

Former DMV Site Project Fact Sheet

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Highlights

The City of Raleigh owns the 5.37-acre former DMV site at 1100 New Bern Avenue. 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 was \$20M. Additional costs include \$3M for closing, demolition and removing materials from the site. Another \$340,000 will fund security, community engagement and other uses. Funding is from the American Rescue Plan Act.

A community engagement process has been underway. A Project Working Group has concluded work on a community-driven vision process to guide future development. This will inform a request for quotes/proposals (RFQ/RFP) for a mixed-use project centered on affordable housing and community services. Engagement lasted for 20 months and there were 55 community events held to support the project.

Actions taken to date:

- Completed property acquisition
- Approved funding and engagement strategy
- Completed Project Working Group sessions and community engagement

Timeline

2019 – Initial discussions; DMV relocates to Rocky Mount

2021 – City Council authorizes pursuit of strategic land near transit

2022 – NC General Assembly approves property sale

2023 – \$20M City offer; Council of State approves sale (June)

2024 – Final purchase and community engagement begin

2025 – Planning continues; demolition and RFP preparation underway

Next Steps

- Staff will issue a market and design study RFP to inform RFQ/RFP approach
- Staff will report to Council in Fall 2025 with summary of market study finding
- Staff anticipates have a recommended development partner in Spring 2026

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