SCHEDULE

Phase 1: Project Initiation
Late Spring 2021

Phase 2: Analysis & Visioning
Summer 2021

Phase 3: Plan Development
Fall 2021

Phase 4: Adoption
Winter 2021-22

Spring 2022

We are here
PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Area plan for Harvey Parkway area (north of Kinston to Greene County line)
- Strategic direction for land use around the Parkway and the GTP
- Focus is on Economic Development, Land Use, and Infrastructure
COUNTY CONTEXT

57,825 Acres
POPULATION & HOUSING GROWTH

- Population for the County is decreasing slightly, but the study area has seen growth
- The total number of housing units in the study area have increased by 10% since 2000
- Housing units have decreased in within Kinston’s jurisdiction
The population density ranges from less than 50 to greater than 500 people per square mile. Majority of the population lies in the southwest portion of the study area along Highway 258 North.
Housing

- The majority of homes are single-family detached, mobile, or manufactured homes.
- The average construction year is 1984.
EMPLOYMENT

- From 2010-2018, 1,690 jobs were created in the manufacturing industry.
- By 2018, manufacturing jobs had increased to 5,638 (62% of the jobs in the study area).
- The construction industry has seen a significant increase in growth.

**Employment by Sector**

- Transportation, warehousing, utilities
- Agriculture, forestry, mining
- Wholesale Trade
- Information
- Other services, except public administration
- Finance, insurance, real estate
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Arts, entertainment, rec., hospitality
- Retail Trade
- Professional, scientific, mgmt, admin, waste
- Education, health care, social assistance

Source: Census on the Map (2018)
EMPLOYMENT

Global TransPark

- Currently employs more than 1,400 people.
- Draws employees from 21 surrounding counties.
- Planned expansion including new runway, "Spine Road" and rail spur.

Source: NCGTP Strategic Plan, 2018
Connecting Greenville, Kinston, Goldsboro, Wilson, and the GTP
PUBLIC MEETINGS

Oct. 12, 2021: LCC AAMC
Oct. 28, 2021: Hugo VFD
MEETING RESULTS

Themes from conversations included:

- Better internet and/or broadband/fiber expansion
- Opportunity for new single-family homes in Northeastern part of the county
- Solar farms in conflict with future growth (taking land better suited for development)
- Preserving farmland and supporting working farms
- Concern over GTP expansion east of HWY 58 (related to fire service)
- Emergency response and access east of NC 11
SURVEY RESULTS

Ran from August 16 to November 9

165 responses total

13 questions about their connections, vision, goals, and concerns regarding various topics for Lenoir County

5 optional questions for demographics and continued engagement

74 email addressed collected to send updates on future opportunities for input
WHAT PEOPLE VALUE

Respondents valued:

• Location and proximity to other destinations or amenities
• Rural and small-town character
• Opportunity for jobs and businesses

Aspects like privacy, quiet, open spaces, family and community ties, and community safety were also mentioned and tend to tie in with the rural and small-town feel.

What do you value most about Northern Lenoir County?

(Short answer)

- Respondent, 8/30/21
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- Respondent, 8/18/21
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"I'm between Kinston and Greenville. There's not a lot of places to shop in Kinston since there is no mall. I can go to Greenville and find anything. It would be nice if Kinston had more shopping places."
–Respondent, 8/18/21

"It's home. The fields. The people. The history, both familial and of the country's."
–Respondent, 10/11/21

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"Potential for growth in business (with GTP there), and for more homeowners."
–Respondent, 9/26/21

"I love the fact that we are close to town but still have that "rural" feel."
–Respondent, 8/17/21

"Quiet neighborhoods in a rural setting. Great public schools."
–Respondent, 9/26/21

"Access to shopping, health care, entertainment, and family and friends."
–Respondent, 9/26/21

"The school system, the easy access to Hwy 70 and Harvey Parkway to Highway 11, suburban living."
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Priorities

Respondents want to see
1. Jobs & Economic Growth
2. More Retail & Dining options
3. Utility improvements and/or expansion (i.e., water, sewer, and/or broadband)

What would you like to see in northern Lenoir County?
(Select your top 3 answers)

- Jobs and economic growth: 58.0%
- More retail and restaurant options: 44.4%
- Utility infrastructure improvements: 43.2%
- Protection of farms and open space: 43.2%
- Recreational opportunities: 29.6%
- New residential development: 28.4%
- Transportation improvements: 15.4%
- Other (please specify): 6.8%
Respondents agreed on the top three types of development they would like to see along the Parkway, specifically.

1. Mixed-Use Developments, i.e., walkable areas with residential, retail, office, or other uses
2. Retail and restaurants
3. Industrial Uses

The next two answers ranked fourth and fifth were single-family residential and no development.
Respondents agreed that residential growth should be:

1. Away from environmentally sensitive areas
2. Where infrastructure exists
3. Away from industrial or agricultural uses

Where should residential growth be focused?
(Select your top 3 preferences)
When choosing the type of homes they would prefer in this part of the county, respondents essentially chose in order of density. Single family homes on large lots was the most preferred and apartments were the least preferred.

1. Single Family Homes on Large Lots
2. Single Family Homes on Small Lots
3. Pocket Neighborhoods (homes on small lots around shared green-space)
PRIORITIES: ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACE

Respondents largely agreed that environmentally sensitive areas should be protected from development.

Farms and working lands were by far the top priority for open space preservation, with streams and wetlands coming next.

Do you agree with the following statement: "Environmentally sensitive areas should be protected from development"?

- Strongly agree: 43%
- Agree: 37%
- Neutral: 16%
- Disagree: 4%
- Strongly disagree: 5%

What is your top priority for open space preservation?

- Farms and working agricultural lands: 51.3%
- Streams and areas important to water quality: 17.7%
- Floodplains and wet areas: 12.7%
- Corridors for future greenways and trails: 8.2%
- Mature forests: 5.1%
- Scenic views on the parkway & other major roads: 5.1%
Q.10

PRIORITIES: PARKS & RECREATION

More natural areas for recreation and greenways or trails were the top answers, with increased public access for fishing and boating coming next.

Additionally, most of the “Other” responses were against more parks or public recreation areas in this area.
Respondents preferred the farmhouse cluster neighborhood. The remaining options were very closely ranked.
SURVEY THEMES & RESPONDENTS

Total count: 165
Average response to demographics questions: 154
Demographics results are available upon request

1. Improved utility capacity and increased internet access
2. The rural/small town character to remain and consider preserving farmland and natural spaces
3. Less residential development near industry or farms
4. Industry and job growth by attracting businesses
5. Support for affordable housing options with better design
6. Better connectivity for emergency services
7. More options for recreation, including better recreation networks (greenway connectivity)
Most respondents lived in or near the Parkway area, primarily on the edges of Kinston.

In what part of the County do you live or spend the most time?
- South of the Harvey Parkway or Inside Kinston City Limits: 33%
- Northeast (East of NC 58, including Hugo, Around Grifton): 36%
- Northwest (West of NC 58, towards LaGrange): 21%
- Outside of Lenoir County (i.e. Greene County or Wayne County): 9%
- Other (please specify): 1%

What Zip Code do you live or own property in?
- 28504 (West Kinston; 50%)
- 28501 (East Kinston; 20%)
- 28551 (LaGrange; 11%)
- 28530 (Grifton; 2%)
- 28538 (Hookerton, Hugo; 1%)
- 28525 (Deep Run; 1%)
- 28526 (Dover, Wise Forks; 1%)
- 28572 (Pink Hill, Potters Hill; 1%)
- Other (please specify): 1%
Q.2
WHO RESPONDED:

Most respondents (61%) have lived in Lenoir County for over 20 years.

Less than 15% of participants have lived in the area for less than five years.
Majority of survey respondents are over the median age for the county (42.6).

What is your age?

- 24 or younger: 2%
- 25 to 34: 3%
- 35 to 44: 10%
- 45 to 54: 17%
- 55 to 64: 23%
- 65 to 74: 24%
- 75 or older: 21%

ACS 2019 & Survey Results Comparisons:

- Under 24: 0%
- 25-34: 25%
- 35-44: 15%
- 45-54: 20%
- 55-64: 30%
- 65-74: 35%
- 75 or older: 25%
Of the respondents who reported their race and ethnicity, there was some overrepresentation of White residents and Black residents were underrepresented based on 2019 Census data.

It is recommended that targeted outreach be included in future planning efforts in the county.
Under 20% of the respondents make below the 2019 state median household income or $50,000.

Study Area: $47,696
Kinston: $33,398
Lenoir County: $39,420
North Carolina: $54,613
MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS

• Land Use recommendations around the GTP
• Where to encourage residential
• Market opportunities for industrial and commercial development
• Infrastructure priorities
• Recreation and open space
Guide for growth and development around the Harvey Parkway and in Northern Lenoir County
DRAFT FUTURE LAND USE CHARACTER AREAS

**Global Transpark Core:** Existing footprint of the GTP, GTP owned land that is meant for industrial or office uses. Immediate surroundings.

**Employment Mixed-Use / GTP Support:** Area surrounding the GTP that could include supporting industries or infrastructure. May also include future complimentary commercial uses or existing residential uses that may transition to other uses in the future.

**Commercial Mixed-Use:** Mixed use. Commercial, office, some medium-high density residential

**Residential:** Single family subdivisions. Density varies on availability of utilities.

**Agriculture and Rural Residential:** Agricultural uses and very low density residential. Sewer service not likely.

**Open Space / Conservation:** Parks and Conservation Land. Including lands for environmental mitigation.
Plan for new Spine Road connecting NC 58 to Poole Road / Harvey Parkway, including improvements on NC 58 and gateway opportunities

Discourage dense residential neighborhoods east of US 258 and north of GTP (i.e. along Dawson Station Road)
Work with partners to address strategic utility priorities in the area.
• Serve GTP expansion
• Surrounding development
• Plan for residential growth northeast of Kinston
NEXT STEPS

• Refining recommendations with staff
• Draft plan will be ready for review in mid February
• Potential public meeting in late February
• Board of Commissioners presentation in March