

Wake County Continuum of Care Department

Affordable Housing Committee
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White Flag Response Plan

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- **Context:** Wake County x CoC MOU includes responsibility to
 - *“Establish a White Flag annual response plan in collaboration with the Wake CoC Governing Board, to include notification of declared White Flag nights and Cooling Centers and the creation of a community-wide plan for severe weather.”*
- The CoC’s Homeless Emergency Response Committee (HERC) leads the development of the annual response plan.
 - Recommending expanded alert threshold: 35 degrees and lower OR 40 degrees and lower with precipitation
 - Similar site planning and approach to 2024-25 cold weather season

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- **Status:** Under HERC Committee & CoC Review.
 - CoC Budget and Contract Development with White Flag Operator (The Bryant Center).
- **Components Under Development:**
 - Communication and Transportation Logistics
 - Shelter Capacity: Options to scale overflow capacity and minimize site changes.
 - Warming Centers: Community feedback regarding space for families.
 - Addendums consistent with CoC Written Standards and shelter operations
- **Next Step:** CoC Board review and approval October 2, 2025.