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Wake County grows by **23,000 people** per year. That's **63 new people a day!** To meet the demands of growth and benefit the community, voters will be asked on November 2 to consider whether the County should issue general obligation bonds for:

- **\$40 million for Wake Technical Community College expansion plans**
- **\$26 million for open space acquisition**

No tax increase will be needed to repay these bonds.

Why use bonds?

General obligation bonds are:

- the least expensive way to borrow money to invest in facilities and infrastructure.
- a way to get money immediately to finance projects over a long period of time, and at the lowest cost to the taxpayers.
- a fair and equitable way of sharing costs as growth continues and citizens use the facilities over time.

Voting Information

Election Day: Vote from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 2 at polling places located around Wake County. Check your voter card for your precinct location, or call the Wake County Board of Elections at 856-6240 for help.

Early Voting: Use One-Stop Absentee Voting Sites to cast your ballot for the Nov. 2 General Election by visiting any of these places during these times:

Sat. Oct. 23, Sun. Oct. 24, Sat. Oct. 30:

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday – Friday, Oct. 25 – 29:

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Apex Community Center

53 Hunter St., Apex

Herbert C. Young Community Center

101 Wilkinson Ave., Cary

Garner Town Hall Complex

900 Seventh Ave., Garner

Knightdale Town Hall

950 Steeple Square Ct., Knightdale

Mary E. Phillips High School

1923 Milburnie Road, Raleigh

Millbrook Exchange Park

1905 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh

Northwest Police Substation #21

8016 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh

Pullen Arts Center

105 Pullen Road, Raleigh

Wake County Library Administration Building

4020 Cary Drive, Raleigh

Wake Technical Community College

Student Services Building

9101 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh

Wake Forest Town Hall

401 Elm Ave., Wake Forest

Wendell Community Center

601 W. Third St., Wendell

Or, you may vote at:

Wake County Board of Elections

337 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh

Oct. 21-22, 25-29: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Oct. 23, 24, 30: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For information, call Wake County Board of Elections at 856-6240 or visit

www.WakeGov.com/elections

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Wake County Open Space Program

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Open Space in Wake County: Focus on Clean Water

In Wake County, 27 acres of land are converted from a natural landscape to a human-built environment each day; that is one acre per hour. This growth and development is crucial to Wake County's economy, but County leaders know it's important to strike a

Open space protects our water supply, controls flooding, provides parks and greenways, preserves historic resources and creates shelter and nesting areas for wildlife.

balance by preserving open space at the same time.

Wake County's open space program began in the late 1990s. So far, a total of 1,800 acres worth \$23.1 million have been acquired, with

more than half in partnership with other cities and towns, state agencies, nonprofits and individuals. Some of this funding came from a voter-approved bond referendum in 2000 for \$15 million.

The program is focused on preserving land within four critical watersheds (Falls and Jordan Lakes, Swift Creek and Little River), 40 miles of stream corridors within these watersheds, and the Mark's Creek area in eastern Wake County.

Open Space Program Accomplishments

- Partnership with the City of Raleigh to preserve 160 acres in the Swift Creek corridor, between Lake Benson and Lake Wheeler. This area is important to water supply and quality.
- Purchase of 116 acres with the Town of Cary on White Oak Church Road; this is in the important Jordan Lake Watershed.
- The pastoral 117-acre Joyner Farm, purchased with the Town of Wake Forest.
- Future site of a municipal park with connections to the American Tobacco Trail, purchased with the Town of Apex (Holleman tract).
- The 45-acre Clark Property, which will provide for watershed protection and future recreational amenities for town residents for generation to come, purchased with the Town of Wendell.
- A 252-acre parcel, in partnership with the State of North Carolina, to expand Clemmons Educational State Forest into Wake County. This area will protect water quality, provide recreational opportunities and be used as a research area by North Carolina State University.
- Protection of the Mark's Creek Rural Lands Initiative, a watershed that straddles the Wake and Johnston County lines. This effort has been spearheaded by the Trust for Public Lands and the Triangle Land Conservancy. Wake County has provided 50% of the funding for 357 acres of open space.

Environmental Stewardship in Wake County



Wake County has crafted a strong Environmental Stewardship Agenda to protect our drinking water and ensure that citizens tomorrow enjoy the same quality of life we enjoy today. The Agenda focuses on water and air quality, open space preservation, solid waste disposal and recycling, and environmental health and education.

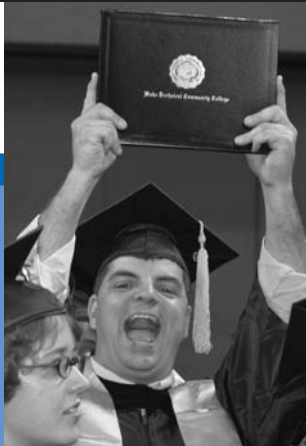
Major plans that are being implemented include:

- **Comprehensive Open Space Plan:** For the first time, citizens have worked together on a countywide open space plan. This "greenprint for the future" knits together the County's open space plan with those of all 12 Wake County municipalities. This unique plan provides for open space protection in ways that are close to home, such as greenway linkages and neighborhood parks.
- **Watershed and Growth Management Plans:** These plans address growth issues, including the critical matter of watershed protection and setting priorities for purchases under the County's open space plan.

A Driving Force in Economic Growth

Wake Technical Community College is a driving force behind economic growth in Wake County. The college works closely with local employers to meet their needs for a skilled workforce. This year, the college will enroll nearly 53,000 students in curriculum and continuing education programs, emphasizing skill-based training.

In 2003, an independent economic impact study showed that Wake Tech generated more than \$296 million in economic activity within Wake County. Nearly 61 percent of this (\$183 million) was measured in business and industry growth and in increased earnings by Wake Tech graduates.



Funding Sources – Past and Present

Over the last decade, Wake Tech has grown to meet the needs of its expanding and increasingly diverse student population, adding facilities for engineering technology, health sciences and student services. Now, the college is planning a new campus in northern Wake County. This will allow Wake Tech to serve many more students, and also will make classes more convenient – some students drive nearly an hour each way to attend classes.

Here's a look at how the proposed \$40-million bond would be used, and funding Wake Tech has received since 1993.

Proposed Wake County bond referendum, 2004, \$40 million:

- 401 North Campus—Phase II
- Public safety center to expand training for law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians and firefighters
- Repairs and renovations on existing campuses

State of North Carolina bond referendum, 2000, \$33 million:

- 401 North Campus—Phase I
- Roofing and renovation projects on existing campuses

State of North Carolina bond referendum, 1994, \$11 million:

- Student Services Building
- Purchase of land for the 401 North Campus

Wake County bond referendum, 1993, \$30 million:

- Engineering Technology Building
- Health Sciences Building
- Transport Technologies Building
- LeMay Hall/Pucher Hall additions
- Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility renovations



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401 North Campus

Phase I

In July 2004, Wake Tech broke ground for its new 401 North Campus, on 125 acres between Louisburg Road and the Neuse River.

Highlights of Phase I, targeted to open by fall 2007, include:

- Site development and infrastructure
- Two classroom buildings with science labs, computer labs, library, tutorial center, offices
- Physical plant building

Phase II

If the bond is approved, Phase II development would start in 2005. Highlights include two additional buildings (about 115,000 square feet) with classrooms, labs, offices and multi-purpose areas to serve the training needs of new and expanding industry in Wake County.



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