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## Anson County Awarded \$1.77 Million Grant for Improvements at Industrial Park

Anson one of 10 communities to receive Rural ReadySites grants

The North Carolina Department of Commerce approved 10 grant requests totaling more than \$14 million through the Rural ReadySites program, Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland announced on Tuesday.

The Rural ReadySites program, run out of the Department of Commerce in partnership with the Rural Infrastructure Authority, helps rural communities prepare prospective sites for industrial development. The program will invest more than \$14 million in public infrastructure construction and improvements for sites that have a strong potential to attract employers, create jobs and strengthen the local, regional and state economy. The North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$2 million for this purpose, and the Department of Commerce added the additional \$12 million to fund these projects.

"Companies are looking for sites that have the infrastructure they need to get to work growing their business right away," said Commerce Secretary Anthony M. Copeland. "Our rural communities often need additional funding to prepare sites for development, and this program is a step toward meeting that need."

The following 10 localities were awarded a total of \$14,328,165:

- Town of Wadesboro (Anson County): A \$1,776,925 grant will help provide water, sewer and industrial access road improvements for an industrial park. Over 73 acres will be served by the project.
- Camden County: A \$1,580,000 grant will make improvements to sewer and industrial access at a commerce park. Some 260 acres will be served by the project.
- Lenoir County: A \$789,500 grant will extend sewer service at an industrial park serving a number of businesses. Over 51 acres will be directly served by the project, which should support future developments.
- Martin County: A \$1,013,940 grant will extend sewer infrastructure and rehabilitate existing water infrastructure in an industrial park, serving 100 acres.
- Town of Middlesex (Nash County): A \$1,514,600 grant will complete improvements to existing sewer, water and road infrastructure, creating a fully served business park of 330 acres.
- Person County: A \$1,604,125 grant will extend water to a "megasite" park north of Roxboro, with 1,349 acres being served by the project.
- City of Reidsville (Rockingham County): A \$1,132,500 grant will extend water and sewer to a horse park. The project will serve 55 acres.
- Rutherford County: A \$675,000 grant will extend water and sewer service to a county-owned site. The project will serve 104 acres and create the potential for additional economic development along a four-mile corridor of U.S. 221.
- Vance County: A \$2,456,575 grant will bring water and sewer infrastructure to an industrial park. The project will serve 87 acres.
- Wayne County: A \$1,785,000 grant will provide industrial road access, water and sewer to a site with easy access to I-795. The site represents a partnership between the city of Goldsboro, Wayne County and the Wayne County Development Alliance, and 118 acres will be served.

The participating projects in the Rural ReadySites Program must meet the following criteria:

- The applicant must be a government entity in a Tier 1 or 2 county.
- The site must be publicly owned or controlled.
- The site must be a minimum of 50 contiguous acres.
- Funds must only be used to construct public infrastructure with priority given to water, sewer and industrial access improvements. Additional consideration will be given to sites located in counties with greatest economic distress.

The Rural ReadySites program was funded by the North Carolina General Assembly and the Department of Commerce's Industrial Development Fund.

## Boating Safety Campaigns & Heightened Law Enforcement this Weekend

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and its partners will continue the "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign and participate in the "Operation Dry Water" campaign over the upcoming holiday weekends.

From June 29 through July 1, wildlife officers will focus on boating law compliance on the waterways and spread public awareness for "Operation Dry Water," a national campaign that promotes sobriety while boating.

These enhanced enforcement initiatives will continue from July 6-8 during the "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign. The annual multi-agency initiative works to ensure safe travel on the road and enjoyment on the water during summer holidays. In North Carolina, a driver or boat operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08 is subject to arrest.

"Being charged for boating under the influence of alcohol is a terrible way to spend a holiday weekend," said Lt. Sam Craft. "You can easily avoid fines and potential jail time by being safe and designating a driver."

- Drinking affects the skills to operate a boat, including:
- Peripheral vision and ability to focus
  - Judgment and rational decision-making
  - Balance and equilibrium
  - Coordination and reaction time

The Commission reminds all boaters to put on a life jacket before entering a vessel. Wearing a life jacket is a simple safety precaution that can prevent tragedy from happening in the event of an accident.

Boating at night typically increases during holiday weekends, so boaters should practice caution and be on high alert due to reduced visibility. Inland lighting rules are in effect and water skiing is prohibited between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Personal watercraft are prohibited on state waters between sunset and sunrise.

The "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign is coordinated by the Commission and the State Highway Patrol, and supported by local police and sheriff's offices, along with participating non-governmental organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

For more information about boating in North Carolina, visit [ncwildlife.org/boating](http://ncwildlife.org/boating).



## Anson High School Honor Graduates

Congratulations to the 2018 Anson High School Honor Graduates. They are Taylor Caroline Austin, Taylor Lea Autrey, Noah Edward Bacon, Emily Blake Bolick, Damarius Nykwaun Borden, Ilasia Nija' Burch, Tiffany Brianna Hardin Cagle, Weston Thomas Carpenter, Ta'Veon Desiny Cole, Abigail Grace Dagenhart, William Mark Dagenhart, Kazhmiri' Nyacha DeBerry, Imani Catoyya Dunnom-Marant, Lauren Olivia Dutton, Amber Leigh Freeman, Jaylin' Jahid Gaddy, Destiny Marie Gayton, Hannah Bailey Harward, Alaina Marie Johnson, Ethan Doss Johnson, Amari Hooria Khalid, Alexis Diane Kirby, Briana Simone Liles, Jada Dominique Lindsey, James Kobe Lindsey, Jamison Dominique Lindsey, Cydney Brooks Livingston, Jaear Dayquen McClendon, Tierra Shardaia Presson, Taijha Jare' Rivers, Makayla Jamia Sturdivant, James Matthew Thomas, Myziah Trenae' Townsend, My Vue, Hannah Taylor Williams, Sacoria Marie Williams and Sidnee Reece Williams.



## Anson County Early College Honor Graduates

Congratulations to the 2018 Anson County Early College Honor Graduates. They are Haley Danielle Black, Michaela Simone Boggan, Mary Emily Bowers, Otis William Chambers, Jr., Kiante Kiaria Clark, Emily Michelle Dalrymple, Rashond Jamere Davis, Juacara Simone Diggs, Cheyenne Nicole Douglas, Emilie Ann Fowler, Avah Jane Gardelle, Malachiah Shontai Harrington, Madison Alan Hildreth, Katelyn Denise Howell, Mary Katherine Ingram, Bailey Nicole Joynes, Akira LaSharell LeGrand, Karisma Renae Lisenby, Destiny Glendae Little, Ashley Geraldine Marsh, Patience Brianna Marshall, Mallory Rae Martin, Kathryn Grace McRae, Gwendolyn Monique Mims, Genesis Leida Neal, Hanna Claire Osborn, Keeley Cierra Pope, McKayla Renee Ricketts, Hannah Faye Ross, Katie Elizabeth Taylor, Kaytlin Faith Teal, Pala Thao, Ryshee Zakia Wall, Kaylee Marie Wess and Arianna Yang.

## Wildlife Commission Announces July 4 as Free Fishing Day

On Wednesday, July 4 the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission invites anglers and would-be anglers of all ages to go fishing - for free. From 12 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. everyone in North Carolina - resident and non-residents alike - can fish in any public body of water, including coastal waters, without purchasing a fishing license or additional trout fishing privilege.

Although no fishing license is required, all other fishing regulations apply, such as length and daily possession limits, as well as bait and tackle restrictions.

To give anglers a better chance of catching fish, the Commission stocks a variety of fish in waters across the state - including trout and channel catfish. The agency also provides access to fishing sites across the state, including public fishing areas and boating access areas. The interactive fishing maps on the Commission's website list more than 500 fishing and boating areas, many of which are free, that are open to the public. ([www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing/Wheretofish](http://www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing/Wheretofish))

Started in 1994, free fishing day is an annual tradition, sponsored by the Commission and authorized by the N.C. General Assembly. It always falls on July 4.

On all other days of the year, a fishing license is not required for anglers 15 years and younger, but anyone age 16 and older must have a fishing license to fish in any public water in North Carolina, including coastal waters. Purchasing a license online is quick and easy at [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org). Other ways to purchase a license are:

- Call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Visit a local Wildlife Service Agent ([www.ncalvin.org/WildlifeServiceAgentMVC](http://www.ncalvin.org/WildlifeServiceAgentMVC))

For more information on fishing in public, inland waters, visit the Fishing page [www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing](http://www.ncwildlife.org/Fishing).

## Toys for Tots 2018 Campaign is in Full Force

Fundraiser event planned for this Friday at Lockhart-Taylor Center

Anson County Toys for Tots 2018 Campaign is open and accepting toys and monetary donations at Gumby's in Lilesville and Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro. Apostle Tim Adams and Pastor Steve Adams have graciously opened their doors and allowed Toys for Tots to conduct the campaign at their facility.

Toys for Tots will host a 'Christmas in July' fundraiser this Friday, June 29 at Lockhart-Taylor Center. They are having a 'Senior Prom' beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Lacy's Uptown and through the Toys for Tots Executive Board members. You can also donate at the door during the event.

This is the eighth Toys for Tots campaign held in Anson County. Each year the needs of our less fortunate grow. And, each year through the generosity of Anson County citizens we are able to continue putting smiles on the faces of the children of this great county.

Tickets are available at the following locations: Lacy's in uptown Wadesboro (Carol & Carl Gibson); Showtime Tattoo Parlor (William "Bugga" Sturdivant); Department of Social Services (Tammy Moore); Anson County Child Support (Priscilla Little); Anson County Schools (Kam McDonald); Grace Senior Center (Dr. Bernice Bennett & Wanda Talbert); Harvest Ministries Outreach Center (Pastor Steve Adams); T's & T's Daycare Center (Annie Chris Parsons); and Anson County Sheriff's Office (Sheriff Landric Reid).

Please contact Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412 or Debra Rosebud, Secretary, at 704 695-2963 for information or to make a donation.

## American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid

Anson County Parks and Recreation will offer a course called American Red Cross Wilderness and Remote First Aid. This class provides the foundation of first aid skills to be able to respond to emergencies and give care in the areas that do not have immediate EMS response. This includes wilderness and remote environments, including urban disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes.

You must be at least 14 years old by the end of the class and possess current adult CPR/AED certification. Class length is approximately 16 hours. The cost is \$25 per person. Class dates and times will be announced in July once registration has concluded.

To register come to Anson County Parks and Recreation office at Little Park, located at 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro. The deadline to register is this Friday, June 29. For more information contact Jeff Wainner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

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