

TOWN OF RIVER BEND

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RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA

Work Session Meeting
January 9, 2025
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
5:00 p.m.

- 1. **VOTE** Agenda: Additions / Deletions / Adoption
- 2. Discussion Update on BIRM Media Project Benton
- 3. Discussion Pickle Ball Courts Design Jackson
- 4. Discussion Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-Year Update Jackson
- 5. Discussion 2025-2026 Legislative Goals "Top 10" Jackson
- 6. Discussion 2025-2026 Budget Kick-Off (presentation next week) Jackson
- 7. Discussion Messaging Sign Leonard
- 8. Review Agenda Nobles
- 9. Adjournment

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Estimate



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ESTIMATE#	DATE
1233	10/15/2024

DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
1 cu ft Birm/filter media. Delivery included.	945	57.60	54,432.00T

Please find your estimate details here. Feel free to contact us if you have any

questions. We look forward to working with you.

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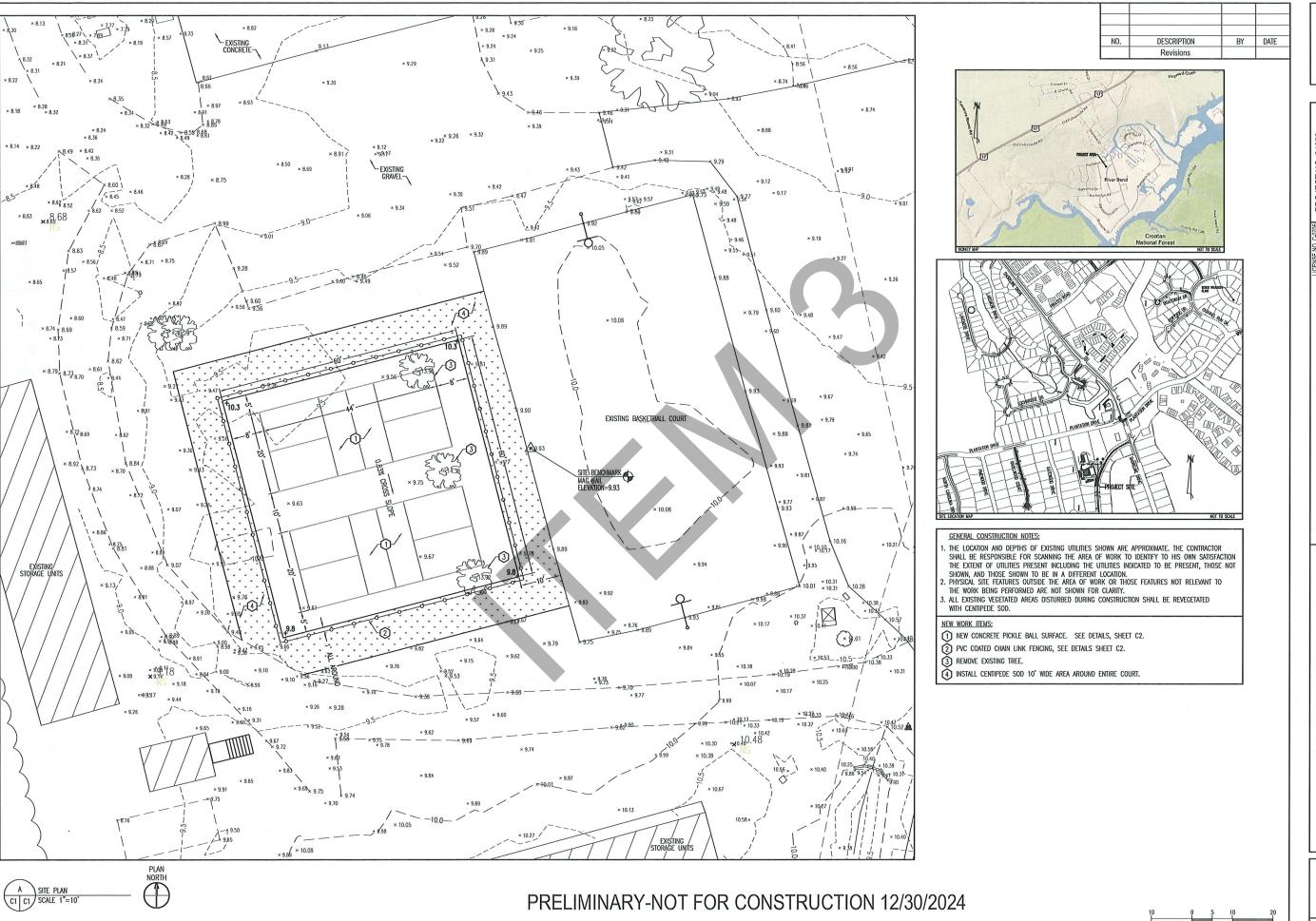
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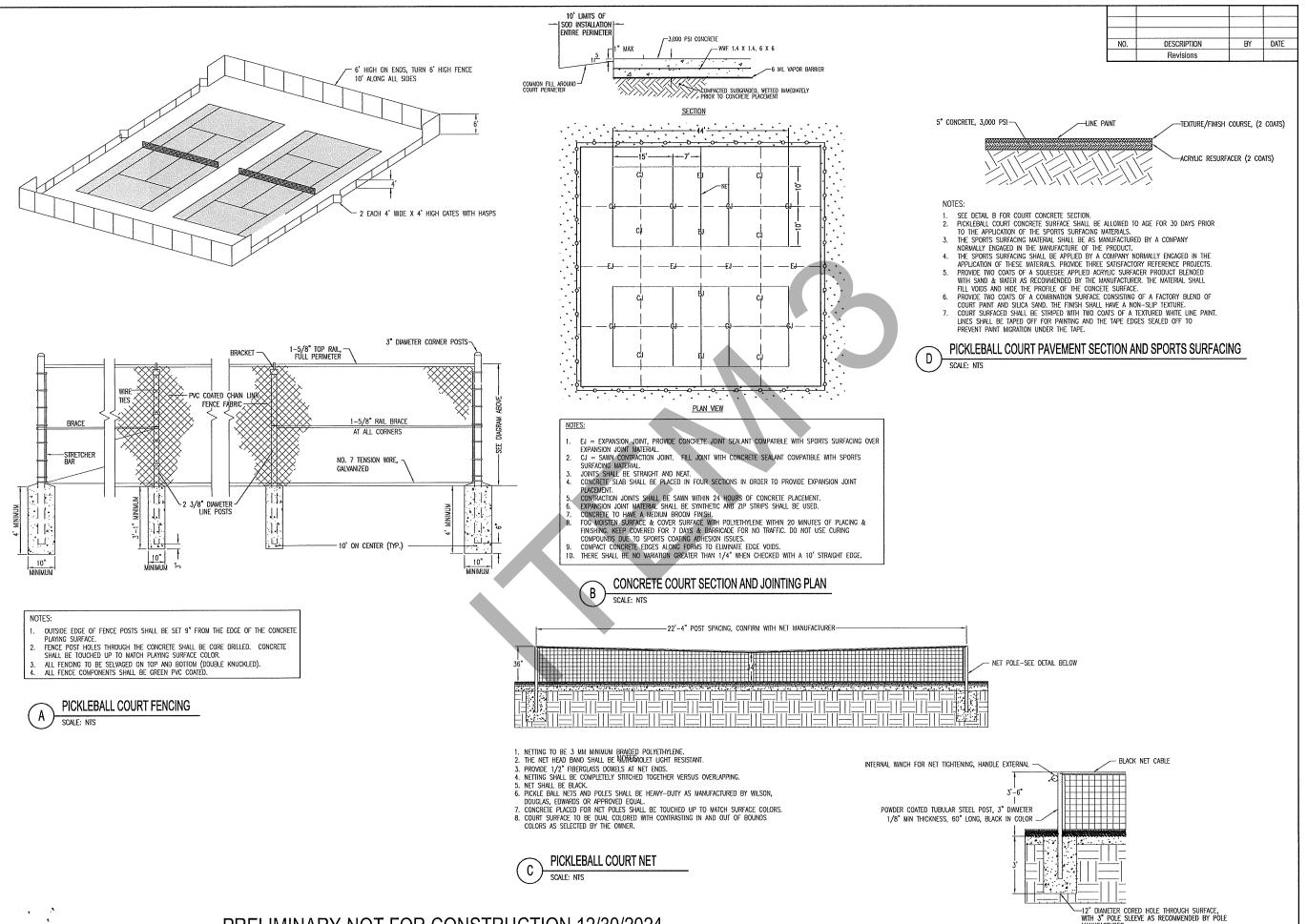


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SITE PLAN

PICKLE BALL COURT TOWN OF RIVER BEND CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLIN

GRAPHIC SCALE: 1" = 10"



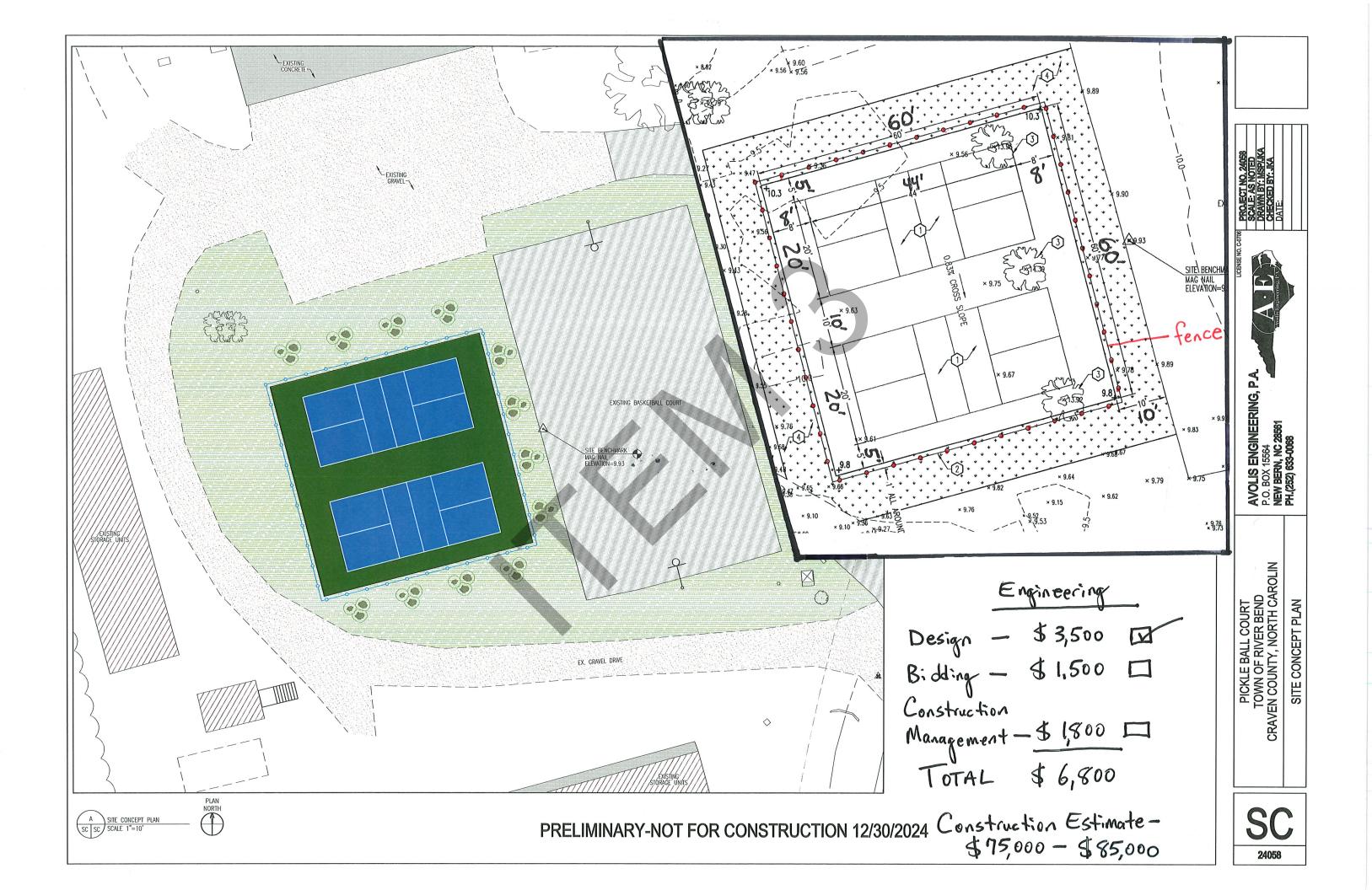
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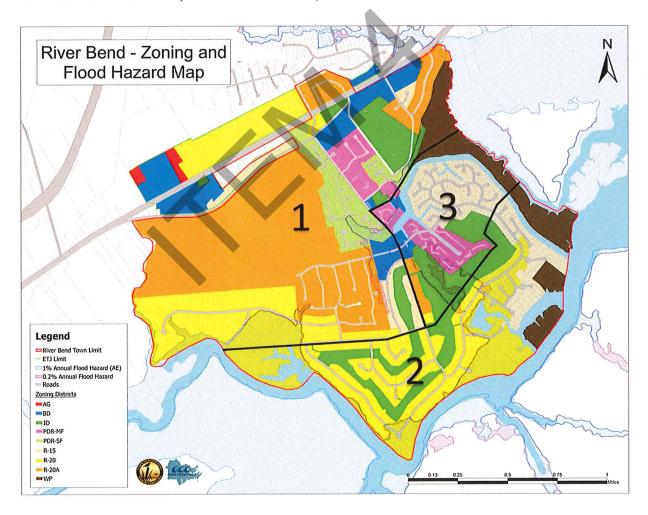




Town of River Bend Substantial Damage Inspections Procedures

Immediately after a flood event, employees across multiple departments, consisting of public works, planning and zoning staff, and certified floodplain managers, deploy to the affected areas. The Town is broken into three areas (as shown below) and each area has a dedicated number of teams to conduct windshield surveys and assess damage. This is tracked on paper forms and then logged into the Town's database using the FEMA's Substantial Damage Estimator Tool. Once homeowners come in for permits for repair work, this data is referenced and if substantial damage has been identified for the subject property, then the building must come into compliance with all Town ordinances, including the flood damage prevention ordinance.

If a homeowner or applicant comes in to improve the property voluntarily without damage, then substantial improvement protocols are activated. If the scope of work is estimated to cost 50% or more of the value of the main structure (based on tax assessor value or an appraisal), then a permit is only issued if the structure currently meets, or is being improved to meet, the Town's current flood damage prevention ordinance. All work is also field verified by inspectors to make sure that construction is up to code and in compliance with Town ordinances.



1 – Mitigation Action Plan, Craven County

			A PERSONAL PROPERTY.										
Action #	Description	Applicable Jurisdictions	Hazards Addressed	Priority	Goal	Objective	Category	Lead/Participating Agencies (Lead Agency is in bold)	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Implementation Schedule	2025 Status	Status Comments/Explanation
CR1	Review respective Comprehensive Land Use Plans annually to ensure that the Future Land Use Map adequately delineates portions of the community deemed unsuitable for development due to existing environmental conditions. This effort will also involve the identification of potential drainage easements and open space areas that will positively affect drainage conditions within areas documented as stormwater/flooding hot spots. Additionally, the County will attempt to identify portions of the County susceptible to wildfire damage.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	Med	1 	1.3	РР	 Craven County Planning Department Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NCDCM, NCDPS		Carry Forward – Not Started	Craven County, as well as participating municipal jurisdictions, will consider updating the County's Comprehensive land Use Plan over the next three fiscal years.
CR2	Review respective Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances to assess whether any revisions and/or updates have been mandated by FEMA or NCEM. Additionally, jurisdictions will consider whether regulatory options are available to provide for more effective floodplain management.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	Med	3	3.1	PP	 Craven County Planning Department Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS		Ongoing – As Needed	Craven County, as well as all participating municipal jurisdictions, will review their respective Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances annually, or as directed by NCDPS.
CR3	Continue to support NCDENR in efforts to enforce the Neuse River Basinwide Water Quality Management Rules.	Craven County, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	Low	1 1 ya	1.3	NRP	Craven County Planning Department Municipal Administrations	Staff Time	GF	Ongoing – next 5 years	In Progress – Carry Forward	These rules are currently being enforced. Changes in standards will coincide with amendments established by NCDEQ.
CR4	Consider the data and recommendations outlined within this plan when preparing updates to respective Capital Improvements Plans. All recommendations regarding capital expenditures will focus on siting infrastructure and public facilities outside of the Flood Hazard Area.	Craven County, New Bern, River Bend, Havelock	All Hazards	Med	1	1.3	SP	 Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Elected Boards 	Staff Time	GF	Other – review annually with budget preparation	In Progress – Carry Forward	Craven County, New Bern, River Ben and Havelock establish capital outlay for infrastructure projects through their respective Capital Improvements Plans. This will continue to occur in line with annual budget preparation.
CR5	Continue to proactively seek out grant funding through NCEM and FEMA for mitigation of repetitive loss properties (RLP's) from future flooding events. The County will maintain a list of RLP's, and on an annual basis, will apply for funding for all structures that meet cost-benefit thresholds as defined by FEMA. Craven County will assist all municipal jurisdictions in working through the structural mitigation grant funding process.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	High	3	3.1	PP	 Craven County Planning Department Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS, HMGP, PDM, UHMA	Ongoing – as needed	In Progress – Carry Forward	Craven County in coordination with all participating municipal jurisdictions will utilize annual as well as post disaster funding to treat repetitive loss properties through elevation or acquisition/demolition.
CR6	Continue to expand upon the County's Emergency Notification System available to all residents. Craven County Emergency Services will coordinate with all municipal jurisdictions regarding registration.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	All Hazards	High	2	2.2	ES	 Craven County Emergency Services Municipal Administrations 	\$21,000	GF, NCDPS	Ongoing – next 5 years	Carry	Craven County utilizes, and will continue to employ, the CODE RED Emergency Alert System to notify residents of the status of natural hazard events.
CR7	Consider all of the data, information, maps and recommendations outlined throughout this plan when siting for the development of all new critical facilities.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	Med	1	1.3	PP	 Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Elected Boards 	To Be Determined	GF, NCDPS, FEMA, USDA	Ongoing – as needed	In Progress – Carry Forward	Mitigation measures will be considered any time development or relocation of any County or Municipal facility (critical) takes place.

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CR8	Develop a formal system and plan for evaluating and assessing the availability and effectiveness of all critical facilities outlined within this plan. Craven County will coordinate with NCEM, American Red Cross, local animal shelters, local care homes, etc., in making determinations related to need and capacity required in the event of a disaster.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	All Hazards	High	2	2.1	Р	 Craven County Emergency Services Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Elected Boards 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS, American Red Cross	2 to 3 years	In Progress – Carry Forward	Craven County in coordination with all participating municipal jurisdictions, will work through this exercise annually, as well as following the effects of a natural hazard event through the corrective action planning process.
CR9	In conjunction with annual EOP updates, determine if access to all critical facilities is readily available in the event of a flooding event. Careful consideration should be given to localized flooding issues that may restrict access along limited access thoroughfares. Where access issues are identified, the County will establish a plan for alternative transportation.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	High	3	3.2	ES	 Craven County Emergency Services Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS	Ongoing – as needed	In Progress – Carry Forward	The County EOP is reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
CR10	Continue to maintain the County's Continuity of Operations (COP). This effort will include an annual update addressing risk management, service retention, alternative staffing procedures and recovery checklist for each County department.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	All Hazards	Med	3	3.2	ES	 Craven County Emergency Services Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS	Ongoing – as needed	In Progress – Carry Forward	The County COOP is reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
CR11	Review and update the County Emergency Operations Plan on an annual basis. This update will involve coordination with all municipalities to ensure that all emergency contacts are accurate.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	All Hazards	Med	3	3.2	ES	 Craven County Emergency Services Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS	Ongoing – as needed	In Progress – Carry Forward	The County EOP is reviewed annually and updated as necessary.
CR12	Continue to coordinate annually with the NC Forestry Division to address the threat of wildfire throughout the County. These efforts will involve posting of the daily fire risk present within the County on the County website daily. Additionally, the County will distribute and make information available regarding County methods for mitigating fire hazards.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Wildfire	High	4	4.1	PP	 Craven County Emergency Services Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NC Forestry Service, NCDPS	Other - Annually	New	This strategy will be completed through implementation of this update.
CR13	Work to expand upon the County's Special Medical Needs Registry (SMNR). The SMNR is available to all County residents. Effective participation will require close cooperation between County ES and local government staff members. All jurisdictions will work to advertise the availability of this service within their respective communities. It should be noted that applicants must be approved once application is made. Application alone does not result in guaranteed emergency service.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Tornado, Severe Winter Storm, Extreme Heat, Earthquake, Wildfire, Dam & Levee Failure	Med	2	2.2	ES	 Craven County Emergency Services Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF	Ongoing – over next five years		The County will work with participating municipal jurisdictions to advertise, maintain, and expand upon the County's special needs registry.
CR14	Continue to maintain the County's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) focused on monitoring the presence and proliferation of hazard materials throughout the County. The LEPC and County staff will continue to monitor these materials as submitted.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Flood	Med	4	4.2	ES	Craven County LEPC	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS	Ongoing – next 5 years	Carry Forward	Craven County Emergency Management will coordinate and maintain the County LEPC with representation from all participating municipalities.

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CR15	Maintain information on the County website relating to evacuation and sheltering. Emergency information on the website will include: evacuation routes, sheltering, delays and closures, pet sheltering options, and special needs information.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	All Hazards	High	2	2.2	ES	 Craven County Emergency Services Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS	Ongoing – next 5 years	In Progress – Carry Forward	Craven County maintains this information on the County's website and will continue to do so through the planning period.
CR16	Continue to provide detailed information regarding properties located within flood hazard areas as outlined under CRS Manual Section 322.a through 322.g.	Craven County, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	High	3	3.2	PP	 Craven County Planning Department Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF	•	In Progress – Carry Forward	Craven County, Havelock, New Bern, and River Bend will continue to implement al activities defined under their respective CRS programs. Other Craven County municipalities will consider joining the program through implementation of this plan.
CR17	Continue to maintain a library of materials focused on educating citizens, builders, realtors and developers about the dangers associated with floodplain development. This information will also provide material outlining sound techniques for floodplain development and floodproofing of existing structures. The County will also maintain staff educated in these issues to work with prospective builders.	Craven County, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	Med	2	2.2	PP	 Craven County Planning Department Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Administrations 	Staff Time	GF	Ongoing – next 5 years	In Progress – Carry Forward	This activity is carried out by the County for the benefit of all Citizens including all participating municipal jurisdictions.
CR18	Maintain a contract with a qualified post-disaster recovery service provider. This contract will include the provision of essential services and equipment, including generators, and will include documentation required for reimbursement from FEMA/NCEM.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	All Hazards	Med	1	1.1	PP	 Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Governing Boards 	To Be Determined	GF, NCDPS	Other – Review Annually	New	Craven County, and all participating municipal jurisdictions, maintains a contractor for generators and storm cleanup.
CR19	Maintain reciprocal mutual aid agreements with all neighboring communities in an effort to ensure adequate fire protection throughout the County. Additionally, all jurisdictions will provide preventive maintenance efforts to ensure the fire hydrants and equipment are working properly.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	All Hazards	High	4	4.2	ES	 Craven County Emergency Services Municipal Administrations Volunteer Fire Departments 	Staff Time	GF, NCDPS	Ongoing – next 5 years	New	Craven County Emergency Services maintains mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities and updates them annually.
CR20	Work to implement all strategies outlined within the Hurricane Matthew Resilient Redevelopment Plan.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	Med	3	3.1	Р	 Craven County Board of Commissioners Municipal Governing Boards 	To Be Determined	GF, NCDPS, FEMA, NCDCM, USDA, NCDEQ, NCDOT	Ongoing – next 5 years	New	N/A
CR21	Continue to proactively seek out grant funding through NCEM and FEMA for mitigation of Craven County Schools and other critical facilities that involves general public usage during and after disaster events (such as generators, structural modifications, etc.) which would make structures more resilient during future storms and natural hazard events.	Craven County, Bridgeton, Cove City, Dover, Havelock, New Bern, River Bend, Trent Woods, Vanceboro	Flooding, Hurricanes and Costal Hazards, Dam Failure, Levee Failure, Tsunamis	High	2	2.1	SP	 Craven County Planning Department Craven County Administration Municipal Administrations 	Based on need and availability of funding	GF, FEMA, NCDPS	2 to 3 years	New	Craven County monitors and applies for grant funding as the need arises and/or funding becomes available. The County has currently applied for funding associated with Hurricane Florence and will continue to utilize funding when available to improve the resiliency of County Critical Facilities.

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	Town of River Bend												
RB1	Construct new road through Northwest Quadrant Area, connecting Plantation Drive to Old Pollocksville Road to serve as additional ingress/egress route during flood events that block the primary and other access roads.	River Bend	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards, Dam & Levee Failure	High			WII OI KIVEI		\$2,000,000	GF, FEMA, NCDPS, Town	Ongoing – next 5 years	New	
RB2	Relocate Water Wells #1 & #2 and Water Treatment Plants #1 & #2 outside of the 100-year floodplain.	River Bend	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards	High				River Bend Town Council	\$18,000,000	GF, FEMA, Town, NCDEQ	Ongoing – next 5 years	New	
RB3	Relocate Wastewater Treatment Plant outside of the 100-year floodplain.	River Bend	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards	Low				River Bend Town Council	\$60,000,000	GF, FEMA, Town, NCDEQ	Ongoing – next 5 years	New	
RB4	Floodproof sewer lift stations in floodplain	River Bend	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards	Med			4	River Bend Town Council	\$1,000,000	GF, FEMA, Town, NCDEQ	Ongoing – next 5 years	New	
RB5	Improve Stormwater Drainage System Capacity in flood hazard areas	River Bend	Flood, Hurricane & Tropical Storm, Coastal Hazards	High				River Bend Town Council	\$4,000,000	GF, FEMA, Town, NCDEQ	Ongoing – next 5 years	New	

Top 10 North Carolina Legislative Goals for River Bend*

- 1. Establishing long-term funding stream for infrastructure
- 2. Increase funds for remediate contamination in water supply
- 3. Incentives to create/fund regional water & sewer solutions
- 4. Expanded funding for disaster resiliency and recovery
- 5. Assistance for workforce retention/training/recruitment
- 6. Technical assistance for grant acquisition/management
- 7. Expand funding/incentives for economic development
- 8. Provide local revenues options beyond property tax
- 9. Update voluntary annexation laws
- 10. Preserve authority for extraterritorial jurisdiction

*Based on Council response to survey questionnaire provided by North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) with 16 options. Results to be tabulated state-wide from municipalities by NCLM and used as a guide for directing advocacy goals of the NCLM with the State Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE GOAL STATEMENTS

RECOMMENDED BY THE NCLM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following goal statements are NOT listed in any priority order.

- Expand funding opportunities for disaster resiliency and recovery efforts.
 - North Carolina has faced a number of damaging natural disasters in recent years, including the unprecedent storm that devastated western North Carolina in the fall of 2024.
 - To fully recover from these natural disasters requires a broad approach that focuses on infrastructure, housing and economic losses.
 - Federal assistance and private insurance will not be enough to address these ongoing,
 critical needs or mitigate damage when future disasters hit.
- Establish long-term funding streams that adequately address water, sewer, stormwater, transportation and other infrastructure needs.
 - o Infrastructure including roads, water, sewer, stormwater, parks and beaches are critical to economic development and job creation.
 - Many cities in the state are growing, creating a constant need for investment to keep pace with population growth; many cities and towns also have aging infrastructure that must be replaced.
 - Creating long-term and more permanent funding streams for infrastructure will ensure adequate investments so that North Carolina thrives now and into the future.
- Expand state transportation funding streams for construction and maintenance of municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
 - o Current Powell Bill and other state funding is not adequate to address transportation needs, particularly as they affect municipal and state-owned secondary roads.
 - In many cities and towns, major commuting corridors are not receiving the level of investment needed to keep pace with traffic.
 - More investment is needed for these roads if existing residents are to embrace business and residential growth

Increase funds to remediate contamination in local water supplies.

- Local municipal water systems and their ratepayers increasingly are footing the costs of cleaning up PFAS and other "forever" chemicals from drinking water supplies.
- As more regulations are set at the state and federal level to limit these chemicals in water supplies, costs will escalate.
- Cities primary recourse to try to recoup the cost for utility ratepayers is through the courts.

Expand incentives and funding for local economic development.

- o Funding is simply inadequate in many cities and towns to encourage job growth.
- State grants and incentives are often targeted in ways that fail to assist the areas in greatest need of job creation.
- Maintaining or expanding funding for film tax credits, major industrial site development, downtown development and renewable energy tax credits helps cities and towns across the state.

Create incentives to encourage the development of diverse housing options.

- Housing affordability continues to be a significant problem across many areas of North Carolina, affecting people of different income levels.
- The lack of affordable housing acts as a major impediment to business and workforce recruitment.
- State incentives to encourage the construction of housing for people of various income levels are extremely limited.

Provide resources to rehabilitate or purchase blighted properties.

- o In many cities and towns, blighted properties act as an impediment to economic and business growth.
- o Cities and towns have limited means to address these properties, particularly in more rural, smaller communities.
- Rehabilitating blighted properties can help address North Carolina's housing needs.



- Create incentives that encourage and adequately fund regionalized water and sewer solutions.
 - A number of municipal water and sewer systems continue to financially struggle with deferred maintenance needs.
 - These challenges came about largely due to population and job losses in rural areas, leading to an erosion of taxpayer and ratepayer bases.
 - While legislators and municipalities have begun to address these issues with the creation of the Viable Utility Reserve and the use of ARPA funding, state estimates show needs still exceed expenditures by several billion dollars.
- Reduce regulatory conflicts between state agencies that discourage voluntary consolidation, merger and interconnection of municipal utility systems.
 - Municipalities have contractually obtained older, smaller utility systems of other municipalities and private enterprises in order to provide better and more efficient services to residents and businesses.
 - Older laws and regulations impose penalties on mid-size and large municipalities due to state agencies requiring them to pay for relocation of utilities when those penalties would have been reduced or eliminated for the smaller entities they were purchased from.
 - The State should work to reduce and eliminate these conflicts which have the effect of discouraging voluntary consolidation, merger and interconnection of municipal utility systems.
- Create an orphan road program whereby the state improves those roads to N.C.
 Department of Transportation standards before municipalities assume maintenance responsibilities.
 - So-called orphan roads are typically created when a street in a subdivision is not built to state or municipal standards, and the developer walks away without an agreement for maintenance.
 - o The abandoned road can leave homeowners on the hook for the cost of maintenance.
 - For cities and towns, these abandoned roads can serve as a deterrent to voluntary annexation agreements even as the residents seek municipal services.

- Provide local revenue options beyond the property tax.
 - Roughly 40 percent of municipal general fund revenue is generated by local property taxes.
 - o Cities have little to no authority to raise significant revenue in other ways.
 - A lack of diverse, local tax options can affect economic growth, as well as cause large swings in revenue based on economic changes.
- Support technical assistance programs to assist municipalities with securing or maintaining grants or other necessary municipal resources.
 - Many municipalities do not have the resources to seek or administer grants, even as that source of funding could help meet the needs of residents.
 - State, federal and other grant funding offers a significant opportunity for cities and towns to improve infrastructure or enhance services.
 - o Providing technical assistance to these municipalities can provide them with access to grant funding, providing resources not otherwise available to them.
- Address the needs of a changing municipal workforce through state assistance that supports employee retention, including training and recruitment.
 - Municipalities across the state are facing staffing issues as current workers age and retire.
 - o Training and retention resources are limited and competing with wages offered in the private sector can be difficult.
 - The use of training and recruitment tools across state and local government boundaries can improve public sector workforce availability.
- Update the annexation petition thresholds to make voluntary annexations easier to initiate.
 - Voluntary annexation by petition currently requires 100 percent consent from all property owners, a threshold that can be impossible to meet even if a majority of property owners can benefit by utilizing their property for business or residential purposes.
 - Lowering the threshold from 100 percent represents a middle ground that would still reflect the will of property owners but not handicap communities' ability to economically thrive.
 - The ability of a city or town to grow and reflect its urban footprint is vital to it financial health; city services are relied on by residents whether they live in or near municipal boundaries.

- Preserve authority for extraterritorial jurisdiction to ensure that growth is well-planned and investments by homeowners and business owners are protected.
 - A community's land-use planning tools, including ETJ, are vital as infrastructure investments are made that pave the way for economic growth.
 - Protecting homes and businesses from incompatible uses continues to be an important feature of ETJs. As of 2022, at least 14 counties in North Carolina had no zoning restrictions, with several others being only partially zoned.
 - Protecting neighborhoods from incompatible uses ultimately protects the value of residents' homes and property.
- Protect the ability of municipal elected officials, acting on behalf of local voters, to determine election formats, districts and other election matters currently under their purview.
 - Locally-elected municipal officials are best positioned to understand the wishes of local voters and how those should be applied to local election matters.
 - o In many areas, residents prefer to avoid political polarization when it comes to the practical tasks of municipal government.
 - Locally-elected municipal officials are in their communities every day and accessible to voters.

Town of River Bend Fiscal Year 2025-26





January 16, 2025

Town of River Bend

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Kick-0ff

AGENDA

- 1. Opening Remarks from Mayor
- 2. Remarks from Manager/Budget Officer
- 3. Discussion of Vision Statement-Priorities
- 4. Discussion of Budget Workshop Schedule & Budget Calendar (expedited as we did last year)
- 5. Preview Proposed Workshop Agendas
- 6. Preview Budget Brochure
- 7. Comments from Council





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RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL DRAFT PROPOSED AGENDA

Regular Meeting January 16, 2025 River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive 7:00 p.m.

Pledge: Noonan

- 1. Call to Order (Mayor Bledsoe Presiding)
- 2. Recognition of New Residents
- 3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
- 4. Addresses to the Council
- 5. Public Comment

The public comment period is set aside for members of the public to offer comments to the Council. It is the time for the Council to listen to the public. It is not a Question & Answer session between the public and the Council or Staff. All comments will be directed to the Council. Each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes. A member of staff will serve as timekeeper. A sign-up sheet is posted by the meeting room door and will be collected prior to the start of the Public Comment Period. Speakers will be called on by the Mayor in the order that they signed up. In order to provide for the maintenance of order and decorum, the Council has adopted a policy for this section of the meeting. A copy of the policy is posted by the door for your review. Please follow the policy. If you have a specific question for staff, you are encouraged to contact the Town Manager or the appropriate Department Head at another time.

- 6. Public Hearings NONE
- 7. Consent Agenda

All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Approve:

Minutes of the December 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

8. Town Manager's Report - Delane Jackson

Activity Reports

- A. Monthly Police Report by Chief Joll
- B. Monthly Water Resources Report by Director of Public Works Mills
- C. Monthly Work Order Report by Director of Public Works Mills
- D. Monthly Zoning Report by Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

Administrative Reports:

- 9. Parks & Recreation Councilman Weaver
 - A. Parks and Rec Report
 - B. Organic Garden Report
- 10. CAC Councilwoman Benton
 - A. CAC Report

- 11. Finance Councilman LeonardA. Financial Report Finance Director
- 12. Environment And Waterways Councilman Leonard A. EWAB Report
- 13. Planning Board Councilman SheffieldA. Planning Board Report
- 14. Public Safety Councilwoman NoonanA. Community Watch
- 15. Mayor's Report
- 16. Adjournment

