

GOOD NEWS

IN OUR COMMUNITIES



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Good News from Catawba County

Building Activity statistics for 3 full years and current year through February, fiscal year and calendar year format.

Building Activity by Fiscal Year

	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19 ⁽²⁾
Total number of all permits issued	9,055	10,106	10,299	7,773
Number of Commercial Building permits	615	596	592	298
Number of Residential Building permits ⁽¹⁾	1,162	1,386	1,451	965
Value of Overall Construction permits	\$214,656,755	\$252,415,689	\$273,225,277	\$160,432,411.00
Number of New One & Two Family Dwellings	282	394	409	340
Total number of inspections performed	22,468	26,622	26,509	19,594

⁽¹⁾ Includes New One & Two Family Dwellings

⁽²⁾ Through February 2019

Building Activity by Calendar Year

	2016	2017	2018	2019 ⁽²⁾
Total number of all permits issued	9,496	10,022	11,315	2,048
Number of Commercial Building permits	610	597	540	56
Number of Residential Building permits ⁽¹⁾	1,274	1,350	1,550	244
Value of Overall Construction permits	\$235,080,115	\$263,907,707	\$269,704,354	\$24,542,649
Number of New One & Two Family Dwellings	329	390	512	66
Total number of inspections performed	24,035	27,331	27,572	5,231

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Projects approved through Zoning since March 22, 2017

April 17, 2017	Meridian Pointe Apartments	80 units (NCHFA funding)
August 29, 2017	Sherrill Stream Subdivision	68 Lots
August 28, 2018	Magnolia Cove Subdivision	82 Lots
Nov. 5, 2018	Wedgewood Run Subdivision	20 Lots
Dec. 17, 2018	Townes at Sherrills Ford	353 units (153 townhomes/ 200 independent senior living)

\$103.4M in business investment and 347 new jobs

Shurtape: \$31.4M; 100 jobs

ITM: \$12M; 137 jobs

Corning: \$60M; 110 jobs

Multi-year funding commitment to support K-64 Chromebook expansion, enabling 1-to-1 technology for public school students in grades 6 through 12.

Good News from Newton



- 2018-19 permits: 54 new, single-family homes (\$7,452,000); three new, multi-family duplexes (\$800,000); new commercial construction projects (\$3,500,000); seven commercial remodels (\$250,000); two industrial expansions (\$2,000,000); Catawba County Justice Center renovation (\$24,500,000).
- Construction to begin soon on Frank & Sue Jones Splash Pad at Newton Recreation Center.
- Rebranding completed and marketing effort underway to promote Newton regionally and beyond.
- Public art program installed 12 sculptures throughout the city in a rotating exhibition.
- Creation of three new pocket parks underway.
- Construction underway on Azalea Glen, an active adult townhome community for adults 55 years old and older, that will include 70 townhomes on a 22-acre site.
- Catawba Valley Furniture Academy continues to grow with the recent opening of the Bassett Learning Center.
- Construction nearly completed on the first phase of the Downtown Newton Streetscape Revitalization project along North Main Avenue (\$3.5 million investment).
- Expansion of N.C. Highway 16 to four lanes between Newton and Charlotte, creating a 40-minute, direct link between the two cities.
- Construction underway for Frank & Sue Jones Amphitheatre in Downtown Newton.

Good News from Conover



Since July of 2018 Conover has more than 400 residential units at some stage of construction. This includes more than 30 single family homes, 340+ apartments, and 30+ condos. In the prior 12 years Conover averaged less than 20 units per year, and in 2009 there were zero homes built. Quite a turn around.

Conover has completed the first three phases of the Downtown Streetscape. Since its completion nine new business have opened in downtown. The average speed for a motor vehicles in the project area was 41 mph prior to construction The posted speed limit is 20 mph. After construction the average speed reduced to 27mph.

Additionally, crash data for 2017 provided by the Conover Police Department documented 62 motor vehicle accidents in the project area. For 2018 that number was reduced to 45 motor vehicle accidents representing a reduction of 27%.

For reference Downtown Conover has 16,000+ cars per day on two lanes. Catawba Valley Blvd has 11,000 cars per day with five lanes.

In 2009 Conover had more than 5 million square foot of empty manufacturing space. Today there is no manufacturing space available on the market. The city is actively looking for partners for spec buildings, and pad ready sites. When industrial clients visit the area we need to have ready to go product to remove any questions for zoning, utilities, or stormwater.

Good News from Maiden



Residential Development

- 56 permits issued
- 25 new homes completed

Commercial Development

- 80,000 square foot expansion at Ethan Allen
- 20 business permits issued
- 11 new businesses opened

Public Investment

- New Police Facility
- Acquisition of land for Fire Department
- Acquisition of land for Police Shooting Range
- Stormwater Improvements
- Signal Cabinet Art in partnership with Keep Catawba Beautiful
- Opening of a Splash Pad
- Waterline Extensions
- Upgrades to substation

Good News from Claremont



- Catawba Valley Family Medicine has built and opened a new site in Claremont, with future plans for 24/7 Urgent Care services at the site.
- We sold our second spec building in the International Business Park in September to Progressive Furniture who intends to double the size of the facility with 6.5 million in investments and an additional 50 jobs at the location.
- Cargo Transporters site expansion and redevelopment has invested 5 million in phase one of a land development project.
- City of Claremont and the City of Hickory have entered into a 20-year deal for wastewater treatment services that will allow the City of Claremont to decommission two wastewater treatment facilities at or near capacity, allowing for future economic development expansion in the City.