

Firearms Education Training Center

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Purpose of Today's Discussion

- Share background and current status of the Firearms Education Training Center (FETC)
- Affirm with the Board that the FETC will be a joint use facility for the public and law enforcement
- Communicate potential plan for interim solution
- Share long-term operating approach

Background

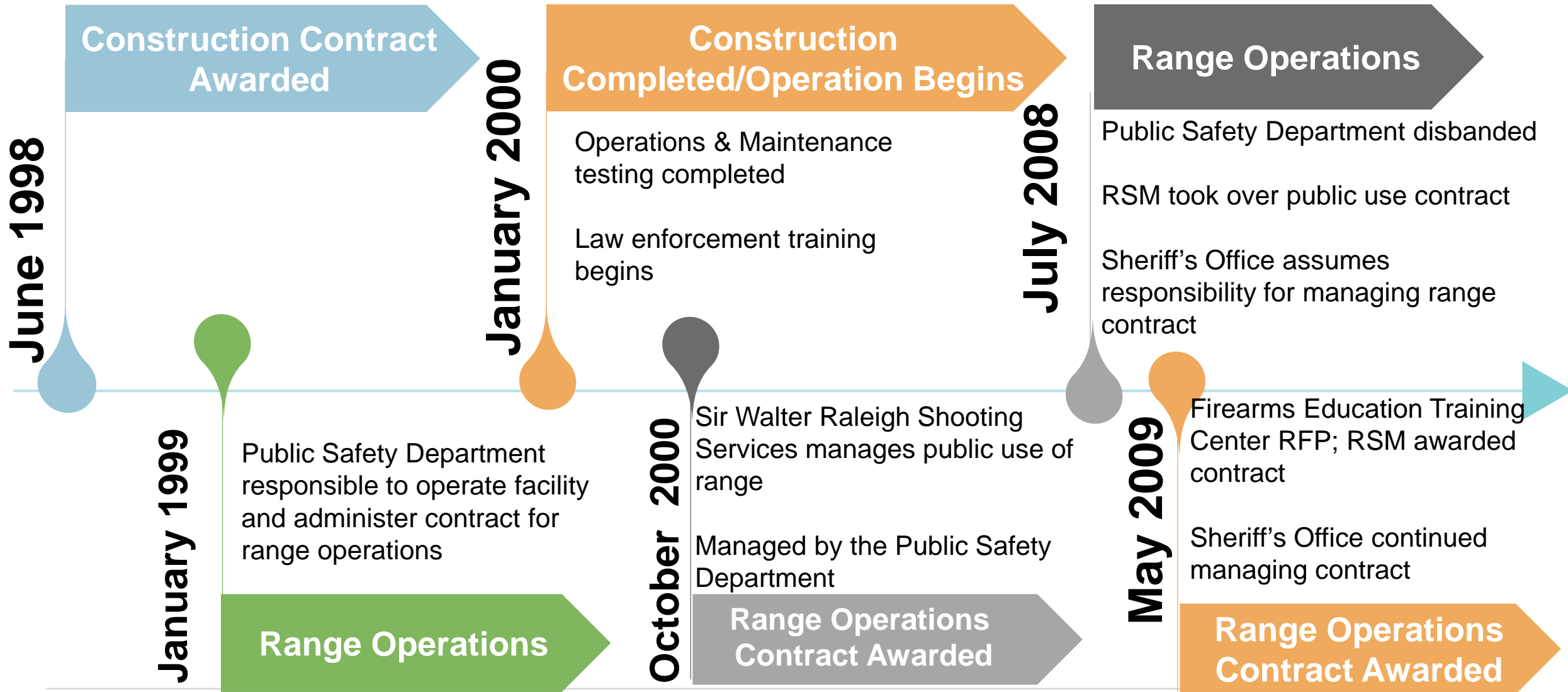
Original Purpose of the Building

The Wake County Firearms Education and Training Center was built by Wake County for the intent to operate a **safe environment** for **public** and **law enforcement use**.

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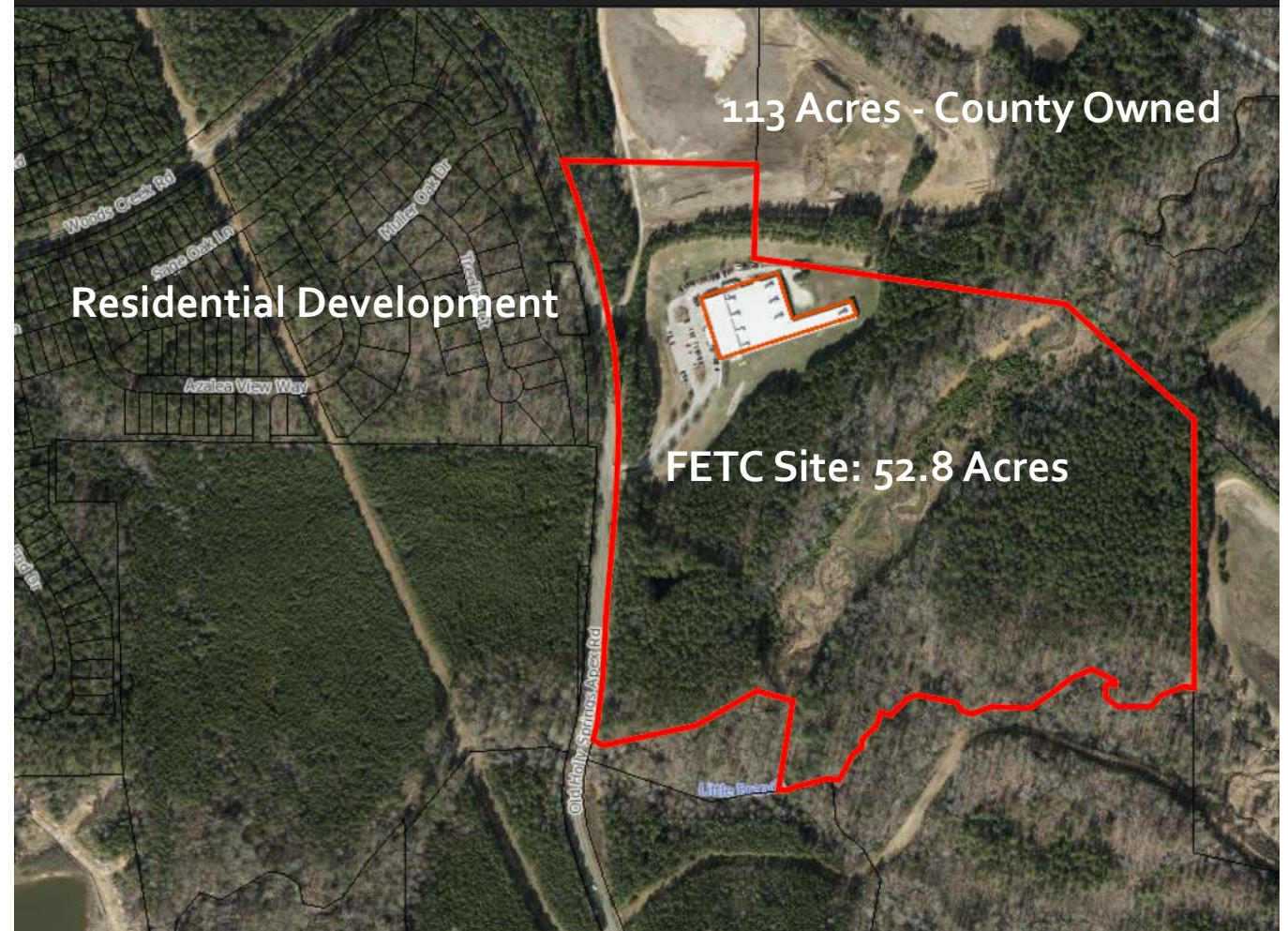
- 1986-1990: Needs Analysis, Feasibility and Site Assessments
- 1991: Project placed on hold
- 1995: Feltonsville Landfill Closed; proposal received by BOC to construct and operate a public and law enforcement firing range
- 1996: Preliminary design for outdoor range approved by BOC
- 1997: Environmental & Noise Assessments conducted; public forums held; revised plan to enclose the range; complied with noise ordinance

Key Milestones



Facility Overview

- 51,216 Square Feet
- Total acres: 52.80 acres
- 7 acres maintained
- Primary use:
 - Law enforcement training
 - Mon – Fri: 8am – 5pm
 - Public recreational*
 - Tue, Th, Fri: 6pm – 9pm
 - Saturday: 12pm – 6pm
 - Sunday: 1pm – 6pm



Firing Range Revenues & Operating Costs

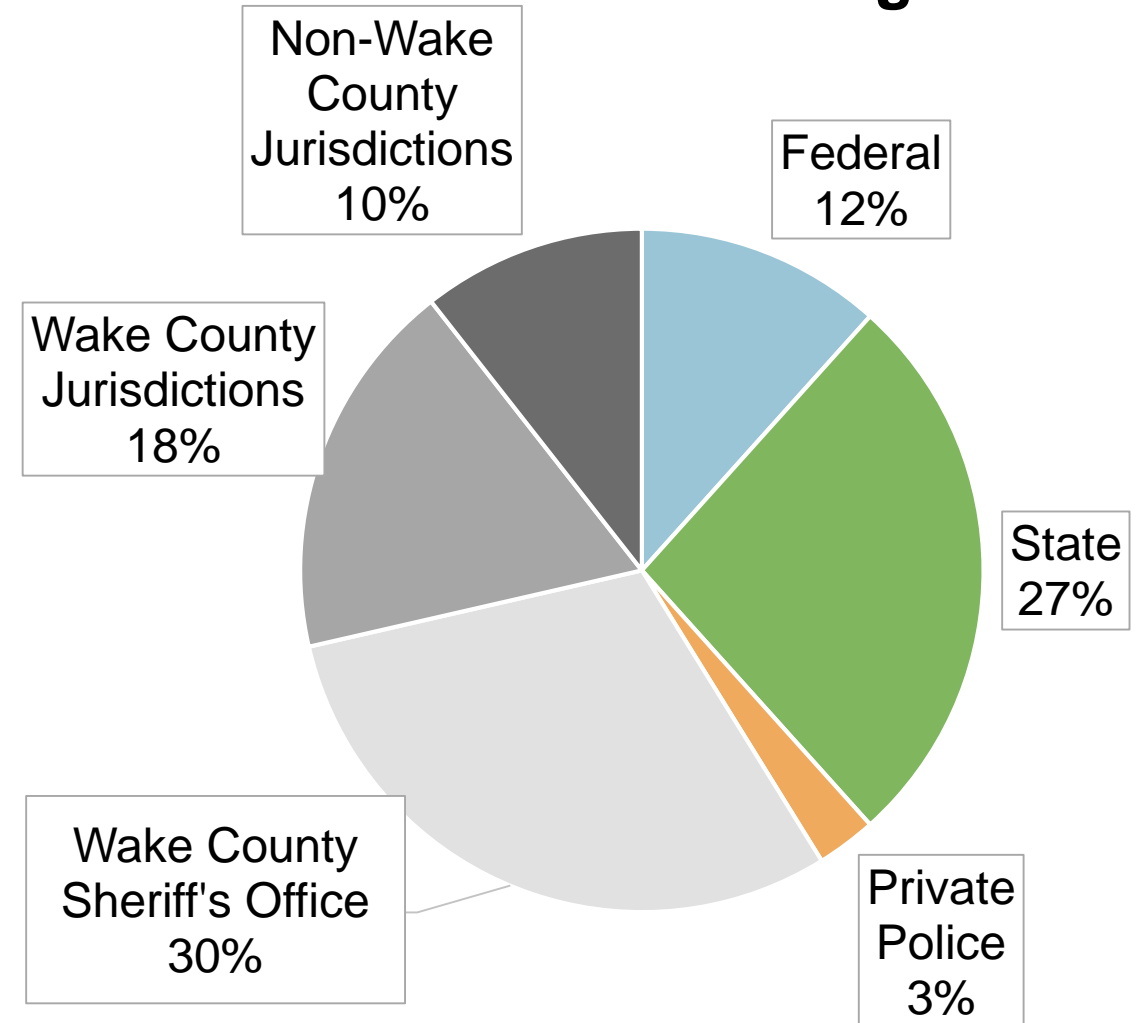
	FY 10 Actuals	FY 11 Actuals	FY 12 Actuals	FY 13 Actuals	FY 14 Actuals	FY 15 Actuals	FY 16 Actuals	FY 17 Actuals	FY 18 Actuals	FY 19 Actuals
Revenues Collected	\$175,689	\$221,519	\$256,118	\$297,500	\$260,420	\$280,672	\$290,796	\$262,700	\$205,673	\$191,290
Range Operation Cost	\$150,918	\$168,086	\$183,077	\$201,379	\$195,420	\$204,806	\$235,313	\$263,410	\$221,310	\$208,079
Difference	\$24,771	\$53,433	\$73,041	\$96,121	\$65,000	\$75,866	\$55,483	(\$710)	(\$15,637)	(\$16,789)

Additional Operating Costs	FY 10 Actuals	FY 11 Actuals	FY 12 Actuals	FY 13 Actuals	FY 14 Actuals	FY 15 Actuals	FY 16 Actuals	FY 17 Actuals	FY 18 Actuals	FY 19 Actuals
Facility Maintenance	\$227,269	\$206,333	\$231,207	\$280,137	\$296,281	\$283,980	\$313,438	\$306,886	\$420,451	\$383,667

Law Enforcement Use

- Sheriff's Office oversees the use of the range for all law enforcement agencies
- Agencies include: Wake County & local jurisdictions, State, Federal, Non-Wake County and Private
- No Operating Agreements currently in place
- Fees are inconsistently applied

Law Enforcement Usage - 2019*



Public Use

- Range Safety Management (RSM) is contracted to operate, manage and oversee public use of the range
- Sheriff's Office administers the RSM contract
- RSM was provided a 30-day notice to end the contract effective January 15, 2020
- Sheriff's Office & GSA are working together to off-board RSM
- The last day for public instruction was January 5, 2020; last public day for range is January 14, 2020

Facility Maintenance & Planned Capital

- Bi-Weekly Environmental Cleanings
- Range Closes every August for Bullet Trap Cleaning & Lead Abatement
- Proposed FY21 CIP Project
 - HVAC Replacement
 - Project Schedule: 3 – 6 months

What Do We Need from the Board?

- Direction on Future Intended Use of the Facility
- Which of the following entities will the facility serve?
 - Wake County Sheriff's Office
 - Other Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Public (Non-Law Enforcement)



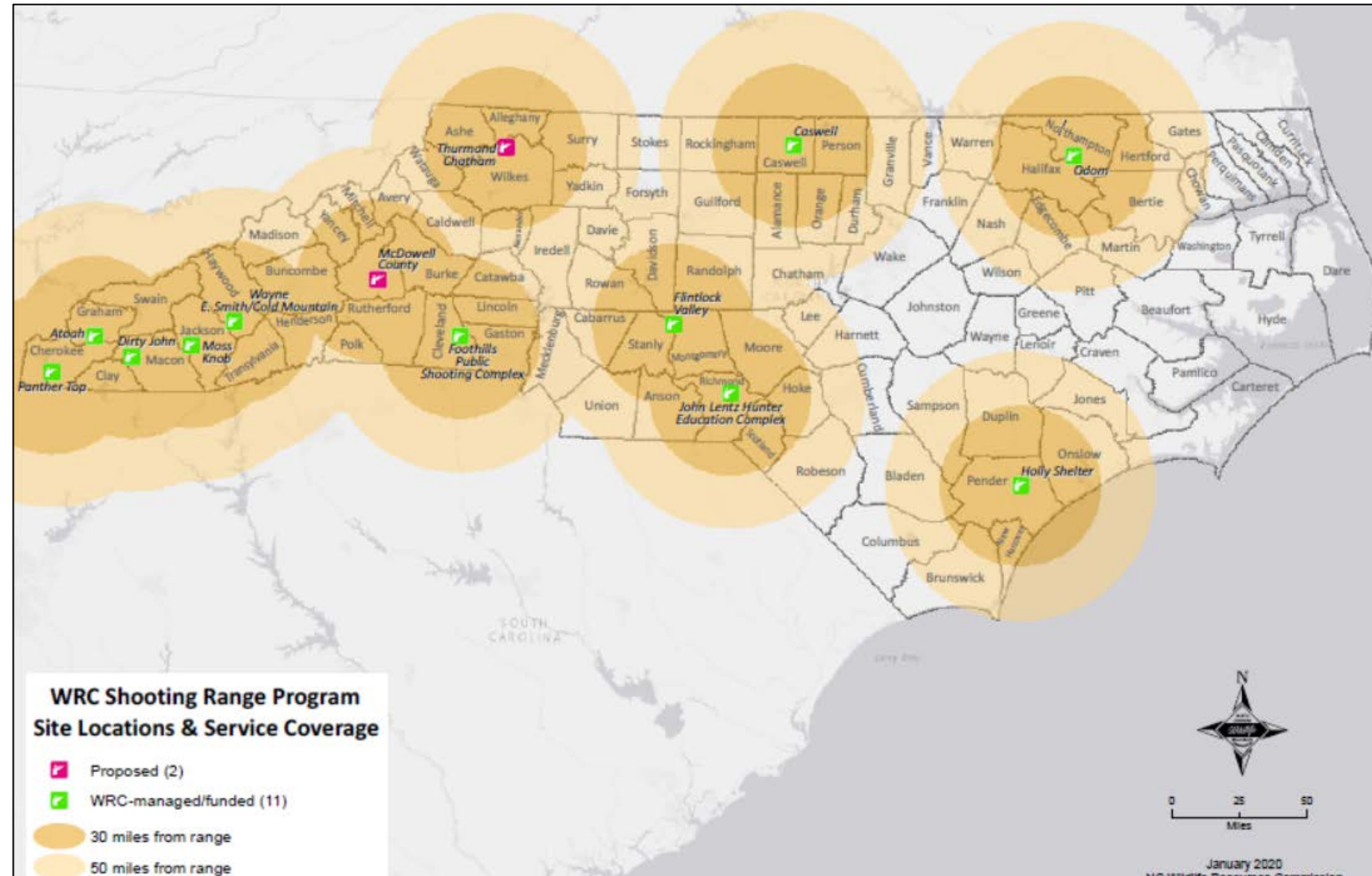
Staff Recommendations

Interim Recommendations

- Public Use of the range suspended effective January 15th
- Scheduled training sessions for Law Enforcement will continue:
 - Maintain current schedule (Monday- Friday 8a-5p), managed by the Wake County Sheriff's Office
- Establish Agreement with Wake County Sheriff's Office for Facility Use
- License agreements will be required with any LEO agencies
- Maintain current fee schedule
- Explore interim partner opportunities for operating the facility

Interim Solution

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's (WRC) Shooting Range Program provides and maintains public shooting ranges across the state.



NC WRC's Shooting Range Program

- Offers a safe, controlled and organized environment for recreational shooters.
- Partners with Pender and Cleveland counties for outdoor ranges.
- Contributes capital and operating funding from the Pittman-Robertson Act Excise Tax on ammunition and firearms.
- Expressed willingness to consider interim management of the Firing Range and explore interest in long-term partnership.

Long-Term Recommendations

- Retain Consultant Services
 - Industry Best Practices
 - Engage Stakeholders
 - Balance of Public & Law Enforcement Use
 - Staffing and Scheduling
 - Operating Costs
 - Building Maintenance
 - Fee Schedule
 - Evaluate Partnership with NC Wildlife or a future provider
- Bring Recommendations back to the Board for review
- Board to Approve future operating agreements

Board Review

- Confirmation of Key Decision Points
 - User Groups with Access to the Facility
 - Wake County Sheriff's Office
 - Other Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Public (Non-law enforcement)
 - Interim Solution to Operate Facility
 - Proceed with negotiations with NC Wildlife Commission
 - Long-term Recommendation
 - Proceed with Consultant Services

Board Review

Discussion and Board Direction