

2024 Bond Projects

Wake County Public Libraries



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Agenda

- Bond Process
- Library System Overview
- Planning Process
- Potential WCPL Projects
- Project Prioritization
- Current Project List
- Discussion

Bond Process

- March 2024 | Finalize list of bond projects
- April/May 2024 | Approve bond amount & wording of bond questions
- Summer 2024 | Develop & implement communication plan for bond referendum
- November 2024 | Bond referendum



Library System Overview

The Library System Today

8 Regional Libraries	}	323,000 square feet
13 Community Libraries		
2 Special Libraries		
1 Bookmobile		
1 Administrative Building		

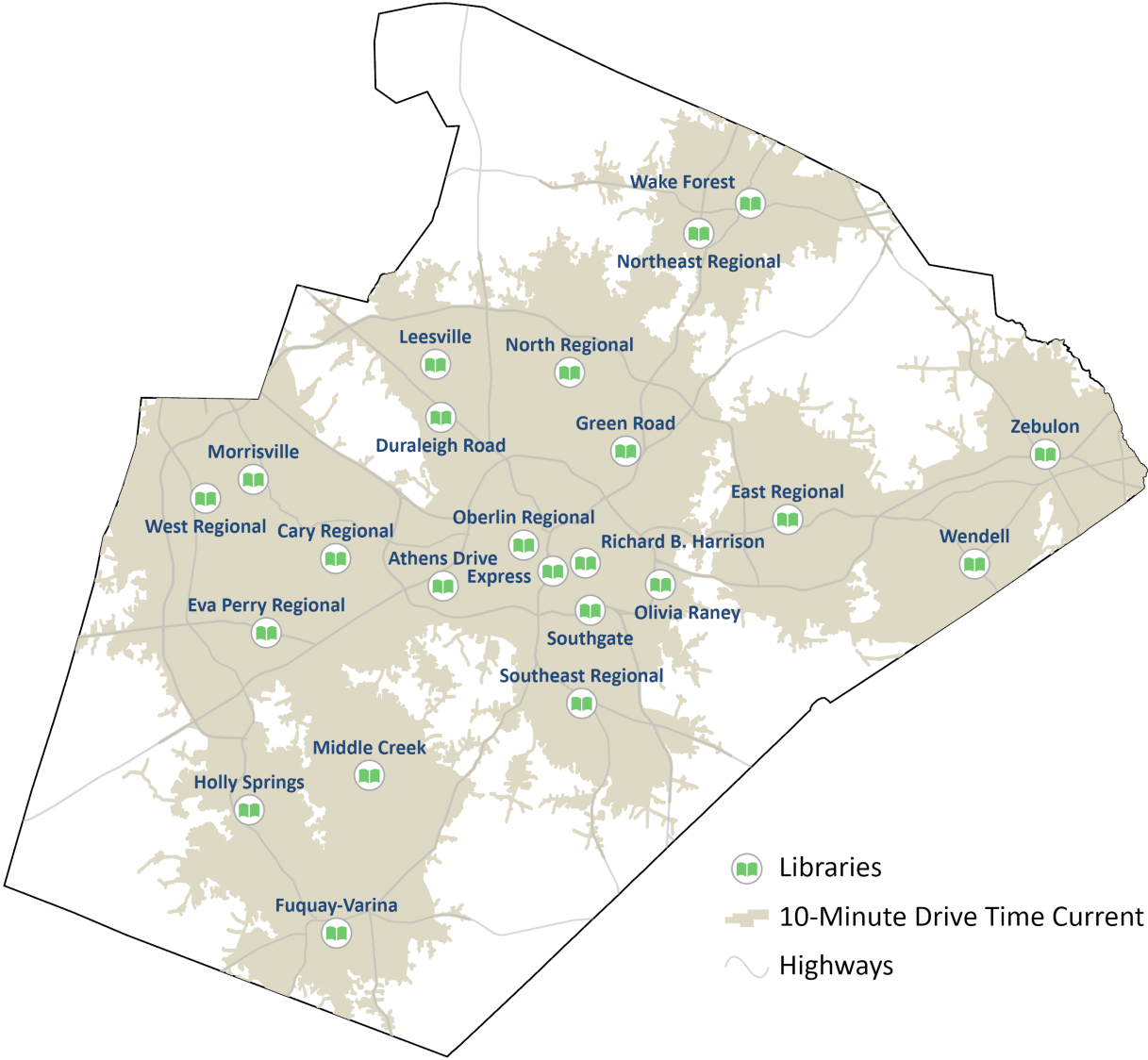
FY23 Circulation: 10,950,697

FY23 Visits: 2,620,775

21% of Wake County's population has an active library card

Current Libraries

Urban Drive Time to Library Facility		% of Wake County Population
Essential	20 minutes	99.8%
Enhanced	15 minutes	98.7%
Exemplary	10 minutes	84.7%





Planning Process

Planning Process

Analysis of Internal Factors

- Prior bond review
- Facility assessments
- Services & data

Analysis of External Factors

- Peer benchmarking
- Demographics & population growth

Input Opportunities

- Library Commission
- Staff focus groups
- Community engagement
- Customer satisfaction survey

Projects & Recommendations

- Prioritization of projects
- Project budgets & timelines



Potential WCPL Projects

Staff Recommended Renovations

Library Location	Year Opened or Renovated
Library Administration Building	1987
Express Library -- Fayetteville Street	2010
Richard B. Harrison Community Library	2011
Green Road Community Library	2012
Wendell Community Library	2012
Zebulon Community Library	2014
Leesville Community Library	2016
Oberlin Regional Library (leased facility)	2016
Southeast Regional Library	2016
Northeast Regional Library	2016
East Regional Library	2017
Middle Creek Community Library	2017
Cary Regional Library	2019
Fuquay-Varina Community Library	2019
Wake Forest Community Library	2019
Eva Perry Regional Library	2020
Olivia Raney Local History Library	2020
Morrisville Community Library	2021
Duraleigh Road Community Library (leased facility)	2021
Southgate Community Library (leased facility)	2021
North Regional Library	2022
West Regional Library*	2024
Holly Springs Community Library*	2025

Library Renovations and Improvements, \$43.3M

Projects will address aging facilities, system replacements, furniture, finishes, and other upgrades.

*West Regional Library is planned for renovation in late 2024/2025. Holly Springs Community Library renovation will follow.

Staff Recommended Replacements & New Library

- **Athens Drive Library (replacement) \$16.3M** – The FY27 WCPSS renovation project will require new construction for a public library.
This project will require \$1-2M in operating expenses.
- **Rolesville Library (new library) \$13.3M** – Wake County's only municipality without a library and one of the fastest-growing communities in the county. Wake County and Town of Rolesville adopted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on September 6, 2022 for preliminary planning of new library on town campus property.
This project will require \$1-2M in operating expenses.
- **Wendell Library (replacement) \$18.2M** – WCPL's smallest community library is no longer adequate to serve the rapidly growing Wendell population. If not replaced, a renovation cost of \$1.2M will be added to the renovation project list.
This project will require \$1-2M in operating expenses.

Staff Recommended Project Costs

(8) Renovations | \$43.3M

(2) Replacement | \$34.5M

(1) New Library | \$13.3M

Total Request | \$91.1M

Additional Potential Projects

In alphabetical order – anticipated cost assumes projects would be completed FY32

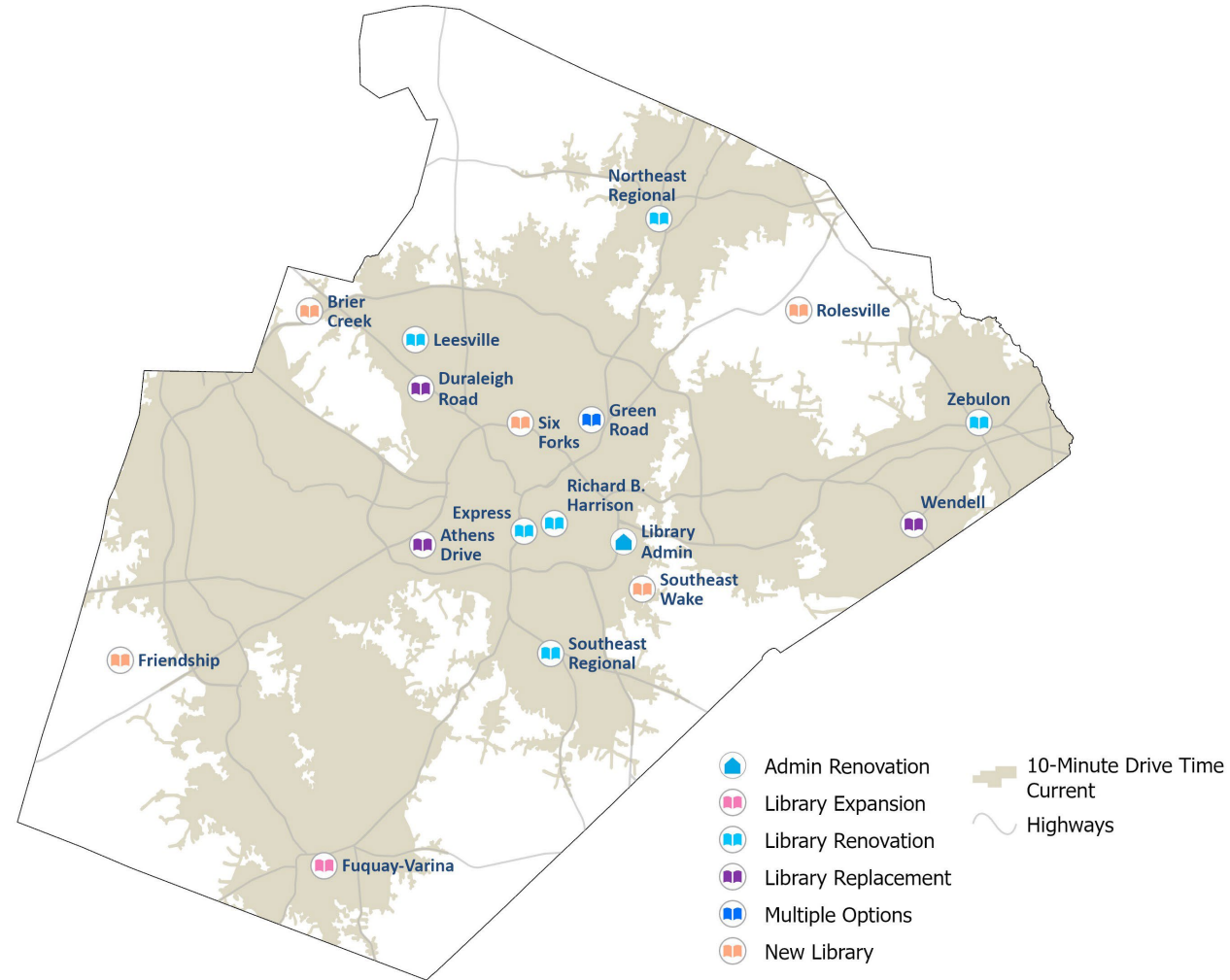
New Libraries	Anticipated Cost
Projects will require additional operating expenses.	
Brier Creek (Raleigh)	\$19.4M
Friendship (Apex)	\$19.4M
Six Forks (Raleigh)	\$19.4M
Southeast Wake	\$19.4M

Replacement Libraries	Anticipated Cost
Projects will require additional operating expenses.	
Duraleigh Library	\$19.4M

Expansions	Anticipated Cost
Projects will require additional operating expenses.	
Fuquay-Varina	\$12.3M
Green Road	\$3.0M

Other Projects	Anticipated Cost
Digital Equity Center*	\$19.4M
Peace & Justice Memorial	\$2.0M
*Project will require additional operating expenses.	

Potential Library Projects





Project Prioritization

Limits on Number of Projects

Factors to consider:

- Bond referendum amount
- County's debt capacity
- Tax rate and ongoing operating budget implications
- Staff capacity
- Construction market capacity for County projects
- Statutory spending timeline

Factors to Consider

Population & Geographic Coverage

Population within a 10-minute drive time of the potential project.

Future Growth

Increasing residential capacity within the 10-minute drive time of the potential project.

Youth Populations

Youth populations within the 10-minute drive time of the potential project.

Underserved

Underserved populations (senior citizens, those with limited English, and those without reliable internet) within the 10-minute drive time of the potential project.

Vulnerable Populations

Vulnerable communities (defined by the Vulnerability Index) within the 10-minute drive time of the potential project.

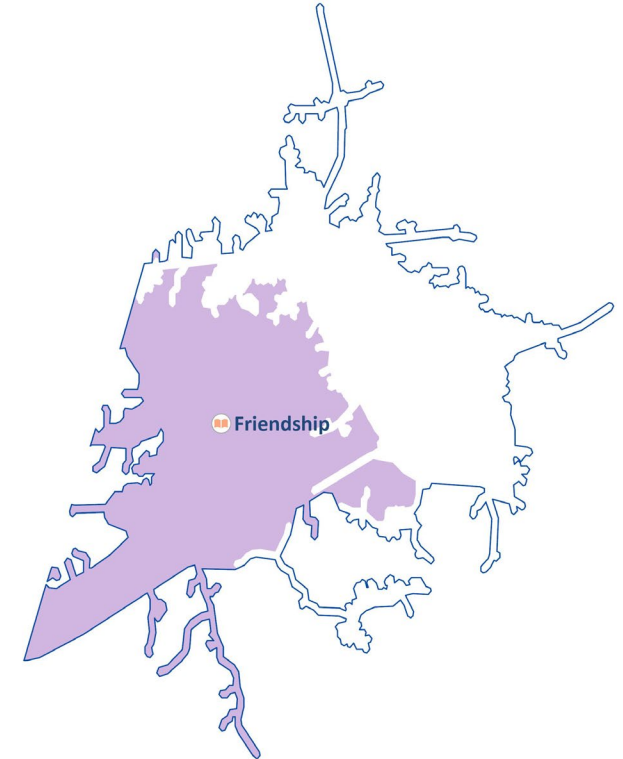
Site Availability



Potential projects with sites identified.

Funding Interest: Population & Geographic Coverage

Prioritize locations that allow the library to serve the most people in a 10-minute drive time and/or increase the percentage of the County's population that lives within 10 minutes of a library.

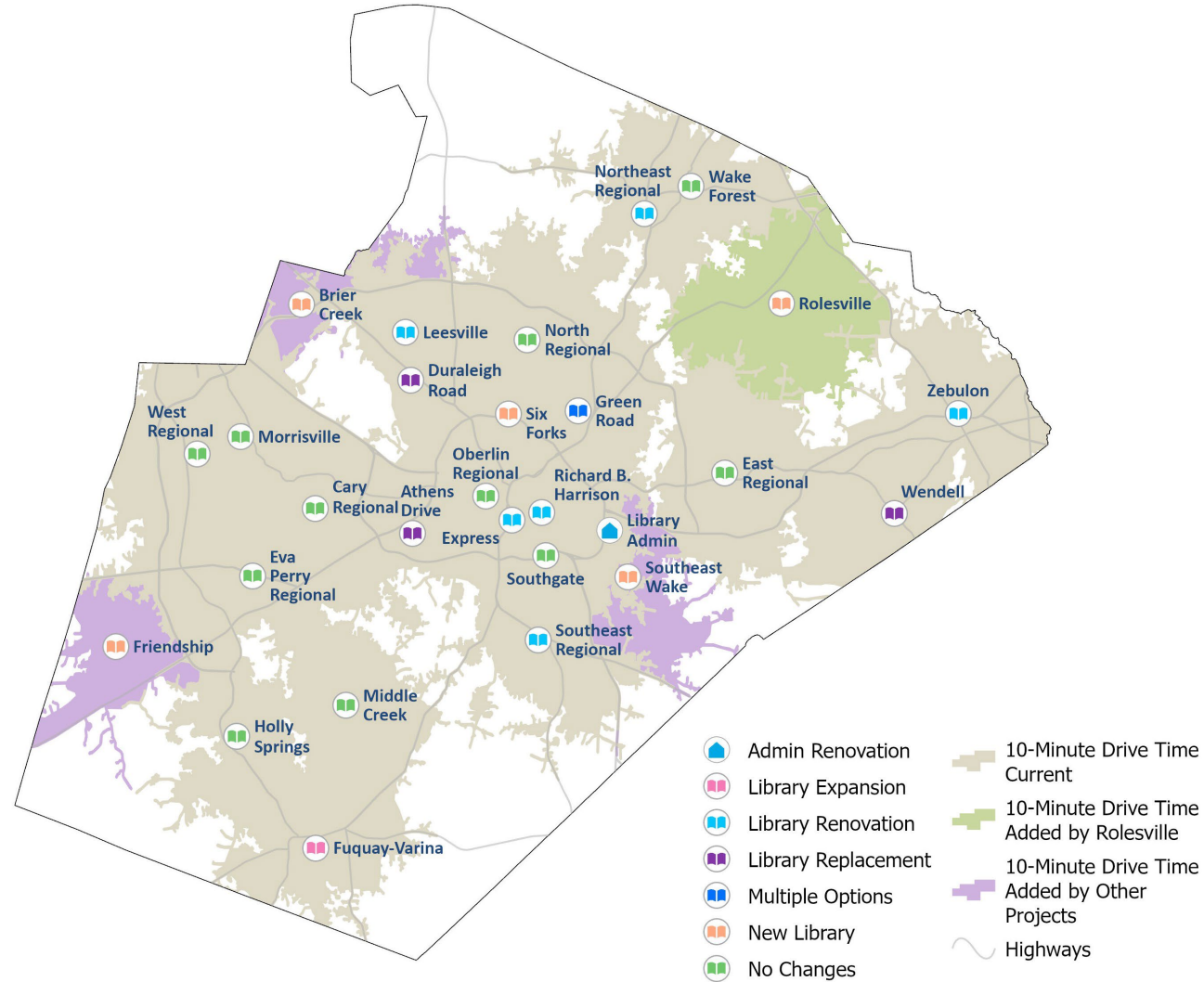
Potential Project	Population in 10-minute drive time of project	Population not currently within 10 minutes of a library
Brier Creek	82,513	18,406
Duraleigh Replacement	109,276	0
Friendship	54,807	18,761
Fuquay-Varina Expansion	52,483	0
Green Road Expansion	130,513	0
Six Forks	158,273	0
Southeast Wake	77,504	17,606



 Population in 10-minute drive time of project
 Population not currently within 10 minutes of a library

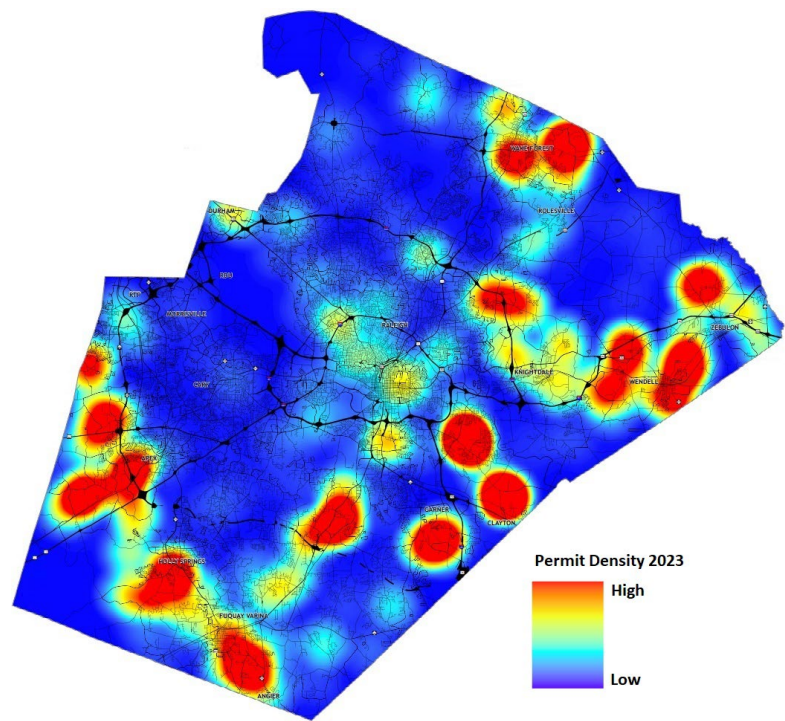
Does not include Digital Equity Center or Peace and Justice Memorial.

Drive Time with Potential Projects



Funding Interest: Future Growth

Prioritize locations that are increasing their residential capacity.



Potential Projects	2023 Residential Permits
Brier Creek	184
Duraleigh Replacement	240
Friendship	926
Fuquay-Varina Expansion	578
Green Road Expansion	400
Six Forks	346
Southeast Wake	868
Total	3,542

Does not include Digital Equity Center or Peace and Justice Memorial.

Funding Interest: Youth

Prioritize locations that serve larger youth populations to maximize impact on child literacy and education.

Potential Project	Youth Population (Age 0 - 17)	Population Age 3+ Enrolled in Nursery/Preschool
Brier Creek	17,672	1,397
Duraleigh Replacement	20,286	1,705
Friendship	15,748	719
Fuquay-Varina Expansion	14,127	766
Green Road Expansion	31,156	1,682
Six Forks	31,509	2,303
Southeast Wake	20,494	1,183

Does not include Digital Equity Center or Peace and Justice Memorial.

Funding Interest: Underserved

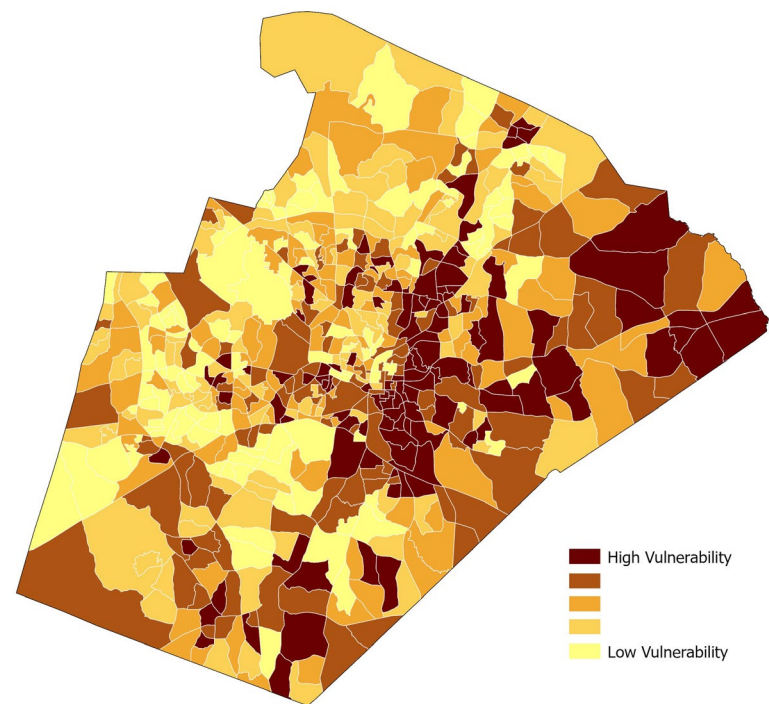
Prioritize library sites to serve populations such as senior citizens, those with limited English, and those without reliable internet.

Potential Project	Senior Population	Households with Disabled Resident(s)	Population without a Computer	Households without Internet Access	Households without Broadband	Limited English
Brier Creek	8,983	4,770	782	750	2,922	698
Duraleigh Replacement	17,976	8,130	1,416	1,571	6,095	1,145
Friendship	5,821	2,447	672	518	1,343	487
Fuquay-Varina Expansion	6,900	3,593	523	651	2,868	533
Green Road Expansion	17,972	8,799	1,964	3,241	9,986	5,020
Six Forks	27,724	10,904	2,767	3,950	12,710	3,722
Southeast Wake	8,192	7,026	3,161	2,118	6,602	3,664

Does not include Digital Equity Center or Peace and Justice Memorial.

Funding Interest: Vulnerability

Prioritize locations with higher vulnerable communities, as defined by the Vulnerability Index.



Potential Project	Mean Community Vulnerability Score	Mean Economic Health Score
Brier Creek	202	208
Duraleigh Replacement	276	303
Friendship	245	199
Fuquay-Varina Expansion	350	367
Green Road Expansion	354	360
Six Forks	327	350
Southeast Wake	438	485
Higher = More Vulnerable		

Does not include Digital Equity Center or Peace and Justice Memorial.

Funding Interest: Site Availability

Prioritize locations with sites identified.

Potential Projects	Site Identified
Brier Creek	x
Duraleigh Replacement	x
Friendship	x
Fuquay-Varina Expansion	✓
Green Road Expansion	✓
Six Forks	x
Southeast Wake	-

Does not include Digital Equity Center or Peace and Justice Memorial.

Funding Interests Summary

Potential Projects		Population	Senior Population	Households with Disabled Resident(s)	Population without a Computer	Households without Internet Access	Households without Broadband	Limited English	2023 Child Population	Population Age 3+ Enrolled in Nursery/Preschool	Mean Community Vulnerability Score	Mean Economic Health Score	2023 Residential Permits	Average Score
Brier Creek	\$19.4M	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	7	6	7	5.17
Duraleigh Replacement	\$19.4M	3	2	3	4	4	4	4	4	2	5	5	6	3.83
Friendship	\$19.4M	6	7	7	6	7	7	7	6	7	6	7	1	6.17
Fuquay-Varina Expansion	\$12.3M	7	6	6	7	6	6	6	7	6	3	2	3	5.42
Green Road Expansion	\$3.0M	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	4	2.42
Six Forks	\$19.4M	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	4	4	5	2.00
Southeast Wake	\$19.4M	5	5	4	1	3	3	3	3	5	1	1	2	3.00

Does not include Digital Equity Center (\$19.4M) or Peace and Justice Memorial (\$2.0M).

Current Project List

Staff Recommended Projects	Cost (Million)
Renovations	\$ 43.3
Athens Drive (replacement)	\$ 16.3
Wendell (replacement)	\$ 18.2
Rolesville (new library)	\$ 13.3
Additional Projects Recommended by the BOC	Cost (Million)
Digital Equity Center (new library)	\$ 19.4
Fuquay-Varina (expansion)	\$ 12.3
Friendship (new library)	\$ 19.4
Total	\$ 142.2

Discussion

Current Project List	Cost (Million)
Renovations	\$ 43.3
Athens Drive (replacement)	\$ 16.3
Wendell (replacement)	\$ 18.2
Rolesville (new library)	\$ 13.3
Digital Equity Center (new library)	\$ 19.4
Fuquay-Varina (expansion)	\$ 12.3
Friendship (new library)	\$ 19.4
Total	\$ 142.2

Potential Additions	Cost (Million)
Brier Creek	\$ 19.4
Duraleigh Replacement	\$ 19.4
Green Road Expansion	\$ 3.0
Six Forks	\$ 19.4
Southeast Wake	\$ 19.4
Peace & Justice Memorial	\$ 2.0
Total	\$ 82.6