



STATE OF THE COUNTY

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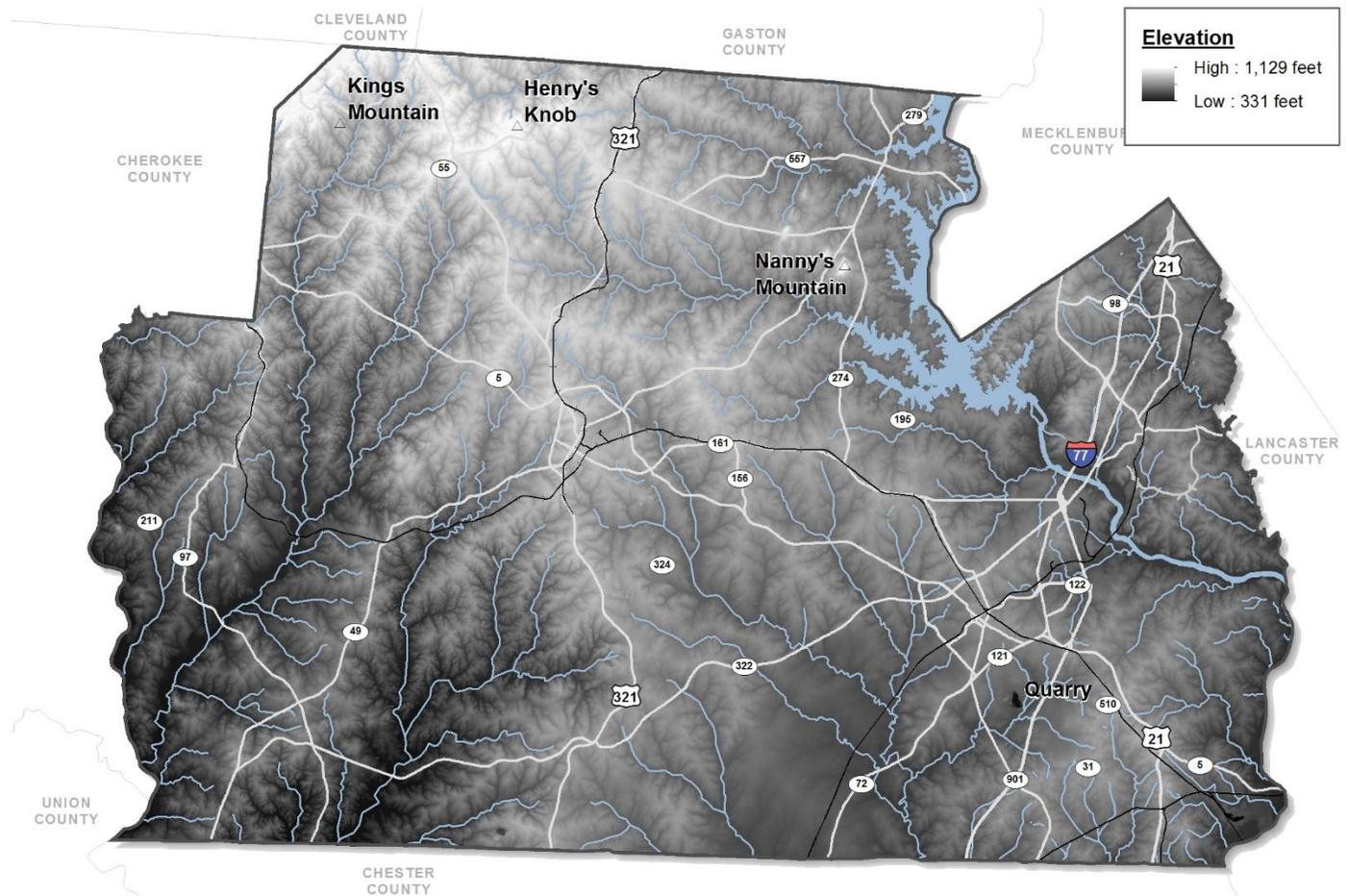
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

York County is located in the south central piedmont region of South Carolina in a transition area between the Blue Ridge and the Sand Hills. The position in the region provides for diverse landscapes that include the rural, resource rich, and rugged Broad River area, Kings Mountain National Park, recreational opportunities of Lake Wylie, rapidly urbanizing Rock Hill, Fort Mill, and Lake Wylie area, scenic rivers and the gentle rolling mixed agricultural lands of the Black Jacks region. These unique landscapes, geography, and position in the region have shaped the history, environment, land use, economy and lifestyles of the citizens of York County.

TOPOGRAPHY

According to the 2000 South Carolina Statistical Abstract York County is 695.77 mi² (approx. 436,832 acres) of gently rolling landscape located in the Carolinas Piedmont Region of upstate South Carolina. Elevations in York County range from 330 feet to about 1,130 feet above sea level. Henry's Knob in the northwestern part of the County, is the highest point at 1,129 feet. The central area of the County contains gently rolling hills with elevations consistently ranging between 550 and 700 ft. The most prominent topographic features are Nanny Mountain, Barnett Mountain, Henry Knob, and Joes Mountain. The lowest elevation, 332 feet, is at the intersection of the Chester/Union/York County line and the Broad River in the extreme southwestern section of the County.

Map 20: York County Topography



CLIMATE

York County experiences climatic conditions consistent with humid-sub tropic found in the southeastern United States. This climate is characterized by hot, humid summers and mild to cool winters. Precipitation in the summer can vary in extremes from monsoonal storms originating from warm gulf tropical flows to irregular drought periods. In the winter, precipitation is more consistent with regular periods of precipitation originating from westerly moving fronts. Winters can also experience occasional snowfall, averaging approximately three inches per year. According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), temperatures within the last 30 year mean indicated that July was our warmest month with mean temperatures of 81°F and a mean high of 91°F. January is our coldest month with a mean high of 43° F, and a mean low of 33° F. Our annual mean temperature is 62.5°F.

PLANT AND ANIMAL HABITAT

York County natural areas are encountering rapid growth and development. Open space in the 15-county region surrounding Charlotte is disappearing at a rate of 30 football fields per day (Source: The Herald). In York County, the area around Lake Wylie and other areas are seeing the loss of natural areas, which contain important plants and animal habitats. Natural land cover types prevalent in York County include cropland and pasture, shrubs and rock outcroppings, wetlands and woodlands.

Map 21: Land Cover

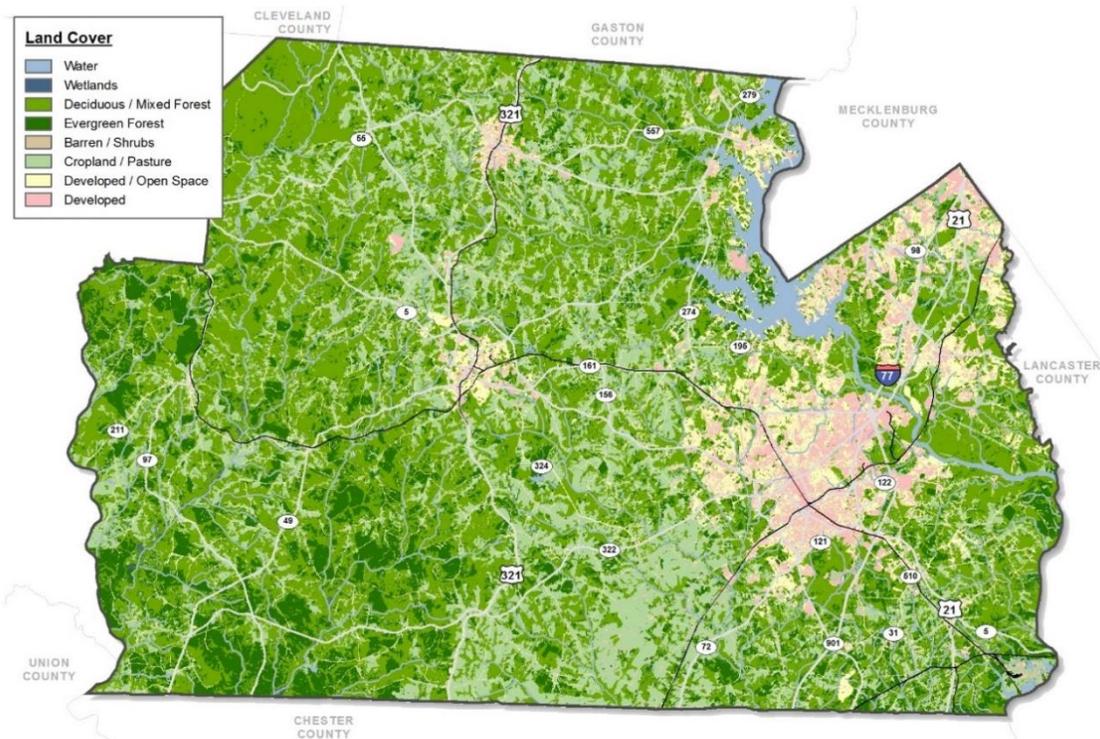


Figure 26: Precipitation

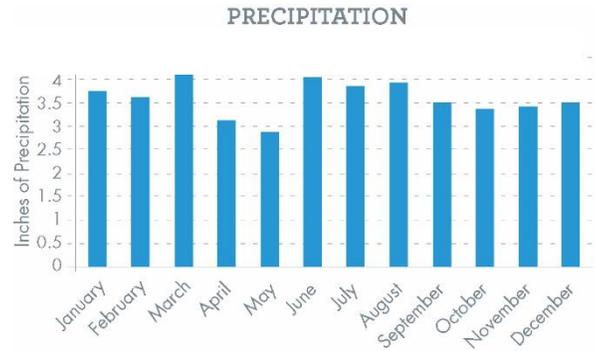
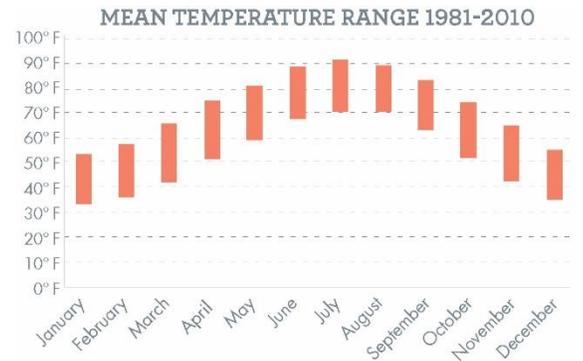


Figure 25: Mean Temperature Range 1981 - 2010



These areas make a diverse habitat home to many different plant and animal species. Plants to be found in York County include Broom Sedge, Bradley’s Spleenwort, Wild Hyacinth, Red Maple, Sycamore, Shoals Spider-Lily, American Beech and Post Oak. Birds to be found in York County include; Eastern Meadowlark, Eastern Kingbird, Northern Bobwhite, Green-backed Heron, Barred Owl, Great Blue Heron, Wood Thrush and Red-bellied Woodpecker. A number of species of butterflies can be found as well.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

York County has four plant and animal species that are registered under the Endangered Species Act. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 is administered by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. The purpose of the act is to prevent the extinction of imperiled plant and animal life, and secondly, to recover and maintain those populations by removing or lessening threats to their survival. At the state level the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) implements the state regulatory requirements of the Act. York County currently contains federally designated endangered plant species, the “Schweinitz’s Sunflower”; one threatened plant species “Pool Sprite”; and One species of concern “Carolina Darter”. The SCDNR has designated two species as threatened the “Carolina Darter” and “Bald Eagle”.

Table 27: Threatened and Endangered Species in York County

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES IN YORK COUNTY			
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	USES A DESIGNATION	STATE PROTECTION DESIGNATION
Vertebrate Animals			
Etheostoma collis	Carolina Darter	Species of Concern	Threatened
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle		Threatened
Vascular Plants			
Amphianthus pusillus	Pool Sprite	Threatened	
Helianthus schweinitzii	Schweinitz’s Sunflower	Endangered	
Symphyotrichum georgianum	Georgia Aster	Candidate	

SOURCE: SCDNR

SOILS AND FARMLAND

Agriculture and farming operations provide a nominal impact to the economy of York County. According to the 2012 USDA AgCensus, the 1,004 farms listed in York County produced approximately \$96 million in products sold for a net income of \$30.5 million. Farms are typically smaller in size as the average farm size is approximately 123 acres. The County ranks first in the state in the production of nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod; and top five in cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops; acres dedicated for forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop (Cut grass); horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys; and, turkeys; and cattle raised.

In spite of the successful production described above field crop farming activities are limited due to the types and amounts of soils found throughout the County. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Soil Conservation Service (Natural Resources Conservation Service) completed and published a Soil Survey of York County in 1965. The survey provides a detailed description of soil types and their limitations on various development activities. Key to promoting and sustaining the agriculture economy is protecting the prime farmland soils that farmers rely on for crop production. Prime farmland is defined as land that has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, forage, fiber, and oilseed crops and that is available for these uses. It has the combination of soil properties, growing season, and moisture supply needed to produce sustained high yields of crops if it is managed according to acceptable farming methods. In Table 29 a breakdown is provided showing the limited amount of prime farmland totaling approximately 78K

acres (17.7% of the total county land area) and 109K acres of Farmland Soils of Statewide Significance (24.5%). Much of these prime farmlands, ideal for field crops contain and are located on flat and well drained soils. Flat and well drained soils are also ideal for development.

Table 28: Land Cover

LAND COVER		
TYPE	ACRES	PERCENT
Farmed Land	10,662.5	2.4%
Developed	69,886.6	15.7%
Forested	263,226.3	59.1%
Grass/Shrub	91,646.4	20.6%
Wetlands	673	0.2%
Barren	316.5	0.1%
Open Water	8,743.9	2.0%
Total Acreage	445,155.2	

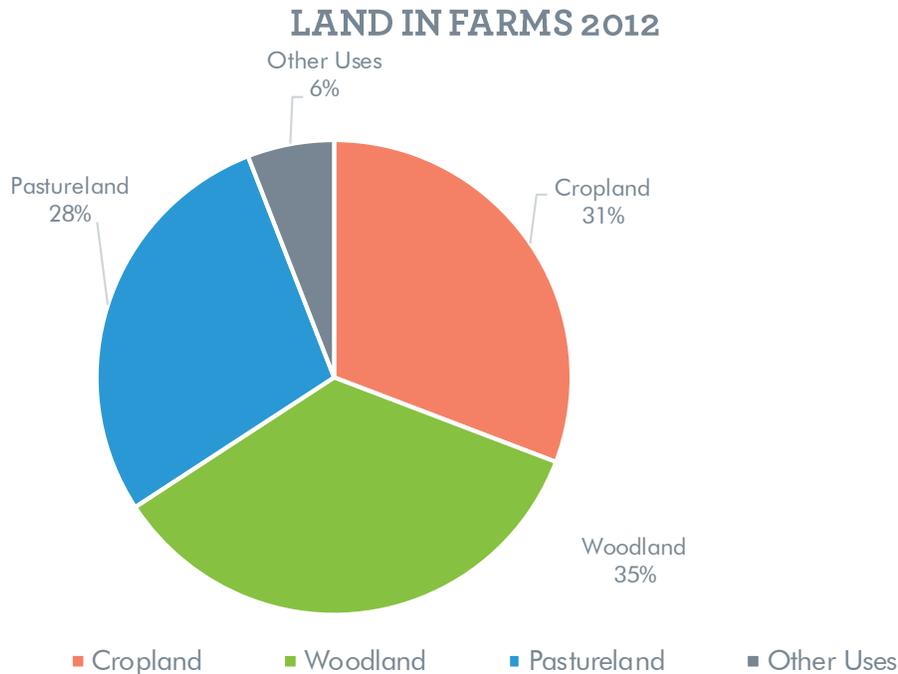
SOURCE: NRCS DATA PROVIDED FROM YORK COUNTY

Table 29: Farmland Soil Classification

FARMLAND SOIL CLASSIFICATION		
SOIL TYPE	ACRES	PERCENTAGE
Prime Farmland Soils	78,721	17.7%
Farmland Soils of Statewide Significance	109,323	24.5%
Prime Farmland Soils if Protected from Flooding	5,066	1.1%
Water	8,690	2.0%
Mine/Rock	431	0.1%
Hydric Soils	12,149	2.7%
Remaining Soils	230,978	51.9%
Total	445,155	

SOURCE: NRCS DATA PROVIDED FROM YORK COUNTY

Figure 27: Land in Farms, 2012 by Land Use



SOURCE: 2012 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE COUNTY PROFILE

TIMBER PRODUCTION

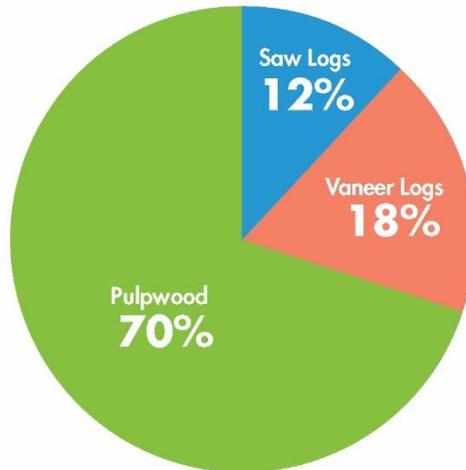
Per the South Carolina Timber Products Output and Use, 2011 report, provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and South Carolina Forestry Commission, York County is the 19th largest County in South Carolina, but is ranked 39th of 46 counties in percentage of land in forested area at 59%, which is below the state total of 68%. Non-forested lands, those lands that include agriculture and urbanized areas, the County ranks 10th in total area with 183 thousand acres. In total forest land, the County ranks 21st with 268 thousand acres; this is directly comparable to its size in the state.

In forest production, the County produces 61 percent "softwood" or Pine, and 39% in hardwoods. The county ranks 40th in production of softwood and 10th in production of hardwood. The County ranks 37th in total production, producing 7.34 million cubic feet of lumber. Directly related to the amount of product produced is the value of the product. Timber production in the County produced a value of 8.45 million dollars in 2011 for delivered timber value, which ranks 37th in the state. Less surprising is the amount of value on the lumber produced, per the report, the County only supplies 1.1 % of the total delivered value of produced lumber in the state. Looking at the value of product produced (\$8.45 Million) in 2011 and the total acreage in forestland (268,672 acres) in the County, this equates to approximately \$31.47 per forested acre total.

The amount of lands in timber and production in delivered value may relate directly to the position in the region, proximity to a large metropolitan area, and land use patterns and parcelization which has fragmented formerly large land holdings.

Figure 28: Wood Production in York County

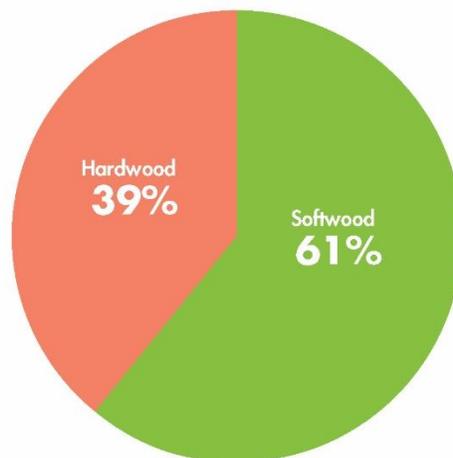
WOOD PRODUCTION IN YORK COUNTY



SOURCE: SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCTS OUTPUT AND USE, 2011 REPORT SC FORESTRY

Figure 29: Percent Harvested Timber

PERCENT HARVESTED TIMBER

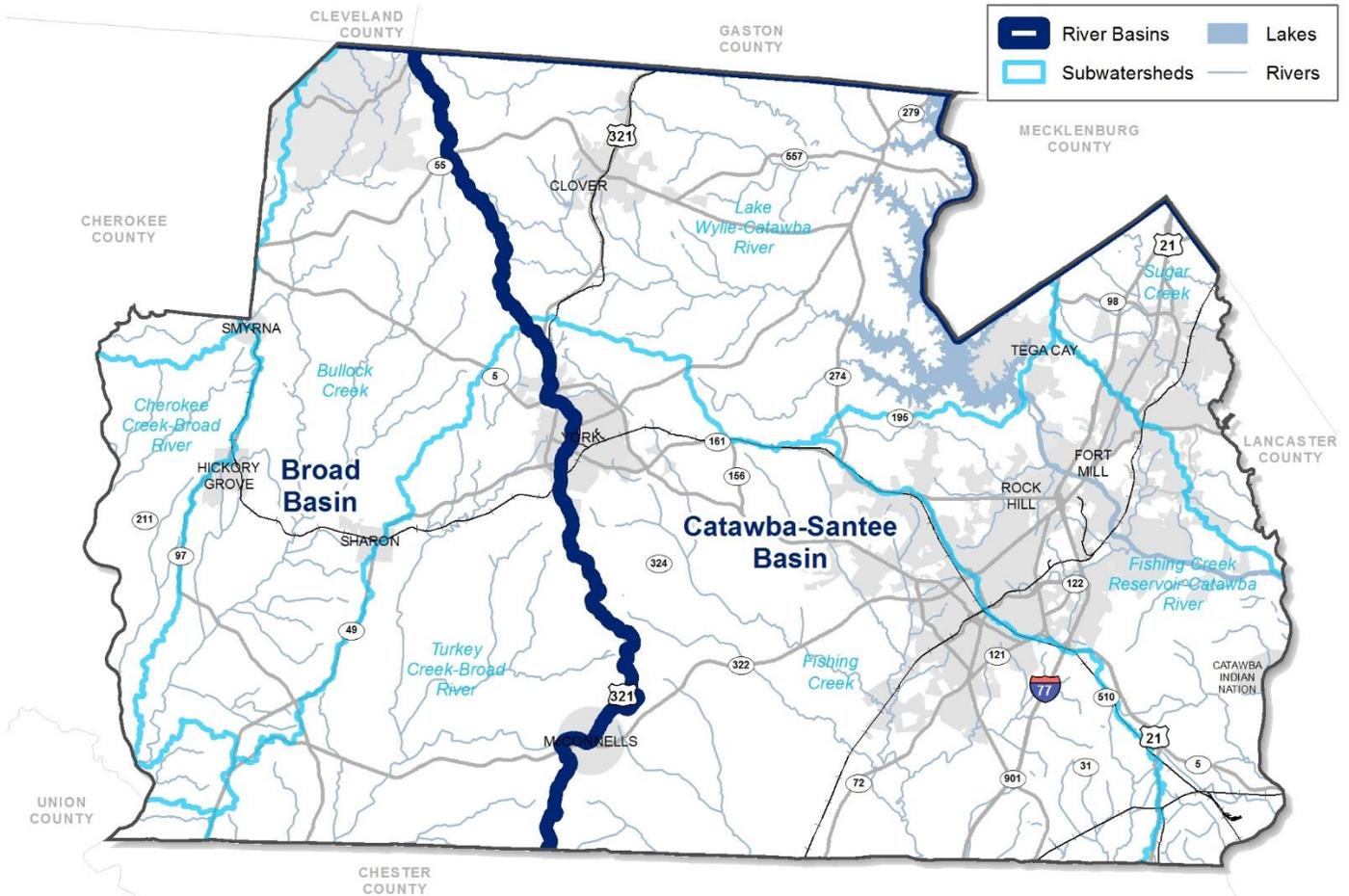


SOURCE: SOUTH CAROLINA TIMBER PRODUCTS OUTPUT AND USE, 2011 REPORT SC FORESTRY

WATER RESOURCES

York County collects water from surface streams, lakes/reservoirs, and groundwater. Drinking water is primarily provided within the Catawba River basin. Two major watershed basins, the Catawba River basin and the Broad River basin divide York County. The Catawba River basin encompasses the bulk of York County. It is further divided into seven sub-basins, which are either completely or partially located within York County. The York County portion of the Broad River basin is comprised of five sub-basins completely or partially located in the County. The County contains 13.22 square miles (approx. 8,460 acres) of water and is bounded by two major drainage basins and their tributaries; the Broad River Basin on the western border and the Catawba River Basin on the eastern border. York County also contains a portion of Lake Wylie which is shared with Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, is just one of several impounded sections of the Catawba River. The lake has a surface area of 12,450 acres with a maximum and mean depth of 93.15 feet and 22.63 feet, respectively. Approximately 120 square miles of the lake's watershed is located in York County.

Map 22: Watershed Basins



The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) developed this priority list of waters pursuant to Section §303(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and Federal Regulation 40 CFR 130.7 last revised in 1992. The listing identifies South Carolina waters that do not currently meet State water quality standards after application of required controls for point and nonpoint source pollutants. York County has a number of streams listed in Table 31 that through monitoring were found to exceed the maximum Total Maximum Daily Loading (TMDL) of listed natural or manmade impairments.

Table 30: 2012 List of Impaired Waters

2012 LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS		
BASIN	CREEK	LOCATION
Broad	Clark Fork	Into Crawford Lake on unnamed # Rd near SC 161 7 705 Kings Mountain
	Bullocks Creek	At SR 40
	Loves Creek	At SR 97
	Turkey Creek	Ross Br To Turkey Creek At SC 49 Southw est of York
	Turkey Creek	At S-46-41 5.3 mi Southw est of York
Cataw ba	Beaverdam Creek	At Bridge on S-46-64 3.2 Miles East Northeast of Clover
	Lake Wylie	At SC 274 9 mi Northeast of York
	Sugar Creek	Upstream of confluence with McAlpine Creek
	Steel Creek	At US By-Pass 21
	Wildcat Creek	At S-46-650
	Tools fork Creek	At S-46-195 7 miles Northw est of Rock Hill
	Tools fork Creek	Upstream of retention pond in Hawkins Ridge of SR-46-195
	Fishing Creek	At S-46-347 South of York Wastew ater Treatment Plant
	Stoney fork Creek	At SC 121 & 72
	Fishing Creek	At SR 655
	Taylors Creek	At SR 735
	Sixmile Creek	At Bridge on S-46-691 2.6 miles Northeast of Roddey

SOURCE: SCDHEC

SCENIC RIVERS

The purpose of the South Carolina Scenic Rivers Program is to conserve unique and outstanding river resources throughout South Carolina. To accomplish this goal, the program employs a voluntary, cooperative community-based process, which allows landowners, community interests and the DNR to work together towards common river conservation goals.

York County Boasts two such state designated Scenic Rivers. In May of 1991, a 15 mile section of the Broad River from 99 Islands dam in Cherokee County to the confluence with the Pacolet River in Cherokee County was officially recognized by the South Carolina General Assembly as a State Scenic River. This includes all but a one mile section of York County river frontage, which is largely undisturbed. This section of river is popular with boaters as the slow moving, and shallow rocky shoals make an ideal paddling environment.

In 2008, a 30 mile section of river from the dam at Lake Wylie to SC Hwy 9 Bridge in Lancaster and Chester Counties was designated a State Scenic River. Up to 93% of the river frontage is free from development. Though the river is scenic and offers tremendous recreational and cultural value it is listed as the fifth most endangered river in the nation by Americanrivers.org on the 2013 list of most endangered rivers. This is due to the Duke Energy coal fire steam plant and its 3.2 million cubic yards of toxic waste from its 71 acres of coal ash ponds, located up river, on the banks of the Catawba, in Gaston County, NC. If a breach in the dam were to occur, the waste would significantly impact the County's major drinking water source, Lake Wylie, and the overall recreational and environmental value and viability of the river, lake, and community.

STORMWATER

York County is subject to an MS4 system of stormwater runoff conveyances that includes, but are not limited to, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, pipes, tunnels, and/or storm drains that discharge into waters of the state. For these conveyances or system of conveyances to be recognized as an MS4, a state, city, town, village, or other

public entity must own them. These conveyances must also not be part of a publicly owned treatment facility and may not operate as a combined sewer system.

Operators of large, medium and regulated small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems are required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit coverage in order to discharge pollutants into waters of the state. These designations (large, medium, and small) are based on urbanized areas as determined by the latest census. York County is designated as a small storm sewer system.

York County administers the program and has developed an MS4s program that covers each of the following minimum control measures:

- Public education and outreach
- Public participation/ involvement
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction site runoff control
- Pollution prevention/ good housekeeping.

SCDHEC MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4S)

AIR QUALITY

Because of its proximity to Charlotte, North Carolina, portions of York County, South Carolina have been designated as a nonattainment area for the 1997 ground-level ozone standard. Section 182(a)(3)(B) of the Clean Air Act requires South Carolina's State Implementation Plan (SIP) to contain a requirement for all owners or operators of stationary sources located in the nonattainment area that emit either NOX or VOC to submit a statement of actual emissions annually. As a result, all Bureau of Air Quality permitted facilities inside the nonattainment area of York County, SC are required to report NOX and VOC emissions using DHEC's Emissions Statement form.

SCDCHEC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUND-LEVEL OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREAS

CULTURAL RESOURCES

HISTORIC OVERVIEW

York County has a long history rich in cultural diversity. The area was originally the domain of the Catawba Indians, a Siouan band that numbered around 6,000 at the time of their first contact with Europeans. Spaniard Hernando De Soto, in his search for gold that led him to the Mississippi River, was the first European to arrive in present-day York County in the 1540s. Largely settled by Scots-Irish who primarily came down the "Great Wagon Road" from the colonies of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, they began arriving in the Catawba River region in the 1740s. These settlers were instrumental in the pivotal Patriots' victory at the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780, which served as a rallying point for the American forces as they drove the British to ultimate defeat at Yorktown in 1781.

York County was officially established by an Act of the South Carolina General Assembly in 1785, and with the introduction of the cotton gin in the 1790s, the County's future was established. The county's economy was primarily based on small and medium-sized farm operations prior to the Civil War. Following the Civil War, the expansion of the railroad network that had arrived in the County in 1852, led to the expansion of the commercial and industrial base. Technological advances led to the completion of the Catawba Dam and Power Plant in 1904 that resulted in the eventual establishment of the Duke Power Company (now Duke Energy) and the industrialization of the area with textile mills. York County's proximity to the urban center of Charlotte, North Carolina has led to some developmental pressure, but much of the County remains rural in character and many of its historic and cultural resources endure today.

HISTORIC SITES AND ORGANIZATIONS

There are 44 National Register sites and historic complexes in York County and 12 historic districts. The downtown *York Historic District* with over 180 contributing structures is one of the largest historic districts in the state. The *Kings Mountain National Military Park* and adjacent *Kings Mountain State Park* provide visitors with an array of historic, cultural, and recreational opportunities, including a preserved battlefield, hiking trails, campgrounds, equestrian facilities, fishing lakes, and a restored *Living History Farm*. A number of other sites both within the municipalities and in unincorporated areas are potentially eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

There are several organizations in York County whose mission is to preserve historic sites and collect and disseminate accurate historical information. *Historic Rock Hill* focuses its efforts on preserving and protecting commercial and residential properties that have historic significance in Rock Hill and in enhancing the livability of the historic areas. Historic Rock Hill owns and programs the *White Home*, the oldest extant residence in Rock Hill, which is open to visitors and available for public events. The *Yorkville Historical Society* fosters and promotes historical preservation and restoration in the City of York and surrounding environs. It regularly publishes historical materials, sponsors lectures and activities, and helps designate and mark historic sites. The *Broad River Basin Historical Society* works to encourage and sustain historic preservation in the western portion of York County with quarterly meetings and annual events.

CULTURAL RESOURCE SITES AND ORGANIZATIONS

York County supports cultural and historic resource preservation through the Culture & Heritage Museums (CHC) which includes four linked venues and facilities; the York County Forever Commission, which serves as the County's land conservation organization; and with endorsement of the Western York County Scenic Byway.

Historic Brattonsville (CHC)

This 775 acre Revolutionary War living history site near McConnells allows visitors to enjoy a variety of exhibits, structures, and programs relating to the three generations of the Bratton family which owned and lived on the property.

Main Street Children's Museum (CHC)

Located in the City of Rock Hill, the museum offers a venue for fun and educational activities for children up to age six.

McCelvey Center (CHC)

The McCelvey campus in the City of York is home to the Historical Center of York County, the Southern Revolutionary War Institute, and the Lowry Family Theater.

Museum of York County (CHC)

The museum located in Rock Hill presents permanent and rotating exhibits in science, history, natural history, the arts, and is home to the Settlemyle Planetarium.

York County Forever Commission

The county's land conservation organization has assisted with the preservation of over 9,100 acres of historic, natural, agricultural, recreational, and scenic open space property within the County. The York County Forever Commission has not been fully funded in the last 5 years. This has limited the amount of land preservation that has been achieved in recent years.

Western York County Scenic Byway

Designated as a South Carolina State Scenic Byway, this 63 mile route has endpoints at the Kings Mountain Parks and the Town of Smyrna and features many historic, cultural, and scenic resources.

There are other important cultural resource sites and facilities within York County as well. Most municipalities offer an array of parks and recreational areas, as well as a local branch of the *York County Library*, which has a main center in Rock Hill. Rock Hill is also home to *Glencairn Garden*, an eleven acre oasis of landscaped walking paths, and to the *Comporium Telephone Museum*, which presents an overview of life before the wireless age. The *Anne Springs Close Greenway* in Fort Mill is a 2,300 acre nature preserve and a place for activities ranging from hiking to horseback riding to kayaking. The *Catawba Indian Nation*, located in eastern York County, is the only federally recognized tribe in the state. The Catawba Cultural Center preserves, promotes, and protects the cultural heritage of the Catawba through efforts in archives, archeology, tribal historic preservation, native crafts, cultural education, and tourism development. The Town of Sharon features the *Museum of Western York County* with galleries displaying regional and national historical and cultural artifacts and documents, and the *Fort Mill History Museum* collects, preserves, and interprets objects and events representative of the history and pre-history of the Town of Fort Mill.

The *Arts Council of York County* provides leadership in arts education, arts marketing, and arts advocacy. The Arts Council also serves the community with diverse arts programming throughout the year and the small grants program with awards made quarterly. With several facilities in Rock Hill, it provides classroom and gallery space for exhibitions, forums, studios, and offices, and serves as a network center for cooperation among cultural organizations and for public information.

York County is home to three institutions of higher learning. *Winthrop University* has been a Rock Hill landmark for over one hundred years and offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in many fields. Winthrop features a variety of performing arts programs, exhibits the work of local and regional artists, and schedules musical guest performances throughout the year. *York Technical College* emphasizes vocational training and education, and *Clinton Junior College* offers two-year associate degrees.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

There are a variety of annual events and festivals held throughout York County in which visitors can participate and enjoy. The Town of Clover holds an annual *St. Patrick's Day Festival* and a summer *Feis Clobhair*, a Scots and Scots/Irish gathering featuring activities, foods, and crafts. The City of York offers a similar *Summerfest* each August with tours of the historic district, exhibits, and other entertainment, and a December *Christmas Candlelight Tour* of historic homes and churches. *Pioneer Days*, a celebration of upcountry lifestyles, is held each September at Kings Mountain State Park. Kings Mountain National Military Park participates in the annual reenactment sponsored by the *Overmountain Victory Trail March Association* of the route used by the American Patriot army to defeat the British and Loyalists troops at the Kings Mountain battle in 1780. Many events are held at Historic Brattonsville during the year, *Living History Saturdays*, the *Red*

Hills Heritage Festival, a Christmas Candlelight Tour, and an annual reenactment of the Revolutionary War Battle of Huck's Defeat. The City of Rock Hill holds a ten-day *Come-See-Me Festival* each spring filled with a number of events, and a similar three-day *Christmasville* holiday celebration in early December. The Town of Fort Mill holds the *South Carolina Strawberry Festival* each May with live entertainment and activities. The Fort Mill area is also home to *Carowinds*, a regional tourist attraction and theme park. *Yap Ye Iswa (Day of Catawba)* is held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving each year to demonstrate and cultivate the Catawba culture. The *Ag + Art Tour* is a self-guided annual June weekend tour of regional farms, featuring local artisans and farmer's markets.

Table 31: National Register Listings in York County

NATIONAL REGISTER LISTINGS IN YORK COUNTY			
RESOURCE NAME	LOCATION	DATE LISTED	MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME
Afro--American Insurance Company Building	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Allison Plantation	York	1980/09/29	
Anderson House	Rock Hill	1982/05/13	
Banks--Mack House	Fort Mill	1992/06/11	Fort Mill MPS
Bethel Presbyterian Church	Clover	1980/12/10	
Bethesda Presbyterian Church	McConnells	1977/08/16	
Bleachery Water Treatment Plant	Rock Hill	2008/03/06	Rock Hill MPS
Brattonville Historic District	McConnells	1971/08/19	
Catawba Rosenwald School	Catawba	2013/07/03	Rosenwald School Building Program in SC, 1917-1932
Charlotte Avenue--Aiken Avenue Historic District	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Clover Downtown Historic District	Clover	1999/07/08	
Ebenezer Academy	Rock Hill	1977/08/16	
First Presbyterian Church	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Fort Mill Downtown Historic District	Fort Mill	1992/06/11	Fort Mill MPS
Hart House	York	1977/12/02	
Hermon Presbyterian Church	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Highland Park Manufacturing Plant and Cotton Oil Complex	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Hightower Hall	McConnells	1982/06/28	
Hill Complex Historic District	Sharon	2003/04/18	
Hill, W. L., Store	Sharon	1995/01/20	
Jackson's Furnace Site (38YK217)	Smyrna	1987/05/08	Early Ironworks of Northwestern South Carolina TR
Kings Mountain National Military Park	Bethany	1966/10/15	
Kings Mountain State Park Historic District	Blacksburg	2008/03/14	Historic Resources of South Carolina State Parks
Laurelwood Cemetery	Rock Hill	2008/07/31	
Mack--Belk House	Fort Mill	1992/06/11	Fort Mill MPS
Marion Street Area Historic District	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
McCorkle-Fewell-Long House	Rock Hill	1980/08/21	
Mills House	Fort Mill	1992/06/11	Fort Mill MPS
Mount Prospect Baptist Church	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Nation Ford Fish Weir	Rock Hill	2007/03/01	Nation Ford Road Area MPS
Nation Ford Road	Fort Mill	2007/03/01	Nation Ford Road Area MPS
National Guard Armory	Fort Mill	1992/06/11	Fort Mill MPS
People's National Bank Building	Rock Hill	1999/03/25	

NATIONAL REGISTER LISTINGS IN YORK COUNTY			
RESOURCE NAME	LOCATION	DATE LISTED	MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME
Reid Street--North Confederate Avenue Area Historic District	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Rock Hill Body Company	Rock Hill	2008/03/06	Rock Hill MPS
Rock Hill Cotton Factory (Boundary Increase in 2008)	Rock Hill	1992/06/10	Rock Hill MPS
Rock Hill Downtown Historic District	Rock Hill	1991/06/24	Rock Hill MPS
Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Company	Rock Hill	2013/02/05	
Sharon Downtown Historic District	Sharon	2001/11/02	
Spratt Cemetery	Fort Mill	2007/03/01	Nation Ford Road Area MPS
Springfield Plantation House	Fort Mill	1985/09/12	

Stokes-Mayfield House	Rock Hill	1984/05/17	
Thornwell-Elliott House	Fort Mill	1992/06/11	Fort Mill MPS
Tillman Hall	Rock Hill	1977/12/02	
Unity Presbyterian Church Complex	Fort Mill	1992/06/11	Fort Mill MPS
US Post Office and Courthouse	Rock Hill	1988/01/21	
White House	Rock Hill	1969/12/03	

Table 32: York County Forever Conserved Properties

YORK COUNTY FOREVER CONSERVED PROPERTIES					
PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	COUNCIL DISTRICT	ACREAGE	CONSERVATION TOOL	ACCESS
Abell Farm	Hwy 321	3	230.00	PDR Easement/Joint	Private
Burnette Property	Willowbrook Avenue, Rock Hill	4	0.20	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Chappell Property	Mobley Store Road	5	237.53	Easement Donation Fees only	Private
Clover Granite Property	Hilltop Lane, Clover	2	11.00	Donation by P/O	Public
Darby Property	Brattonsville Road	5	305.00	Easement Donation Fees only	Private
Dave Lyle Boulevard Property	Rock Hill	4	15.25	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Dave Lyle Boulevard (Hewitt)	Rock Hill	4	0.57	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Draper Property	Historic Brattonsville	5	426.00	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Forlines Property	Ferndale Road	5	62.00	Easement Donation Fees only	Private
Kirsh WMA	Burriss Road, McConnells	3	357.00	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Kirsh WMA Extension	N Burriss Road, McConnells	3	282.00	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Lacey's Fort Site	Hwy 322, Bullock's Creek	3	5.00	Easement Donation	Private
Mack Property (NFG)	Doby's Bridge Road	5	28.00	Acquisition	Public
Mendenhall Property	Historic Brattonsville	5	68.00	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Nanny's Mountain	Hwy 49/Hwy 274	2	92.00	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Neely Property	Historic Brattonsville	5	2.90	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Sherer Property	Anderson-Burgess Road	3	91.62	PDR Easement + Fees	Private
Stuck Property	Turkey Creek Road/Hwy 49	3	4500.00	Easement Donation Fees only	Private
Thomason Family Property	Hwy 49, York	3	432.00	Partial Easement Donation + Fees/ Partial PDR + Fees	Private
Whisonant Property	Oakdale Road, Rock Hill	5	307.00	Easement Donation Fees only	Private
White Home	White Street, Rock Hill	4	3.23	Acquisition/Joint	Public
Worth Mountain	Hwy 211, Hickory Grove	3	1647.00	Acquisition/ Bargain Sale	Public

TRANSPORTATION

The existing network of highway and interstate corridors within York County provides accessibility to Greenville, Columbia, and the larger Charlotte metropolitan region. Regional accessibility is further enhanced by the presence of rail and airport facilities, which offer the potential for intermodal transportation and associated economic development opportunities. The growing presence of bicycle routes and pedestrian infrastructure in the rural and urban areas demonstrates York County's goal to support active lifestyles, and the growing number of public transit options supports the County's intent to improve air quality and offer alternative transportation facilities.

Transportation systems play a critical role in planning for quality growth by influencing where growth will occur, by promoting economic opportunities through appropriate patterns of development and redevelopment, by protecting natural resources, and by enhancing visual character and the quality of life in a community. With positive growth trends in population and employment, as well as significant road maintenance requirements, there are many challenges to providing a safe and efficient transportation system in York County.

ROADWAYS

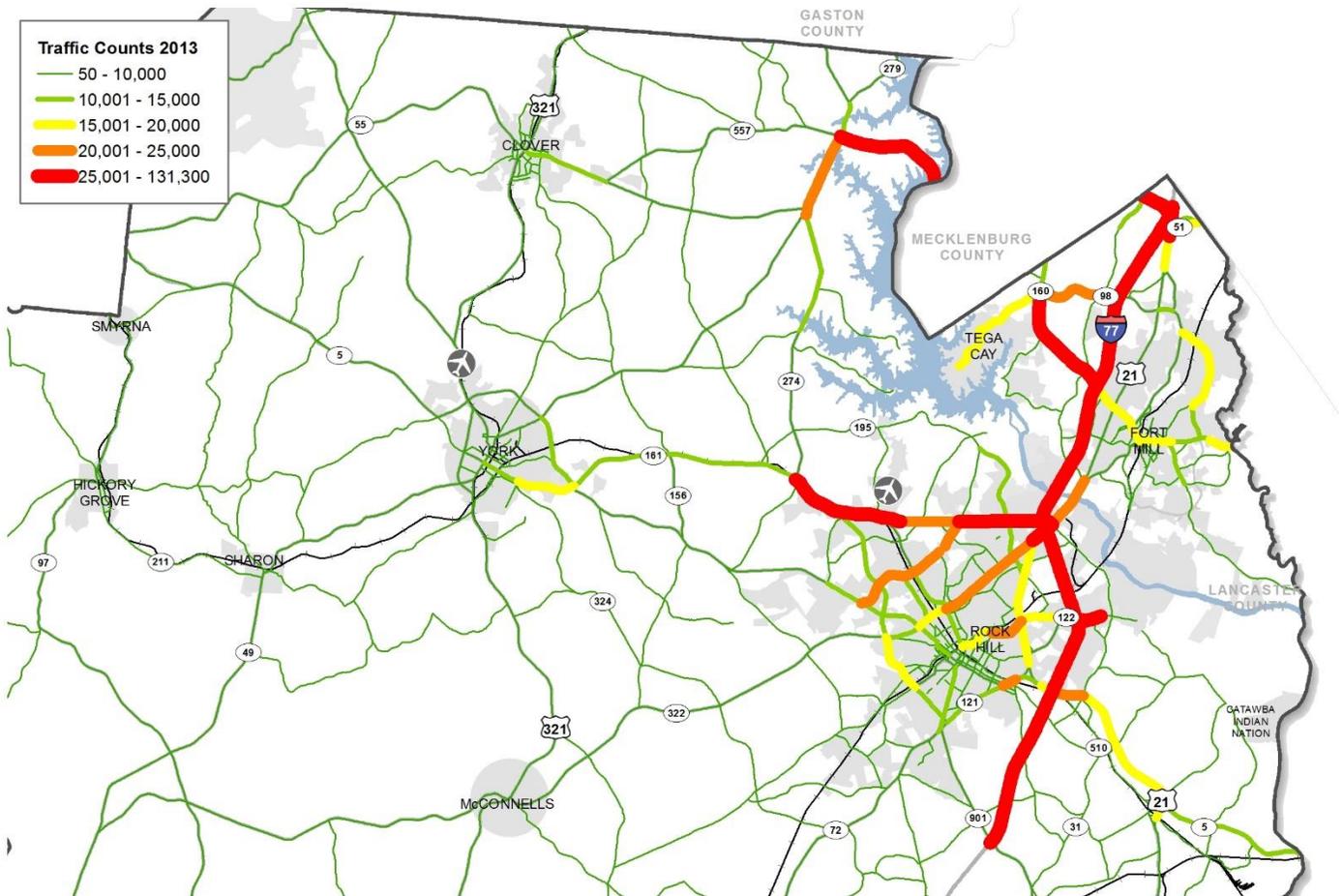
The roads in York County are owned and maintained as public or private facilities by several agencies. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) system consists of interstate routes, primary routes (SC and US routes), and secondary routes, totaling approximately 1,368 centerline miles of paved roads and bridges. York County's Public Works department maintains the County Road Inventory, with 661 centerline miles of paved and gravel roads. The majority of these roads are local residential streets, with the exceptions being two collector streets: County Route F3-126 Daimler Boulevard, a four-lane facility 1.89 miles in length and County Route J3-107 Regent Parkway, a two-lane facility 2.58 miles in length. Other roads in York County are maintained privately or by municipalities. Routine maintenance of roads in the County Road Inventory is performed by Public Works staff, and York County's Engineering Department administers gravel road paving projects and paved road resurfacing projects for maintenance of public roads.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2003-2004, the County established the Critical Needs Resurfacing program to repair and maintain roads in the County Road Inventory with tax revenue from York County's General Fund. The initial budget was set at \$677,000 with a scheduled increase of 8% per year. At the onset of the program, roadways selected for repair had consistent pavement ranking scores in the 30's. The roads selected in the FY 2012-2013 project had scores in the low 60's, which illustrates the effectiveness of the program. The goal of the Critical Needs Resurfacing program is to maintain a minimum score in the upper 70's and begin implementing pavement preservation measures to maintain that pavement quality status.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation's C-Fund Program, funded by the gasoline sales tax, distributes funding to all of the counties within the state. C-Funds can be spent in public road rights-of-way for transportation improvements, such as paved road resurfacing and gravel road paving. York County also uses C-Funds to provide local match monies for transportation grants for pedestrian improvements. York County's C-Fund Resurfacing and Gravel Road Paving program, administered by the Engineering Department, funds road improvements equally across the County's seven council districts with 15% of all C-Funds received by York County being committed to transportation improvements requested by the York County Economic Development Department to encourage new business growth. A minimum of 25% of the C-Funds allocated to York County must be used on SCDOT-maintained roads, although the typical amount spent by York County on state roads is closer to 75% because of the poor asphalt condition of the SCDOT secondary road system.

In 2010, the Census Bureau reported a population of 226,073, making York County the largest and fastest growing county in the region. As one of the fastest growing counties in South Carolina, York County is experiencing rapid residential growth, which has the potential to create large infrastructure problems. Historically, road systems in York County were designed as farm-to-market, two-lane roads connecting Clover, York, Sharon, Smyrna, Hickory Grove, McConnells, Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Tega Cay, and the Catawba Indian Nation to Interstate 77 and the greater Charlotte region. Because most of the roads in York County are owned and maintained by the SCDOT, it is necessary for York County Planning department staff to communicate frequently with SCDOT staff regarding the location of site access for proposed development projects and to mitigate the anticipated impacts of proposed development on the existing road infrastructure through joint reviews of Traffic Impact Studies.

Map 23: SCDOT Roads with 2013 Traffic Counts



York County Zoning Code Section 155.009 provides definitions for roads or streets as major or minor, and further classifies major roads as principal arterials, minor arterials, or major collectors. The Arterial Roads Development Standards Overlay District in the Zoning Code is a regulation tool intended to improve the quality of land development design that occurs along major roads to preserve and enhance the appearance and operational characteristics of arterial roads to ensure safe travel. Design elements that are addressed in this section include site access, building materials, landscaping, utilities, and parking.

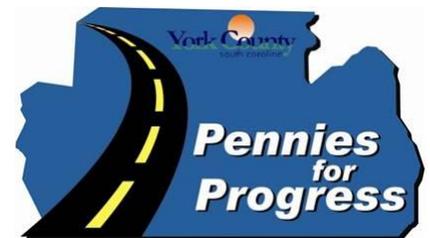
The Arterial Roads Development Standards Overlay District has proven to be beneficial in high-growth areas to reduce the number of new curb cuts that can be permitted on a parcel and to increase the spacing required between curb cuts to allow greater queuing distance near intersections. Unfortunately, this Overlay alone cannot protect the function of the County's arterial roads from the increased level of traffic congestion that is occurring. Additional steps that the County has identified to prolong the capacity of arterial roads is increasing opportunities for street connectivity through the reduced approval of cul-de-sac street designs in subdivisions and the establishment of a thoroughfare plan to legally preserve right-of-way for development of a collector street network to relieve congestion at major intersections.

As the urbanized areas in and around York County continue to expand and state government funding for construction and maintenance of roadways in South Carolina becomes scarcer and more competitive, the cooperative relationships forged between staff from York County, the SCDOT, Federal Highways, and municipalities is vital to coordinate technical and financial efforts for road improvement projects. As a member of the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study (RFATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Catawba Regional Council of Governments (COG), York County aims to ensure continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning occurs county-wide. The MPO establishes a local forum for transportation decision making; evaluating transportation alternatives; developing and updating a long range transportation plan; developing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and getting the public involved. The COG assists local jurisdictions and the SCDOT in transportation planning for areas outside of the RFATS MPO. The COG produces a regional long range transportation plan and a rural TIP.

<http://www.rfatsmpo.org/index.php/plans-a-programs/regional>

<http://catawbacog.org/transportation/transportation-planning/>

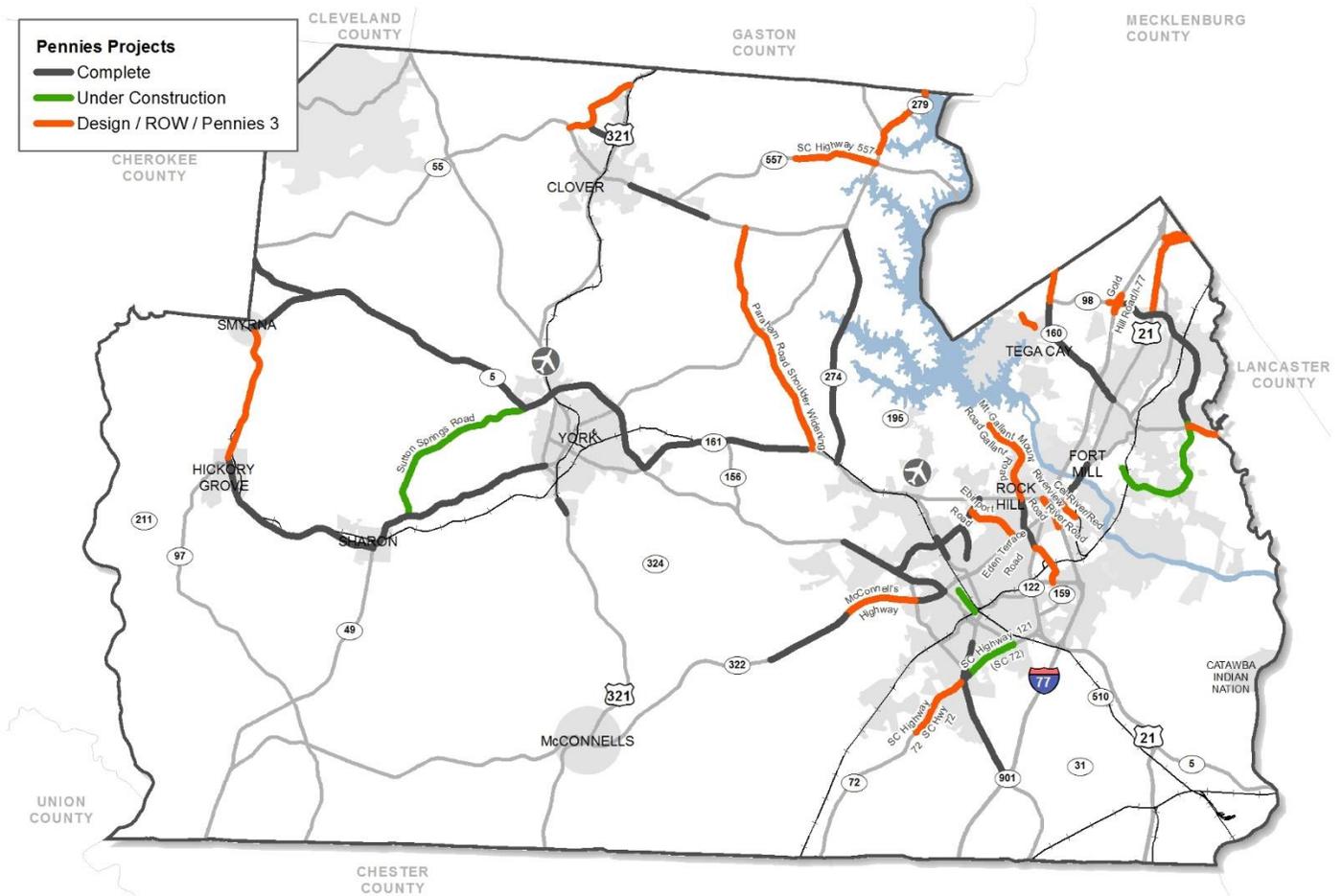
In June 2007, state legislation was passed in South Carolina to restructure and reform the SCDOT. Among the numerous provisions, Section 57-1-370 supported the establishment of a consistent process for identifying improvement projects on state-maintained roads. The SCDOT Highway Commission established nine criteria against which all state roads are compared. In order for state road funding to be applied to a road improvement project, the road to be improved must have a priority ranking and each project must be solicited for public comment. The list of state roads in ranked order is commonly referenced by transportation staff as Act 114 and is updated on an annual basis.



In light of low state funding and the competitive nature of approving infrastructure improvements on SCDOT roadways, York County is fortunate to have a one cent sales tax specifically dedicated to road improvements. Pennies for Progress is the name of the York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Programs. The Pennies for Progress Programs were initiated by York County to provide the citizens with a safer and more efficient roadway system. The projects were chosen by a Sales Tax Commission that represented the citizens of York County and then were approved by the voters in York County. York County was the first county in South Carolina to pass this type of sales tax to improve the road system.

On August 2nd, 2011, the citizens of York County approved the 'Pennies for Progress 3' program, with 82% of the voters in favor. Detailed information about each of the projects included in the Pennies for Progress referendums can be found at www.penniesforprogress.net. A map of Pennies for Progress projects completed, under construction and future projects is located below.

Map 24: Pennies for Progress Projects



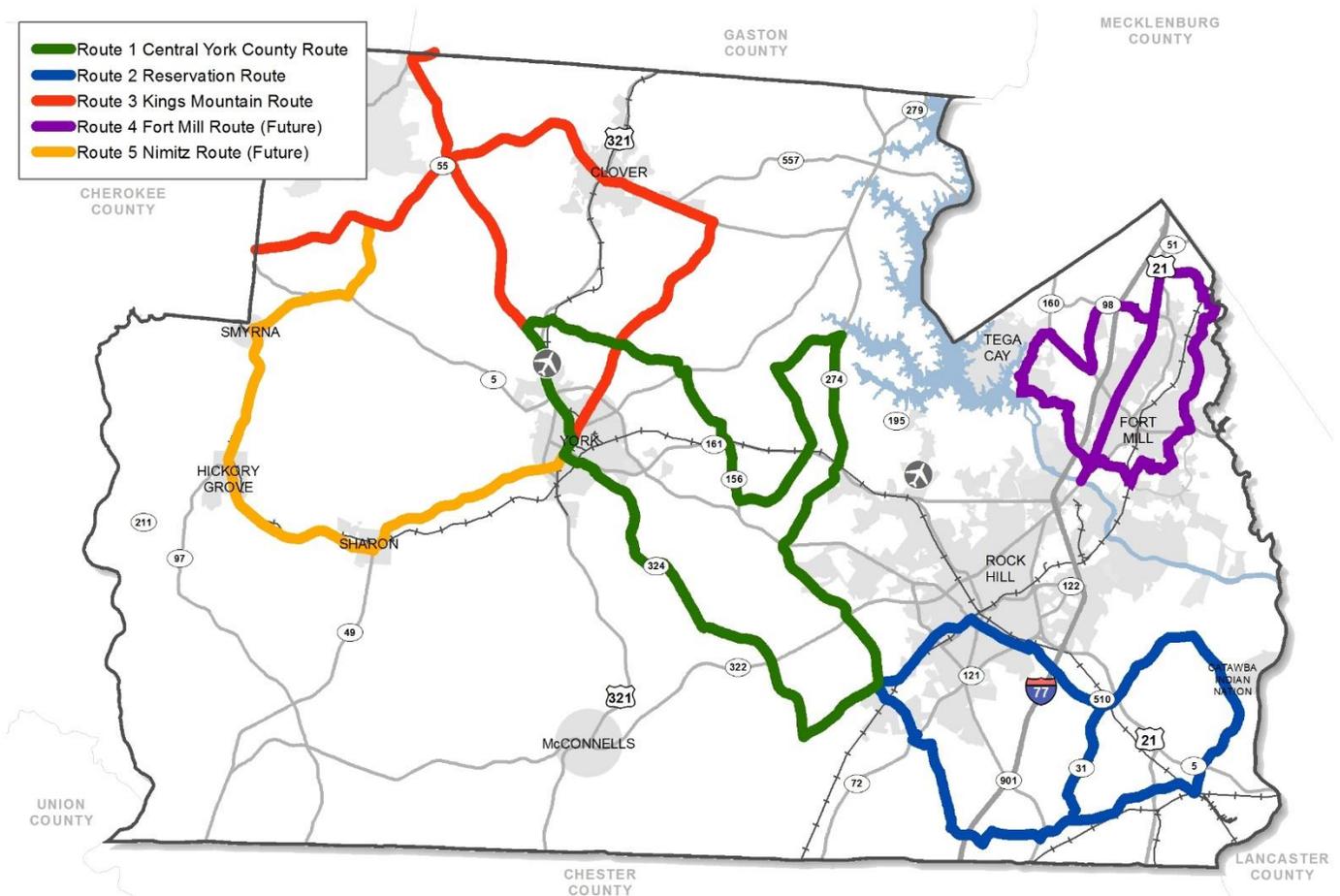
Program Facts

- Ensure safer Roads
- Ninety-nine cents of every sales tax dollar raised in York County stays in York County
- The tax is guaranteed to expire in 7 years or less
- Non-residents who use our roads will help pay for the improvements
- This is the principle source of road improvement dollars for years to come
- The projects chosen will affect needs in every part of the County
- You know exactly how the road tax money is being spent
- A penny for roads is a penny for roads only
- Ensure faster response times by police, fire, and medical personnel

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

The beautiful landscape and temperate climate make York County ideal for outdoor activities and citizens are making their voices heard that alternative transportation facilities, such as bicycle routes, sidewalks, and trails are desirable amenities. Historically, bike routes were located only within municipal boundaries, usually connecting neighborhoods with parks for leisurely rides. With the adoption of the York County Prioritized Bike Routes and in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Transportation and Eat Smart Move More York County, York County Government is signing five, interconnected routes that link rural areas to all municipalities in York County and the Catawba Indian Nation for the experienced, long distance cyclist or bicycle commuter. Signing the five routes is the first step to creating a safe and functional environment for York County's citizens to be active and to promote bicycles as an alternative form of transportation between the rural communities and urban areas.

Map 25: Prioritized Bike Routes



The public interest in the new routes and the benefits of activity to overall community health and quality of life has been observed by the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), who voluntarily designed and printed maps of the County routes with links to city routes and has these maps available to visitors at hotels and welcome centers. The CVB also posted billboards of "Bike York County" along major interstates in North Carolina and the Columbia, South Carolina area. Continued coordination between York County's Planning Department and the CVB is anticipated to occur to advertise newly marked bicycle routes and to promote bicycle tourism throughout the County.

Eat Smart Move More

As a member of the Eat Smart Move More York County Active Community Environments committee, York County participates in monthly meetings with bicycle and pedestrian advocates to plan and implement facilities that promote sustainable, active communities. County staff realizes the importance of sustainable efforts to increase opportunities to construct additional bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Therefore, the York County Planning Department included \$12,200.00 funding for bike route signage in its Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget to be used independently or as local match for grant funding. Although grant funding for alternative transportation projects can be minimal, sidewalk and signage projects in York County have benefitted from the SCDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). These grants fund bike and pedestrian projects selected within the RFATS area. TAP funds typically require a 20% local match.

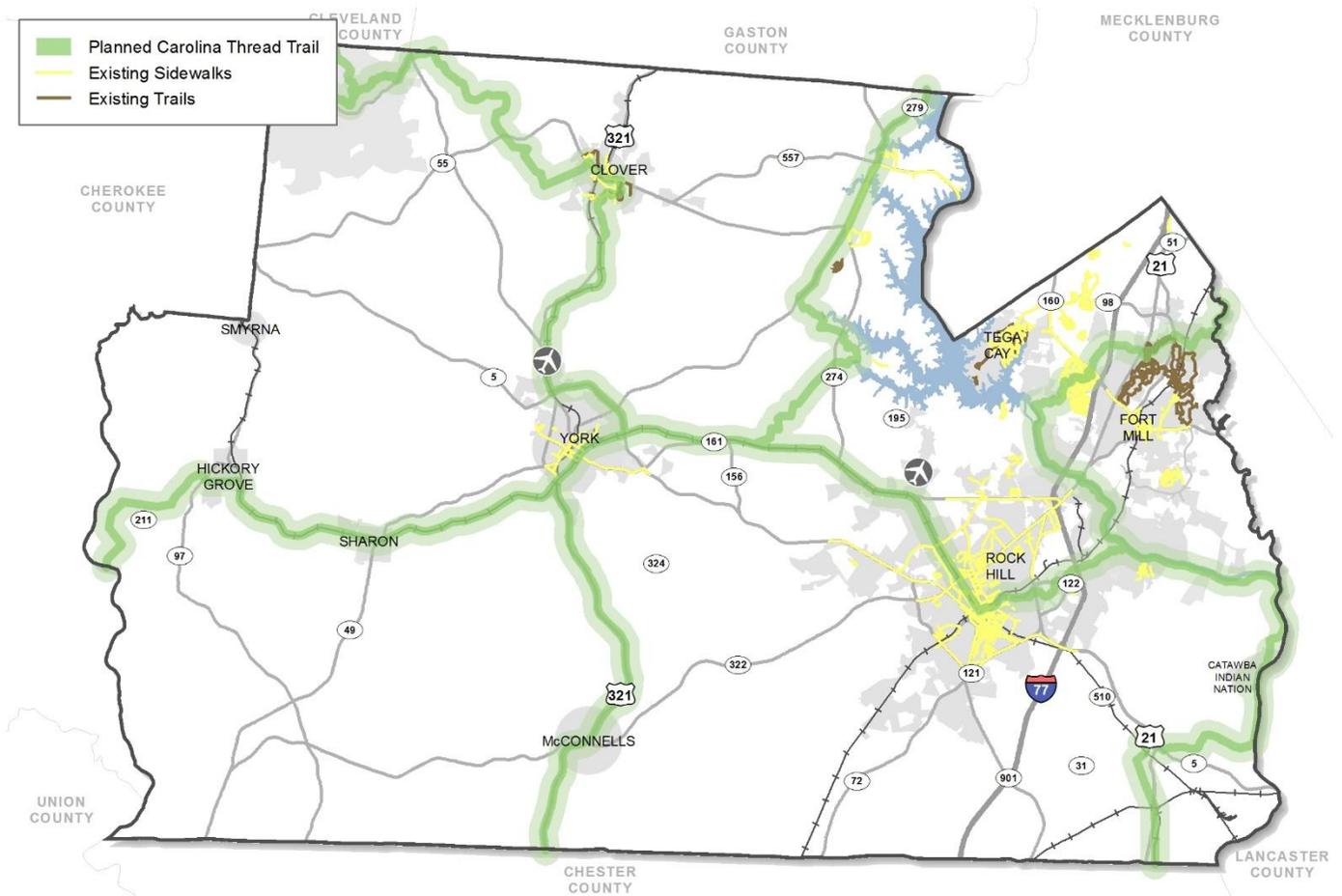


<http://eatsmartmovemoresc.org/yorkcounty/>



Through the Eat Smart Move More York County Active Community Environments committee, York County advocates for pedestrian facilities that are convenient and safe for all users by participating in Safe Routes to School safety and walkability assessments. In 2010, York County adopted its first sidewalk ordinance. This ordinance allows York County staff to require most residential and commercial sites to design and construct sidewalk facilities along publicly- and privately-maintained roadways to facilitate the movement of pedestrian traffic. By holding developers partially responsible for construction of sidewalks, York County Government is able to expand the existing pedestrian network while focusing grant and tax funding on filling in the gaps in the transportation system.

Map 26: Sidewalks and Trails



Carolina Thread Trail

The Carolina Thread Trail is a greenway trail system that connects fifteen counties in the Charlotte region of North Carolina and South Carolina. The system has grown to include 220 miles of trails that are open to the public. The Carolina Thread Trail preserves natural areas and encourages families to explore nature, culture, science, and history in an environment that promotes physical activity.

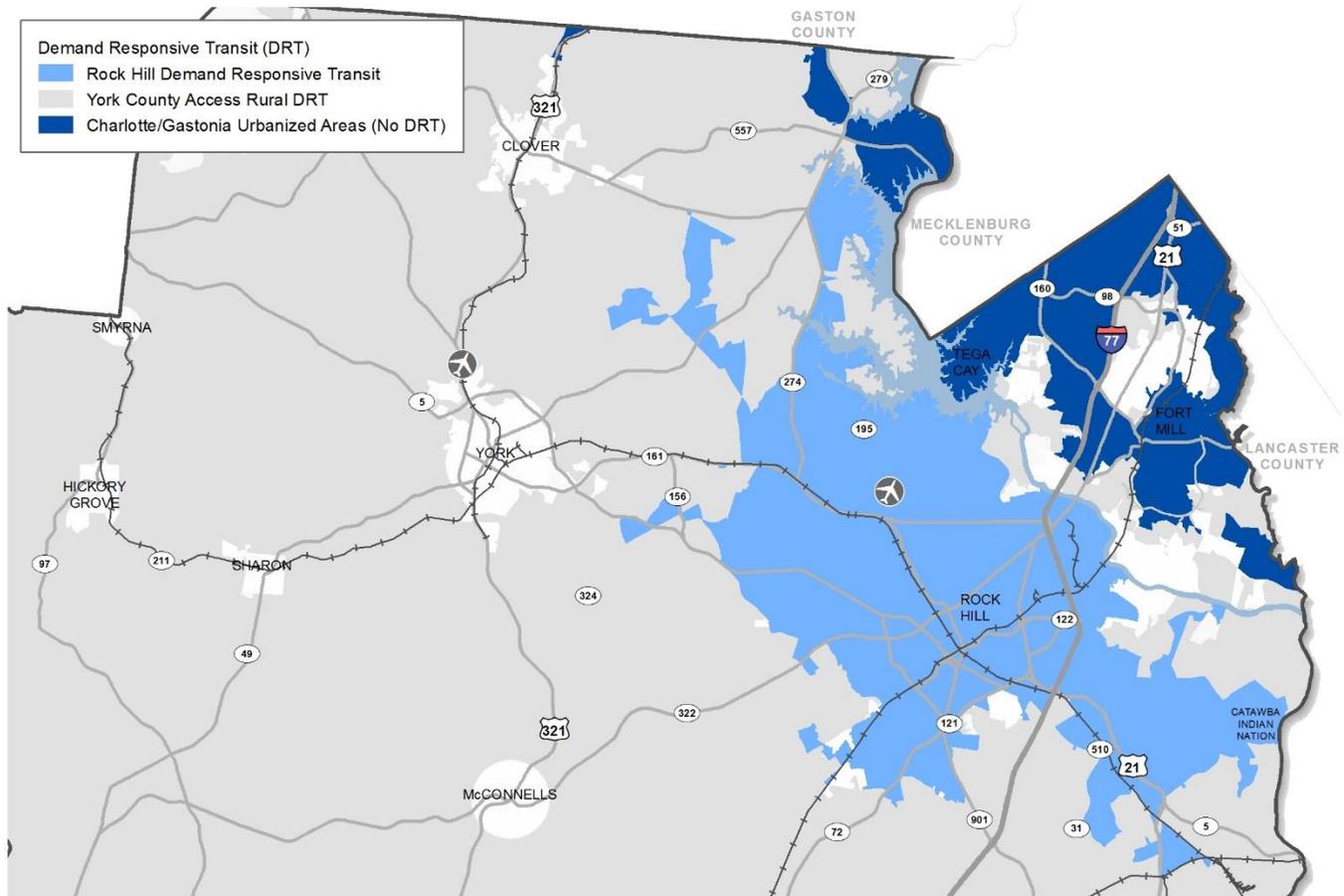
<http://www.carolinathreadtrailmap.org/trails/search-results?q=%2A&f%5bcountries%5d=19>



TRANSIT

Public transit is an important component to York County's transportation network. Establishing, financing, and sustaining effective publicly-operated transit service in both urban and rural areas of the County is a major challenge.

Map 27: Urbanized Areas/Demand Response Transit

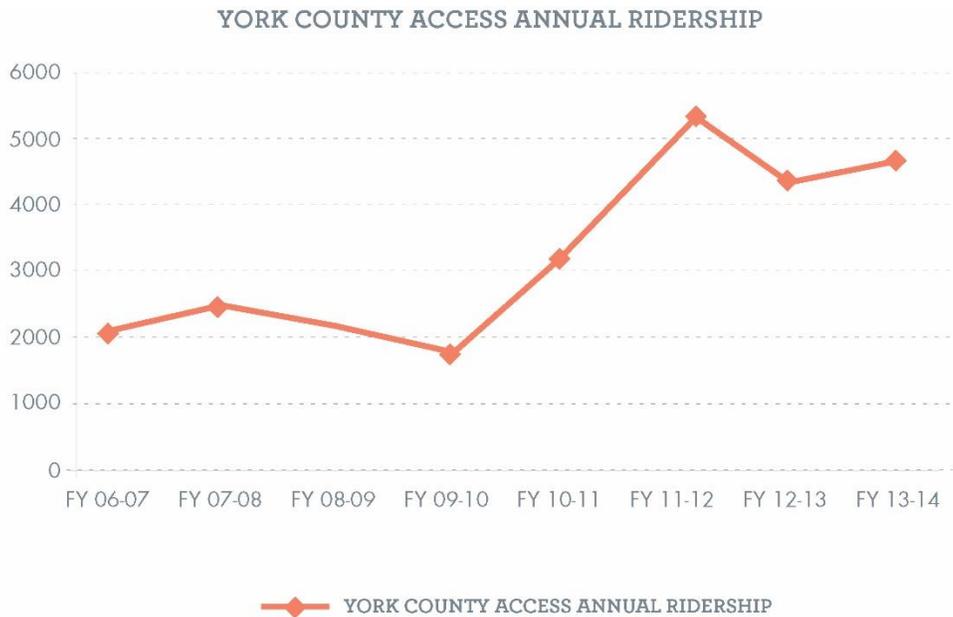


The County receives FTA Section 5311 funds and State Mass Transit Funds from the SCDOT to operate a public transit service, to purchase vehicles, and to conduct transit marketing projects. The County Manager's Office administers the transit program through the Planning and Development Services, Finance, Vehicle Maintenance, and Purchasing Departments.

In 2006, the County initiated public, demand-response transit service throughout the non-urbanized areas and into the Rock Hill urbanized area for trips to essential services. The demand-response program facilitates trips for medical appointments, shopping, and other purposes. The transportation service operates weekdays from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The County charges a flat fare of \$2.50 per one-way passenger trip.

In 2103, The County competitively selected the York County Council on Aging (YCCOA) to operate its transit service. The County reimburses the YCCOA at a rate of \$2.10 per passenger mile and has provided YCCOA with four vehicles (cutaway buses). YCCOA is a private, non-profit organization with administrative headquarters in the City of Rock Hill. YCCOA also receives Section 5310 and State Mass Transit Funds from the SCDOT and serves as a regional Medicaid transportation contractor, operating social services for senior citizens in York County. YCCOA provides vehicle operators and dispatchers, purchases maintenance services from local vendors, and collects passenger fares and reports the revenues to the County. YCCOA has a fleet of 10 vehicles - many are wheelchair accessible, which it uses to supplement the four vehicles provided by the County.

Figure 30: York County Access Annual Ridership



York County Access is not provided in the portion of the County north of the Catawba River because that area of the County is part of the Charlotte, North Carolina urbanized area. Similarly, York County Access does not serve the Bowling Green community, located along Highway 321 north of Clover, because that area is part of the Gaston, North Carolina urbanized area. Neither Section 5311 funds nor Section 5307 funds that are apportioned to York County and to Rock Hill may be used for service in the Charlotte or Gaston urbanized areas.



The City of Rock Hill is contracted with the YCCOA to provide demand response service in the City of Rock Hill's urbanized area, as well as a Ride to Work program. These services are supported by Section 5307 funds provided by the City of Rock Hill as a direct grantee of FTA. Other public transportation services are currently available in the study area, including Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) express bus service, feeder buses that connect to the CATS Blue Lynx light rail line, and vanpool services sponsored by CATS.



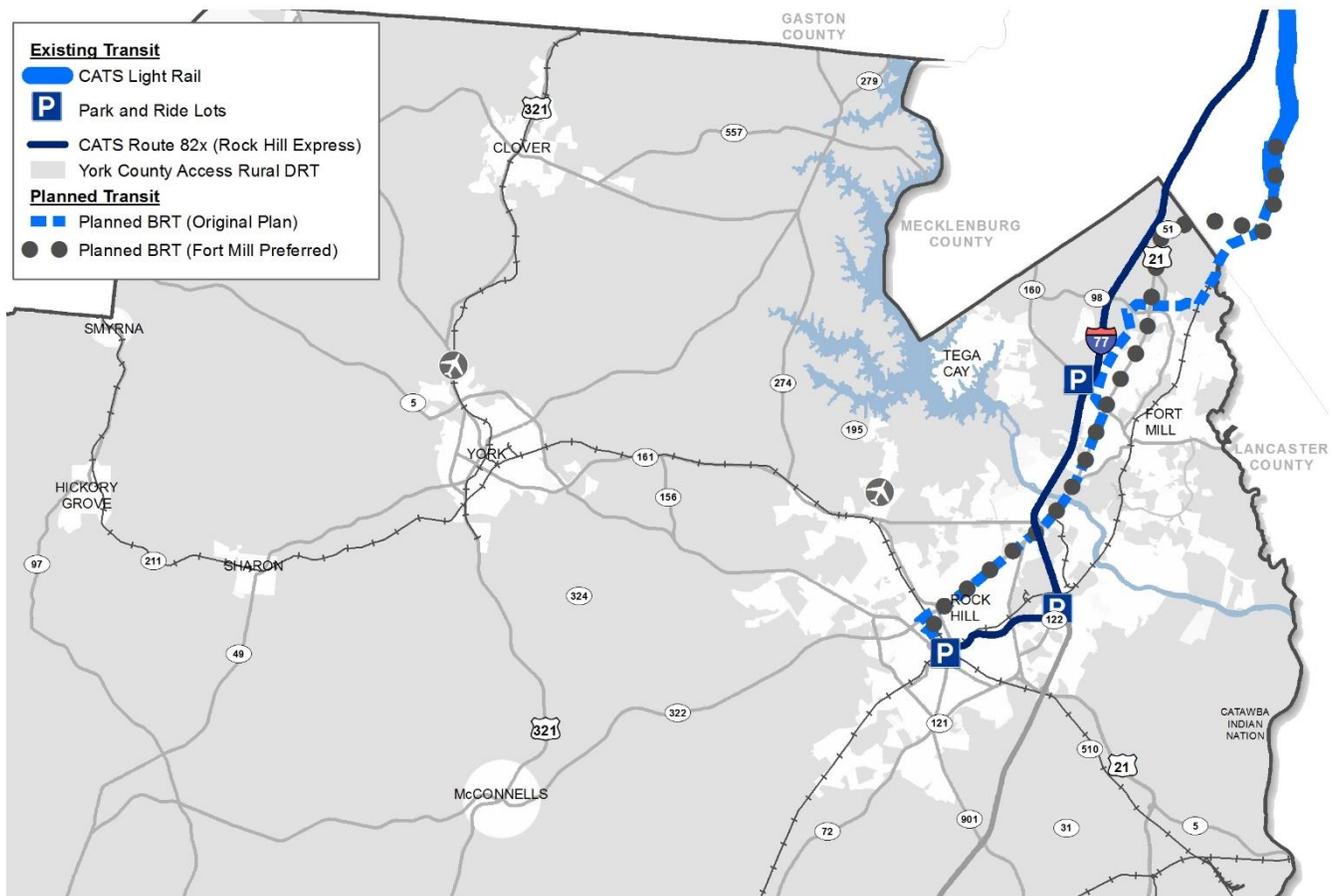
SOURCE: CATS WEBSITE

CATS express bus route 82X is operated by CATS with funding shared between the City of Rock Hill and CATS. This route provides a transportation option for York County citizens commuting between Rock Hill and Charlotte. The service operates during weekday peak hours with stops in downtown Rock Hill, Manchester Cinemas, and Baxter Village. Estimated daily ridership in FY 2014 was 65-80 passengers.

CATS route 42 is a feeder bus route connecting Carowinds Boulevard to the I-485 light rail station. Although the route operates in weekdays and weekends, it only makes stops within York County during weekday peak hours.

The CATS vanpool service is a program that allows groups of commuters to share a ride in either a 7 passenger minivan or a 15 passenger van to a common destination that is not served by a regular CATS transit route. There are a few vanpools currently operating in York County to major employment destinations, such as Duke Energy.

Map 28: Existing Transit



In 2007, RFATS completed the Rock Hill-York County-Charlotte Rapid Transit Study to examine the potential for a fixed-route transit corridor to be supported between the RFATS Study Area and Charlotte's light rail system. This study concluded that the best option would be a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line running from downtown Rock Hill along US -21, through the Town of Fort Mill's Kingsley development, ultimately connecting to the I-485 Light Rail station in Charlotte. The BRT line would operate partly on a dedicated busway and partly in general traffic.

Recognizing that making land use and zoning policy changes early in the transit development process makes transit projects more viable and competitive for federal funds, RFATS Study Area participants expanded on this initial study by creating a Technical Team, made up of appropriate staff from participating jurisdictions, and an Advisory Committee,

composed of appointed and elected officials. The Technical Team drafted a Transit Oriented Design (TOD) Model Ordinance that encourages transit-supportive land uses and development regulations, connects major corridor destinations, and preserves rights-of-way for the transit alignment where appropriate through new development areas.

The next step towards implementation included the development of a multi-jurisdictional Memorandum of Understanding supporting the common elements from the TOD Model Ordinance. Unfortunately, a MOU executed by all three of the jurisdictions that regulate property along the proposed BRT route still remains to be completed, due to pre-existing development agreements along specific parcels in the Town of Fort Mill's jurisdiction.

AIR QUALITY

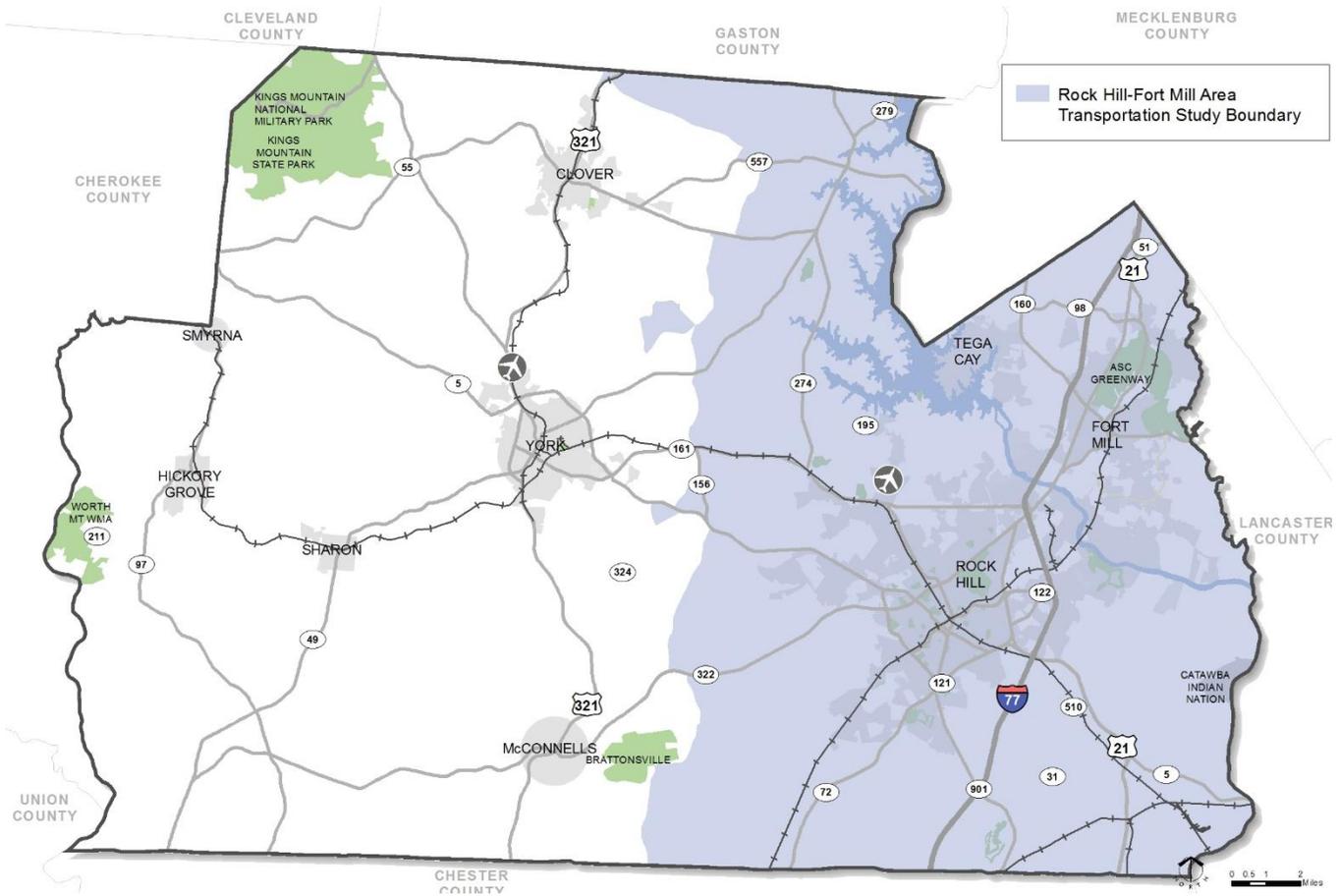
The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set and revise National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants considered harmful to public health and the environment every five years. Using data from each state's ozone monitoring network and recommendations from the respective states, the EPA determines if geographic areas of the state are in attainment (meet the standard) or nonattainment (exceed the standard).

Pollutant emissions, which jeopardize York County's compliance with Clean Air Act standards, include carbon monoxide, ozone, and particulate matter. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is formed from incomplete combustion and inhibits the body's ability to transport oxygen in the bloodstream. Ozone pollution is formed when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) react in the presence of sunlight. Ozone is normally found in the upper atmosphere, where it filters ultraviolet (UV) rays from reaching the Earth's surface. Ozone found near the Earth's surface has been discovered to be harmful to living creatures. As a result, the EPA has imposed limits on safe exposure to it. Ozone is a byproduct of pollution generated from internal combustion processes, among other sources. Particulate matter (PM) refers to airborne particles that can be inhaled and reduce lung function. Larger particles come from windblown dust, unpaved roads, and street sand. Smaller particles are more hazardous to health and come from motor vehicles, power generation, diesel emissions, and wood smoke.

The EPA designated boundary that encompasses a portion of York County is referred to as the bi-state Charlotte area, which includes the RFATS Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundary for the York County area along with contiguous portions of North Carolina. The eastern portion of York County was designated as nonattainment (above the 1997 standard of 0.08ppm) for ozone in 2004 due to being part of the Charlotte Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA), even though the York County monitor indicated that ozone concentrations were below the 1997 standard at that time. Generally, MSAs and MPOs share transportation, economic, population, and other related air quality factors that contribute to ground-level ozone formation.

In 2012, the EPA issued final area designations for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. At that time, all of South Carolina was classified as being in air quality attainment, with the exception of the eastern, urbanized area of York County which is considered to contribute to violations at air quality monitors in the Charlotte area. The Catawba Indian Nation in eastern York County was deemed in air quality attainment.

Map 29: Air Quality



Although York County is fortunate to not have the extreme congestion problems experienced in more populated counties, delay is becoming more prevalent in the urbanized areas. Beyond the annual hours of delay experienced by drivers, increased fuel expenditures from idling, and economic impacts that congestion causes, vehicles idling in traffic create air quality concerns. As emerging federal air quality standards promise to become more stringent, York County continues to measure proposed transportation infrastructure projects and industrial growth against the boundaries of acceptable pollutant levels established by the EPA. The rapid growth occurring in York County makes development and implementation of strategies for emission reductions an even greater challenge.

The RFATS MPO has been fortunate to receive Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funding for projects that demonstrate reductions in ozone and particulate pollutants within EPA designated non-attainment areas, as well as incident response services. Incident responders make minor repairs to disabled vehicles, assist with traffic control and incident management, and provide first aid until emergency medical service arrives. CMAQ funds typically require a 20% local match. CMAQ funds have been beneficial to York County residents, as they have supplemented local funding to make several major intersections safer and more efficient.

AIR/FREIGHT/RAIL

York County relies extensively on the highway system to move the majority of freight, but it is fortunate to have its own airport for commercial and leisure purposes. The Rock Hill-York County Airport, known as Bryant Field, is a reliever airport owned and operated by the City of Rock Hill. A joint City/County Airport Commission advises the City Council on operational matters and advises both the City and County Councils on planning and capital improvements.

A challenge to this airport's ability to grow is its proximity to the Charlotte Douglas International airport, which recently expanded, and the increased density of residential development in the area surrounding the airport. On the other hand, the smaller size of the Rock Hill-York County Airport can be a bonus to corporate entities in the Charlotte market who seek a more private, relaxed environment with a short commute time to the metropolitan area.

Rock Hill-York County Airport Bryant Field Master Plan

<http://www.cityofrockhill.com/departments/airport/more/airport/master-plan>

As part of the Charlotte metropolitan region, York County must address the need to build a relationship between transportation systems, business development and job growth, and freight-supportive land uses in the rural and urban areas to make the movement of freight more efficient. Through the Catawba Regional Council of Governments, York County supported the Centralina Council of Governments effort to develop a Regional Freight Mobility Plan in 2014. Notice of award of a USDOT grant to fund implementation of the plan is pending approval.

Regional Freight Mobility Plan

<http://www.centralina.org/regional-planning/transportation/freight/>

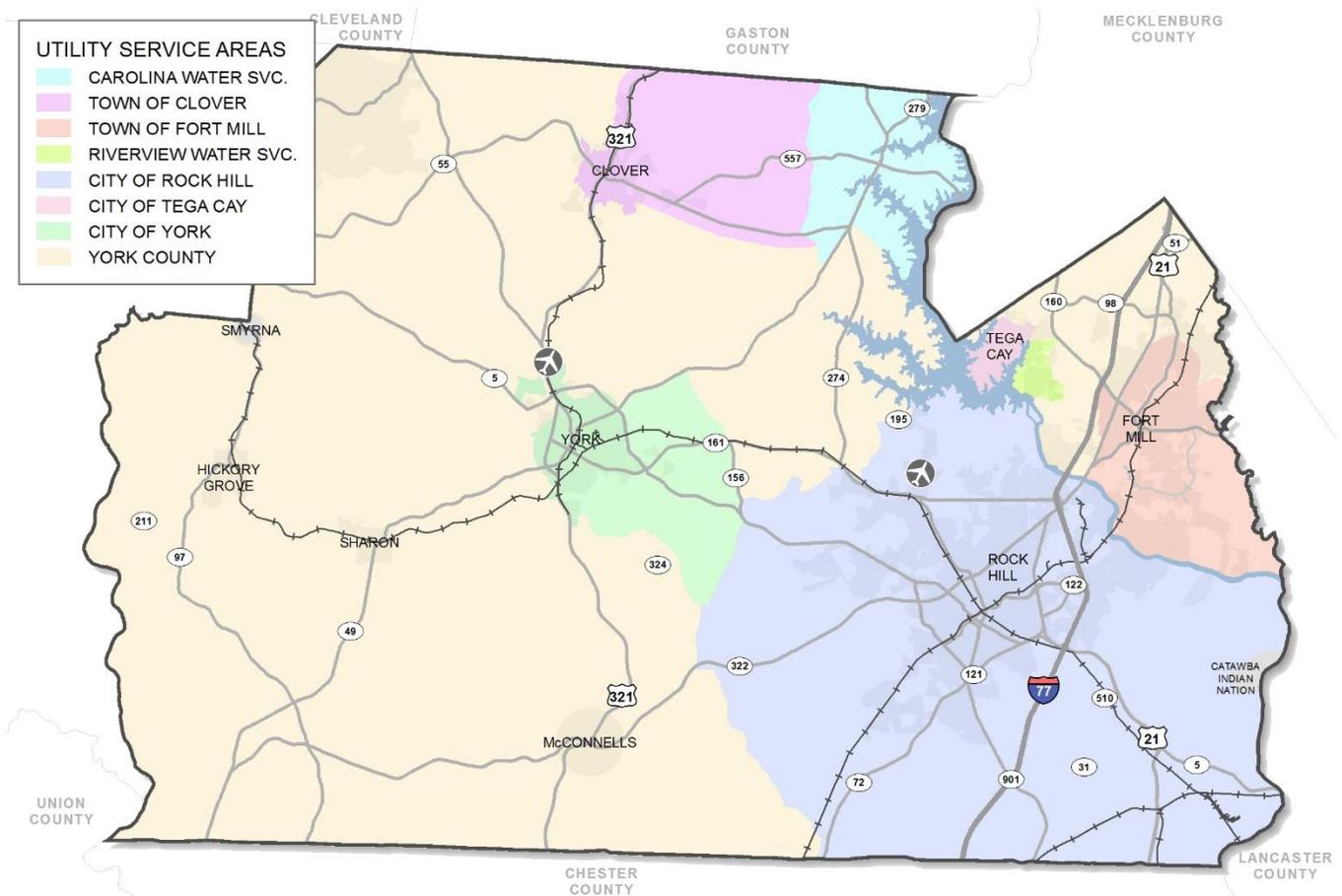
COMMUNITY FACILITIES

UTILITIES

Water and Sewer

While most county residences still use wells and septic tanks for their water and sewer needs, many businesses and residences in the County's urbanized areas are served by the local municipality, the County or a private water and sewer service company. The county is divided into eight separate exclusive service areas where each provider has the right to deliver water services. See Map 30 for a map of the different providers and their agreed upon districts.

Map 30: Utility Service Areas



York County operates a system of water distribution lines in the more urbanized areas of the County. Currently the County purchases all its potable water through a wholesale agreement with the City of Rock Hill who maintains the water intake and treatment system. Rock Hill receives its raw water from the Lake Wylie and the Catawba River at two intake points which are located immediately west of the Lake Wylie Dam and at the Catawba River near US-21. The raw water is pumped to the water filter plant on Cherry Road for chemical disinfection and treatment and then distributed to the city's wholesale and retail customers. The City of York is the only other jurisdiction that collects and treats water and distributes water and sewer services to those within their city limits.

The County provides sewage collection services to some areas of the County. The system includes a series of collection lines, gravity flow mains and force mains leading to the City of Rock Hill's Manchester Creek Treatment Facility.

The County's Engineering Department oversees water and sewer capital improvement projects. These projects are funded by the County with some assistance through other sources such as grants and partnerships. A complete list of projects is located on the Engineering Department's page of the County's website. Three current and near future notable projects are:

- Steele Creek sewer pump station improvements (underway)
- New Heritage sewer pump station relocation
- New elevated water storage tank (US Highway 21)

Wastewater Treatment

The City of Rock Hill collects and treats wastewater and produces cleaned water for discharge into the Catawba River. Wastewater is transported from the customer to a series of collection lines to the Manchester Creek treatment facility. At the facility, sewage undergoes a process to remove physical, chemical and biological contaminants. The effluent stream is separated from sludge and discharged back into the environment.

Solid Waste

York County's solid waste collection and recycling program operates and maintains 16 collection centers strategically located throughout the County for the disposal and recycling of household garbage. A sample of the recyclables collected include aluminum cans, cardboard, plastics, newspapers, used motor oil, latex paint and appliances. York County also operates a solid waste transfer station designed for the processing of municipal solid waste. The waste is received from municipalities and private waste haulers and placed onto trailers for transfer and disposal in an approved landfill facility in Richland County, SC. Finally, York County operates an active Construction, Demolition and Land-Clearing Debris landfill with a permitted annual tonnage limit of 62,000 tons.

All County solid waste collection, temporary storage, loading facilities and C&D landfill are operated and maintained as an integral function of the York County Solid Waste Management Plan and the effectiveness of the facilities are evaluated on a day-to-day basis. This Solid Waste Management Plan has served the County well over the past years. As population numbers increase in certain areas of the County and the various centers and services become congested overburdened the County will respond by adding additional service centers or expanding capacity.

Electric

The county is served by a variety of electric utility companies. York Electric Cooperative serves over 43,000 households and businesses throughout the County. Duke Energy is the other private utility company serving York county homes and businesses. Duke Energy supplies and delivers energy to approximately 7.2 million people in the US and 33,000 people here in York County. The third electric provider is the City of Rock Hill who provides electric service to more than 30,000 residential and commercial customers in the greater Rock Hill area. According to discussions during the recent Stakeholder Interview all electric utilities that serve the County consider themselves on a good pace to provide electric service as new residential and commercial developments are brought online.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Safety

The Department of Fire Safety offers residents a wide range of fire prevention and fire protection services. Employees are trained and equipped to provide fire safety inspections, fire investigations, and public fire education programs for people of all ages. Because volunteers are crucial to the rural fire system, the department supplies the County's 16 volunteer fire departments with in-depth firefighting instruction at its training facility on Ogden Road in Rock Hill, SC. Additionally, the department's award-winning fire truck building and maintenance program continues to earn a reputation for excellence by saving tax dollars and by providing state-of-the-art equipment.

Public Safety

The mission of the York County Sheriff's office is to provide for the safety and protection of the citizens and businesses of York County through proven full service law enforcement practices. These practices include both reactive and proactive responses to activities, ensure that public interests and constitutionally guaranteed liberties are protected and that the judicial process is followed according to the law. York County Sheriff's Office personnel achieve this mission by maintaining a high level of work ethics, integrity and ethical standards in the performance of their duty.

Emergency Management

The York County Office of Emergency Management maintains the Emergency Operations Plan which establishes policies and procedures to assure the maximum and most effective utilization of all resources in the County, minimize the loss of life and or injury to the population and protect and conserve resources and facilities in the County during emergencies resulting from natural and man-made disasters or war.

PARKS, RECREATION, GREENWAYS & OPEN SPACE

State and Federal Lands

The DNR McConnells Tract- The DNR McConnells Tract consists of 249 acres and lies approximately 1.5 miles west northwest of the town of McConnells. There are currently about 22 acres of open land on this tract that includes wildlife openings and food plots.

Draper Tract- The Draper Tract encompasses 806 acres. Originally 1,241 acres, a 435 acre portion was purchased by York County and added to neighboring Brattonville in 1994. In addition to hunting, fishing is available in the three stocked ponds. Although managed for hunting, other forms of outdoor recreation such as hiking, biking, and bird watching are very popular here because of its proximity to Charlotte and Rock Hill.

Herb Kirsh Wildlife Management Area- This tract consists of approximately 357 acres and lies about 5.5 miles west of the town of McConnells. Turkey Creek bisects the tract and thus provides a wide bottomland habitat of scattered hardwoods. The remaining acreage is comprised mostly of planted loblolly pine.

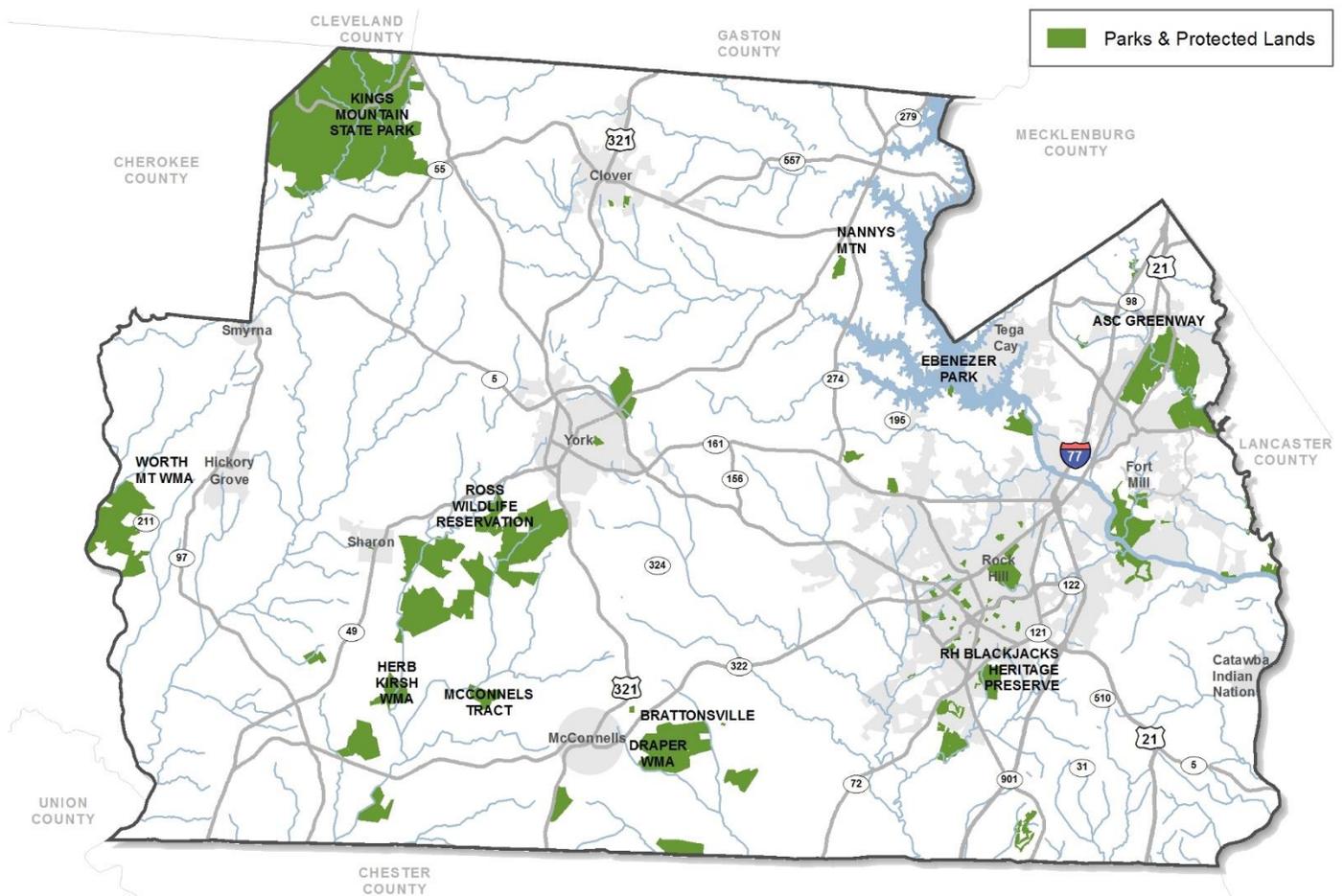
James Ross Wildlife Reservation- The James Ross Wildlife Reservation consists of 305 acres and lies approximately 2 miles southwest of the Town of York. Pine timber stands comprise about 150 acres of the land. A significant number of desirable mast producing hardwood species such as red beech and dogwood also occur on the tract and account for approximately 145 acres. Several small wildlife openings are present.

Kings Mountain National Military Park / Kings Mountain State Park - The Kings Mountain National Military Park and the adjacent Kings Mountain State Park sit in the eastern foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and offer a significant contrast from area's typically gently rolling terrain. Together, they compose a total of 8,365 acres that including a moderately difficult 16-mile looped trail. The site of a famous Revolutionary War battle, Kings Mountain National Military Park and the adjoining Kings Mountain State Park are popular destinations for recreation of all kinds and a key resource of open space in the County.

Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve - The Rock Hill Blackjacks Heritage Preserve covers 291 acres at the edge of the City of Rock Hill in York County. This small area is all that remains of the once widespread prairie system in South Carolina. The Blackjacks exist in 12 counties of the Piedmont, and host unique communities of plants and animals. The preserve hosts a walking trail leading through diverse habitats including 3 rare plant communities and 21 rare plant species.

The parks noted above and additional protected lands and natural resources are included in Map 31.

Map 31: Parks and Protected Lands



County Parks

Brattonsville - Brattonsville is the oldest settlement in up-state South Carolina. The first settlers arrived to York County in the 1740's and 50's. In 1994 York County purchased the land. It has since added a 426 acre portion of the Draper estate and the 55-acre Mendenhall tract. These parcels together define Historic Brattonsville as exists today as a 775-acre internationally known historical site. It is one of the most important and often visited cultural attractions in South Carolina, standing as a testament to the pioneering spirit and industry of the Bratton family and to the hard work and sacrifice of their descendants and slaves.

Ebenezer Park - Ebenezer Park, consisting of 26 acres, is located in the northern portion of York County on the shores of Lake Wylie. Opened in 1988, the County leases the property from Duke Energy/Crescent Resources. This park is the only county operated recreation area with a full staff which includes a resident superintendent. The park has 69 campsites, 5 picnic shelters, 3 boat ramps, and a playground area. These attractions are very popular during the summer months when the park attracts the bulk of its 27,000 annual visitors.

Nanny's Mountain - Nanny's Mountain was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 because of its significance during the Revolutionary War as a rich source of iron. Several iron mines on the mountain supplied Hill's Ironworks which opened in 1779. The ironworks, now thought to be under Lake Wylie, supplied cannons and cannon balls to patriot forces. A 1.1 mile trail leads to the summit where there is an education pavilion, picnic area, and a lookout.

Worth Mountain - Worth Mountain is a 1,647 acre tract that has nearly two miles of frontage on the Broad River. The tract was acquired in the mid 1990's through a purchase by York County Forever, an acquisition made possible through generosity of the Dalton family. Formerly the Dalton Ranch, the longtime hunting preserve continues to serve as such as a South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Management Area.

Proposed Facilities

Currently, the County does not provide formal park and recreation services to its citizens, therefore no monies have been set aside in the Capital Facilities Plan for a future park. However, land has been set in the Lake Wylie area for a future 50 acre park that will service the unincorporated community of Lake Wylie. This park will contain three lighted baseball fields and three lighted multiuse fields. Another facility, Allison Creek Park, that currently contains a boat launch only, located on Lake Wylie is proposed and will contain camping spaces, hiking trails, expanded fishing opportunities, and swimming beach.

Private Facilities

Open space and trails are provided throughout the more urbanized areas by Homeowners Associations (HOA), faith based organizations, the YMCA, and Nation Ford Land Trust.

Trails and Greenways

Table 33: Trails and Parks

TRAILS AND PARKS			
CITY	ACRES OF PARKLAND	MILES OF TRAILS	MILES OF PLANNED TRAILS
Fort Mill	2,324	35	48 ⁸
Tega Cay	45	3.6	0
Rock Hill	388	21.24	31.64
Clover	85.9	0.8	5.58
York	59	1	0

Nations for Greenway - A project of the Nation Ford Land Trust, the Nation Ford Greenway is currently composed of the Springfield Trail just over 2 miles in length. The trail is planned to expand in the coming years into a 31 mile trail system linking the Catawba River, the Anne Springs Close Greenway, the Sugar Creek Greenway in Mecklenburg County, Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Tega Cay, and the future York County Museum of Life and the Environment. When complete, the greenway will host a number of parks, conservation areas and interpretive centers, offering outdoor education opportunities for all ages. The greenway may also connect many other regional points of interest and trails by way of the Carolina Thread Trail.

Carolina Thread Trail - In 2008, York County adopted the Carolina Thread Trail Master Plan. The plan identifies potential location for approximately 225 miles of existing and future trails and greenways that will link York County to Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lancaster, Chester, Cherokee, and Cleveland Counties. This plan is the outcome of a year-long public process spearheaded by the Carolina Thread Trail initiative and supervised by a steering committee of representatives from York County municipal and county governments as well as interested organizations, businesses and individuals. The Carolina Thread Trail's mission is to bring resources to the 15 county region in the south-central piedmont of North Carolina and the north-central portion of South Carolina in order to create an interconnected trail system with major regional trails designated as The Carolina Thread Trail.

Three priority segments were identified: Kings Mountain State and Military Park to State Line; Lake Wylie Dam to Highway 21 Bridge; Nations Ford Greenway to, along Sugar Creek Greenway to Lancaster County Bridge. The Kings Mountain Segment has been built. The Segment from the Dam to Highway 21 Bridge is currently under planning and easement acquisition. The Sugar Creek Greenway segment, has largely been developed.

Other constructed segments include Ann Springs Close Greenway - Blue Star Trail (Fort Mill) (1 Mile), Piedmont Medical Center Trail; Baxter Community Trail (2.25 Miles); Piedmont Medical Center Trail 2.2 Miles and Manchester Meadows Trail (Rock Hill) (1.1 Miles). These segments and the planned segments of the Carolina Thread Trail can be seen in

⁸ Based on Fort Mill Comprehensive Plan

Map 32.

Map 32: Carolina Thread Trail



Municipal Parks

Park and recreations services in York County for are largely provided by municipal governments. County residents pay proportionate share fees collected from property taxes which are directed to each of the municipalities.

Table 34: Municipal Parks and Facilities

MUNICIPAL PARK FACILITIES			
NOTABLE MUNICIPAL PARKS	ACRES	LOCATION	AMENITIES
Ann Springs Close Greenway	2,300	Fort Mill	Natural open space, mountain bike, pedestrian and equestrian trails; camping; fishing
Doby's Bridge Park	14	Fort Mill	3 lighted softball fields
Stateline Sports Complex	11	Fort Mill	3 soccer Fields (1 lighted)
Runde Park	8	Tega Cay	2 lighted baseball/softball fields
Turner Memorial Field	10	Tega Cay	1 lighted baseball/1 Soccer field
Winthrop University Recreation Complex	350	Rock Hill	1 lighted baseball field; 4 lighted softball fields; 4 lighted lacrosse fields, disk golf; cross country course; track
River Park	70	Rock Hill	Passive Recreation/CanoeLaunch
Manchester Meadows	70	Rock Hill	8 lighted soccer fields including 2 field turf fields
Cherry Park	68	Rock Hill	5 lighted softball Fields; 5 multi-purpose fields
Giordana Velodrome	3.82	Rock Hill (Riverwalk)	250 m World Class Velodrome
Presbyterian Sports Medicine BMX Supercross Track	2.26	Rock Hill (Riverwalk)	2 World Class courses
Riverwalk Parks		Rock Hill (Riverwalk)	2 lighted Soccer Fields (Currently); Mountain Biking Trails; 2.25 Mile Trail; canoe launch; cyclocross (future)
New Centre Park	50	Clover	4 lighted Soccer fields
Clover Community Park	21	Clover	2 lighted baseball fields
York Recreation Complex	30	York	5 lighted baseball/softball fields

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES

Public Schools

Throughout the greater Charlotte region, York County is well known for providing a first-rate public school education. In fact, all of York County's school districts received a rating of "Excellent" in the 2014 South Carolina Federal Report Card. Fort Mill and Clover school districts have received this rating for the past four years. Additionally, York County students continue to improve their composite SAT scores with three of the four school districts performing better than the state average and one better than the national average during the 2014 test year.

York County's public education system is separated into the following four school districts: York (District 1), Clover (District 2), Rock Hill (District 3), and Fort Mill (District 4). Each district operates individually with its own school board, budget and administration. These school districts serve all County residents, including those residing in the unincorporated area of the County as well as those residing in the towns and cities. Student population continues to increase. This year the district serves 42,248 students which is an increase 874 from the previous school year with most of the new students located in the Fort Mill School District.

District 1 – York School District

As of the 2014-2015 school year the YSD operated a total of 10 schools, comprising of five elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school, one technology center and one alternative education center. The current total school

enrollment is 5,167. According to Superintendent Dr. Vernon Prosser, the York district is in a good position to meet the space requirements of a growing student population.

District 2 - Clover School District

As of the 2014-2015 school year the Clover SD operated a total of 10 schools, comprising of six elementary schools, two middle schools, one high school and one alternative school. The current total school enrollment is 6,867 students. They have 400 acres of land and 1.4 millions square feet of education and administrative space. A new elementary school is currently under construction and is scheduled to open for the in August 2016. It will accommodate 750 students and help relieve the overcrowding at Crowders Creek Elementary School. The 2014 bond referendum will provide funding for a new elementary school, a new (replacement) middle school, renovation of current middle school into a ninth grade academy, athletic facility upgrades and a new aquatic and fitness center.

District 3 - Rock Hill District

The Rock Hill School District is the largest school district in York County with a student population of approximately 17,400. The district operates a total of 27 schools, comprising of one preschool, 17 elementary schools, five middle schools and three high schools and one career/technology center. They have 1,136 acres of land and 3,118,248 square feet of education and administrative space. The Rock Hill School District has not experienced the rate of growth like Clover and Fort Mill. Therefore, most of their schools are within capacity limits. However, as the areas to the north reach build out, it is likely the school district will begin to experience new growth pressures.

District 4 - Fort Mill School District (FMSD)

As of the 2014-2015 school year the FMSD operated with a total of 15 schools, comprising of nine elementary schools, four middle schools and two high schools. Serving one of the fastest growing areas of the County, the August 2014 enrollment was estimated to be over 12,500 which is a 6-7% increase over the previous year. In order to keep pace with the growth and remove the enrollment freeze in a few schools, the district opened two new elementary schools for the 2014-2015 school year. In January 2015 the new Riverview Elementary School opened allowing for the expansion of Fort Mill HS into the current Riverview building. The school district is currently considering a new bond referendum to properly prepare for the continuous and rapid student growth population that is projected over the next five years.

Private Schools

There are approximately 15 private schools in York County serving 1,800 students. The vast majority of the schools have a religious affiliation. Below is a list of the larger private schools in York County.

Table 35: Private Schools in York County

PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN YORK COUNTY			
SCHOOL	LOCATION	GRADES	STUDENTS
Blessed Hope Baptist School	York	PK-12	158
Comenius School for Creative Learning	Fort Mill	K-12	140
St Anne School	Rock Hill	PK-8	262
Trinity Christian School	Rock Hill	PK-12	247
Walnut Grove Christian School	Fort Mill	K-12	119
Westminster Catawba Christian School	Rock Hill	PK-12	467
Lake Point Academy	Lake Wylie	K-12	127

Colleges and Universities

York County is home to three higher education institutions: Winthrop University, York Technical College and Clinton College.

Winthrop University is a public, comprehensive university that is committed to be among the very best institutions of its kind in the nation. Through an educational experience that blends liberal arts, professional programs, global awareness and civic engagement; Winthrop students develop the knowledge, skills, and values that prepare them for all the future holds. Winthrop's campus encompasses a rich architectural blend of neo-Georgian buildings and is included in the National Register of Historic Places. An attractive recreational area surrounds Winthrop Lake and includes a 6,100-seat coliseum, a 2,000-seat ballpark, softball, track, soccer and tennis complexes, a 9-hole golf course, an 18-hole disc golf course, and numerous recreational athletic fields. Winthrop has 6,130 students representing 41 states and 47 countries. The University offers 42 undergraduate programs and 40 graduate programs. The average class size for undergraduate lecture courses is 22 students.

York Technical College, a member of the South Carolina Technical and Comprehensive Education System, is a public, two-year institution of higher education that offers a variety of associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Through maximizing student success, the College seeks to contribute to the economic growth and development of York, Lancaster, and Chester counties and of the State. York Technical College has an open admissions policy for qualified students and annually enrolls 8,000-10,000 credit students. Through excellence in teaching and learning, the College provides program offerings, in a variety of delivery methods, in the areas of engineering technology, industrial technology, information technology, business, health sciences, and public service and transfer to senior colleges and universities. In addition, the College offers a comprehensive selection of corporate and continuing education courses designed to promote occupational advancement, personal interest, and business and industry growth.

Clinton College was one of many schools established by the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church during Reconstruction years, to help eradicate illiteracy among freedmen. Clinton is the oldest institution of higher education in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The College has operated continuously for 120 years. IN May 2013, the Transnational Association for Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS) approved the College to offer two four-year programs; a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. In view of the four-year programs, the school's name was changed from Clinton Junior College, to Clinton College. In keeping with its 120 year tradition, Clinton College offers an academic environment that not only promotes intellectual growth, but also fosters positive moral, ethical, and spiritual values. The school has a proud heritage as a Christian College, striving to prepare men and women to be lifelong learners, active participating citizens, and good stewards of society.

LIBRARIES

The York County Library is headquartered in Rock Hill, with branches in Clover, Fort Mill, Lake Wylie and York. In addition, the Library provides its Bookmobile, which visits nursing homes, daycares and other locations throughout the York County community, and homebound and outreach services.

Continuing its commitment to learning for education and entertainment, the York County Library offers a variety of free programs for adults, teenagers and children. From local author visits to theatre performances, everyone can find something to meet his or her interests. The Library also provides classes for learning to use computers and the Internet.

Along with its collection of books, periodicals, audio books, DVDs and video cassettes, and more, the York County Library offers numerous electronic resources through its website and its numerous subscription databases, most of which can be accessed around the clock from any computer. With computer terminals featuring Internet access, educational software and more available at the main library and each branch, York County Library is well-equipped to meet the needs of the community in this digital age.

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

The County government currently has offices in 31 different locations which are either owned or leased. The services at these various facilities can be organized into five main categories: administration, emergency services, sheriff services, the court system and finally planning, development and public works. Most of the facilities are clustered in downtown York, the Moss Justice Center or Heckle Boulevard in Rock Hill. The County is currently reviewing a facilities study that considered the age, ownership, location, and operation of all county facilities. The results will determine the most cost efficient and effective use of the County's current facilities and provide direction for new facilities and the proper funding mechanisms.