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Durham County Commissioners

2024-2025



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Nida Allam



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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Wendy Jacobs



Commissioner

Stephen J. Valentine





County Manager



Claudia O. Hager

- Appointed November 2024
- Ninth County Manager
- 14 years with Durham County Government



Executive Leadership Team



Maurice Jones

Deputy County Manager



Joanne Pierce

Assistant County Manager



Dwane Brinson

Assistant County Manager



Community Partnership

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Response to SNAP Benefits Crisis

- Partnered with the City of Durham and Lincoln Community Health Center to host food drive
- 688 bags of food assembled and distributed to SNAP benefits recipients
- More than \$6,000 in food cards to 49 seniors at the Durham Center for Senior Life





2025 NACo Achievement Award Winners

National Association of Counties Winners



Durham County Library for **The African American Legacy in Gardening and Horticulture Symposium**

Information Services & Technology and Department of Social Services for **Durham County Social Services Case Management Modernization**

Information Services & Technology for **Durham County Duke Fiber Implementation**

Board of Elections and Information Services & Technology for **Durham County DCo Votes Application**



National Association of Counties Winners

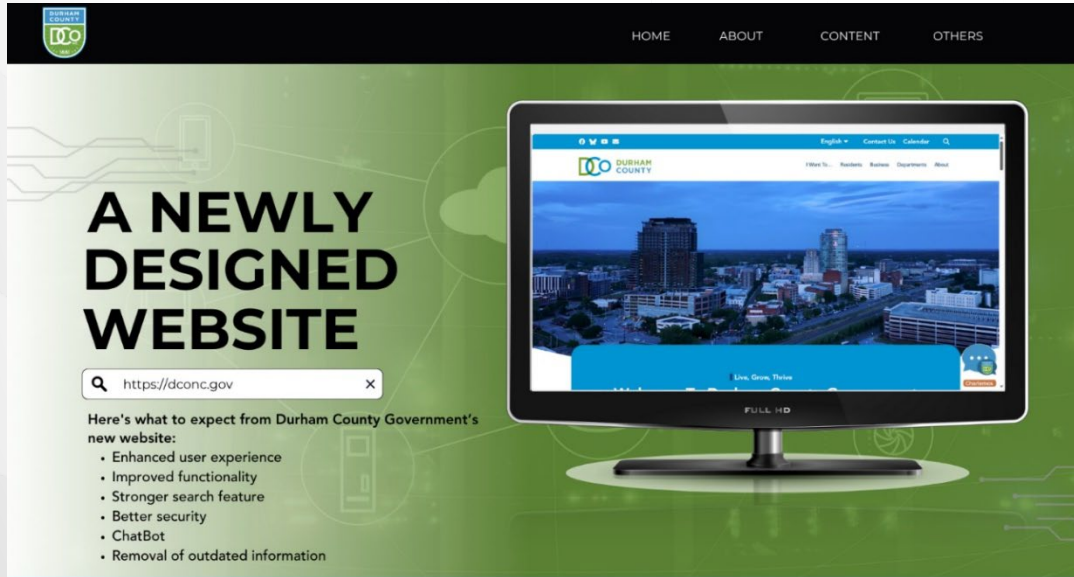


Board of Elections for **Durham County Voter Experience Survey**

Durham County Manager's Office for the **DCo Forward 2029 Strategic Plan**

Information Services & Technology and Public Information Office for our **Durham County Government Public Facing Website Modernization Program**

Website Modernization



New Website

- Launched Summer 2025
- Improved functionality
- Stronger search features
- Better security
- ChatBot



Vice Chair Dr. Mike Lee



Award-Winning Service

Employee Accomplishments



Bria Miller

Public Health Education
Program Manager



Derek Bowens

Board of Elections Director



Sharon A. Davis

Register of Deeds Director

Employee Accomplishments



Karen Perry

Assistant Register of Deeds



Tammie Hall

Business Innovation &
Outreach Director



Krystal Harris

Community Intervention &
Support Services Director

Employee Accomplishments



Santos Flores

Project Build Data Analyst



Shannon Trapp

Community Partnerships &
Engagement Director



Matthew Filter

Economic Development
Manager

Employee Accomplishments



Eddie Culberson

Soil & Water Conservation
Director



Lisa Marochak

Soil & Water Senior
Administrative Officer



Hellen Juarez-Ruiz

Veterans Services Officer



Commissioner Michelle Burton





Departmental Accomplishments

Soil and Water Conservation District



Celebrated 60th Anniversary

Board of Elections



Clearie Award

- Clearie Award for Distinguished Voter Education and Communications by the 2025 United States Election Assistance Commission
- 4 Clearies won since 2020

Board of Elections



2025 Civic Engagement Award

2025 Civic Engagement Award from
North Carolina Association of County
Commissioners for DCo Votes Mobile
Application

Transportation

- Durham-to-Roxboro Rail Trail
- Developed supporting planning study
- Initiated the Durham Bus Rapid Transit Vision Plan



Office of the Sheriff

- “Top 8 Crimes” decrease of 26%
- Recovered 17 total stolen vehicles
- Firearm Data
 - 69 seized
 - 25 reported stolen
 - 17 recovered/found



Veteran Services

Hosted inaugural Women Veterans
Recognition Day Celebration



Tax Administration

Department led first Revaluation since 2019



Economic Development

Novartis and Aspida expansion

- \$570 million investment in Durham County
- 1,300 new jobs





Commissioner Wendy Jacobs





Budget

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Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

- Focus on education, funding public safety needs
- Approved budget is \$1.04 billion
- Durham Public Schools - \$224.5 million
- Pre-K - nearly \$9 million
- Durham Technical Community College - \$12.6 million

Budget



Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget

- 12 new positions added at Emergency Medical Services
- 5 new positions added at Office of the Sheriff
- 8.5 new positions added at Youth Home

Budget



Facing strong headwinds

- Revenue pressures and expenditure demands
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are expiring
- Stagnating revenue growth
- Capital planning continues
- State and federal policy shifts



Commissioner Stephen J. Valentine







Planning for the Future

Preparing for Durham's Future


Voters approved **\$550.2 million** Bond Referendum in 2022

Durham Technical Community College
Durham Public Schools
Museum of Life and Science





2022 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFERENDUM




PREPARING FOR DURHAM'S FUTURE


Durham voters will be given the opportunity to decide on a three part General Obligation Bond during the November 2022 election period. Bonds totaling \$550.2 million dollars will be seen on the upcoming ballot. Support of the General Obligation bond referendum would potentially increase the Durham County property tax rate by an estimated 2.5 cents.


WHAT IS A BOND?

A bond referendum is a voting process that gives voters the power to decide if a county or municipality should be authorized to raise funds through the sale of bonds.


Get details about the upcoming General Obligation Bond, visit dconc.gov or contact the Durham County Public Information Office.

publicinformationoffice@dconc.gov

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[919-560-0000](tel:919-560-0000)

Durham County encourages voter awareness. Get information on how to vote, where to vote and more at dcovotes.com.




SCHOOL BOND

If supported, \$423,500,000 in funding will be used to remodel and reconstruct existing school buildings and plant facilities, build additional school buildings and other plant facilities and acquire land for Durham Public Schools.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOND

If supported, \$112,500,000 in funding will be used to expand and improve facilities for Durham Technical Community College.



MUSEUM BOND

If supported, \$13,900,000 in funding will be used to improve the facilities for the Museum of Life & Science.



Preparing for Durham's Future



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Durham Technical Community College
received **\$112 million**

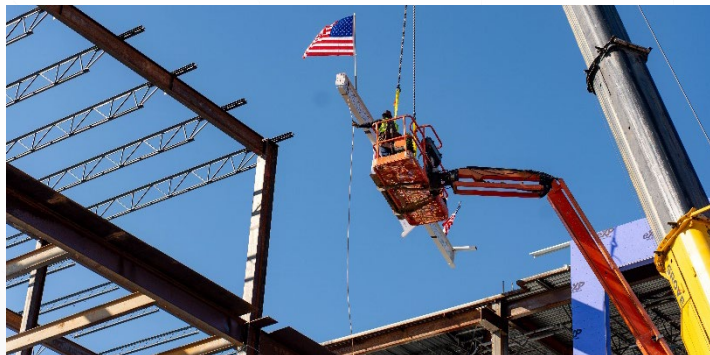


Preparing for Durham's Future

Durham Public Schools received
\$423 million in bond funds



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Museum of Life + Science received
\$13.9 million in bond funds



MUSEUM of **LIFE + SCIENCE**



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Renegade Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



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Mixed Income Housing Development Renegade



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COUNTY MANAGER
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Thank You!



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