

THE TOWN *Manager's* REPORT



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING | JANUARY 20, 2026

THE *Community* CORNER "Hope Mills moves forward when its people move together"

FAST INVITES YOU!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

STAKEHOLDER CONVERSATION

FAST invites you to join us for our third and final stakeholder workshop, conducted as part of the Facility Feasibility Study effort.

THURSDAY
JANUARY 29TH

TIME
1:00 PM TO 2:30 PM

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

FAST TRANSIT CENTER
Community Room, Second Floor
505 Franklin Street
Fayetteville

The purpose of this workshop is to present the draft results of the feasibility study evaluating the need for a secondary facility to support an expansion of FAST services to include regional express routes.

REGISTER TODAY

Please confirm your participation by scanning the QR code by Tuesday, January 27th

Hope Mills, Fayetteville FAST, and Spring Lake are working together on a Facility Feasibility Study to support expanded regional transit service. Join the City of Fayetteville for the third and final stakeholder meeting, where draft findings will be shared on the need for a secondary transit facility to support future regional express routes. Be part of the conversation shaping the future of regional mobility.

Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Department is seeking vendors for the 2026 Hope Mills Cotton Tail Trail event. The event will take place on March 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Hope Mills Municipal Park. This truck-or-treat style event offers a relaxed, family-friendly twist on traditional Easter celebrations in Hope Mills.

Hope Mills Cotton Tail Trail VENDORS WANTED!

EVENT DETAILS:
DATE: MARCH 28, 2026
TIME: 9:00-12:00
PLACE: HOPE MILLS MUNICIPAL PARK

WHAT IS IT?

The Hope Mills Cotton Tail Trail is a fresh take on Easter in Hope Mills! This "No Egg Hunt" event is a more relaxed, family friendly version of our Easter festivities. We will have a petting zoo, food trucks, DJ, and photos with the Easter Bunny!

ATTENTION HOPE MILLS ORGANIZATIONS & BUSINESSES!

The Hope Mills Parks and Recreation Department is in search of local businesses, groups, organizations, and/or families who would like to set up a booth (trunk or treat style minus the trunks). Each booth will be asked to provide either a game, craft, giveaway, candy or easter eggs, etc. (We encourage you to get creative!) to be able to give out to the children in the community. In return, we will allow the advertisement of your business/group as well as highlight your organization on our Facebook Page and Website!

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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www.townofhopemills.com
1766 Rochah Road
Hope Mills, NC 28348

SCAN HERE TO APPLY!

HOPE MILLS PARKS AND RECREATION ALONG WITH ULTIMATE ELITE FITNESS PRESENTS

ULTIMATE ELITE

Contact SGM (R) Ruby Murray aka Coach WOO

Email Address: grateful2018@gmail.com

ULTIMATE WORKOUT

Join **Coach WOO** and make fitness your therapy, as she helps you develop your **WHY!**

8 SESSIONS
JANUARY 6 & 8, 2025
JANUARY 13 & 15, 2025
JANUARY 20 & 22, 2025
JANUARY 27 & 29, 2025

LARGE ACTIVITY ROOM, HOPE MILLS PARKS & RECREATION CENTER

Contact Hope Mills Parks & Recreation

Phone Number: 910-426-4109

SCAN FOR MORE INFO!

AGES
18+

TIME HELD
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

PRICES

RESIDENT FEE: **\$50/Month**
NON-RESIDENT FEE: **\$55/Month**

REGISTER NOW!

Hope Mills Parks and Recreation is partnering with Ultimate Elite Fitness to bring you the "Ultimate Workout"! Join Coach WOO and make fitness your therapy. She will help you to develop your "why"! Contact Ruby Murray at: grateful2018@gmail.com to register.

The Town of Hope Mills Homelessness Committee, in partnership with the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness, is calling on volunteers across Cumberland County to participate in the 2026 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count. Community participation is essential to the success of this effort.

PIT COUNT

www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHFGY2Z

CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Join us for the 2026 Point In Time Count as we gather crucial data to identify housing needs in our community.

Point-in-Time Takes Place From:
THURS, JAN 22 @ 8 AM TO FRI, JAN 23 @ 8 AM

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THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS *Emergency Services*

2025 CALL VOLUME
TOTAL CALLS: 2123

FIRE CALLS: 137	RUPTURE/EXPLOSION: 1
FALSE ALARM & FALSE CALL: 182	SEVERE WEATHER & NATURAL DISASTER: 2
GOOD INTENT: 353	SPECIAL INCIDENT: 10
HAZARDOUS CONDITION: 60	MUTUAL AID GIVEN: 153
RESCUE & EMS: 1142	MUTUAL AID RECEIVED: 153

Avg Response Time: 5:10 Busiest Zone: 2102 Busiest Shift: A

HOPE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

- Total Calls: 2123
- Total Staff Training Hours: 9985
- Total Inspections: 188
- Smoke Alarm Installs: 21
- Public Events: 86
- Car Seat Installs: 30
- Station Tours: 26
- Total Children Interactions: 17,985
- Total Adults: 13,200



HOPE MILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT

As we reflect on the past year, the Hope Mills Fire Department is proud of our incident responses and the service we have provided to our community. Looking ahead to 2026, we reaffirm our commitment to delivering top-notch emergency services to our citizens. We encourage everyone to remain mindful of safety and to take steps each day to protect themselves and others.

HOPE MILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Hope Mills Police Department would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make Law Enforcement Appreciation Day so meaningful for our officers, ed by the students.



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THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS AREA LAND USE PLAN: *Community Engagement*

STEERING COMMITTEE

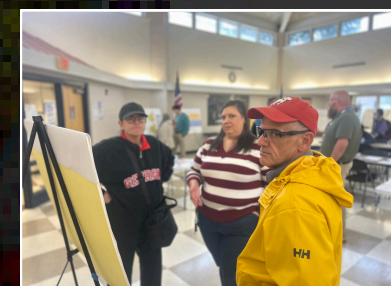
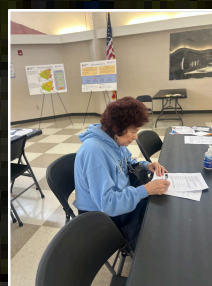
To begin the facilitation of the plan staff created a steering committee that meets monthly to coordinate all aspects of the planning process. The steering committee serves as a collaborative forum for knowledgeable area leaders and representatives to provide area specific information and guidance during the planning process. Committee representatives volunteer to work in coordination with Cumberland County and Town of Hope Mills Planning staff to discuss the plan progress, provide feedback, and critique plan initiatives.

STEERING COMMITTEE ROLES

- Review public information for quality, understandability, and accuracy.
- Serve at an advisory capacity providing feedback, accountability, and coordination assistance.
- Encourage diverse engagement through outreach among community networks.
- Approve strategies of the public engagement process.
- Review materials and provide thoughtful feedback.
- Engage on topics, issues, and opportunities that impact the community.

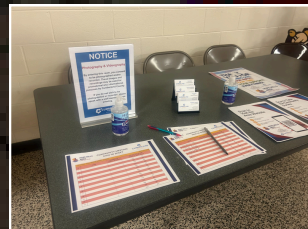


THE PLANNING PROCESS: 9-12 Months



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Community Kickoff: October 28, 2025
- Community Meeting #1: December 9, 2025
- Community Meeting #2: January 8, 2026
- Community Meeting #3: January 14, 2026



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THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS AREA LAND USE PLAN: What is in the plan?

The Hope Mills Area Land Use Plan is a comprehensive, long-range land use planning document designed to establish a community vision and provide tools and recommendations to guide the growth, development, and preservation of the Town of Hope Mills and the surrounding area.

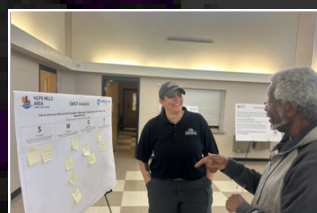
WHAT IS A LAND USE PLAN?

A land use plan is a guide utilized by municipalities, local governments, and town officials to shape the future growth tied to land use decisions. It is typically used as a adopted policy document but does not hold statutory or legal weight as it relates to final decisions made by local leaders and the overall public. Facilitated as a plan, it usually has a vision statement, area information tied to the plan, input gathered from the general public, goals and objectives, and final recommendations tied to development and policies all working in concert to provide a comprehensive framework that shapes future redevelopment efforts.



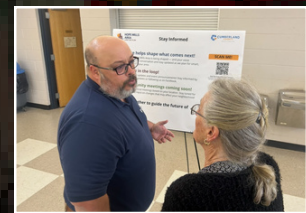
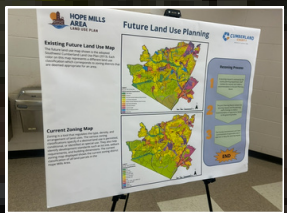
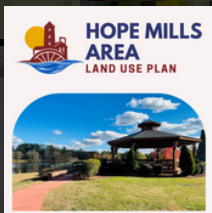
A Land Use Plan CAN.....

- capture a community's vision for the future.
- serve as a broad based long range planning tool used by elected officials and planning staff to aid in decision making processes tied to future land use.
- serve as a guide to encourage safety, efficiency, public health, and convenience within the community for the movement of resources and people.



A Land Use Plan CANNOT.....

- change the current use of a property
- change the current zoning of a property
- change the value of a property



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THE NC LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES PROGRAM

The North Carolina League of Municipalities in their continued support of NC Towns, created the Municipal Accounting Services (MAS) Grant to assist municipalities with access to vital funding sources. The League's MAS program partnered with the grant management team of a top firm Witt O'Brien's to guide small towns in the preparation and submission of grant applications. The program ensures that local governments have the expertise and resources needed to secure critical funding for infrastructure and community development projects.

ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES

The Town of Hope Mills has placed an increased emphasis on identifying alternative funding sources to lessen dependence on the General Fund. Through the MAS program, multiple staff needs and town projects are being funded, enabling meaningful progress without utilizing tax dollars. To date, the Town has invested a total of \$90,000 into the program.

<i>GRANTS AWARDED</i>	<i>PROJECT/NEED</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Parks and Rec Trust Fund (PARTF)	Heritage Park Phase 2	\$500,000
Cumberland County Community Foundation	Heritage Park Phase 2 Sensory Garden	\$21,772
US Dept of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)	Action plan to identify the most significant roadway safety concerns in Hope Mills	\$90,000
Firehouse Subs Foundation	30 Ballistic Vests	\$18,603
TOTAL AWARDED		\$630,375



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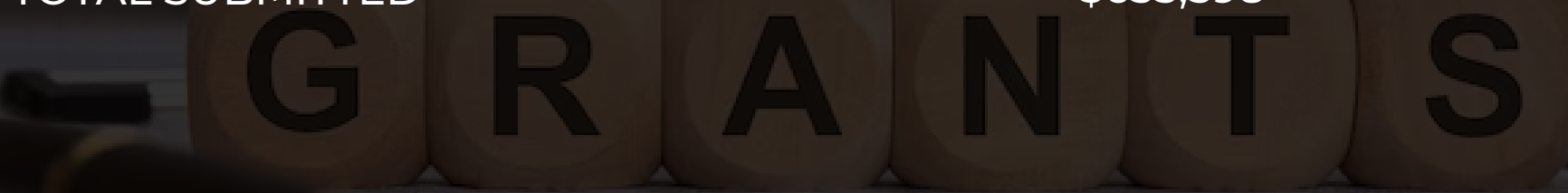
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GRANTS IN PROGRESS

Below are grants that the Town has submitted through the MAS Program and are awaiting the award decision:

<u>GRANTS IN SUBMISSION</u>	<u>PROJECT/NEED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Gary Sinise Foundation	MDT Laptops for PD and water rescue boat for Fire	\$24,182 - Police \$75,311 - Fire
Grassroots Art Project (Arts Council)	Hope Mills Mural	\$15,000
Land Water Conservation Fund	Heritage Park Phase 2	\$519,105
TOTAL SUBMITTED		\$633,598



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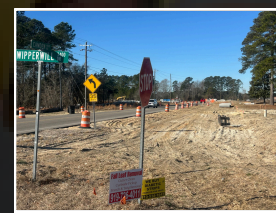
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

KEY ROADWAY PROJECTS

In recent years there has been a need for major upgrades and repairs to major arterial roadways in Hope Mills. These streets are vital as they represent the routes many Hope Mills citizens utilize to travel to and from important destinations. Below are updates on major improvements in Hope Mills:

CAMDEN ROAD WIDENING

\$420,241,370 road widening of Camden Road to 4 lanes with a dedicated median and sidewalks on both sides. Project span is from the 295 outer loop to Rockfish Road.



ROCKFISH AND GOLFVIEW ROAD WIDENING

\$33,031,000 road widening of both Rockfish and Golfview Roads to 4 lanes with a dedicated median and sidewalks on both sides. Project also includes a round-a-bout at the intersection of Golfview and Rockfish Road and another at the intersection of Rockfish Road and Park Blvd.



LEGION ROAD CLOSURE

NCDOT is currently repairing the bridge along Legion Road, near the intersection of Legion Road and Cameron Road. The closure began on January 12, 2026 and is expected to last up to 6 weeks.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

THE ONE APARTMENTS

Approved for 300+ units of apartments (multifamily) with primary access provided off of the eastern side of Elk Road. Construction is well underway and move-ins have already begun as units have opened in recent weeks.



SWEETWATER

Residential construction in this single family subdivision is now complete. A total of 75 houses were constructed with access provided off of the western side of Elk Road.



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DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION (continued)

PEMBROKE

Approved for 79 single family residential lots, construction is well underway. All infrastructure improvements are complete with several houses near completion. Access is provided off of Blackbridge Road and will connect to the existing Blackbridge Village and Steeplechase communities.



COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

THE HIVE AT HOPE MILLS

The Hive at Hope Mills is a food truck park and community center that has outdoor space for entertainment. With utilities being installed underground, the noise levels of food trucks will be eliminated enhancing the outdoor experience.



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NCDOT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The following construction projects are being completed by NCDOT and will have an effect on the Town of Hope Mills. The contract number, state transportation improvement program (STIP) number, project description, and estimated completion date as well as project let dates are listed below:

ACTIVE PROJECTS:

Contract#: C204043

STIP#: U-2519AA, U-2519AB

Project Description: Fayetteville Outer Loop construct new freeway from I-95 in Robeson County to South of SR 1003 (Camden Road) in Cumberland County.

Project Cost: \$129,749,000

Estimated Completion Date: 7/1/2025 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS IS AT 93%

Project ID#: HL-0036

Project Description: NC 59 (North Main Street) Replace existing sidewalk and construct new sidewalk along NC 59 (North Main Street).

Project Cost: \$449,000

LET Date: 3/15/2024

PROJECT ID#: U-3422A

Project Description: SR 1003 (Camden Road) From Fayetteville outer loop to just west of SR 1112 (Rockfish Road)

Project Cost: \$420,241,370

LET Date: Project was advertised and let 12/17/2024

STATUS: 16%

PROJECT ID#: U-3422B

Route and Limits: SR 1003 (Camden Road), b/w west of SR 1112 (Rockfish Road) and SR 1596 (North Main Street)

Project Description: Widen to multi-lanes

Project Cost: \$55,000,000

LET Date: 12/2025

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PROJECT ID#: U-4709

Project Description: SR 1112 (Rockfish Road) from SR 1115 (Golfview Road) to NC59 (North Main Street) and SR 1115 (Golfview Road) from SR 1112 (Rockfish Road) to NC 59 (North Main Street). Widen to mutli-lanes.

Project Cost: \$33,031,000

LET Date: 6/18/2024 Contractor has been selected: Fred Smith Co.

STATUS: 11%

PROJECT ID#: U-6073

Project Description: SR 1107 (Fisher Road) from SR 1104 (Strickland Bridge Road) to NC162 (Bingham Drive). Widen 2.1 miles of Fisher Road to four lane divided with a 19.5 foot median, a 5 foot sidewalk on the westbound side, and a 10 foot multiuse path on the eastbound side. A roundabout is also proposed at the McKinnon Farm intersection. Feedback can be provided at www.ncdot.publicinput.com through November 8, 2024.

Project Cost: \$65,000,000

Award for Construction Date: 2028

NCDOT DIVISION 6 FUTURE CORRIDOR PROJECTS

PROJECT ID#: BL-0130

Route and Limits: SR 1131 (Cameron Road), b/w Hope Mills Middle School to NC 59 (South Main Street) in Hope Mills.

Project Description: Sidewalk construction

Project Cost: \$574,000

LET Date: FY 2027