



# 2010 State of the County Address

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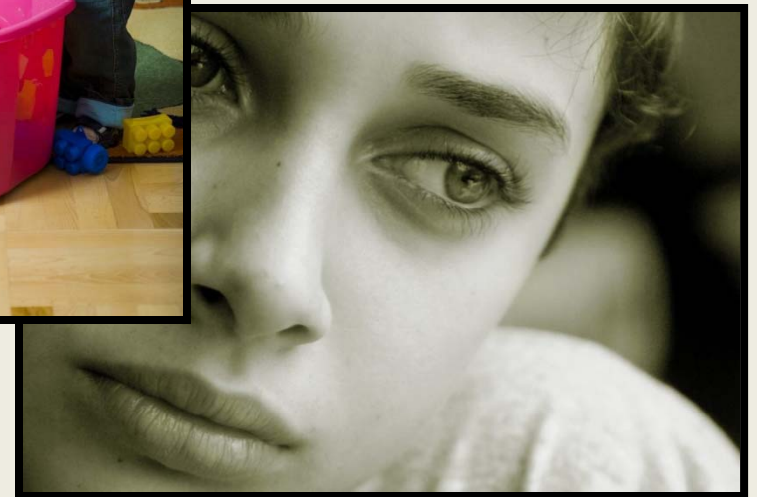
# **2009 Durham County Government Overview**

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# Durham County Services



**Durham County  
Government fares  
better than many local  
governments and  
avoids cuts to services.**



# Durham County Services



In 2009, the State of NC faced a \$5 billion budget shortfall, driving choices made on a local level.



Credit: Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau

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# Financial Vitality



Despite economic downturn, Durham County maintains Triple A bond rating.

# Financial Vitality

Durham County proceeds with building several major capital projects that will benefit taxpayers in the long run.



Durham County Human Services Complex located at 414 Main Street.

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# Financial Vitality



The economic slump led contractors across the region to reduce costs and bid proposals. Durham County saved just \$20 million on the Human Services project and the projected cost of the courthouse project.





# Financial Vitality

## 2009-2010 Tax Base

- \$29,027,441,495

## 2010-2011 Estimated Tax Base

- \$29,418,356,834

Property tax base has increased only 1.3% vs. the average of 3% seen in the past years.

### Tax Base includes:

- Real Property
- Personal Property
- Public Service
- Registered Motor Vehicles

# Financial Vitality



Credit: EMC



Commissioners provided economic incentives to EMC Corporation and Innovative Emergency Management. IEM will create 400+ jobs in the county.

# Stimulus



Durham County's Stimulus Package has brought nearly \$21 million dollars directly to or passed through the County to help provide public services and to jumpstart the economy.

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# Stimulus



**Lincoln Community Health Center receives nearly \$2 million in stimulus funds to improve operations and to construct more exam rooms.**

# Health and Human Services



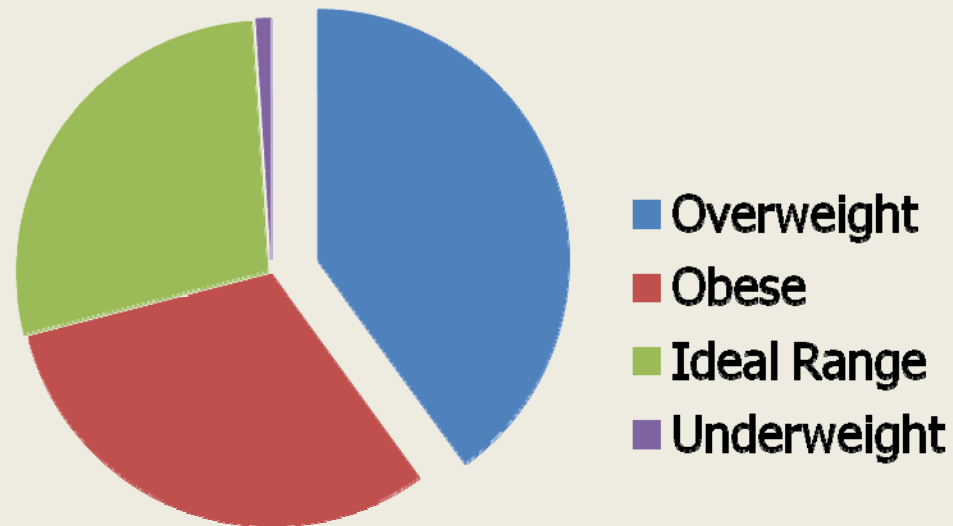
# Health and Human Services

Thousands of people were vaccinated at the County's H1N1 Clinics.



# Health and Human Services

Durham Adults by Body Mass Index group  
(2008)



Credit: State Center for Health Statistics, NC  
Department of Health and Human Services.  
NC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance  
Survey

# Health and Human Services

- **Overweight, obesity and some chronic conditions such as diabetes are increasing among children and adults.**
- **Racial minorities have a 128% higher rate of mortality from diabetes compared to whites.**

Credit: Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of NC



# Health and Human Services

- Durham's teen pregnancy rate is slightly higher than the average in NC.
- Hispanic teens (ages 15-19) have a pregnancy rate 3X the Durham County rate.
- 600 pregnancies among teens ages 15-19.
- 14 pregnancies among 10-14.

Credit: Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of NC

# Health and Human Services



**Durham Center Access located  
at 309 Crutchfield Street.**

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# Community Collaborative



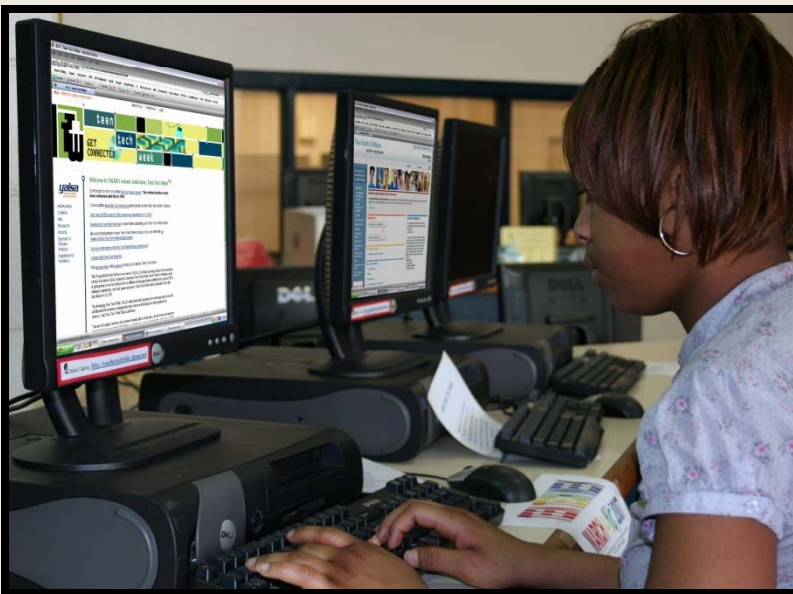
**In August, Durham County joined Durham Public Schools, the City of Durham and Duke University Health Systems to open the new Holton Career and Resource Center.**



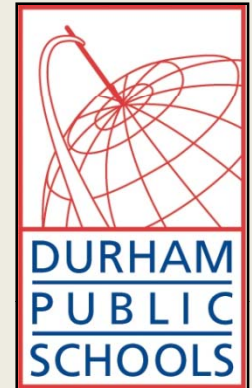
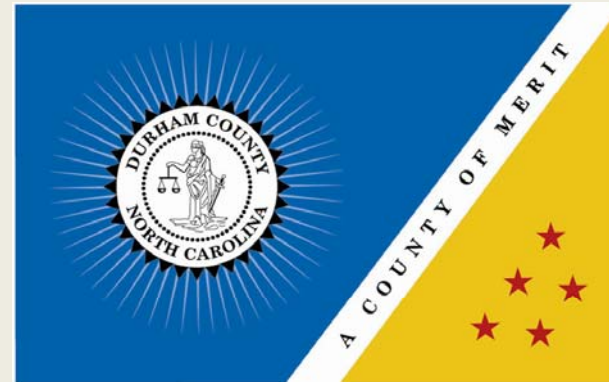
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# Community Collaborative

Computers 4 Kids, a community collaborative launched to provide surplus desktop computers to deserving children, successfully placed nearly 100 computers in nearly 100 homes.



Credit: Durham Public Schools



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# Community Collaborative

Durham County employees volunteered with Habitat for Humanity of Durham to build an eco-friendly home, near downtown Durham, during National County Government Week.



# Capital Improvement Projects



In July, the Museum of Life and Science's BioQuest expansion was completed with the opening of the new Dinosaur Trail.



Credit: Museum of Life and Science

# Capital Improvement Projects



The Board of County Commissioners and County officials broke ground on the new Human Services Complex in April.



# Capital Improvement Projects



The newly constructed  
Animal Control  
Building received Silver  
LEED Certification.



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# Capital Improvement Projects



South Regional Library and Southwest Regional Library were among 2009 building projects.

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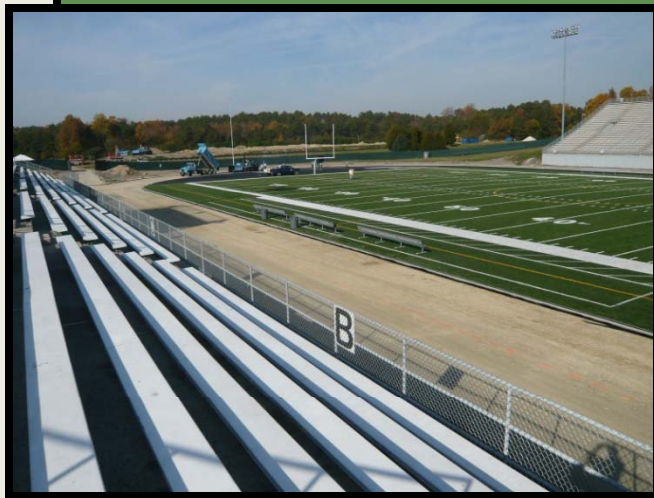
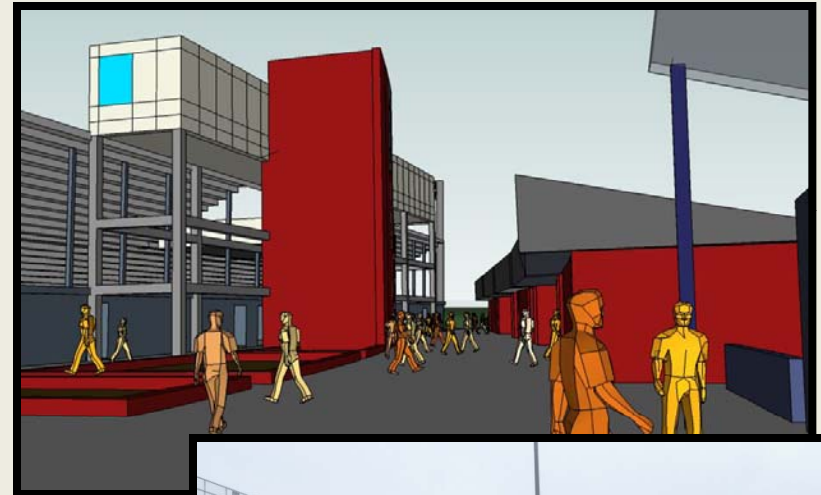
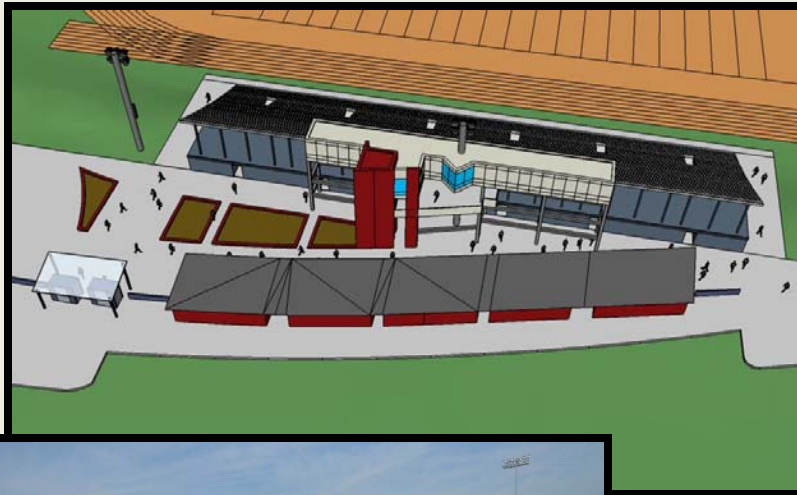
# Capital Improvement Projects



**Renovations at Lincoln  
Community Health Center  
completed fall 2009.**

# Capital Improvement Projects

## Durham County Stadium



# Awards and Recognitions

## Durham Library

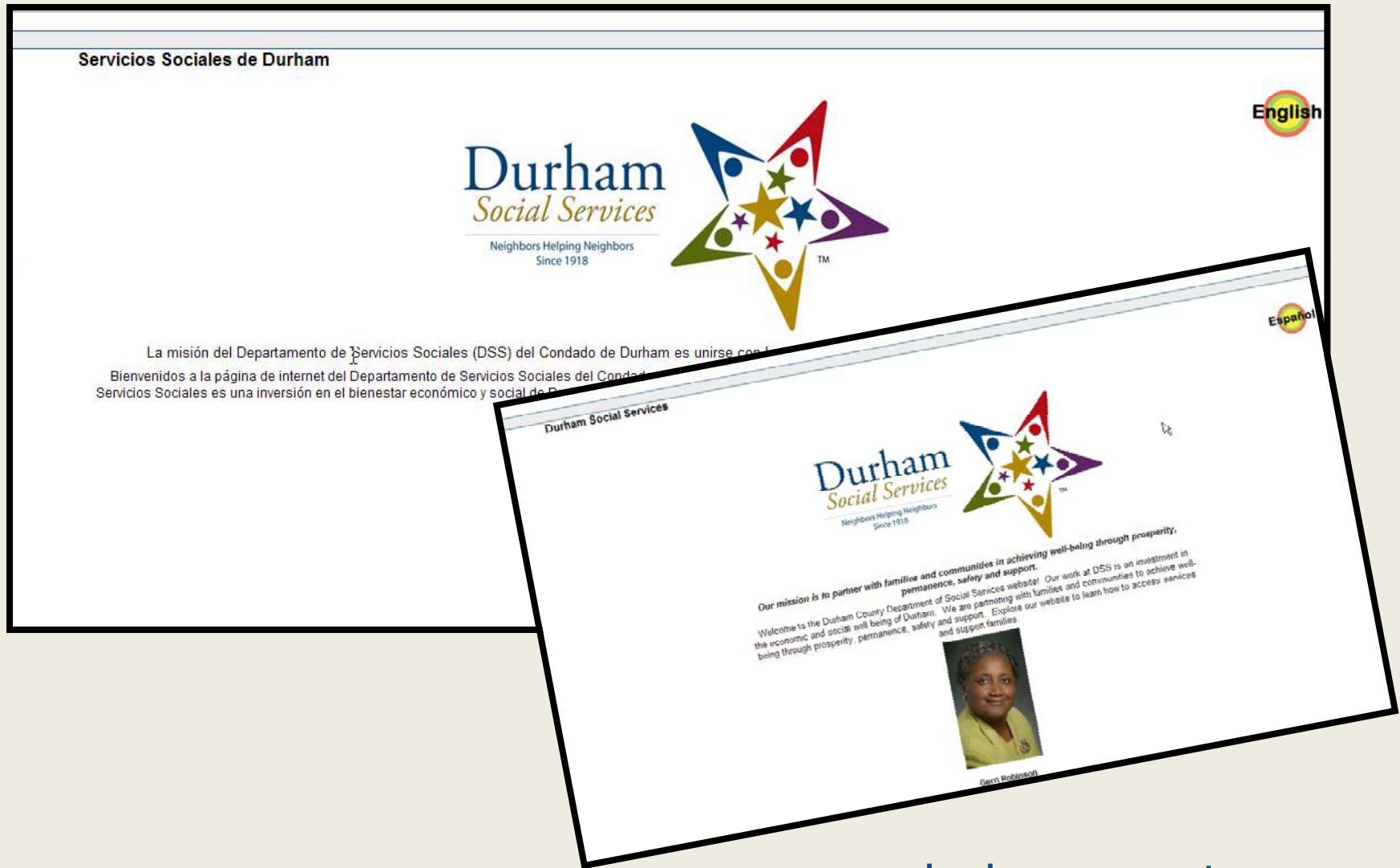
- GenText Book Club
- Get Set, Get Ready, Let's Read!
- Poetry for Everyone
- Write On!



## Durham Department of Social Services

- Guardianship Assistance Program

# Awards and Recognitions



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**Eddie Culberson,  
named Employee of  
the Year Award by  
the N. C. Association  
of Soil and Water  
Conservation  
Districts.**



**Skip Auld,  
named the  
2009  
Distinguished  
Alumnus of the  
School of  
Information  
and Library  
Science at UNC  
Chapel Hill.**

# Enhanced Technology and Communications

The image displays two overlapping screenshots of the Durham County Government website. The background screenshot shows the 'Register of Deeds' page, which includes contact information for Willie L. Covington, a list of services, and a 'Department Function' section. A yellow callout box highlights information about birth and death records. The foreground screenshot is an inset of the 'Official Public Records' search page, featuring a 'Main Menu', search options for 'OPR Standard', 'OPR Pre-standard', and 'CQTT Index', and a 'Uniform Commercial Code' section.

**Durham County Government**  
The Official Website

Home Services Departments News Jobs Public Records F.A.Q. Calendar Community Links Search

**Register of Deeds**

**Department Function**  
The mission of the Register of Deeds is to act as legal custodian of all land titles and all land transaction documents in and other office users that is exemplary and state of the art for the industry. As legal custodian of land transactions and deeds of trust, uniform commercial codes (UCCs), corporations, assumed names, military records, and other legal records, the Register of Deeds has the responsibility and liability for canceling deeds of trust and the oath to notaries public.

**Durham County birth and death records to be obtained**  
Durham County Register of Deeds Willie Covington has certified copies of birth and death records must be requested from the County Register of Deeds Office, located on the ground floor of the County Building, at 200 East Main Street, Records will not be available through Friday. For more information call (919) 560-0480.

**Announcement Letter**  
Notice in English

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Durham County citizens can obtain a certified copy of your deed, please visit our website for more information. 919-560-0480.

**Official Public Records**

**OPR Standard**  
Documents recorded from 1/1/1995 to current, including Temporary Index Documents available as they are recorded. (Book/Page 2048915 to current).

**OPR Pre-standard**  
Includes documents recorded 1/1/1994 to 12/31/1994. (Book / Page - 11421659 to 2048913).

**CQTT Index**  
1981-1983 - To search by name, enter the last name and a portion or all of the first name for an individual/business; for a corporation, enter the corporation name, index to Deeds/Platpages (Grants/Grantees), index to Plats/Maps, Corporations, and Assumed Names can also be retrieved using the index before Book 1142.

**Maps/Plats**  
Includes Plats/Maps after 1995 can be searched in OPR, index to Plats/Maps before 1995 can be searched using the CQTT Index (Book/ CQTT Index), then select index Range Field. (A4) Plats/Maps can be retrieved at this link or by entering Book/Page number using the OPR Standard link.)

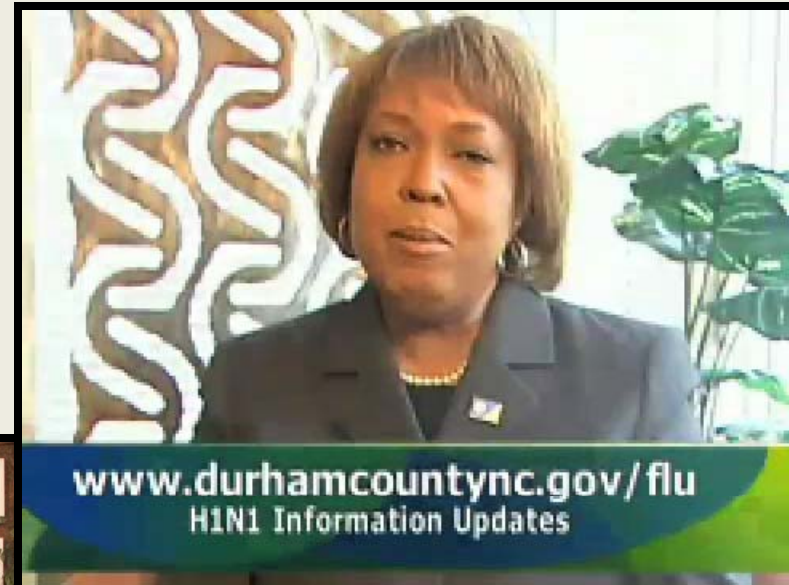
**Uniform Commercial Code**  
The Uniform Commercial Code is a collection of laws setting forth procedures by which claims may be secured against collateral used for a loan. As of July 31, 2001, UCCs are no longer filed in the UCC Records of the Register of Deeds. Please contact the Secretary of State.

Uniform Commercial Code Search

For issues with this software please check the FAQ

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# Enhanced Technology and Communications





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# Community Circle Award

- Durham County Health Department's Nutrition Division
- Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club
- Durham City-County CrimeStoppers Incorporated
- Alliance of AIDS Services – Carolina
- New Beginnings Outreach CDC
- Legacy Center
- Hold Your Head Up



# A Look Ahead

**"...we must be more fiscally conservative."**



**"Know that we will tighten our belts... and work to provide the best service level possible for our citizens."**

**"...recovery will be steady, but slow."**

# A Look Ahead

- **Conversations with Commissioners this March.**
  - **North Durham Regional Library**
  - **Holton School**
  - **Parkwood Library**



**Thank You**  
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