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# Uptown & Surrounding Communities

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## Helpful Sites:

[www.visitcharlotte.com](http://www.visitcharlotte.com)

[www.imaginon.org](http://www.imaginon.org)

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## Uptown



Viewed from an upper level in one of Charlotte's glitzy skyscrapers, the Uptown roofs below resemble an ever-changing sea. There is new construction everywhere - high, mid, and low-rise. Moreover, a good many of those roofs represent homes: penthouses, condominiums, apartments and even single-family homes.

Numerous restaurants to satisfy every appetite and late-night bars attract the urban crowd – a figure that is steadily increasing. As the numbers grow, so do the amenities that add so much to life. Some Uptown residents find so much here to entertain them that they park their cars on Friday and don't move them the entire weekend. They're within walking distance of much of the city's cultural and entertainment venues, with more headed their way.

Block long, massive Bank of America Stadium anchors Uptown on the southwest end. Snarling panther statues outside the gates hint at the passions inside. Charlotte center city, also known as Uptown, is the home to the headquarters for several Fortune 500 companies including Bank of America, Duke Energy, and the east coast operations for Wells Fargo. Museums, sporting venues, shops, hotels, restaurants, and bars are heavily concentrated in Uptown Charlotte. New museums such as the Bechtler Museum of Modern Art and the Mint Museum of Modern Art opened in 2010. Uptown Charlotte, including South End, employs more than 70,000 people. Over 25 million visitors, including more than a half-million conventioners, come to Uptown each year visiting the 120 restaurants and 50 nightspots. The neighborhood has over 13,000 residents.

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## Dilworth



Dilworth is Charlotte's oldest neighborhood. The vision of Edward Dilworth Latta, this neighborhood was developed in the 1890s thanks to the advent of the streetcar. It was the first place for Charlotteans to live outside the city. The streets of Dilworth feature stately, mature oak trees, sidewalks, and house after house with front porches. The homes are primarily bungalows with the occasional Queen Anne in the midst.

East Boulevard divides the residential area. This road is lined with restaurants, offices, and shops, many located in renovated homes. You also will find the city's only Greek Orthodox Cathedral, which draws thousands to its annual Greek Festival. At the other end of the boulevard is the entrance to Freedom Park, well known for its annual arts festival, athletic fields, walking paths and amphitheater. Charlotte's largest hospital, Carolinas Medical Center, is in Dilworth.

Since 1972, Dilworth has opened its doors and welcomed friends and neighbors to its charming corner of Charlotte in one of Dilworth's oldest and grandest traditions; the annual Dilworth Home Tour. For decades the tour was held in August in conjunction with the Dilworth Jubilee. Summer heat and changing start of school schedules recently pushed it to a new time - - the cooler days of September.

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## South End



Once a thriving textile manufacturing community, South End is one of Charlotte's hottest communities. Located on Dilworth's western edge it is now a true mixed-use urban neighborhood with a variety of retail, businesses, and housing. South End welcomes new residents almost daily as over 1,400 new housing units are available for lease or sale.

The area had declined during the 1970s and 80s, only to be revived in the 1990s as restaurants, shops, and design-related industries discovered the beauty and versatility of the old mills and warehouses. Today, Historic South End has earned a reputation as an area that, once again,

is a corridor for creativity, innovation, and unmatched design talent.

The LYNX Blue Line runs directly through the heart of the neighborhood and the district has 4 walk-up transit stops. South End values its core business sector and the valuable jobs they provide. These jobs attract a creative, urban, well-educated type of employee that values the transit infrastructure, as well as the restaurants, bars, and specialty retail shops found in the neighborhood. South End is also home to the Charlotte Trolley as it runs from Atherton Mill to Ninth Street Uptown.

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## Myers Park



Located on the west side of Providence Road and south of uptown, Myers Park is an area with old Southern estates and winding streets lined with towering oaks. Commonly known by Charlotteans as one of the city's most prestigious addresses, most of Myers Park homes are older and traditional in style.

Myers Park began to flourish in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and is a fine example of a planned community. This area offers a quiet charm as well as neighborhood shopping and dining.

Attractions and landmarks include the Mint Museum of Art and the Duke Mansion, the former home of Duke University founder James Buchanan Duke. The Duke Mansion is now a highly rated bed and breakfast. Queens University is also located within Myers Park.

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## NoDa



The latest urban neighborhood to see a rebirth is Historic North Davidson, or "NoDa." The community is known for its funky art galleries and colorful bungalows. In addition to the old shotgun homes, NoDa has seen a boom in residential construction in the past few years.

NoDa is home to some of the city's most eclectic galleries, funkier restaurants, and live performance venues. Soho's little sister, NoDa is an historic mill village located about 2 miles from uptown, and surrounds the intersection of North Davidson Street and 36<sup>th</sup> Street. The

neighborhood is transforming and is appealing to a younger demographic seeking residence in a hip part of town.

The neighborhood has become an entertainment district focused on bimonthly gallery crawls. In addition to the art galleries, there are several music venues and restaurants in the neighborhood.

# South Charlotte

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## Helpful Sites:

SouthPark Magazine:  
[www.southparkmagazine.com](http://www.southparkmagazine.com)

SouthPark Mall:  
[www.simon.com/mall](http://www.simon.com/mall)



When Charlotte started its tremendous growth some 30 plus years ago, it headed south first and hasn't stopped since. A few main arteries can take you directly from Uptown to south Charlotte, including South Boulevard, Park Road, Providence Road, Monroe Road and Independence Boulevard. Likewise, you can travel across the southern crescent between Pineville and Matthews on the aptly named Pineville-Matthews Road (N.C. 51) or via the I-485 outer belt.

When you mention south Charlotte to anyone in town, two words will likely roll off their tongues – SouthPark and Ballantyne. These are the two major destinations for living, shopping, and working on the south side of town.

The area referred to as SouthPark, centered at Fairview and Sharon roads, was once part of a 3,000-acre farm owned by N.C. Gov. Cameron Morrison. The farm's main house – the Morrocroft Mansion, built between 1924 and 1927

- still stands on its original site. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the stunning 14,000-square-foot Tudor Revival house stayed in the family until 1981. It remains a private residence today.

In addition to being a residential center, SouthPark is the second-largest business district in the state. Tasteful office buildings are spread throughout the area, including the eye-catching Rotunda with its dancing fountains. Several hotels are also located in SouthPark.



Shopping in SouthPark is the best in the city. The centerpiece is SouthPark Mall, Charlotte's most upscale shopping center. SouthPark is also the home of the Charlotte Symphony's Summer Pops concerts, performed at the amphitheater at SouthPark.

Other shopping venues include Phillips Place, Sharon Corners, Morrocroft Village, and Specialty Shops on the Park. All include dining options.

South Charlotte is also served by branches of the city's largest hospitals on either end of Pineville-Matthews Road. Carolinas Healthcare System's CMC-Pineville is surrounded by numerous satellite offices

of Charlotte medical clinics. To the east is Presbyterian Hospital Matthews.

You'll find many of Charlotte's private schools in the southern part of town. There are a number of options, including Charlotte Country Day, Charlotte Latin, Providence Day, Charlotte Catholic High, and Charlotte Christian.

South Charlotte also has its share of higher education facilities. Central Piedmont Community College's 480-acre Levine Campus in Matthews serves thousands of students. Pfeiffer University's Charlotte campus is on Park Road and offers graduate and undergraduate classes. The Wingate University Matthews Center, established in 1991, offers courses toward several master's degrees as well as the Adult Degree Completion Program to help toward undergraduate degrees. Students of the Matthews Center also have access to the main university campus facilities in Union County.

Lucky for all those students that some of the largest branches of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg library system are in south Charlotte. The Morrocroft shopping and office complex in SouthPark features a large, Jeffersonian-style branch of the library. The South Regional Library, the largest regional library in North Carolina, is on Rea Road.



## SouthPark

The SouthPark area is located approximately 6 miles south of Uptown. In addition to being home to the mall, SouthPark is also a residential area and one of the largest business districts in Charlotte and the state of North Carolina, with an estimated 40,000 employees.

This side of town also includes a variety of recreational options. The Harris YMCA, near SouthPark, and the Siskey YMCA in Matthews are family favorites. Both feature huge fitness centers, special programs for children, playing fields and water parks. The Mecklenburg Aquatic Club on Providence Road is another option for swimming, offering excellent lessons and team competition.

Charlotte Park and Recreation Department operates two greenways in south Charlotte. In addition to the greenways, there are several county parks that south Charlotte residents enjoy.



## Ballantyne

The Ballantyne area refers to the south Charlotte area outside of the 485-loop between Rea Road to the east and Pineville to the west. Ballantyne was named after land developer Howard C. "Smoky" Bissell's aunt Barbara Ballantyne. Mr. Bissell was the visionary who predicted that Charlotte would expand toward the South Carolina border and planned an office and commercial development relative to his prediction.

This area includes a country club community and a vast array of neighborhoods with houses that range from starter homes to estates that sell for millions of dollars. Ballantyne is a thriving area and has many restaurants, shopping facilities, corporate offices, and a resort hotel.



# Union County

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## Helpful Sites:

Union County Schools -  
[www.ucps.k12.nc.us](http://www.ucps.k12.nc.us)

Union County Library –  
[www.lib.nc.us](http://www.lib.nc.us)

Union County Chamber of Commerce –  
[www.unioncountycoc.com](http://www.unioncountycoc.com)



## Towns in Union County

Once sleepy and rural, Union County - southeast of Charlotte - is the fastest-growing county in the metro area. The county has many thriving communities including Waxhaw, Weddington, Marvin, Wesley Chapel, and Indian Trail. It is home to highly regarded Wingate University, a private institution, as well as the West Campus of South Piedmont Community College. Newcomers to Union County are sure to put schools at the top of the "things to decide" list. Union County is fortunate to have a well-respected public school system, as well as quality private and charter schools.

The community of **Waxhaw** takes its name from the Waxhaws, the Indian tribe that once inhabited the area. The town has dozens of antiques and gift shops, plus a summer outdoor drama theatre.

**Weddington** is primarily residential. The "town center" is Weddington Corners shopping center.

Most of **Marvin's** residents moved here for the country atmosphere and homes with acreage. This is horse country, a great place to look for acreage if you want to keep and ride horses.

**Wesley Chapel** was incorporated in 1998 around a century-old community. The town has been growing fast, attracting residents who like its small-town image but also the quick travel time, via the outerbelt / Independence Boulevard, to Charlotte and beyond.

**Indian Trail**, which began as an outpost along an Indian trading trail, is also growing fast. New subdivisions, a new U.S. 74 shopping center, and plans for new industrial parks are speeding growth. Family Circle, one of the most widely-read magazines in the world, named Indian Trail as one of the top ten places across the country for families.

**Monroe** is the county seat of Union County where you'll find quaint downtown shops as well as hiking and horse trails. In fact, Union County is home to the largest equestrian population in the entire state!



Wingate University—Administration Building





## Recreation in Union County

Recreation is a big part of life in Union County, as evidenced by the large number of athletic associations, ball fields, parks, tournaments, and golf courses.

If you love the links, you have found the right place. Union County's gently rolling wooded hills and mild climate make it a twelve-month golfers' paradise. With three public courses, six semi-private golf clubs, and two private country clubs, you can easily fit into your niche. Courses await you designed by Jack Nicklaus and Donald Ross.

If you're a spectator, not a player, Wingate University competes in football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, golf, and tennis. All areas of the county have recreational facilities, most with playgrounds and ballfields.

The county's largest recreation facility is Cane Creek Park, a family-oriented venue on 1,050 acres of land surrounding a 350-acre trophy bass lake in southern Union County. There are many ways to enjoy the park, including fishing, swimming, and boating. The lake is home to some of the best large-mouth bass fishing in the state as well as bluegill, crappie, and catfish. A boat ramp lets you bring your own boat and pick your favorite fishing spot. Large covered picnic shelters with power, water, grill, and picnic tables let visitors enjoy just-caught fish or any other picnic you choose.

Park activities are not restricted to daytime. At the family camping area, you can relax at one of 108 campsites overlooking the lake. The group camping area features 15 tent sites and cabins to accommodate six people. Swimming, hiking, biking, and horse trails also are available.

Union County is home to a large equestrian population and many private stables. In addition, the Charlotte Steeplechase holds its Queen's Cup races the last Saturday in April at the beautiful Brooklandwood racecourse in Mineral Springs. The race draws crowds in excess of 20,000.



# The University Area

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## Helpful Sites:

[www.uncc.edu](http://www.uncc.edu)

[www.cms.k12.nc.us](http://www.cms.k12.nc.us)

[www.ymcacharlotte.org](http://www.ymcacharlotte.org)



The University area is located north of the city. Harris Boulevard is the main thoroughfare that allows for convenient access to I-77, I-85, and I-485. This area of North Charlotte has come to be known as the "University Area" because it is home to the University of North Carolina Charlotte (UNCC). With enrollment of approximately 20,000 students, including about 4,000 graduate students, UNC Charlotte is the largest institution of higher education in the Charlotte region.

While UNCC is an integral part of the University area, many corporate headquarters are located in the area as well. In only 15 years, cow pastures and rural byways have given way to popular new developments offering spacious new homes at affordable prices, thriving businesses, and major shopping centers.

## HealthCare

University Hospital, on W.T. Harris Boulevard at U.S. 29, provides medical care to northeast Mecklenburg and Cabarrus residents. The 130-bed hospital, part of Carolinas HealthCare System, includes a maternity center, sleep center, outpatient services and general medical-surgical services.

## Recreation

Recreation in the area includes numerous parks and recreational facilities. A 62,000 square foot YMCA is located at W.T. Harris Boulevard and Mallard Creek Road and features a crowd-drawing water park. The Mallard Creek Greenway is a 3.6 mile paved walking trail along the creek off Mallard Creek Road.

Nearby is Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, an outdoor arena on U.S. 29 that hosts summer performances by rock, pop and country artists.



# Cabarrus County

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## Helpful Sites:

[www.weichert.com](http://www.weichert.com)

[www.co.cabarrus.nc.us](http://www.co.cabarrus.nc.us)

[www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us](http://www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us)

[www.lowesmotorspeedway.com](http://www.lowesmotorspeedway.com)



Whether you enjoy the fast track or a slower pace, Cabarrus County has something to suit your style. Located northeast of Charlotte, Cabarrus County is home to more than 140,000 people - and counting. The rolling hills and gently sloping pastures were primarily country not too long ago, but interest in this rich and varied county has brought new neighborhoods and businesses to those hills and pastures. County commissioners and town planning officials are committed to ensuring that the growth doesn't compromise the county's heritage and beauty.

Concord, the county seat, has a lovely downtown district. Beautifully restored Victorian homes, one-of-a-kind shops, eateries and coffeehouses grace the tree-lined streets. The historic Cabarrus County Courthouse and the Memorial Garden are certainly worth noting. Housing in this growing community can

range from a grand old historic beauty on Concord's Union Streets, just a few blocks from downtown, to new homes offered by Charlotte-based builders or national companies.

## Charlotte Motor Speedway

Are you looking for something to get your blood pumping? Take a walk on the wild side. Cabarrus County is a motorsports mecca, and Charlotte Motor Speedway is the big kahuna. Home to NASCAR, IROC, World Karting and Legends car racing, the speedway holds major races in May and October. The zMAX Dragway is the world's only four-lane, all concrete drag strip. This Bellagio of drag strips annually hosts two NHRA events, including the O'Reilly Auto Parts NHRA Nationals and the one-of-a-kind VisitMyrtleBeach.com NHRA Four-Wide Nationals.

For smaller but no less exciting racing, check out the Concord Motorsport Park, which features an array of events throughout the year. When you're not at the track, visit the racing shops and museums that are so plentiful in these parts. The town of Harrisburg boasts a number of these racing havens, including the Hendrick Motorsports Museum and 600 Racing facility, which manufactures Legends cars - the forerunners of NASCAR models.



## Healthcare

Families living in Cabarrus enjoy excellent local health-care and educational opportunities. Named in the nation's top 100 hospitals for two consecutive years, NorthEast Medical Center continues to expand its state-of-the-art facility to provide quality health care to residents of Cabarrus and surrounding neighbors.

## Schools

Cabarrus County is served by two public school systems, Cabarrus County and the city of Kannapolis. Higher education opportunities abound as well. They include Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, which has a facility in western Cabarrus; the College of Health Sciences at NorthEast Medical Center; and Barber-Scotia College, a historically black, four-year liberal arts institution in Concord.

## Shopping



Concord Mills, off I-85, is unforgettable. The complex features more than 200 outlets, specialty retailers, theme restaurants, a 24-screen theater, virtual-reality game centers and dozens of other entertainment venues. One of the tenants, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, features aquariums, waterfalls, trout streams and an indoor shooting range.

Concord Mills, just one of the projects at western Cabarrus' 1,100-acre mixed-use development park, is proof positive that business is ripe in Cabarrus County. Thanks in part to its desirable location between Concord and Charlotte, western Cabarrus County is one of the region's hottest areas for business and development.

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# Lake Norman

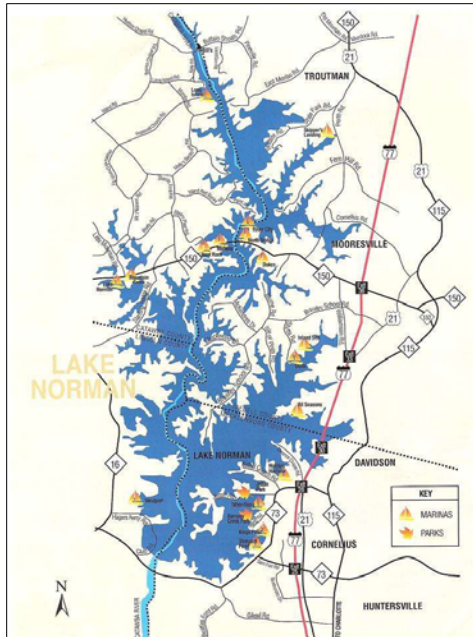
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## Helpful Sites:

[www.visitcharlotte.com](http://www.visitcharlotte.com)

[www.visitlakenorman.org](http://www.visitlakenorman.org)

[www.exploredavidsonnc.com](http://www.exploredavidsonnc.com)



Nestled on the banks of beautiful Lake Norman are the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, and Mooresville. These unique towns present a wide array of leisure amenities for visitors and guests including upscale shopping, year-round golfing, NASCAR, fishing and other water activities. Lake Norman, the largest man-made lake in the Carolinas, is the place for fun in the sun! Created in 1963 by Duke Energy, Lake Norman is 34 miles long with 520 miles of shoreline. Lake Norman offers numerous attractions to explore. Located about 25 miles north of Charlotte, from Lake Norman you can easily travel anywhere in the state.

## Cornelius

Those who call Cornelius home say they love the casual, relaxed atmosphere. Life is based around lake activities, weekend festivals, and outdoor fun.

## Davidson

Touching Lake Norman, but only 30 minutes from Charlotte, Davidson offers a small town retreat. Having grown up around Davidson College, education is a key factor. This town earned a Smart Growth Award for its planning and design and has retained its small town feel. Parks and green space are valued, housing options are many, and cultural opportunities abound.



## Huntersville

Huntersville has experienced an explosion in growth in recent years, yet there are still many parts that maintain a country feel. There is a good mix of popular retailers and boutiques, as well as franchise restaurants and local fare. Outdoor activities range from hiking at Latta Plantation, horseback riding at the Nature Preserve, or visiting the Carolina Raptor Center. Located only 10 minutes from the city limits of Charlotte, Huntersville can be a great place to call home.

## Mooresville

Historic downtown Mooresville bustles with art galleries, antique stores, and restaurants, many owned by locals who were born nearby and never wandered. Historic homes adorn tree-lined streets and are open for visitors during the Historic Home Tour. Gallery crawls occur on the second Friday night of each month while spectacular Lake Norman sunsets occur on a regular basis.



# York County, SC

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## Helpful Sites:

[www.yorkcountychamber.com](http://www.yorkcountychamber.com)

York County Schools  
[www.sciway.net/edu/k12/york.html](http://www.sciway.net/edu/k12/york.html)

Baxter Village:  
[www.villageofbaxter.com](http://www.villageofbaxter.com)



Relaxed lakeside living and thriving communities that maintain their small-town atmosphere draw newcomers to York County, South Carolina. With easy access along I-77 and S.C. 49, residents have the best of both worlds - the charms and friendliness of small-town living combined with cultural, shopping, and other attractions of a large city just across the state line. Families are drawn to the area by excellent employment opportunities, a reputation for quality public schools, and recreational opportunities on Lake Wylie and in nearby parks.

York County is full of activities that show the true beauty, character, and history of the area. Anne Springs Close Greenway is a 2,300-acre protected natural area that includes camping sites and a reservoir that's great for fishing. The Museum of York County features mounted African animals, tribal dress and art galleries, and Historic Brattonsville is a Revolutionary War battle site consisting of two dozen structures and extensive nature trails.

Baseball fans can go out to the ballpark at Knights Castle on Gold Hill Road at I-77 to see the AAA International League Charlotte Knights, affiliated with the Chicago White Sox. Paramount's Carowinds theme park straddles the N.C./S.C. state line. The park offers 13 pulse-pounding roller coasters, and summer season entertainment at the amphitheater and in Boomerang Bay Water Park. Several award-winning golf courses are located throughout the county.

Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Tega Cay, and the surrounding areas are served by a variety of local medical practices and health-care services to fit anyone's needs.



Rock Hill's downtown is a model for surrounding communities to redevelop their older Main Street districts and bring new business and residential development back to downtown. Winthrop University has been a Rock Hill landmark since 1895. Long known for its teacher preparation programs, Winthrop has also gained widespread recognition for its other courses of study. The university offers 82 undergraduate and 45 graduate degrees and options in the College of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Education, and Visual and Performing Arts. The university also has established itself as a regional center for the arts, joining the ranks of only 17 institutions nationwide accredited by the national associations of music, art and design, theater and dance.

Rock Hill, South Carolina is a business-savvy blend of historic charm and responsibly implemented expansion. The city is located in the north-central area of South Carolina approximately 20 miles south of Charlotte, NC along the I-77 corridor. Rock Hill is a growing community of 67,000 residents, and the city encompasses over 36 square miles. Rock Hill is the largest city in York County, SC and the only major South Carolina city in the Charlotte area.

New to Rock Hill is Riverwalk, a multi-phased, mixed-use village that will include the 3-mile Riverwalk that is part of the greater Carolina Thread Trail system and the Rock Hill Outdoor Center. Idyllically located on the peaceful

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## York County, SC

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banks of the Catawba River, this planned 1,008-acre village is a natural extension of the historic and revitalized City of Rock Hill. As part of the master plan, the Riverwalk vision includes a YMCA and athletic fields, Town Center, River District, professional office space and residences, all thoughtfully connected and complemented by pedestrian- and cycle-friendly streetscapes and trails. The River District will bring retail, restaurants and residential together in a way that celebrates its connection to the river. With stunning views and easy access to river amenities, it caters to the adventurous at heart while still maintaining an underlying peace and tranquility. The architectural character will be 'Upcountry River Vernacular' with simple massings, raised living levels, broad porches and screened-in living areas. Heritage trees are preserved throughout the district. Miles of trails lead from the river to a favorite fishing hole, kayak launch, a quiet picnic shelter, a mountain bike excursion, or back home after a dinner overlooking the scenic Catawba River. This is a place to enjoy your morning coffee, cool down after a jog or share an evening out with friends.

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## Fort Mill

Fort Mill is a wonderful town located along the I-77 corridor in the northernmost part of South Carolina. Recognized as one of the fastest growing communities in the state, residents of the town enjoy a high quality of life and a strong sense of community. The Fort Mill Schools are among the best in the state and perform well above national standards.

Fort Mill, a community once known for textiles and peach farming, has become a business and residential magnet. Fort Mill takes its name from a colonial-era fort built by the British and a gristmill on nearby Steele Creek.



One neighborhood preserving small-town charm is The Village of Baxter, a 1,000-acre community developed by a company owned by the Close textile family of Springs Industries fame. The community has created a neighborhood modeled after small Southern towns. Homes are set close to the street and include porches to encourage interaction among neighbors. A pre-school, a public elementary school, a branch of the York County Library, and a YMCA are all located within the neighborhood.

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## Tega Cay

Tega Cay means beautiful peninsula and that it is! The 1,600-acre peninsula is surrounded by 16 miles of Lake Wylie shoreline and offers golf, swimming, boating, tennis, hiking and biking trails, as well as gorgeous sunsets over the lake. Tega Cay has rugged topography and many densely wooded areas. A 27-hole golf course weaves throughout the city. The clubhouse contains a restaurant, bar, and Golf Pro-Shop. Diners may sit inside or outside on the veranda or deck while overlooking the golf course. There are eight tennis courts, a junior Olympic sized swimming pool, several athletic fields, three waterfront parks, miles of walking trails, and a marina. Housing options range from small bungalows to large waterfront homes.



## York County, SC

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### Lake Wylie



With over 325 miles of shoreline reaching both North and South Carolina, Lake Wylie is the perfect place for a peaceful retreat from the hectic pace of everyday life. Visitors can enjoy boating, camping, water skiing, fishing, swimming and hiking at the various parks located along the shores of Lake Wylie. All parks have free admission, and many are open year round. Lake Wylie is approximately nine miles from Clover.

The leisure and excitement of lakeside living, comfortable, small town atmosphere, and convenient proximity to regional commercial and cultural centers make Lake Wylie the perfect

setting to live and do business. Recreation is an integral part of the Lake Wylie lifestyle. The Lake Wylie Christmas Boat Parade is a much anticipated annual event.

River Hills Plantation is a 1,000-acre gated, lakeside community located within Lake Wylie, SC. Nearly 1,100 homes and a championship golf course blend into the park-like setting of rolling hills and lake vistas. Homes range from affordable, cedar-sided condominiums and free-standing houses to spectacular lakeside private estates.



### Clover

Chartered in 1887 and occupying approximately 2.4 square miles of land, the Town of Clover is located in north-western York County, South Carolina, just a short driving distance to Charlotte, NC and Rock Hill, SC. Clover is a quiet and peaceful community rich in history. The Town of Clover was incorporated in 1887 and has a growing population. Clover citizens have access to big city amenities while preserving a small hometown quality.

The Town of Clover provides students with top-of-the-line facilities and programs to make sure they get the best possible education. There are five elementary schools, three post-elementary schools and one high school serving the Clover School District. Bus transportation is provided for all students living more than a mile and a half from their zoned school.



# Statesville

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## Helpful Sites:

[www.weichert.com](http://www.weichert.com)

[www.visitstatesville.org](http://www.visitstatesville.org)

[www.carolinaballoonfest.com](http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com)

[www.statesvillepumpkinfest.com](http://www.statesvillepumpkinfest.com)



Located at the intersection of Interstate 77 and Interstate 40, Statesville is in Iredell County and serves as a gateway destination to the North Carolina Mountains, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Hickory furniture outlets and even the nearby Yadkin Valley and Swan Creek Wine Regions.

Located in a lovely rural area yet convenient to urban amenities in Charlotte and Winston-Salem, history and modern growth blend to enrich today's lifestyle in Statesville. Excellent schools and facilities complement diverse industry, retail, financial, health care and business establishments. Affordable housing and community activities make Statesville a comfortable fit for young and old alike.

The Iredell-Statesville School system is highly rated. The city also has excellent charter schools for K-8 and several private educational institutions. The community offers excellent healthcare with Iredell Memorial, the county's largest hospital with 247 beds, Davis Regional Hospital with 149 beds, and Piedmont HealthCare Physicians Group with over 90 doctors.



Since 1789 Statesville has maintained a thriving scenic downtown and a strong sense of community. The downtown has Victorian homes and a number of buildings and structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This combined with the low cost of doing business, strong work force, and strategic location with two interstates have helped rank Statesville-Mooresville as the Number One Micropolitan area in the United States.

Statesville is home to two North Carolina unique and exciting festivals; the Statesville PumpkinFest and the Carolina BalloonFest. Here, you will find great entertainment, food, arts and crafts, hot air balloons and much more. Beyond festivals, Statesville is also home to numerous nearby attractions and activities including Historic Downtown Statesville, Lake Norman, NASCAR, Fort Dobbs, Love Valley, Zootastic Park, golf, outlet shopping, unique local cuisine, museums and even gem mining.



## NW Charlotte

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### Helpful Sites:

[www.charlotte.com](http://www.charlotte.com)

[www.charlottewhitewater.com](http://www.charlottewhitewater.com)

## Northwest Charlotte

The final destination on our journey throughout Charlotte is the Western corridor.

In west Charlotte, you'll find some of the most reasonable housing prices in the city. And as you travel farther into the northwestern portion of the county, you'll find some of the most unspoiled beauty in the entire Charlotte area.

The west and northwest regions encompass urban areas near Charlotte's Uptown and extend west to the Gaston County line, northwest to Mountain Island Lake and north to Lake Norman.

This area offers easy access to Uptown, interstates and other major thoroughfares, including Wilkinson Boulevard, West Trade Street, Beatties Ford Road and Statesville Road. You'll find reasonably priced bungalow-style homes in some quaint, older neighborhoods.



### U.S. National Whitewater Center

The U.S. National Whitewater Center is an outdoor adventure center providing the Charlotte region with the world's most unique outdoor recreation and environmental learning experience. The Center provides the opportunity to experience over 300 acres of woodlands along the Catawba River, only 10 minutes from center-city Charlotte. Outdoor enthusiasts can mountain bike, run on the trails, climb, canoe, kayak and much, much more! Olympic-caliber athletes, weekend warriors and casual observers are able to share this world-class sports and training center.



# Gaston County

## Helpful Sites:

[www.visitgaston.org](http://www.visitgaston.org)

[www.mcadenville-christmastown.com](http://www.mcadenville-christmastown.com)

[www.dsgb.org](http://www.dsgb.org)

[www.belmontabbeycollege.edu](http://www.belmontabbeycollege.edu)



**Belmont** is a small suburban city in Gaston County NC, located about 15 miles west of up-town Charlotte. With a population of approximately 9,000, Belmont is home to **Belmont Abbey College** a private liberal-arts Catholic college. Founded in 1876 by Benedictine monks, the school offers an undergraduate education and enrolls students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.



**McAdenville**, also known as **Christmastown, USA**, has a population of approximately 600. Since 1956, the citizens have kept a tradition of decorating the entire town with more than 450,000 Christmas lights. As one of the largest light shows in the US, this celebration attracts visitors from all over the country. It's estimated that 300,000 carloads of people enjoy the spectacle each year. The residents of McAdenville welcome all to tour free of charge.

**Gastonia** is the largest city and the county seat of Gaston County. It is also the second largest suburb of the Charlotte Area, behind Concord. The 2010 United States Census reported its population as approximately 72,000, making Gastonia the 13th largest city in North Carolina.



**Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden** is a diverse garden located on 380 acres of rolling meadows, woodlands, and lakefront property in Belmont. Founded by Daniel J. Stowe, a retired textile executive from Belmont, it includes large manicured gardens and natural surrounding areas. It features a woodland trail, sparkling fountains, and an orchid conservatory.

The appealing garden site has a long history of use by its inhabitants. Originally, Native American tribes of Catawba and Cherokee trapped, fished, hunted, and raised families here. In recent years, the garden's meadowlands have been used as pasture for farm animals.

