

# Former DMV HQ Acquisition Fact Sheet

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## Highlights

The DMV site at 1100 New Bern Avenue is 5.37 acres. The parking lots across the street at 205 and 207 S. State St bring the total size to 5.88 acres.

The site purchase cost is \$20M. Additional costs include \$3M for closing, demolition and remediation. Another \$340,000 will fund security, community engagement and other uses. Funding is from the American Rescue Plan Act.

A community engagement process is underway. A Project Working Group will facilitate discussion and create a vision for the site. This vision will influence a process to request development proposals. Those proposals will determine the number of housing units and other uses on the site.

Actions taken today:

- Authorize the City Manager to purchase and close on the properties.
- Authorize budget amendments and appropriate funds.
- Accept the community engagement plan.

## Timeline

2019 – The City and State have preliminary discussions about the property. DMV headquarters moves to Rocky Mount in July.

2021 – City Council approves the purchase of land near transit corridors. This action gave the City staff authority to look into buying the DMV site and other properties.

2022 – The NC General Assembly in the budget authorizes sale of the old DMV HQ property.

2023 – City makes \$20M offer. Council of State approves the sale June 6, 2023. A 90-day notice for other offers has ended.

2024 – Final closing and City ownership of property; Community engagement and planning.

## Community Engagement Plan

The process began in October 2023 and will run through December 2024. Community Engagement will build on the existing vision for the site to develop affordable housing, community services, and other transit supported housing and uses. A broad vision document can be found [online](#).

Project Working Group members will have strong connections to the New Bern Ave. Corridor. We'll look for members who are second or third-generation Raleigh natives. Two seats are reserved for at-large members. All members should have personal experience or strong knowledge of the needs of Raleigh's Black/African American community.

Engagement activities may include office hours at the DMV site, temporary art installations or events, and focus groups. The final plan will be guided by the working group through multiple revisions. Stakeholders will help resolve competing interests or visions for the site through conversations.

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