



### **CERTIFIED WORK READY COMMUNITIES (CWRC)**

The State of North Carolina joined ACT's National Certified Work Ready Communities Initiative with an announcement in August 2014. Criteria is similar to the Eastern Region's WRC pilot with goals set for counties around high school graduation rates, NCRC attainment, and employer support. Because of the WORKS Initiative, Wayne County was the first county in NC to submit an application and the first to attain 100% of its goals. Other participating counties are Wilkes, Gaston, and Mecklenburg in the West and Lenoir, Onslow, and Pitt in the East.

### **CUSTOMIZED TRAINING**

Wayne County is proud to offer customized training programs through Wayne Community College. We are committed to providing our industries with the best quality workforce available in Eastern North Carolina.

### **WAYNE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER**

By the end of December 2014, plans were coming together for the purchase of a currently undisclosed location for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center of Excellence. This exciting project is possible through a partnership of the College, County and Economic Development and will be a one-of-a-kind facility for Eastern North Carolina. Wayne County's manufacturing sector has been engaged in conceptualization and promotion through the establishment of an Advisory Group for the Advanced Manufacturing Center. Benefits of the center include;

- Public-private partnership engagement in facility purchase, upgrades and marketing.
- Strengthens Career and Technical Ed (CTE) and STEM programs.
- Provides for a state of the art Manufacturing Training Center that can be utilized as a recruitment tool to market the county, city, community college and public schools
- Provides a facility that can be utilized to provide for entrepreneurial programs
- Provides for the sharing of critical resources, facilities, equipment and staffing by college, public schools, WCDA, and the manufacturing community.
- Allows for the involvement of industry in marketing, recruitment and changing the perception of manufacturing related employment.
- Allows WCC to expand and add programs on campus by repurposing space as Applied Tech programs relocate
- Creates a regional concept for Wayne, Duplin and surrounding counties



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### WHY WAYNE WORKS

Power is distributed by Duke Energy, Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation, the Town of Pikeville and the Town of Fremont. Natural gas is supplied by Piedmont Natural Gas and is distributed throughout Goldsboro and to Mount Olive in the southern part of the county. Digital switching and fiber optic telecommunication services are provided by AT&T, and route diversity into the area assures reliability. Points of presence are offered by AT&T and MCI.

### Utilities

### Transportation

### Highways

Interstate I-95; I-40; I-795

United States US 13; 70; 117

State Primary NC 111; 581; 222; 55

### Railroads

CSX & Norfolk Southern

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