



TOWN OF EAST SPENCER

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EAST SPENCER PROJECTS LIST

1. **Gateway Plan.** Plan for development of I-85 Exit 79 including Andrews Street corridor, Choate Road and vicinity. Plan adopted March 2015. Includes development standards, zoning, options for purchase of properties, and utility planning. Area involves roughly 250 + acres.
2. **CDBG 11-C-2371, \$ 500,000 Grant for Housing Rehab.** Repairs to 15 Low-income and Very Low-income homes and rehab of 5 dwellings. Town has completed repair of 12 homes and completed rehab of 4 others to date.
3. **Community Health Clinic.** Grant of \$ 1,060,000 to Cabarrus Rowan Health District for equipping and startup cost of the North Rowan clinic. Plans are to build a new facility in Town of East Spencer by 2017.
4. **UNC-DFI Agreement on the School Administration Building Redevelopment.** Agreement with UNC-SOG Development Finance Initiative to redevelop the School Board Administrative Building in 2015-2016. Includes finding private sector partners and negotiations with selected developers.
5. **Demolition of Dilapidated Homes.** Removal and clearance of 45 dilapidated dwelling units over the past 4 years. Approximately 75 - 80 more to be rehabilitated or demolished.
6. **Brownfields Project.** During Spring 2015 the Town selected Cordno Associates to file a \$ 300,000 assessment application in November 2015 Objectives: Identify remediation needs for Dunbar Center and School Administration building and other sites around Town and also confirm "clean" sites for redevelopment.
7. **Joint Projects with Rowan County.** Negotiating and organizing selected jointed projects, including clearance and renewal, economic development and restoration of Dunbar Field.
8. **Water System, 2015 CDBG-I 14-I-2666.** \$ 2.4 M to be invested to reduce water leak losses and build looped system along Choate Road. Construction slated in 2017.
9. **USDA Search Grant.** Analysis of all alternatives for operation of Town of East Spencer Water and Sewer system. Includes evaluation of 2015 rates, current structure and alternatives of operation.

10. **Royal Giants Park Redevelopment.** Plan developed in 2013 with Bill Burgin and Design Development Committee. Adopted January 2014. The Town has raised \$ 228,000, needs \$ 72,000 more to match \$ 300,000 PARTF grant.
11. **Town Creek Greenway.** Plan for 3-mile greenway and trail, plus bonus loop on Choate Road. Initial grants of \$ 60,500 for Segment A and B were received in 2015. Subsequent grants of \$ 120,000 to ± \$ 500,000 foreseen, Segments C, D, and E in 2016 depending on the design standards.
12. **Park/ Gateway Area Accessway.** Plan for new access road into Royal Giants Park and economic development property off I-85 and Andrews Street. Seeking funding for NC Transportation Board and Discretionary Funding sources.
13. **Pedestrian and Bike Plan.** NC Department of Transportation grant of \$ 36,000 to East Spencer and Spencer. Public input phase underway. Draft of Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan will be available in late 2015.
14. **Revitalization of Long Street.** Strongly supported by Town Board. Challenges have been finding funding for clearance and renewal and developers to make private investments.
15. **New Town Center.** Several NC towns have succeeded in developing a new Town center. Among them are Harrisburg, Charlotte, and others. East Spencer will explore this option with the UNC-SOG Development Finance Center and others, targeting the Gateway area.