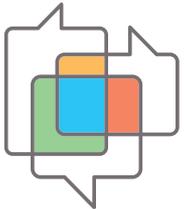




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# WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS



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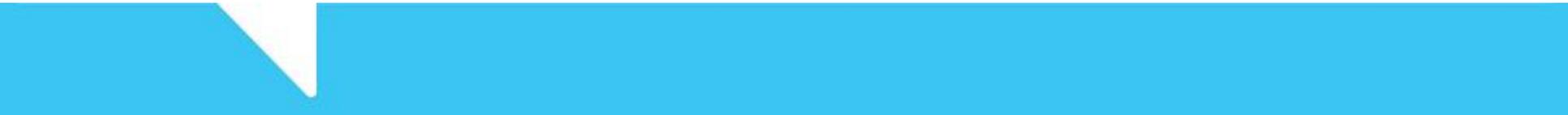
# OVERVIEW & INTENT

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## Overview

- ▶ Community growth – **anticipate 1 million by 2030.**
- ▶ Need for a community-wide plan.
- ▶ Community stakeholders validated the opportunity to knit together resources.

## Intent

- ▶ Ensure quality of life within our community.
  - ▶ Create an **engagement infrastructure.**
  - ▶ Increase coordination; foster innovation and creativity.
  - ▶ Avoid duplication of efforts; address service gaps within our community.
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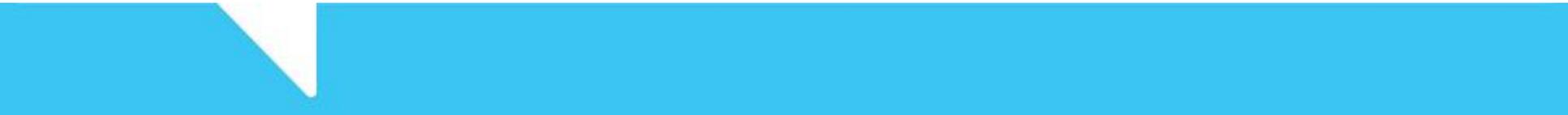
# TODAY'S OBJECTIVES & AGENDA

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## Objectives:

- ▶ Educate Partners on Trends and Impacts
- ▶ Highlight Actions/Behaviors/Programs for Partners

## Agenda:

- ▶ Education & Impacts
  - ▶ Q&A with the Panel
  - ▶ Livable Meck Commitment Exercise
  - ▶ Closing Remarks
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# FOOD WASTE

## RELEVANT GUIDING PRINCIPLES & STRATEGIES

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**Healthy**

- Create a culture of health and wellness

**Resilient**

- Manage resources wisely

<b>Guiding Principles</b>	 <b>WELCOMING</b>	 <b>INNOVATIVE</b>	 <b>CONNECTED</b>	 <b>INCLUSIVE</b>	 <b>PREPARED</b>	 <b>HEALTHY</b>	 <b>RESILIENT</b>
<b>Descriptors</b>	Character. Entertainment. Opportunity. Safe Neighborhoods.	Jobs. Entrepreneurship. Commerce.	Engaged Residents. Transportation Choices.	Community. Participation.	A Skilled Workforce. Quality Education.	Physical Activity. Healthy Foods. Clean Environment.	Future Well-being. Collaboration.
<b>Strategies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build safe neighborhoods</li> <li>• Increase access to community-based arts, science, and history education</li> <li>• Continue to be an inviting destination for residents, visitors and businesses</li> <li>• Celebrate and integrate history, culture and diversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make it easier for new businesses to succeed and existing businesses to flourish</li> <li>• Increase global economic competitiveness</li> <li>• Promote the redevelopment, reuse, and rehabilitation of declining and vacant properties</li> <li>• Leverage technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand capacity and increase use of sidewalks, bikeways, greenways/ paved trails, bus routes, and rail</li> <li>• Build stronger connections across diverse population groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance available housing options</li> <li>• Coordinate the work of organizations addressing the needs of at-risk residents</li> <li>• Expand the availability of affordable recreation and cultural services programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand and enhance learning across all age groups</li> <li>• Enhance partnerships between workforce development initiatives and employers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a culture of health and wellness</li> <li>• Protect and restore the natural environment</li> <li>• Coordinate open space, greenways/ paved trails, and parks planning with neighborhood accessibility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage zoning and development to revitalize community character and the natural environment while allowing for growth and innovation</li> <li>• Manage resources wisely</li> <li>• Develop community and neighborhood leaders for the future</li> </ul>

# SUSTAIN CHARLOTTE

Why is food waste a problem for Mecklenburg County?

- Low economic mobility
- Geographic disparity in food access
- Skyrocketing land values = running out of landfill space

# SUSTAIN CHARLOTTE

“My lifetime ratio of bananas purchased to bananas eaten is running about 5 to 1” – Conan O’Brien

Carbon footprint of food includes its **production, transportation, and waste.**

# SUSTAIN CHARLOTTE

Mecklenburg households are already cost-burdened by housing + transportation expenses. ([htaindex.cnt.org](http://htaindex.cnt.org))

- 30% of income is spent on housing + 23% of income is spent on transportation.
- Recommended threshold for affordability is  $\leq 45\%$ .

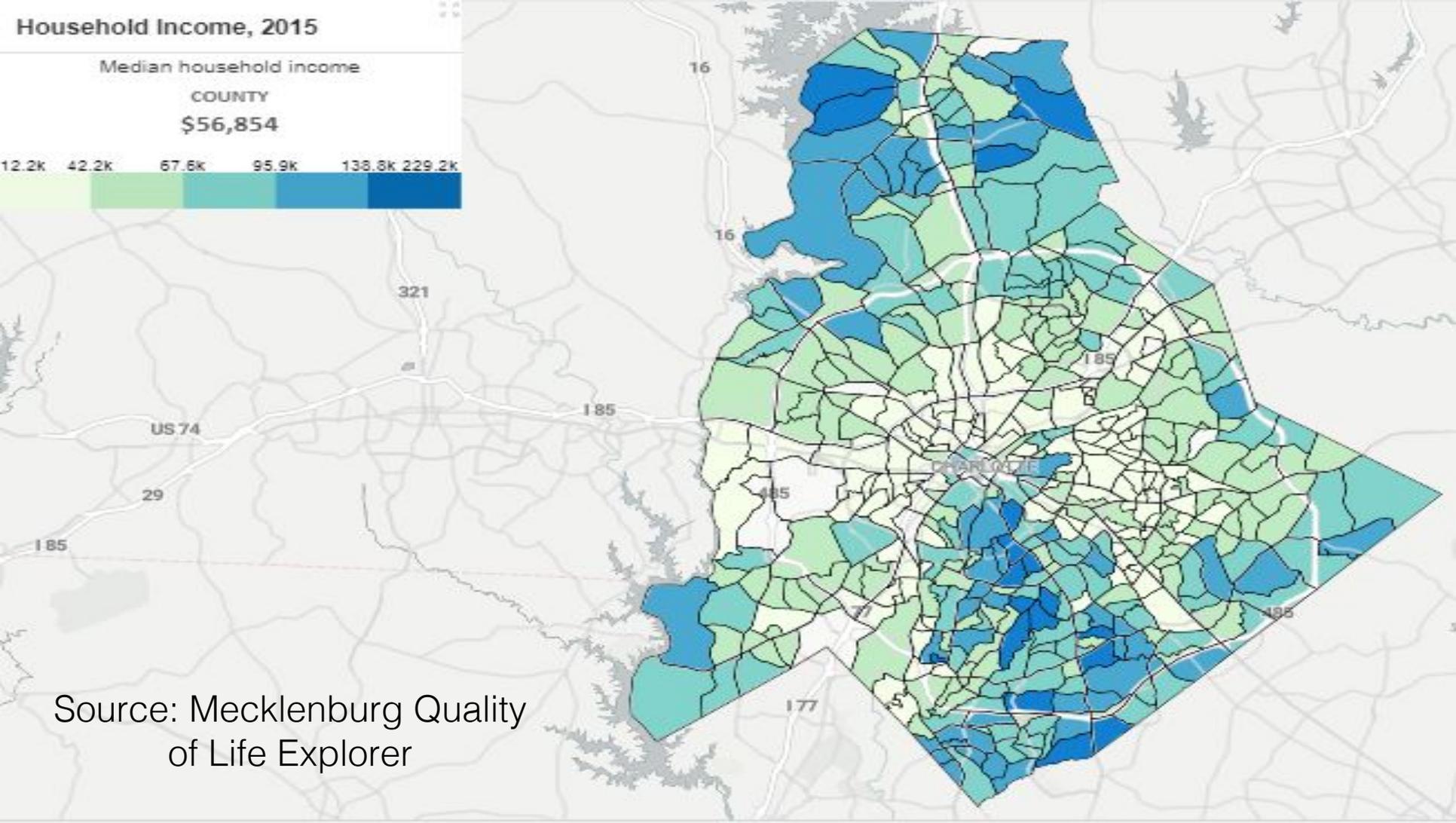
# Household Income, 2015

Median household income

COUNTY

\$56,854

12.2k 42.2k 67.6k 95.9k 138.8k 229.2k



Source: Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer

# mecklenburg county, nc

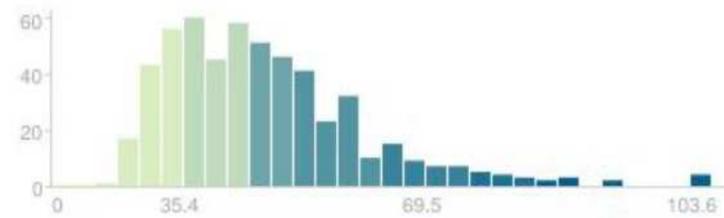
County: Mecklenburg, NC

**H+T Costs % Income: 53%**

Housing: 30% Transportation: 23%

Fact Sheet

Housing + Transportation Costs % Income



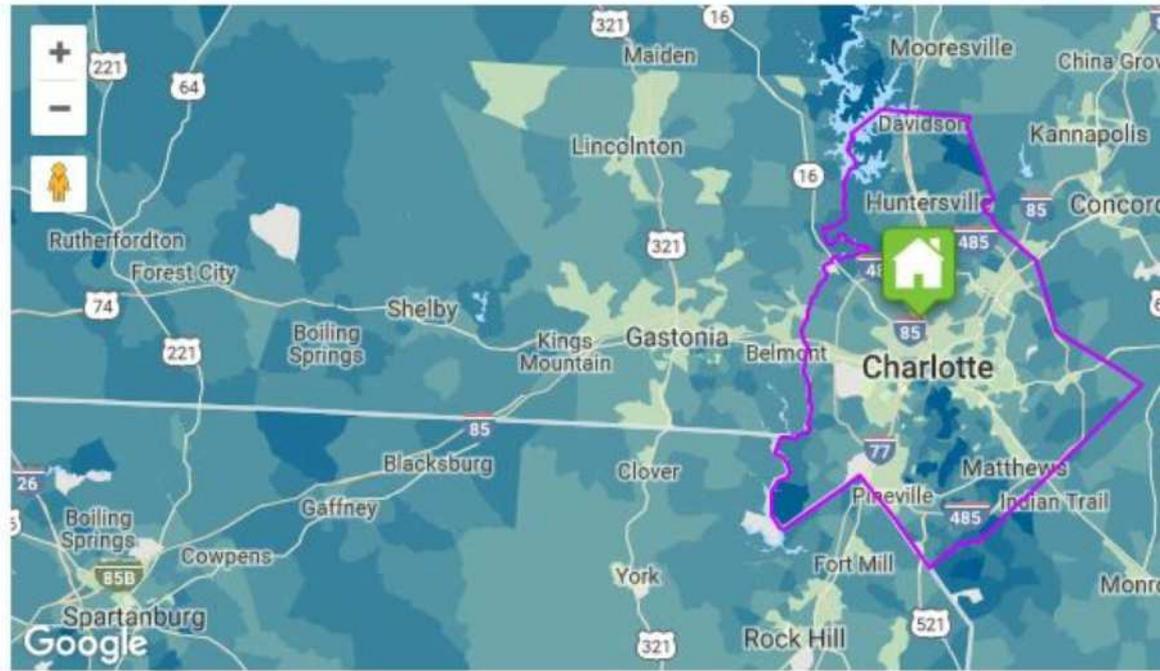
Housing + Transportation Costs % Income

Average: 53% Range: 24 - 116

Population	Household	Neighborhood
		Population
		% of Population
< 24%		1,293
		0.1%
24 - 36%		35,181
		3.6%
36 - 45%		251,417
		25.6%
45 - 54%		282,439
		28.7%
54 - 66%		274,728
		28%
66 - 78%		85,186
		8.7%
78 - 87%		26,231
		2.7%
87% +		26,286
		2.7%
Total		982,761
		100%

Household:  Regional Typical  Regional Moderate  National Typical

Income: \$53,076 Commuters: 1.17 workers Household Size: 2.64 people



Housing + Transportation Costs % Income

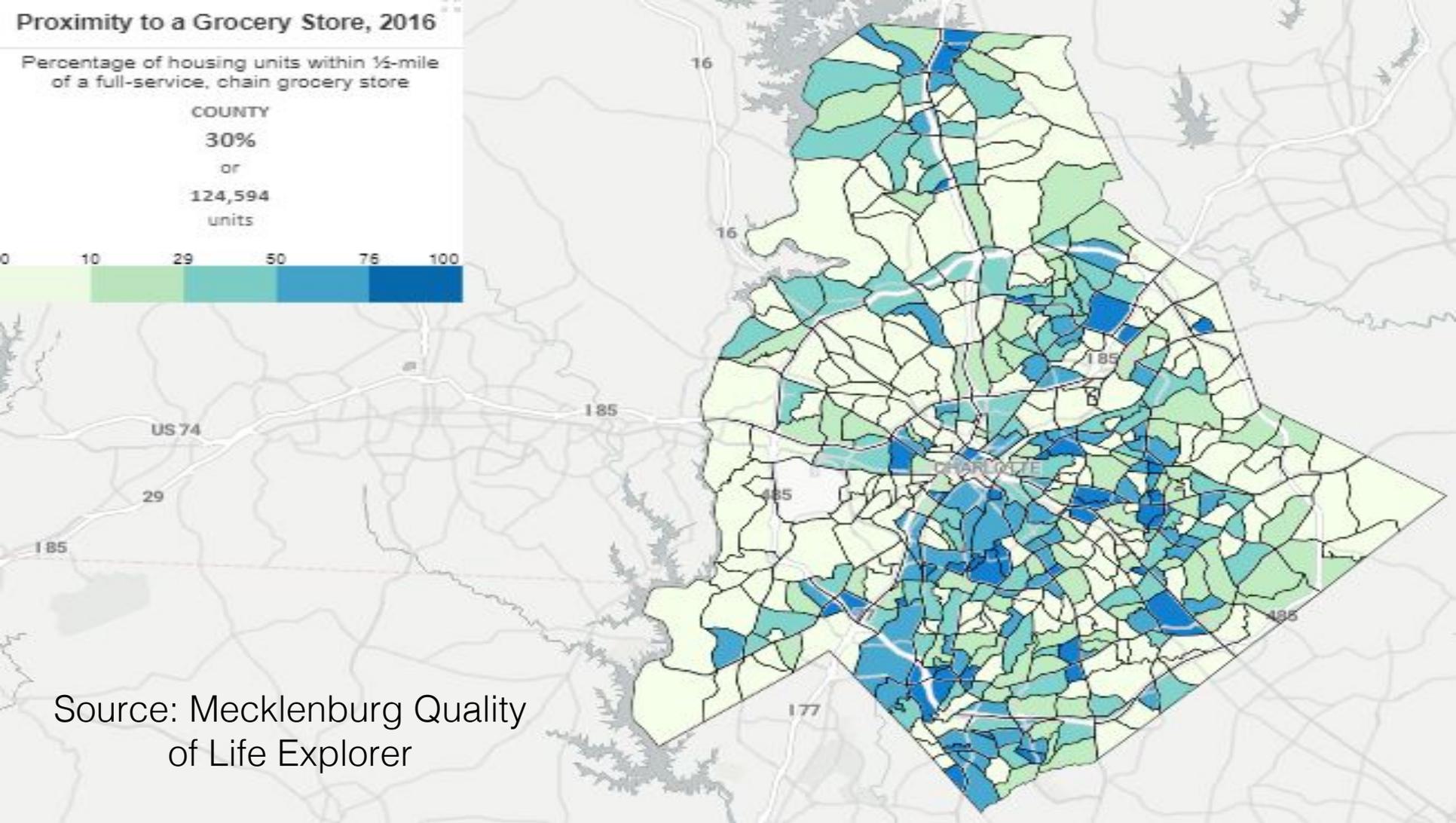


Source: H&T Index

# Proximity to a Grocery Store, 2016

Percentage of housing units within 1/8-mile of a full-service, chain grocery store

COUNTY  
30%  
or  
124,594  
units



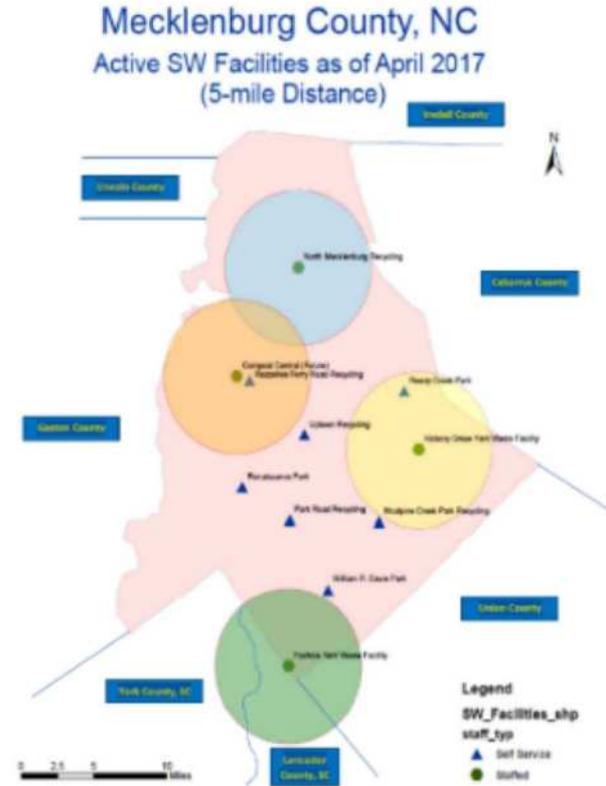
Source: Mecklenburg Quality of Life Explorer

# CURRENT FACILITIES

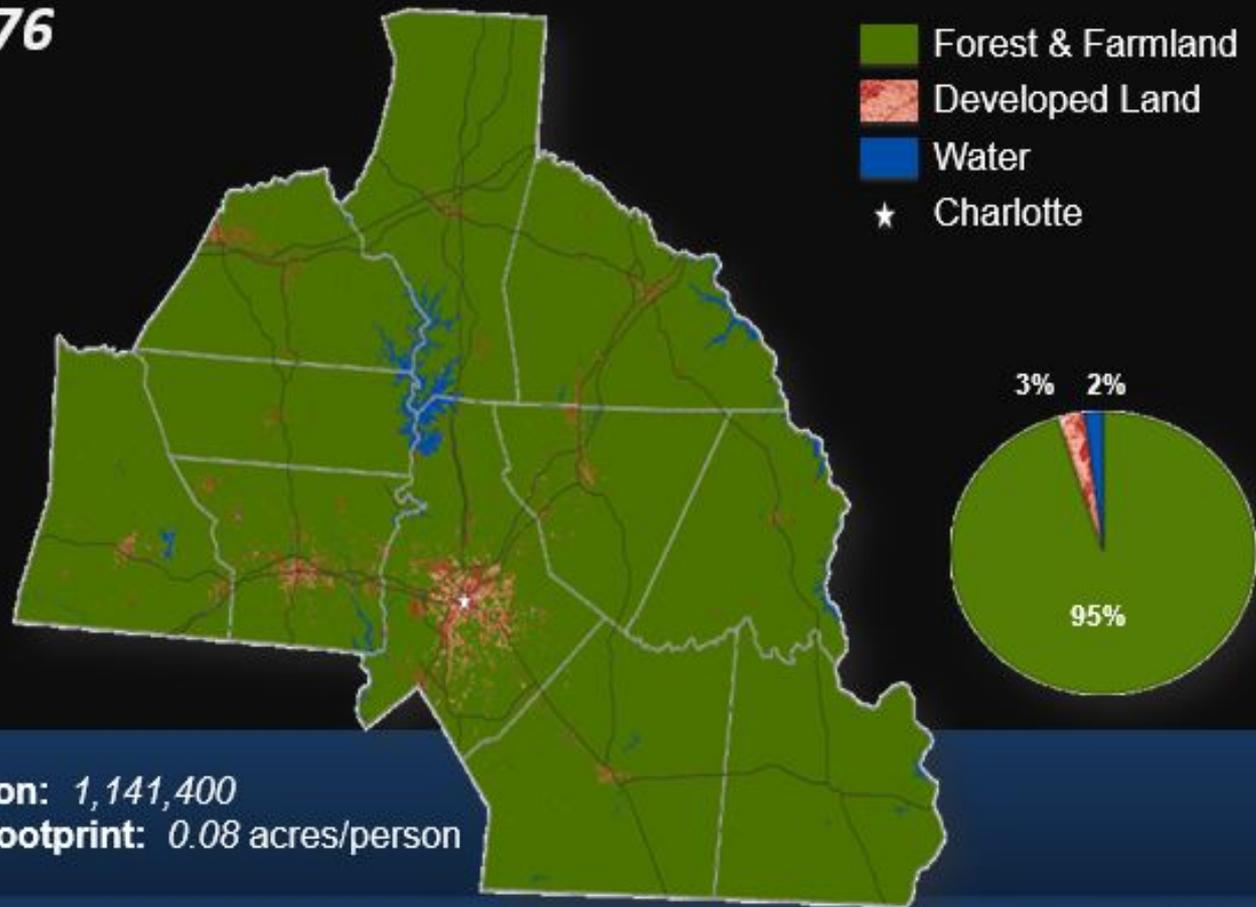
Full Service Centers:

- North Meck
- Hickory Grove
- Compost Central
- Foxhole
- *Metal and Tire Site\**

7 Remote Recycling Sites



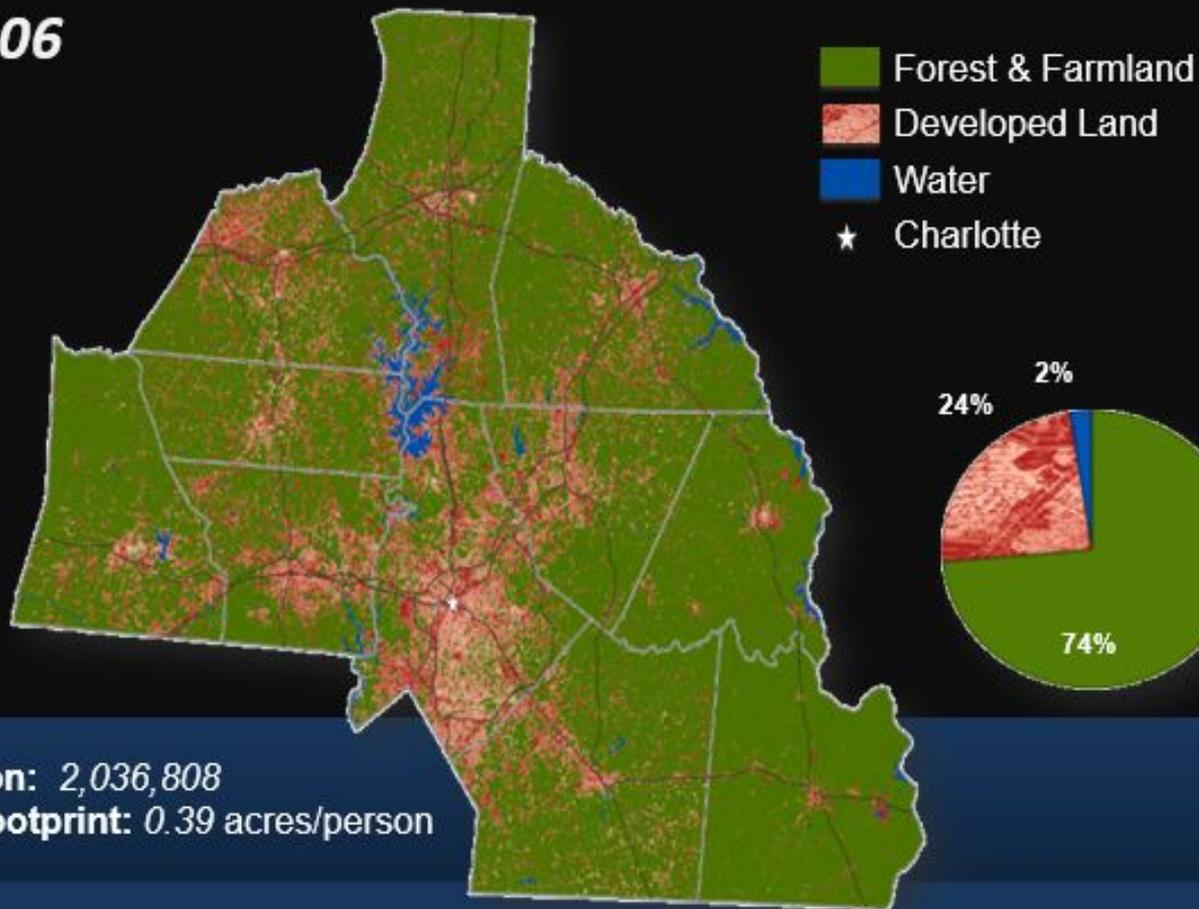
**1976**



**Population:** 1,141,400  
**Human footprint:** 0.08 acres/person

**Source:** UNC Charlotte Urban Institute

**2006**

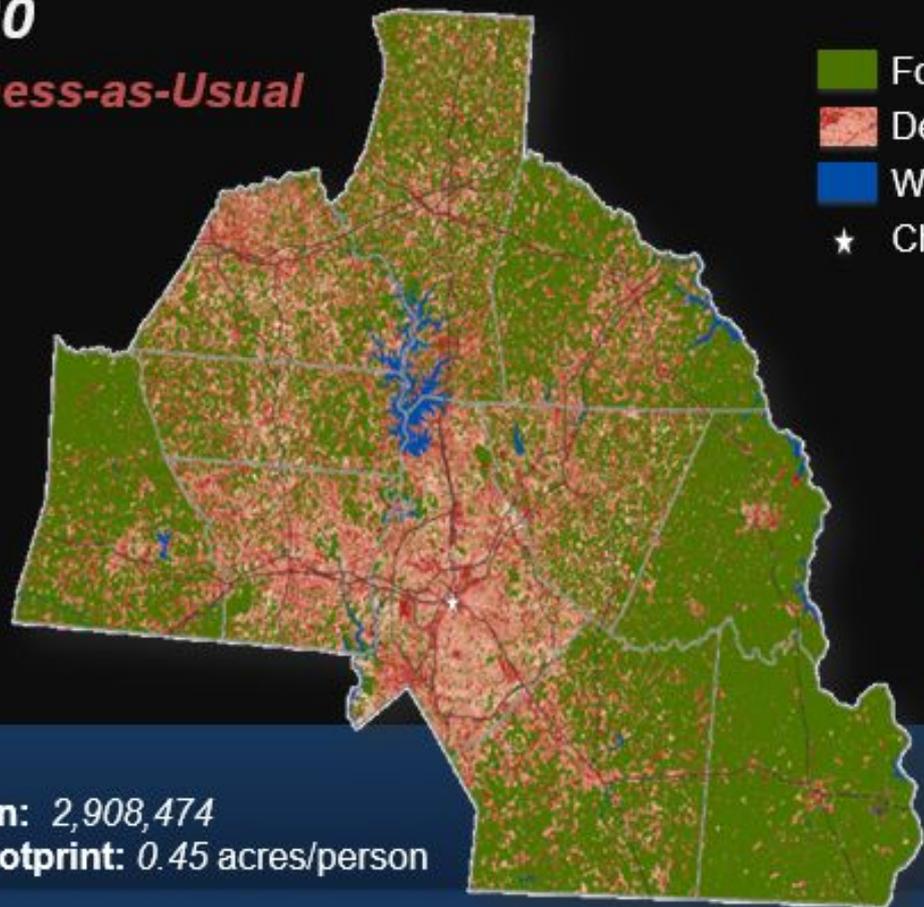


**Population:** 2,036,808  
**Human footprint:** 0.39 acres/person

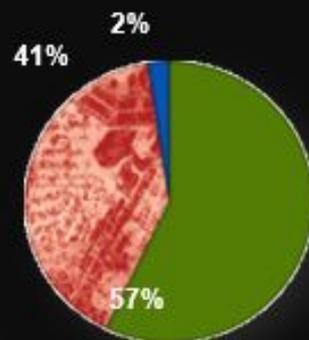
**Source:** UNC Charlotte Urban Institute

**2030**

***Business-as-Usual***



- Forest & Farmland
- Developed Land
- Water
- ★ Charlotte



**Population:** 2,908,474  
**Human footprint:** 0.45 acres/person

**Source:** *UNC Charlotte Urban Institute*

# CITY OF CHARLOTTE SOLID WASTE

There is a **direct connection** between your health and the environment.



# CITY OF CHARLOTTE SOLID WASTE

## Diseases linked to pollution:

1. Heart Disease
2. Stroke
3. Cancer
4. Asthma
5. Kidney Disease



# CITY OF CHARLOTTE SOLID WASTE

**Methane Gas = Food Waste**

# CITY OF CHARLOTTE SOLID WASTE

1. Reuse
2. Upcycle
3. Recycle
4. Compost

# CITY OF CHARLOTTE SOLID WASTE



HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES

# FOOD:

TOO GOOD TO WASTE

COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

# CROWN TOWN COMPOST

143,000 tons (20%)



*"Mecklenburg County NC Food Waste Diversion Study  
Final Report." Mecklenburg County NC Government.  
March 2012.*

# CROWN TOWN COMPOST

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**\$1,500 per  
Family Each  
Year**



# CROWN TOWN COMPOST

Losing Nutrients

Healthy Soil = Healthy Food



# CROWN TOWN COMPOST

Compost!

At home or use a  
composting service.



# PANEL DISCUSSION

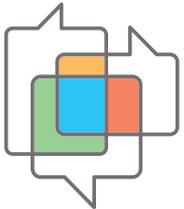
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# A CALL TO ACTION



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# CALL TO ACTION

## Table Discussion; Commitment Card

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- As a Partner organization, what will you do this week?
- As a Partner organization, what will you do this year?
- To accomplish your commitments, would you like to collaborate with other Livable Meck Partners? If so, who?
- Are there supports (i.e. engage, facilitate, measure, or communicate) Livable Meck could offer you as you take action?

# NEXT STEPS

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- ▶ **GET STARTED on your commitments** to reduce food waste.
- ▶ **Complete** the post-café survey via email.
- ▶ **Follow** Livable Meck on Facebook and Twitter
- ▶ **Take a role** in the Community-wide Priority Setting Sessions in FY19 as Connector, Promoter, or Host. *See Rebecca Herbert for details.*