

WAKE COUNTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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2013

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Goal Accomplishments

EDUCATION

Wake **Board of Commissioners and Board of Education worked together** to develop a **\$810 million bond referendum that was approved by voters** to support the Wake County Public School Systems' growth needs. The bonds will support construction of 16 new schools and major renovations at many others to meet the projected growth of nearly 20,000 students by 2018.

Wake Tech is using voter-approved bonds to make improvements at each of its existing campuses and **open the new RTP campus**, which will be focused on information technology analytics and biotechnology.

The County is remodeling a former Coca-Cola bottling plant to be used as a **career and technical high school, which is set to open in the fall of 2014.**

ECONOMY & JOB INVESTMENT

The County played a key role in the securing **MetLife's commitment** to North Carolina. The company plans to **create more than 2,600 jobs, with an average salary of \$112,000 per year, by 2015**, half of which will be based in Cary.

More than **4,700 new residential building permits were issued** in the first nine months of 2013 – about the same number that was processed in all of 2012. And the Register of Deeds reported a 24% increase in the number of deeds recorded.

JUSTICE & SAFETY

The new 577,000 square-foot Justice Center is efficient and secure and has the **capacity to accommodate court services and county administration for the next 50 years** or more. The Bay Leaf Fire Department's **new 16,400 square-foot station** is now open. In exchange for constructing the station, the County acquired Bay Leaf Station No. 3 on Lynn Road to use as an EMS station.

More ambulances have been added to allow EMS to continue to beat its 10-minute "scene time" goal for seriously injured people — meaning that **people who call 9-1-1 are getting prompt treatment and care.**

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, a multi-county managed care organization serving Wake, Durham, Johnston and Cumberland counties, is working to **improve behavioral health** care for people with mental health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance abuse needs.

Outpatient behavioral health services have been divested, strengthening essential services while **ensuring continuity of care for those in need.**

Wake also transitioned services at the WakeBrook Campus to UNC Health Care to meet more demanding clinical needs and we opened a **new 16-bed inpatient psychiatric program.**

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On the Horizon

ANIMAL WELFARE

The Animal Center is being renovated and **improvements are being made to improve safety and reduce the spread of disease.** Adoption rates and partnerships are also increasing.



HEALTHIEST CAPITAL COUNTY

The County Health Rankings and Roadmaps Initiative ranked Wake as the Healthiest County in North Carolina for the fourth year in a row.

The Board's **new goal is to be the healthiest Capital County in the United States.**



OPEN SPACE & FARMLAND PRESERVATION

More than 100 open space properties have been protected, and **three parcels will soon be open for public use** and will include canoeing, kayaking and horseback riding as well as nature trails and boardwalks.



More greenways are being built, with a focus on **connecting existing trails to make it easier for people to move** through the community.



NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Two processes are allowing **community groups to receive capital support from the County.**

The Community Capital Projects account is for partnerships between public, nonprofit and for-profit sectors that address critical countywide needs. Occupancy and Food/Beverage capital funds are also available for projects that support tourism-related major facilities, such as stadiums, convention facilities, museums and parks.



TRANSIT

The Commissioners recently established a panel of independent mobility experts to offer **advice on the development of a County mobility strategy.** Commissioners are working to learn more about mobility options and plan to take an active role in local transit planning.



BUILDING PROJECTS

Several **significant facilities projects are in the works** in Wake County, including the new Northeast Regional Library and renovations at the old Courthouse, Sunnybrook and Swinburne buildings.



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