



TOWN OF RIVER BEND

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**RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL
PROPOSED AGENDA
April 16, 2026
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
5:00 p.m.**

Pledge: Sheffield

1. Call to Order (Mayor Bledsoe Presiding)
2. Invocation / Pledge
3. Recognition of New Residents
4. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
5. Addresses to the Council - NONE
6. 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.

7. Public Hearings
 - A. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 15.02.047 of the Town's Zoning Ordinance
 - B. 2026 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

8. 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 March 12, 2026 Work Council Meeting
Minutes of March 19, 2026 Special Council Meeting
Minutes of March 19, 2026 Regular Council Meeting*

9. Town Manager's Report – Delane Jackson

Activity Reports

- A. *Monthly Police Report* from 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:

10. Finance – Councilman Leonard
 - A. Financial Report - Finance Director

11. CAC – Councilwoman Benton
 - A. CAC Report

12. Environment & Waterways – Councilman Leonard
 - A. EWAB Report

13. Planning Board – Councilman Sheffield
 - A. Planning Board Report
 - B. **VOTE** – Town Zoning Ordinance Chapter 15.02.047 Amendments
 - C. **VOTE** – 2026 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

14. Parks & Recreation – Councilman Weaver
 - A. Parks and Rec Report
 - B. Organic Garden Report

15. Mayor’s Report

16. CLOSED SESSION - NCGS§143-318.11(a)(3)

17. Adjournment

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that the Town Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 15.02, Zoning, be amended as follows:

§ 15.02.047 DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

For convenience in the administration of this chapter, there is hereby established and made a part of this chapter the following schedule for the several districts setting forth minimum limitations and requirements. The requirements listed for each district as designated are subject to all provisions of this chapter and, unless otherwise indicated, shall be deemed to be the minimum requirements in every instance of their application.

<i>Schedule of District Requirements</i>										
	R-20	R-20A	R-15	PDR-MF	PDR-SF	ID	BD	WP	AGR	PD-BD
Minimum Lot Area (SF)	20,000	20,000	15,000	-	6,500	20,000	20,000	-	-	20,000
District Size	-	-	-	5 acres	10 acres	-	-	-	-	4 acres
Density	-	-	-	*	†	-	‡	-	-	‡
Minimum Front Lot Line (FT)	90**	90**	85**	50††	50††	-	100	-	-	100
Minimum Bldg. Set Back (FT)	30	30	30	25	25	40	40	-	-	40
Minimum Side Yard (FT)										
Main Building	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	-	-	10
Accessory Building	5	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming Pool	10	10	10	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Tennis Court	15	15	15	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Minimum Rear Yard (FT)										
Main Building	15	15	15	15	15	10	20	-	-	20
Accessory Building	10	10	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-

<i>Schedule of District Requirements</i>										
	R-20	R-20A	R-15	PDR-MF	PDR-SF	ID	BD	WP	AGR	PD-BD
Swimming Pool	10	10	10	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Tennis Court	15	15	15	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Accessory Building	PLEASE REFERENCE CHART IN §15.02.061									
Maximum Lot Coverage by Impervious Surface (%)	24	24	24	24	30	24	24	-	-	24
Maximum Height (FT)										
Main Building	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	-	-	34
Accessory Building	The lesser of 18 FT or one (1) story									
CAMA and FEMA setbacks, if applicable, take priority to Town designated setbacks.										
*Density – PDR-MF – No more than 6.5 dwelling units per acre. †Density – PDR-SF – No more than 4 dwelling units per acre. ‡Density – BD, PD-BD – Nor more than 4 business units per acre. **Min. Front Lot Line – R-20, R-20A, R-15 – 40 FT on cul-de-sac. ††Min. Front Lot Line – PDR-MF, PDR-SF – 25 FT on cul-de-sac.										

Penalty, see § 1.01.999

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 16th day of April, 2026

 Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Kristie Nobles, Town Clerk

Town of River Bend

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

2026

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Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the following members of the Town of River Bend community for their input and participation on the Comprehensive Plan. Your insights and expertise helped guide this plan.

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Introduction

Why Plan Our Town?

The purpose of the *Town of River Bend – Comprehensive Land Use Plan* (hereinafter referred to as “Town Plan”) is to provide information and perspective used to plan and prioritize actions to support a resilient, self-sustaining community. The Town Plan must outline goals and strategies to perpetuate and improve upon the livability and desirability of the Town of River Bend. The Town Plan should encourage growth opportunities, while maintaining the character and resources essential to River Bend. Information within the Town Plan should serve as the basis for future development decisions.

River Bend – On the river, around the bend.

About Town Planning

Long term planning for the future of a community is vitally important. The Comprehensive Plan is one of two key documents that the Town develops and uses to plan, finance, and implement projects and programs. Our Capital Improvement Plan estimates the costs for specific projects and finances them over a 5-year period. The Comprehensive Plan is structured to provide an overview of a community’s existing conditions and features. The main function of the plan is to serve as a guide to a community’s future development policy. The goals of a comprehensive land use plan are to:

- » develop a long-term vision,
- » address what should be maintained or changed to achieve that vision,
- » identify future land uses in an overall community-wide context,
- » identify and prioritize needed future infrastructure improvement aimed at supporting the vision, and
- » provide implementation guidance as to the private and public investment strategies to realize the vision.

Planning is an ongoing process! Part of the process is monitoring the plan’s progress as a fluid document that should be regularly updated to reflect changing conditions.

Official State Policy

The State of North Carolina requires local governments in NC General Statute 160D, effective January 1, 2021, to adopt a plan to be eligible for certain funding, powers, and authority. The plan is to be used as an assurance to the public that local decisions are made with a perspective on the future implications of pending decisions, and to affirm that public accountability and fiscal responsibility are considered as part of the decision-making process.

Decisions made about public spending and growth can often appear centered around individuals involved and how they may benefit. When governing board decisions adhere to an adopted plan, those individual interests are balanced with others affected by the outcome of decisions, which include citizens, property owners, and businesses.

Statutory Reference

Town of River Bend – Comprehensive Land Use Plan shall serve as the adopted plan pursuant to §N.C.G.S. 160D in the planning and regulation of development.

About River Bend

Vision Statement

The Town of River Bend strives to be a strong community that values its history and neighborhood feel while embracing growth to become a vibrant place that offers a variety of quality opportunities for residents of all ages to live and actively participate in our community.

Town History

The area now known as the Town of River Bend began as a robust tobacco plantation of 1,200 acres owned by the Odd Fellows – a fraternal group of black tenant farmers collectively working and farming together. During the recession of 1914, this group sold the land to the W.S. Clark Company – a leading supplier and farm supplies and general merchandise at the time. In 1964, Frank Efirid moved to New Bern, established the Efirid Company, and began looking for large tracts of land to develop with single-family homes. As small tenant farming was declining, the Clark family sold the Odd Fellow farm to the Efirid Company in October 1967 for \$486,000.

The first family moved to what was then known as River Bend Plantation in July 1969. As demand for more housing, and new housing options increased, new sections of River Bend Plantation were developed. As the population grew, the need for community services also grew. The still active Rhems Volunteer Fire Department was established entirely by residents, completing all the necessary paperwork, raising money for the original construction, and performing manual labor during the construction.

In 1977, after much discussion, several community members met to discuss the possibility of incorporating River Bend Plantation into a town. The initial vote resulted in the residents deciding against incorporation. The idea was revived in 1980, and this time, with a vote of 298 residents in favor versus 224 opposed, the project to incorporate moved forward. In 1981, the Town of River Bend was officially incorporated and held a festival celebrating the event on July 25, 1981.

Since incorporating, the Town has continued to evolve. In 1986 the Town acquired the land that currently houses the Town Hall and adjacent park. Over the years, additional parks and municipal buildings have been added – most recently a new building that houses meeting spaces for community events and our police department, and a new building for our Public Works department. The Town manages and operates its own water and sewer system. Community volunteers operate and manage the Red Caboose Library and an active Community Watch organization.

In 2001, the Town transitioned to a Council-Manager form of government. A Town Manager was hired to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Town, including supervising the staff, developing and administering the annual budget, and performing a variety of other tasks to carry out the vision of the elected Council.

Through tireless efforts of the residents of the Town, the Town Council, the Advisory Boards, and the Town staff, the Town of River Bend has evolved from a small, residential neighborhood to a dynamic community which offers unique business opportunities while still maintaining a neighborhood feeling.

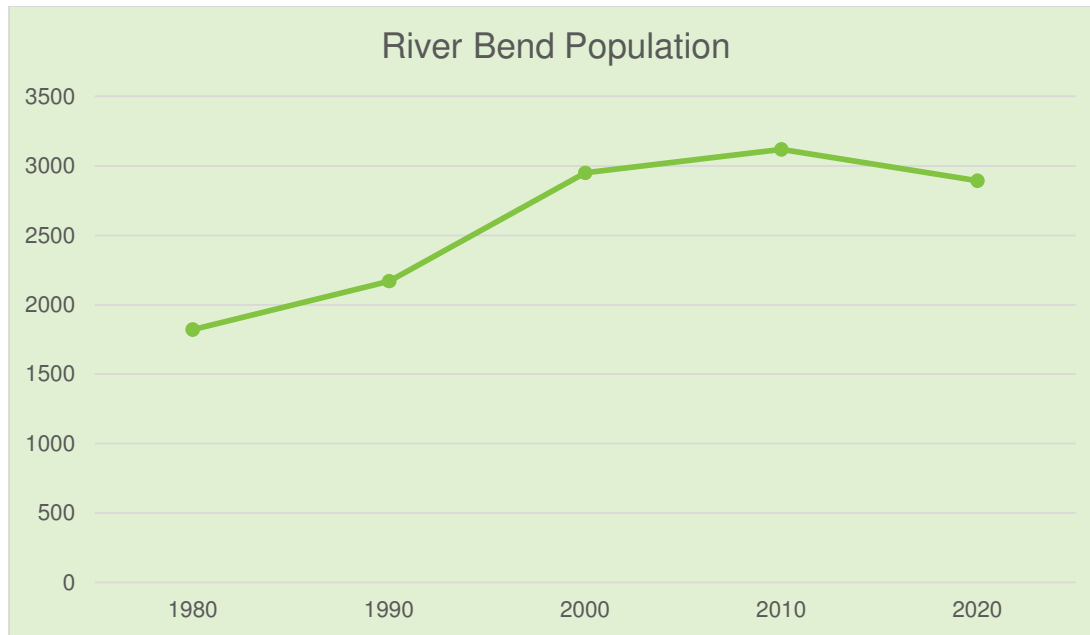
Community Profile

Population

Historic Population Growth

Geographic Area	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
River Bend	1,821	2,170	2,949	3,119	2,894
Craven County	71,285	82,131	91,954	104,180	100,646
North Carolina	5,896,178	6,664,016	8,081,614	9,574,586	10,449,445

Historic Population Growth Rates (US Census Bureau)



Population Projections

Geographic Area	2020	2030	2040	2050	2060
Craven County	100,646	103,334	103,336	103,335	103,335
North Carolina	10,449,445	11,743,841	12,966,080	14,170,486	15,369,596

Population Projections (NC Office of State Budget & Management)

Age/Sex/Race/Education

Median age is the age that divides the total age frequency into two equal parts (e.g., half of individuals are older than the median age and half are younger). It is a good indicator to gauge whether a population is getting older. In 2023, the median age of all people in the Town of River Bend was 52.5, about 35% higher than the median age in both Craven County and North Carolina.

Median Age by Sex	Town of River Bend	Craven County	North Carolina
Total Population	52.5	39.0	39.4
Male	53.3	35.5	37.8
Female	51.9	42.7	41.0

S0101 – Age & Sex (US Census Bureau)

The Town of River Bend skews older – particularly compared with Craven County and North Carolina – with most citizens falling into the 40+ age category.

Population by Age Range	Town of River Bend		Craven County		North Carolina	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	2,896		102,391		10,835,491	
0 to 9 years	111	3.8%	11,488	11.2%	1,235,975	11.4%
10 to 19 years	253	8.7%	13,393	13.1%	1,388,048	12.8%
20 to 29 years	242	8.4%	13,538	13.2%	1,424,474	13.1%
30 to 39 years	287	9.9%	13,938	13.6%	1,445,930	13.3%
40 to 49 years	470	16.2%	10,041	9.8%	1,355,073	12.5%
50 to 59 years	420	14.5%	10,587	10.3%	1,375,569	12.7%
60 to 69 years	499	17.2%	14,881	14.5%	1,319,960	12.2%
70 to 79 years	434	15.0%	10,050	9.8%	891,828	8.2%
80 years and over	180	6.2%	4,475	4.4%	398,634	3.7%

S0101 – Age & Sex (US Census Bureau)

In 2023, 55.8% of River Bend residents were women, which was markedly higher than both Craven County and North Carolina.

Population by Sex	Town of River Bend		Craven County		North Carolina	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population	2,896		102,391		10,835,491	
Male	1,280	44.2%	51,272	50.1%	5,312,054	49.0%
Female	1,616	55.8%	51,119	49.9%	5,523,437	51.0%

S0101 – Age & Sex (US Census Bureau)

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In the Town of River Bend, for people reporting one race alone, 83.7% were White; 12.6% were Black or African American; and 0.5% were some other race. An estimated 3.1% of people in River Bend reported two or more races.

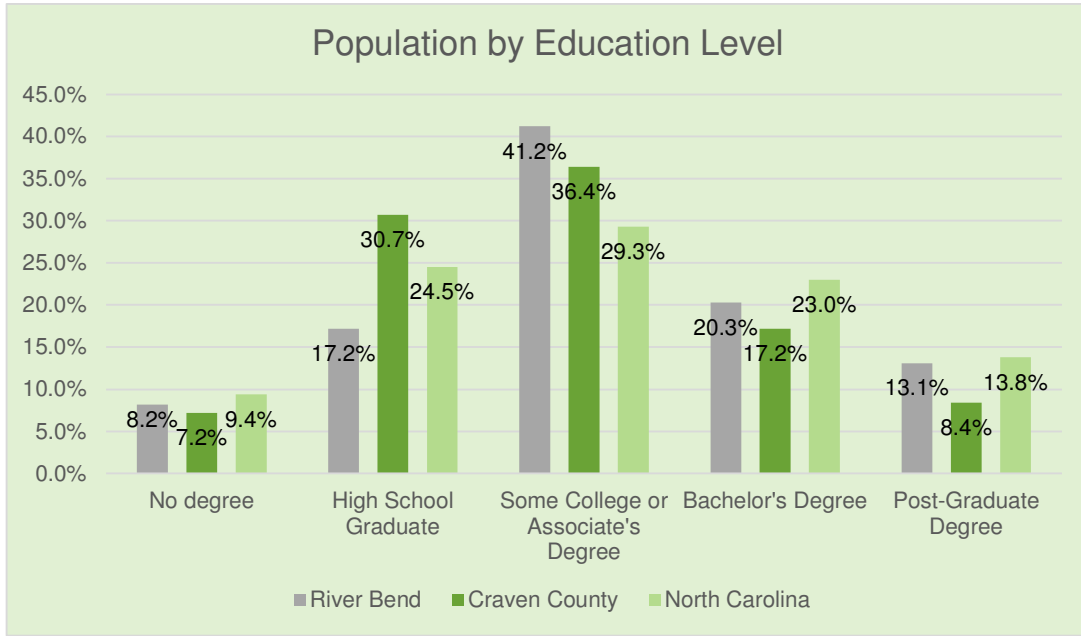
Race & Hispanic or Latino Origin	Town of River Bend	Craven County	North Carolina
Total Population	2896	102,391	10,835,491
White	83.7%	65.2%	61.4%
Black or African American	12.6%	17.6%	20.1%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4%	0.0%	1.0%
Asian	0.0%	3.1%	3.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race	0.0%	3.9%	5.7%
Two or more races	3.1%	10.0%	8.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	3.3%	7.8%	11.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	80.4%	63.8%	59.8%

S0601 – Selected Characteristics (US Census Bureau)

Almost 92% of River Bend residents have a high school degree or higher. Over 33% have a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Educational Attainment	Town of River Bend		Craven County		North Carolina	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Population 25 years and over	2,348		70,552		7,487,552	
Less than high school graduate	192	8.2%	5,054	7.2%	705,856	9.4%
High school graduate	405	17.2%	21,685	30.7%	1,831,714	24.5%
Some college or associate's degree	967	41.2%	25,709	36.4%	2,195,061	29.3%
Bachelor's degree	477	20.3%	12,168	17.2%	1,718,641	23.0%
Graduate or professional degree	307	13.1%	5,936	8.4%	1,036,280	13.8%

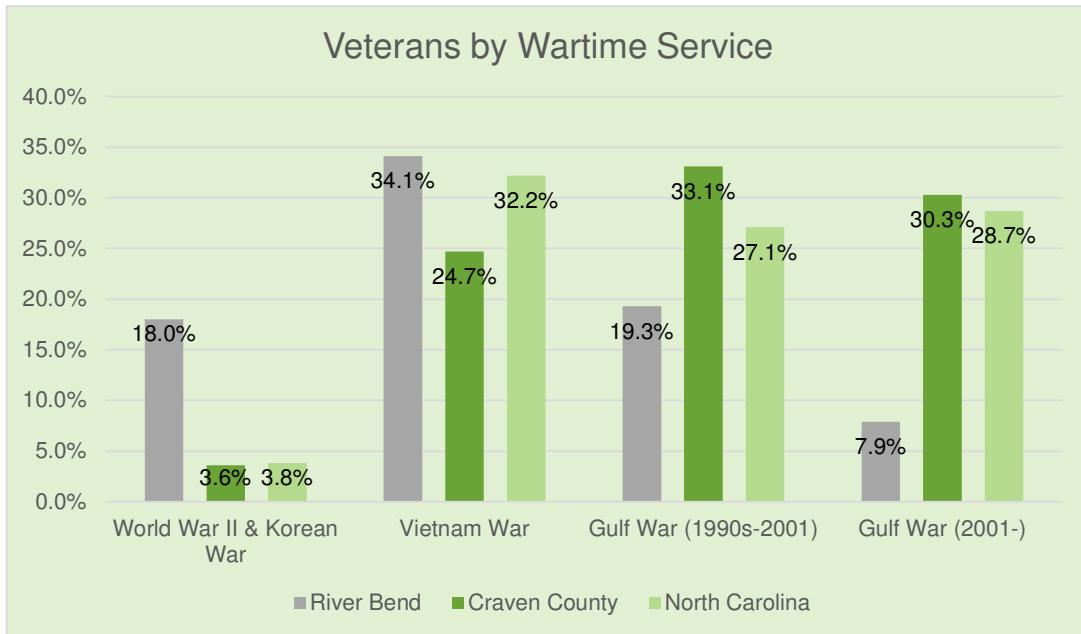
S1501 – Educational Attainment (US Census Bureau)



S1501 – Educational Attainment (US Census Bureau)

Veterans & Military

In 2022, 14.3% of River Bend’s population had veteran status; River Bend had 378 total veterans – 294 males and 84 females. A higher share of Craven County’s population had veteran status (15.7%); Craven County had 11,506 total veterans – 9,752 males and 1,754 females. River Bend had a significantly higher share of veterans who served in World War II and/or the Korean War (18.0%) than both Craven County (3.6%) and North Carolina (3.8%), and a much lower share of veterans who served in the most recent Gulf War (7.9%) compared to Craven County (30.3%) and North Carolina (28.7%).



S2101 – Veteran Status (US Census Bureau)

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Household Characteristics

In 2023, the Town of River Bend had 1,345 total households and 875 family households (65.1%). River Bend had an average household size of 2.05 persons, slightly lower than Craven County's average household size of 2.39 persons and North Carolina's average household size of 2.40 persons.

Household Size	Town of River Bend	Craven County	North Carolina
Total Households	1,345	41,100	4,392,669
1-Person Household	28.1%	29.7%	29.1%
2-Person Household	50.2%	36.1%	36.2%
3-Person Household	15.6%	16.8%	15.4%
4-or-More-Person Household	6.1%	17.3%	19.3%

S2501 – Occupancy Characteristics (US Census Bureau)

Among persons 15 years of age and older, 63.5% of males and 54.0% of females are currently married, which is higher than the percentages in both Craven County and North Carolina. Consequently, the population of persons who have never married in River Bend is lower when compared to Craven County and North Carolina.

Marital Status	Town of River Bend		Craven County		North Carolina	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Population 15 years and over	1,215	1,481	41,461	43,187	4,329,463	4,611,456
Now Married	63.5%	54.0%	47.9%	45.6%	51.6%	47.0%
Widowed	1.2%	14.6%	4.0%	9.1%	2.8%	8.6%
Divorced	15.1%	9.7%	8.4%	12.6%	8.8%	11.9%
Separated	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	2.7%	1.6%	2.2%
Never Married	20.2%	19.9%	37.7%	28.7%	35.2%	30.2%

S1201 – Marital Status (US Census Bureau)

Occupancy & Housing Costs

Vacancy Status	Town of River Bend	Craven County	North Carolina
Total Housing Units	1,627	48,300	4,979,177
Vacant Housing Units	282	7,200	586,508
For Rent	30.1%	12.2%	17.4%
Rented, Unoccupied	0.0%	3.6%	4.0%
For Sale	0.0%	4.5%	6.0%
Sold, Unoccupied	0.0%	4.7%	3.2%
Seasonal/Occasional Use	25.5%	19.7%	32.5%
Other Vacant	44.3%	37.7%	36.6%

B25004 – Vacancy Status (US Census Bureau)

In 2023, the median value of owner-occupied housing units in the Town of River Bend was \$233,700, which is slightly higher than that of Craven County (\$229,500). Most homes in River Bend fall within the \$200,000-\$299,999 value range.

Value	Town of River Bend	Craven County	North Carolina
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	1,188	28,487	2,913,467
Under \$100,000	3.4%	20.3%	12.2%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	11.7%	8.0%	7.0%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	23.7%	12.4%	9.5%
\$200,000 - \$299,999	37.1%	26.6%	19.9%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	19.2%	21.6%	29.5%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	5.0%	10.1%	18.4%
\$1,000,000 or More	0.0%	1.1%	3.6%

DP04 – Selected Housing Characteristics (US Census Bureau)

Homeowners with and without mortgages have ongoing monthly costs. The selected costs used for these estimates include payments for mortgages or other debts on the property, real estate taxes, insurance, utilities, and other related costs. The median Selected Monthly Owner Costs (SMOC) in the Town of River Bend were slightly below the median costs in both Craven County and North Carolina.

Selected Monthly Owner Costs (SMOC)	Town of River Bend	Craven County	North Carolina
Housing Units with a Mortgage	680	14,291	1,785,195
Less than \$500	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
\$500 - \$999	7.9%	16.9%	16.1%
\$1,000 - \$1,499	68.1%	39.0%	28.7%

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\$1,500 - \$1,999	14.7%	23.6%	22.7%
\$2,000 - \$2,499	4.0%	8.5%	14.0%
\$2,500 - \$2,999	2.9%	8.1%	7.1%
\$3,000 or More	2.4%	3.8%	10.1%
Median SMOC	\$1,332	\$1,424	\$1,578

DP04 – Selected Housing Characteristics (US Census Bureau)

Economic Characteristics

In 2023, the per capita income in the Town of River Bend was \$38,496 and the median household income was \$68,314. In Craven County both the per capita income (\$36,111) and median household income (\$59,399) were lower than the Town of River Bend. However, Craven County had a higher percentage of households in the \$150,000+ range (11.9%) compared to the Town of River Bend (9.8%).

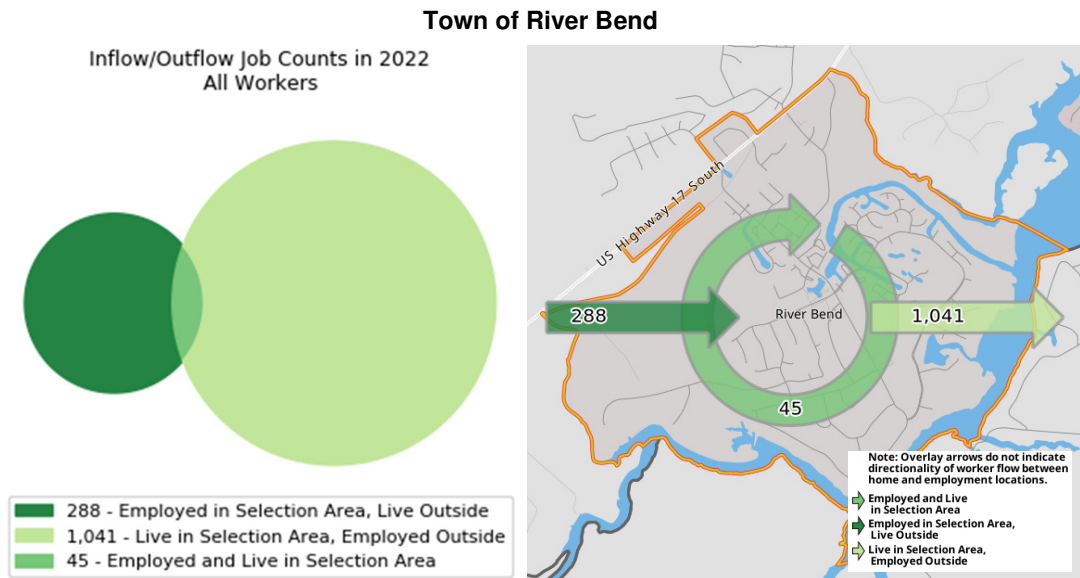
Household Income	Town of River Bend	Craven County	North Carolina
Total Households	1,345	41,100	4,392,669
Less than \$10,000	3.4%	6.5%	5.2%
\$10,000 - \$14,999	0.0%	4.4%	3.6%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	5.7%	9.7%	7.0%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	11.7%	7.8%	7.5%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	13.2%	13.8%	11.9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	21.9%	17.2%	17.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	7.9%	11.8%	13.0%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	26.3%	17.0%	16.5%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	5.0%	5.3%	7.9%
\$200,000 or More	4.8%	6.6%	9.7%
Median Income	\$68,314	\$59,399	\$70,804
Mean Income	\$82,947	\$86,508	\$98,139

S1901 & B19301 – Income in the Past 12 Months (US Census Bureau)

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Only 4.1% of River Bend residents are also employed within the Town of River Bend. 95.9% of residents are employed outside of the Town of River Bend. In Craven County, a significantly higher share of its residents are also employed in Craven County (48.9%); 51.1% of residents live within the county, but are employed elsewhere.

Inflow/Outflow Job Counts (All Jobs)	Town of River Bend		Craven County	
	Count	Share	Count	Share
Net Job Inflow (+) or Outflow (-)	-753		-4,394	
Living in the Area	1,086	100.0%	38,453	100.0%
Living & Employed in the Area	45	4.1%	18,786	48.9%
Living in the Area, Employed Outside	1,041	95.9%	19,667	51.1%
Employed in the Area	333	100%	34,059	100.0%
Employed & Living in the Area	45	13.5%	18,786	55.2%
Employed in the Area, Living Outside	288	86.5%	15,273	44.8%



LEHD, OnTheMap (US Census Bureau)

Town Vision

River Bend is a dynamic and uniquely located waterfront and golfing community well prepared to benefit from the area's historical and natural resources. By protecting its assets and actively fostering a diverse multi-aged population, the River Bend community will continue to be a safe, attractive place to live and will be competitively positioned to participate in the broader area's economic and population growth.



A Vision for the Future Looking Ahead

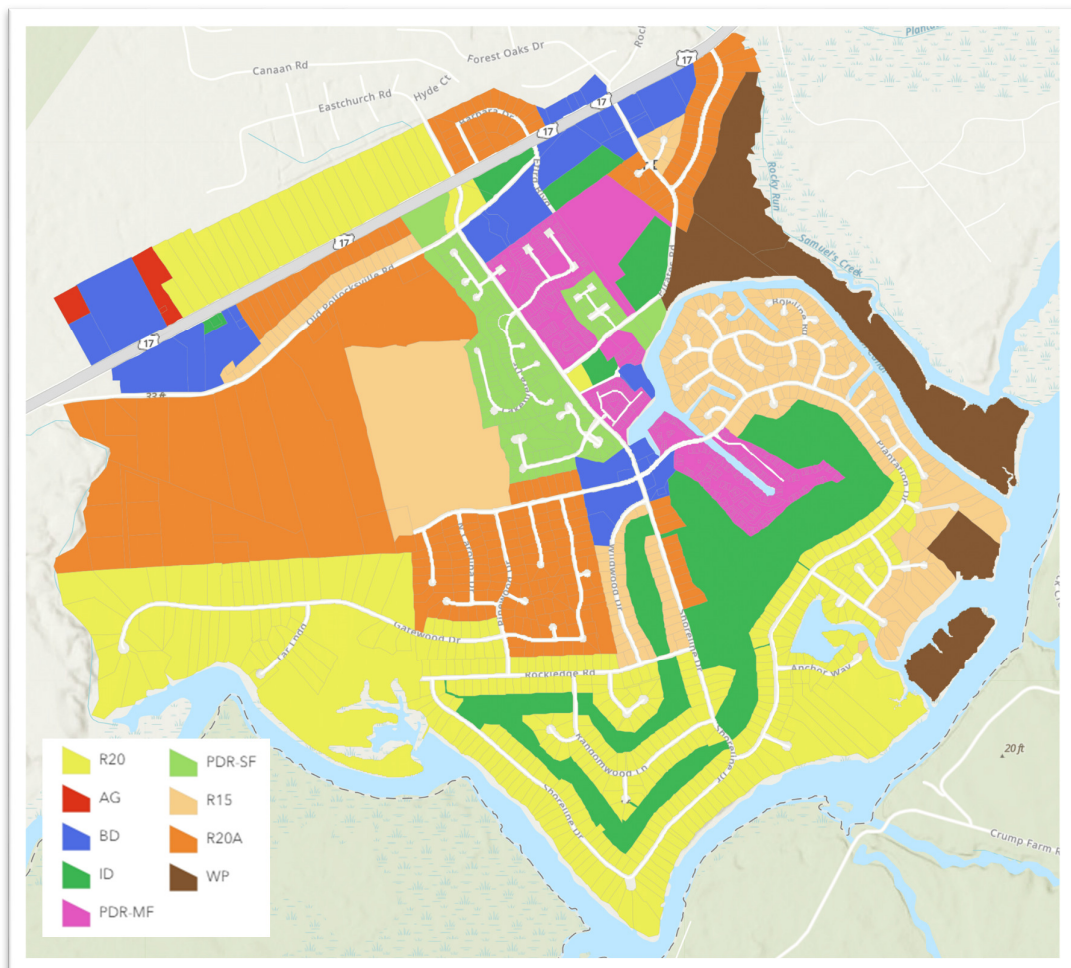
- » **Dynamic waterfront location** – The Town wants to take advantage of its unique location to encourage growth that fully utilizes the waterfront. A public kayak launch is available; considerations for a public boat launch should be made.
- » **A diverse multi-aged population** – The demographics of the Town have changed over the years. While it still trends to an older population, efforts should be made to encourage younger people and families to move to River Bend.
- » **Safe place to live** – The River Bend Police Department provides 24-hour coverage, seven days a week to provide timely response to emergency calls and practice proactive community policing. Our police force is continually looking for ways to improve to keep our citizens safe.
- » **Economic and population growth** – Our business district is relatively small but has seen some growth within recent years. The Town looks to encourage further business development and also new residential developments in the undeveloped areas of Town.

Land Use Patterns & Community Resources

To better plan for the future of the River Bend community, it is important to understand the existing features of the area, including the existing land use and environmental constraints.

Existing Land Use & Development

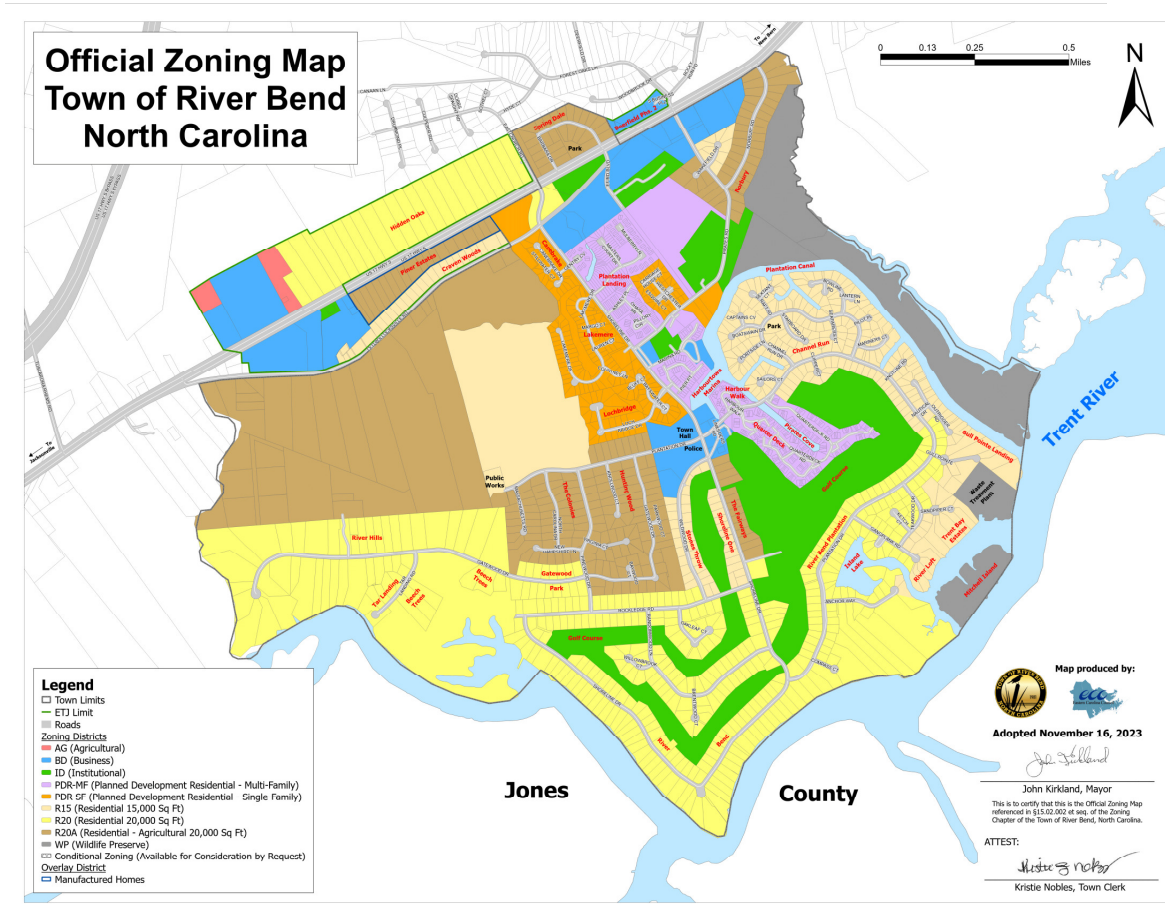
The Town of River Bend began as a residential development centered around an 18-hole golf course, 36-stall riding academy, and a marina. The first family moved into the new development in July 1969. Since then, there have been many residential subdivisions developed with a variety of housing options and a slow, but significant, increase in commercial and institutional development. The Town of River Bend remains primarily a residential community, and the majority of the undeveloped parcels are currently zoned for residential uses.



Current Zoning (Map)

The following zoning classifications are contained within the Town of River Bend (both within the town limits and the ETJ):

- » AG (Agricultural) – designated as prime farmland
- » BD (Business) – commercial development for retail, office space, etc.
- » ID (Institutional) – established for churches, private clubs, academic facilities, health-related facilities, etc.
- » PDR-MF (Planned Development Residential – Multi-Family) – residential district with 1 and 2 story attached condominiums, apartments, and townhouses with no more than 4 dwelling units in a single building; no more than 6.5 dwellings per acre of land
- » PDR-SF (Planned Development Residential – Single-Family) – residential district for single-family detached dwellings; no more than 4 dwellings per acre of land
- » R15 (Residential) – residential district for single-family detached dwellings; minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet
- » R20 (Residential) – residential district for single-family detached dwellings; minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet
- » R20A (Residential/Agricultural) – designated for both agricultural and residential uses; minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet
- » WP (Wildlife Preserve) – established to protect the wetland habitat



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Current Land Use

These estimates include both property within the town limits and within the extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Land Use Category	Acres	Percentage
Agricultural	110.36	5.2%
Civic	25.29	1.2%
Commercial	103.60	4.9%
Golf Course	141.23	6.6%
Institutional	166.39	5.5%
Residential	1133.33	53.1%
Undeveloped and/or Forested	367.70	17.2%
Wildlife Preserve	84.6	4.0%

Community Facilities & Public Infrastructure

Transportation & Traffic

The roadway network in the Town of River Bend primarily consists of secondary and local roads that connect with the main highway at the entrance of town. US Highway 17.

The Town of River Bend Police Department maintains a Traffic Unit to provide motor vehicle law enforcement combined with educational initiatives and accurate crash scene investigations to enhance the Town's quality of transportation. The team maintains close working relationships with other Town departments, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Parks & Recreation

The Town of River Bend has several recreational amenities for the enjoyment of residents of all ages.

- » Two playgrounds, one near Town Hall, and the other in the Springdale subdivision.
- » A skateboard park near Town Hall
- » A basketball court on Wildwood Drive near Public Works
- » A volleyball court on Town Commons
- » Two large "recreation" fields – Town Commons and Ritter Field - include a walking trail and fitness trail
- » A smaller "recreation" field at the corner of Starboard Drive/Channel Run Drive
- » Kayak / Canoe Launch to the Trent River
- » A dog park adjacent to the skateboard park

We also have a small picnic shelter (with restrooms), a gazebo in Town Hall Park, and two docks overlooking Town Hall pond.

Natural Resources & Environmental Protection

Water

Our water system withdraws from the Castle Hayne Aquifer through three wells with a combined capacity of 925,000 gallons per day. Two elevated storage tanks with a total capacity of 400,000 gallons ensure a consistent supply and adequate pressure throughout the system.

The water in the Castle Hayne Aquifer, while plentiful, requires treatment to remove iron and manganese. Using pH adjustment, pressure filters and adding chlorine, our operators ensure that clean water is ready for our customers to use.

Water is transmitted to nearly 1500 households through 19 miles of pipe ranging in size from 2 to 8 inches in diameter. In addition to providing water for consumption, our system also stands ready in the event of fire. There are 108 hydrants located throughout the system to give the fire department ample access to water for their work.

The Town of River Bend owns and operates a Wastewater Treatment and Collection system serving approximately 950 households and businesses. Wastewater is collected from our customers and transmitted via approximately 11 miles of gravity and force main pipes. Eight lift stations pressurize portions of the system, so the waste is efficiently moved to our treatment facility on Gull Pointe Drive.

For a three-bedroom home, the state standard for waste treatment usage is 330 gallons per day (110 gallons per bedroom). In theory, that would translate to 313,500 gallons per day of usage for

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us. By that standard, we should be using 95% of our permitted capacity. In reality, on average, we only use about 36% of our permitted capacity.

The North Carolina Department of Water Quality (DWQ) administers federal and state regulations designed to protect the quality of the receiving waters. Part of this administration is the issuance of permits for treatment facilities like the one we have here in River Bend. Our treatment plant has a permitted capacity of 330,000 gallons per day and discharges treated effluent to the Trent River. We take weekly samples of our effluent to test chemical and nutrient content to ensure our plant is operating effectively and we are within the limits established by DWQ.

The Town holds three discharge permits, one for the main wastewater plant, and the other two to discharge backwash for our water treatment filters.



Neuse River Basin (Map)

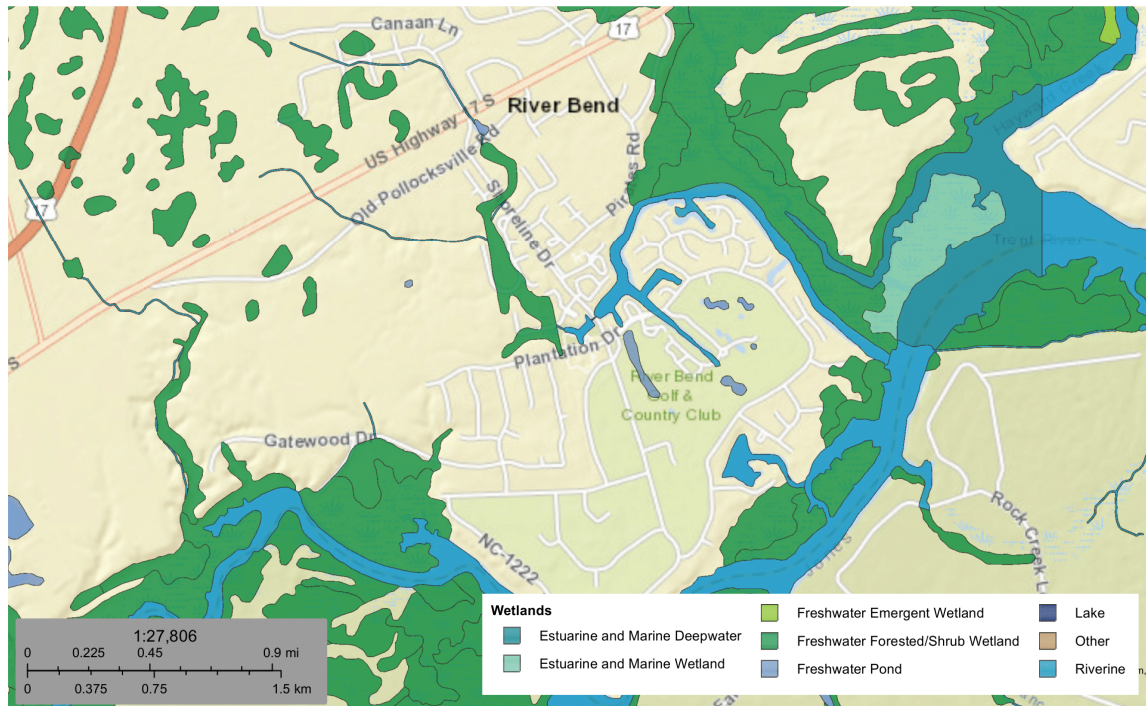
Wetlands

The wetlands within the Town of River Bend primarily fall into one of two categories:

- » Riverine – The Riverine System includes all wetlands and deepwater habitats contained within a channel, with two exceptions: (1) wetlands dominated by trees, shrubs, persistent emergents, emergent mosses, or lichens, and (2) habitats with water containing ocean-derived salts of 0.5 ppt or greater. The riverine areas within the Town of River Bend are also contained within the tidal subsystem – the gradient is low and water velocity fluctuates under tidal influence.
- » Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland – The Palustrine System includes all nontidal wetlands dominated by trees, shrubs, persistent emergents, emergent mosses or lichens, and all such wetlands that occur in tidal areas where salinity due to ocean-derived salts is below 0.5 ppt. It also includes wetlands lacking such vegetation, but with all of the following four characteristics: (1) area less than 8 ha (20 acres); (2) active wave-formed or bedrock shoreline features lacking;

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(3) water depth in the deepest part of basin less than 2.5 m (8.2 ft) at low water; and (4) salinity due to ocean-derived salts less than 0.5 ppt. It is also characterized by woody vegetation that is 6 meters tall or taller, majority deciduous, and semi permanently flooded.

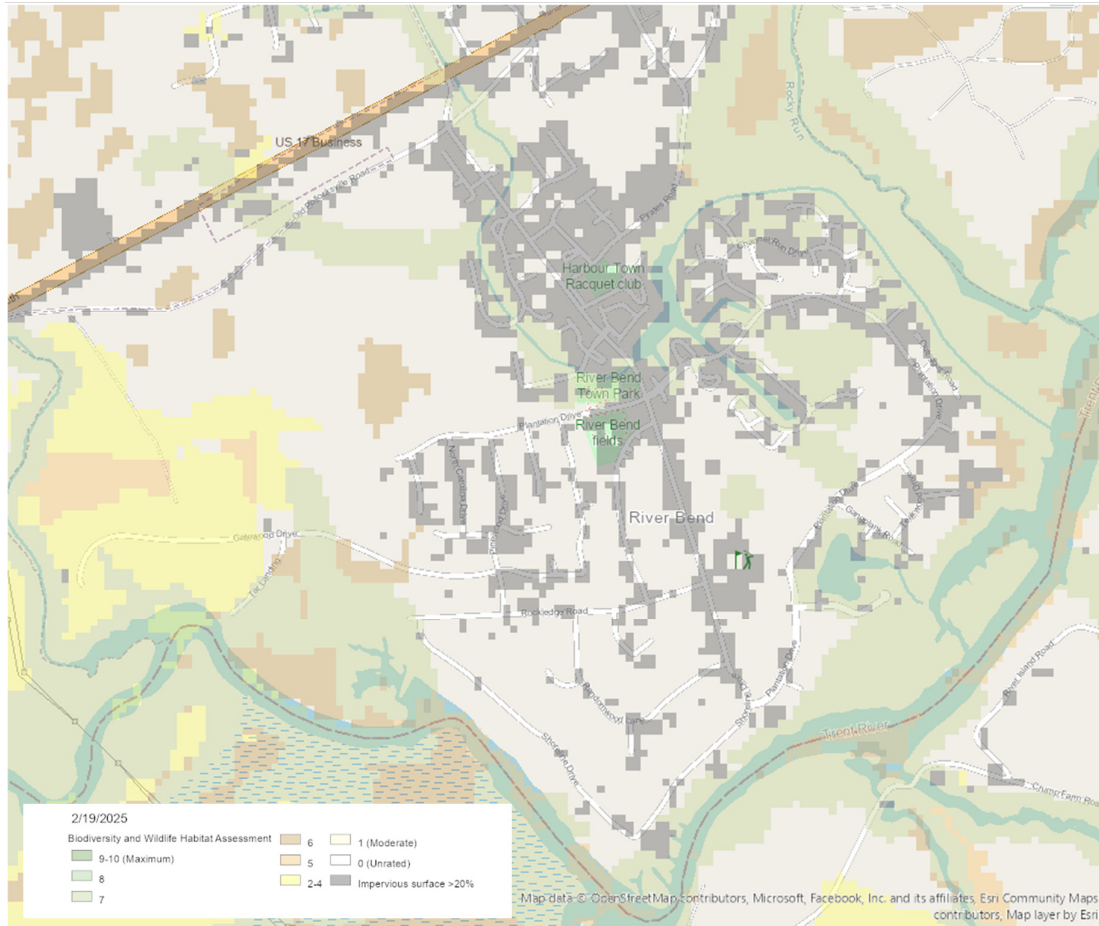


Wetlands (Map)

Biodiversity & Wildlife Habitats

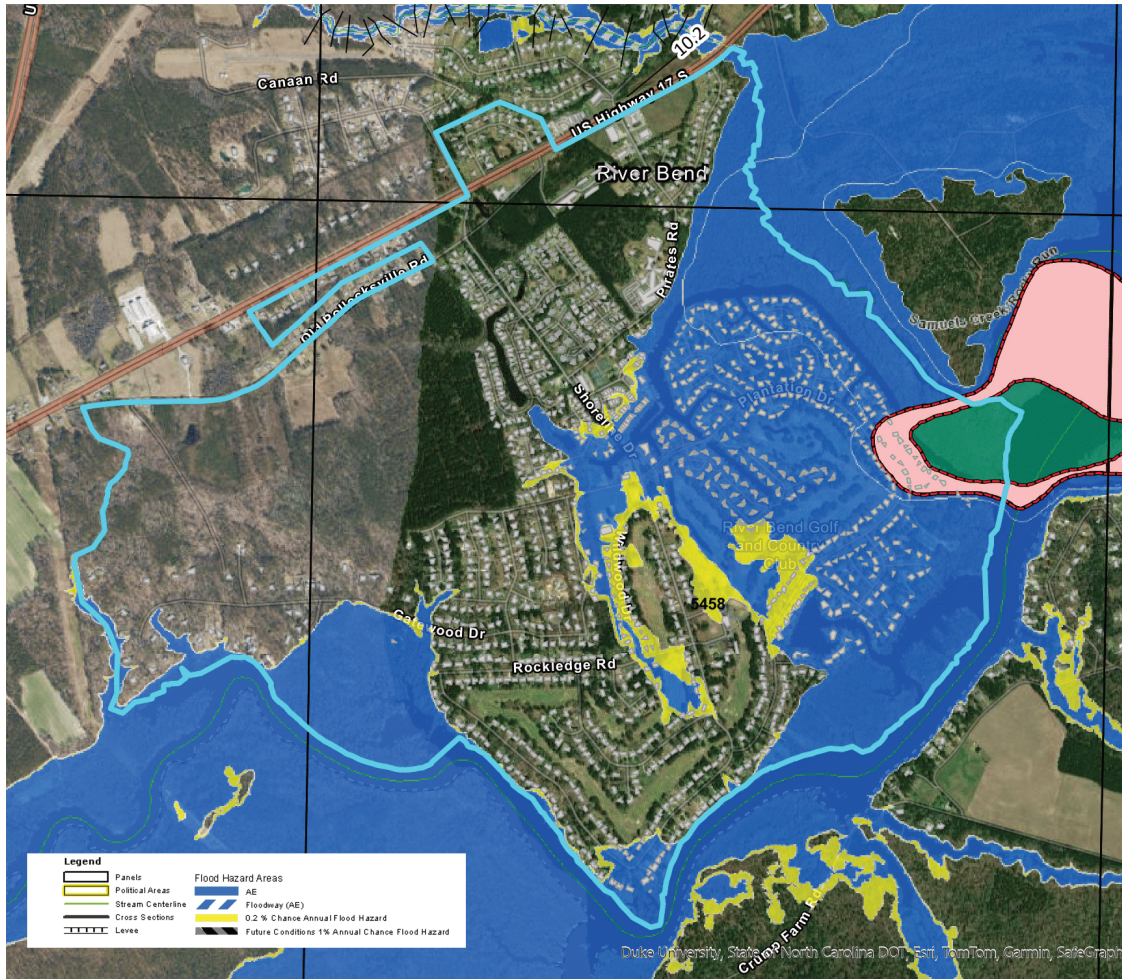
Riverine habitats are important for several wildlife species, especially to herpetofauna that utilize aquatic habitats during part of all of their life cycle, and to a variety of common mammals that are semi-aquatic and/or that have an aquatic food base (e.g., beavers, river otters, certain bats).

The Neuse River Basin, in which the Town of River Bend lies, is home to a variety of species – some rare – including the Neuse River waterdog, an aquatic salamander that is found nowhere else in the world outside the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico river basins.



Biodiversity Map

Floodplain



Floodplain Area Map

Community Vision & Future Planning

Land Use Goals

In order to provide more detailed guidance to Town leaders as they consider future land use decisions, this Plan identifies a series of goals and objectives for specific topic areas. Goals are statements that identify what should happen, and objectives are statements that identify actions or methods to achieve the goals. Each goal will typically have several objectives related to it.

<p>Preserve and celebrate small-town charm, scale, and community roots</p>	<p>Proactively use regulatory mechanisms such as nuisance, minimum housing, zoning, and junk vehicle ordinances to ensure continued maintenance and upkeep of properties, including the use of condemnation when appropriate.</p>
	<p>Maintain the Town Hall and Municipal Building as the center of the community’s civic life through the continued siting of public buildings, parks, and other civic institutions.</p>

<p>Coordinated, intentional, and well-planned growth and development</p>	<p>Discourage development that would disrupt the integrity and cohesiveness of existing neighborhoods.</p>
	<p>Promote development patterns that allow safe and convenient access between residential areas and shopping, services, community amenities, recreation, and public facilities.</p>
	<p>Encourage future development to occur within the existing town limits, or in designated growth areas with access to existing water and sewer services, and other community facilities; encourage infill development.</p>
	<p>Plan for continued growth and development that improves the quality of life within the Town of River Bend—growth that improves the community rather than growth for growth’s sake.</p>
	<p>Continued pursuit of plans and funding that would lead to the construction of an additional road connecting the southern half of River Bend with Old Pollocksville Road to create an alternate egress and access route.</p>
	<p>Encourage adherence to the Town's Special Flood Hazard Area Development guidelines either by limiting development in high risk areas or by ensuring that proper flood prevention and reduction methods are followed.</p>

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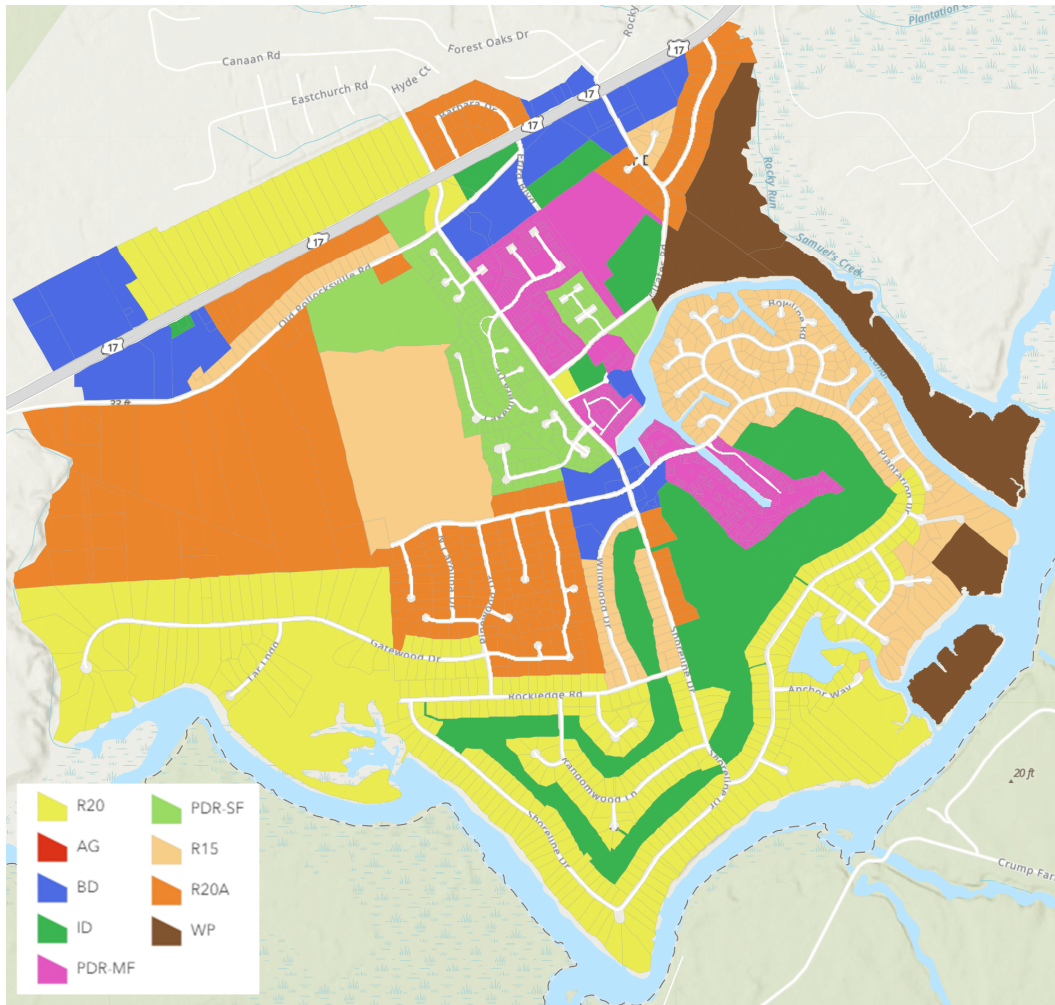
Protection of open space and critical natural features	Encourage and promote the preservation of significant open spaces, wetlands, floodplains, and stream corridors in their natural condition.
	Limit and/or mitigate the negative impacts of development on the environment.
	Balance the need to conserve land while allowing purposeful, quality development in strategic locations to meet the needs of River Bend residents, visitors, and businesses.
Support for business development	Ensure that commercial and industrial development is appropriately buffered from neighboring land uses through buffer and screening requirements.
	Encourage non-residential development that is aesthetically pleasing and meets the market and economic development needs of the community; promote emerging green industries when possible.
High-quality parks and recreational facilities that are accessible to all	Ensure parks, greenways, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and community centers/facilities are located conveniently throughout the Town and connected to each other and the surrounding neighborhoods in a way that ensures broad access.
	Provide both passive and active recreational opportunities for River Bend residents by protecting natural resources that have recreational, environmental, or aesthetic value.
Regulations that are consistent with the Town's vision	Amend ordinances as needed to address changes in physical, social, or environmental circumstances that make existing regulations unnecessary, outdated, or obsolete; or to accommodate new uses or situations that arise and are not clearly covered by existing ordinances.
	Modify ordinances to be more understandable and user-friendly when possible.

Future Land Use

In crafting a vision for the future development patterns of the Town of River Bend, this plan aims to provide a framework this is both descriptive and flexible – descriptive enough to provide the Town’s decision makers with clear information on the intended vision, but flexible enough to allow decision makers latitude in the interpretation of the vision.

The Future Land Use Map found in this chapter should not be interpreted as a regulatory document, such as a zoning map. Instead, it should be viewed as general guidance to help the Town’s decision makers make clear, informed decisions in support of an agreed-upon vision.

As a general guide, most growth is anticipated to occur in and around the existing northwest quadrant of town, as well as limited development in the US Highway 17 corridor.



Conclusion

Achievement of these goals and objectives will require major effort on the part of the Town Council, the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment and citizens in the planning area. Existing ordinances and land use control tools and enforcement of these controls are the most efficient method of implementing the Land Use Plan. The zoning ordinance is the most effective tool for implementation as it is concerned with land use, intensity, and placement of buildings. Other tools currently in force in the planning area are building codes and subdivision regulations. These tools, when properly enforced, will ensure implementation of the Land Use Plan.

As the population of Craven County grows, the Town of River Bend needs to be prepared to meet the growth demands. As this growth continues to impact the community, it will be incredibly important for the Town's decision makers to intentionally implement the vision outlined in this plan—a vibrant, active community with a charming hometown character that complements its natural environment, reflects its cultural heritage, and is connected to the larger region.

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**River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
March 12, 2026
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe
Buddy Sheffield
Lisa Benton
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Jeff Weaver

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Town Attorney: Trey Ferguson

Members of the Public Present: 5

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Surplus Property Resolution for Truck

The Town Manager stated that there is a 2014 Ford F250 truck in the public works fleet that has been replaced with a new truck earlier this year. He recommended that the Council declare the 2014 Ford F250 as surplus, which would allow the truck to be auctioned in the normal process on GovDeals.

Councilwoman Benton motioned to approve the Surplus Property Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

VOTE – Surplus Property Resolution for Land

The Town Manager stated that the town owns a lot at 111 Starboard Drive. He stated that there has been an inquiry about purchasing the property, if the Council wants to sale it. He stated that the town had previously tried to sale the property by accepted bids and the Council rejected the bids based on the amount that was bid. After a brief discussion among Council, it was agreed to sale the property by accepting sealed bids and to set the minimum bid amount of \$18,000.

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to approve the Surplus Real Property Resolution with a minimum bid of \$18,000 as amended. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

VOTE – Accept Flood Mitigation Grant Resolution

The Town Manager stated that the town has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,610,000 to build a new water well. He stated that the attached resolution is a requirement for the town to receive the funds.

Councilman Sheffield motioned to approve the Flood Mitigation Grant Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

VOTE – Revised Budget Workshop Schedule

The Town Manager stated that there is a conflict with the budget workshop scheduled for May 12. He stated that the Public Works Director would be at training on that date, and he suggested that the Council move that workshop to May 11.

Councilman Leonard motioned to amend the budget workshop schedule by moving Session 3 to May 11 at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Update on Special Meeting for Water Treatment Project

The Town Manager stated that there will be a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. to inform the public about the upcoming Water Treatment Improvements Project and to conduct a public hearing to gather public input on the project.

Discussion – Craven County Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Understanding

The Town Manager stated that the town is currently a member of the New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and he serves as vice-chair of the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Mayor is a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee. He stated that the New Bern MPO is disbanding and creating the Craven County MPO which will expand the membership area. He stated that they have requested that all members approve the presented memorandum of understanding.

Discussion – Craven-Pamlico Regional Library Funding Request

Councilman Leonard stated that the Craven-Pamlico Regional Library had requested funding last year, but the Council did not take action. He stated that the library has requested funding again for this upcoming year. He stated that he would like the Council to fund the library this year and in the upcoming years. Councilman Weaver stated that he agreed and ask if there is a way to automatically fund it every year going forward. The Town Manager stated that it can be added to the budget this upcoming budget season, if the Council agreed and it will be funded like the other organizations. Councilman Leonard stated that the Council has discretionary funds that could fund it this year and moving forward it could be added in the budget.

Councilman Leonard motioned to use this year's discretionary funds to fund \$3,000 towards the Craven-Pamlico Regional Library. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town Manager stated that the Planning Board has completed the recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that there were major revisions and the public hearing is scheduled for April 16 at 5:00 during the regular council meeting.

Discussion – Independence Day Celebration Plan

The Town Manager stated that that Council had previously agreed to hold the Independence Day celebration on Friday, July 3. He stated that the event is quickly approaching and there are some details that the Council needs to decide on. Councilwoman Benton asked the Town Manager about his conversation with the River Bend Country Club Manager. The Town Manager stated that he and Councilwoman Benton had a conversation regarding having the event on July 4 and that she had reached out to the country club regarding coordinating a shared event. He stated that he had a conversation with the general manager at the country club regarding hosting the event at the country club. Manager Jackson stated that at this point the general manager was not committal to doing anything at his facility, but he is receptive and would think about it.

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After a discussion among the Council they instructed the Town Manager to get more information from the manager of the country club regarding the event and to allow the Town Manager to discuss compensation for the event with the general manager of the club. He stated he would get details and present it to the Council at the next meeting for a vote.

REVIEW – Agenda for the March 19, 2026, Council Meeting

The Council reviewed the agenda for the March 19, 2026, Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale of General Fund Vehicle

WHEREAS, the Town of River Bend desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that:

1. The following described property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the Town:


**2014 Ford F150
VIN: 1FTBF2B67EEA55169**

2. The Town Manager is authorized and directed to receive, on behalf of the Town Council, bids for the purchase of the property described above and shall establish a time and date by which all bids must be received. He is also authorized to employ the action method he deems most advantageous to the Town.

3. The Town Clerk shall cause a notice of this sale to be posted on the town’s webpage and on the town’s bulletin board. The Town shall retain the right to reject any and all bids.

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2026





Mark Bledsoe
Mayor

Attest:



Kristie Nobles, Clerk

Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale of Real Property

WHEREAS, the Town of River Bend desires to dispose of certain surplus real property of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that:


1. The following described property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the Town:

**.351 acre of land located at 111 Starboard Drive
described by Craven County PIN 8-073-D-162and recorded
in the Craven County Office of Register of Deeds at page 1276 in Book 3740**

2. The Town Manager is authorized and directed to receive, on behalf of the Town Council, sealed bids for the purchase of the property described above and shall conduct the sealed bid process in accordance with NCGS 160A-268.
3. The Town shall retain the right to reject any and all bids.
4. The minimum bid amount is \$18,000.

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2026





Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:



Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC

Town of River Bend Resolution

Whereas, North Carolina Emergency Management has authorized the making of grants to aid eligible units of government to facilitate flood mitigation efforts, and

Whereas, North Carolina Emergency Management has offered a 2025 Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund-Hurricane Helene Flood Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$1,610,000 for the construction of a new well, and

Whereas, the Town of River Bend intends to complete said project in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement #NCEM-DRMG2512, provided by the grantor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND:

That the Town of River Bend does hereby accept the grant offer of \$1,610,000.

That the Town of River Bend does accept the Memorandum of Agreement from the North Carolina Department of Emergency Management and authorizes the Mayor to execute the MOA.

That Delane Jackson, Town Manager, and successors so titled, is hereby appointed as the authorized representative and Project Director and is hereby directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such grant or the project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the project.

Adopted this the 12th day of March, 2026 at River Bend, North Carolina



Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, CMC

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**River Bend Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2026
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

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Lisa Benton
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Jeff Weaver

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Town Attorney: David Baxter

Members of the Public Present: 7

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present, followed by invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF NEW RESIDENTS

James Crozier – 101 Sextant – stated that he brought his son to speak.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dylan Crozier – 101 Sextant Court - Addressed the Council regarding the town's ordinance that does not allow electric scooters or bicycles. He asked the Council to revise the ordinance as he feels it is outdated.

Chena Conroy – 204 Channel Run Drive - Spoke in support of Dylan Crozier.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor presented the Council with the Consent Agenda. *Councilman Sheffield moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.* Within this motion, the following items were approved:

A. Approve:

*Minutes of February 12, 2026, Work Council Meeting
Minutes of February 19, 2026, Regular Council Meeting*

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager gave the following updates:

- Budget Workshop session 3 has been moved to May 11.

- The town has received a request for information (RFI) regarding the \$3,725,000 FEMA grant funding for the Water Treatment Project. If the town is awarded this funding it could help offset the debt service for the project.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION – Councilwoman Benton

Councilwoman Benton stated that CAC met on Wednesday, March 18 and the annual Arbor Day Event will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the picnic shelter.

VOTE – Independence Day Celebration Plan

The Manager stated that at the last Council meeting the Council had discussed some options for the Independence Day Celebration. He stated he met with the general manager of the River Bend Country Club and the general manager notified him that the country club would be interested in taking on the event, essentially providing the activities that the town normally provides for the event. The Manager stated that the money that the town uses to fund that event could be paid to the country club for providing that service, which includes a parade on July 4. He stated this would be done by the country club without requiring any additional staff to work on that day. Councilman Weaver asked if there would be an itemized bill for the services or would the town pay the country club a flat fee and the Town Manager stated we would just pay them the fee to provide the services that we agree to. Councilman Weaver asked, “what would happen if they can’t provide the event and would town staff be expected to step in and throw an event together”. The Town Manager stated that it would be determined when the country club reaches that decision and if it is a very short notice, it would be impossible to put together the event. He also stated that he recommends that the country club not be paid until services have been provided. Councilman Weaver asked if there would be insurance liability and the Town Attorney stated that would depend on the situation, but since it is seen as a town event there may be an overlap in insurance coverage. Councilman Leonard asked if there will be a written agreement for services and will the town be considered a sponsor of the event. The Town Manager stated that is correct, that is how he plans to proceed based on the vote tonight. Councilwoman Benton stated that she would like the contract to specify what the town expects the country club to do in terms of what we expect them to provide, for example, bounce house, petting zoo. Councilman Sheffield stated that he appreciates the day off for the town staff but asked if there will be additional police officers at the event and the Town Manager stated that there will be one police officer and he would offer overtime pay for police officers who volunteer to work. Councilman Weaver stated he supports this event but wants to make sure there is clear and defined expectations. He also stated that proceeding with this event at the country club changes the date of the event to July 4. Councilman Leonard called the question.

Councilwoman Benton motioned to partner with the River Bend Country Club to conduct an Independence Day Celebration and parade at their facility, managed by their staff on July 4 for a fee paid by the Town not to exceed \$5,000. The motion carried unanimously.

ENVIRONMENTAL & WATERWAYS – Councilman Leonard

Councilman Leonard provided the following report from the March meeting. EWAB met on March 2nd, 2026. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was a quorum of members present. There were no visitors. The minutes for the February 9th, 2026, meeting were approved. Old Business: Update for Mulberry drainage project. Arbor Day events with CAC and Scouts. March 21 from 9-12. Tee shirts for EWAB members. Sinkhole at 717 Plantation. New Business: There are two vacancies on EWAB. Councilman Leonard gave a council update and answered members questions. Volunteer Hours: 9. The next meeting will be

on April 6th, 2026, at 7 PM in the small conference room in the municipal building. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Leonard

Councilman Sheffield provided the following report from the March meeting.

The meeting was held on October 5th at 6 pm in the Municipal building. Chairman Lippert called the meeting to order and welcomed several guests. He recognized new board member Richard Taylor. The usual reports were given. Councilman Sheffield made an error in stating that the town has been given a grant for a test well. The grant is actually for one of the two main wells in the new water system. There was no public comment. Under old business the board was shown a presentation of the latest preliminary plat from Ellis Development for the property on Old Pollocksville road known as Kirkland Creek. Two representatives from Ellis were on hand to take questions, of which there were many. Most changes to the plat were in the area of wastewater runoff. The Ellis engineer agreed to meet with the president and citizens of Lakemere to explain the new system. No vote of approval was made at this time. The board then commented on the new draft of the town's Comprehensive Plan. There was much discussion. The draft was approved as presented. The vote was not unanimous. Under new business, two representatives from Harmoni Towers were on hand to answer questions about a special use permit they have applied for to construct a cell phone tower in a vacant lot between Old Pollocksville Road and Highway 17 near Guy C. Lee lumber. The permit application will be taken up by the Board of Adjustment. The Planning board can make recommendations for specific stipulations for that permit. The board members asked questions. It was ultimately decided to table any action on the permit until the April meeting. No meeting has been set for the Board of Adjustment to rule on the permit. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 2nd. The public is invited to attend.

VOTE – Draft Comprehensive Plan Update & Public Hearing Date

Councilman Sheffield motioned to set a Public Hearing for the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update as presented on April 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilwoman Noonan

Councilwoman Noonan stated that she hoped to have the price on the reflective signs' fundraiser for the fire department, but she does not have it at this time. She stated she would communicate with Community Watch regarding the changes to the Independence Day event.

PARKS & RECREATION – Councilman Weaver

Councilman Weaver gave the following report:

Parks and Recreation is working with the River Bend Country Club to host an Easter Event with an easter egg hunt, crafts, snacks and games on March 29 at 1:00 p.m. He stated that there is jewelry workshop on April 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building.

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY ORGANIC GARDEN

Councilman Weaver gave the following report:

The winter crops did not survive the snow and cold. The garden was checked periodically. Spring activity will commence in March. The third annual spring plant sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 from 9am-1pm with a rain date a week later. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6 at 1:30 pm. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and in the garden.

FINANCE – Councilman Leonard

Financial Report – Finance Director, Mandy Gilbert, presented the financial statement for the month of February to the Council. She stated the total of the Town's Cash and Investments as of February 28, 2026, were \$3,133,615 and Ad Valorem Tax Collections for FY25-26 were \$1,101,962 and Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Collections were \$74,261.

VOTE – Craven County Metropolitan Plannings Organization Memorandum of Understanding

Councilman Leonard motioned to adopt the resolution to accept the Craven County Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Understanding as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Bledsoe gave the following report.

The Town of River Bend, in partnership with the Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and St. John's Lodge No. 3, will dedicate a Liberty Tree in River Bend Park on Thursday, March 26th at noon. This tree will be part of the America 250 Liberty Tree Project, a nationwide initiative leading up to the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. The project seeks to plant trees as living symbols of freedom, historical remembrance, and community resilience. Inspired by the original Liberty Trees—gathering places for colonists during the American Revolution—these plantings honor the spirit of unity and resistance that helped shape the nation. The River Bend Liberty Tree will be one of only three in North Carolina. Its dedication coincides with the 250th anniversary of the authorization of the 5th North Carolina Regiment on March 26, 1776. Organized in Wilmington, the regiment was composed of eight volunteer companies from the New Bern, Edenton, and Hillsborough districts and served in the Continental Army. Now, 250 years later, the community will gather on March 26, 2026, alongside members of the SAR, DAR, and St. John's Lodge No. 3 to commemorate this historic milestone and celebrate the enduring spirit of liberty that continues to define our nation.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Bledsoe read the annual Arbor Day Proclamation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC
Town Clerk

**MPO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR
CONTINUING, COOPERATIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING**

Between

THE CITY OF HAVELOCK, CITY OF NEW BERN, TOWN OF BRIDGETON, TOWN OF COVE CITY, TOWN OF DOVER, TOWN OF RIVER BEND, TOWN OF TRENT WOODS, TOWN OF VANCEBORO, COUNTY OF CRAVEN, AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (hereinafter collectively, “the parties”), IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WITNESSETH;

THAT WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative, Comprehensive, and Continuing Transportation Planning, regarding the Craven County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO); and

WHEREAS, each MPO is required to develop a Metropolitan Transportation Plan in cooperation with NCDOT and in accordance with 23 U.S.C., Section 134, and a Comprehensive Transportation Plan as per Chapter 136, Article 3A, Section 136-66.2(a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and any subsequent applicable amendments to these statutes and any implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, these transportation plans, once adopted by the MPO and NCDOT, shall be the basis for future transportation improvements within the MPO.

NOW THEREFORE, the following Memorandum of Understanding is made:

Section 1: Establishment of Craven County MPO.

It is hereby agreed that the parties, in cooperation with the UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, will participate in a continuous planning process as related in the following paragraphs:

1. The area involved, the Craven County MPO Metropolitan Planning Area, will be the New Bern Urbanized Area as defined by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, including that area beyond the existing urbanized area boundary that is expected to become urban within a twenty-year planning period, which is herein defined as the entirety of Craven County. This area is hereinafter referred to as the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

2. The MPA will be periodically reassessed and revised in the light of new developments and basic data projections.
3. Transportation planning will be a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative process and all planning discussions will be reflective of and responsive to the programs of the NCDOT, and to the comprehensive plans for growth and development of the City of Havelock, City of New Bern, Town of Bridgeton, Town of Cove City, Town of Dover, Town of River Bend, Town of Trent Woods, Town of Vanceboro, and County of Craven.
4. The continuing transportation planning process will be in accordance with the intent, procedures, and programs of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.
5. Transportation policy decisions within the planning area are the responsibility of the MPO in cooperation with the City of Havelock, City of New Bern, Town of Bridgeton, Town of Cove City, Town of Dover, Town of River Bend, Town of Trent Woods, Town of Vanceboro, and County of Craven and the NCDOT.
6. Transportation plans and programs and land use policies and programs, for the MPA, having regional impacts will be coordinated with MPOs and RPOs that share a boundary with the MPO, and other municipalities and counties in the region.

Section 2: Establishment of a Transportation Advisory Committee

A Craven County MPO Transportation Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the TAC, is hereby established with the responsibility for serving as a forum for cooperative transportation planning decision making for the MPO. The TAC is the policy board of the MPO. By definition, in 23 U.S.C. §134(b)(2), the TAC is the MPO.

1. The TAC shall consist of representatives appointed by member Boards of Local Government and a member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation (BOT). Each member Board of Local Government and the BOT may also, at its sole discretion, appoint an alternate member to serve in the member's absence. The TAC representative and the alternate member appointed by Boards of Local Government must be an elected official of the appointing Board of Local Government.
2. Every voting TAC member and alternate shall comply with the State Government Ethics Act as per Chapter 138A of the NC General Statutes and the Ethics provisions of Chapter 136-200.2 of the NC General Statutes.
3. The TAC members shall have the responsibility for keeping their respective Boards of Local Government informed of the status and requirements of the transportation planning process; assisting in the dissemination and clarification of the decisions, inclinations, and

policies of the boards; and ensuring meaningful public participation in the transportation planning process.

4. The TAC, in cooperation with NCDOT, will be responsible for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and NC General Statutes, Chapter 136, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Review and approval of the MPO Unified Planning Work Program, which defines work tasks and responsibilities for the various agencies participating in the transportation planning process;
 - b. Review and approval of changes to the Urbanized Area Boundary and the Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary;
 - c. Review and approval of the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for multi-modal capital and operating expenditures and to ensure coordination between local and State capital and operating improvement programs;
 - d. Endorsement, review and approval of changes to the MPO's adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Transportation Plan. As required by the North Carolina General Statutes Section 136-66.2(d), revisions to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan must be adopted by both the MPO and the NCDOT;
 - e. Review and approval of the Public Participation Plan to ensure the public is given ample opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process.
 - f. Endorsement, review and approval of changes to the Federal-Aid Functional Classification System and the New Bern adjusted urbanized area;
 - g. Establishment of goals and objectives for the transportation planning process;
 - h. Provide local input to North Carolina's transportation project prioritization process; and
 - i. Adoption of Bylaws for the purpose of establishing operating policies and procedures.
 - j. Any other NCDOT, State, and/or Federal required plans and/or documentation, including amendments or modifications to these documents
5. TAC Members will vote on matters pursuant to the authority granted by their respective governmental body. The voting membership of the TAC shall include: City of Havelock, City of New Bern, Town of Bridgeton, Town of Cove City, Town of Dover, Town of River Bend, Town of Trent Woods, Town of Vanceboro, and County of Craven and a NCDOT Board of Transportation Designee. Each member has equal vote weight.

Governmental Body	Voting Status	Number of Votes
City of Havelock	Yes	1
City of New Bern	Yes	1
Town of Bridgeton	Yes	1
Town of Cove City	Yes	1
Town of Dover	Yes	1
Town of River Bend	Yes	1
Town of Trent Woods	Yes	1
Town of Vanceboro	Yes	1
County of Craven	Yes	1
NCDOT Board of Transportation	Yes	1
Total number of voting members		10

Representatives from each of the following bodies will serve as non-voting members of the TAC:

Organization	Voting Status
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) North Carolina Division	No

6. On the basis of majority vote, the TAC may appoint a member of the Committee to act as Chairperson with the responsibility for coordination of the Committee’s activities. A staff member of the Craven County MPO will serve as Secretary to the Committee. A member of any local elected board may serve as an alternate to the designated TAC member for each member. The MPO staff shall be notified of changes in TAC members and TAC alternate members each year and/or as changes are made. As established in its Bylaws, the TAC may create subcommittees to assist it in carrying out its responsibilities. TAC will meet with the necessary regularity to ensure adequate performance of duties as described herein.

Section 3: Establishment of a Technical Coordinating Committee

A **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)** shall be established with the responsibility of general review, guidance, and coordination of the transportation planning process for the planning area and with the responsibility for making recommendations to the respective local and State governmental agencies and the TAC regarding any necessary actions relating to the continuing transportation planning process.

1. The TCC shall be responsible for development, review and recommendation for approval by the TAC of the Unified Planning Work Program, Transportation Improvement

Program, Metropolitan Planning Area Boundary, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Public Participation Plan, and any other NCDOT, State, and/or Federal required plans and/or documentation, including amendments or modifications to these documents.

2. Membership of the TCC shall include technical representatives from all local and State governmental agencies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process for the planning area. The TCC shall be comprised of the following members:

TCC Member Organization	Voting Status	Number of Votes
City of Havelock	Yes	1
City of New Bern	Yes	1
Town of Bridgeton	Yes	1
Town of Cove City	Yes	1
Town of Dover	Yes	1
Town of River Bend	Yes	1
Town of Trent Woods	Yes	1
Town of Vanceboro	Yes	1
County of Craven	Yes	1
Craven Area Rural Transit System (CARTS)	Yes	1
Coastal Carolina Regional Airport (EWN)	Yes	1
Down East Rural Planning Organization (DERPO)	Yes	1
Havelock Chamber of Commerce	Yes	1
New Bern Chamber of Commerce	Yes	1
Croatan National Forest	Yes	1
Division Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation	Yes	1
Division Planning Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation	Yes	1
Transportation Planning Division, North Carolina Department of Transportation	Yes	1
Total number of voting members		18

Representatives from each of the following bodies will serve as non-voting members of the Technical Coordinating Committee:

Organization	Voting Status
Integrated Mobility Division, North Carolina Department of Transportation	No
Other local, regional, State or Federal agencies impacting transportation in the planning area	No

3. The TCC shall meet when it is deemed appropriate and advisable but will meet with the necessary regularity to ensure adequate performance of duties as described herein. On the basis of majority vote of its membership, the TCC may appoint a member of the Committee to act as Chairperson with the responsibility of coordination of the Committee’s activities. On the basis of majority vote of its membership, the TCC may also appoint a Vice-Chair to lead meetings in the absence of the Chair. Membership to the TCC may be altered on the basis of a majority vote of its membership, provided all agencies with TAC membership are represented. TCC membership changes must be approved by TAC.

Section 4: MPO Meetings

The TAC and TCC, as well as any established subcommittees, are responsible for carrying out the provisions of North Carolina General Statute Chapter 143, Article 33C regarding open meetings, and Chapter 132 regarding public records. In addition:

1. A quorum is required for transactions of all business, including conducting meetings or hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise transacting public business. A quorum consists of 51% of the members of the TAC or TCC, plus as many additional members as may be required to ensure that 51% of possible votes are present. Vacant seats will not count against the quorum.
2. Members or alternatives should be identified by name on the meeting attendance log.
3. Per NCGS 143-318.13, regarding TCC and/or TAC meetings that are held by use of conference telephone or other electronic means, the LPA shall provide a location and means whereby members of the public may listen to the meeting.
4. Electronic meetings and voting are allowed as long as proper public notice is given and meeting materials are available to the public upon request. Minutes of meetings at which remote participation occurs should reflect which members are physically present and which are not. They should also reflect when members are excused from voting or are excused to leave or rejoin the meeting, just as they would for members who are physically present.

5. Any member who does not attend two consecutive TAC/TCC meetings will not be included as part of the membership needed to obtain a quorum after the second meeting. Membership, however, is immediately reinstated by the presence of the most recently appointed member (or his alternate) at any future meeting.

Section 5: Lead Planning Agency Responsibility

Beginning July 1, 2026 the County of Craven shall serve as the Lead Planning Agency and will provide the staff of the MPO, including a Secretary to the TAC and the TCC. As such, Craven County staff will maintain the official records of the MPO and all state and federal reporting and budgetary requirements in cooperation with the NCDOT staff. The County of Craven will further assist in the transportation planning process by providing planning assistance, data and inventories in accordance with the Unified Planning Work Program. Additionally, the County of Craven shall coordinate zoning and subdivision approvals within its jurisdiction in accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

The County of Craven will be responsible for initially expending locally derived funds and seeking reimbursement from NCDOT in accordance with the respective funding source.

The County of Craven will be responsible for the following functions:

1. Providing a secretary for the TAC and the TCC
2. Arranging meetings and agenda
3. Maintaining minutes and records
4. Preparing a Prospectus and Unified Planning Work Program
5. Serving as custodian of all MPO plans and documents
6. Collecting from local governments minutes and resolutions that document transportation plan revisions, and submitting these for mutual adoption by the NCDOT
7. Monitoring the transportation planning process to ensure its execution is in accordance with the MPO goals and objectives
8. Performing other coordinating functions as assigned by the TAC as needed
9. Lead responsibility for structuring public involvement in the transportation planning process
10. Preparation of the PL Expenditure Report and other grant/fund management.

The NCDOT will assist in the transportation planning process by providing planning assistance, data and inventories in accordance with the Unified Planning Work Program. The Transportation Planning Division will designate a MPO Coordinator to serve as Staff liaison and participant in the Craven County MPO planning process.

Section 6: Cost Sharing

Activities of the MPO, as set forth in the annually adopted Unified Planning Work Program, are funded with Federal Planning funds distributed through the North Carolina Department of Transportation. These funds require a twenty percent (20%) local match. Local government members that are parties to the Memorandum of Understanding agree to fund the local match in an amount in direct proportion to their share of the total population contained in the total Craven County population. Population figures for determination of local match contribution shall be determined based on the most recent Federal Decennial Census. This funding share shall be invoiced on a regular basis by Craven County, acting as Lead Planning Agency, and as recipient of the Federal Planning funds distributed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Annual local match funds are non- refundable.

Section 7: Withdrawal from Craven County MPO

Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding may terminate their participation in the continuing transportation planning process by giving 90 days written notice to the other parties prior to the date of termination.

Section 8: Authorization

In witness whereof, the parties of this Memorandum of Understanding have been authorized by appropriate and proper resolutions to sign the same, the City of Havelock by its Mayor, the City of New Bern by its Mayor, The Town of Bridgeton by its Mayor, The Town of Cove City by its Mayor, The Town of Dover by its Mayor, The Town of River Bend by its Mayor, The Town of Trent Woods by its Mayor, The Town of Vanceboro by its Mayor, The County of Craven by its Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina Department of Transportation by the Secretary of Transportation. This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective as of the last day signed. The following pages comprise the signature pages from each party to this Memorandum.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

THAT WHEREAS, it is recognized that a proper transportation system to support movement within and through the Craven County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) urbanized area is highly desirable element of a comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and development of the area, and;

WHEREAS, there are a number of governmental jurisdictions within the Craven County MPO urbanized area which have been authorized with implementation and regulatory responsibilities for transportation by North Carolina General Statutes, and;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that coordinated, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning processes be maintained in the Craven County MPO urbanized area to ensure that the transportation system is maintained on an efficient and economical basis commensurate with the public health, safety and welfare, and;


WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Havelock, City of New Bern, Town of Bridgeton, Town of Cove City, Town of Dover, Town of River Bend, Town of Trent Woods, Town of Vanceboro, County of Craven and the North Carolina Department of Transportation has been entered into that sets forth the responsibilities and working arrangements for maintaining a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning process, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND, NORTH CAROLINA:


That the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Havelock, City of New Bern, Town of Bridgeton, Town of Cove City, Town of Dover, Town of River Bend, Town of Trent Woods, Town of Vanceboro, County of Craven and the North Carolina Department of Transportation be approved and that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby directed to enter into and execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Adopted by the Town of River Bend in regular session this 19th day of March, 2026.





Kristie J. Nobles
Town Clerk, MMC



Mark Bledsoe
Mayor, Town of River Bend

ITEM 8

**River Bend Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2026
Town Hall
4:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe
Buddy Sheffield
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Lisa Benton
Jeff Weaver

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Public Works Director: Brandon Mills

Members of the Public Present: 20

Call To Order

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Weaver arrived 5:01 p.m.

Opening Comments

At this time the Mayor called on Manager Jackson. Manager Jackson gave a brief background on the Water Treatment Improvements Project and where the funding stands at this moment.

Presentation

Manager Jackson introduced Kevin Cooper and Greg Churchill of Rivers and Associates, Inc. Kevin Cooper presented a PowerPoint slide show detailing the Water Treatment Improvements Project Funding and its impacts on the town's budget and utility customers.

Public Hearing

Councilman Leonard moved to open the Public on the Water Treatment Improvements Project Funding. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no Public Comments.

Councilman Leonard moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Council Comments

Councilman Sheffield asked if any other towns in the area get their water from the lower Castle Hayne aquifer and Mr. Churchill stated that the City of New Bern and Jones County do.

Councilman Sheffield asked if there will be a test well and Mr. Churchill stated that there would be.

Councilwoman Benton stated that that the town would get a better quality of water from the lower section rather than what they are currently receiving from the upper section. She asked if the iron and manganese levels were lower in the lower section than the upper section and Mr. Churchill stated that is what he is hoping but cannot say for sure until they drill the actually test well.

Councilman Leonard asked if there would still be a need for residents to use water softeners and Mr. Churchill stated that he did not think so because the new plant will soften the water.

Councilman Sheffield stated that the amount of increase in the utility billing only includes the 1,500 homes in town at this time and there may be 130 more homes built which would lower the amount each home is billed.

Councilman Weaver asked for a timeline when the town would have to stop applying for grants for this project and the Town Manager stated that once the LGC approves the project.

Councilwoman Noonan asked if the increase in the utility billing would be a separate line item on the utility billing and the Town Manager stated that it would not be, it would be included in the rates.

The Mayor asked if once the project starts does the grant opportunities stop, and the Town Manager stated that it is correct.

Closing Remarks

The Town Manager thanked the audience for coming to the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC
Town Clerk



RIVER BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

	ACTIVITIES	2026	2026	2026	% of Total Calls	% Change Last 2 Mos.
		January	February	March		
1	ALARMS / 911 UNKNOWN / DISTURBANCE / SHOTS FIRED (0)	5	4	4	0.32%	0.00%
2	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	8	5	4	0.32%	-20.00%
3	ARRESTS	0	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
4	ASSAULTS / ALL OTHER VIOLENT CRIME	1	2	1	0.08%	-50.00%
5	ASSIST CITIZENS / LOCK OUT / QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES	22	40	39	3.08%	-3.00%
6	ASSIST EMS / FD / FIRST RESPONDERS / MED ASSIST	41	27	41	3.24%	52.00%
7	ASSIST MOTORISTS / FOOT PATROLS / ALL OTHER	17	15	17	1.34%	13.00%
8	ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	3	2	2	0.16%	0.00%
9	B & E BUSINESS / RESIDENCE / VEHICLE	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
10	CRIM. SUMM. / SUBPOENAS / WARRANTS / CIVIL COMPLAINT	1	10	10	0.79%	0.00%
11	DOMESTICS	0	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
12	FIRES / ALARM	2	2	1	0.08%	-50.00%
13	IDENTITY THEFT / FRAUD	2	1	2	0.16%	100.00%
14	INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS	1	1	1	0.08%	0.00%
15	JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	2	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
16	LARCENIES	1	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
17	LITTERING	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
18	LOUD MUSIC / NOISE COMPLAINTS	2	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
19	DEATH / MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY / SUICIDE(A)	2	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
20	PROPERTY DAMAGE / VANDALISM	0	0	2	0.16%	0.00%
21	RESIDENTIAL / BUSINESS CHECKS / COMMUNITY WATCH	1,243	1,102	1,069	84.44%	-3.00%
22	ROADWAY DEBRIS / OBSTRUCTIONS	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
23	ROBBERIES	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
24	SOLICITING VIOLATIONS	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
25	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS / VEHICLES / FIELD INTERVIEW	10	10	16	1.26%	60.00%
26	TOWN ORDINANCE CITATIONS	0	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
27	TOWN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	1	1	2	0.16%	100.00%
28	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	3	7	3	0.24%	-57.00%
29	TRAFFIC STOPS	16	37	19	1.50%	-49.00%
30	TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS-RADAR	3	7	7	0.55%	0.00%
31	DWI	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
32	CHECKPOINTS	0	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
33	DRUG VIOLATIONS	1	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
34	WELFARE CHECKS	6	4	6	0.47%	50.00%
35	CASE ASSIST / PW / VEHICLE MAINTENANCE / MEETING	5	6	2	0.16%	-67.00%
36	CASE FOLLOW UPS / SPECIAL OPERATION / TRAINING	15	8	9	0.71%	13.00%
37	TRESPASSING	3	0	1	0.08%	0.00%
38	OVERDOSE	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
39	TOTAL	1419	1293	1266	100.00%	-2.00%

Traffic Violations

- 7 State Citations
- 8 Total State Charges
- State Warnings
- 1 Town Citations
- Town Warnings

Community Watch Checks

- 61 100 Pirates
- 62 100 Plantation
- 59 200 Lakemere
- 63 200 Rockledge
- 54 Piner Estates

Phone Calls Answered (638-1108)

202 Incoming Calls

The data being presented in this report is a representation of the original call as it was dispatched.

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March 2026 Monthly Report Brandon Mills, Director of Public Works

Public Works staff have been actively maintaining town facilities and infrastructure over the past month. Our staff conduct spraying operations in our parks to remove unwanted vegetation and maintain the appearance and useability of these areas. In addition, we have been actively mowing all areas which include parks, buildings, roadway areas to maintain the appearance of our town. We will be doing this routinely throughout the summer months. We also built and installed four duck nesting boxes. Two were installed at the kayak launch and at the town hall pond. These boxes are intended to provide suitable nesting habitats for wood ducks and support local wildlife.

On the Water Resources side, staff replaced multiple broken curb stops and a couple backflow preventers inside water meter boxes. This maintains system reliability and protects our water quality. We also had our backwash sedimentation tanks pumped out to remove sediment. This ensures we will stay in compliance with our backwash permit. In addition, our team successfully located a blow-off on a water main that we weren't ever able to find. This will help us flush this particular line out with much more ease and will help with water quality in this area of the distribution system. Looking forward, we are planning to do a system wide water distribution system flush in April. This includes flushing all fire hydrants and blow-off valves to improve water quality.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 252-638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After-hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by paging the town's on-call technician at 252-464-4328. You will then be asked to enter your "numeric message" (phone number). After entering your 10-digit phone number, the automated system will say "message sent, goodbye". Please be patient and our technician will return your call. If you do not receive a call back within 10 minutes, please call the Police Department at 252-638-1108 ext. 1, and they will get in contact with the on-call technician. If the police department does not answer, leave a message.

Town of River Bend
FY 2025-2026
Work Order Report



Public Works

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Building Maintenance	30	31	30	31	30	31	29	27	26				265	1
Painting	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1				3	0
Park/Playground	34	39	33	42	36	35	37	34	33				323	1
Roadway Maintenance	7	5	3	6	8	9	11	12	10				71	0
Stormwater Maintenance	5	7	5	3	4	6	7	5	6				48	1
Trash/Litter	38	39	32	35	33	32	31	28	30				298	0
Tree Maintenance	5	2	2	3	2	4	5	4	6				33	0
Wetlands / Ponds	2	5	2	2	1	2	1	3	2				20	2
Other	14	17	13	16	18	17	16	15	17				143	0
TOTAL	135	145	120	138	133	137	137	128	131	0	0	0	1204	5
Orders Closed	133	143	118	133	129	133	132	123	126				1170	

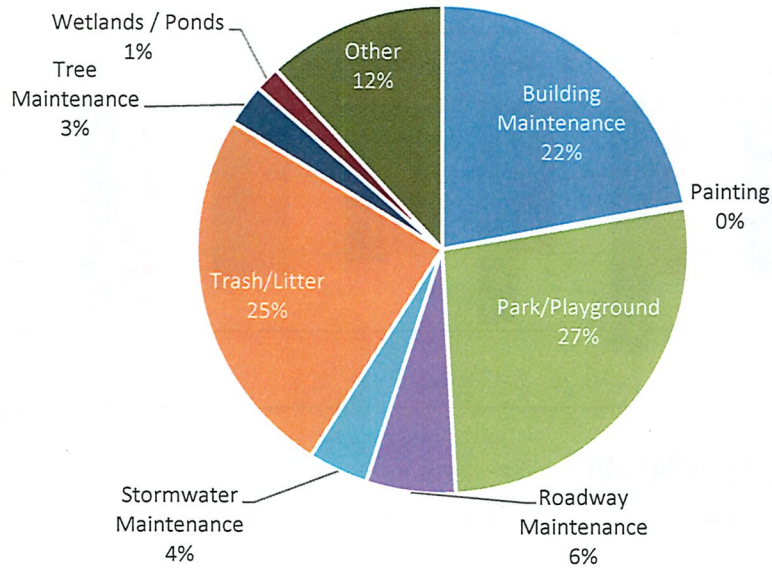
Water Resources

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Sewer Collection	15	20	16	20	18	20	19	17	15				160	1
Sewer Treatment	17	16	10	12	14	16	17	15	16				133	0
Water Distribution	12	9	15	19	20	17	18	14	15				139	0
Water Treatment	11	14	11	9	11	13	15	13	14				111	1
Service Orders	17	19	15	19	22	19	23	21	25				180	0
Utility Locates	65	45	38	67	79	29	24	24	90				461	1
TOTAL	137	123	105	146	164	114	116	104	175	0	0	0	1184	3
Orders Closed	128	114	102	100	114	110	112	101	172				1053	

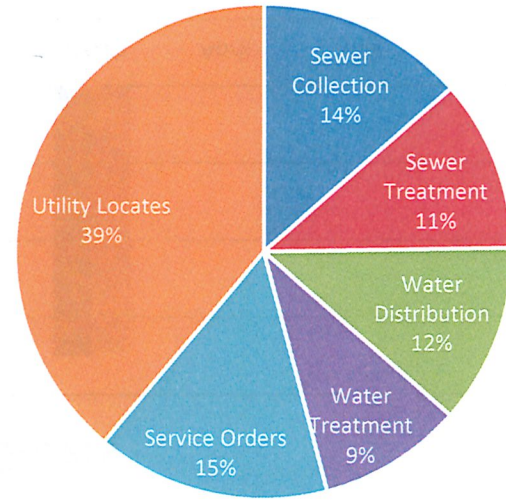
TOTAL	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD
Orders Entered	272	268	225	284	297	251	253	232	306	0	0	0	2388
Orders Closed	261	257	220	233	243	243	244	224	298	0	0	0	2223

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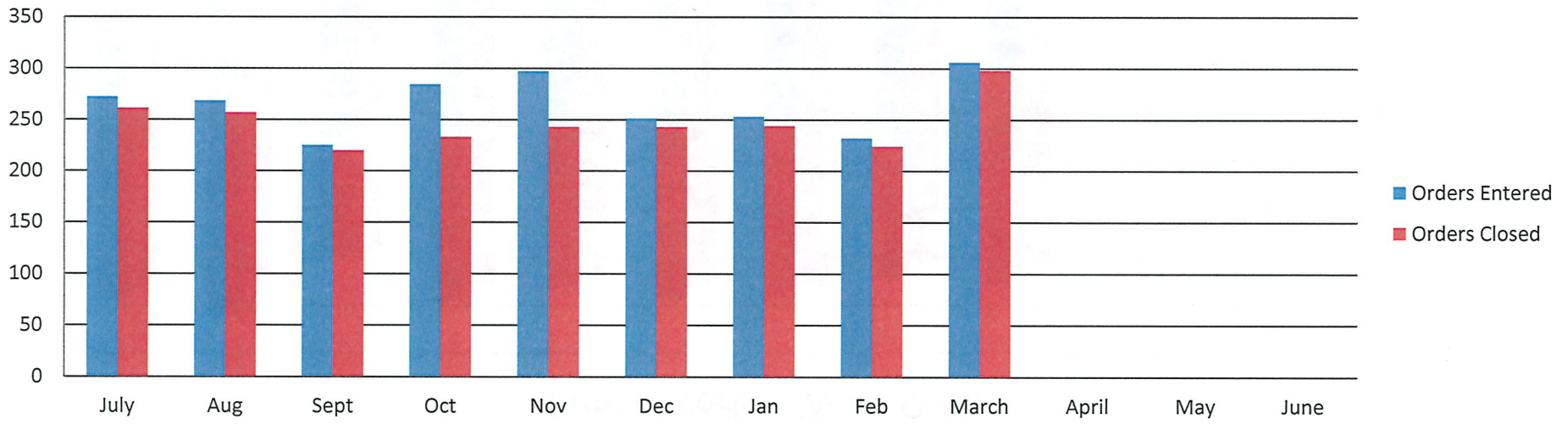
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FY 25-26**



**Water Resources Work Orders
FY 25-26**

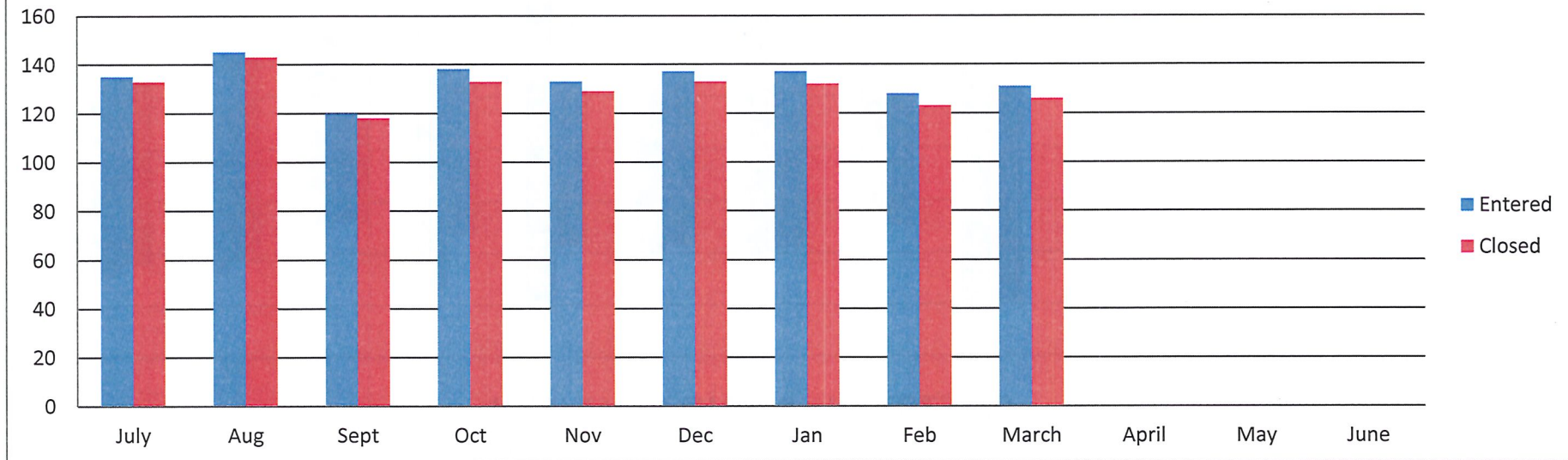


Total Work Orders - FY 2025-26

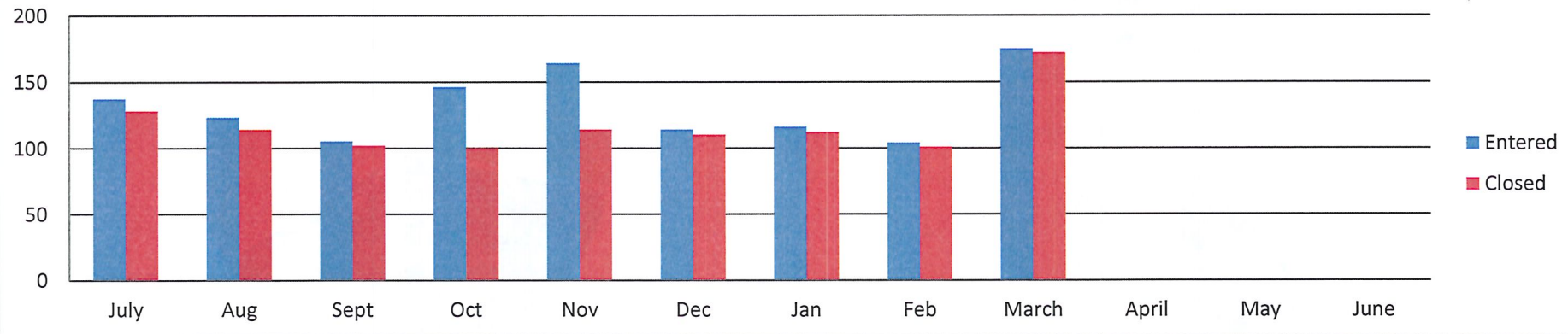


ITEM 9

Public Works - Work Orders



Water Resources - Work Orders





MONTHLY ZONING REPORT

MONTH YEAR

Activity	Monthly	YTD Total
Permit Applications Received	4	49
Permits Issued	4	49
Fees Collected	207.20	3314.18
Violations Noted During Weekly Patrol	13	138
Complaints Received From Citizens	1	6
Notice Of Violations Initiated *see details below	12	73
Remedial Actions Taken By Town	0	1

Detail Summary		
Address	Violation	Date Cited
89-92 Ashley Place	Broken fence	4-Mar
603 Plantation	Trailer	11-Mar
106 Bowline	Trailer	11-Mar
19 Pillory	Unregistered pet	23-Mar
250 Pirates	State of disrepair	25-Mar
304 Barbara	Trailer	25-Mar
308 Barbara	Car in grass	25-Mar
289 Shoreline	Trailer	25-Mar
286 Shoreline	Trailer	25-Mar
410 Plantation	Trailer; debris	25-Mar
804 Plantation	Car in grass	25-Mar
78 Shoreline	Car in grass	25-Mar

Town of River Bend



Monthly Financial Report

This monthly report is provided as an oversight/management tool for the Town Council of the Town of River Bend. For ease of reporting, and in order to be consistent with the categories used in the annual budget process, this report summarizes the revenue and expenses in each of the three operational areas of the Town. Anyone interested in more detail, or further explanation of the contents of this report, is encouraged to contact Finance Officer Mandy Gilbert.

Notes

The cash balances shown on page one are the amount of cash in each specific accounting fund. These funds are deposited in separate investment accounts. Pooled cash accounts used for operating funds but accounted for, in our internal systems, as individual accounts. Interest attributable to each account is allocated based upon the total rate of return of the account(s).

The FY Budget columns represents the original and current budget. As the fiscal year goes on and unforeseen expenses or revenues occur, we need to adjust the budget. The Council does this by formal amendment during a Council meeting. *Asterisked lines represent those budget items that have been amended since adoption.

Because this is an annual budget, it is important to note that many lines shown in this report will vary, some significantly, from month to month, and in different times of the year. In many instances, capital payments for current fiscal year projects are made early in the fiscal year and the majority of our ad valorem tax receipts occur in the middle of the fiscal year. This is another reason to maintain an adequate fund balance.



Visit our web site <http://www.riverbendnc.org/finance.html> to view the Financial Dashboard. These dashboards are designed to give the user a quick overview of the status of revenues and expenditures in each of the Town's three major funds as reported in the Monthly Financial Report.

ITEM 10
Fund Cash Balances

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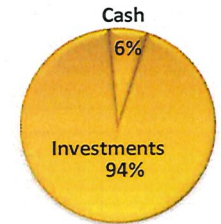
Cash Balances		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1	General Fund*	1,221,105	1,132,475	1,014,174	999,297	1,003,329	1,470,689	1,489,427	1,594,104	1,568,099			
2	Powell Bill	-	-	53,973	53,973	53,973	-	-	-	-			
3	General Capital Reserve	132,025	132,499	172,993	173,588	174,146	174,700	175,236	175,718	176,249			
4	Stormwater AIA Project	-	-	-	-	-	(102,000)	-	-	-			
5	Law Enforcement Separation Allowance	54,227	54,421	54,608	54,796	54,972	55,147	55,316	55,468	55,636			
6	Water Fund*	475,047	481,484	468,755	494,395	478,738	495,978	483,608	518,273	510,796			
7	Water Capital Reserve Fund	17,835	17,899	17,961	18,022	18,080	18,138	18,194	18,244	18,299			
8	Water AIA Grant Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
9	Water Treatment Plant Capital Project	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(1,966)	(56,506)	(56,506)	(56,506)			
10	Water Treatment Improvement Project	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
11	Sewer Fund*	750,598	742,479	731,266	771,984	760,493	778,490	763,106	803,168	800,568			
12	Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,757	26,853	26,945	27,038	27,125	27,211	27,295	27,370	27,453			
13	Sewer AIA Grant Project	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250			
14	WWTP Capital Projects Fund	8,574	(2,346)	(2,346)	(2,346)	(2,346)	(2,346)	(4,383)	(2,473)	(2,473)			
Total Cash and Investments		2,679,452	2,584,049	2,536,611	2,589,032	2,566,794	2,914,291	2,951,542	3,133,615	3,098,371	0	0	0
Truist Cash Accounts		276,447	282,691	303,143	347,872	318,436	279,787	308,951	244,190	200,146	0	0	0

*These operating funds have equity in the Truist pooled accounts.

In order to obtain more favorable interest rates, the Town deposits funds in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. We move funds between our cash accounts and these investment accounts to accommodate cash flow for our payables and as revenues are received in order to maintain an adequate amount of cash for operational needs while attempting to minimize bank fees and maximize interest revenue. Based upon historical cash flow and current encumbrances, our staff anticipates the level of cash needed to meet our obligations without having to make an inordinate number of transfers between accounts.

On the table above, the term cash includes those funds we hold in accounts in our designated banking institution (currently Truist). We have two accounts with Truist, a Money Market account that pays a competitive rate of interest, and an operating (checking) account from and to which we make all regular payments and deposits.

The table below shows the balances of each fund account we have in NCCMT at the end of the month. The chart to the right shows how our funds are apportioned between operating cash and investments.



Investments in NCCMT		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1	General Fund	1,126,013	1,009,781	927,089	875,636	899,963	1,258,543	1,349,510	1,515,760	1,520,344			
2	Powell Bill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
3	Capital Reserve (General Fund)	132,025	132,499	172,993	173,588	174,146	174,700	175,236	175,718	176,249			
4	Law Enforcement Separation Allowance	54,227	54,422	54,608	54,796	54,972	55,147	55,316	55,469	55,636			
5	Water Fund	381,941	399,318	385,066	407,950	395,751	410,204	341,383	377,835	379,039			
6	Water Capital Reserve Fund	17,835	17,899	17,961	18,022	18,080	18,138	18,194	18,244	18,299			
7	Sewer Fund	664,206	660,586	648,806	684,129	678,321	690,561	675,656	719,030	721,204			
8	Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,757	26,853	26,945	27,038	27,125	27,211	27,295	27,370	27,453			
Total Investments		2,403,005	2,301,358	2,233,468	2,241,160	2,248,358	2,634,504	2,642,591	2,889,425	2,898,225	0	0	0

ITEM 10
General Fund

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Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date		PY
	Original	Current													Total	% Budget	
1 Ad Valorem Taxes	1,153,846	1,153,846	-	2,147	97,193	40,866	59,412	579,696	128,593	194,056	20,984				1,122,947	97.3%	99.0%
2 Ad Valorem Taxes - Vehicle	140,000	140,000	-	12,435	10,848	9,867	12,533	8,183	9,988	10,406	10,350				84,611	60.4%	76.3%
3 Vehicle Registration Fee	30,800	30,800	-	310	1,030	1,280	2,490	2,040	2,630	2,480	2,180				14,440	46.9%	0.0%
4 Animal Licenses	1,500	1,500	90	20	80	70	80	20	560	460	560				1,940	129.3%	134.7%
5 Local Gov't Sales Tax	486,499	486,499	45,824	45,166	46,943	44,434	39,905	46,529	42,647	43,057	50,102				404,607	83.2%	86.5%
6 Hold Harmless Distribution	125,643	125,643	11,712	11,632	12,470	12,033	12,921	11,102	12,225	12,608	12,583				109,287	87.0%	92.1%
7 Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200	2,200	-	527	-	-	578	-	-	619	-				1,724	78.4%	75.7%
8 Powell Bill Fund Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
9 Powell Bill Allocation	109,000	109,000	-	-	53,973	-	-	53,973	-	-	-				107,945	99.0%	108.0%
10 Beer & Wine Tax	13,490	13,490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
11 Video Programming Tax	45,303	45,303	-	-	10,371	-	-	10,551	-	-	10,399				31,321	69.1%	73.6%
12 Utilities Franchise Tax	135,931	135,931	-	-	27,993	-	-	35,131	-	-	30,471				93,594	68.9%	81.3%
13 Telecommunications Tax	6,530	6,530	-	-	1,696	-	-	1,917	-	-	1,852				5,465	83.7%	78.7%
14 Court Cost Fees	500	500	23	32	41	18	41	50	66	42	27				337	67.4%	65.1%
15 Zoning Permits	5,000	5,000	96	1,033	772	228	232	144	301	451	207				3,464	69.3%	59.0%
16 Federal Grants	-	-	12,317	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				12,317	#DIV/0!	26.5%
17 Federal Grants - BVP Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
18 State Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
19 Federal Disaster Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
20 State Disaster Assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
21 Miscellaneous	9,000	9,000	1,086	20	166	2,003	755	180	890	60	885				6,045	67.2%	39.9%
22 Insurance Settlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	#DIV/0!
23 Interest - Powell Bill	5	5	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-				1	23.0%	7.7%
24 Interest - Investments	45,859	45,859	4,233	3,768	3,308	3,048	2,827	3,081	3,967	3,750	4,584				32,568	71.0%	87.3%
25 Contributions	900	900	476	-	100	-	-	(100)	-	-	-				476	52.9%	74.3%
26 Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144	18,144	1,631	1,637	1,543	1,575	1,583	1,586	1,679	1,603	1,457				14,294	78.8%	80.6%
27 Rents & Concessions	18,000	18,000	1,880	1,640	1,760	1,900	1,900	1,920	2,120	1,970	1,890				16,980	94.3%	92.3%
28 Sale of Capital Assets	12,000	12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,550	3,025				6,575	54.8%	0.0%
29 Sales Tax Refund Revenue*	-	11,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
30 Trans. from Capital Reserve*	130,500	130,500	170,500	-	(40,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-				130,500	100.0%	100.0%
31 Trans. from L.E.S.A. Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
32 Appropriated Fund Balance*	201,350	205,880	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2,692,000	2,707,895	249,867	80,368	230,287	117,322	135,257	756,001	205,666	275,112	151,558	0	0	0	2,201,439	81.3%	79.4%

*Astericked lines represent those budget items that have been amended since Original Budget adoption.
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**ITEM 10
General Fund**

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Expenditures	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															Total
1 Governing Body*	79,200	81,200	7,544	(851)	4,406	(876)	(333)	5,062	(835)	4,292	8,503				26,912	33.1%	63.3%
2 Administration*	348,000	348,725	52,209	20,375	37,388	23,092	20,348	46,124	20,761	20,354	37,683				278,333	79.8%	75.2%
3 Finance*	156,500	161,290	15,791	15,786	16,695	15,325	9,988	11,069	12,217	9,985	14,144				121,000	75.0%	70.7%
4 Tax Listing	19,500	19,500	-	309	1,236	663	916	4,716	2,932	2,241	528				13,540	69.4%	79.2%
5 Legal Services	44,000	44,000	890	3,869	2,446	523	407	1,125	3,108	1,491	1,353				15,211	34.6%	34.7%
6 Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	81.8%
7 Public Buildings*	74,500	75,125	3,611	6,074	4,587	4,894	3,361	5,108	4,942	4,773	3,735				41,086	54.7%	65.2%
8 Police*	836,200	839,700	76,787	59,867	126,529	57,891	57,625	61,473	72,894	54,930	76,094				644,090	76.7%	73.8%
9 Emergency Management*	5,100	5,370	975	16	16	16	16	16	616	16	16				1,703	31.7%	68.4%
10 Animal Control*	27,800	27,820	2,662	1,364	2,487	1,957	2,038	2,259	2,109	1,982	3,036				19,893	71.5%	63.7%
11 Street Maintenance*	317,000	317,675	6,739	3,410	5,969	5,141	5,443	132,646	35,854	36,930	7,854				239,985	75.5%	74.9%
12 Public Works*	289,000	290,325	20,750	17,454	70,851	20,976	20,126	19,659	19,753	20,566	22,362				232,498	80.1%	71.4%
13 Leaf & Limb, Solid Waste*	76,700	76,725	7,780	508	9,238	254	11,626	10,207	214	214	9,266				49,308	64.3%	71.7%
14 Stormwater Management*	88,000	88,300	7,343	2,046	3,582	2,936	3,057	3,389	3,187	3,573	4,878				33,991	38.5%	54.7%
15 Waterways & Wetlands*	2,900	3,025	124	564	481	14	-	-	-	-	349				1,533	50.7%	12.9%
16 Planning & Zoning*	62,000	62,415	6,079	5,251	7,180	4,031	3,967	10,232	6,657	6,394	8,453				58,243	93.3%	65.6%
17 Recreation & Special Events*	13,500	14,200	704	81	197	1,069	-	1,133	-	31	1,529				4,744	33.4%	24.8%
18 Parks*	75,600	76,000	5,599	3,957	5,730	4,073	4,853	6,426	4,291	3,741	7,394				46,064	60.6%	48.2%
19 Transfers	151,344	151,344	151,344	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				151,344	100.0%	100.0%
20 Contingency	25,156	25,156	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2,692,000	2,707,895	366,931	140,081	299,016	141,977	143,438	320,644	188,703	171,511	207,176	0	0	0	1,979,478	73.1%	70.8%

Capital / Debt (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY
	Original	Current														
1 Capital Outlay*	355,350	355,350	-	-	98,400	-	-	119,698	22,995	836	-				241,929	68.1%
2 Debt Service - Principle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%
3 Debt Service - Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%

*Astericked lines represent those budget departments that have been amended since Original Budget adoption.



Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															Total
	Base Charge	283,169	283,169	46,760	180	39,481	295	46,738	210	47,064	231	47,153				228,111	80.6%
Consumption	236,146	236,146	39,667	120	41,375	340	39,095	76	38,823	30	37,524				197,050	83.4%	87.6%
Other, incl. transfers*	59,600	63,900	26,442	5,626	1,459	4,679	2,552	3,918	1,274	3,610	1,238				50,799	79.5%	164.8%
Hydrant Fee	17,934	17,934	18,117	(166)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				17,951	100.1%	97.0%
Appropriated Fund Bal.	111,651	111,651	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	708,500	712,800	130,986	5,760	82,316	5,314	88,385	4,204	87,161	3,871	85,915	0	0	0	493,911	69.3%	70.0%

Expenses	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															Total
	Admin & Finance*	530,000	530,625	50,800	33,856	28,016	26,516	29,828	39,973	28,968	28,277	34,129				300,362	56.6%
Supply & Treatment*	74,000	76,500	15,994	9,839	4,496	16,145	3,015	9,571	6,538	3,288	6,036				74,921	97.9%	69.4%
Distribution*	84,000	85,175	31,041	5,130	5,734	248	6,251	235	142	973	611				50,364	59.1%	64.4%
Transfers / Contingency	20,500	20,500	20,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				20,500	100.0%	100.0%
Total	708,500	712,800	118,335	48,825	38,246	42,909	39,093	49,779	35,648	32,538	40,775	0	0	0	446,147	62.6%	60.6%

Capital (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY
	Original	Current														
	Capital Outlay	30,100	30,100	-	5,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				5,050

Cash Balances		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Water Fund		475,047	481,484	468,755	494,395	478,738	495,978	483,608	518,273	510,796			0
Water Capital Reserve Fund		17,835	17,899	17,961	18,022	18,080	18,138	18,194	18,244	18,299			0

Water Produced	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date
	Limit	Current													
Total Gallons			6,176,000	7,173,000	6,597,000	6,696,000	5,802,000	6,119,000	6,223,000	5,751,000	5,842,000				56,379,000
Average daily gallons		925,000*	199,226	231,387	219,900	216,000	193,400	197,387	200,742	205,393	188,452	0	0	0	205,765

* This is the permitted daily limit.



Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															
	Total															% Col	% Col
Base Charge	298,921	298,921	49,197	377	49,430	445	49,030	176	49,641	292	49,669				248,256	83.1%	83.5%
Consumption	333,495	333,495	52,907	(10)	55,085	614	53,499	19	53,871	65	52,392				268,441	80.5%	84.5%
Other, incl. transfers*	57,478	61,528	27,427	5,116	2,221	4,029	2,192	3,563	2,095	5,427	2,175				54,244	88.2%	162.1%
Appropriated Fund Bal.	94,606	94,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	784,500	788,550	129,531	5,483	106,736	5,087	104,721	3,757	105,607	5,784	104,235	0	0	0	570,942	72.4%	79.1%

Expenses	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY	
	Original	Current															
	Total															% Exp	% Exp
Admin & Finance*	533,000	533,650	55,818	37,648	27,793	27,532	29,635	47,547	30,072	29,431	35,840				321,316	60.2%	60.5%
Collection*	87,000	88,100	2,296	13,442	10,062	2,702	1,250	4,260	2,492	1,471	1,224				39,198	44.5%	42.9%
Treatment*	139,000	141,300	21,740	7,948	8,538	8,553	8,226	13,772	11,352	7,384	5,658				93,169	65.9%	61.3%
Transfers / Contingency	25,500	25,500	25,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				25,500	100.0%	83.3%
Total	784,500	788,550	105,354	59,038	46,393	38,786	39,111	65,578	43,916	38,286	42,721	0	0	0	479,184	60.8%	60.2%

Capital (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	PY
	Original	Current														
	Total															% Exp
Capital Outlay	30,100	30,100	-	5,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				5,050	16.8%

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Sewer Fund	750,598	742,479	731,266	771,984	760,493	778,490	763,106	803,168	800,568			0
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,757	26,853	26,945	27,038	27,125	27,211	27,295	27,370	27,453			0

Wastewater Treated	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Limit													
Total Gallons	3,038,000	4,127,000	4,006,000	3,122,000	2,682,000	3,285,000	3,194,000	3,053,000	3,213,000				29,720,000	
Average daily gallons	330,000*	98,000	133,129	133,533	100,710	89,400	105,968	103,032	109,036	103,645	0	0	0	108,495

* This is the permitted daily limit.

EWAB April 6th, 2026

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There was a quorum of members present.

There were no visitors.

The minutes for the March 2nd, 2026, meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Tee shirts for EWAB members delivered.

Sinkhole at 717 Plantation.

New Business:

There are two vacancies on EWAB.

No May 2026 meeting.

Another cleanup is planned for August 22nd, 2026.

Councilman Leonard gave a council update and answered members questions.

Next meeting June 1st 2026 at 7PM in the municipal building in the small conference room.

Volunteer Hours: 11

The public is welcome to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Planning Board report April 2026

The regular meeting of the Planning Board was held on April 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Community Building. A quorum was present along with several citizens and Two representatives of Ellis Development. Chairman Lippert asked for public Comment. A spokesman from Lakemere addressed the board. He thanked the Ellis engineer for meeting with Lakemere residents and addressing their concerns.

Manager Jackson explained the recent changes to the Kirkland Creek subdivision plat. After some discussion, the board voted to approve the plat and send the matter to the Town Council for final approval.

Under new business, the board took up the special use permit application for a cell phone tower on Highway 17 near Guy C. Lee. The Board voted to approve the permit without addendums and sent it to the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing on April 21st at 6:00pm to consider the permit application. Interested parties are urged to attend.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that the Town Code of Ordinances, Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 15.02, Zoning, be amended as follows:

§ 15.02.047 DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS

For convenience in the administration of this chapter, there is hereby established and made a part of this chapter the following schedule for the several districts setting forth minimum limitations and requirements. The requirements listed for each district as designated are subject to all provisions of this chapter and, unless otherwise indicated, shall be deemed to be the minimum requirements in every instance of their application.

<i>Schedule of District Requirements</i>										
	R-20	R-20A	R-15	PDR-MF	PDR-SF	ID	BD	WP	AGR	PD-BD
Minimum Lot Area (SF)	20,000	20,000	15,000	-	6,500	20,000	20,000	-	-	20,000
District Size	-	-	-	5 acres	10 acres	-	-	-	-	4 acres
Density	-	-	-	*	†	-	‡	-	-	‡
Minimum Front Lot Line (FT)	90**	90**	85**	50††	50††	-	100	-	-	100
Minimum Bldg. Set Back (FT)	30	30	30	25	25	40	40	-	-	40
Minimum Side Yard (FT)										
Main Building	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	-	-	10
Accessory Building	5	5	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Swimming Pool	10	10	10	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Tennis Court	15	15	15	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Minimum Rear Yard (FT)										
Main Building	15	15	15	15	15	10	20	-	-	20
Accessory Building	10	10	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-

Schedule of District Requirements										
	R-20	R-20A	R-15	PDR-MF	PDR-SF	ID	BD	WP	AGR	PD-BD
Swimming Pool	10	10	10	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Tennis Court	15	15	15	-	-	10	-	-	-	-
Accessory Building	PLEASE REFERENCE CHART IN §15.02.061									
Maximum Lot Coverage by Impervious Surface (%)	24	24	24	24	30	24	24	-	-	24
Maximum Height (FT)										
Main Building	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	-	-	34
Accessory Building	The lesser of 18 FT or one (1) story									
CAMA and FEMA setbacks, if applicable, take priority to Town designated setbacks.										
*Density – PDR-MF – No more than 6.5 dwelling units per acre. †Density – PDR-SF – No more than 4 dwelling units per acre. ‡Density – BD, PD-BD – Nor more than 4 business units per acre. **Min. Front Lot Line – R-20, R-20A, R-15 – 40 FT on cul-de-sac. ††Min. Front Lot Line – PDR-MF, PDR-SF – 25 FT on cul-de-sac.										

Penalty, see § 1.01.999

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 16th day of April, 2026

 Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Kristie Nobles, Town Clerk

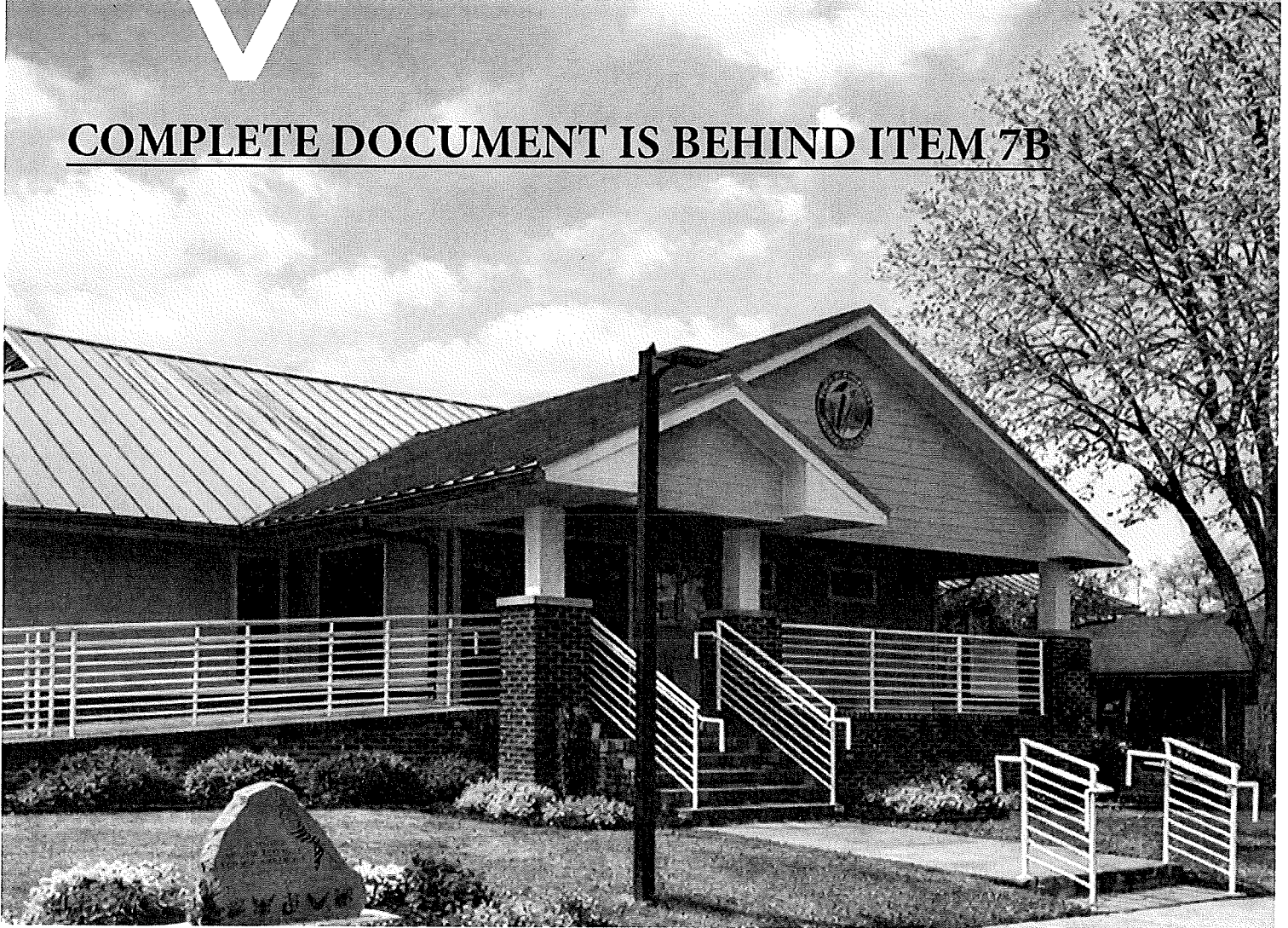
Town of River Bend

COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

2026

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Mayors Report, April 2026

Leading the way to Independence.

On April 12, 1776, in the small town of Halifax, North Carolina made history. Through the Halifax Resolves, it became the first American colony to officially call for independence from Great Britain.

At a time when many still hoped for reconciliation, North Carolina chose courage. Meeting as the Fourth Provincial Congress of North Carolina, these leaders authorized their delegates to the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence, form foreign alliances, and create a new government of their own.

What makes the Resolves especially important is their direct link to the Declaration of Independence. By making this bold decision of authorizing North Carolina's delegates to vote for independence, they helped shift the Continental Congress from hesitation to action. Other colonies—especially Virginia—soon followed with similar instructions, creating the unified push that made independence possible in July. leading to the birth of a nation and the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Today, we remember that moment every time we see the date April 12, 1776, on the Flag of North Carolina—a lasting symbol of leadership, resolve, and the first call for freedom.

North Carolina law allows public bodies, such as the River Bend Town Council, to meet in closed session to discuss certain topics. However, prior to going into closed session, the Council must announce the closed session and the topic for which the closed session is being called and that must be done while the Council is in open session. This requirement allows the public to know in general what the closed session is concerning. The closed session must also be adjourned in open session. For the purpose of this guide, open session simply means in view of the public and closed session simply means it private. The topics that may be discussed in closed session are listed below and are numbered 1 through 10. Most of the time, the Council knows in advance that a closed session is needed and the General Statute citation which identifies the purpose of the closed session is included on the agenda. However, that is not always the case. The need for a closed session may arise without enough warning to publish the citation on the agenda. The law does not require advanced notice of a closed session. In any case, planned or not, the Council will state the appropriate citation. The citation will always begin with 143-318.11(a). The numbers that follow in parenthesis will identify the particular closed session topic. For example: The citation 143-318.11(a)(3)(5) will allow the Council to consult with an attorney (#3) and to discuss the acquisition of real property (#5).

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

- (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- (2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.
- (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.
- (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment. Any action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.
- (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents

concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

- (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.
- (7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct.
- (8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence or to formulate and adopt the school safety components of school improvement plans by a local board of education or a school improvement team.
- (9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to such activity.
- (10) To view a recording released pursuant to G.S. 132-1.4A.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.

(d) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1981, c. 831; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 5; 1991, c. 694, ss. 3, 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2; 1995, c. 509, s. 84; 1997-222, s. 2; 1997-290, s. 2; 2001-500, s. 2; 2003-180, s. 2; 2013-360, s. 8.41(b); 2014-79, s. 9(a); 2016-88, s. 3.)