Board of Commissioners' Agenda

February 16, 2021

Commission Meetings are held at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no public attendance will be permitted. The public will be able to watch the meeting via Facebook Live @Buncombegov.

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- March 2 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.

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**MINUTES OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AT 5 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 16, 2021, in the Commission Chambers, 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 5 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Brownie Newman, Chairman
Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Commissioner
Amanda Edwards, Commissioner
Robert Pressley, Commissioner
Parker Sloan, Commissioner
Terri Wells, Commissioner
Al Whitesides, Vice Chair

Staff present: Avril Pinder, County Manager; Sybil Tate, Assistant County Manager; Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Manager; Donald Warn, Finance Director; Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director; Sharon Burke, Human Resources Director; Jennifer Pike, Tax Collector; Keith Miller, Tax Assessor; Taylor Jones, Emergency Services Director; Stoney Blevins, Health and Human Services Director; Tim Love, Intergovernmental Relations; Nathan Pennington, Planning Director; Lamar Joyner, Clerk to the Board; Michael Frue, Senior Staff Attorney; Heather Hockaday, Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The Chairman requested a moment of silence to remember the life and service to the community of former Weaverville Mayor, Mary "Bett" Stroud.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Whitesides motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and the remainder of the agenda. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Bridgers expressed displeasure with noise produced by the Jacob Holms and Haakon plants and requested that the noise ordinance be changed.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Metropolitan Sewerage District (MSD) Board**

Tom Hartye, General Manager of MSD, detailed the history and background of the Metropolitan Sewerage District. An explanation of some recent and future projects was provided.

- **Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission**

Demp Bradford, President, provided an update to the commissioners on the past year events, upcoming events, and the challenges of scheduling events due to COVID-19.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Avril Pinder, County Manager, updated the Board on the Vance Monument Joint Task Force activities and information about recommendations for local reparations.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Gift Card Policy**

Ron Venturella and Mason Scott, both form Finance, detailed the necessity for the policy update is due to reorganization of departments and programs that use gift cards as a method of service delivery. The Gift Card Policy currently prevents some of these programs from using gift cards to continue provision of existing services.

Vice Chair Whitesides moved to approve the resolution and policy with additional efforts to disclose the person(s)/position(s) managing the purchase of gift cards. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

- **Budget Amendment for Safety & Justice Challenge Grant Renewal**

Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director, explained that the County has been awarded a second round of funding in the amount of $1.75 million, which will start April 1st, 2021 and run through March 31st, 2023. The grant will continue the efforts of the original grant to safely reduce the county's jail population.

Chairman Newman moved to accept the grant. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Sloan seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Chairman Newman moved to approve one new and extend nine grant-funded positions, as long as grant funding is available. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Jennifer Bubenik** and **Brenton Faircloth** to the **Asheville Planning & Zoning Board**.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Michael Holgate** and **Mark Morris** to the **Board of Equalization & Review**.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint, by general consensus of receiving the most votes, **Ken Kahn** (Erwin School District), **Timothy Collins** (Asheville City School District), and **Cindy Visnich-Weeks** (At Large) to the **Planning Board**.

Chairman Newman moved to appoint **Commissioner Amanda Edwards** to the **Local Emergency Planning Committee**. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- *March 2 @ 3 p.m. - Commissioners' Briefing at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*
- *March 2 @ 5 p.m. - Commissioners' Regular Meeting at 200 College Street, Room 326 in downtown Asheville.*

Vice Chair Whitesides moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beach-Ferrara seconded and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

LAMAR JOYNER, CLERK
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BROWNIE NEWMAN, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 21-02-06

RESOLUTION AWARDING A SERVICE FIREARM TO A RETIRING DEPUTY OF THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Sherri Hines is retiring from the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office after 18 years of service; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.2 authorizes boards of county commissioners to award to a retiring member of a law-enforcement agency with countywide jurisdiction, such as a sheriff's office, or surviving relatives of such a member, upon request, the service side arm of such deceased or retiring members, at a price determined by such governing body, upon determining that the person receiving the weapon is not ineligible to own, possess, or receive a firearm under the provisions of State or federal law, or if the weapon has been rendered incapable of being fired.

WHEREAS, it is the practice of this Board to provide a member of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office who retires through the North Carolina Local Government Retirement System with ten (10) or more years of service with said Office, or who retires due to medical disability, and who meets the qualifications of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.2, with the service side arm used by the member at the time of the member's retirement at a price of zero ($0) dollars; and

WHEREAS, this board finds that the individual named above carried, at the time of the individual's retirement, a service side arm more particularly described as a Glock Model 17, serial number RSV 178, and that the individual named above has requested and is entitled to receive said service side arm in working order at a price fixed by this Board

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-187.2, the individual named above is hereby awarded the service side arm descried above for a price of zero ($0) dollars.

2. That the County Manager or her designee is authorized to undertake any action(s) necessary to transfer the service side arm descried above to the individual named above.

3. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

This the 16th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

Consent Agenda

Department: Emergency Services / Legal and Risk

Presenter(s): Angie Ledford and/or Michael Frue

Contact(s): Angie Ledford / Michael Frue

Subject: Buncombe County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Brief Summary: the United States prescribed for local emergency planning and reporting requirements through legislation passed in 1986. The general intent of the legislation is to increase the public's knowledge and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses, and releases into the environment. The Buncombe County Local Emergency Planning Committee ("LEPC") has been operation for many years, but the Clerk to the Board has no record that the State created a local county planning district or that the County established a LEPC.

By legislation, the State commission appoints the LEPC members.

By practice and by-laws the "Director of Buncombe County Emergency Services shall submit the list of official nominees or replacements to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), requesting official appointment." Members serve a 2 year term.

Any local elected official shall be appointed.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve the Resolution Establishing and Ratifying the Buncombe County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation: Manager recommends approval as presented.

Resolution # 21-02-07

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND RATIFYING THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

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WHEREAS, the United States prescribed for local emergency planning and reporting requirements through legislation passed in 1986 and codified in 42 US Code Chapter 116, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act ("EPCRA");

WHEREAS, the general intent of EPCRA is to increase the public's knowledge and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses, and releases into the environment;

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Local Emergency Planning Committee, hereinafter sometimes “LEPC," has been in operation for many years, but the Clerk to the Board has no record that the State created a local county planning district or that the County established a LEPC; and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that it is in the best interests of the County to formally establish the County LEPC and to ratify its operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That Buncombe County Local Emergency Planning Committee is hereby formally established.

2. That all acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

3. Any prior resolutions or parts thereof of the Board in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

4. That this resolution is effective upon adoption.

This the 16th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

_____
County Attorney

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Background & Member Expectations

Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) were created as a result of the federal government passing the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA). The law stipulated that communities should have a committee develop an emergency response plan, review the plan at least annually, monitor and develop procedures for the public to request information about reportable chemicals in the community.

Local LEPC's also act as a receiving point for a Tier II report. Tier II reports, officially known as Emergency & Hazardous Chemical Inventory Forms, are submitted annually to the LEPC, as well as to local Fire Departments and the State Emergency Response Commission. The form identifies all chemicals that a business stores that are above the reporting thresholds (as set by the Federal Government) and identifies what hazards they pose, how much they maintain, and lists emergency contact information for the business.

By legislation, the State commission, not our board, appoints the LEPC members.

By practice and by-laws the “Director of Buncombe County Emergency Services shall submit the list of official nominees or replacements to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), requesting official appointment.”

Members serve a 2 year term.

The Buncombe County LEPC will meet bi-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2021, at 9:00am. Meetings are currently being held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Buncombe County 2020 LEPC List

Local:

Gary Higgins	(Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)
Angie Ledford	(Buncombe County EM)
Fletcher Tove	(Buncombe County HHS – Preparedness Coordinator)
Eric Barnes	(Buncombe County HHS – EH/Preparedness Coordinator – Back-Up)
Ashley Featherstone	(WNC Air Quality)
Eddie Leonard	(Shamrock Environmental)
Jessica Houser	(The Laurels of Greentree Ridge)
Ray Dunning	(The Laurels of Greentree Ridge)
Chris Miller	(Alcohol & Drug Abuse Treatment Center)
Samuel Adams	(Black Mountain Neuromedical Treatment Center)
Scott Burnette	(Asheville Fire Department)
Jeremy Knighton	(Asheville Fire Department)
Katie Scheip	(Red Cross)
Dawn Felosa	(Mountains Healthcare Coalition)
Mark Johnson	(Mission Hospital)
Lillian Govus	(CAPE/BCTV)
Kevin Calhoun	(Sheriff's Office)
Jason Walls	(Duke Power)
Deborah Durbin	(Arcadia Beverage)
Karl Katterjohn	(Red Cross)
Sue Ellen Myers	(VAMC)

State Emergency Management Representative:

Jimmie Ramsey	(NCEM)

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

Consent

Department:
Budget

Presenter(s):
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Angela Ledford, Emergency Services
Taylor Jones, Emergency Services

Subject: Urban Search & Rescue Task Force 2 Reimbursement - Hurricane Dorian

Brief Summary:
The North Carolina Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 2 (NCUSAR TF2) is hosted by Buncombe County Emergency Management and includes membership from Fire Department throughout the County. This team is deployable as a State asset and costs for State Missions are reimbursed based on FEMA guidance. NCUSAR TF2 deployed on State Mission #216731 September 2019 in response to Hurricane Dorian. $160,782.12 has been received from NCDPS to reimburse costs associated with this Mission. Of that amount $105,939.05 is due to the Fire Departments that supplied staff and vehicles for this mission while the remaining $54,843 reimbursed related County expenses. Reimbursement for deployments typically involves significant lag time and overlaps fiscal years due to time required after the mission to compile reimbursement paperwork and the time required for review and payment processing at the state level.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:
Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:
County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-02-08

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 General Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2020-2021 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

Requesting Department: Emergency Services
Budget Amendment Item: NC USAR Task Force 2 Deployment Reimbursement - Hurricane Dorian

Description: The North Carolina Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 2 (NCUSAR TF2) is hosted by Buncombe County Emergency Management and includes membership from Fire Department throughout the County. This team is deployable as a State asset and costs for State Missions are reimbursed based on FEMA guidance. NCUSAR TF2 deployed on State Mission #216731 September 2019 in response to Hurricane Dorian. $160,782.12 has been received from NCDPS to reimburse costs associated with this Mission. Of that amount $105,939.05 is due to the Fire Departments that supplied staff and vehicles for this mission while the remaining $54,843 reimbursed related County expenses. Reimbursement for deployments typically involves significant lag time and overlaps fiscal years due to time required after the mission to compile reimbursement paperwork and the time required for review and payment processing at the state level.

Funding Source: NC Department of Public Safety

Exhibit A:	**Increase (Decrease)**	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Emergency Services/State Revenue	$ 105,939	
Emergency Services/Program Support		$ 105,939
TOTAL	$ 105,939	$ 105,939

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By: _____
Chairman of the Board

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2020

Consent Agenda

Department:
Budget

Presenter(s):
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services
Aisha Shepherd, Justice Services

Subject: Methodist Home for Children

Brief Summary:
Buncombe County serves as a passthrough entity for funds allocated to the Western Area Multi-Purpose Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Center (Methodist Home for Children) from the NC Department of Public Safety (NCDPS). The agreement is the 4th year of a 4-year contract.

This amendment:
1) Reconciles the total for FY2021 funds passed through from NCDPS
2) Includes a one-time increase of $43,524 allocated by NCDPS to cover COVID-19 emergency salary increases for contractual programs direct care providers

The additional funds shall be used to ensure appropriate services and resources are provided to the juveniles served by the contract. This amendment increases the contract amount for FY2021 to $950,934. No county funds are required.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:
Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:
County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-02-09

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Grant Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2020-2021 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

Granting Agency:	NC Department of Public Safety, Community Programs
Grant Name:	Methodist Home for Children

Description:

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Funding Source:

Funds allocated by the NC Department of Public Safety. No county dollars are required

Exhibit A:	**Increase (Decrease)**	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Fund 327 - Grant: Methodist Home for Children - 4102:Grant Revenue	$ 50,934	
Fund 327 - Grant: Methodist Home for Children - 6520:Program Support		$ 50,934
TOTAL	$ 50,934	$ 50,934

ATTEST:

Tamara Laymon
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By: Brownie Newman
Chairman of the Board

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

Consent Agenda

Department:
Budget

Presenter(s):
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Sheriff Quentin Miller
Sheri Powers, BCSO Business Administrator

Subject: FY2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - NC GCC

Brief Summary:
The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office is a subrecipient of the FY2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the NC Governor's Crime Commission. Buncombe County was awarded $24,500 to fund 4 sets of night vision equipment. The equipment will be used for night patrol officers regularly responding to emergency dispatch calls in the remote areas of the county's 650+ square miles and along poorly lit back roads of Buncombe County. Compared with night patrols within city limits, Sheriff's Office deputies on routine calls work in the most remote areas with low to very low light conditions. For this reason, there is immediate need for adding readily available night vision equipment and thermal devices.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:
Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:
County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-02-10

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Grant Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2020-2021 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

Granting Agency:	NC Department of Public Safety
Grant Name:	FY2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - NC GCC

Description:
The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office is a subrecipient of the FY2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the NC Governor's Crime Commission. Buncombe County was awarded $24,500 to fund 4 sets of night vision equipment. The equipment will be used for night patrol officers regularly responding to emergency dispatch calls in the remote areas of the county's 650+ square miles and along poorly lit back roads of Buncombe County. Compared with night patrols within city limits, Sheriff's Office deputies on routine calls work in the most remote areas with low to very low light conditions. For this reason, there is immediate need for adding readily available night vision equipment and thermal devices.

Funding Source:
$24,500 awarded through the US DOJ JAG Program.

Exhibit A:	**Increase (Decrease)**	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Fund 327 - JAG 2020 - 4102:Grant Revenue	$ 24,500	
Fund 327 - JAG 2020 - Expenditures		$ 24,500
TOTAL	$ 24,500	$ 24,500

ATTEST:

Tamara Laycock
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By: Brownie Newman
Chairman of the Board

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: February 16, 2021

Consent Agenda

Presenter(s):
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Requesting Department: Health and Human Services
Budget Amendment Item: AA543

Contact(s): Stacie Saunders, Health Director

Subject: Covid Vaccination Program

Brief Summary:
Buncombe County HHS has received additional funding from NC DHHS in the amount of $168,525 for Agreement Addendum 543. This is the second allocation, bringing the total amount of this authorization to $366,415 with the first allotment having been approved through a budget amendment in September 2020. This funding will continue the use of the Covid Nurse team.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:
Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:
County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-02-11

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
General Fund

BOARD MEETING DATE: February 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 General Fund as outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2020-2021 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

Requesting Department: Health and Human Services
Budget Amendment Item: AA543

Description: Buncombe County HHS has received additional funding from NC DHHS in the amount of $168,525 for Agreement Addendum 543. This is the second allocation, bringing the total amount of this authorization to $366,415 with the first allotment having been approved through a budget amendment in September 2020. This funding will continue the use of the Covid Nurse team.

Funding Source:
DPH Agreement Addendum # 543 ELC Enhancing Detection Activities, from Communicable Disease Branch (CDB)

Exhibit A:	**Increase (Decrease)**	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Restricted Intergovernmental	$ 168,525	
Salaries and Benefits		$ 168,525
TOTAL	$ 168,525	$ 168,525

ATTEST:

Tamara Laymon
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By: Brownie Newman
Chairman of the Board

Buncombe County Health and Human Services, Department of Health	Epidemiology / Communicable Disease Branch
Local Health Department Legal Name	**DPH Section / Branch Name**
543 ELC Enhancing Detection Activities	Vanessa M. Greene 919-546-1658 vanessa.greene@dhhs.nc.gov
Activity Number and Description	**DPH Program Contact** **(**name, phone number, and email)
01/20/2020 – 05/31/2021	
Service Period	**DPH Program Signature** **Date** (only required for a negotiable agreement addendum)
07/01/2020 – 06/30/2021	
Payment Period	

☒ **Original Agreement Addendum**
☐ **Agreement Addendum Revision # ___**

I. Background:

The primary mission of the Communicable Disease Branch (CDB) is to reduce morbidity and mortality resulting from communicable diseases that are a significant threat to the public through detection, investigation, testing, treatment, tracking, control, education, and care activities to improve the health of people in North Carolina.

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) CARES Crisis Cooperative Agreement and Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) CARES Cooperative Agreement awards have been critical in supporting North Carolina's response to the coronavirus pandemic. With the addition of the ELC Enhancing Detection award, the primary focus of all three CDC funding sources is: 1) direct allocation to local health departments, 2) enhanced laboratory testing capacity, 3) increasing workforce by hiring temp staff, 4) supporting epidemiology and surveillance activities and 5) expanding informatics and IT infrastructure to increase electronic data exchange. The ELC Enhancing Detection Award includes new activities centered around contracts to external partners to support contact tracing, and strategic planning and project management.

The Division of Public Health (DPH), Communicable Disease Branch (CDB), is making an allocation of these ELC Enhancing Detection funds available to all local health departments through the "CDC-RFA-TP18-1802, Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response, COVID-19 Crisis Response Cooperative Agreement – Components A and B Supplemental Funding" to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.

II. Purpose:

This Activity is for the Local Health Department to work to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by carrying out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.

III. Scope of Work and Deliverables:

A. Allowable Activities

All of the activities the Local Health Department performs under this Agreement Addendum shall be informed by local data and trends, the NC DHHS COVID-19 Guidance for Health Care Providers, the ELC Enhancing Detection: North Carolina testing plan located at https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/testing-plans/index.html#nc, and any subsequent revisions to that plan.

Activities undertaken by the Local Health Department (LHD) and funded through this Agreement Addendum shall address the following allowable activities, 1-6:

1. Enhance Laboratory, Surveillance, Informatics, and other Workforce Capacity

a. Build expertise for healthcare and community outbreak response and infection prevention and control (IPC) among local health departments.

b. Train and hire staff to improve the capacities of the epidemiology and informatics workforce to effectively conduct surveillance and response of COVID-19 (including contact tracing) and other conditions of public health significance.

c. Implement NC DHHS strategies for COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing:

   i. Assure that all contact tracers hired locally complete the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NCAHEC) COVID-19 Contact Tracing Onboarding for NC Local Health Departments training within the first two weeks of hire and prior to contact tracing activities.

   ii. Implementation and workflow improvements for case investigation and contact training using state-supplied technology, including but not limited to:

      1) COVID-19 Community Team Outreach (CCTO) tool.

      2) NC EDSS/NC COVID reporting tool.

      3) Softphone: DPH is exploring whether there is technology that will allow consistent caller identification that will increase success in contact tracing. This is known as softphone technology. The objective is to provide a consistent and recognizable caller identification across all contact tracers within the state/local public health system.

      4) Other technology applications that may improve prevention/containment/mitigation.

d. Build expertise to support management of the COVID-19 related activities within the service area (e.g., additional leadership, program and project managers, budget staff).

e. Increase capacity for timely data management, analysis, and reporting for COVID-19 and other conditions of public health significance.

2. Strengthen Community Laboratory Testing

a. Establish or expand or assure capacity to quickly, accurately, and safely test for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 among all symptomatic individuals, and secondarily expand capacity to achieve community-based surveillance, including testing of asymptomatic individuals.

i. Strengthen ability to quickly scale testing as necessary to assure that optimal utilization of existing and new testing platforms can be supported to help meet increases in testing demand in a timely manner.

ii. Build local capacity for testing of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 including within high-risk settings or in vulnerable populations that reside in their communities.

b. Enhance laboratory testing capacity for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 outside of public health laboratories.

i. Establish or expand capacity to coordinate with public/private laboratory testing providers, including those that assist with surge and with testing for high-risk environments.

ii. Secure and/or utilize mobile laboratory units, or other methods to provide point-of-care (POC) testing at public health-led clinics or non-traditional test sites (e.g., homeless shelters, food processing plants, prisons, Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)).

c. Enhance data management and analytic capacity in public health laboratories to help improve efficiencies in operations, management, testing, and data sharing.

i. Improve efficiencies in laboratory operations and management using data from throughput, staffing, billing, supplies, and orders.

ii. Improve the capacity to analyze laboratory data to help understand and make informed decisions about issues such as gaps in testing and community mitigation efforts. Data elements such as tests ordered and completed (including by device/platform), rates of positivity, source of samples, type will be used to create data visualizations that will be shared with the public, state health department, and community partners.

3. <u>Advance Electronic Data Exchange at Public Health Labs</u>

a. Enhance and expand laboratory information infrastructure, to improve jurisdictional visibility on laboratory data (tests performed) from all testing sites and enable faster and more complete data exchange and reporting.

i. Enhance laboratory test ordering and reporting capability.

1) 100% of results must be reported with key demographic variables including age/gender/race via the NC COVID reporting tool (NC COVID).

2) Report all non-Electronic Lab Reporting (ELR) positive test results to the state health department using NC COVID.

4. <u>Improve Surveillance and Reporting of Electronic Health Data</u>

a. Use NC COVID to assure complete, up-to-date, automated reporting of morbidity and mortality to NC DHHS of COVID-19 and other conditions of public health significance by:

i. Establishing or enhancing community-based surveillance, including surveillance of vulnerable populations, individuals with severe illness, those with recent travel to high-risk locations, or who are contacts to known cases.

ii. Monitoring changes to daily incidence rates of COVID-19 and other conditions of public health significance at the county or zip code level to inform community mitigation strategies.

b. Establish complete, up-to-date, timely, automated reporting of individual-level data through electronic case reporting to NC DHHS via NC COVID.

i. At the health department, enhance capacity to work with testing facilities to onboard and improve electronic laboratory reporting (ELR), including to receive data from new or non-traditional testing settings. Use alternative data flows and file formats (e.g., CSV or XLS) to help automate where appropriate. In addition to other reportable results, this should include all COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2-related testing data (i.e., tests to detect SAR-CoV-2 including serology testing).

ii. Assist NC DPH in the process of automating the receipt of Electronic Health Record (EHR) data once it is available, including Electronic Case Reporting (eCR) and Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)-based eCR to generate initial case report as specified by NC DPH for the reportable disease within 24 hours, and to update over time within 24 hours of a change in information contained in the CDC-directed case report, including death.

iii. Utilize eCR data, once it is available, to assure data completeness, establish comprehensive morbidity and mortality surveillance, and help monitor the health of the community and inform decisions for the delivery of public health services.

c. Improve understanding of capacity, resources, and patient impact at healthcare facilities through electronic reporting.

i. Assist NC DHHS with required expansion of reporting facility capacity, resources, and patient impact information, such as patients admitted and hospitalized, in an electronic, machine-readable, as well as human-readable visual, and tabular manner, to achieve 100% coverage in service area and include daily data from all acute care, long-term care, and ambulatory care settings. Use these data to monitor facilities with confirmed cases of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 infection or with COVID-like illness among staff or residents and facilities at high risk of acquiring COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 cases and COVID-like illness among staff or residents.

d. Enhance systems for flexible data collection, reporting, analysis, and visualization.

i. Make data on case, syndromic, laboratory tests, hospitalization, and healthcare capacity available on health department websites at the county/zip code level in a visual and tabular manner.

e. Establish or improve systems to assure complete, accurate and immediate (within 24 hours) data transmission to NC COVID and open website available to the public by county and zip code, that allows for automated transmission of data to NC DHHS via NC COVID.

i. Submit all case reports in an immediate, automated way to CDC for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 and other conditions of public health significance with associated required data fields via NC COVID.

ii. Provide accurate accounting of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 associated deaths. Establish electronic, automated, immediate death reporting with associated required data fields via NC COVID.

iii. Establish these systems in such a manner that they may be used on an ongoing basis for surveillance of, and reporting on, other threats to the public health and conditions of public health significance.

5. <u>Use Laboratory Data to Enhance Investigation, Response and Prevention</u>

a. Use laboratory data to initiate case investigations, conduct contact tracing and follow up, and implement containment measures.

i. Conduct necessary contact tracing including contact elicitation/identification, contact notification, and contact follow-up. Activities could include traditional contact tracing and/or proximity/location-based methods, as well as methods adapted for healthcare-specific and congregate settings.

ii. Utilize tools (e.g., geographic information systems and methods) that assist in the rapid mapping and tracking of disease cases for timely and effective epidemic monitoring and response, incorporating laboratory testing results and other data sources.

iii. Identify cases and exposure to COVID-19 in high-risk settings or within vulnerable populations to target mitigation strategies.

1) Assess and monitor infections in healthcare workers across the healthcare spectrum.

2) Monitor cases and exposure to COVID-19 to identify need for targeted mitigation strategies to isolate and prevent further spread within high-risk healthcare facilities (e.g., hospitals, dialysis clinics, cancer clinics, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities, etc.).

3) Monitor cases and exposure to COVID-19 to identify need for targeted mitigation strategies to isolate and prevent further spread within high-risk employment settings (e.g., meat processing facilities), and congregate living settings (e.g., prisons, youth homes, shelters, farms).

4) Work with NC DHHS to build local capacity for reporting, rapid containment and prevention of COVID- 19/SARS-CoV-2 within high-risk settings or in vulnerable populations that reside in their communities.

b. Implement prevention strategies in high-risk settings or within vulnerable populations (including tribal nations) including proactive monitoring for asymptomatic case detection.

i. Build capacity for infection prevention and control in LTCFs (e.g., at least one Infection Preventionist (IP) for every facility) and outpatient settings.

1) Build capacity to safely house and isolate infected and exposed residents of LTCFs and other congregate settings.

ii. Assist with enrollment of all LTCFs into CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

iii. Increase Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) assessment capacity onsite using Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Tool (Tele-ICAR).

iv. Perform preparedness assessment to assure interventions are in place to protect high-risk populations.

1) Coordinate as appropriate with federally funded entities responsible for providing health services to vulnerable populations (e.g., tribal nations and federally qualified health centers)

6. <u>Coordinate and Engage with Partners</u>

a. Partner with NC DHHS to establish or enhance testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.

i. Acquire equipment and staffing to conduct testing for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.

ii. Support community partners to conduct appropriate specimen collection and/or testing within their service area.

iii. Build infection prevention and control and healthcare outbreak response expertise in LHDs.

B. Requirements:

1. The LHD shall assure capacity for a minimum of 5% of their service area's population to be tested for COVID-19 in a 30-day period, unless otherwise communicated in writing by NC DHHS to the LHD. This requirement will be assessed by NC DHHS staff using NC COVID and the CCTO reporting databases.

2. The LHD shall initiate 90% of contacting case attempt within 24 hours. This requirement will be assessed by NC DHHS staff using NC COVID and the CCTO reporting databases.

3. The LHD shall initiate 50% of contacting contacts of the case attempt within 48 hours when the difference between the specimen date and the report date of a positive COVID-19 case to public health is five (5) days or less. This requirement will be assessed by NC DHHS staff using NC COVID and the CCTO reporting databases.

4. Once the softphone technology has been developed, piloted, user-acceptance tested, and implemented, utilize the softphone technology to reach cases and contacts. This requirement will be assessed by NC DHHS staff using NC COVID and the CCTO reporting databases.

5. Use the COVID-19 Community Team Outreach (CCTO) tool for documenting close contacts. This requirement will be assessed by NC DHHS staff using NC COVID and the CCTO reporting databases.

6. The LHD shall assure that 100% of contact tracers hired locally (not using state-funded, state-contracted vendors) complete the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (NCAHEC) COVID-19 Contact Tracing Onboarding for NC Local Health Departments training. Registration for this training is located online: https://www.ncahec.net/courses-and-events/63430/covid-19-contact-tracing-onboarding-for-nc-local-health-departments. The LHD must keep records of NCAHEC training completion certification in all contact tracing staff personnel files for desk audit review.

7. Assist in promoting enrollment among county providers in the Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) when requested by the NC DPH Influenza Coordinator.

IV. Performance Measures/Reporting Requirements:

A. Performance Measures

1. **Performance Measure # 1 Linked to Scope of Work and Deliverables 2 and 6:** The LHD shall have a plan to assure access to COVID-19 testing, specifically for vulnerable populations, for all symptomatic persons and for those who have had close contact to a known or suspected case of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC, and for those who request or require testing. This plan may be the same as the policy for AA 539.

   Reporting Requirements: An electronic copy of this testing policy shall be provided to the Regional Communicable Disease Nurse Consultant no later than October 1, 2020.

2. **Performance Measure # 2 Linked to Scope of Work and Deliverables 2, 3, 4 and 5:** The LHD shall report cases of COVID-19 including deaths within 30 days of receipt of the report to the state via the NC COVID.

   Reporting Requirements: Reporting will be done via the NC COVID

3. **Performance Measure #3 Linked to Scope of Work and Deliverables 1:** Contact tracers hired locally should be reflective of the county population and the target communities.

   Reporting Requirements: LHD will provide certain demographic data (race, ethnicity, and language(s) spoken) of locally hired contact tracers in quarterly reporting outlined below in Additional Reporting Requirements.

4. **Performance Measure #4 Linked to Scope of Work and Deliverables 1 and 5:** The LHD shall support tele-ICAR and infection prevention consultation with LTCF in their service area, in conjunction with the NC DHHS.

   Reporting Requirements: Reporting will be done via a yearly online survey.

5. **Performance Measure #5 Linked to Scope of Work and Deliverables 1-6:** The LHD shall review the LHD testing plan quarterly so it reflects most current recommendations from NC DHHS.

   Reporting Requirements: LHD shall submit updated plans in quarterly reporting outlined below in Additional Reporting Requirements.

6. **Performance Measure #6 Linked to Scope of Work and Deliverables 4 and 5:** The LHD shall report close contacts to COVID-19 into the COVID-19 Community Team Outreach (CCTO) Tool software for at least 60% of people infected with COVID-19.

   Reporting Requirements: Reporting will be done via the CCTO tool software.

7. **Performance Measure #7 Linked to Requirements 1 and 2:** The LHD shall complete the Final Monitoring Outcome variable for 90% of contacts entered after 14 days.

   Reporting Requirements: Reporting will be done via the CCTO tool software.

B. Additional Reporting Requirements

1. The LHD shall submit quarterly reports to CDB in a provided template.
   a. Reports shall include:
      i. The LHD's local testing plan, if modified.
      ii. Progress of work performed against each of the allowable activities and performance measures.
      iii. Assurance that the LHD has reviewed data entered in electronic tools (e.g., NCEDSS, CCTO) for accuracy.
      iv. Demographic data (race, ethnicity, and language(s) spoken) of locally hired contact tracers.
      v. Financial reports to support use of funds and the monthly reimbursements drawn from the Aid to Counties system.
   b. Reporting schedule:

      1st Quarter July 1 – September 30, 2020 submit by October 31, 2020

      2nd Quarter October 1 – December 31, 2020 submit by January 31, 2021

      3rd Quarter January 1 – March 31, 2021 submit by April 30, 2021

      4th Quarter April 1 – June 30, 2021 submit by July 31, 2021

2. Provide data, plans, and documents as requested by CDB that supports reporting the performance measures and deliverables from the ELC Enhancing Detection grant. Plans and other documents

must be consistent with state and federal requirements and must be specific to the LHD's local public health service area.

V. Performance Monitoring and Quality Assurance:

A. The Technical Assistance and Training Program (TATP) Nurse Consultant will assess the Local Health Department's performance through reporting mechanisms within the NC EDSS. These reports will be run on a quarterly basis by the TATP Nurse Consultant.

B. If the assessment results in compliance concerns, the TATP Nurse Consultant shall conduct conference calls with the Local Health Department to provide technical assistance in order to rectify the concerns.

VI. Funding Guidelines or Restrictions:

A. Requirements for pass-through entities: In compliance with *2 CFR §200.331 – Requirements for pass-through entities*, the Division of Public Health provides Federal Award Reporting Supplements to the Local Health Department receiving federally funded Agreement Addenda.

1. Definition: A Supplement discloses the required elements of a single federal award. Supplements address elements of federal funding sources only; state funding elements will not be included in the Supplement. Agreement Addenda (AAs) funded by more than one federal award will receive a disclosure Supplement for each federal award.

2. Frequency: Supplements will be generated as the Division of Public Health receives information for federal grants. Supplements will be issued to the Local Health Department throughout the state fiscal year. For federally funded AAs, Supplements will accompany the original AA. If AAs are revised and if the revision affects federal funds, the AA Revisions will include Supplements. Supplements can also be sent to the Local Health Department even if no change is needed to the AA. In those instances, the Supplements will be sent to provide newly received federal grant information for funds already allocated in the existing AA.

B. Expenses incurred from January 20, 2020 which are related to allowable activities may be reimbursed.

C. As the LHD is a subrecipient of a grant or cooperative agreement awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with funds made available under the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (P.L. 116-123); the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 2020 (the "CARES Act") (P.L. 116-136); and/or the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139) the LHD agrees as applicable to the award, to:

1. comply with existing and/or future directives and guidance from the HHS Secretary regarding control of the spread of COVID-19;

2. in consultation and coordination with HHS, provide, commensurate with the condition of the individual, COVID-19 patient care regardless of the individual's home jurisdiction and/or appropriate public health measures (e.g., social distancing, home isolation); and

3. assist the United States Government in the implementation and enforcement of federal orders related to quarantine and isolation. In addition, to the extent applicable, comply with Section 18115 of the CARES Act, with respect to the reporting to the HHS Secretary of results of tests intended to detect SARS– CoV–2 or to diagnose a possible case of COVID–19. Such reporting shall be in accordance with guidance and direction from HHS and/or CDC.

4. consistent with the full scope of applicable grant regulations (45 C.F.R. 75.322), the purpose of this award, and the underlying funding, the subrecipient is expected to provide to CDC, through NC DHHS, copies of and/or access to COVID-19 data collected with these funds, including but not limited to data related to COVID-19 testing. CDC will specify in further guidance and directives what is encompassed by this requirement.

D. In addition to their local procurement rules/policies, the LHD shall comply with the following rules, applying the most restrictive standard where there is a difference between any of the standards:
   1. Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements for Procurement, 45 CFR Part 75 §75.327-335, https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=pt45.1.75&rgn=div5#se45.1.75_1326
      a. Appendix II to Part 75—*Contract Provisions for Non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards* may be found here for incorporation into procurement contracts: https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?node=pt45.1.75&rgn=div5#ap45.1.75_1521.ii

E. Unallowable costs:
   1. Research
   2. Clinical Care
   3. Publicity and propaganda (lobbying):
      a. Other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, no funds may be used for:
         i. publicity or propaganda purposes, for the preparation, distribution, or use of any material designed to support or defeat the enactment of legislation before any legislative body
         ii. the salary or expenses of any grant or contract recipient, or agent acting for such recipient, related to any activity designed to influence the enactment of legislation, appropriations, regulation, administrative action, or Executive order proposed or pending before any legislative body
      b. See Additional Requirement (AR) 12 for detailed guidance on this prohibition and additional guidance on lobbying for CDC recipients: https://www.cdc.gov/grants/documents/Anti-Lobbying_Restrictions_for_CDC_Grantees_July_2012.pdf
   4. All unallowable costs cited in CDC-RFA-CK19-1904 remain in effect, unless specifically amended, in accordance with 45 CFR Part 75 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, And Audit Requirements for HHS Awards.

FY21 Activity: 543 ELC Enhancing Detection Activities **Supplement #1**

Supplement reason: ☒ In AA+BE or AA+BE Rev –OR– ☐ –

CFDA #: 93.323	Federal awd date: 05/19/20	Is award R&D? no	FAIN: NU50CK000530	Total amount of fed awd: $ 188951581

CFDA name: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)

Fed award project description: CK19-1904 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) – Enhancing Detection

Fed awarding agency: DHHS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Federal award indirect cost rate: n/a % %

Subrecipient	Subrecipient DUNS	Fed funds for This **Supplement**	Total of All Fed Funds for This **Activity**
Alamance	965194483	266,436	266,436
Albemarle	130537822	890,572	890,572
Alexander	030495105	130,555	130,555
Anson	847163029	116,755	116,755
Appalachian	780131541	371,745	371,745
Beaufort	091567776	140,266	140,266
Bladen	084171628	126,598	126,598
Brunswick	091571349	235,164	235,164
Buncombe	879203560	366,415	366,415
Burke	883321205	186,776	186,776
Cabarrus	143408289	311,447	311,447
Caldwell	948113402	178,188	178,188
Carteret	058735804	164,853	164,853
Caswell	077846053	115,071	115,071
Catawba	083677138	257,801	257,801
Chatham	131356607	168,631	168,631
Cherokee	130705072	120,996	120,996
Clay	145058231	102,343	102,343
Cleveland	879924850	194,969	194,969
Columbus	040040016	149,742	149,742
Craven	091564294	199,685	199,685
Cumberland	123914376	441,271	441,271
Dare	082358631	129,172	129,172
Davidson	077839744	267,976	267,976
Davie	076526651	135,503	135,503
Duplin	095124798	153,286	153,286
Durham	088564075	419,458	419,458
Edgecombe	093125375	145,824	145,824
Foothills	782359004	301,546	301,546
Forsyth	105316439	488,435	488,435
Franklin	084168632	162,011	162,011
Gaston	071062186	324,001	324,001
Graham	020952383	99,197	99,197
Granville-Vance	063347626	292,724	292,724
Greene	091564591	112,260	112,260
Guilford	071563613	655,764	655,764
Halifax	014305957	144,583	144,583
Harnett	091565986	231,002	231,002
Haywood	070620232	156,534	156,534
Henderson	085021470	213,728	213,728
Hoke	091563643	147,167	147,167
Hyde	832526243	95,504	95,504
Iredell	074504507	279,239	279,239

Subrecipient	Subrecipient DUNS	Fed funds for This **Supplement**	Total of All Fed Funds for This **Activity**
Jackson	019728518	136,395	136,395
Johnston	097599104	301,537	301,537
Jones	095116935	100,795	100,795
Lee	067439703	154,457	154,457
Lenoir	042789748	150,199	150,199
Lincoln	086869336	179,734	179,734
Macon	070626825	128,224	128,224
Madison	831052873	113,676	113,676
MTW	087204173	312,010	312,010
Mecklenburg	074498353	1,242,342	1,242,342
Montgomery	025384603	119,245	119,245
Moore	050988146	195,234	195,234
Nash	050425677	190,932	190,932
New Hanover	040029563	335,904	335,904
Northampton	097594477	111,830	111,830
Onslow	172663270	300,425	300,425
Orange	139209659	244,133	244,133
Pamlico	097600456	104,144	104,144
Pender	100955413	155,823	155,823
Person	091563718	132,572	132,572
Pitt	080889694	278,932	278,932
Polk	079067930	112,801	112,801
Randolph	027873132	242,557	242,557
Richmond	070621339	137,857	137,857
Robeson	082367871	229,338	229,338
Rockingham	077847143	187,140	187,140
Rowan	074494014	240,140	240,140
Sampson	825573975	157,855	157,855
Scotland	091564146	127,846	127,846
Stanly	131060829	157,052	157,052
Stokes	085442705	139,204	139,204
Surry	077821858	167,538	167,538
Swain	146437553	105,291	105,291
Toe River	113345201	324,777	324,777
Transylvania	030494215	127,180	127,180
Union	079051637	336,133	336,133
Wake	019625961	1,223,122	1,223,122
Warren	030239953	111,246	111,246
Wayne	040036170	222,035	222,035
Wilkes	067439950	164,024	164,024
Wilson	075585695	176,767	176,767
Yadkin	089910624	130,341	130,341

DPH-Aid-To-Counties For Fiscal Year: 20/21 Budgetary Estimate Number : 0

Activity 543		AA	1175 878A HH	Proposed Total	New Total
Service Period			01/20-05/31 2020-2021		
Payment Period			02/20-06/30		
01 Alamance	*	0	461,821	461,821	461,821
D1 Albemarle	*	0	1,094,620	1,094,620	1,094,620
02 Alexander	*	0	149,184	149,184	149,184
04 Anson	*	0	147,534	147,534	147,534
D2 Appalachian	*	0	417,666	417,666	417,666
07 Beaufort	*	0	158,029	158,029	158,029
09 Bladen	*	0	192,882	192,882	192,882
10 Brunswick	*	0	292,783	292,783	292,783
11 Buncombe	*	0	534,940	534,940	534,940
12 Burke	*	0	420,718	420,718	420,718
13 Cabarrus	*	0	558,819	558,819	558,819
14 Caldwell	*	0	263,100	263,100	263,100
16 Carteret	*	0	181,749	181,749	181,749
17 Caswell	*	0	156,661	156,661	156,661
18 Catawba	*	0	380,837	380,837	380,837
19 Chatham	*	0	480,553	480,553	480,553
20 Cherokee	*	0	130,094	130,094	130,094
22 Clay	*	0	104,510	104,510	104,510
23 Cleveland	*	0	243,924	243,924	243,924
24 Columbus	*	0	306,136	306,136	306,136
25 Craven	*	0	296,294	296,294	296,294
26 Cumberland	*	0	773,988	773,988	773,988
28 Dare	*	0	137,837	137,837	137,837
29 Davidson	*	0	486,755	486,755	486,755
30 Davie	*	0	185,324	185,324	185,324
31 Duplin	*	0	576,115	576,115	576,115
32 Durham	*	0	1,296,740	1,296,740	1,296,740
33 Edgecombe	*	0	241,567	241,567	241,567
D7 Foothills	*	0	426,748	426,748	426,748
34 Forsyth	*	0	1,234,016	1,234,016	1,234,016
35 Franklin	*	0	242,158	242,158	242,158
36 Gaston	*	0	474,330	474,330	474,330
38 Graham	*	0	100,930	100,930	100,930
D3 Gran-Vance	*	0	650,568	650,568	650,568
40 Greene	*	0	152,117	152,117	152,117
41 Guilford	*	0	1,337,228	1,337,228	1,337,228
42 Halifax	*	0	231,228	231,228	231,228
43 Harnett	*	0	373,967	373,967	373,967
44 Haywood	*	0	182,094	182,094	182,094
45 Henderson	*	0	373,155	373,155	373,155
46 Hertford			0	0	0
47 Hoke	*	0	264,571	264,571	264,571
48 Hyde	*	0	96,370	96,370	96,370
49 Iredell	*	0	420,037	420,037	420,037
50 Jackson	*	0	155,457	155,457	155,457
51 Johnston	*	0	561,906	561,906	561,906
52 Jones	*	0	111,626	111,626	111,626
53 Lee	*	0	377,569	377,569	377,569
54 Lenoir	*	0	251,141	251,141	251,141
55 Lincoln	*	0	223,490	223,490	223,490
56 Macon	*	0	180,211	180,211	180,211
57 Madison	*	0	114,975	114,975	114,975
D4 M-T-W	*	0	360,964	360,964	360,964
60 Mecklenburg	*	0	3,563,564	3,563,564	3,563,564
62 Montgomery	*	0	186,395	186,395	186,395
63 Moore	*	0	304,840	304,840	304,840
64 Nash	*	0	289,707	289,707	289,707
65 New Hanover	*	0	445,076	445,076	445,076
66 Northampton	*	0	178,980	178,980	178,980
67 Onslow	*	0	352,846	352,846	352,846

68 Orange	*	0	412,225	412,225	412,225
69 Pamlico	*	0	108,477	108,477	108,477
71 Pender	*	0	200,446	200,446	200,446
73 Person	*	0	157,266	157,266	157,266
74 Pitt	*	0	444,424	444,424	444,424
75 Polk	*	0	133,163	133,163	133,163
76 Randolph	*	0	580,039	580,039	580,039
77 Richmond	*	0	216,704	216,704	216,704
78 Robeson	*	0	601,478	601,478	601,478
79 Rockingham	*	0	236,095	236,095	236,095
80 Rowan	*	0	558,560	558,560	558,560
D5 R-P-M			0	0	0
82 Sampson	*	0	405,227	405,227	405,227
83 Scotland	*	0	169,002	169,002	169,002
84 Stanly	*	0	206,872	206,872	206,872
85 Stokes	*	0	175,162	175,162	175,162
86 Surry	*	0	285,808	285,808	285,808
87 Swain	*	0	116,122	116,122	116,122
D6 Toe River	*	0	341,239	341,239	341,239
88 Transylvania	*	0	134,111	134,111	134,111
90 Union	*	0	581,772	581,772	581,772
92 Wake	*	0	2,156,722	2,156,722	2,156,722
93 Warren	*	0	149,803	149,803	149,803
96 Wayne	*	0	771,365	771,365	771,365
97 Wilkes	*	0	383,669	383,669	383,669
98 Wilson	*	0	361,321	361,321	361,321
99 Yadkin	*	0	223,484	223,484	223,484
Totals			35,000,000	35,000,000	35,000,000

Sign and Date - DPH Program Administrator 723-20	Sign and Date - DPH Section Chief 07-23-20
Sign and Date - DPH Contracts Office Gremeko Stuart 7/23/2020	Sign and Date - DPH Budget Officer Patricia Ward Digitally signed by Patricia Ward Date: 2020.07.28 08:19:06 -04'00'

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DPH-Aid-To-Counties For Fiscal Year: 20/21 Budgetary Estimate Number : 1

Activity 543 Service Period Payment Period		AA	1176 878A HH 01/20-05/31 2020-2021 02/20-06/30	Proposed Total	New Total
01 Alamance	*	0	-195,385	-195,385	266,436
D1 Albemarle	*	0	-204,048	-204,048	890,572
02 Alexander	*	0	-18,629	-18,629	130,555
04 Anson	*	0	-30,759	-30,759	116,775
D2 Appalachian	*	0	-45,921	-45,921	371,745
07 Beaufort	*	0	-17,763	-17,763	140,266
09 Bladen	*	0	-66,284	-66,284	126,598
10 Brunswick	*	0	-57,619	-57,619	235,164
11 Buncombe	*	0	-168,525	-168,525	366,415
12 Burke	*	0	-233,942	-233,942	186,776
13 Cabarrus	*	0	-247,372	-247,372	311,447
14 Caldwell	*	0	-84,912	-84,912	178,188
16 Carteret	*	0	-16,896	-16,896	164,853
17 Caswell	*	0	-41,590	-41,590	115,071
18 Catawba	*	0	-123,036	-123,036	257,801
19 Chatham	*	0	-311,922	-311,922	168,631
20 Cherokee	*	0	-9,098	-9,098	120,996
22 Clay	*	0	-2,167	-2,167	102,343
23 Cleveland	*	0	-48,955	-48,955	194,969
24 Columbus	*	0	-156,394	-156,394	149,742
25 Craven	*	0	-96,609	-96,609	199,685
26 Cumberland	*	0	-332,717	-332,717	441,271
28 Dare	*	0	-8,665	-8,665	129,172
29 Davidson	*	0	-218,779	-218,779	267,976
30 Davie	*	0	-49,821	-49,821	135,503
31 Duplin	*	0	-422,829	-422,829	153,286
32 Durham	*	0	-877,282	-877,282	419,458
33 Edgecombe	*	0	-95,743	-95,743	145,824
D7 Foothills	*	0	-125,202	-125,202	301,546
34 Forsyth	*	0	-745,581	-745,581	488,435
35 Franklin	*	0	-80,147	-80,147	162,011
36 Gaston	*	0	-150,329	-150,329	324,001
38 Graham	*	0	-1,733	-1,733	99,197
D3 Gran-Vance	*	0	-357,844	-357,844	292,724
40 Greene	*	0	-39,857	-39,857	112,260
41 Guilford	*	0	-681,464	-681,464	655,764
42 Halifax	*	0	-86,645	-86,645	144,583
43 Harnett	*	0	-142,965	-142,965	231,002
44 Haywood	*	0	-25,560	-25,560	156,534
45 Henderson	*	0	-159,427	-159,427	213,728
46 Hertford			0	0	0
47 Hoke	*	0	-117,404	-117,404	147,167
48 Hyde	*	0	-866	-866	95,504
49 Iredell	*	0	-140,798	-140,798	279,239
50 Jackson	*	0	-19,062	-19,062	136,395

51 Johnston	*	0	-260,369	-260,369	301,537
52 Jones	*	0	-10,831	-10,831	100,795
53 Lee	*	0	-223,112	-223,112	154,457
54 Lenoir	*	0	-100,942	-100,942	150,199
55 Lincoln	*	0	-43,756	-43,756	179,734
56 Macon	*	0	-51,987	-51,987	128,224
57 Madison	*	0	-1,299	-1,299	113,676
D4 M-T-W	*	0	-48,954	-48,954	312,010
60 Mecklenburg	*	0	-2,321,222	-2,321,222	1,242,342
62 Montgomery	*	0	-67,150	-67,150	119,245
63 Moore	*	0	-109,606	-109,606	195,234
64 Nash	*	0	-98,775	-98,775	190,932
65 New Hanover	*	0	-109,172	-109,172	335,904
66 Northampton	*	0	-67,150	-67,150	111,830
67 Onslow	*	0	-52,421	-52,421	300,425
68 Orange	*	0	-168,092	-168,092	244,133
69 Pamlico	*	0	-4,333	-4,333	104,144
71 Pender	*	0	-44,623	-44,623	155,823
73 Person	*	0	-24,694	-24,694	132,572
74 Pitt	*	0	-165,492	-165,492	278,932
75 Polk	*	0	-20,362	-20,362	112,801
76 Randolph	*	0	-337,482	-337,482	242,557
77 Richmond	*	0	-78,847	-78,847	137,857
78 Robeson	*	0	-372,140	-372,140	229,338
79 Rockingham	*	0	-48,955	-48,955	187,140
80 Rowan	*	0	-318,420	-318,420	240,140
D5 R-P-M			0	0	0
82 Sampson	*	0	-247,372	-247,372	157,855
83 Scotland	*	0	-41,156	-41,156	127,846
84 Stanly	*	0	-49,820	-49,820	157,052
85 Stokes	*	0	-35,958	-35,958	139,204
86 Surry	*	0	-118,270	-118,270	167,538
87 Swain	*	0	-10,831	-10,831	105,291
D6 Toe River	*	0	-16,462	-16,462	324,777
88 Transylvania	*	0	-6,931	-6,931	127,180
90 Union	*	0	-245,639	-245,639	336,133
92 Wake	*	0	-933,600	-933,600	1,223,122
93 Warren	*	0	-38,557	-38,557	111,246
96 Wayne	*	0	-549,330	-549,330	222,035
97 Wilkes	*	0	-219,645	-219,645	164,024
98 Wilson	*	0	-184,554	-184,554	176,767
99 Yadkin	*	0	-93,143	-93,143	130,341
Totals			-15,000,000	-15,000,000	20,000,000

Sign and Date - DPH Program Administrator Kristi Canaday for John Robles 08/07/20	Sign and Date - DPH Section Chief 08-07-20
Sign and Date - DPH Contracts Office Gremeko Stuart 8/7/2020	Sign and Date - DPH Budget Officer

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Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

Consent Agenda

Department:
Budget

Presenter(s):
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Contact(s): Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director
Hannah Legerton, Safety & Justice Challenge Grant Manager
Jennifer Barnette, Budget

Subject: Safety + Justice Challenge Grant - Budget Correction

Brief Summary:
In October 2018, Buncombe County was awarded $1.75 million through the Safety + Justice Challenge. The original budget amendment allocated the award across several ledger accounts, in alignment with the original grant budget. This budget amendment reallocates the grant funds to align with the updated grant budget. The amendment is a technical correction and requires no additional funds.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:
Approve budget amendment

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:
County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-02-12

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Grant Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: Feburary 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2020-2021 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

Granting Agency:	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Grant Name:	Safety + Justice Challenge Grant - Budget Correction

Description:
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Funding Source:
Existing revenue of $1.75 million provided by the MacArthur Foundation. No new funds are required.

Exhibit A:	**Increase (Decrease)**	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 5000:Salaries and Wages		$ (162,797)
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 5030:Benefits		$ 257,272
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 6020:Travel and Training		$ (57,369)
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 6060:Office Expenses		$ (67,393)
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 6090:Contract and Professional Services		$ 3,949
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 6500:Information Technology		$ 5,906
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 6510:Non Discretionary		$ 3,191
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - 6520: Program Support		$ 1,750
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge - Expenditures		$ 15,491
TOTAL	$ -	$ -

ATTEST:

Tamara Laymon
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By: Brownie Newman
Chairman of the Board

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

Presentations

Department: Metropolitan Sewerage District Board

Presenter(s): Tom Hartye, General Manager

Contact(s): Tom Hartye

Subject: Metropolitan Sewerage District Board Update

Brief Summary:

Update Board of Commissioners on the Metropolitan Sewerage District Board.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

None

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

Metropolitan Sewerage District

Update for Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

February 16, 2021

MSD HISTORY

- MSD was formed in 1962 by State Statute as a Special District with the sole purpose to collect and treat wastewater and to eliminate the direct discharges to the surrounding rivers and streams.

- Between 1962 and 1989 MSD built over 100 miles of large interceptor lines and a 25 MGD treatment plant. The Treatment Plant was later upgraded to a 40 MGD Plant in the mid 1990's.

- In 1990 all the local governments and special districts gave all of their collection lines (720 miles) to MSD for ownership and maintenance in agreements we call "Sewer Consolidation."

Consolidation of Fifteen Separate Sewer Systems in 1990

Five Municipalities

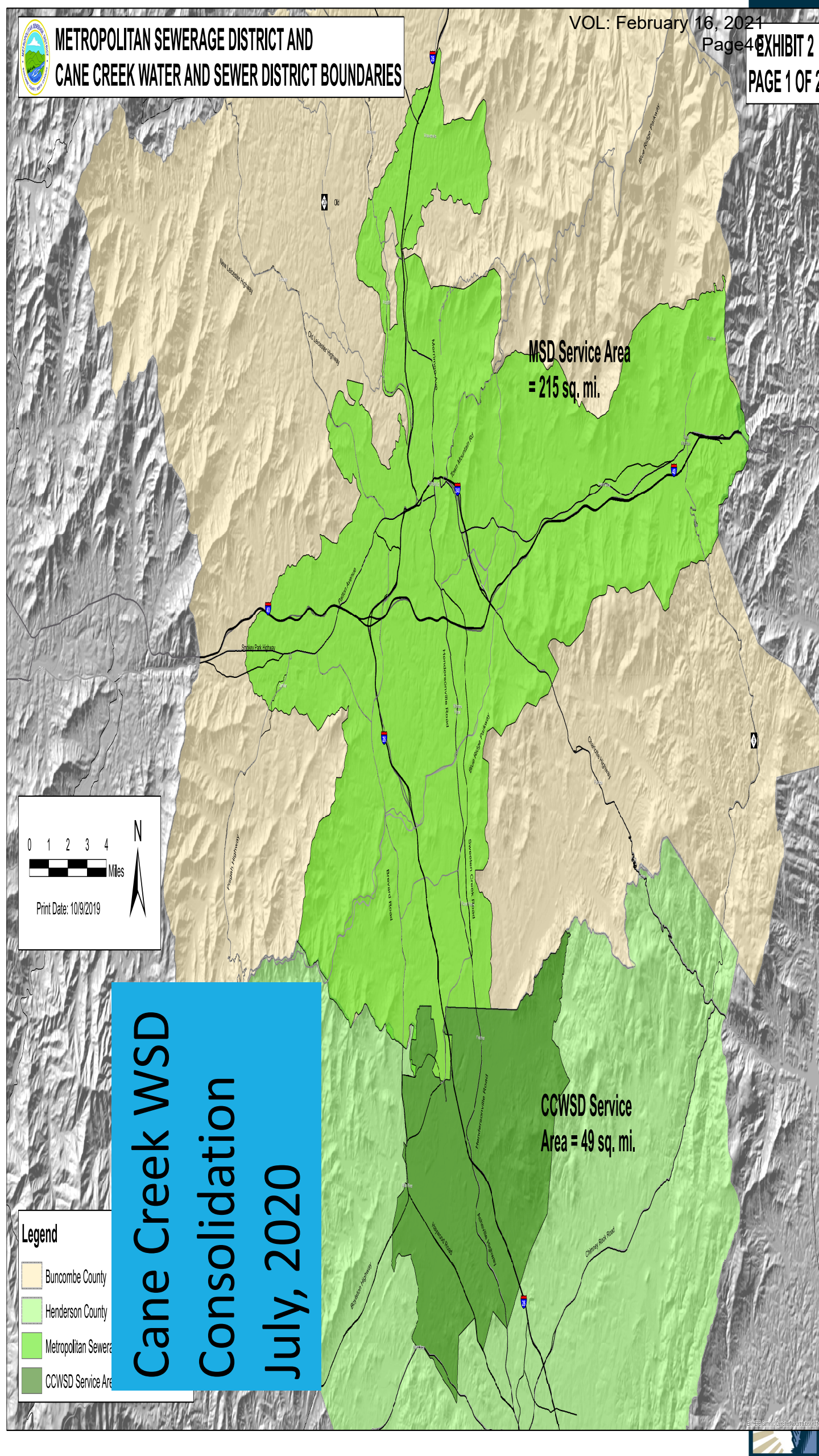
- City of Asheville
- Town of Biltmore Forest
- Town of Black Mountain
- Town of Montreat
- Town Of Weaverville

Over 170,000 people

Ten Special Districts

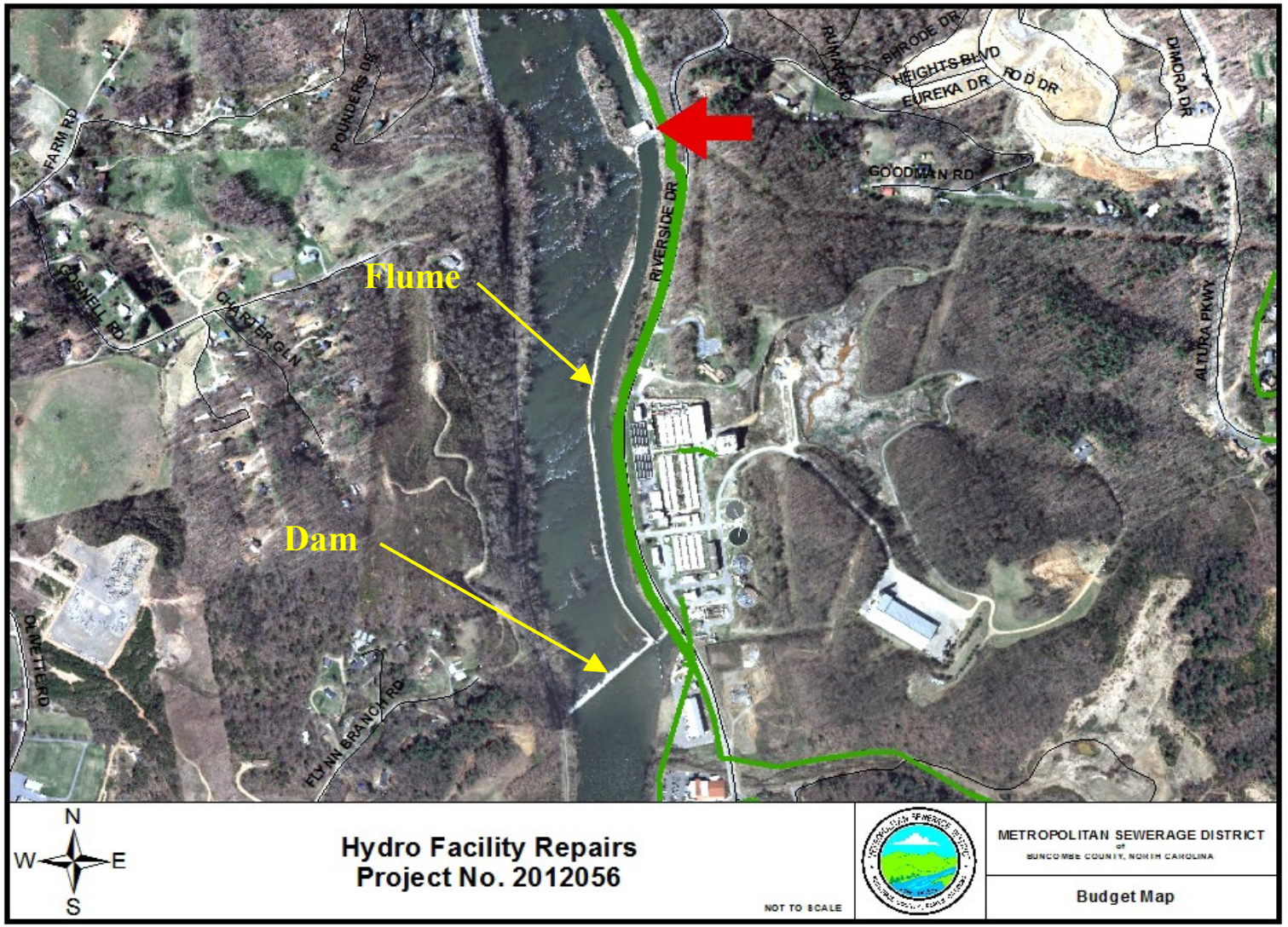
- Beaverdam Water and Sewer District
- Busbee Sanitary Sewer District
- Caney Valley Sanitary Sewer District
- Crescent Hill Sanitary Sewer District
- Enka-Candler Water and Sewer District
- Fairview Sanitary Sewer District
- Venable Sanitary District
- Skyland Sanitary Sewer District
- Swannanoa Water and Sewer District
- Woodfin Sanitary Water and Sewer District

METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT AND CANE CREEK WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



Current MSD Board of Directors

Matt Ashley, Jr.	Montreat
Jackie W. Bryson	Woodfin SWSD
Sheila Franklin	Henderson County
Glenn Kelly	Biltmore Forest
William Lapsley	Henderson County
Esther Manheimer	Asheville
Chris Pelly	Asheville
Nathan Pennington	Buncombe County
Robert Pressley	Buncombe County
Earl Valois	Weaverville
Jerry Vehaun	Woodfin
Robert Watts	Black Mountain
Gwen Wisler	Asheville
Al Whitesides	Buncombe County


Flume
Dam
RIVERSIDE DR
GOODMAN RD
EUREKA DR
RHODE DR
HEIGHTS BLVD
ROD DR
DIMORA DR
ALTURA PKWY
POUNDERS DR
FARM RD
COSNELL RD
CHARTER GLN
OLNEY TER RD
FLYNN BRANCH RD
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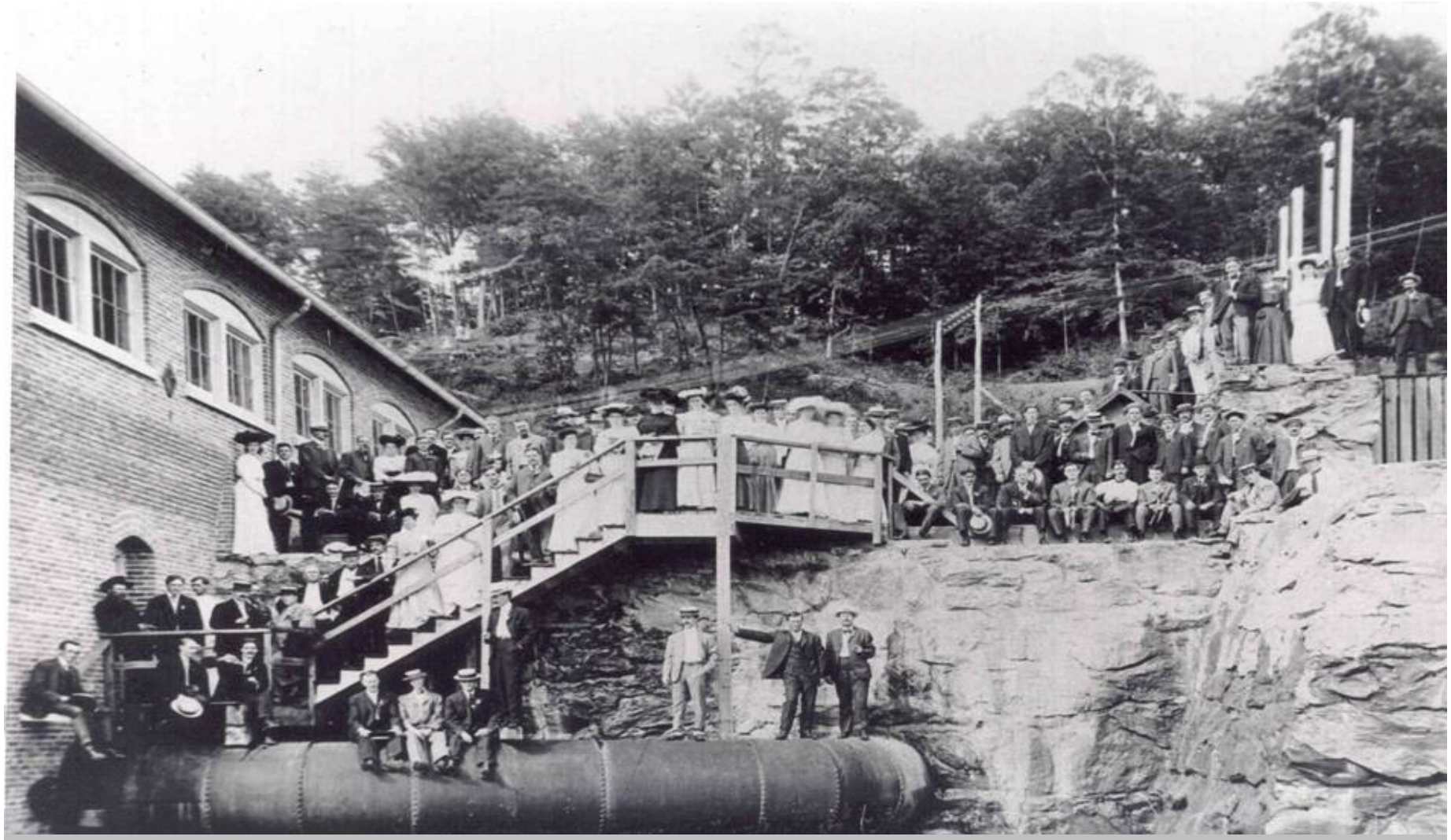
S
Hydro Facility Repairs
Project No. 2012056
NOT TO SCALE
METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT
of
BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Budget Map

Current Hydroelectric Production

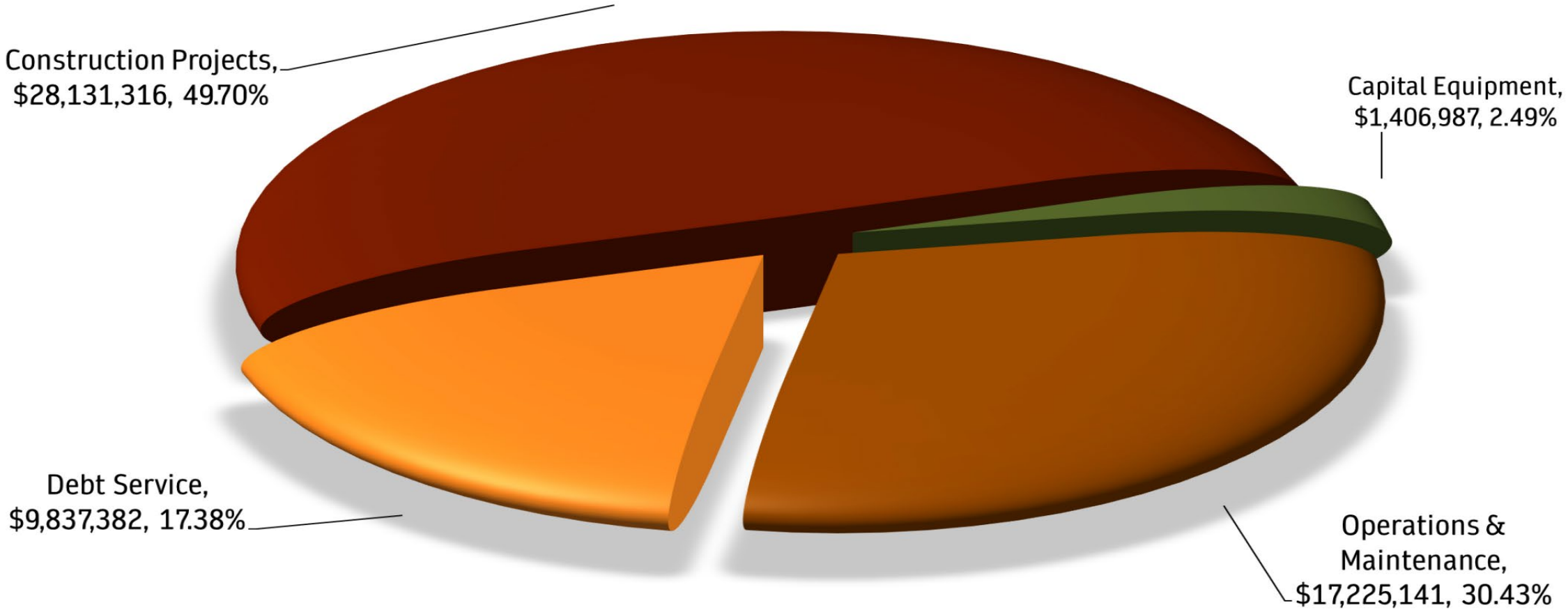
- Can Generate 2880 KW
- FY 2015 Avoided Power Cost $435,000

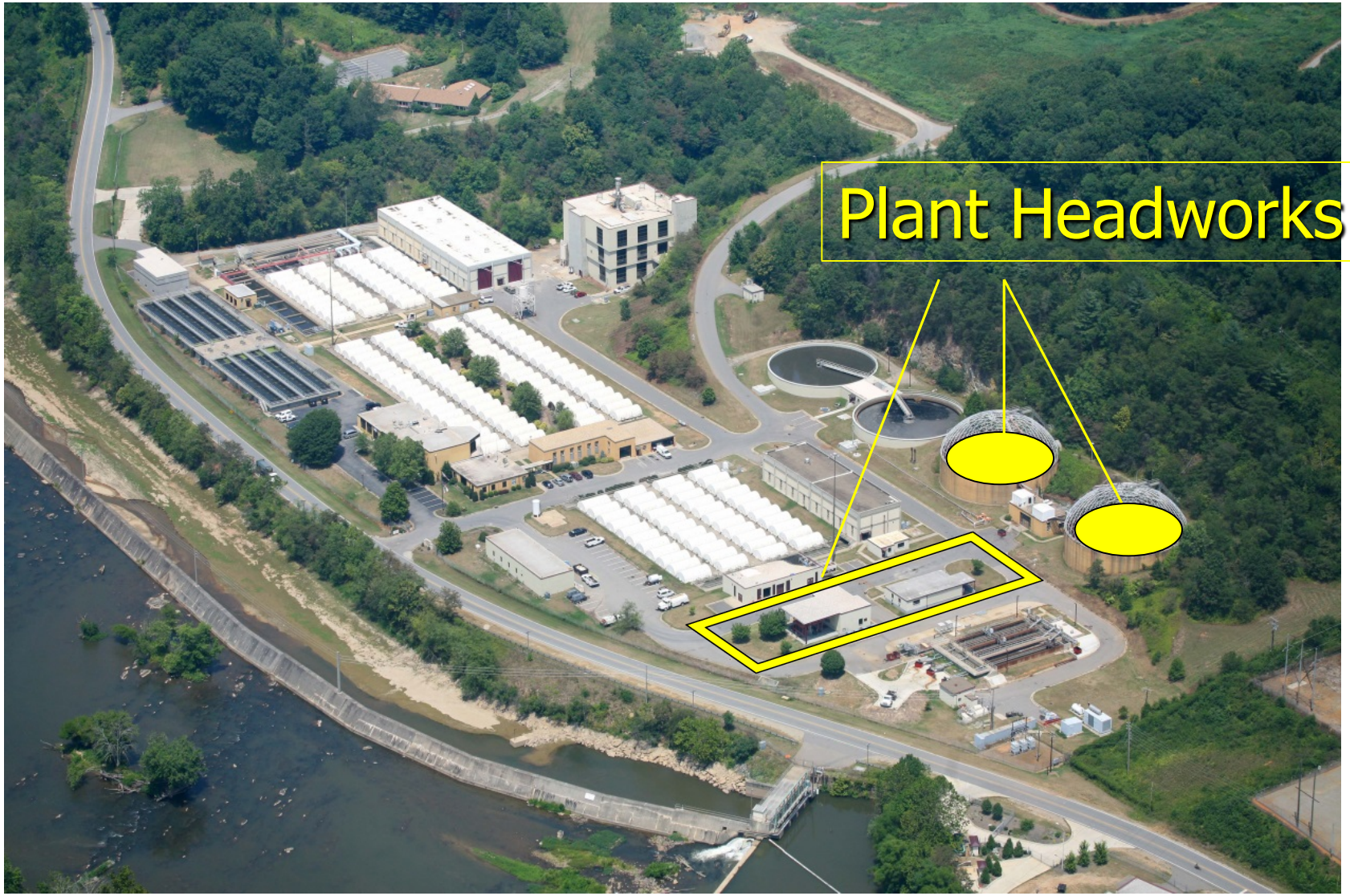
Hydroelectric Generation Facility



1986 Reconstructed Craggy Dam Hydro Plant (Originally Built 1903)

FY21 Budget Expenditures
$56,600,826





Plant Headworks Project

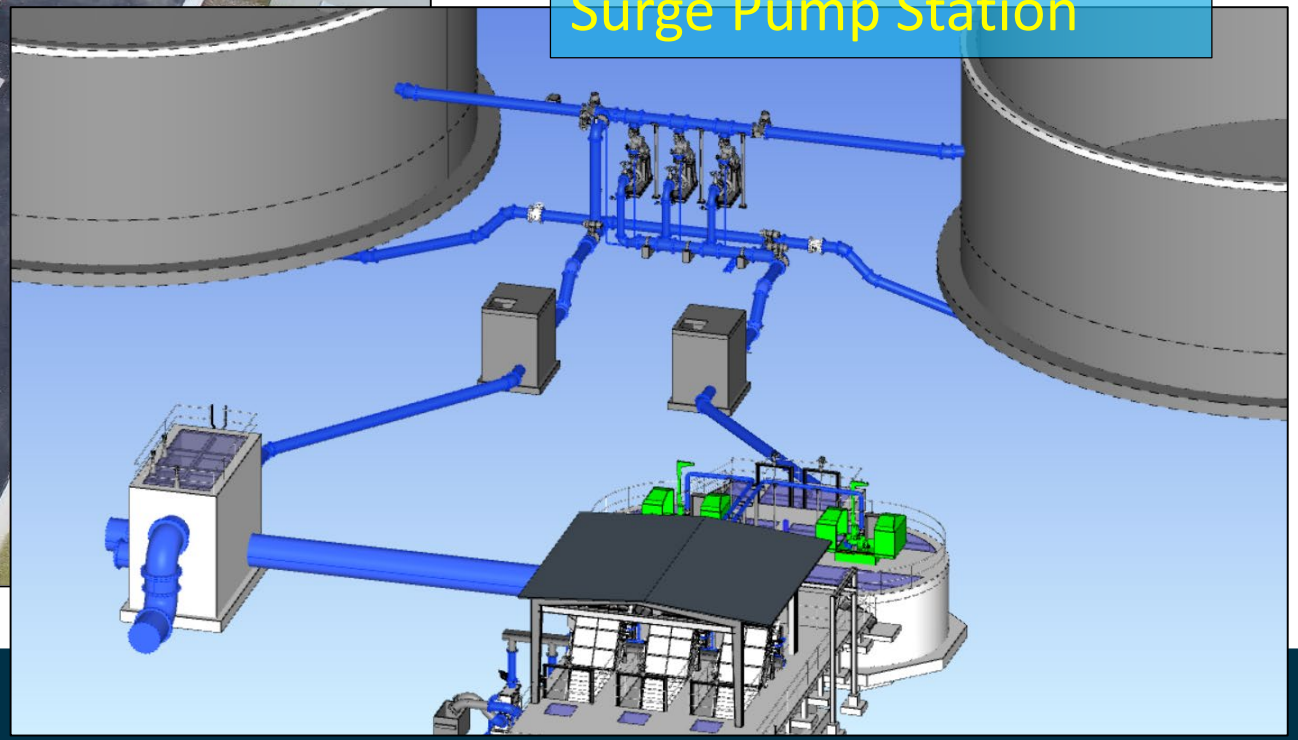
- New Bar Screens
- Improved Fine Screens
- Grit Removal
- Surge System for Peak Flows
- Construction complete
- Total Project cost approx. $9.6 Million

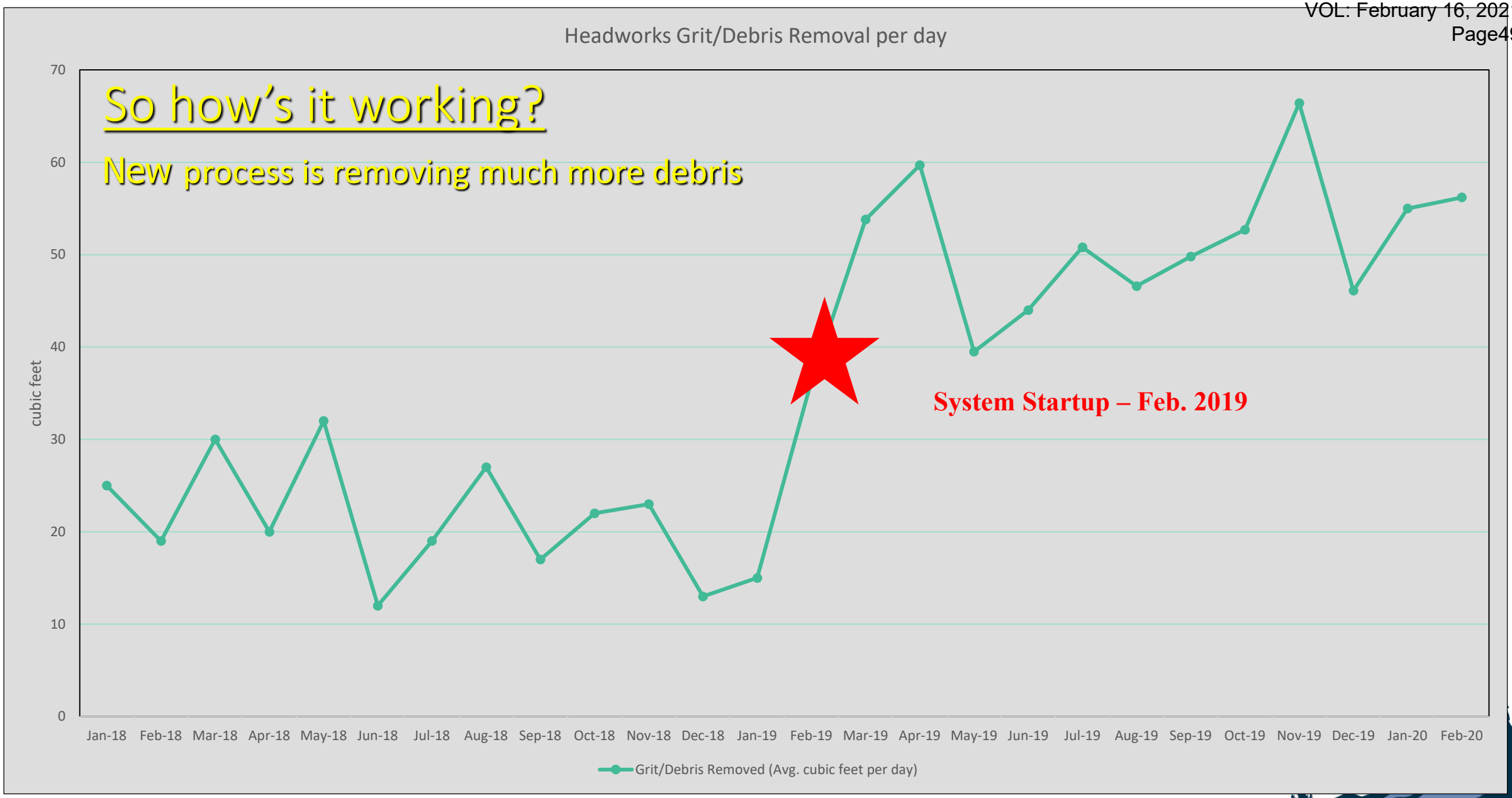
Influent bar screens -1/2”

Fine Screens - 1/4”

Vortex grit removal units

Surge Pump Station




Headworks Grit/Debris Removal per day
So how's it working?
New process is removing much more debris
System Startup – Feb. 2019
cubic feet
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
Jan-18
Feb-18
Mar-18
Apr-18
May-18
Jun-18
Jul-18
Aug-18
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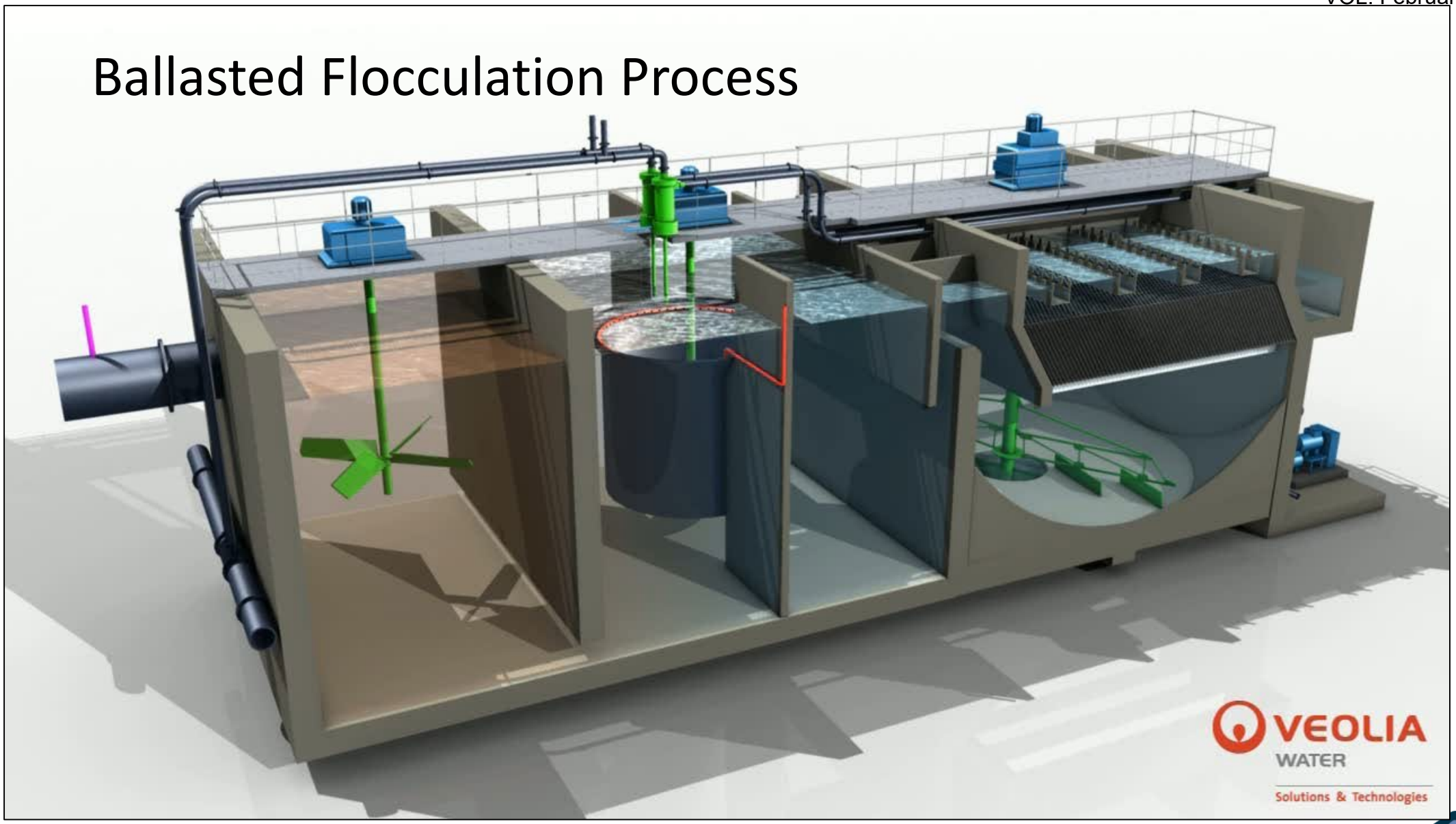
Oct-18
Nov-18
Dec-18
Jan-19
Feb-19
Mar-19
Apr-19
May-19
Jun-19
Jul-19
Aug-19
Sep-19
Oct-19
Nov-19
Dec-19
Jan-20
Feb-20
Grit/Debris Removed (Avg. cubic feet per day)

High Rate Primary Clarification

- New technology
- Will significantly improve treatment
- Under Construction
- Total Project Cost $17 Million

Ballasted Flocculation Process

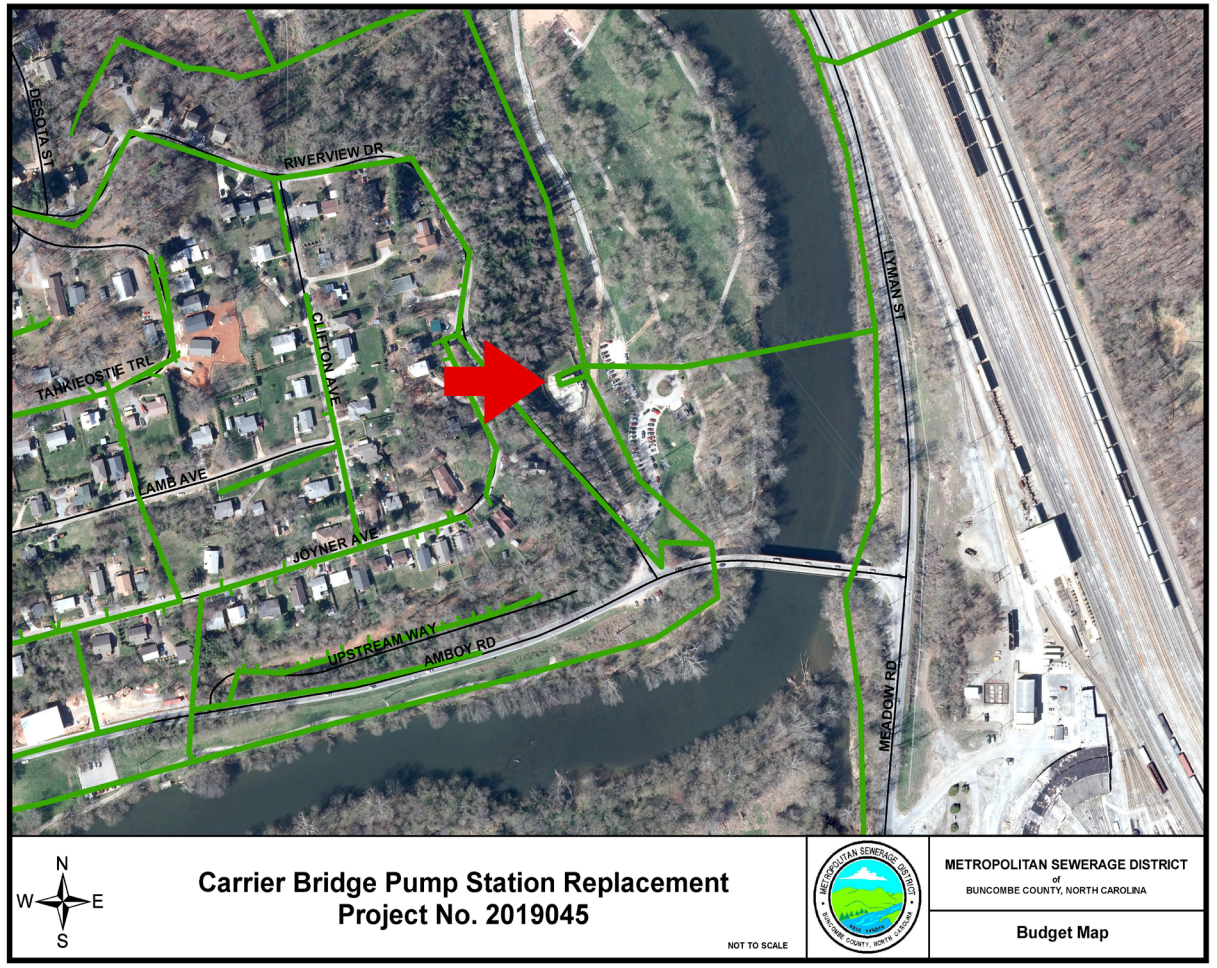


Spring of 2020

Fall of 2020

Carrier Bridge Pump Station

- Serves large areas of Asheville, Southern and Western Buncombe County, and CCWSD.
- Original station constructed in 1960's and upgraded multiple times.
- Capacity increased utilizing 50-year growth projections, to 34 mgd.
- $30 M Construction Cost
- Design underway, construction to begin in FY21-22.



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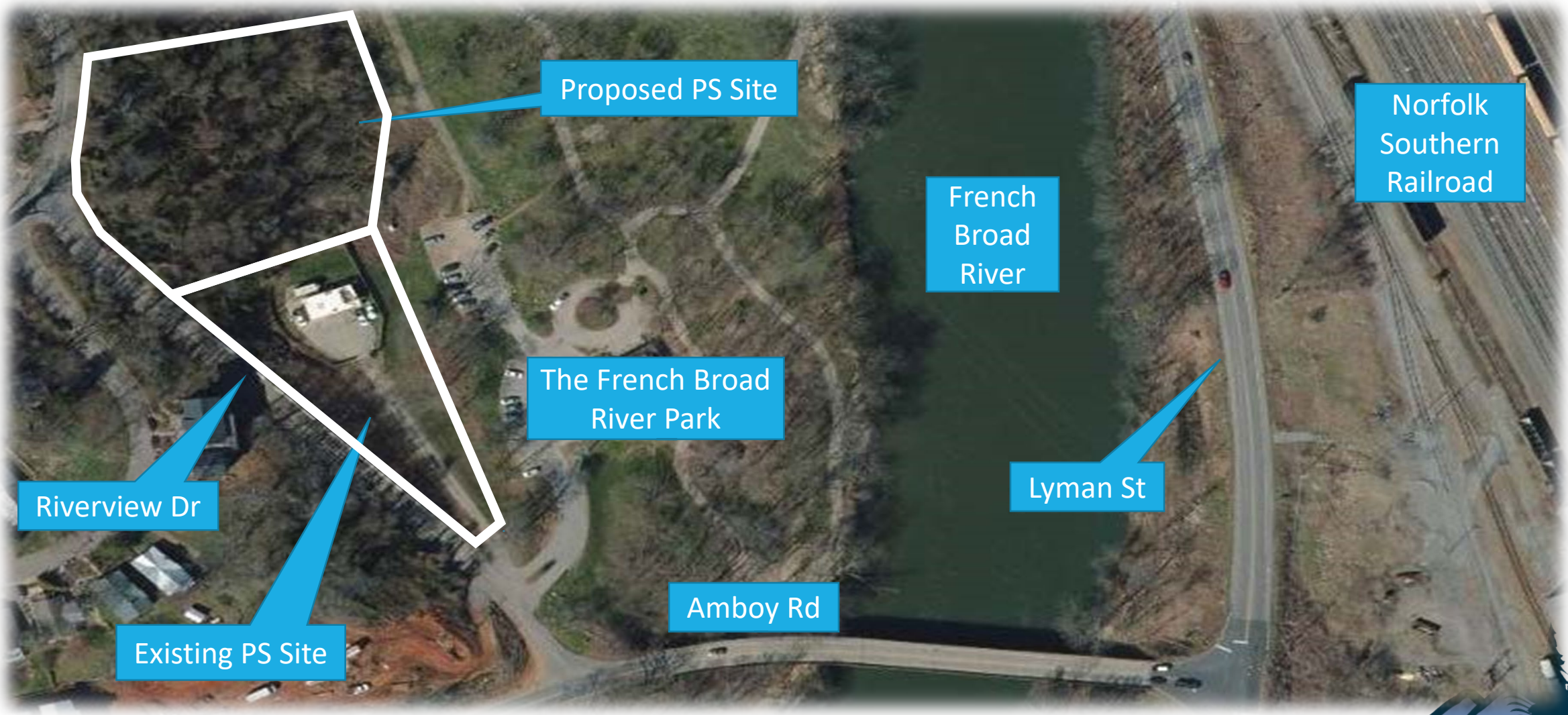
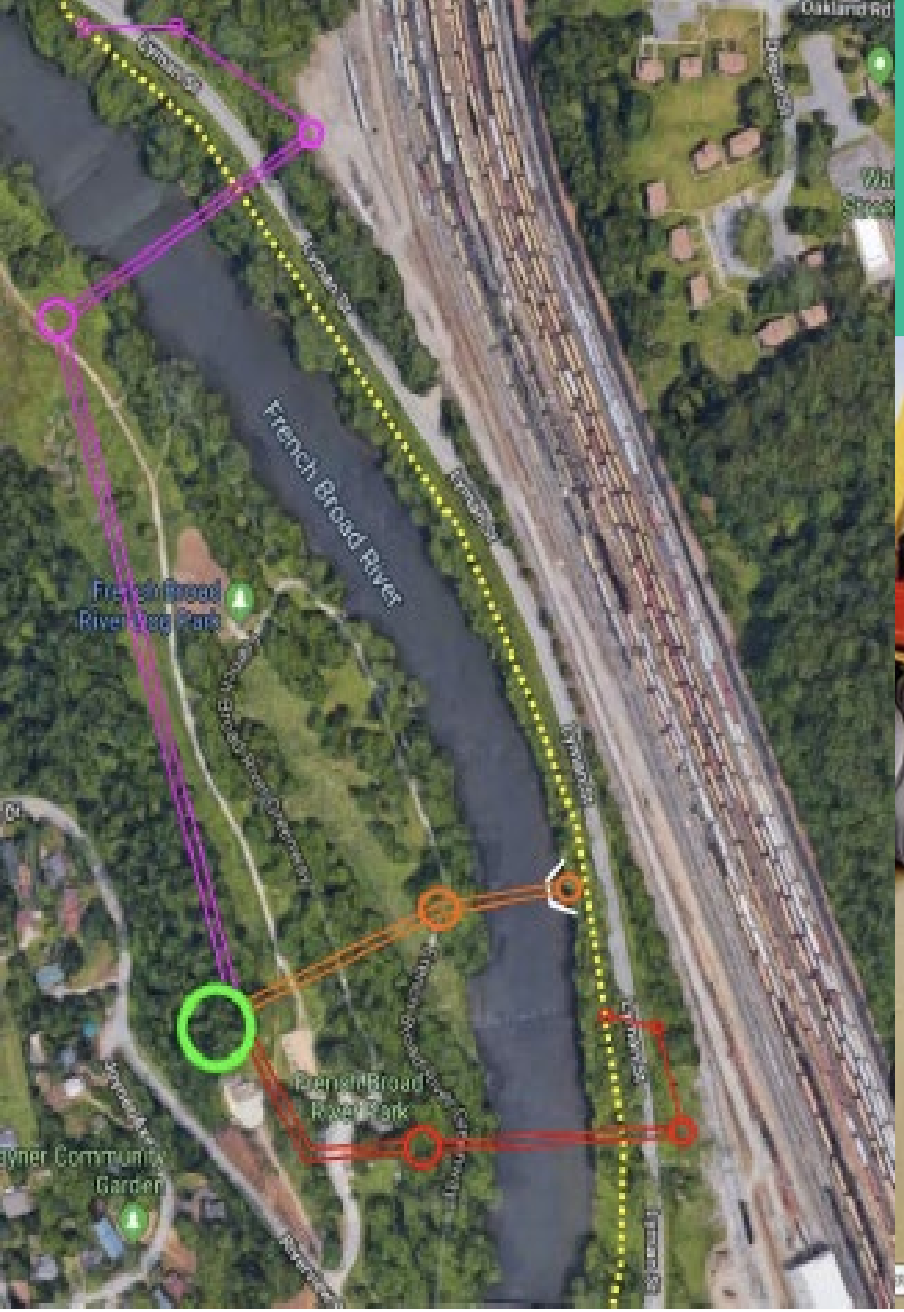
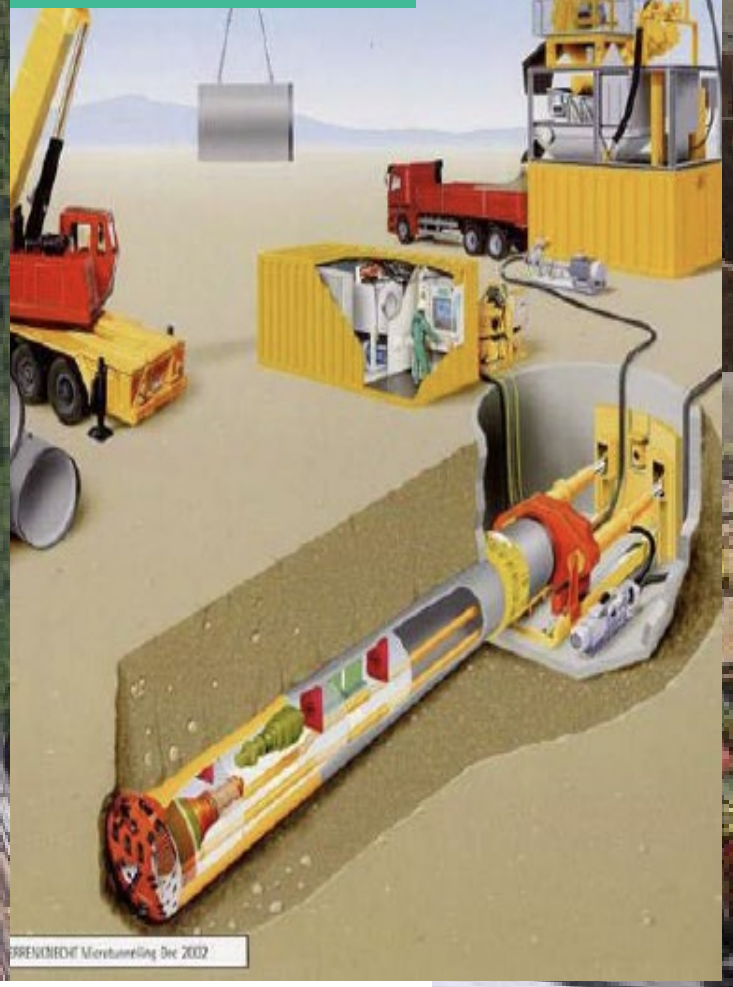


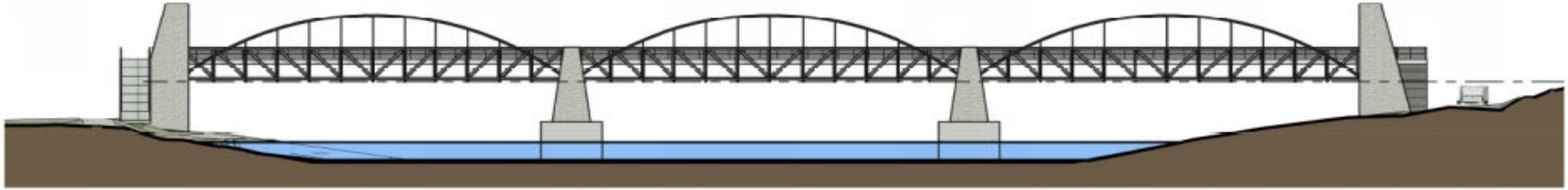
New station will be 70-75 feet deep

River Crossing

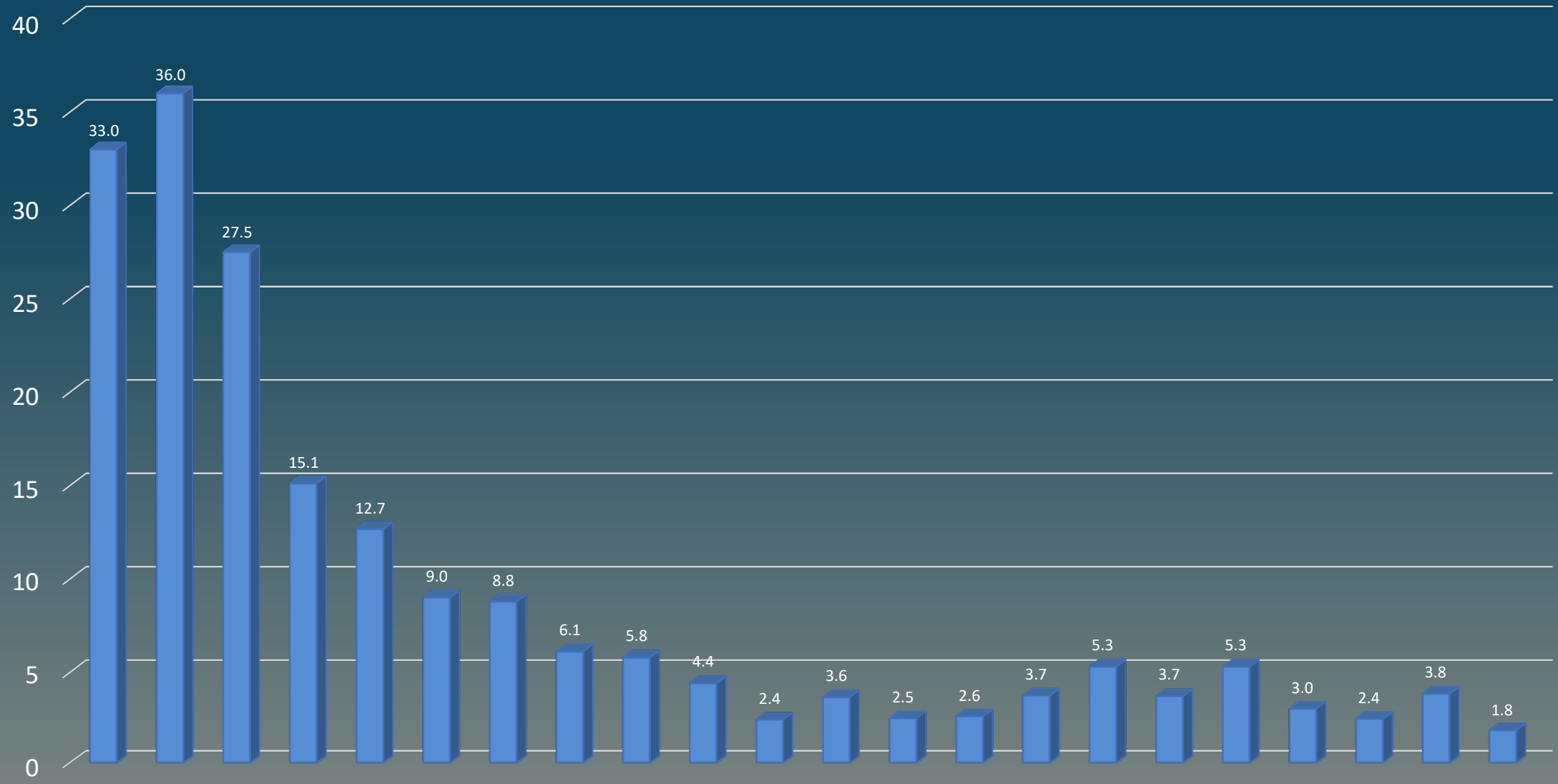




Sewer crossing/Pedestrian Bridge for Wilma Dykeman Greenway – COA Partnership



SSO's/100 Miles of Sewer per year



Our End Product

Questions ?

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

Presentations

Department: Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission

Presenter(s): Demp Bradford, President

Contact(s): Demp Bradford

Subject: Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission Update

Brief Summary:

Update Board of Commissioners on the Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

None

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:

ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE REGIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION

ASHEVILLE SPORTS
ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE REGIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION

GALA GYMNASTICS

- 1,443 Participants from across the Southeast
- $2.1 Million Event Value Calculation

The Gala

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Sellout of Semi-Finals and Finals
- Championship Game on ESPN

SOCON
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
ingles
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
ASHEVILLE NORTH CAROLINA
PRESENTED BY: General Shale

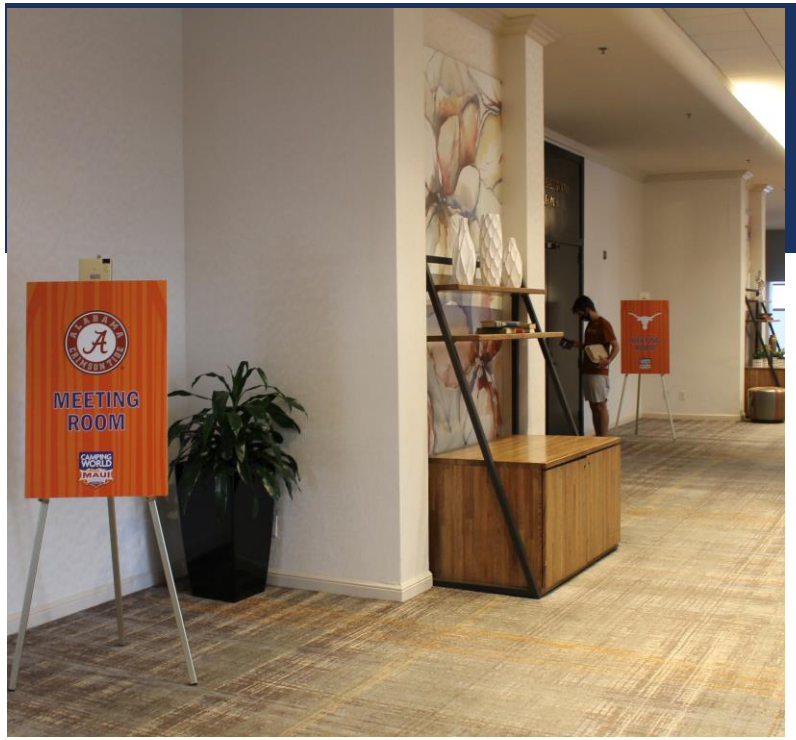
MARCH 12, 2020

LOSS OF EVENTS SNAPSHOT

- **French Broad Invitational Golf** - (March)
- **River Ruckus Crossfit** - (April)
- **NCYSA Kepner Cup** - (May)
- **Carpetbagger Lacrosse** - (June)
- **Spartan Race** - (July)
- **Grand Fondo Cycling National Championships** - (July)
- **Asheville Open Tennis** - (July)
- **Skyview Open** - (July)
- **Blue Ridge Classic Lacrosse** – (August)
- **Riverside Soccer Shootout** - (August)
- **Ville to Ville** - (September)
- **Beer City Cup Soccer** - (September)
- **Beer City Beatdown Crossfit** – (October)
- **Grapple** - (December)
- **Gala Gymnastics** - (January)
- **Other Local Events***

A PRESTIGIOUS EVENT FOR ASHEVILLE

- Event Organizer: **KemperLesnik**
- **12** Games on ESPN & ESPN2
- Two **Top 20** AP Poll Teams Participated (#16 UNC & #13 Texas)
- **8** Team from the ACC, SEC, Big 12, Pac 12, Big East, Big Ten, Atlantic 10, Mountain West
- **$489,000** Donated by Plating Change



A NEW WORLD

"MITIGATING THE RISK"

FACE MASKS
ARE REQUIRED
IN THIS AREA

DARK ROAST
DECAF COFFEE
BLACK TEA
SUGAR
CREAMER

ALOHA
ATTENDANT
For elevator service,
please TEXT your floor
number to:
828-385-4311
HELP
PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF
CORONAVIRUS
Please use hand sanitizer
before entering elevator
THANK
YOU

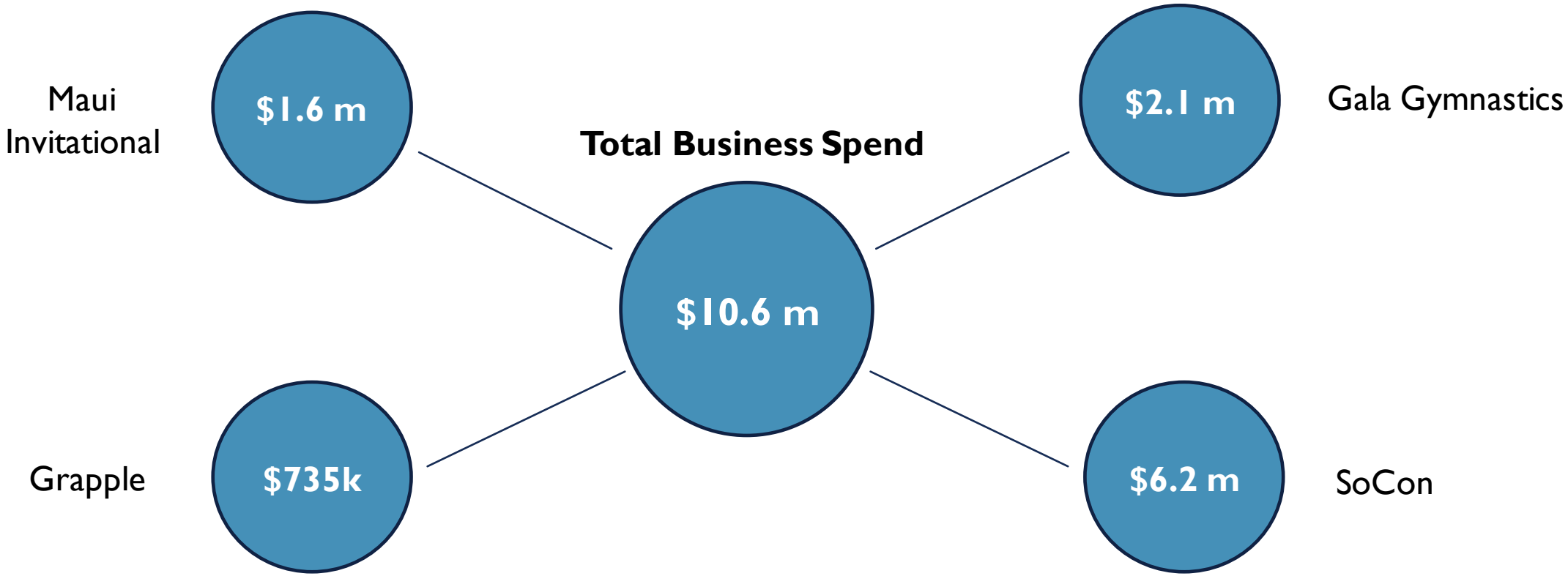
IMPACT ON HOTELS ALONE

- **877** Room Nights for the Teams
- **630** Room Nights For Support Staff / Media In The Bubble
- Total Room Nights = **1,507**
- Average Daily Rate (ADR) = **$185.69**
- **1,087** Room Nights Booked from Sunday – Thursday
- Team Only Food and Beverage Spend = **$237,270**
- Average F&B of **$29,659** Per Team

THE REAL WINNER – ASHEVILLE

- Direct Business Spend: **$959, 850**
- Direct Jobs Supported: **334**
- Total Jobs Supported: **432**
- Total Local Taxes: **$38,499**
- Total Business Spend: **$1,574,141**

SPORTS EVENT VALUE CALCULATION



2019-2020 EVENT IMPACT - DETAILED

Event	Month	Total Attendees	Direct Spend	Jobs	Local Taxes	Total Spend
Gala Gymnastics 2019	January	5,362	$1,275,817	955	$55,128	$2,109,221
Fed Cup 2019	February	6,560	$2,789,942	2,012	$145,569	$4,582,964
SoCon Basketball Championships - 2020	March	31,628	$3,752,694	1,555	$169,360	$6,210,056
Haute Route Asheville - 2019	May	875	$884,379	395	$45,913	$1,449,585
NC USTA State 55 & Over Championships - 2020	May	1,846	$811,770	548	$43,751	$1,325,935
Asheville Spartan Race - 2019	July	8,631	$3,814,749	2,667	$207,704	$6,224,494
NC Mixed Doubles State Tennis Championships - 2019	September	3,000	$1,604,776	671	$90,496	$2,615,484
Great Smoky Mountain Grapple - 2019	December	2,975	$445,193	209	$19,150	$735,568
Totals		**55,515**	**$14,103,503**	**8,057**	**$721,943**	**$23,144,086**

CURRENT OBSTACLES FOR SPORTS TOURISM

(COVID & NON-COVID)

SPORTS GUIDELINES

MASS GATHERINGS LIMITATIONS

TESTING

FACILITIES / FACILITY RENTALS

COSTS / BID FEES

HOTEL RATES

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

- Southern Conference Basketball Tournament
- Return of the Grapple and Other Wrestling Events
- Additional Tennis Events
- Additional College Basketball Opportunities
- Cycling Events
- Return of Gymnastics Events

SPORTS EVENTS TRAVEL READERS' CHOICE AWARDS

Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission

2021 All-Star Destination Partner of the Year!!

2020 Camping World Maui Invitational

Best Live or Virtual Sports Event of 2020!!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

ASHEVILLE SPORTS
ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE REGIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

New Business

Department: Finance **Presenter(s):** Ron Venturella, Mason Scott

Contact(s): Ron Venturella, Mason Scott

Subject: Gift Card Policy

Brief Summary:
The Gift Card Policy was originally adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2018 as part of the County's Procurement Manual. Since that time, the County has undergone significant transition. This includes reorganization of departments and programs that use gift cards as a method of service delivery. The Gift Card Policy currently prevents some of these programs from using gift cards to continue provision of existing services. Revisions have been drafted to the Gift Card Policy to:

- Clarify when and by whom procurement cards may be used to purchase gift cards, and
- Expand the allowable usage of gift cards for client assistance and support programs.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:
Approve revised Gift Card policy.

County Manager's comments and Recommendation:
Recommends approval.

RESOLUTION #21-02-13

RESOLUTION AMENDING A PORTION OF THE GIFT CARD POLICY SECTIONS
BUNCOMBE COUNTY PROCUREMENT MANUAL

WHEREAS, every Buncombe County Commissioner, officer and employee has a fiduciary duty to account for public funds and to expend such funds in a diligent and responsible manner and in accordance with State law;

WHEREAS, accordingly this Board adopted the County's Procurement Manual in 2018;

WHEREAS, the Procurement Manual includes the Gift Card Policy, and this Gift Card Policy prevents full implementation of proven department client incentive programs;

WHEREAS, the requested revisions are intended to clarify when and by whom procurement cards may be used to purchase gift cards, and expand the allowable usage of gift cards to include all client assistance and support programs; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to adopt the proposed Gift Card Policy revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board hereby adopts the revised Gift Card Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. That if any section, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance;

3. That all ordinances and clauses of ordinances in conflict herewith be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict; and

4. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 16th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

_____
Lamar Joyner, Clerk

By: _____
Brownie Newman, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

_____
County Attorney

Buncombe County, North Carolina

Gift Card Policy

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1.0 Policy Information

Category & Subcategory:	Gift Cards	**Original Effective Date:**	4/30/2018	**This Revision Effective:**	2/16/2021

Persons Affected:	Eligible Buncombe County Workforce

Approvals:	Approved By:	County Manager	Approved By:	Finance Director
	Date Approved:		Date Approved:	

Revision History

Effective Date	Version	Section	Summary of Changes	Author
4/10/2018	1		Original version	
4/30/2018	2	3.0 & 6.0	• Added definition of "grant funded" • Included grant-funded uses as authorized in general, removed statements of specific grant-funded programs	
2/16/2021	3	6.4 & 6.5	• Clarified authority to purchase gift cards with a procurement card • Clarified authority of Finance Director/CFO to designate Gift Card Liaison • Expanded allowable usage of gift cards for service delivery	

Title: Gift Card Policy	Policy #: n/a	Revision #: 3

2.0 Introduction/Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish a policy for requesting and issuing gift cards and to ensure proper handling and accountability of these cards. Gift cards are recognized as a cash-equivalent and are susceptible to potential misuse and unnecessary risk exposure. The intent of this policy is to minimize or eliminate these risks while maintaining the integrity of program requirements.

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Buncombe County, North Carolina

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Gift Card Policy

Procurement Manual Revision

Presented by

Ron Venturella and Mason Scott

Finance

February 16, 2021

Procurement Manual

Adopted by Board of Commissioners in 2018

Includes seven policies

- Procurement
- Contracts
- Procurement Cards
- Meals and Meetings
- **Gift Cards**
- Travel
- Surplus

Gift Card Policy

Purpose

To minimize or eliminate the risks associated with gift cards while maintaining the integrity of program requirements.

Original goals

- Provide org-wide standards for gift card management
- Centralize procurement of gift cards through Finance department
- Limit use of gift cards to specific areas

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve changes to policy

Revision 1

Purpose of revision

Clarify when and who can use procurement cards to purchase gift cards.

Language

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Revision 2

Purpose

Expand allowable usage of gift cards.

Language

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Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 2/16/2021

New Business

Departments:
Justice Services & Budget

Presenter(s):
Jennifer Barnette, Budget
Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services

Contact(s): Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director
Hannah Legerton, Safety & Justice Challenge Grant Manager
Jennifer Barnette, Budget Director

Subject: Safety + Justice Challenge Grant Renewal

Brief Summary:
In October 2018, Buncombe County was awarded $1.75 million through the Safety + Justice Challenge. Buncombe County has been awarded a second round of funding in the amount of $1.75 million, which will start April 1st, 2021 and run through March 31st, 2023. This grant will continue the efforts of the original grant to safely reduce the county's jail population. The original grant has been successful in enhancing pretrial services, increasing efficiencies in case processing, increasing community engagement, and working to advance racial equity, among other achievements. No local grant match is required.

This agenda item will include:
1) A summary presentation of the grant
2) A request to establish one (1) and extend nine (9) grant-funded positions. The nine extended positions include 7 full-time and 2 part-time positions funded through the initial Safety + Justice Challenge grant
3) One (1) accompanying budget amendment

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:
1) Accept grant
2) Approve related budget amendment
3) Approve one (1) new and extend nine (9) grant-funded positions, as long as grant funding is available

County Manager's Comments & Recommendation:
County Manager recommends as presented

ORDINANCE #21-02-14

BUNCOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
Grant Projects Ordinance

BOARD MEETING DATE: Feburary 16, 2021

WHEREAS, the Budget Director recommends and the Board now desires to amend the FY2020-2021 Grants Projects outlined below in Exhibit "A" to the budget,
NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the FY 2020-2021 amendments listed in Exhibit A below be hereby adopted.
2. That this ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this 16th day of February, 2021.

Granting Agency:	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Grant Name:	Safety + Justice Challenge Grant Renewal

Description:
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Funding Source:
$1.75 million provided by the MacArthur Foundation

Exhibit A:	**Increase (Decrease)**	
Account Description	**Revenues**	**Expenditures**
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge FY21 - 4102:Grant Revenue	$ 1,750,000	
Fund 327 - Safety + Justice Challenge FY21 - Expenditures		$ 1,750,000
TOTAL	$ 1,750,000	$ 1,750,000

ATTEST:

Tamara Laymon
Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE:

By: Brownie W
Chairman of the Board

Safety + Justice Challenge Grant Overview and Renewal Update

Presented by

Tiffany Iheanacho, Justice Services Director

Hannah Legerton, SJC Grant Manager

Presentation Agenda

SAFETY + JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

- Overview and Background of the Safety and Justice Challenge
- SJC Challenge Strategies for 2018-2020
- SJC Challenge Progress
- SJC Challenge Strategies for 2021-2023
- Recommended Motion & Requested Action

SAFETY + JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

A $246 million national initiative to reduce over-incarceration and advance racial equity in local criminal justice systems by changing the way America thinks about and uses jails.

The grant brings the Foundation's total investment in Buncombe County to $3.55 million to date.

There are 21 implementation sites nationwide, including Buncombe County, implementing reforms to make their local justice system more equitable and more effective.

Buncombe County has surpassed the original SJC goal to reduce the jail population by 15% with the average monthly population declining by 30% between February 2019 and January 2021.

Timeline + Progress of Work

SJC Innovation Site
November 2016 to April 2018

SJC Implementation Award
October 2018 to March 2021

Infrastructure Development
November 2018 to April 2019

Planning + Logistics
May 2019 to August 2019

Implementation
September 2019 to Present

Grant Renewal
Proposed:
April 2021 – March 2023

Current SJC Positions

County Positions

- 5 FT and 2 PT Pretrial Screeners
- 1 Grant Manager
- 1 Management Analyst

Contracted Positions

- 1 Assistant Public Defender
- 1 Assistant District Attorney
- 1 Jail Re-entry Diversion Case Manager

2018-2020 SJC Strategies & Activities

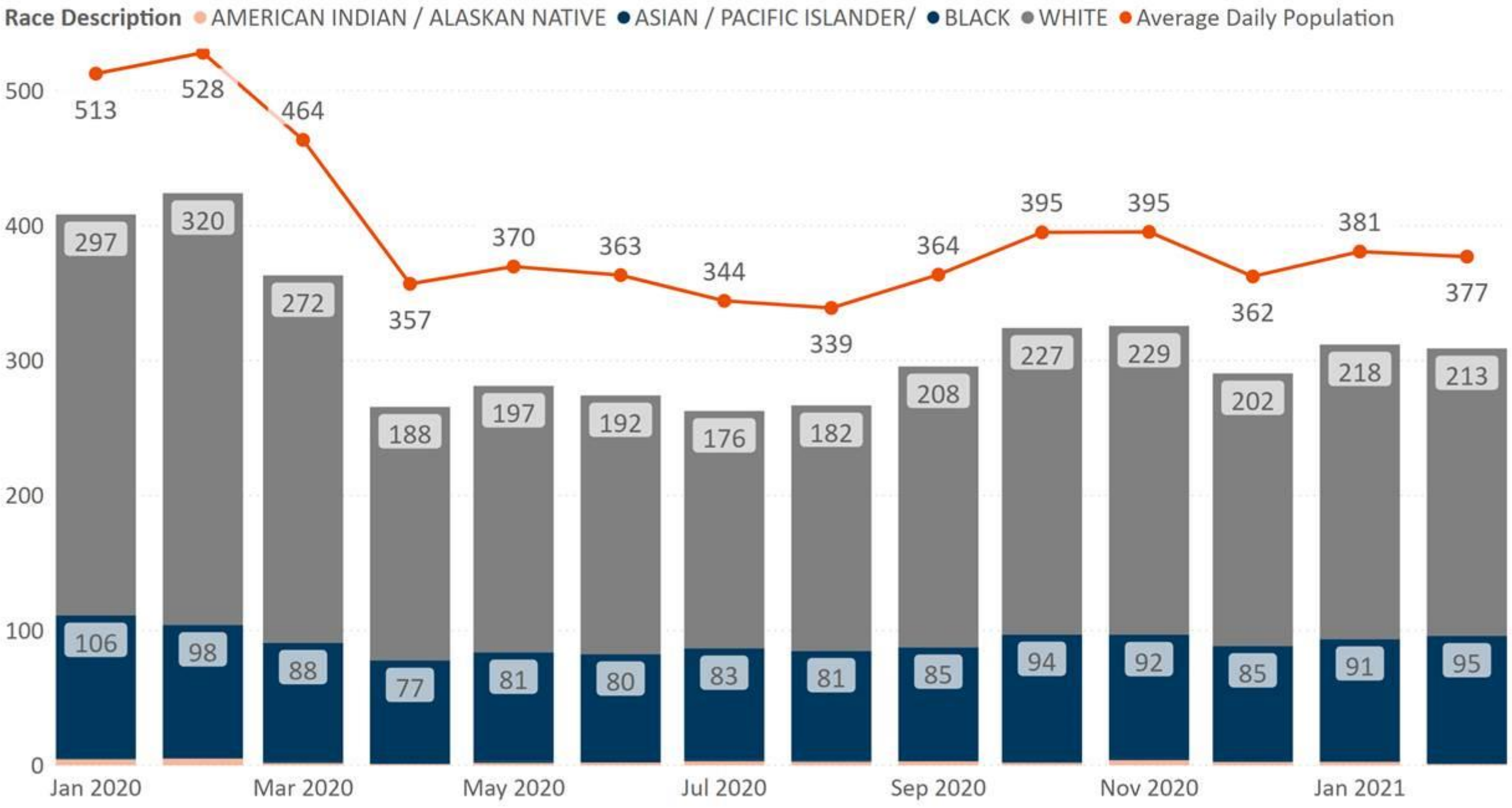
Deflection at Arrest & Booking	Diversion to BH & SA Treatment	Enhancing Pretrial Services	Increase Efficiencies in Case Processing
Implement Public Safety Assessment at magistrate	Improve law enforcement drop off process	Examine pretrial supervision assignment practices	Expand jail based case processing
Review local booking processes	Enhance supportive services for familiar faces	Utilize Public Safety Assessment	Implement automated court date reminder system
Review use of criminal summons	Continued collaboration between BH and CJ partners	Modify violation policy and supervision practices	Implement a bail alert report
			Create alternatives to custody for civil non-support

Improve Data Utilization

Increase Community Engagement

Address Racial & Ethnic Disparities

SJC Average Daily Population by Race and Average Daily Population



SJC Key Outcomes 2018-2021

- **Safely reduce the jail population:**
  - Original goal of 15% reduction (target of 327).
  - Lowest point in July, when ADP reached 262 (a 42% decrease).
  - Current ADP hovering around this level (1/25/21 ADP was 330).

- **Not seeing related increases in crime:**
  - Total incidents reported from Mar-Aug 2020 was 5.6% less than in 2019
  - Lower recidivism rates for those released: 14% of those released on own recognizance/unsecured bonds between Mar-Jun 2020 returned to custody in 2 months, compared to 17% prior to COVID.

SJC Outcomes 2018-2021

- **Racial Equity**
  - Racial Equity Tool
  - JRAC and County Leadership's Declaration of Racism as a Public Safety Crisis
  - Education & training

- **Community Engagement**
  - 9 events, 500+ participants
  - Virtual town hall on justice in time of COVID with over 4,250 views

- **Community Safety & Violence Prevention**
  - SPARC, Umoja, My Daddy Taught Me That and the Racial Justice Coalition

SJC Goals 2021-2023

- **Awarded $1.75 Million**
  - Sustaining Jail Population Reductions
  - Reducing Racial & Ethnic Disparities
  - Building Community Engagement and Trust

2021-2023 SJC Renewal Stakeholder Engagement

Collected 100+ ideas	Survey	JRAC Work Sessions	Community Input	Alignment w/SJC Goals
Community listening sessions Existing SJC workgroups Renewal workgroup Interviews with JRAC members	Surveyed JRAC and SJC workgroup members to prioritize strategies	JRAC work sessions to discuss top strategies and confirm support	Community Engagement Workgroup phone calls and survey	Conferred w/Vera (site coordinator) + MacArthur

2021-2023 SJC Renewal Strategies

Enhancing Pretrial Release Strategies

- Implement PSA at magistrates
- Maintain use of non-financial release conditions at the levels seen during COVID
- Increase pre-arrest and jail diversion strategies

Increasing Efficiencies in Case Processing

- Continue Jail Review Team
- Increase use of court notification system
- Increase early access to defense counsel

Advancing Racial Equity

- Hire Racial Equity Consultant
- Use Racial Equity Tool
- Ongoing education and training
- Partner with community to identify root causes driving increasing racial inequities and co-design solutions

Increasing Community Engagement

- Increase understanding of justice system
- Partner with community to identify root causes and develop interventions to address drivers of incarceration, including FTAs and violence
- Support establishment of Drivers' License Restoration Initiative

Advancing Community Safety and Violence Prevention

- Partner with community organizations to address community safety
- Develop Strategic Plan with justice stakeholders

SJC Renewal Positions

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Questions?