

Ashe County Capital Improvement Plan

Priority	Project	Project Summary	Budget	Implementation (years)	Funding Source	Task List	Project Schedule
High Priority	Ambulance Base	Construct a central EMS base to be completed by 2030. Base to include bays sufficient for 4 primary trucks, training room, sleeping quarters, administrative offices, etc.		1-2	GF Limited Obligation Bonds General Obligation Bonds?	- Identify location - begin work with design group - establish project budget	Identify Property Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction 1/1/2026 4/1/2026 10/1/2026 4/1/2027
Moderate Priority	DSS Building	Consolidate DSS into one building and improve working space.	\$33,235,361	3-5	GF DSS Reimbursement	identify new design team for DSS building and prepare design cost for budget prep FY 26/27	Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction 7/1/2024 1/1/2026 3/1/2026 5/1/2026
Active	Landfill	Complete construction of new cell at current landfill	\$6,000,000		GF Limited Obligation Bonds	bid project 1/1/2026	Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction 7/1/2024 1/1/2026 3/1/2026 5/1/2026
Active	Env. Services Building	Construction of 15,000 sq/ft shop building to replace existing	\$4,946,000		GF Limited Obligation Bonds	bid project 1/1/2026	Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction Sell Existing Building 5/1/2025 3/1/2026 5/1/2026 5/1/2026
On Going	Recreation Center	Construction of recreation center (pool, gym, workout center, childcare)	\$20,000,000	3-5	State Grant YMCA Fundraising		Fundraising Study Formalize Management (YMCA) Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction 3/1/2025 3/1/2025
Moderate Priority	Animal Shelter	Replace existing shelter (1,200 sq/ft) 2,500 – 5,000 sq/ft		3-5	GF Donations	- Identify engineer for preliminary design - Seek special use permit from WJ - Close on property if site approved	Identify Property Preliminary Site Approval Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction 11/1/2025 7/1/2026
Moderate Priority	Courthouse Renovations	Remodel of existing space depending on other projects		3-5	GF		Select Design Team Complete Design Establish Financing 11/1/2025

									Bid Project Begin Construction
High Priority	Courthouse Mechanical Upgrades	Repair of mechanical systems in courthouse	\$1,500,000	1-2	GF	- Identify contractor that can assist with design and construction - Establish project scope and budget before budget prep for FY 26/27			
On Going	Industrial Park	Shell Building(s) Construction – current project is to construct a 15,000 sq/ft shell building on existing site. Continue development to remaining sites with shell buildings as funding allows.			Golden Leaf EDA Grant GF Private Sector	- Continue to seek grant funding to building out lots with shell buildings - Establish relationship with private sector companies to establish Shell Building Program			Select Design Team Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction
Moderate Priority	NW Recreation and Community Center	- Improvements to existing recreational facilities - Renovation of existing space to office/community space		3-5	GF Parks Grant	- Hold two community meetings on site to get interest on redevelopment (one March/April 2026) - Meet with departments internally and learn how they may use the property			Community Outreach Complete Design Bid Project Begin Construction
Low Priority	Law Enforcement 3 rd Floor	Complete/finish out 3 rd floor of law enforcement building	\$1,800,000	6-10					Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction
On Going	CDBG-DR Housing	The Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery will assist in developing affordable/workforce housing in the County.		3-10	HUD/ Dept. Of Commerce LIHTC				Program released: Feb 28, 2026 Identify Property: Ongoing Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction
On Going	Riverview Community Center	Repair and reconstruction of existing building post Hurricane Helene.		1-2	FEMA reimbursement Insurance State Grants				Identify Property Complete Design Establish Financing Bid Project Begin Construction
		Total Projects	\$68,300,000						

Other projects

- Northern Peaks Trail
- Family Central Outdoor Amenities (Splash pad)

Priority Definitions

Active - The project is currently underway, meaning it is in the design phase, out for bid, or already under contract. Active projects are receiving staff time, consultant support, and budget allocations. Progress is visible and measurable, with milestones being tracked and reported.

High Priority (1–2 Years) - These projects are scheduled for near-term development and are considered essential to meet immediate operational, safety, or community needs. Funding is either already secured or actively being pursued, and planning efforts are aligned to ensure readiness.

Moderate Priority (3–5 Years) - Projects in this category are important but not urgent. They are slated for development within a mid-range timeframe, typically 3–5 years. Preliminary work—such as site selection, feasibility studies, due diligence, and early design concepts may begin before the formal development window. Moderate-priority projects balance long-term strategic goals with available resources, ensuring they are positioned for success when funding and capacity align.

Low Priority (6–10 Years) - These projects are recognized as beneficial but are not expected to move forward in the near term. They are scheduled for development within a 6–10 year horizon. Work will focus on maintaining current scope, refining cost estimates, and keeping the project concept viable for future consideration. Low-priority projects often depend on evolving community needs, long-term growth trends, or future funding opportunities.

On-Going - These projects are dependent on external funding sources such as grants, state/federal programs, or private partnerships. Development will continue incrementally as funding becomes available. Progress may be less predictable, but staff will actively monitor opportunities, submit applications, and adjust timelines based on funding cycles. On-going projects often represent innovative or specialized initiatives that extend beyond the county's core budget capacity.