

## **A Great Location for Business**

The 565 square miles that make up Rutherford County are home to nine incorporated municipalities and numerous unincorporated areas. Our combination of natural splendor, easy access, and workforce readiness truly makes Rutherford County a great location . . . for business!

Rutherford County is served by three US Highways, 64, 74, and 221. US-74 provides convenient access to Interstates 26 and 85, as well as one of the most scenic and least congested major thoroughfares in the state. US-64 and US-221 offer additional access to I-40 and I-85, as well as to scenic retreats such as Lake Lure and North Carolina ski resorts. US-74 Business serves as a connector for the Tri-Cities area of Forest City, Spindale, and Rutherfordton.

We're literally in the middle of everything here in Rutherford County. The Charlotte, NC metro area is about an hour's drive to the east, while Asheville, NC is about an hour to the northwest. Greenville/Spartanburg, SC can be reached in under an hour, while going another hour due south will take you to the Columbia, SC metro area. Even the Atlanta, GA metro area is an easy three hour drive from here.

This means that wherever your materials are coming from, and wherever your products need to go, moving them back and forth is quick and efficient. Along with convenient highway access, Rutherford County is within an hour's drive of three major airports. We are also home to Rutherford County Airport, which can handle a surprisingly wide array of air traffic with its 5000-foot runway.

Our residents are served by a broad range of retailers, restaurants, and professional services. From world-renowned companies to locally-based entrepreneurs, you can find just about anything you could ever want. In addition, Rutherford County is primed for business growth and expansion.

The Rutherford County Economic Development Commission can assist companies of all sizes with site selection, logistics, and any statistics needed to demonstrate our readiness to accommodate new, existing, or expanding businesses. Workforce training and development programs offered by Isothermal Community College and the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission can provide your business with employees dedicated to delivering success from day one.

Our infrastructure is also primed for business success. High-speed internet service is available throughout the county. Power, water, and rail access are abundant. Locations such as the Rutherford 74 Corporate Center and the RiverStone Business Park are ready for immediate development, and a number of existing locations are also available to accommodate any commercial, retail, or industrial need. Municipal and county governments are business-friendly, as is the community as a whole.

Best of all, when the workday is done, the living is easy. Our relaxed, "Small Town Friendly" community is a great place to settle down, raise families, and build successful lives. No other location can offer such an array of opportunities for business success and personal satisfaction. When you're ready, let us know how we can help you take advantage of all we have to offer!