

**2022 Primary  
Election**

**Early Voting**



**BUNCOMBE COUNTY**  
ELECTION SERVICES

## Purpose

The Buncombe County Board of Elections will meet on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to review the proposed early voting plan. The public can join in person (59 Woodfin Pl, Asheville 28801) or virtually. The Board must approve a plan by a unanimous decision. It is up to the Board to determine the number of early voting sites and weekend hours for the 2022 Primary Election. Current statutory<sup>1</sup> requirements mandate specific hours for weekdays and for the last Saturday. Under the same law, county board of elections are permitted to choose a site other than its office if the site is “reasonably proximate” to the office. These sites are typically referred to as “in lieu of sites”. The State Board provided additional guidance in the form of a numbered memo<sup>2</sup> which specifies how to determine if a site is reasonably proximate to the county board of elections.

### Hours of Operation Mandates:

- Mandatory weekday hours are 8:00 am to 7:30 pm, February 17<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Last Saturday of early voting mandated hours are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Must maintain uniform hours for all sites. If one site is open, then all sites must be open for the same number of hours. This requirement applies to weekdays and weekends.

### 2022 Primary Dates:

- February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 5<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 2/13	Monday 2/14	Tuesday 2/15	Wednesday 2/16	Thursday 2/17	Friday 2/18	Saturday 2/19
				All Sites 8:00 am – 7:30 pm	All Sites 8:00 am – 7:30 pm	<b>To be Determined by Board</b>
Sunday 2/20	Monday 2/21	Tuesday 2/22	Wednesday 2/23	Thursday 2/24	Friday 2/25	Saturday 2/26
<b>To Be Determined by Board</b>	All Sites 8:00 am – 7:30 pm	All Sites 8:00 am – 7:30 pm	All Sites 8:00 am – 7:30 pm	All Sites 8:00 am – 7:30 pm	All Sites 8:00 am – 7:30 pm	<b>To Be Determined by Board</b>
Sunday 2/27	Monday 2/28	Tuesday 3/1	Wednesday 3/2	Thursday 3/3	Friday 3/4	Saturday 3/5
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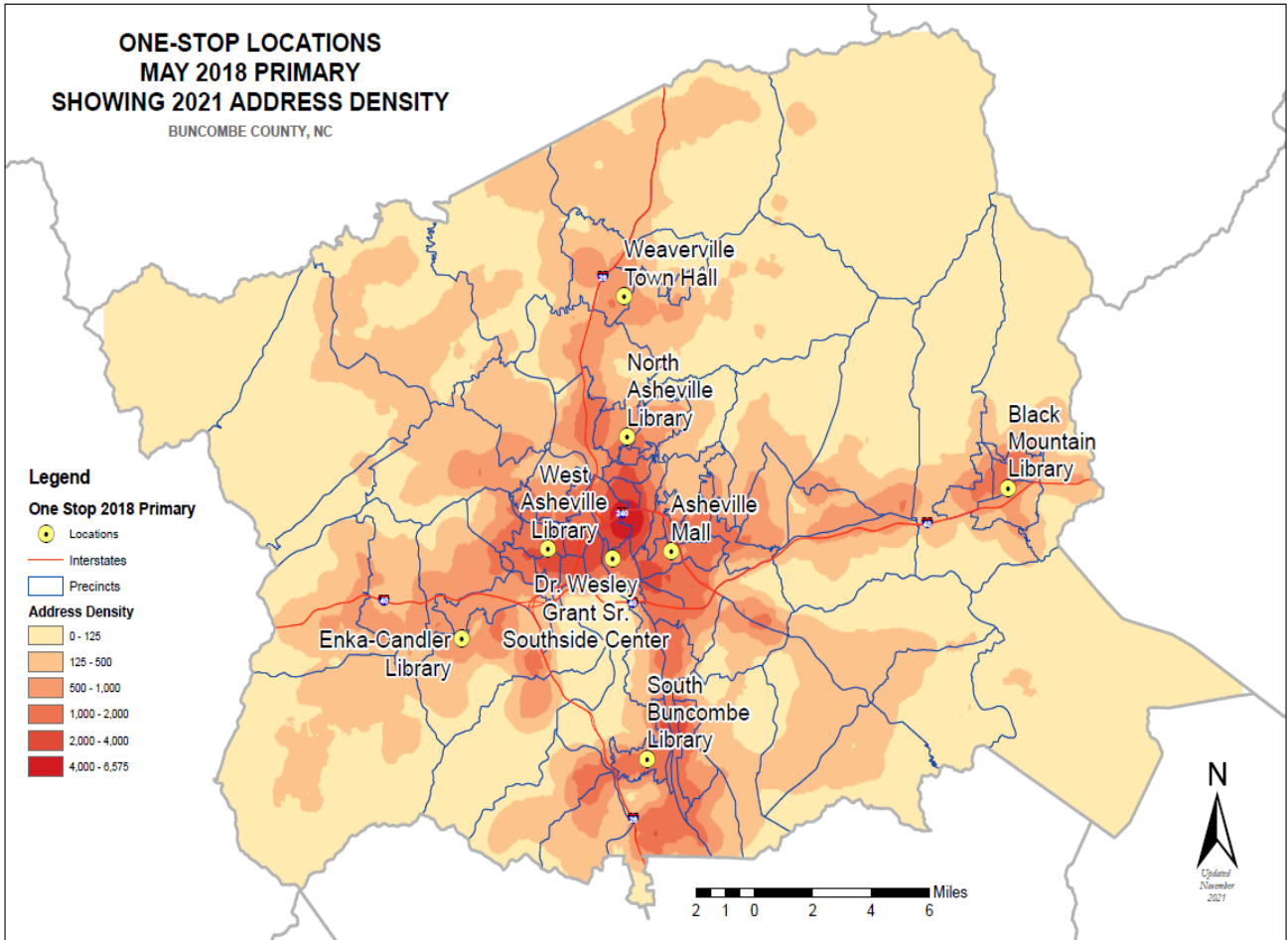
<sup>1</sup> §163-227.6

<sup>2</sup> Numbered Memo 2020-13

# Historical Data

# 2018 Primary Election

## 8 Early Voting Sites



## 2018 Early Voting Data

- Total turnout for 2018 = 30,264
- Early Voting total turnout = 9,136 (30% of total voter turnout)

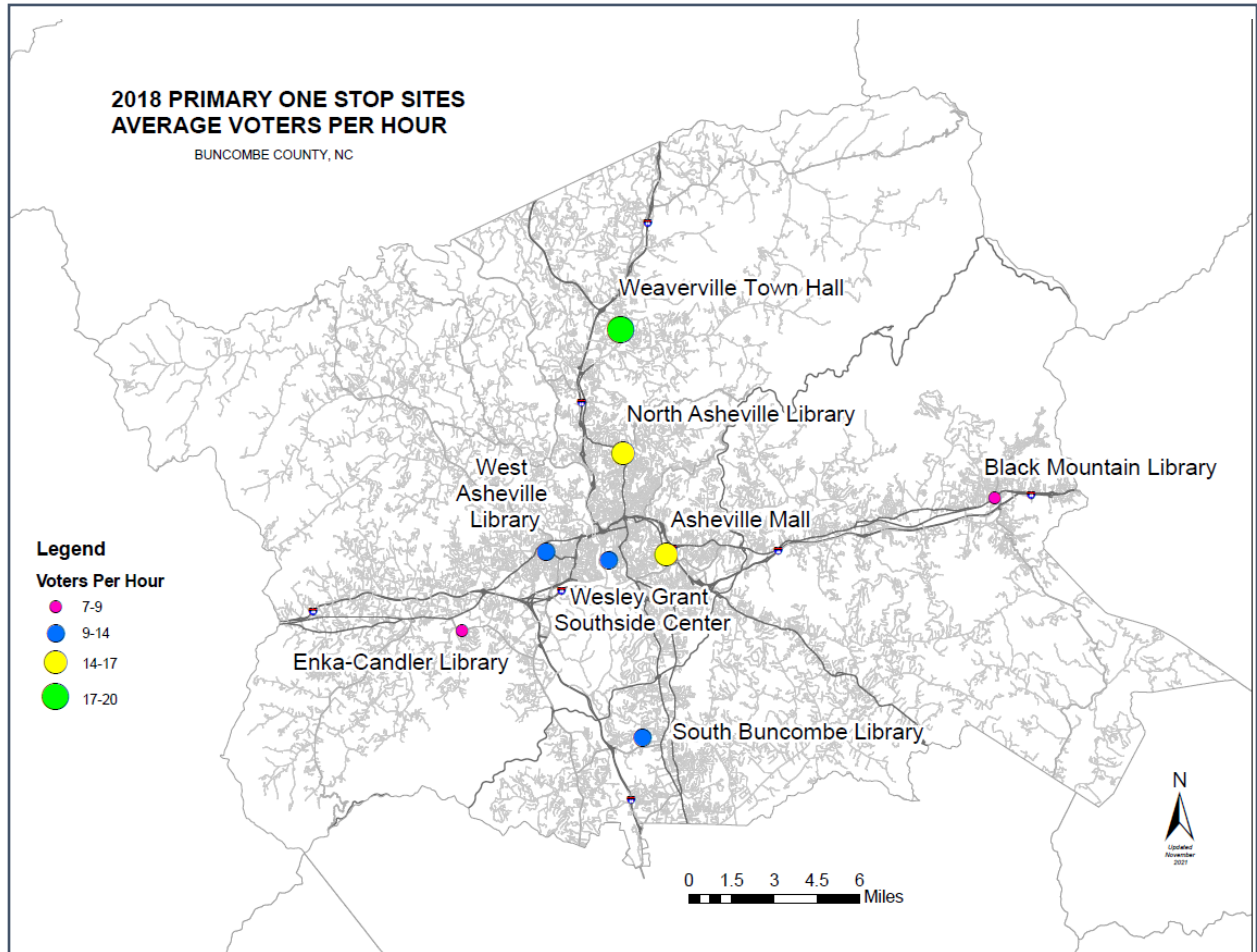
Site Name	Ballots Cast	Voters Per Hour	Days Open
Asheville Mall	875	16.51	7
Black Mountain Library	993	8.71	8
Enka-Candler Library	896	7.86	8
North Asheville Library	1648	14.46	8
South Buncombe Library	1264	11.09	8
Weaverville Town Hall	1049	19.79	7
Wesley Grant Southside Center (in lieu of BOE)	1286	11.80	14
West Asheville Library	1125	9.87	8
<b>Total Voters</b>			
		<b>9,136</b>	
<b>Average Voter Per Hour Per Site</b>			
		<b>11.64</b>	

### 2018 Hours of Operation:

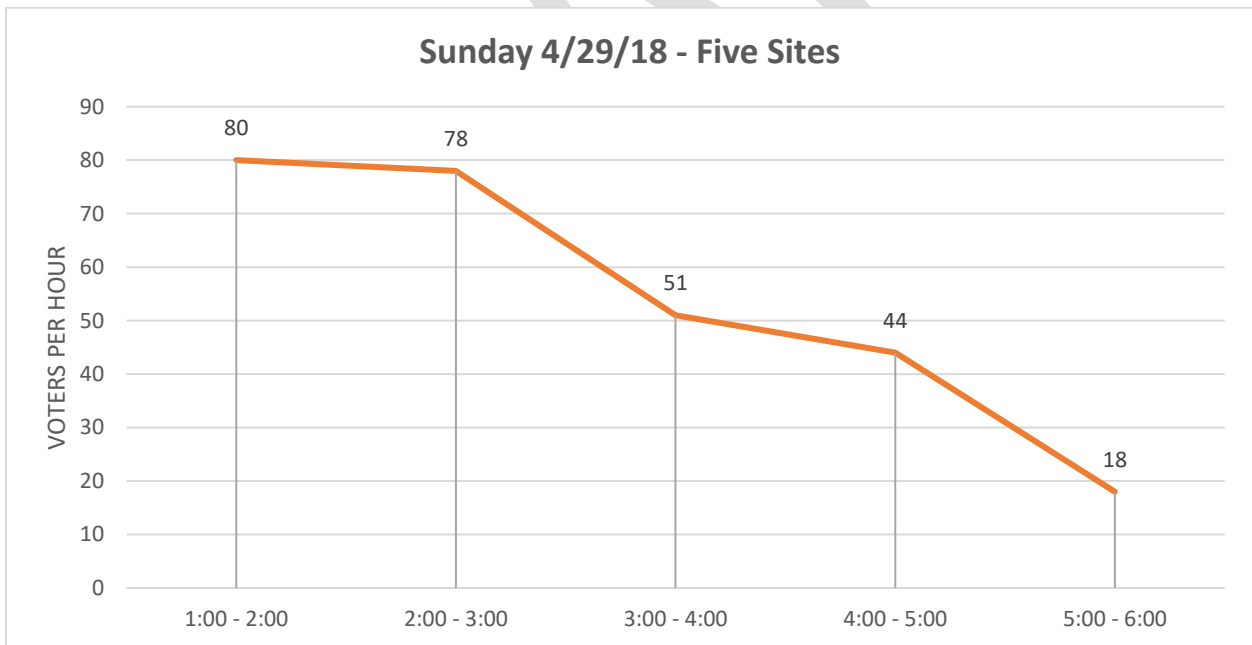
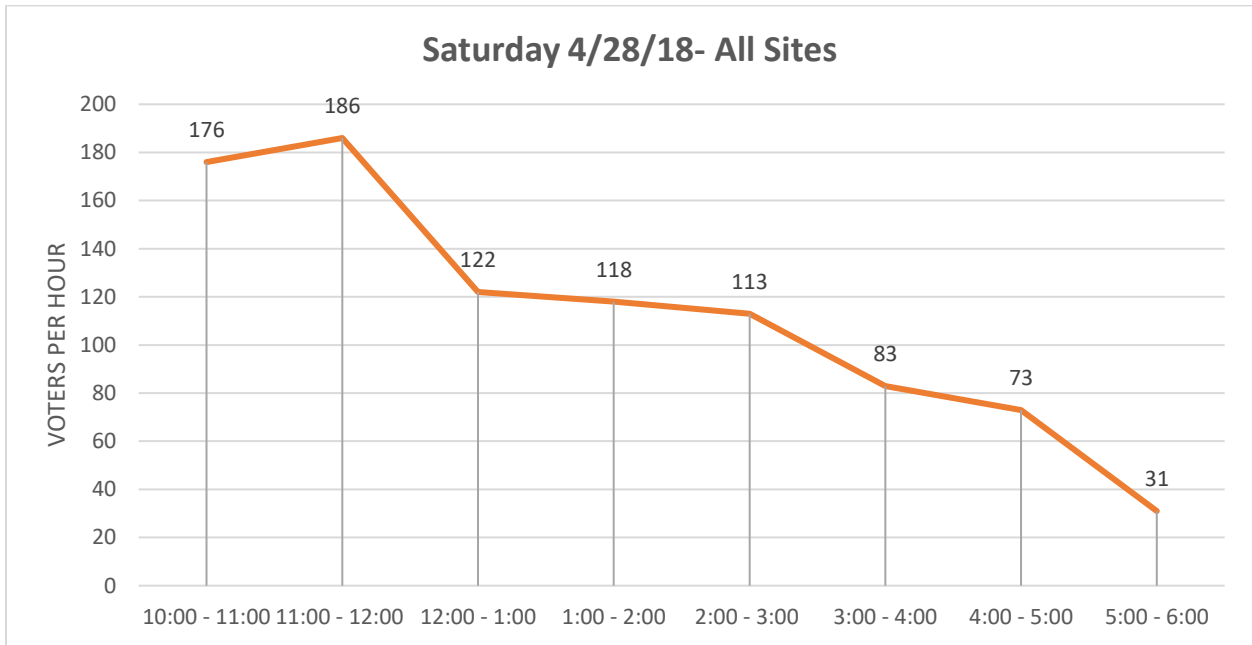
- For this election, we were not mandated to open all sites the same days/hours and the County Board decided weekday hours.

				Thursday 4/19	Friday 4/20	Saturday 4/21
				<b>Main Site 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Main Site 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Sunday 4/22	Monday 4/23	Tuesday 4/24	Wednesday 4/25	Thursday 4/26	Friday 4/27	Saturday 4/28
<b>Closed</b>	<b>Main Site 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Main Site 10:00 am to 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Main Site 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Main Site 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Main Site 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>All Sites 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>
Sunday 4/29	Monday 4/30	Tuesday 5/1	Wednesday 5/2	Thursday 5/3	Friday 5/4	Saturday 5/5
<b>5 Libraries 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>All Sites 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>All Sites 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>All Sites 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>All Sites 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>All Sites 10:00 am - 6:00 pm</b>	<b>All Sites 8:00 am - 1:00 pm</b>

# Average Voters per Hour



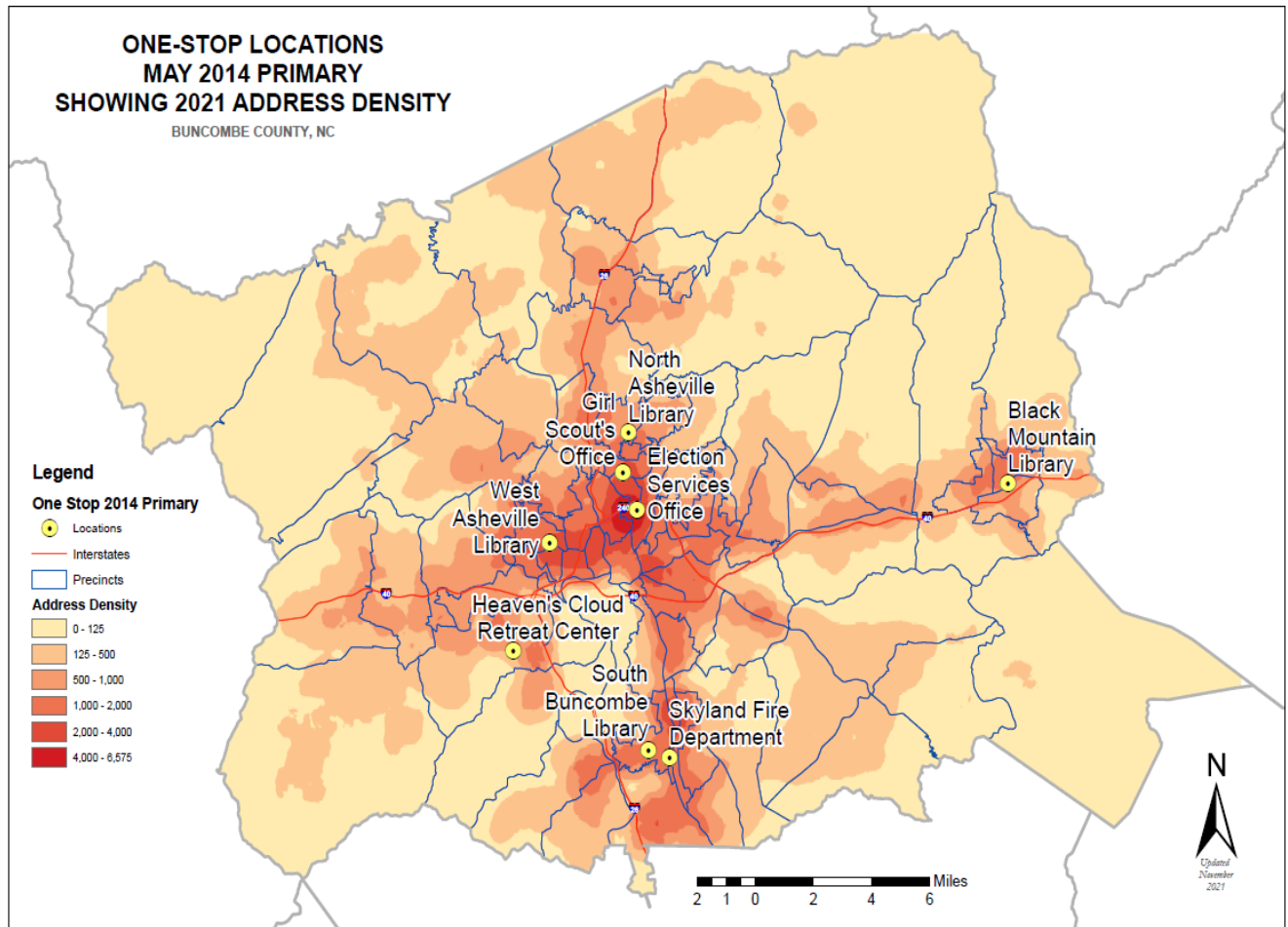
## 2018 Weekend Turnout by Hour



- More people voted on Saturday versus Sunday.
- Highest turnout of voters occurred between 10am and 1pm on Saturday and between 1pm and 3pm on Sunday.

# 2014 Primary Election

## 8 Early Voting Sites





## 2014 Early Voting Data

- Total turnout for 2014 = 27,627
- Early Voting total turnout = 8,225 (30% of total voter turnout)

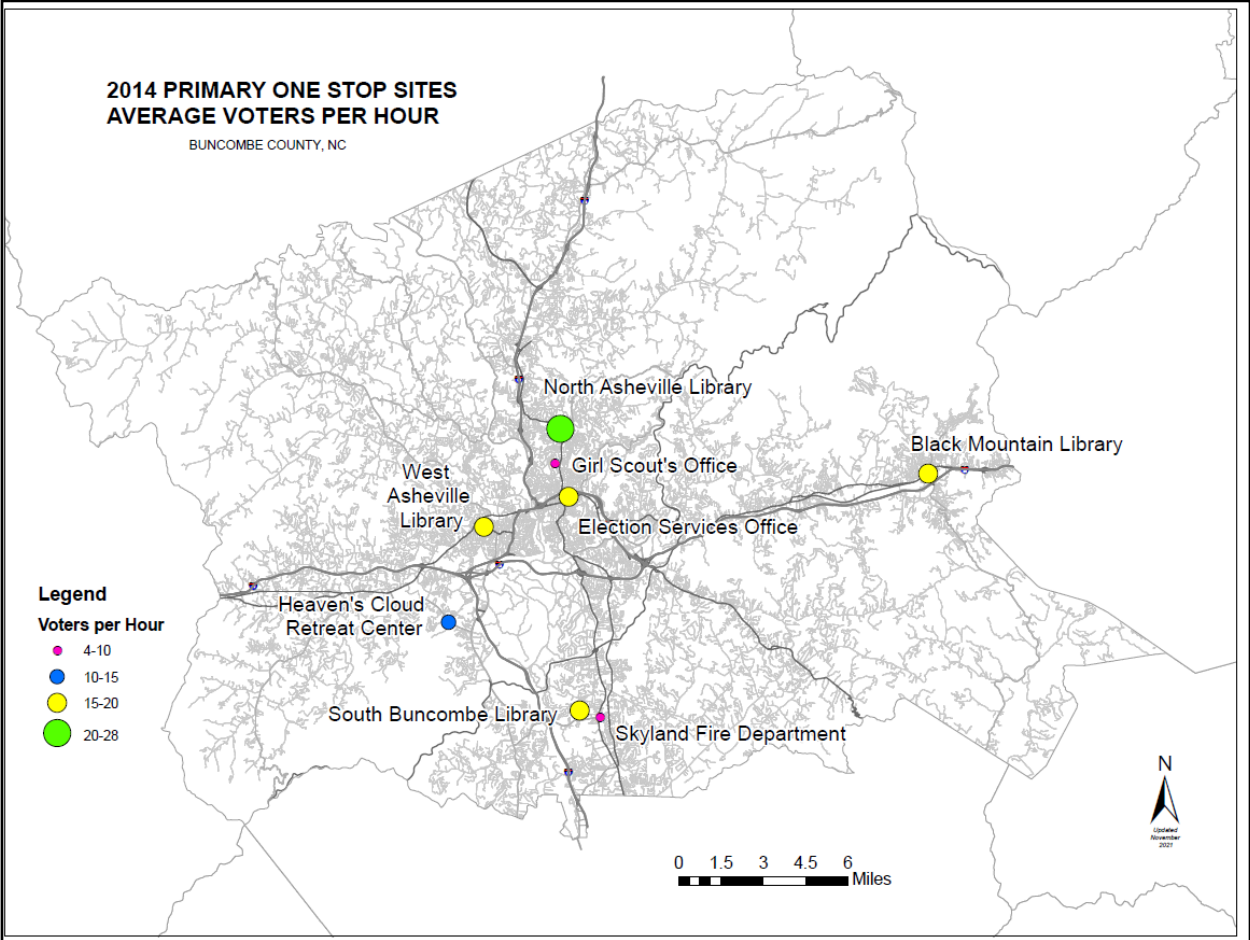
Site Name	Ballots Cast	Voters Per Hour	Days Open
Black Mountain Library	1040	15.07	9
Election Services Office (35 Woodfin St)	1636	19.25	9
Girl Scout's Office (W.T. Weaver Blvd)	299	4.33	9
Heaven's Cloud	730	10.58	9
North Asheville Library	1824	26.43	9
Skyland Fire Department	363	5.26	9
South Buncombe Library	1243	18.01	9
West Asheville Library	1090	15.80	9
<b>Total Voters</b>			
		<b>8,225</b>	
<b>Average Voter Per Hour Per Site</b>			
		<b>14.48</b>	

### 2014 Hours of Operation:

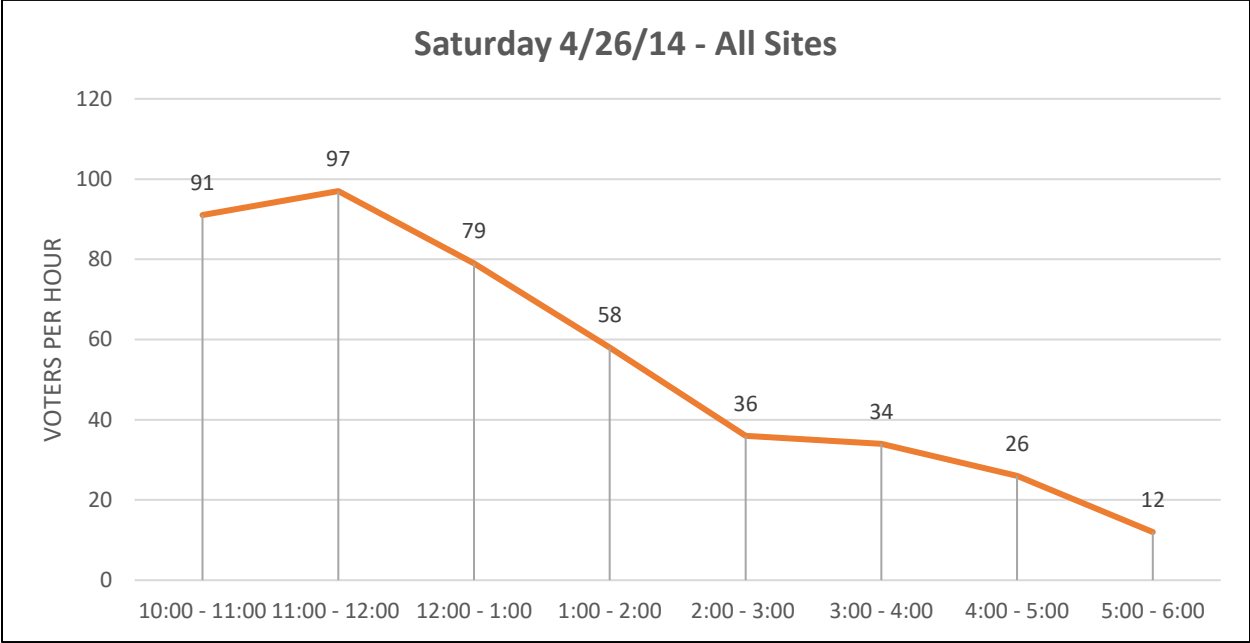
- In 2014, all counties were required to open sites for 10 days versus 17 days.
- Board decided weekday and weekend hours.

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				<b>Main site 8:00- 6:00</b>	<b>Main site 8:00-6:00</b>	<b>All sites 10:00-6:00</b>
				<b>Remote Sites: 10:00-6:00</b>	<b>Remote sites: 10:00-6:00</b>	
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<b>Closed</b>	<b>Main Site 8:00-6:00</b>	<b>Main Site 8:00-6:00</b>	<b>Main Site 8:00-6:00</b>	<b>Main Site 8:00-7:00</b>	<b>Main Site 8:00-7:00</b>	<b>All Sites 8:00 am to 1:00 pm</b>
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# Average Voters per Hour



# Weekend Turnout by Hour



- Highest turnout of voters occurred between 10am and 12pm on Saturday.
- In 2014, the Board did not choose to provide Sunday voting.

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# Proposed Plan

## 2022 Primary Election

Last year the Board approved enough budget for 10 early voting sites for the Primary Election. Staff is recommending eight specific sites listed below plus two additional sites for a total of 10 early voting sites. We also highly recommend that the Board approve weekend hours that would allow for only one shift to work per day instead of the two shifts that poll workers normally work weekdays. This will ensure poll workers can rotate days and have a day off during the 17 days we are open.

### Proposed Sites:

1. Wesley Grant Southside Center (in lieu of BOE) – 285 Livingston St, Asheville 28801
2. Black Mountain Library - 105 N. Dougherty St, Black Mountain 28711
3. East Asheville Library (NEW) – 3 Avon Rd, Asheville 28805
4. Enka-Candler Library – 1404 Sand Hill Rd, Candler 28715
5. North Asheville Location - TBD
6. South Buncombe Library – 260 Overlook Dr, Asheville 28803
7. Weaverville Community Center – 60 Lakeshore Dr, Weaverville 28787
8. West Asheville Library – 942 Haywood Rd, Asheville 28806

### Additional Sites Recommended:

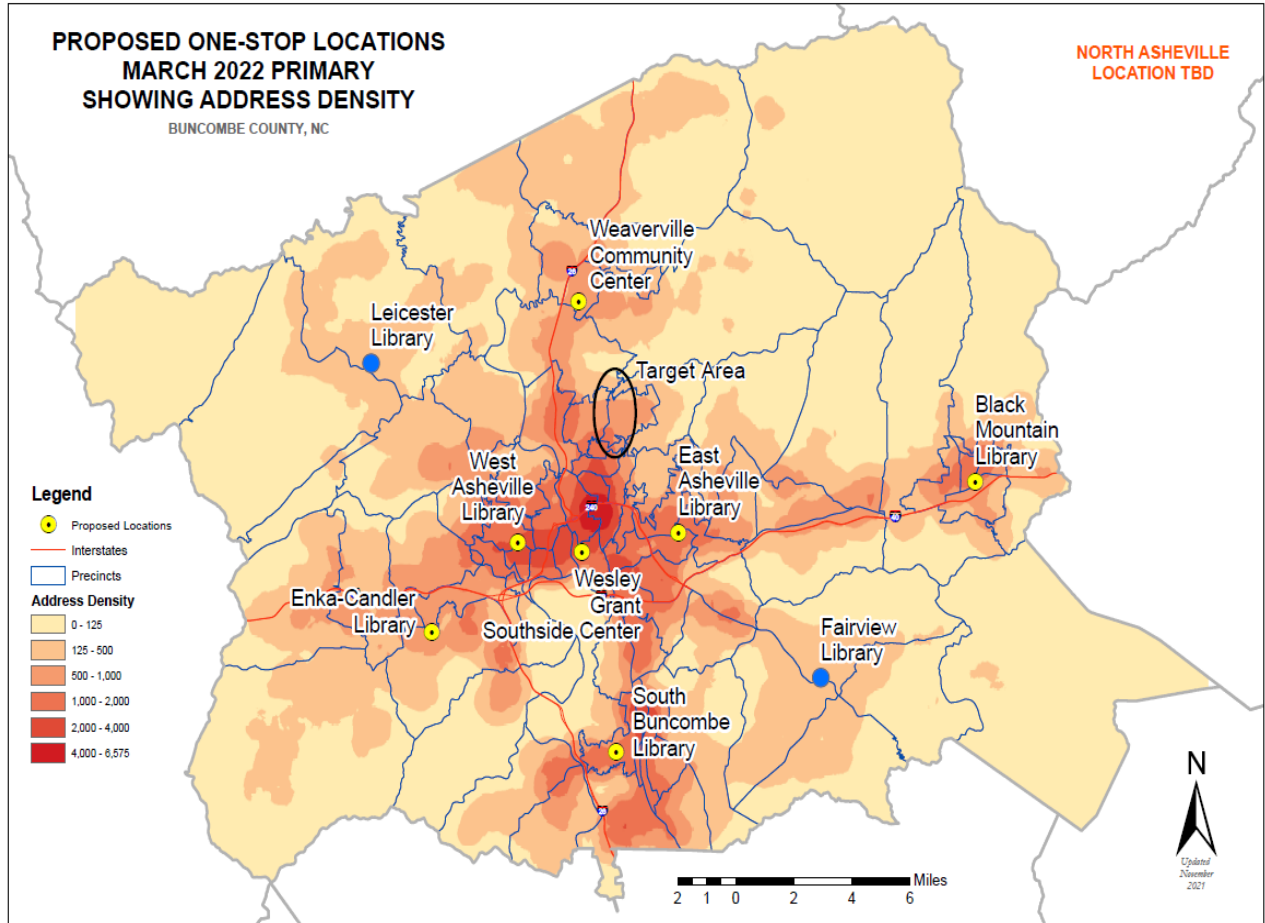
- Fairview Library – 1 Taylor Rd, Fairview 28730
- Leicester Library – 1561 Alexander Rd, Leicester 28748

### Recommended Weekend Hours:

- Recommend one shift on Saturday and/or Sunday.
- Recommended weekend hours of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, five hours plus the additional time needed to complete opening and closing duties.
  - Open Saturday - February 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Open Sunday – February 27<sup>th</sup>

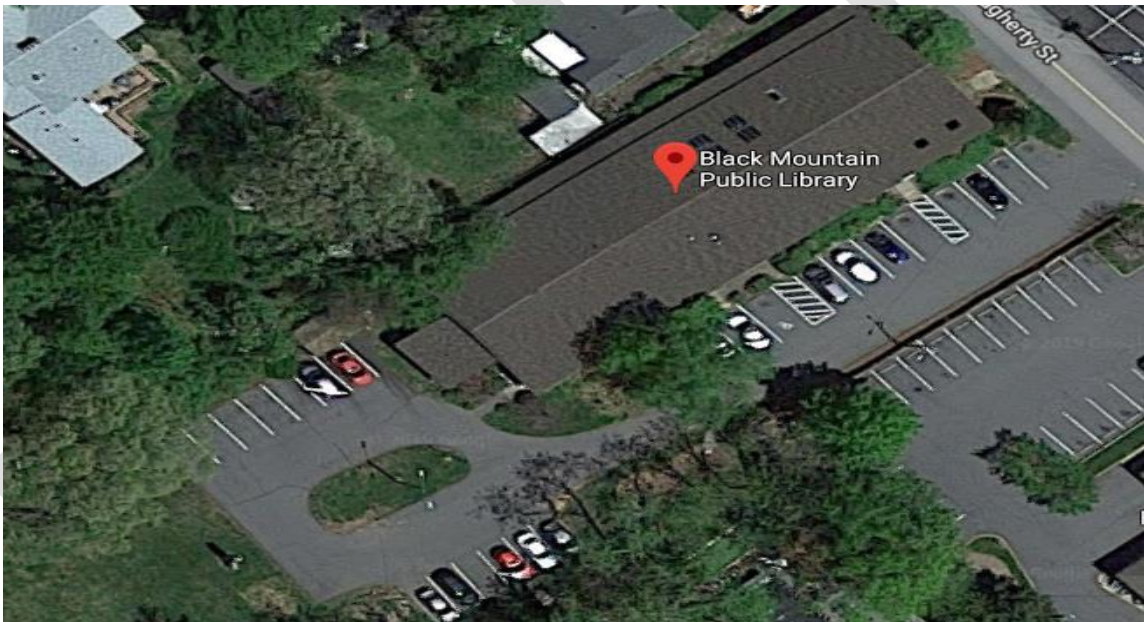
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## Proposed Sites (10)



# Site Information

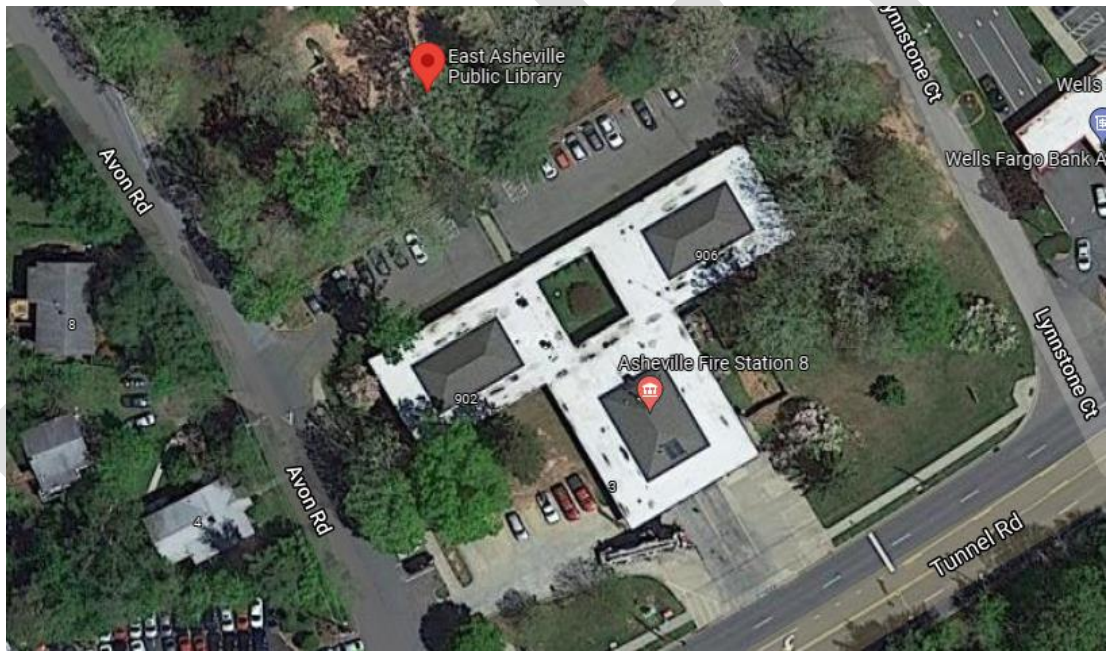
1. Black Mountain Library – 105 N. Dougherty St, Black Mountain 28711



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	24	1	Yes



2. East Asheville Library – 3 Avon Rd, Asheville 28805 (New)



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	54	1	No

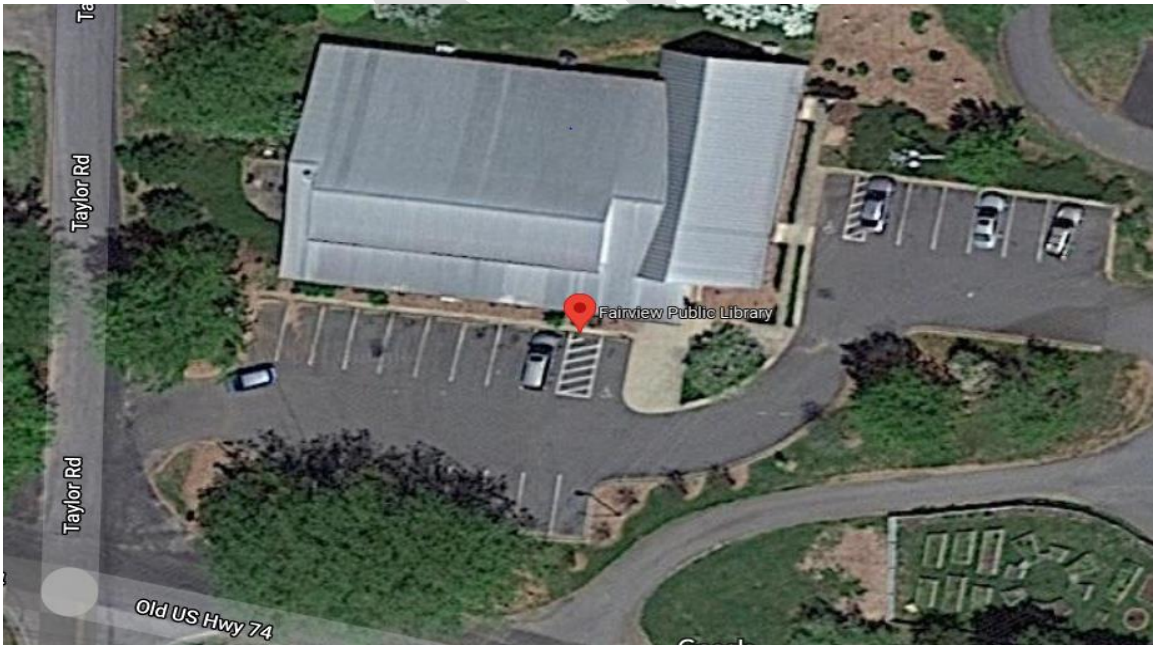
3. Enka-Candler Library – 1404 Sand Hill Rd, Candler 28715



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	27	1	Yes

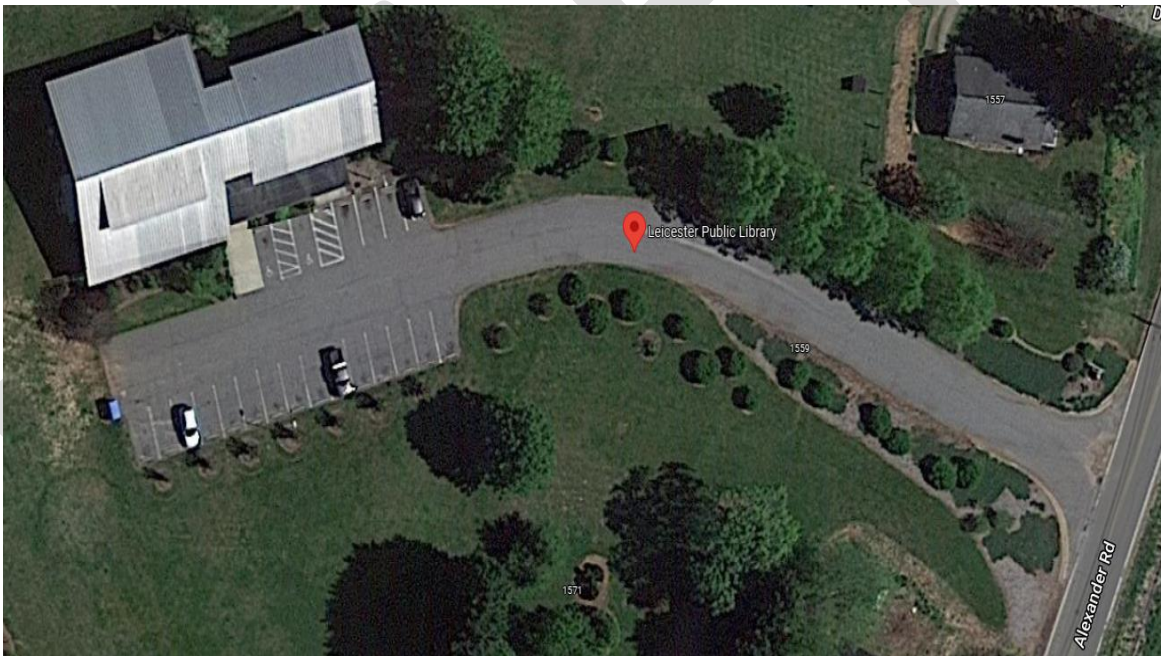


4. Fairview Library – 1 Taylor Rd, Fairview 28730



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	27	1	Yes

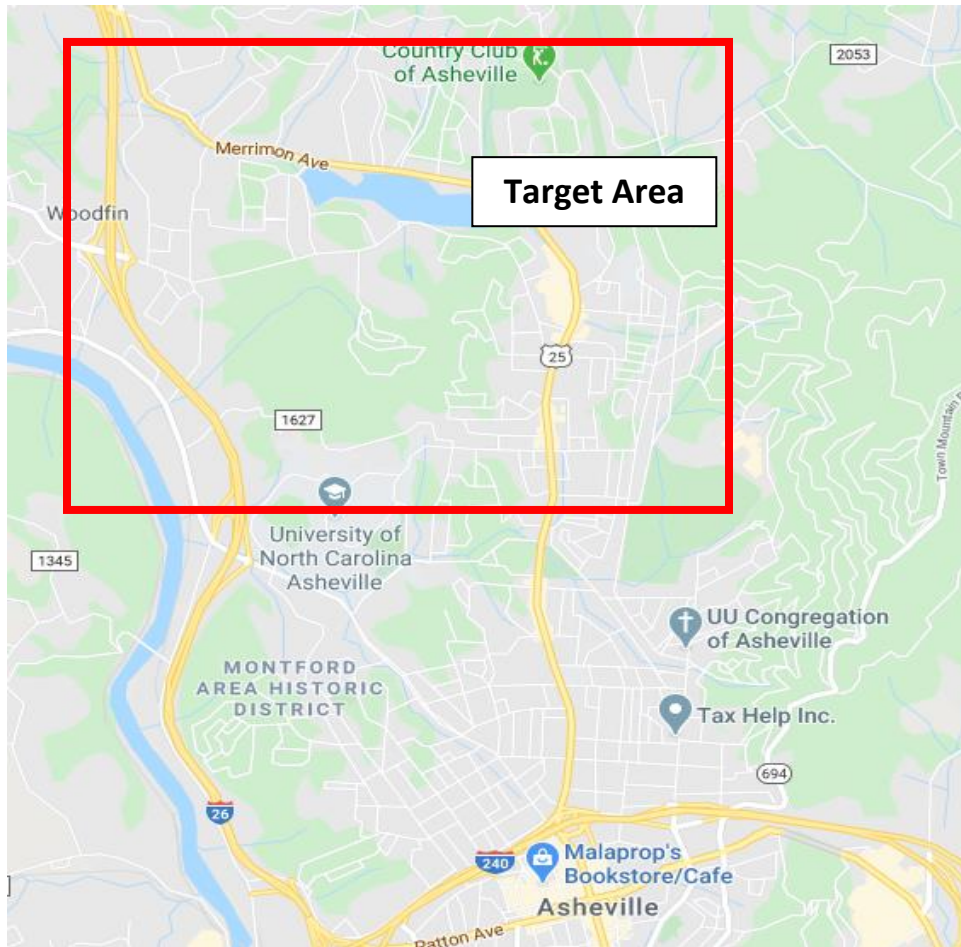
5. Leicester Library – 1561 Alexander Rd, Leicester 28748



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	19	1	Yes



6. North Asheville location – To be determined



In past elections we have used the North Asheville library’s Community Room as an early voting site. Unfortunately, the small size of the community room, poor parking and COVID precautions have made using this space impossible. Staff are currently looking for rental space and have already made attempts to lease the old Stein Mart and Rite Aid retail spaces on Merrimon Avenue, but these attempts have not been successful. New developments have recently opened in the North Asheville area and staff will continue to search for adequate space December 17<sup>th</sup>.

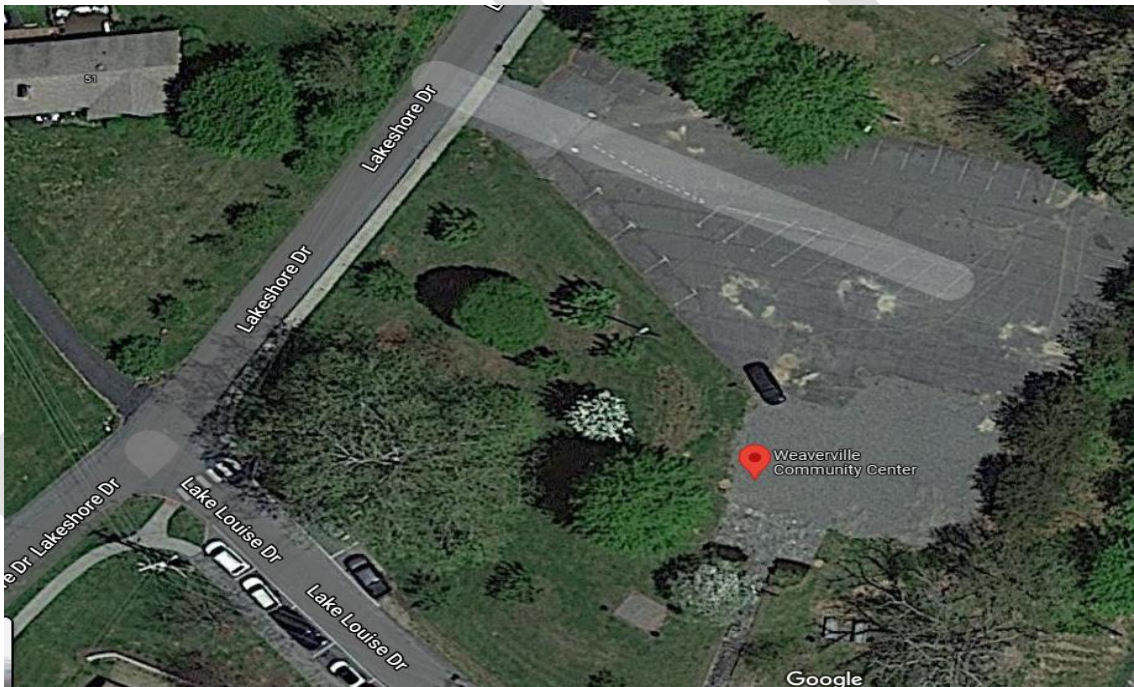
7. South Buncombe Library – 260 Overlook Rd, Asheville 28803



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	25	1	Yes

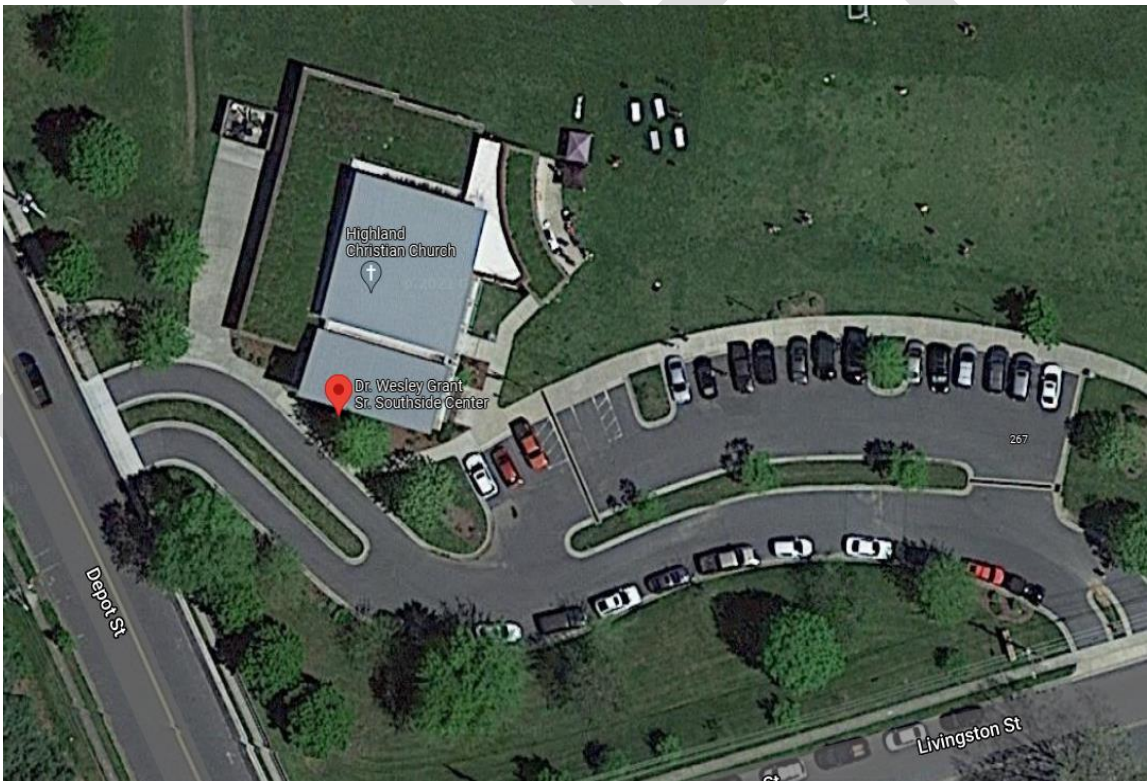


8. Weaverville Community Center – 60 Lakeshore Dr, Weaverville 28787



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	40	1	Yes

9. Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center – 285 Livingston St, Asheville 28801



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	25	1	Yes



10. West Asheville Library – 942 Haywood Rd, Asheville 28806



Voting Enclosure	Voter Parking Spaces	Curbside Parking Spaces	Prior Early Voting Site
Community Room	21	1	Yes