

GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2016 PRIORITIES AND AREAS OF FOCUS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Priority: Engage with ALL economic development stakeholders to attract and retain businesses that will create quality jobs, and expand and diversify our local and regional economies.

Areas of Focus:

- Implement new Economic Development Guidelines for Guilford County government
- Support Guilford County Economic Development Alliance's (GCEDA) establishment of an Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Promote Workforce Development programs
- Endorse site development at Piedmont Triad International Airport and the Greensboro-Randolph Megasite
- Streamline and refine construction permitting processes into a business-friendly model

EDUCATION

Priority: Partner with local public school systems to create an educational framework that produces highly skilled, well-qualified graduates who will compete successfully in local and regional job markets.

Areas of Focus:

- Collaborate with Guilford County Schools (GCS) to address educational achievement disparities within Guilford County
- Develop sustainable capital and funding plans, in cooperation with GCS and Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC)
- Coordinate and align services with GCS to identify and eliminate duplication
- Assist SAY YES TO EDUCATION in establishing a successful program within Guilford County



HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Priority: Promote programs that ensure quality social, physical and behavioral health services are provided to the citizens of Guilford County.

Areas of Focus:

- Implement Human Services Consolidation priorities
- Improve application processing timeframes for Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) and Medicaid applications
- Partner with Sandhills Center to expand educational opportunities on available Mental Health services

INFRASTRUCTURE

Priority: Provide safe and adequate facilities that support the service, access and technological needs of the public, and optimize utilization of all infrastructure.

Areas of Focus:

- Site selection, design and construction of the new Guilford County Animal Shelter
- Generate an Energy Conservation strategy and plan for Guilford County facilities
- Develop “Pay-As-You-Go” funding strategies for capital improvement projects (CIP)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Priority: Maintain safe and secure communities through strategically coordinated and professional public safety services.

Areas of Focus:

- Increase Security presence in Human Services, and other high profile, facilities
- Implement the Firearm Safety Initiative
- Investigate facility options to improve efficient delivery of services within the Sheriff’s Department
- Site selection and construction of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Maintenance and Logistics Facility
- Enhance evaluation process for overlay fire tax funding



ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Priority: Maintain a fiscally responsible organization that values and develops an innovative, productive and professional workforce; while providing quality services, efficiently and effectively.

Areas of Focus:

- Improve internal and external communications with staff and Guilford County citizens
- Expand the Employee Wellness and Employee Recognition Programs

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Priority: Enhance quality of life within Guilford County by establishing and sustaining recreational, cultural and leisure opportunities.

- Categorize Open Space strategies and goals
- Investigate and execute initiatives designed to encourage tourism in Guilford County

