### Foundation for Moving Forward

### **Transparency**

- Providing full complete access to all information
- Timely, comprehensive, accurate information both proactively and upon request

### **Accountability**

- Actions aligned with our policy
- Owning mistakes and addressing them

### **Diversity and Equity**

- Ensuring a diverse workforce and an inclusive work environment
- Intentional actions to build a diverse community, making our community welcoming for all
- Addressing structural factors that impede an individual, group, or neighborhood from realizing their full potential

### **Community Engagement**

- Connecting with the community in meaningful ways that allow for community input
- Building partnerships that combine elected, resident, community organization and public agency leadership with staff leadership and infrastructure support

### **Debt Dashboard Discussions**







### **Debt Affordability**

# BUNCOMBE COUNTY: DEBT AFFORDABILITY

Buncombe County currently has \$406.79M in outstanding debt. Here are some of the ways this compares to other counties, policies, and individual citizens.

#### **Comparing Debt to Income**

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#### **Household Debt**

The median Buncombe County household spen

about **32.2%** of its income on mortgage debt

Source: US Census - American Community Survey



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#### **County Debt**

Buncombe County spends

about **9.4%** of its

repayment

#### **Comparing to Other Counties**

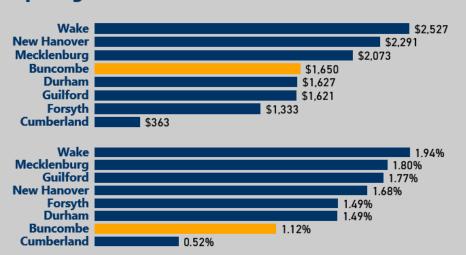
#### **Debt Per Capita**

One way to measure debt affordability is to look at the amount of debt for each person in the county. Here's how Buncombe compares to counties of similar size in North Carolina.

#### **Debt to Assessed Value**

Another way to measure debt affordability is to compare debt to the assessed value of the county. Assessed value represents the property tax base, which is the county's main source of revenue.

Source: NC LGC Fiscal Analysis Benchmarking Tool



# Debt Affordability, cont'd



The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners has adopted 3 primary policies for measuring debt affordability:

#### #1. Debt to Assessed Value

Buncombe County has a policy that debt cannot exceed **3.00%** of its assessed value. The current ratio is at **1.12%**.



Note: North Carolina law allows counties to have debt up to 8.0% of assessed value (NCGS 159-55)

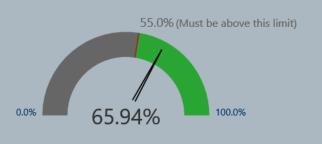
#### #2. Debt Service to Expenditures

Buncombe County has a policy that debt payments cannot exceed **18.0%** of total expenditures. The current ratio is at **9.3%**.

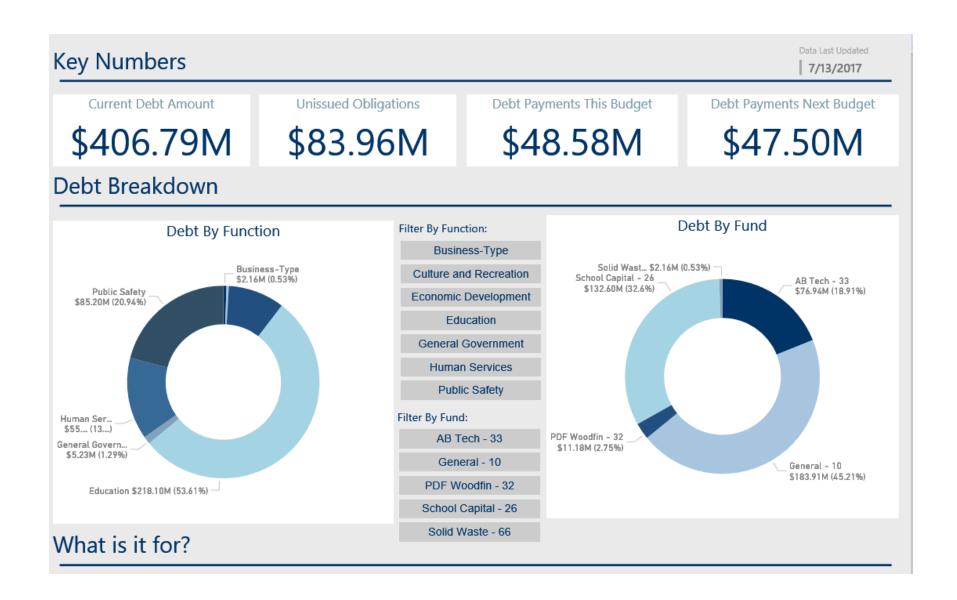


#### #3. 10-Year Payout Ratio

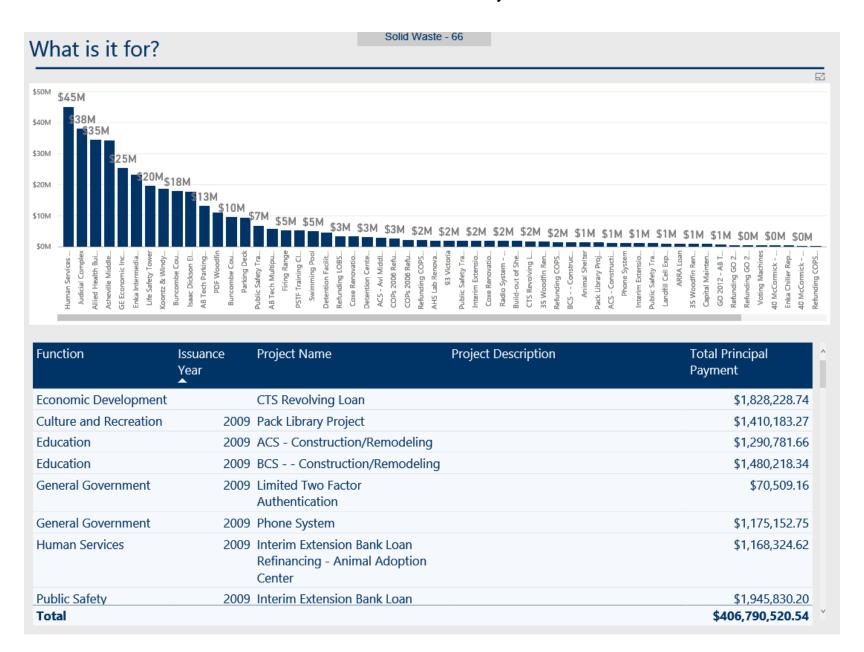
The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners has set a policy that no less than **55.0%** of County debt must be retired within 10 years. Current payout ratio is **65.9%**.



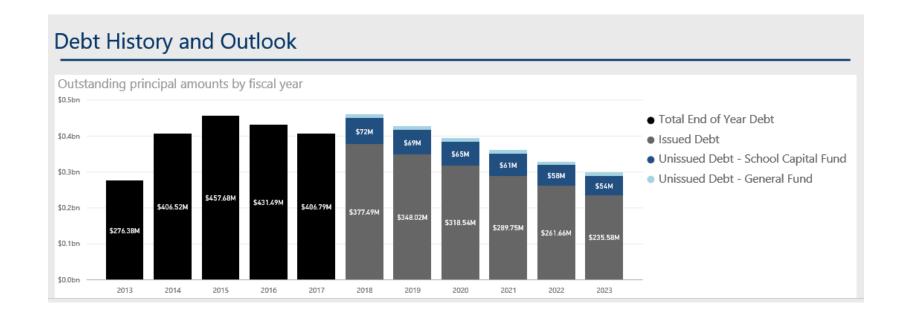
### **Debt Dashboard**



### Debt Dashboard, cont'd



# Debt Dashboard, cont'd



# **Capital Project Details**

**Human Services Campus** 

Project Details



Photo of construction at 40 Coxe avenue

### **Human Services Campus**

This project includes a 7 story, 69,000 square foot addition to existing to Arcado structure at 40 Coxe, a 650 space parking deck, and acquisition of adjacent properties currently leased by the County.

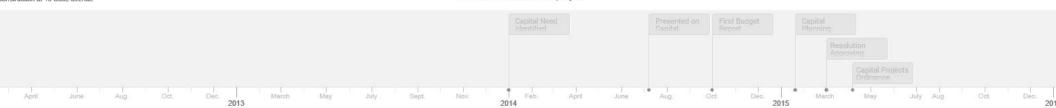
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#### Impact of Project

- Sets the County up for growth in services/staffing
- Allows HHS to provide more efficient and integrated services
- Optimizes reimbursement of investments
- Ensures long term parking availability for County staff and clients

Continue forward on this timeline to view major events that have occurred or are planned for this project, as well as related documents and materials. Scroll down this page to view some key fiscal information about this project.



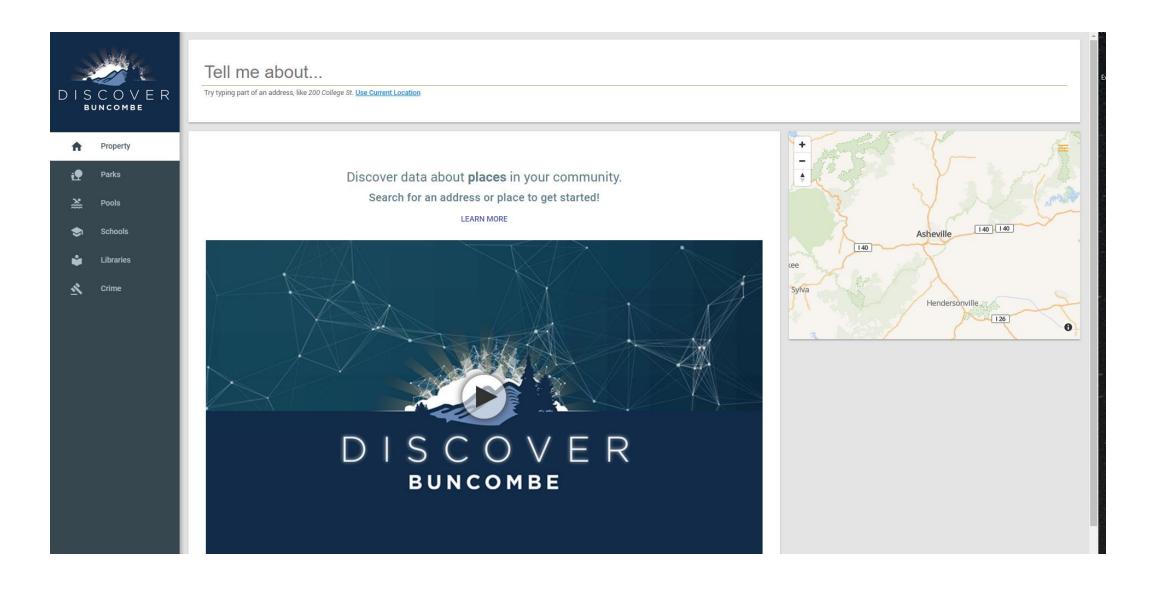


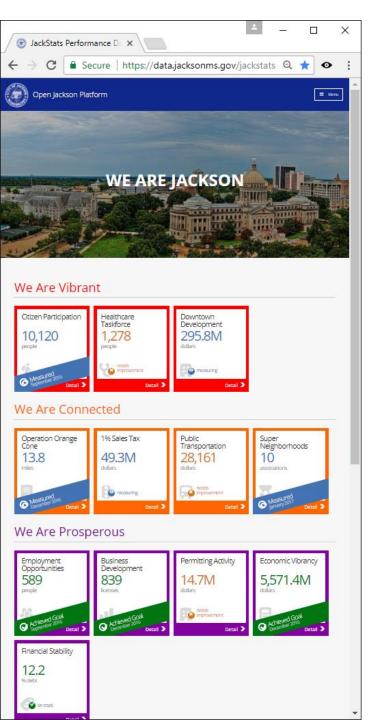


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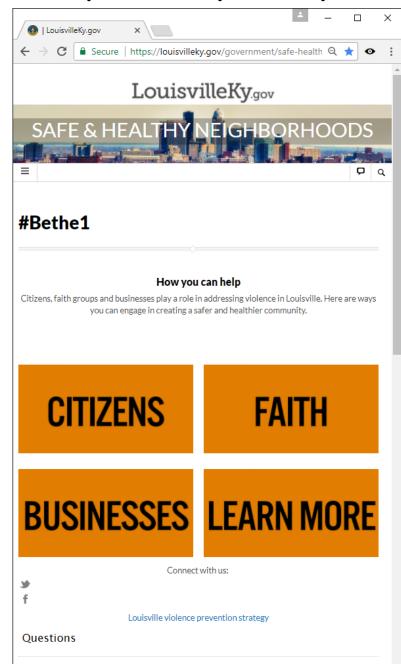


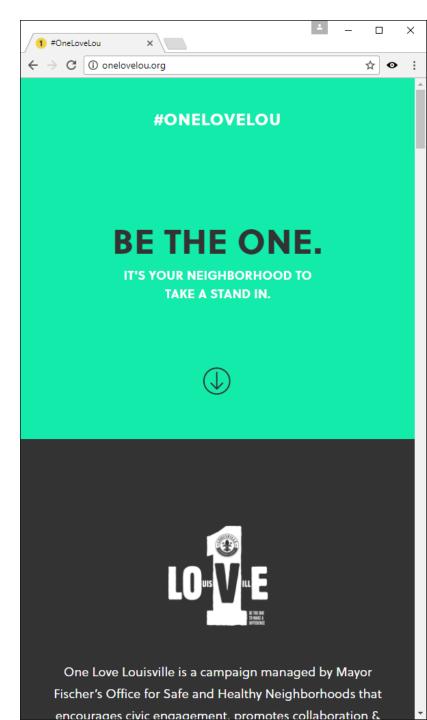
### **Discover Buncombe**





# **Example Transparency Sites**





# Community Engagement Discussion Guide

What did you like about the community engagement websites?

What did you NOT like about the community engagement websites?

What would you like to see in the future from a Buncombe County community engagement website?

What are the unique needs/goals of your community that should be portrayed a community engagement website?

What are some Community Programs and Interests that are important to you?

How would you like to communicate about these initiatives?