

Board of Commissioners Joint Meeting

Updates from Chatham County

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Aaa Moody's Issuer Rating



- August 2025 – **Moody's** issuer rating **upgrade**: Aa1 to **Aaa (Best possible)**
- Reflects **strong economic growth**, an **expanding tax base**, and **conservative financial management** leading to **solid reserves and liquidity**
- Signifies **minimal credit risk** and a very **strong ability to meet financial obligations**
- Chatham County also holds **AAA** rating with **Standard and Poor's**
- Positioned to offer an issuer the **highest possible creditworthiness** and an **extremely strong capacity** to meet financial commitments



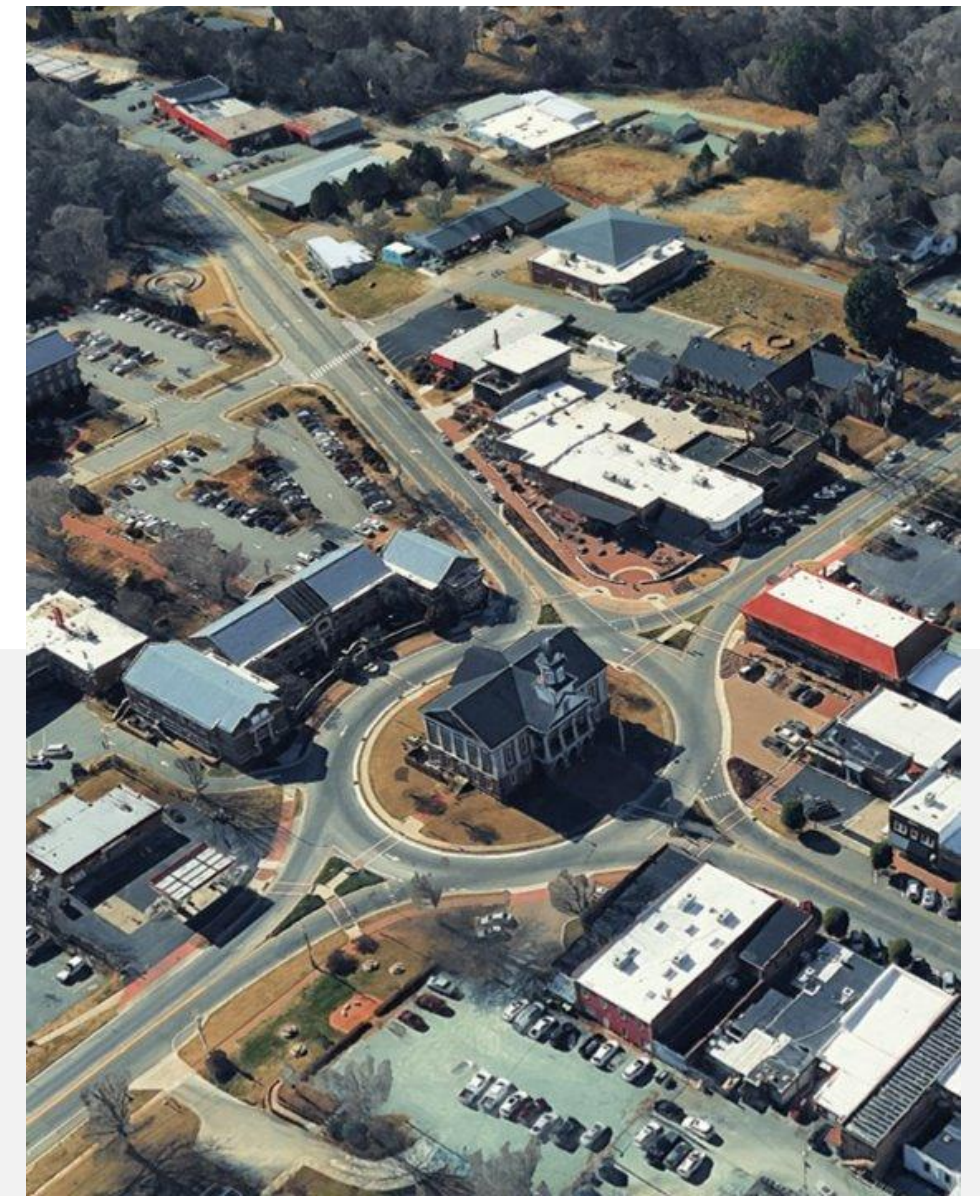
Farmland Preservation

- January 2026 – First **County-funded** farmland preservation project
- Closing of 58-acre **Stensvad Conservation Easement**
- Partnership with **Triangle Land Conservancy**
- Chatham County: **more registered farms** than any county in NC
- Emphasizes **farmland's role** in supporting **local economy, environment, and long-term food security** for future generations



Pittsboro & Chatham Downtown Redevelopment

- Chatham County and Town of Pittsboro are partnering on a **coordinated predevelopment analysis** of government owned **downtown properties**
- Conducting **public engagement** and **visioning** to help inform potential redevelopment scenarios; will deliver outputs to County and Town governing bodies over the next several months
- Identifying **feasible uses** of the properties that align with Pittsboro and Chatham County **priorities, economic development goals, and long-term needs**
- Help guide future discussions on **property disposition, reuse, and potential partnerships** moving forward
- Represents a **proactive step** to ensure downtown Pittsboro **redevelopment** is reflective of **community needs** into the future



Data Center Moratorium

- Feb. 11, 2026 – Approved a **temporary moratorium** on permitting **data centers, data processing facilities, and cryptocurrency mining** in unincorporated areas
- Through **Feb. 11, 2027**, or until new regulations are adopted
- Gives time to **study impacts** and create **updated zoning rules** for these rapidly evolving industries
- Staff will analyze **environmental/community impacts**, review **other jurisdictions' policies**, draft **standards**, and gather **public input**
- More information:
www.chathamcountync.gov/DataCenterMoratorium



Broadband Breakthroughs

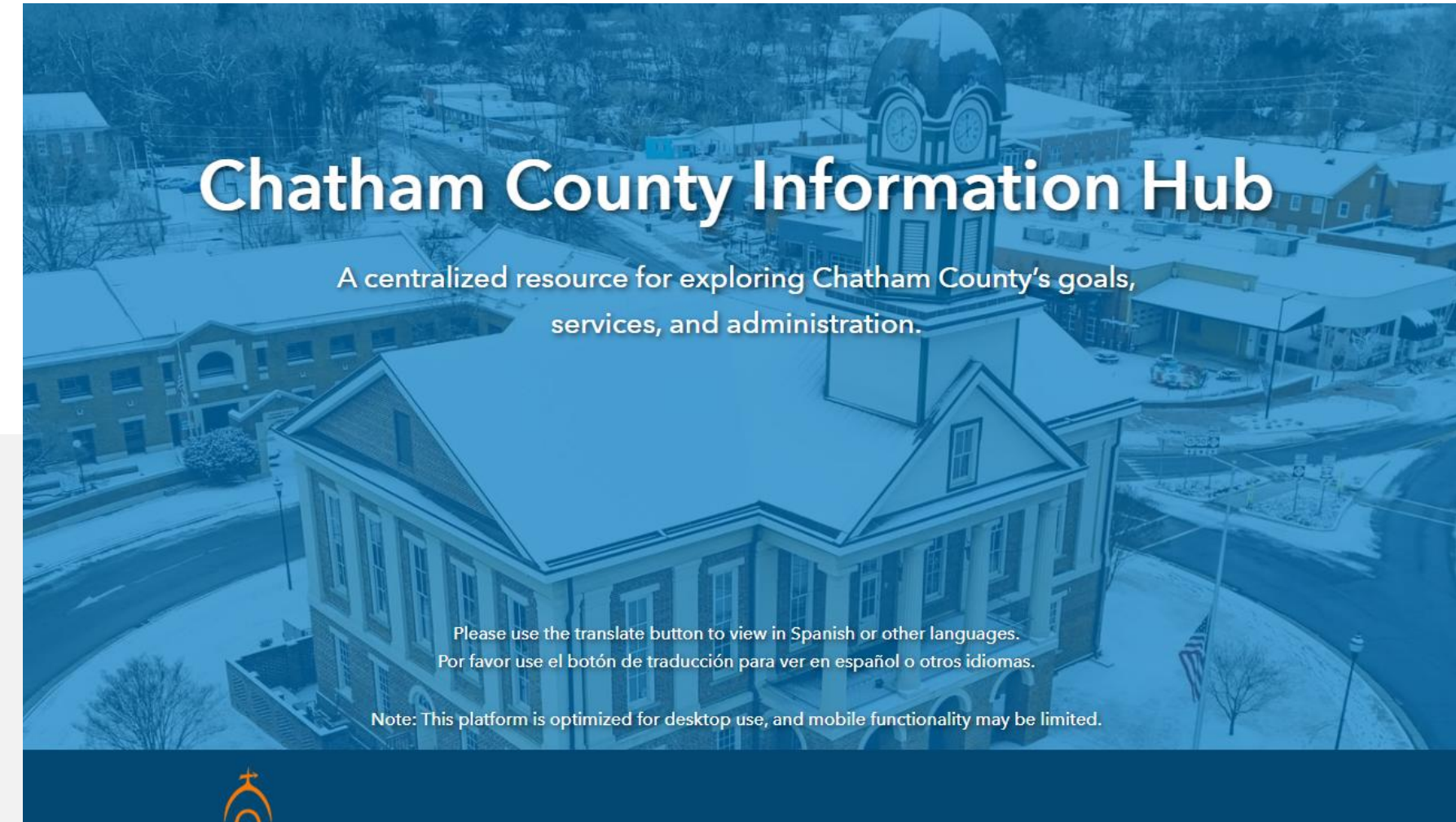
- May/June 2025 – Secured **three new broadband grants** through the Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) program; partnership with the state + private providers
- Completed by **December 31, 2026**
- **High-speed internet to 2,043 homes and businesses**
- Provider breakdown:
 - ✓ Brightspeed (1,006 locations)
 - ✓ Windstream (477)
 - ✓ Spectrum (560)
- With prior programs, > **10,000 locations will gain broadband access**
- ~ **1,800 locations remain unserved**; County continues efforts to secure additional funding



Reaching Residents: Information Hub



- Launched new **Information Hub**: centralized online platform to explore county goals, services, and operations
- Promotes **transparency** by showing Commissioners' priorities, county progress, and how local government functions day-to-day
- Developed by the County Manager's Office and GIS Department at the **direction of the Board of Commissioners** following the January 2025 Budget Retreat
- Includes **data, departmental input, and state/national context** to show where the county stands and its future direction
- Find the Information Hub: www.chathamcountync.gov



Community Preparedness: Flood Reporting Tool

- June 2026 - Launched **Flood Incidents Dashboard** to improve flood awareness, preparedness, and community resilience.
- Developed through multiple departments including GIS, Planning, Emergency Operations, and Watershed Protection.
- Residents report **flood and drainage concerns** year-round, helping the County gather **local flood information**.
- Identifies **recurring flood issues** -> informs **maintenance** and **operational decisions** -> improves **department coordination**.
- Data collected over time will enhance understanding of **flood-prone areas**, support future **planning efforts**, and strengthen **storm preparedness**.



Reaching Residents: Bilingual Outreach

- Expanded **bilingual outreach efforts** through news releases, social media, campaigns, and public information in both English and Spanish
- Aims to **improve communication and foster inclusion**, ensuring broader access to county information and services
- Established a **Latino Task Force** to gather community input and better understand local needs
- Collaborative approach helps ensure **culturally responsive communication** and more **equitable** service delivery
- **Strengthening relationships with Latino residents** and serves as a model for broader community engagement



Chatham Celebrates America 250

- **Community Celebration:**
 - Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, Pittsboro
 - First 250 people with completed passport receive commemorative gift
 - Live music, food trucks, children's activities, and historic/heritage films
- **Passports available:** all three libraries, Centers for Active Living, Historical Association, and County Manager's Office
- **Passport stamps:** Chatham Celebrates America 250 sponsored events
- More information: www.visitpittsboro.com/america250



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