE],

How should growth be controlled in the North Falls Lake Area? What can we do to resolve short and long-term transportation issues? Following a year of studying data, engaging the community and local decision-makers, the North Falls Lake Area Study recommendations are now available for public review and input.

We invite you to participate in this review by attending the upcoming public open house focused on sharing the future land use and transportation recommendations, answering questions, and capturing feedback from the community – you!

At the drop-in style open house, the project team will present proposed recommendations related to land use, and what it means for future development, and roadway improvements for all modes of transportation. Your input is critical and will help shape the final recommendations for the North Falls Lake area.

Community Open House

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

4:00-7:00pm (Drop in at your convenience!)

Creedmoor Community Center (108 E Wilton Avenue, Creedmoor, NC 27522)

If you are unable to attend the open house in person, the meeting and recommendation materials will also be available online at publicinput.com/NFallsLakeRecommendations. You can review information and submit comments through the project website through May 26th.

We strongly encourage you to attend the open house and provide your feedback to ensure your priorities and concerns are reflected in the final study recommendations.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the North Falls Lake Area Study. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The North Falls Lake Area Study Project Team

About the Study:

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Short-term and mid-term recommendations will aid with the implementation of the long-term vision.

Subject: Reminder: Join Us May 19 – North Falls Lake Area Study Community Open House

Dear [FILL IN AS APPROPRIATE],

This is a friendly reminder to join us for the North Falls Lake Area Study Community Open House on Tuesday, May 19, where you can learn more about the proposed future land use and transportation recommendations and share your feedback before the public comment period closes.

After a year of analysis and community engagement, the draft recommendations are now available—and your input is essential to help refine them. The upcoming open house is a drop-in event, so feel free to stop by at any point during the meeting time that works best for you.

At the open house, the project team will be available to:

- Explain the proposed future development patterns
- Discuss recommended transportation improvements for all modes
- Answer questions and collect community feedback

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on the draft recommendations? What note or write in a comment below.

Fix Bruce Garner road
at Graham Sherman
turn lane put in 13
dangerous traffic
cuts into new turn
2 New subdivisions are
being put in and
construction traffic, 6+ vehicles
school buses and excess
capital Blvd traffic
are dumped onto
Bruce Garner
repace infrastructure
Water will be an issue soon
with drought
Get NCDOT involved +
someone to go out
+ see traffic pattern
6-9am

NC 56
are 6+ vehicles
Road
are issues

Bruce Garner +
Graham Sherman
New intersection
needs work!
Dangerous!

I would like
to see more
mixed use
residential +
should the
paths

Review materials and submit
comments online

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Comments

What comments do you have on the draft recommendations? What are your priorities? Place a note or write in a comment below.

develop transit/micro-transit opportunities around employment centers (support workforce + employers)

No Data Centers

TRANSIT
System suggestions

- * Targeted marketing strategy
FOR ANTS TO appeal to Riders
Outside of senior population
Make more lanes city transit
Make more lanes for Residents!
- * Follow Up Survey to Residents!
That want a job opportunity
through transit system
Find out where they would want
to do for employment

Fix Brook Avenue and
at Graham Avenue
turn lane put in 13
downgrade traffic
cane turn lane turn
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being put in and
construction traffic, 6 month
school buses and pass
capital bid traffic
Are done by
Brook Avenue
rampage infrastructure
which will be an issue
with dropoff
get NCDOT involved
to remove it and
to see traffic pattern
second case
1-2am

Bruce Garner
Grate n Sherro
How intersection
needs work!
Dangerous!

I would like
these more
mixed use
residential &
should use
parking

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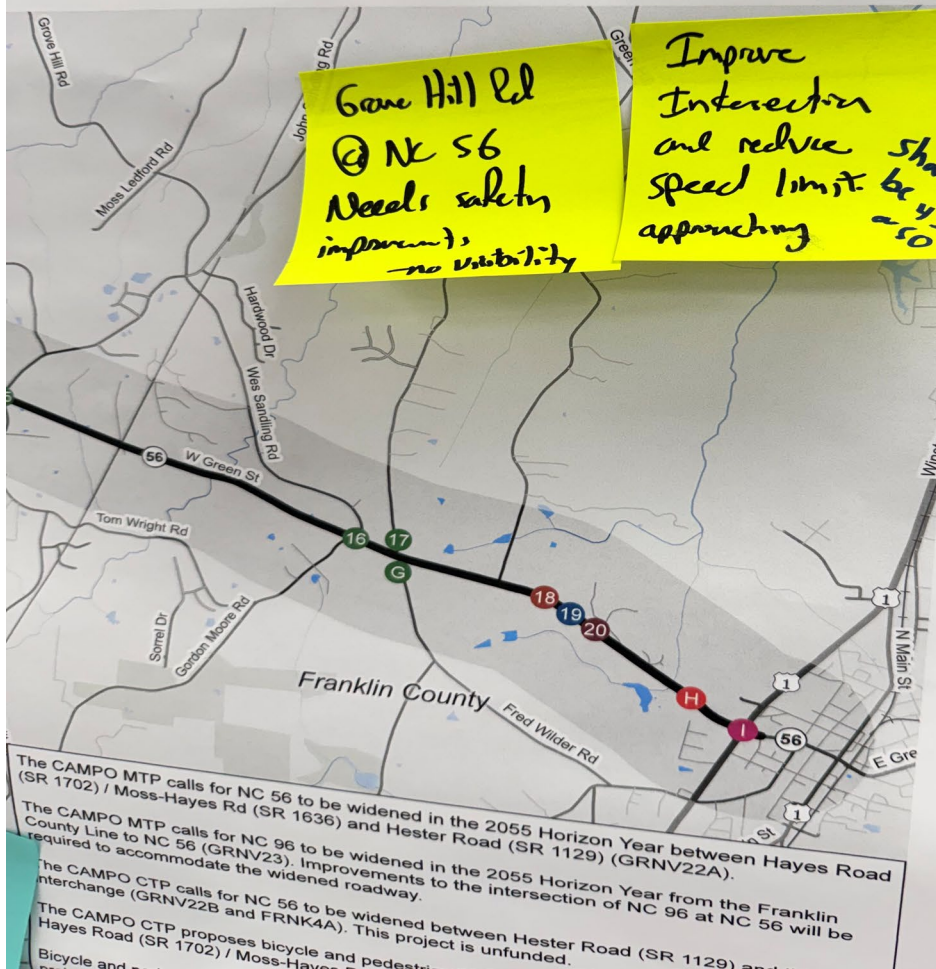


**CAMPO North Falls Lake
Area Study Corridor**
Brighton Road Corridor Multimodal
Transportation Recommendations

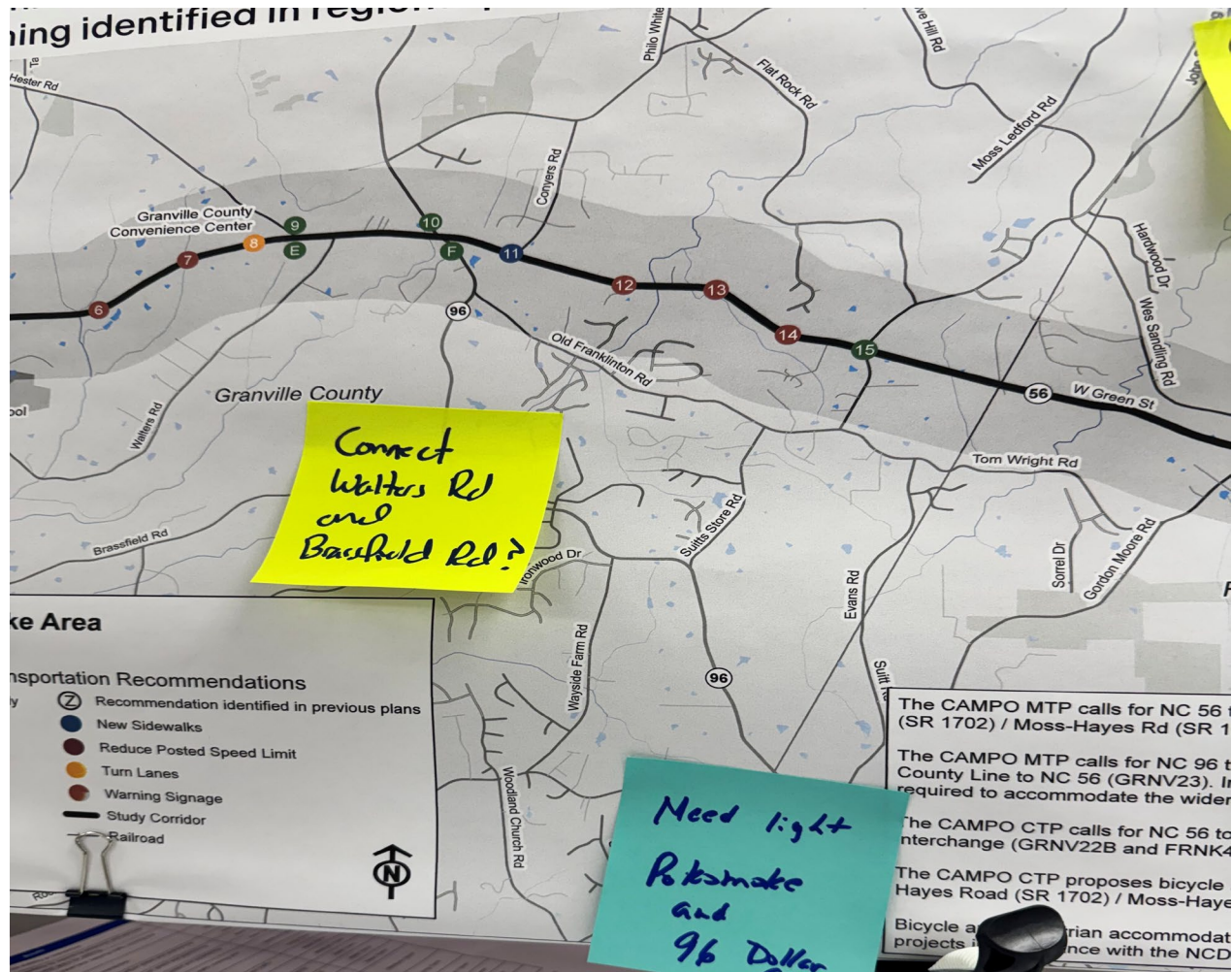
① Recommendation as part of this study
② Recommendation identified by...



operations in the near term while
in the MTP and CTP. Near-term
measures that can be implemented
to support continued corridor growth



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nsportation Recommendations

- Recommendation identified in previous plans
- New Sidewalks
- Reduce Posted Speed Limit
- Turn Lanes
- Warning Signage
- Study Corridor
- Railroad



The CAMPO MTP calls for NC 56 (SR 1702) / Moss-Hayes Rd (SR 1

The CAMPO MTP calls for NC 96 t County Line to NC 56 (GRNV23). It required to accommodate the wider

The CAMPO CTP calls for NC 56 to interchange (GRNV22B and FRNK4

The CAMPO CTP proposes bicycle Hayes Road (SR 1702) / Moss-Haye

Bicycle a rrian accommodat projects nce with the NCD

Recommendation Type	Recommendation	Benefit	Timeframe
New Sidewalks	Consider installing a new sidewalk along NC 56 from the intersection of Walters Rd to the intersection of Brassfield Rd.	Improves safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Medium-Term
Reduce Posted Speed Limit	Consider reducing the posted speed limit from 65 mph to 55 mph along NC 56 from the intersection of Walters Rd to the intersection of Brassfield Rd.	Improves safety and reduces the severity of crashes.	Medium-Term
Turn Lanes	Consider installing a turn lane at the intersection of Walters Rd and NC 56.	Improves safety and reduces the severity of crashes.	Medium-Term
Warning Signage	Consider installing advance warning signs for the intersection of Walters Rd and NC 56.	Improves safety and reduces the severity of crashes.	Medium-Term
Study Corridor	Consider installing a study corridor along NC 56 from the intersection of Walters Rd to the intersection of Brassfield Rd.	Improves safety and reduces the severity of crashes.	Medium-Term