

# DURHAM NEIGHBORHOOD COLLEGE 2023

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## City of Durham Overview

City Manager Wanda S. Page

# Durham Is...

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Place to Live in the U.S. in 2022 – 2023 – *U.S. News & World Report*
- 2021 Trending Destination – *Airbnb and Travel + Leisure*
- #2 Smallest Gender Wage Gap in the Nation – *GoodHire*
- #10 Best Run Cities in America – *WalletHub*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Start a Business - *WalletHub*
- Top 10 City Where Black Americans Fare Best Economically – *Growella.com*
- #1 'Best City for College Basketball fans' – *WalletHub*
- Top 5 Best Cities for Artists – *Money Under 30*



# Since 1869

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	1869	2023
Population	258	291,928 (City)
Budget	\$357.44	\$610 million



# Top Business Sectors

	Taxes Owed	Taxpayer Name	Assessed Value
1.	\$2,550,161.16	Wolfspeed, Inc.	\$457,344,292
2.	\$1,376,602.93	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	\$246,835,741
3.	\$1,051,238.25	EMC Corporation	\$188,495,291
4.	\$1,036,376.34	Southpoint Mall, LLC.	\$185,830,435
5.	\$685,310.44	HRSE-Hock Plaza, LLC.	\$122,881,557
6.	\$650,833.08	CLPF Research Center, LLC	\$116,699,496
7.	\$650,295.13	Corium, LLC	\$116,603,037
8.	\$541,001.19	BRI 1875 Meridian, LLC	\$97,005,769
9.	\$528,075.69	Liberty Property Limited	\$94,688,126
10.	\$503,985.72	IQVIA RDS, Inc.	\$90,368,607

## Durham County Top Taxpayer Report Year 2022



# Top Employers

Employers	Type of Business	# of Employees
1. Duke University and Medical Center	Education/Health Care	43,765
2. International Business Machines	Computer Hardware and Software	8,000
3. Durham Public Schools	Education	5,054
4. Cisco	Telecom	5,000
5. IQVIA	Pharmaceutical Development	4,570
6. Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina	Insurance	3,930
7. Pfizer	Pharmaceuticals	3,610
8. Fidelity Investments	Financial Services	3,600
9. Veteran's Administration Medical Centers	Health Care	3,200
10. GlaxoSmithKline, Inc.	Pharmaceuticals	2,600

**Home to top business sectors, such as health care, tech, pharmaceuticals, and local government.**



# Anticipated Economic Developments

Top companies have announced plans that will drive the expansion of facilities, job growth, and more in Durham.



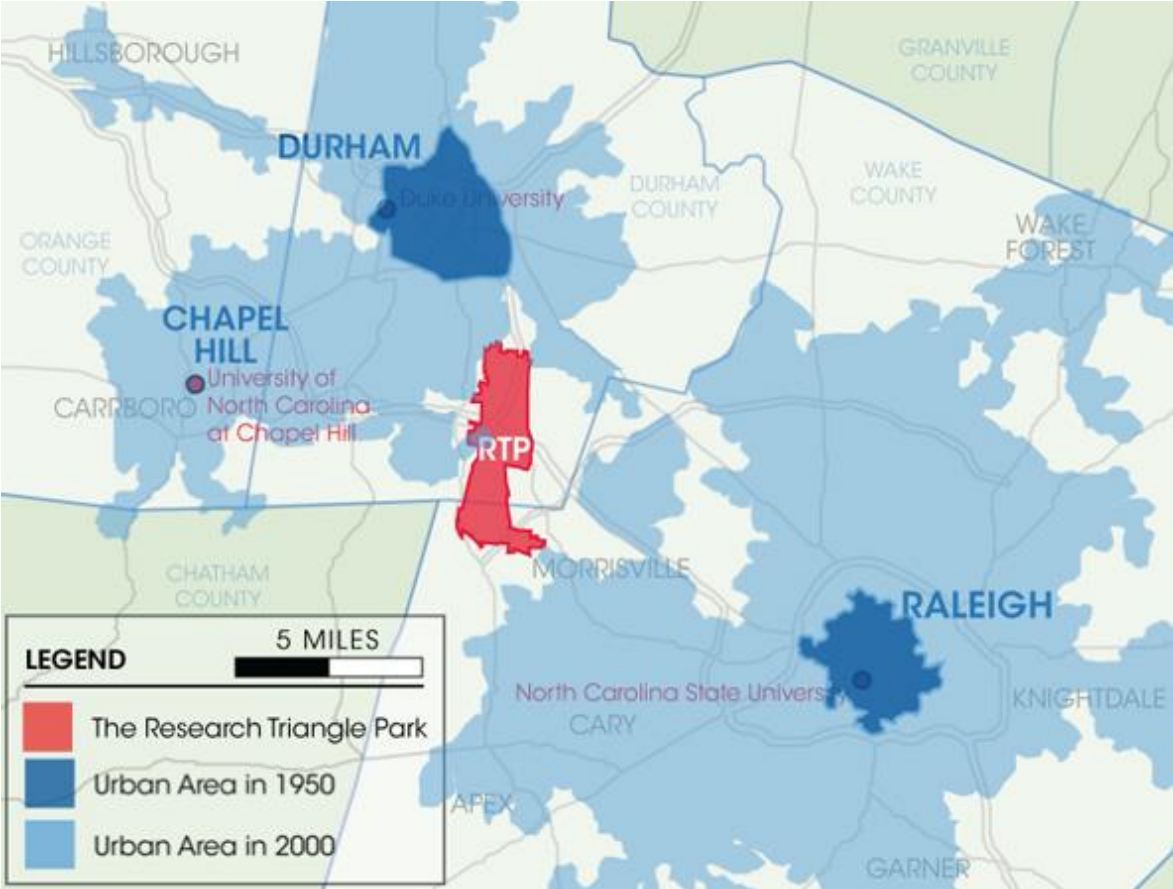
# Thriving Downtown



According to City-County Planning, approximately 3,200 residential units are currently under construction, approved for construction, or are under review in the Downtown District.



# Home to Research Triangle Park





# HUB RTP Expansion



# Two Local Governments – One County

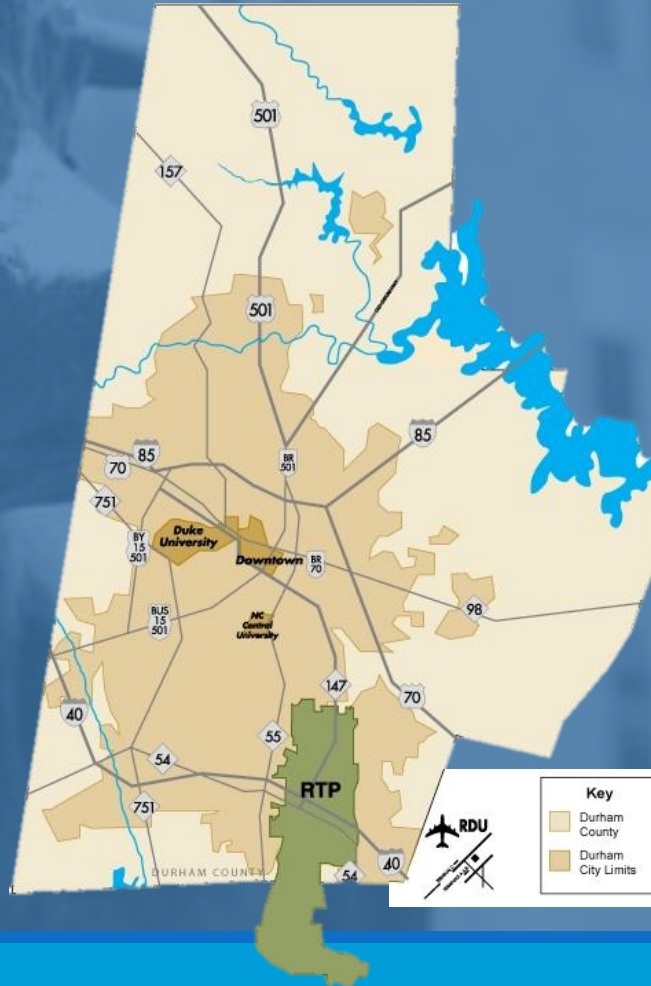


**CITY OF  
DURHAM**

**City Population**

**306,495**

4<sup>th</sup> most populous N.C. city



**DURHAM  
COUNTY**

**County Population**

**354,167**

6<sup>th</sup> most populous N.C. county

# Elected Leaders – City Council

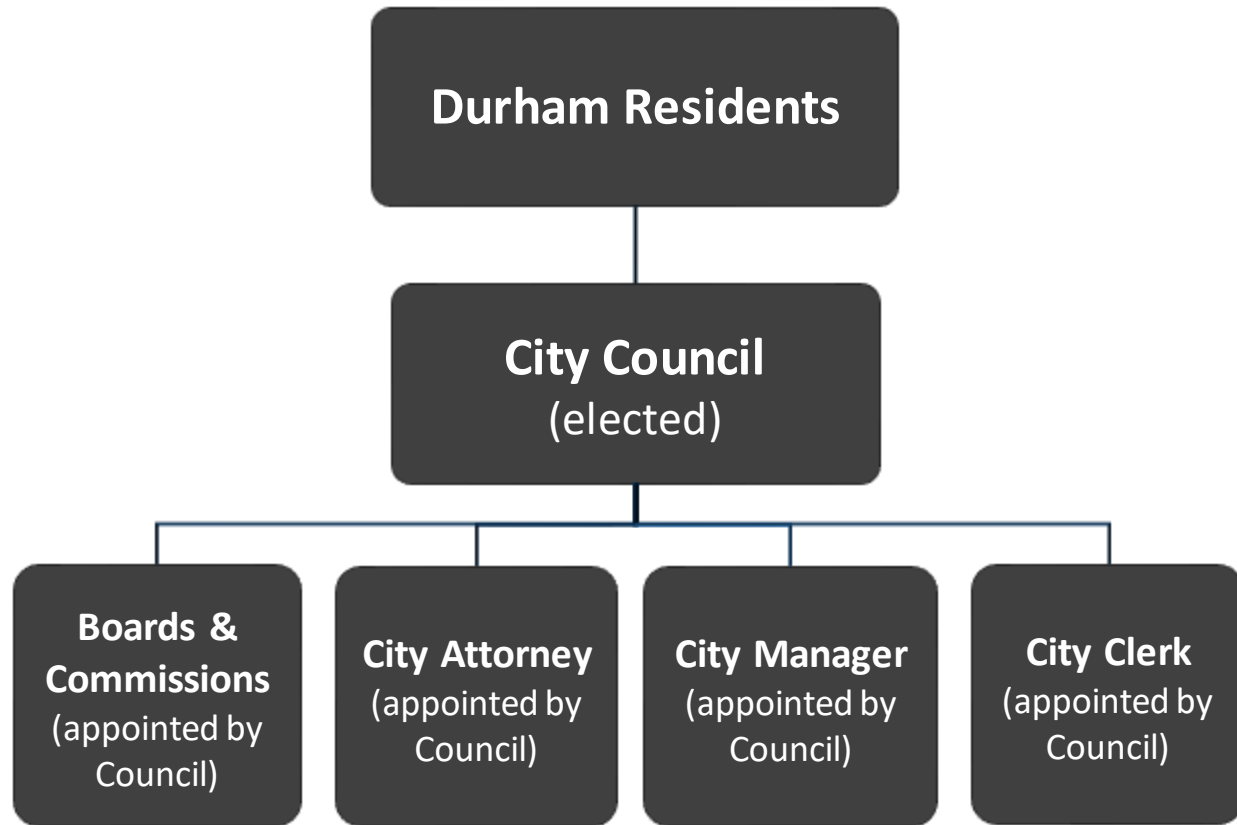
Mayor	Mayor Pro Temp	Councilmembers				
						
<b>Elaine O'Neal*</b>	<b>Mark-Anthony Middleton</b>	<b>Leonardo Williams</b>	<b>Javiera Caballero*</b>	<b>DeDreana Freeman</b>	<b>Jillian Johnson*</b>	<b>Monique Holsey-Hyman*</b>

- Seven members: three elected by ward and three elected at-large along with mayor
- Seats are staggered with elections held every two years, including this year



# Role & Structure of City Council

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- Legislative & policy-making body
- Appoints City Manager, City Attorney & City Clerk
- Appoints residents to more than 28 boards, committees, and commissions
- Enacts local ordinances & resolutions
- Approves contracts



# City Council Public Meetings

## City Council Work Sessions

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ 1 p.m.
- Council Chambers at City Hall
- Briefings and presentations prior to Council Meetings and public hearings

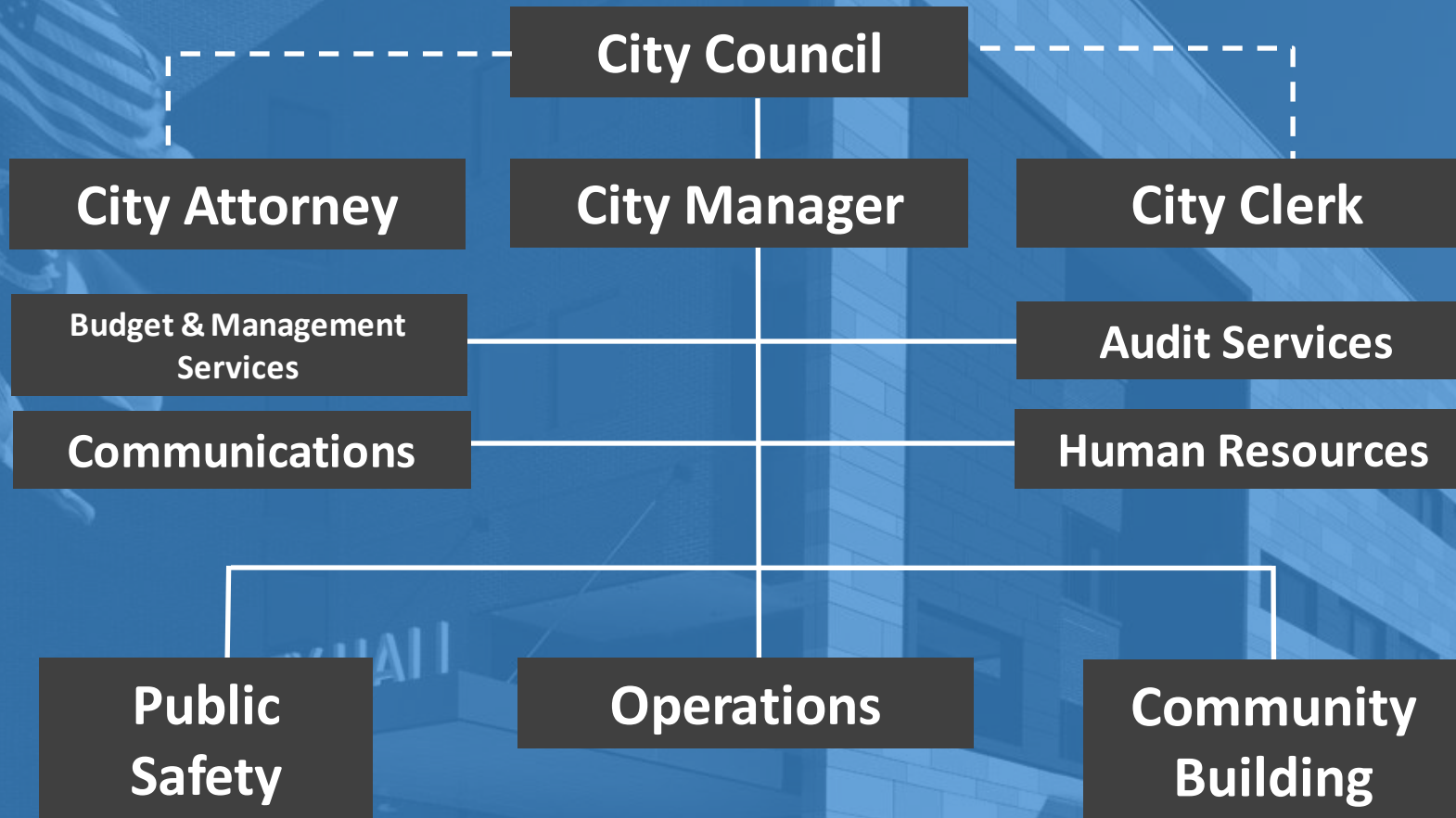
## City Council Meetings

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays @ 7 p.m.
- Council Chambers at City Hall

- Meetings and work sessions are held at City Hall and are open to public
- Meetings are broadcast live on DTN & live-streamed on YouTube, X/Twitter, and Facebook
- Work Sessions live-streamed on YouTube



# Council-Manager Form of Government



# Portfolio 1: City Manager

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- Audit Services
- Budget and Management Services
- Communications
- Human Resources

**City Manager**



Wanda S. Page

# Portfolio 2: Public Safety

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- Emergency Communications Center
- **City/County Emergency Management**
- **Community Safety**
- **Fire**
- **Police**

Deputy  
City Manager



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# Portfolio 3: Operations

- Finance
- Fleet Management
- General Services
- Public Works
- **Solid Waste Management**
- Technology Solutions
- Water Management

Deputy  
City Manager



Bertha Johnson



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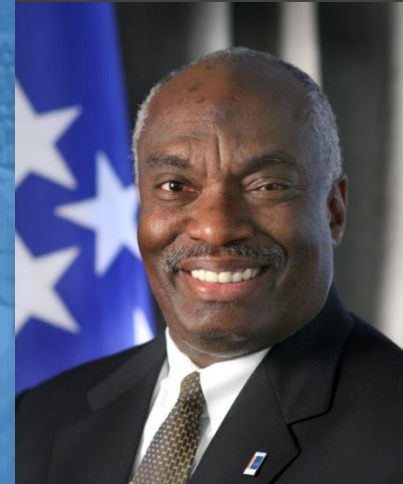
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# Portfolio 4: Community Building

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- City/County Inspections
- **City/County Planning**
- **Community Development**
- Economic & Workforce Development
- Equity & Inclusion
- **Neighborhood Improvement Services**
- **Parks and Recreation**
- Transportation

Deputy  
City Manager



Keith Chadwell



# Strategic Plan

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## ONE VISION

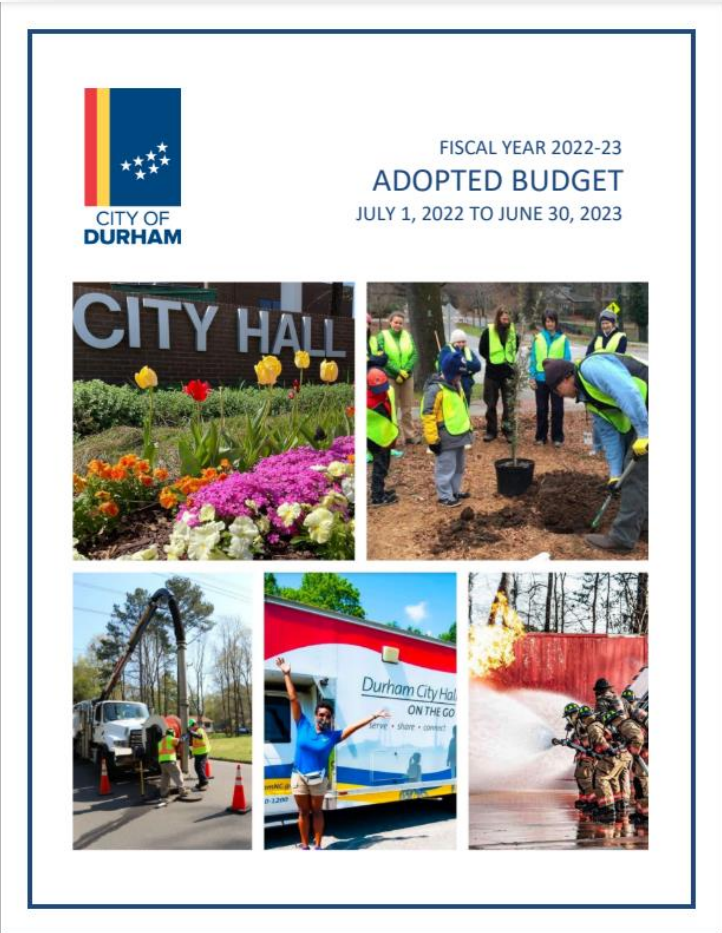
The City of Durham's Vision is to be the leading city in providing an excellent and sustainable quality of life.

## FIVE GOALS

1. Shared Economic Prosperity;
2. Creating a Safer Community Together;
3. Connected, Engaged, and Diverse Communities;
4. Innovative & High-Performing Organization; and
5. Sustainable, Natural, and Built Environment.




# Fiscal Responsibility

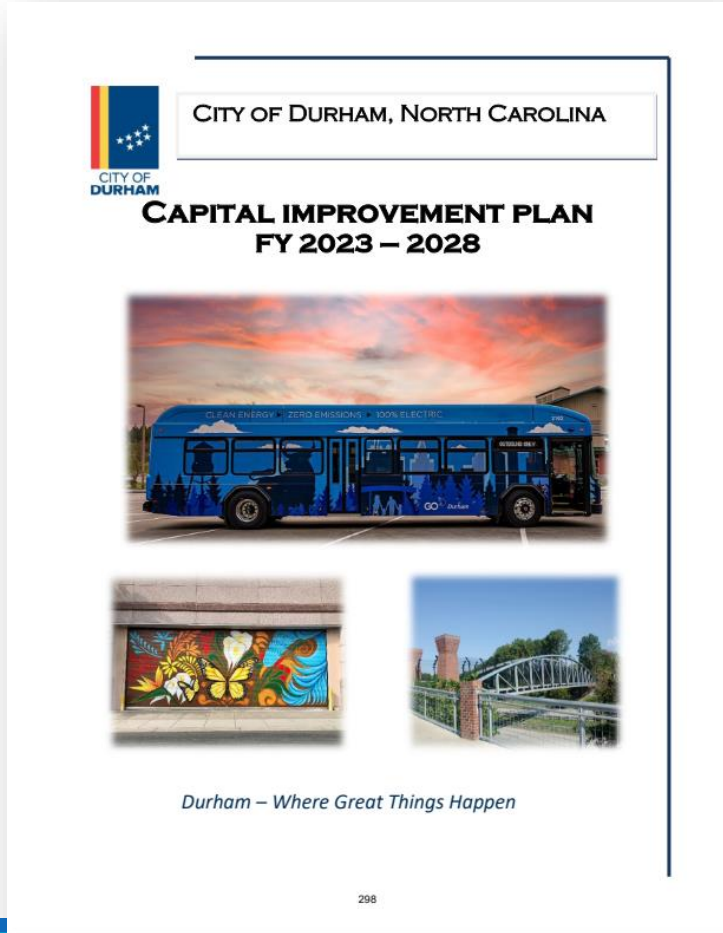



**CITY OF DURHAM**

FISCAL YEAR 2022-23  
**ADOPTED BUDGET**  
JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023




The collage features five images: top left shows 'CITY HALL' with colorful flowers; top right shows workers in safety vests planting a tree; bottom left shows a street sweeper; bottom middle shows a woman in a blue shirt standing next to a 'Durham City Hall ON THE GO' van; bottom right shows firefighters at a scene.



**CITY OF DURHAM**

CITY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**  
**FY 2023 – 2028**



The collage features three images: a blue electric bus with 'CLEAN ENERGY • ZERO EMISSIONS • 100% ELECTRIC' and 'GO Durham' text; a colorful mural of butterflies and flowers; and a modern stone and metal bridge over a river.

*Durham – Where Great Things Happen*

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# Budget by the Numbers

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024	
GENERAL FUND	31.55¢
DEBT	11.50¢
SOLID WASTE	5.59¢
TRANSIT	3.75¢
HOUSING	3.38¢
TOTAL RATE	55.77¢ PER \$100

- FY2023-24 total budget — \$610 million – largest budget passed
- Three national recognitions from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).
- AAA bond rating as ranked by Fitch, Standards & Poors, and Moody's

*Tax rate includes 0.50 cents of capital funding to support equitable and green infrastructure projects.*



# Closing the Digital Divide

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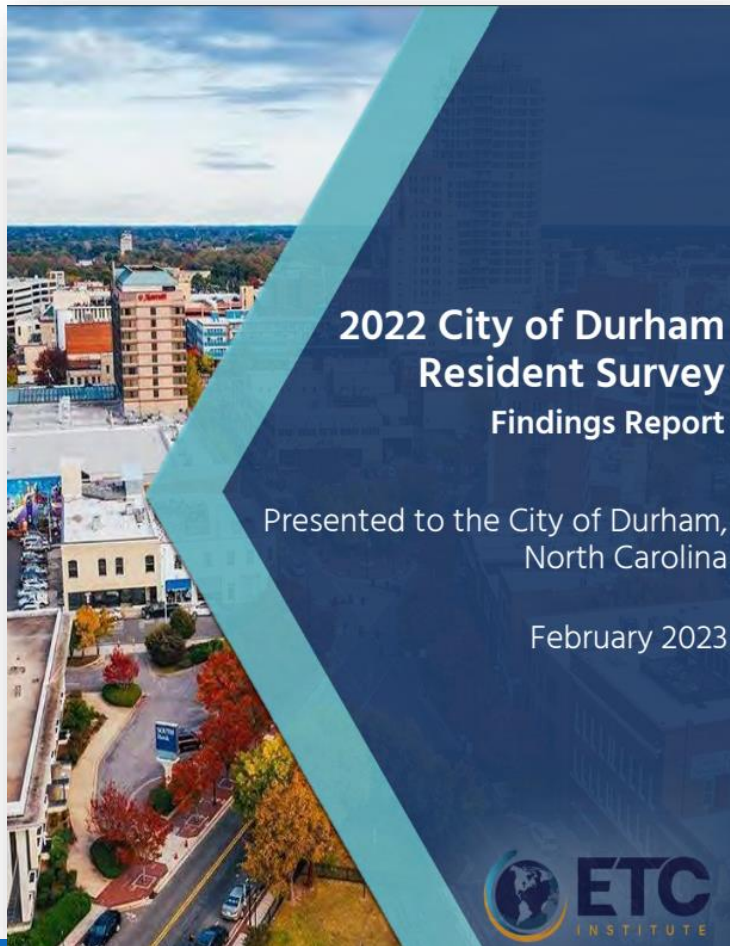
## Durham Housing Authority Network Project:

- McDougald Terrace
- Oxford Manor
- Cornwallis Road
- Hoover Road
- Damar Court
- Goley Pointe
- Club Boulevard
- Edgemont Elms

**Additional efforts have included funding a Digital Inclusion Manager position and developing a Digital Inclusion Program to increase digital literacy.**



# Resident Satisfaction



- **82%** — excellent or good place to live
- **76%** — satisfied with the Overall Quality of Life in their Neighborhood
- **Highest satisfaction levels for City services:**
  - Fire and life safety programming
  - Water and Sewer Utilities
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Customer Service from City Employees
- **Overall community-wide priorities:**
  - Police Protection
  - Public schools
  - Maintenance of city streets
  - Pedestrian facilities
  - GoDurham public transit system
  - Ease of travel within Durham



# Stay Informed

## Website

[durhamnc.gov](http://durhamnc.gov)

Your hub for City information, events, and more.

## City Connect

[Sign up](#) on our website to receive bi-weekly recaps in your inbox.

## Durham Digest

Quarterly resident newsletter distributed with water bills.

## Social Media

[Facebook](#)

@CityofDurhamNC

[X \(Formerly Twitter\)](#)

@CityofDurhamNC

[Instagram](#)

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## Durham Television Network (DTN)

[Bull City Today](#), [Bull City Wrap](#)

Get a recap of City News with our short video updates

[City Life](#)

Monthly talk show on City issues & upcoming events

DTN is available on Spectrum Channel 8, Frontier Channel 70 and AT&T U-verse Channel 99, as well as Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV on the free Boxcast app

## Durham One Call

**919-560-1200**

Your central point of contact for City of Durham information and services

[Call, use the mobile app, or submit a request via our online request form.](#)





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