



CENTRALINA
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Regional Managers Group Meeting

September 21, 2022

Today's Agenda

- Welcome & General Updates
- Infrastructure Grant Opportunities
- Building a Case for Infrastructure Funding
- How Centralina Can Help
- Closing Announcements

New & Now

Centralina Updates

Planning On-Call Services

Increased Requests for Temporary Staffing

- Planners on the move
- Delays in hiring
- Development backlog from COVID
- Complex development proposals
- Coverage for routine work to allow long-range planning or other priority projects

Do you have short-term planning staff needs?



Centralina and IBTS Partnership



Overview:

Cooperative partnership agreement enables communities to purchase services through Centralina

- IBTS has been providing services to local governments and federal agencies for over 40 years.
- Headquartered in D.C. with service centers in Charlotte, Richmond, New Orleans, Kansas City, Omaha and Puerto Rico.

Services:

- Code Enforcement
- Planning
- Other(s)

Staffing:

IBTS staff located at Centralina will provide services with backup from IBTS' other service centers - if needed

Pricing:

- Flat fee based on cooperative agreement with Centralina.
- Centralina member discounts.

On-Call Planning Services

Planning and Zoning Administration



- Zoning confirmation letters
- Variance application reviews
- Rezoning application reviews
- Text amendments
- Certificate of appropriateness

Development Reviews



- Site and development plans
- Plats
- Special use permits
- Downtown development authorities and business improvement districts

Consulting Services



- Operational reviews /best management practices
- Charrette facilitation and management
- Board training and support
- Project management



Town of Weddington Code Enforcement Dashboard

Beta Version 1.1



Year

2022

Case Month

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Violation Type

All

Total Cases

5

Under Enforcement

4

Closed

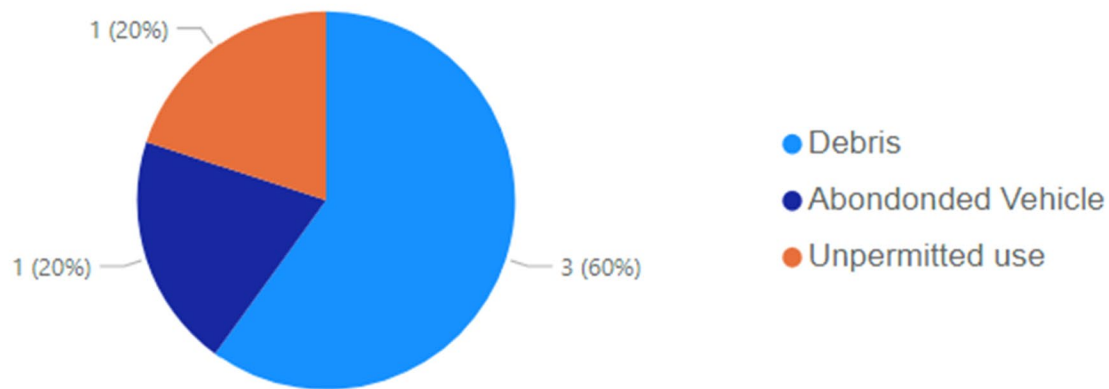
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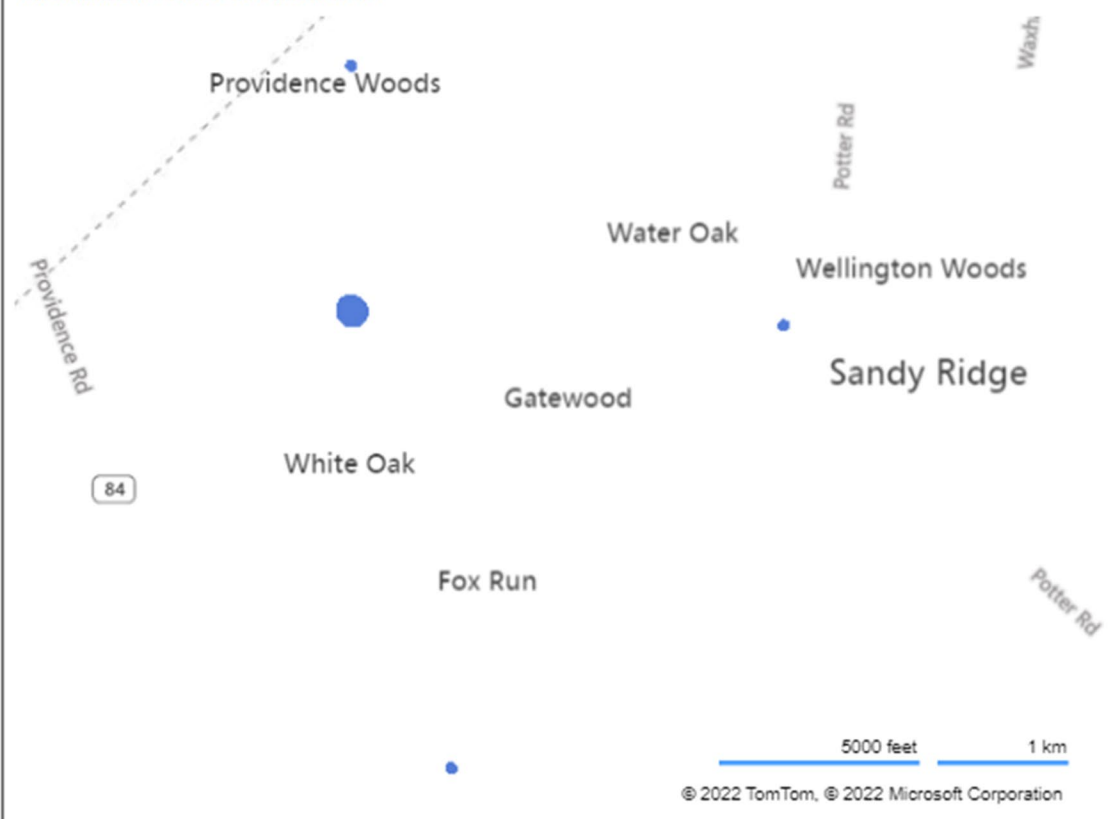
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Address	Date Complaint Received	Warning Ltr Date	Status
4000 Ambassador Court	Thursday, August 11, 2022	Monday, August 22, 2022	Closed
4909 Beulah Church Road	Thursday, August 11, 2022	Monday, August 22, 2022	Under Enforcement
4915 Beulah Church Road	Thursday, August 11, 2022	Monday, August 22, 2022	Under Enforcement
675 Weddington Road	Tuesday, August 23, 2022	Wednesday, August 24, 2022	Under Enforcement
4416 Glen Oaks Dr	Tuesday, September 13, 2022	Thursday, September 15, 2022	Under Enforcement

Violation by Category



Violation Street Address



Federal & State Funding

Infrastructure Grant Opportunities

Federal Grants

- ***Upcoming***
 - ***BRIC***
 - ***Brownfields***
- ***Individual Opportunities***
- ***Regional Opportunities***



Federal Grants

- ***BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE COMMUNITIES (BRIC)***
- ***BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT***



Federal Grants - INDIVIDUAL

RAISE	BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITY- WIDE ASSESSMENT	FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE	RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION
Help communities move forward on transportation projects	Help with direct costs of brownfield programs	Help reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to property insured under the (NFIP).	Help fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvements that focus on improving safety & mobility of people and goods
01/14/2023	9/12/2022	08/12/2022	07/12/2022
04/14/2023	11/22/2022	01/27/2023	10/04/2022

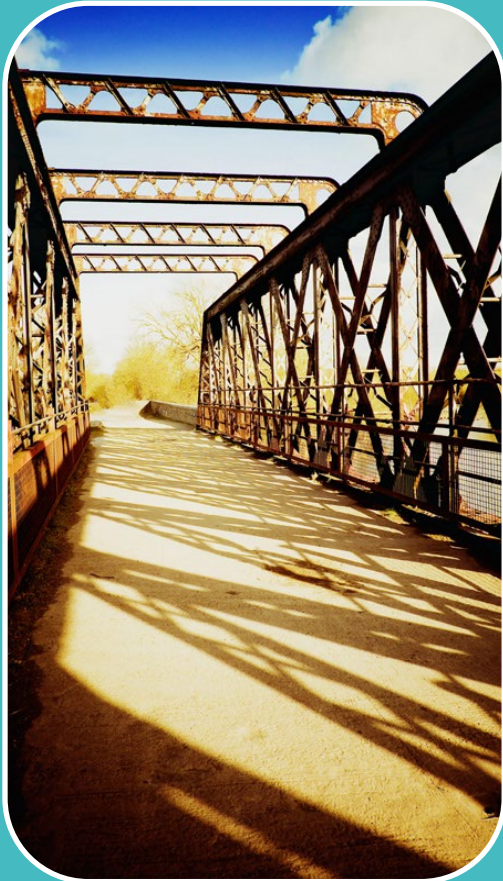


Federal Grants - REGIONAL

FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE	INFRA	MEGA	RURAL	RURAL ENERGY PILOT
Help reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to property insured under the (NFIP).	Grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance	Supports large, complex projects difficult to fund that generates economic, mobility or safety benefits	Supports projects to improve and expand transportation infrastructure in rural areas	Offers financial assistance for rural communities to further develop renewable energy
08/12/2022	03/23/2023	03/23/2023	03/23/2023	01/19/2023
01/27/2023	05/23/2023	05/23/2023	05/23/2023	07/18/2023



State Funding



Public Infrastructure

- Community Development Block Grant*
- Economic Infrastructure Program**
- Utility Account**
- Rail Industrial Access Program**

***Application deadline: September 30, 2023**

****Application deadlines:**

- **October 27, 2022**
- **January 5, 2023**
- **February 23, 2023**
- **April 27, 2023**

Other Public Infrastructure Funding

Golden LEAF SITE Program

- Identification
- Due Diligence
- Development



State Funding



Water/Wastewater/Stormwater

- Clean Water State Revolving Fund*
- Drinking Water State Revolving Fund*
- Viable Utility Reserve**
- Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Fund**

***Applications for Spring cycle due in March 2023**

****Applications typically due at end of September**

*****Applications for Spring cycle due May 1, 2023**

State Funding



Broadband

- Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) Grant
- Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) Grant

Next funding rounds to be announced later this fall

Questions

- What infrastructure funding opportunities are of interest to your community?



Resources & Tools

Building a Case for Infrastructure Funding

Map Legend

Existing Publicly Accessible EVSE (May 16, 2022)



Alternative Fuel Corridors (NEVI Formula Funding)



Alternative Fuel Corridors - 1 Mile Buffer (NEVI Formula Funding)



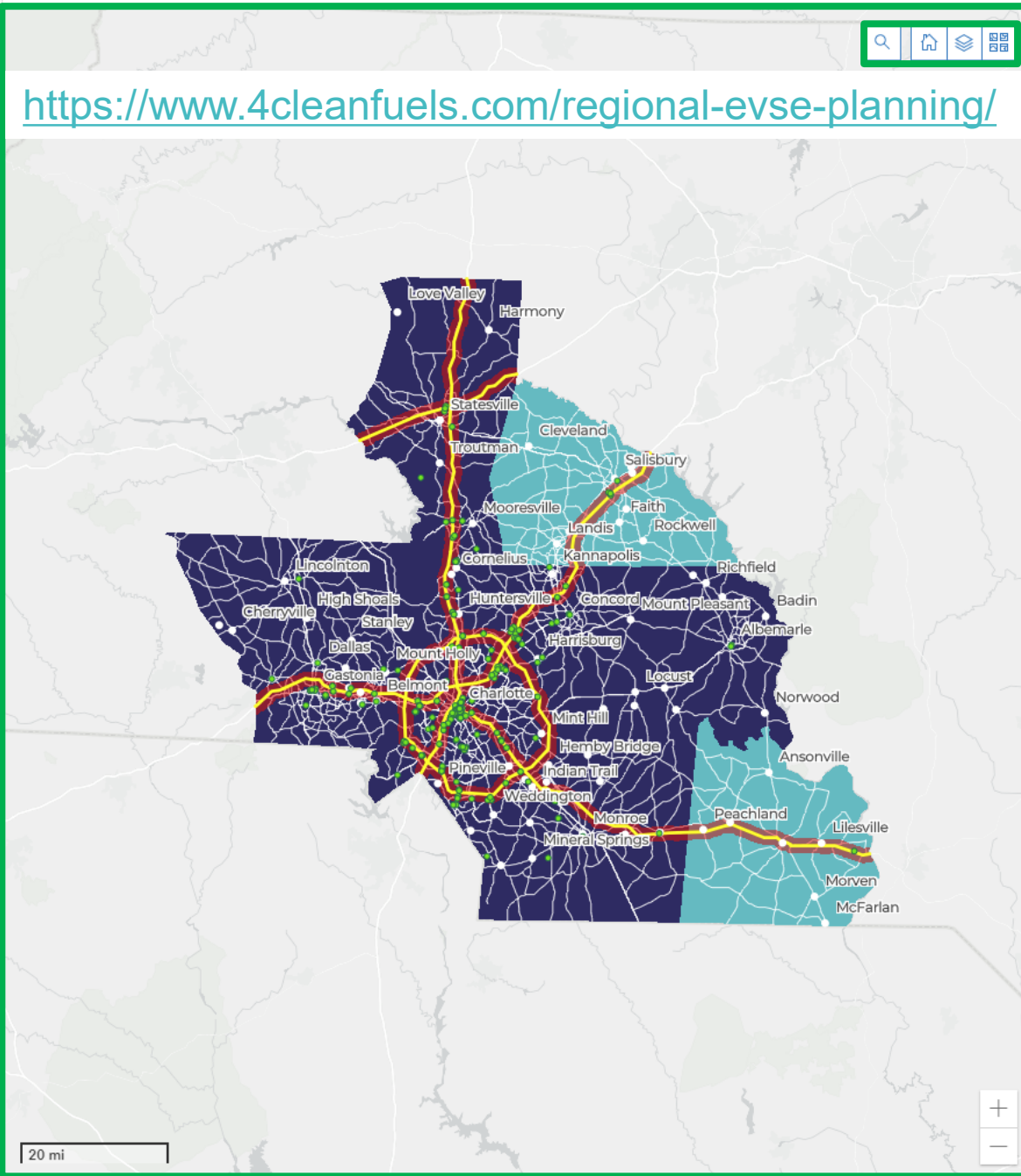
Historically Under-Resourced Counties (VW Settlement Funding)



Centralina Counties



Centralina Region EVSE Funding Map



Centralina Region EVSE Funding Opportunities

North Carolina is preparing for widespread Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption, and there are a variety of funding opportunities available to help your community play a part in the transition to clean fuels. To learn more about the funding available for EV Supply Equipment (EVSE) and other supportive infrastructure within your community, simply search for your community on the map and read on to identify the funding programs that may apply.

Funding Program Overview

- VW Settlement (Phase 2):** The NC Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ) is managing North Carolina's share of the Volkswagen Settlement, an agreement between the German automaker and the US Department of Justice. North Carolina's mitigation plan is structured in two phases. In Phase 1, nearly \$30 million was awarded for projects across the state. In Phase 2, the state has plans to invest the remaining \$67 million in additional projects to reduce NOx emissions and improve air quality. Specific funding programs exist for projects looking to [improve existing DC Fast Charging infrastructure](#) or [build new DC Fast Chargers, replace school bus fleets with cleaner vehicles](#), or install Level 2 EV chargers at [multi-unit dwellings](#) or [state agency sites and attractions](#).
- NEVI Formula Funding:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), passed in 2021, establishes a National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program ("NEVI Formula") to provide funding to States to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and to establish an interconnected network to facilitate data collection, access, and reliability. Projects within one mile of [Alternative Fuel Corridors](#), which are corridors designated by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), will be the first to receive funding through this program.

Historically Under-Resourced County Outreach Program

The NC Division of Air Quality (NC DAQ) is providing additional outreach and technical support to 37 counties throughout the state that historically may not have had the resources to effectively identify eligible projects or navigate the application process. Historically Under-Resourced Counties are eligible to receive the maximum funding amounts allowed and may also receive additional scoring points for their projects. If your community is located within Anson or Rowan County, you may wish to consider applying for EVSE project funding through Phase 2 of the NC VW Settlement.

Alternative Fuel Corridors

Within the Centralina Region, there are currently five designated Alternative Fuel Corridors:

- I-40
- I-77
- I-85
- I-485
- US-74

Additional text...

Phase 2 DC Fast Charging Priority Corridors

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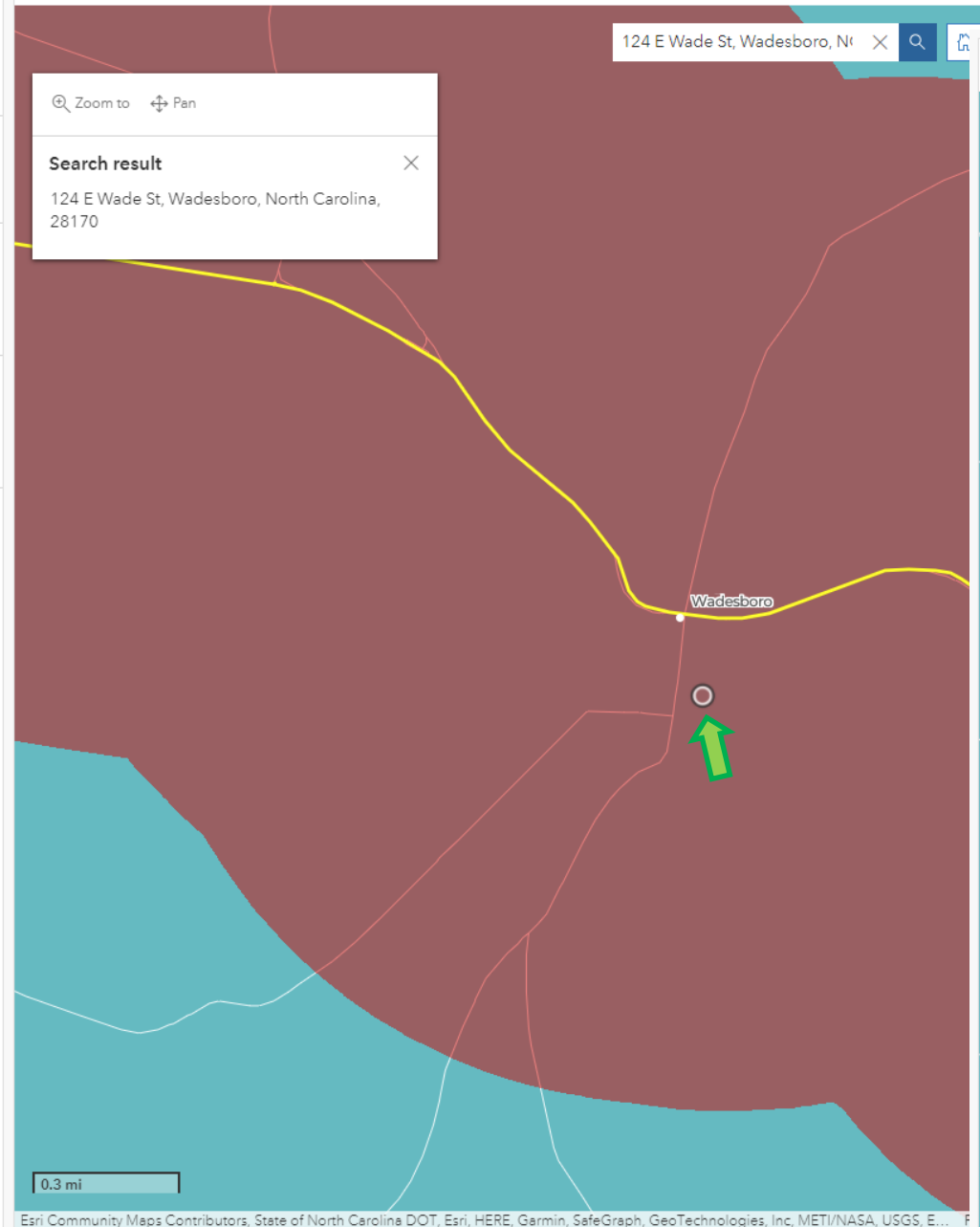
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Centralina Region EVSE Funding Map



Centralina Region EVSE Funding Map





Using This Tool

- Potential Questions
 - What existing chargers are in my community relative to the site we are considering?
 - What sources of funds are available for the site I am considering?
 - How are my community's needs aligned with federal and state priorities?
- Potential Users
 - Grant writers
 - Planning departments
 - Utilities/public works departments
 - Fleet managers



CONNECT Beyond: Transportation Equity

A Regional Mobility Initiative  

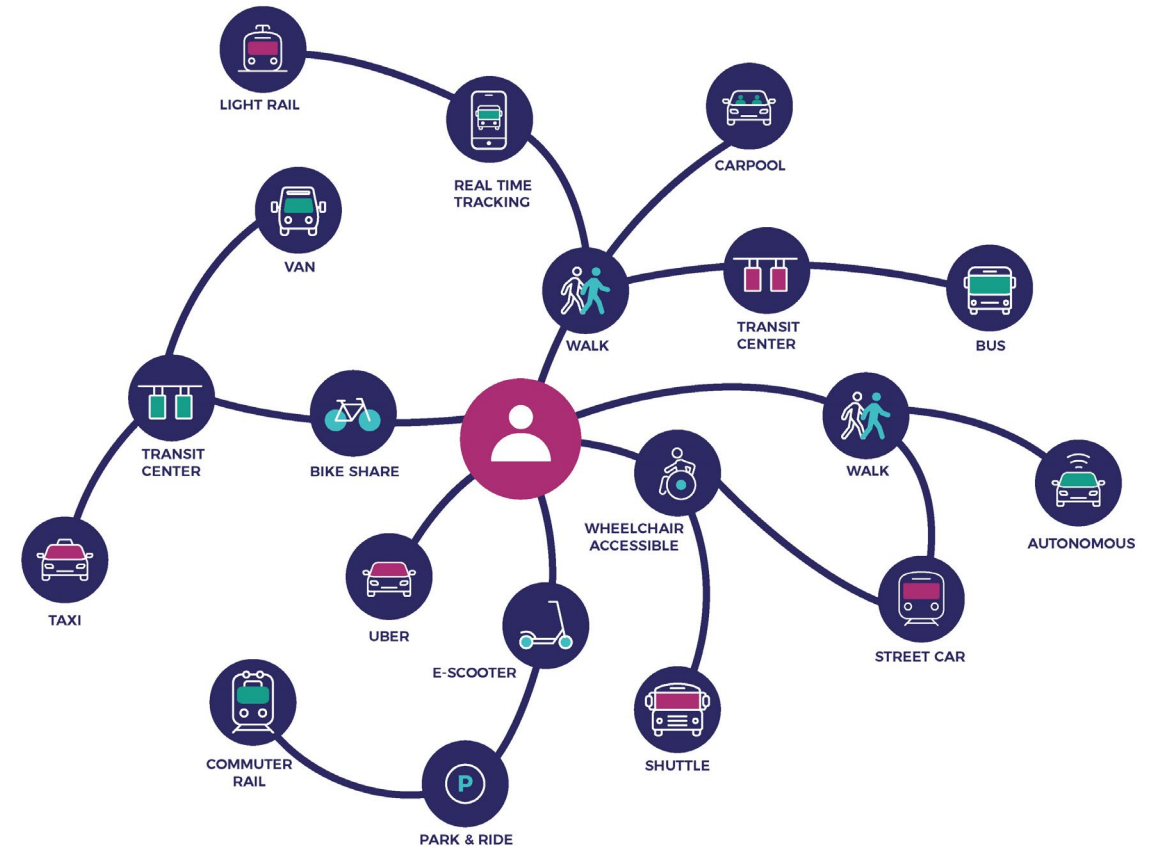
- About
- 1. Vehicle Accessibility
- 2. Low Income
- 3. Vulnerable Populations
- 4. 2015 Population & Employment
- 5. 2045 Population & Employment
- 6. Transit Propensity
- 7. Persistent Poverty
- 8. Essential Services
- 9. Housing & Transportation Costs



Transportation Equity Review effort for the CONNECT Beyond Mobility Plan is intended to provide a comprehensive understanding of the region's population. From vehicle accessibility to disabled and minority populations, these equity maps provide context for the placement of the preliminary high-capacity transit corridors to the region as well as additional transit and other mobility needs. Click here to visit the [CONNECT Beyond](https://www.connect-beyond.com) website to learn more about our project video.

Using This Tool

- Potential Questions
 - What is our community “story” in terms of transportation equity?
 - How can these equity data help us make informed development decisions?
 - Where should we pursue community transit investments?
- Potential Users
 - Transit agencies
 - Planning departments
 - Local government leadership
 - Community stakeholders



Other Resources to Support Equity & Planning

- Funding for truly “shovel worthy” projects will require demonstration that:
 - Planning has taken place and/or is aligned with existing planning efforts
 - Equity has been accounted for/considered
- Other Resources
 - [Energy Justice Mapping Tool](#)
 - [Electric Vehicle Charging Justice40 Map](#)
 - [Energy Zones Mapping Tool](#)
 - Regional framing: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) | CONNECT Beyond | Regional Resiliency Collaborative



Takeaways

Successful proposal ideas will demonstrate:

- That you have the need
 - Are there gaps in the charging infrastructure? Communities in need of mobility options?
- That this idea is in alignment with community needs
 - Are there disadvantaged communities that are historically under-resourced and could be benefitted?
- That this idea is in alignment with regional, state and federal goals
 - Is there a broader regional framework that has called attention to the need for this project? What are your neighbors working on?
- **We can help with making the case for your ideas through use of these tools, convening conversations and making connections...**



Centralina Regional Resilience Collaborative (RRC)

Building Capacity

Convening to Collaborate

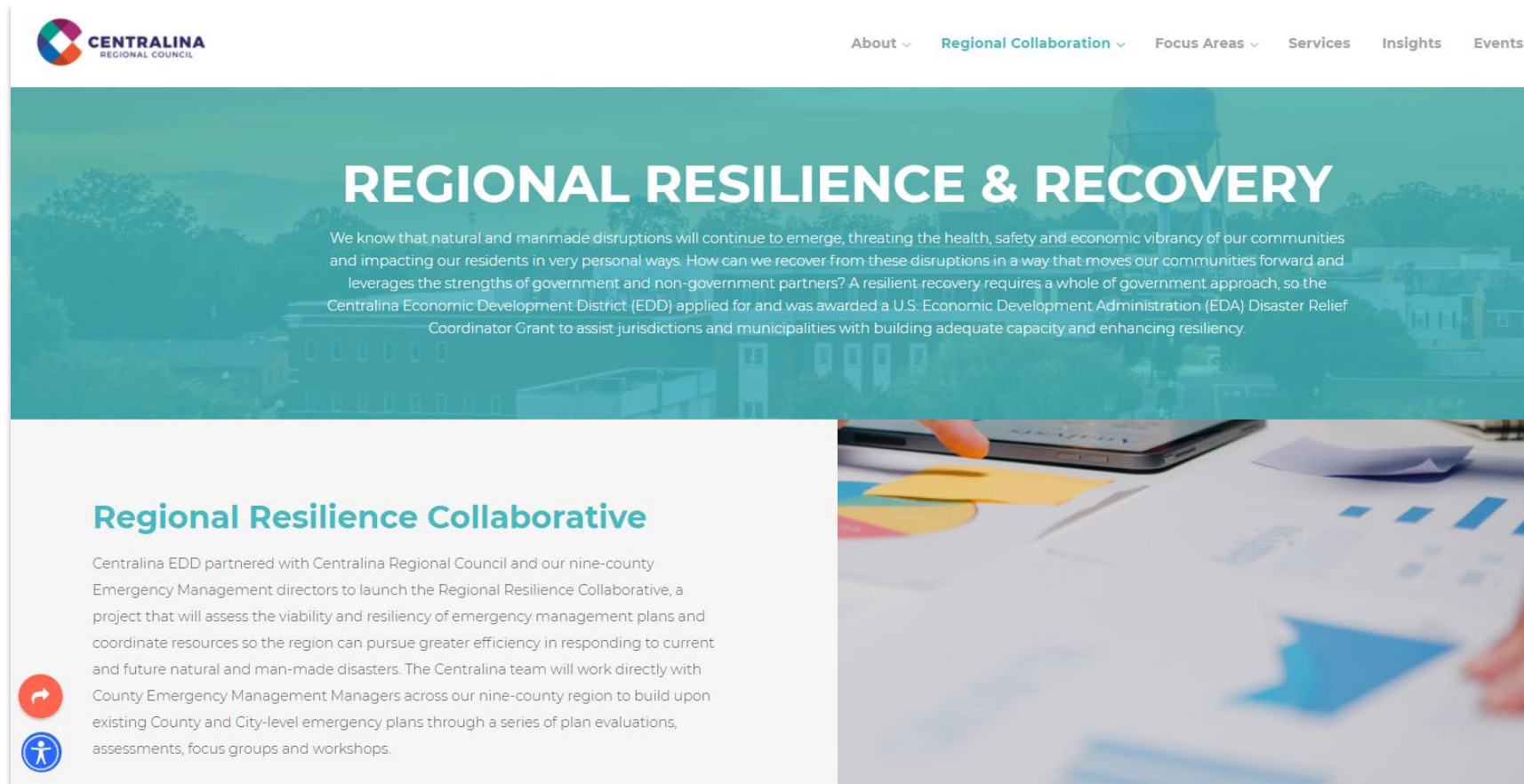
- Launched in April 2021 with funding from USEDA disaster recovery funds
- Represents all 9-counties and 5 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning (HMP) Areas
- CEDS Goal 2- Equity & Resilience Community Infrastructure Component
- Launched RRC Phase II –Sept. 2022 with NC Recovery Capacity Grant funds

CENTRALINA REGION DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING PARTNERS



CENTRALINA REGION

Regional Resilience Collaborative Web Resources



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Centralina Regional Resilience Collaborative. At the top left is the Centralina Regional Council logo. The navigation menu includes 'About', 'Regional Collaboration', 'Focus Areas', 'Services', 'Insights', and 'Events'. The main heading is 'REGIONAL RESILIENCE & RECOVERY'. Below it is a paragraph explaining the collaborative's mission and funding. A section titled 'Regional Resilience Collaborative' describes the partnership and goals. To the right is a background image of a desk with a laptop, papers, and sticky notes.

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About ▾ **Regional Collaboration** ▾ Focus Areas ▾ Services Insights Events

REGIONAL RESILIENCE & RECOVERY

We know that natural and manmade disruptions will continue to emerge, threatening the health, safety and economic vibrancy of our communities and impacting our residents in very personal ways. How can we recover from these disruptions in a way that moves our communities forward and leverages the strengths of government and non-government partners? A resilient recovery requires a whole of government approach, so the Centralina Economic Development District (EDD) applied for and was awarded a U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Disaster Relief Coordinator Grant to assist jurisdictions and municipalities with building adequate capacity and enhancing resiliency.

Regional Resilience Collaborative

Centralina EDD partnered with Centralina Regional Council and our nine-county Emergency Management directors to launch the Regional Resilience Collaborative, a project that will assess the viability and resiliency of emergency management plans and coordinate resources so the region can pursue greater efficiency in responding to current and future natural and man-made disasters. The Centralina team will work directly with County Emergency Management Managers across our nine-county region to build upon existing County and City-level emergency plans through a series of plan evaluations, assessments, focus groups and workshops.

Centralina **Regional Resilience Collaborative** Home Page

Leveraging Opportunity

Working better together

North Carolina Association of Regional Council of Governments (NCARCOG)

- NC General Assembly funds support regional disaster recovery activities in the 16 COGs awarded to the NCARCOG.
- Provides an opportunity to leverage grant capacity to support to implement the hazard and economic recovery capacity building needs identified by the RRC program.
- Phase II includes tools and information for a regional FEMA annual grant application.

WE NEED YOUR HELP- SURVEY

Building the Case for Funding

Equity, Innovation, Resilience

**RRC GIS Equity and Resilience
Mapping Tool**

Centralina Services

How We Can Help

Grants Support Services



Listings of Funding Opportunities in Member Portal



Individual Strategy Sessions



Letters of Support



Grant Writing Services




Grants Administration

Questions

- How can Centralina further assist you in pursuing funding for infrastructure projects?





Closing Announcements

On the Horizon

- **Sept 27th** – *Centralina Learns - [Advanced Code Enforcement](#)*
 - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (lunch included)
- **Oct. 4th** – *Centralina Learns - [Crafting Grant Language to Increase Funding Success](#)*
 - 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Zoom
- **Oct. 19th** – *Regional Managers Group Meeting*
 - 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | Hybrid | Cabarrus County
- **Oct. 19th** – *[Regional Electric Vehicle Ride And Drive, Local Government Fleet Focus](#)*
 - 8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Charlotte Vehicle Operations Center
- **Nov. 3rd** – *Centralina Learns - Stormwater Management: Innovation & Best Practices*
 - 11:30 am – 1:00 pm



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