



Moore County Board of Commissioners

September 16, 2025 | 4:00 PM
Historic Courthouse
1 Courthouse Square
Carthage, NC 28327

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Kurt Cook, Vice Chairman Nick Picerno, Jim Von Canon, John Ritter, Tom Adams

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Cook called the special meeting to order.

County Manager Wayne Vest gave a brief overview of the meeting.

1. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A. Municipal Officials Update/Input Regarding Opioid Settlement Funds

County Manager Wayne Vest noted that this special meeting is intended to provide an update on the Opioid Settlement Funds to municipal officials and to solicit input regarding the allocation of Opioid Settlement funds. A PowerPoint presentation was shared on the Opioid Settlement Funds and how those funds have been allocated, and it is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix A.

The Board assigned two commissioners to the Opioid Task Force:

Commissioners John Ritter and Tom Adams. The Task Force, along with the Review and Recommendation Committee, which consists of five members, including Tony Price, Becky Cameron, Catherine Graham, Anne Kimball, and Frank Quis, has held several meetings to discuss how current partners were engaged and asked for the Board's feedback on the process moving forward. Moore County is receiving \$11,732,999 in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2028. As of August 25, 2025, Moore County has received \$4,321,252.91 in Opioid Settlement Funds and \$232,294.64 in Interest. Funding has been dispersed thus far as follows, including the strategy used to select the programs:

- Adult and Teen Challenge, Strategy 3 – Recovery Support Services and Strategy 4 – Recovery Housing Support
- Samaritan Colony – Strategy 3 – Recovery Support Services and Strategy 4 – Recovery Housing Support
- Fist Heath, Strategy 3 – Recovery Support Services and Strategy 7 – Naloxone Distribution
- Boys and Girls Club – Strategy 6 – Early Intervention

Mr. Vest stated that \$75,280 remains in the Opioid Settlement allocation after payments have been made to those listed above. These funds will remain in the Opioid Settlement account and will not be used for other items.

Mr. Vest said for FY2026, the current contracts have been renewed for six months, except for the Boys and Girls Club.

Mr. Vest stated that the Boys and Girls Club received funding in the previous year under Strategy 6. The NCACC became involved and allowed that the Boys and Girls Club funding received may not have met the "at-risk" definition. Based on this information, it was decided to continue funding the Boys and Girls Club without utilizing Opioid Settlement Funds. The Opioid Settlement Funds for FY2026, earmarked for the Boys and Girls Club of Moore County, will be used for staff time, salaries, strategic planning, and tracking and reporting of the Opioid Settlement Funds.

Commissioner Ritter offered comments, stating that these funds should be used to help everyone who could be reached; however, the funds are subject to numerous rules and regulations, which can make it difficult to reach everyone who may need assistance. He also said that using these funds to support staff efforts in tracking the Opioid Settlement Funds and utilizing general funds for the Boys and Girls Club is a positive step that will enable us to reach more children. Vice Chairman Picerno offered comments and asked if these programs are submitting any reporting information on how the funds are being used. He stated it is essential that the allocated funds to each of these programs are used for their intended purpose. He requested a quarterly report from these programs, as he would like to see accountability and the data on how these funds are being used. Commissioner Ritter agreed.

Mr. Vest offered comments and stated that, before payments are dispersed, each program is required to submit a payment request. Additionally, on an annual basis, each program is required to report on how the funds were utilized and the number of individuals who benefited from the program. He also mentioned that in a previous meeting of the Opioid Task Force and Review and Recommendations Committee, they heard from a young man who had benefitted from a program and how it assisted him.

Mr. Vest stated that other providers and programs have reached out to Moore County, expressing interest in the Opioid Settlement Funds. This list is on page eleven of Appendix A.

A discussion was held regarding the next steps for the Opioid Settlement Funds process, along with Option A Strategies and Option B Strategies. The collaborative planning process must be repeated every four years to continue funding any Option B Strategy.

Vice Chairman Picerno asked why the NCACC decided that the Boys and Girls Club should not receive Opioid Settlement Funding, given that they had received funding the previous year. Mr. Vest offered comments, stating that it was the way their program was set up, and not every child who goes through the Boys and Girls Club program met the definition of at-risk at that time. Mr. Vest stated that the NCACC has a committee that assists them with determining who is eligible to receive this funding.

Vice Chairman Picerno recommended asking the Opioid Task Force and the schools to investigate a program for middle school students that would be for prior intervention to help educate children about the risks of Opioid use, such as Teen Challenge. Discussion followed.

Chairman Cook offered comments, stating that education is essential for youth. Commissioner Ritter suggested that the Opioid Task Force set a date to discuss how these items can be implemented.

Upon motion made by Chairman Cook, seconded by Vice Chairman Picerno, to adjourn this meeting, discussion was had, and it was noted that the meeting should not have been adjourned, as there is another agenda item. Upon motion made by Chairman Cook, he rescinded his motion, Vice Chairman Picerno rescinded his second to cancel their original motions and continue with the meeting.

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Water Source Options

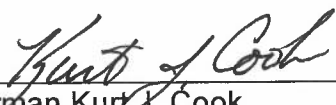
Public Works Director Brian Patnode presented the Crystal Lake option as a potential future water source in Moore County. This presentation is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix B. Mr. Patnode stated that NCDOT will pave the road that has washed out beside the lake, but NCDOT will require the dam to be structurally sound and repaired first.

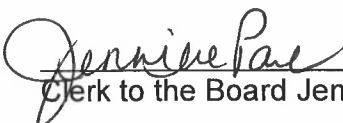
Mr. Patnode stated that Crystal Lake does not have a sufficient water supply to be considered a viable water source option unless it is supplemented. It was recommended to use the nearest supplemental option, Little River/Crane Creek, to supplement the Crystal Lake option with potential pumping from Little River. Next steps would include dam repair, examining storage volume, conducting safe-yield analysis, assessing environmental impacts, determining ownership, reviewing permitting requirements, and estimating the costs associated with this option.

A discussion was held regarding this option.

Adam Kiker, with LKC Engineering, offered comments on this option. Public Works has been working with Mr. Kiker on this matter. Mr. Kiker said that what was presented today is an initial request and information about this option. Commissioner Adams asked if there was a timeline on this option. Mr. Kiker stated that the items presented today are preliminary, and from what they know thus far, the timeline could be between 4-6 weeks to develop a plan for Mr. Patnode's staff. Mr. Adams feels the Board should move forward with this option.

Upon motion made by Vice Chairman Picerno, seconded by Commissioner Adams, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the September 16, 2025, Special Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.


Chairman Kurt J. Cook


Clerk to the Board Jennifer Parks





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Opioid Task Force Municipal Meeting

September 16, 2025

Opioid Settlement Funds: Allocation Pathway

- Board of Commissioners
 - Task Force
 - Commissioner John Ritter
 - Commissioner Tom Adams
 - Review & Recommendations Committee
 - Tony Price
 - Becky Cameron
 - Catherine Graham
 - Anne Kimball
 - Frank Quis
- Staff



2025 Revised Payment Chart (With Wave 2)

Moore County is receiving **\$11,732,999** in opioid settlement funds from 2022 through 2038.

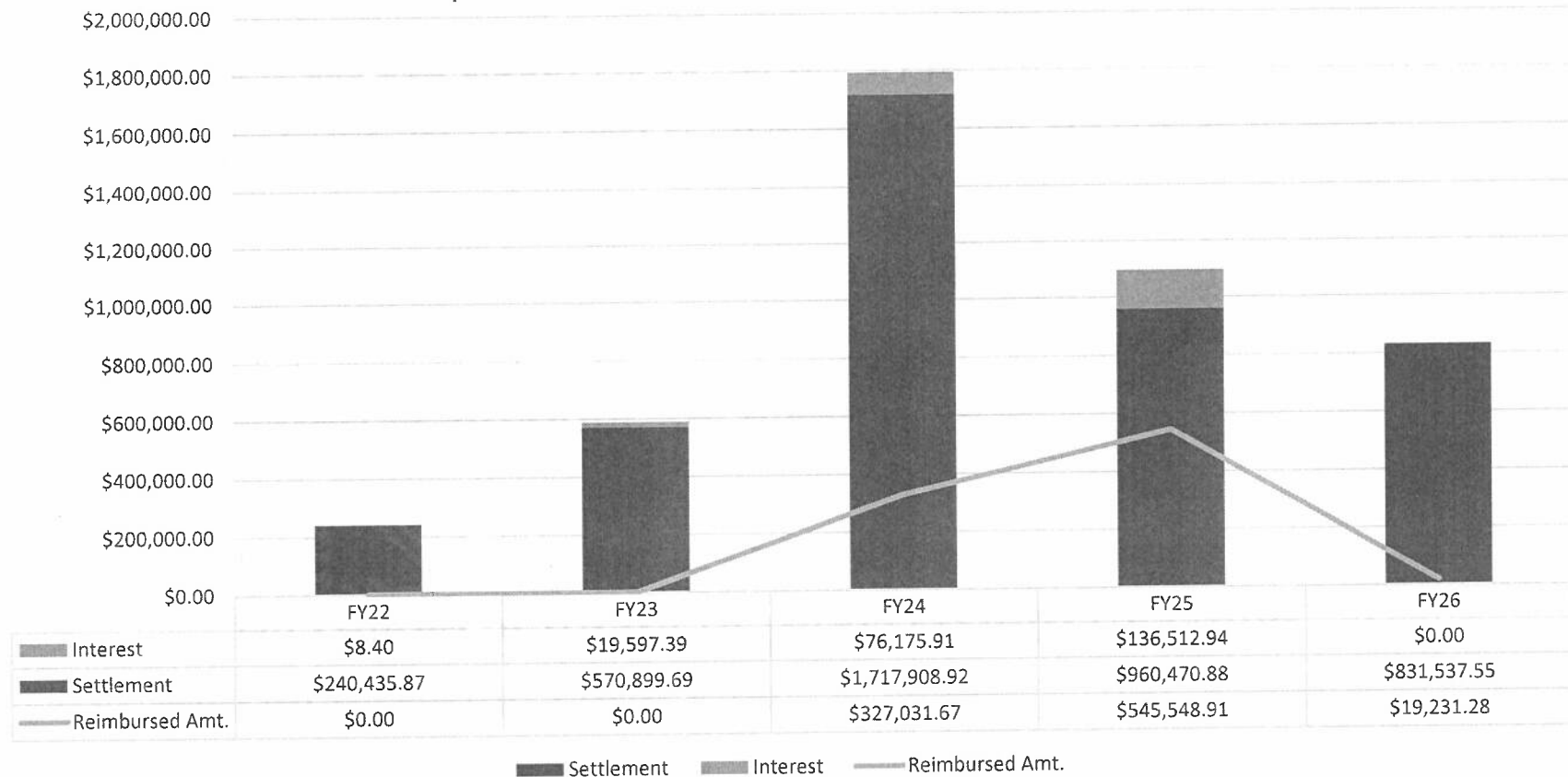


Source: ncopioidsettlement.org/data-dashboards/payment-schedule/

Estimated average funding over 17 years = \$690,176.41 ($\$11,732,999 / 17$ years)

2926 Opioid Settlement Funds Received and Reimbursed as of August 25, 2025

Opioid Settlement Funds Received as of 8/25/2025



Received \$4,321,252.91 in Settlement Funds and \$232,294.64 in Interest as of 8/25/25 - **Total \$4,553,547.55**
 Contracts **\$1,289,032**, Reimbursed to date **\$891,811.86**.



Opioid Settlement Fund

- Special Revenue Fund 290
 - All Opioid Settlement funds go into this fund
 - All interest received is deposited into this fund
- Allocated vs Amount Received – 28%
- Actual Expenditures vs Amount Received – 20%
- Difference in the two is primarily due to the current contracts for fiscal year 2025-2026.

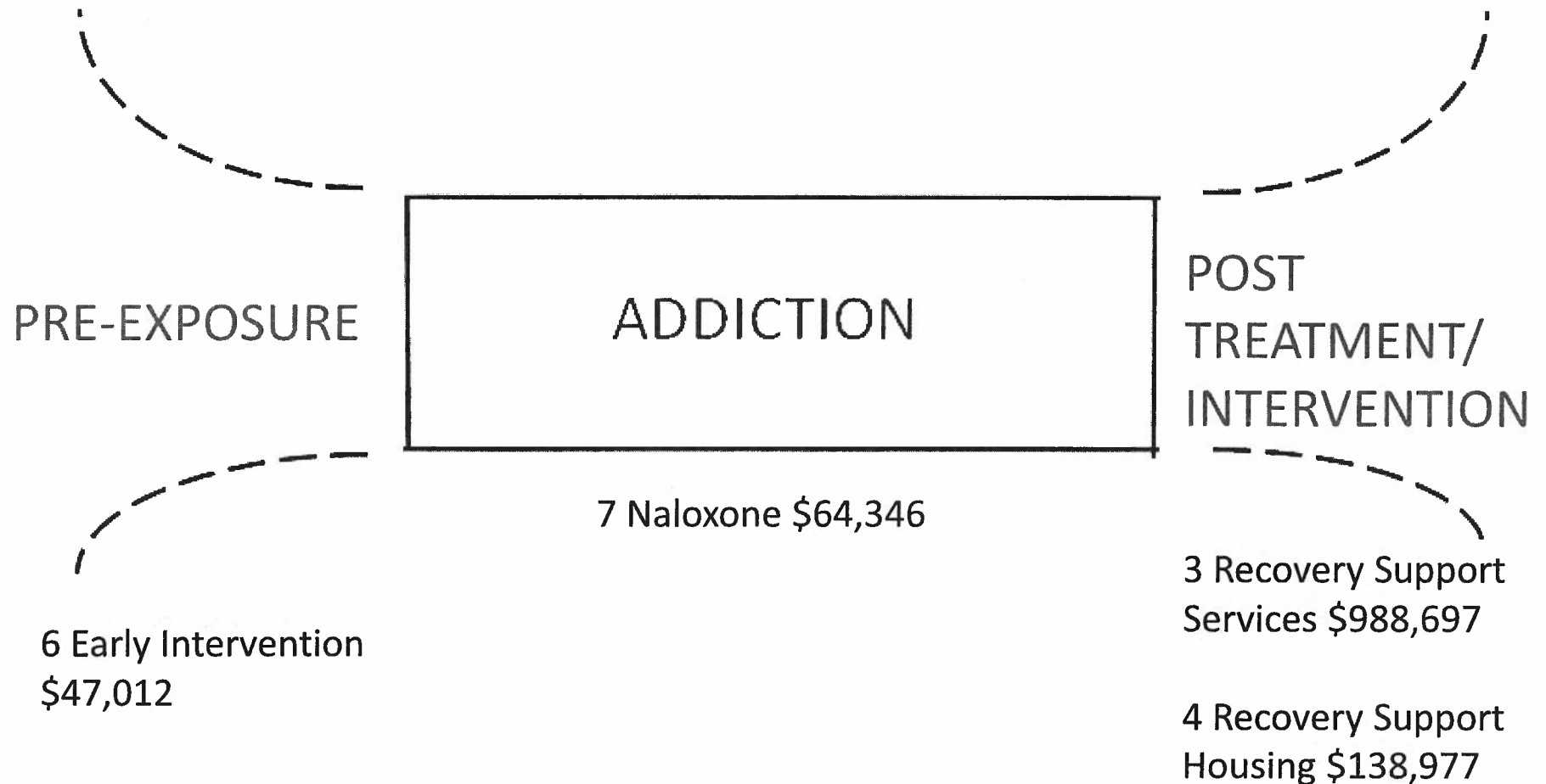


Board Chose - Option A Strategies

1. Collaborative strategic planning
2. Evidence-based addiction treatment
3. Recovery support services
4. Recovery housing support
5. Employment-related services
6. Early intervention
7. Naloxone distribution
8. Post-overdose response team
9. Syringe Service Program
10. Criminal justice diversion programs
11. Addiction treatment for incarcerated persons
12. Reentry Programs



OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS



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Opiod Settlement Allocations & Spending-FY24/25

	<u>*Resolution Amount</u>	<u>Reimbursed Amount</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>
<u>Strategy 3 - Recovery Support Services</u>			
Adult & Teen Challenge	\$256,447	\$256,447	\$0
First Health	\$180,963	\$132,585	\$48,378
Samaritan Colony	<u>\$287,147</u>	<u>\$283,944</u>	<u>\$3,203</u>
Subtotal Strategy 3	\$724,557	\$672,976	\$51,581
<u>Strategy 4 - Recovery Support Housing</u>			
Adult & Teen Challenge	\$33,538	\$33,538	\$0
Samaritan Colony	<u>\$90,733</u>	<u>\$90,733</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Subtotal Strategy 4	\$124,271	\$124,271	\$0
<u>Strategy 6 - Early Intervention</u>			
Boys & Girls Club	<u>\$47,012</u>	<u>\$47,012</u>	\$0
Subtotal Strategy 6	\$47,012	\$47,012	\$0
<u>Strategy 7 - Naloxone</u>			
First Health	<u>\$51,021</u>	<u>\$28,323</u>	<u>\$22,699</u>
Subtotal Strategy 7	\$51,021	\$28,323	\$22,699
Total	\$946,861	\$872,581	\$74,280

*Resolution Amount represents open resolutions and expended amount.



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Opioid Settlement Allocations & Spending-FY25/26

	<u>*Resolution Amount</u>	<u>Reimbursed Amount</u>	<u>Amount Remaining</u>
<u>Strategy 1 - Collaborative Strategic Planning</u>			
Moore County	<u>\$50,000</u>		<u>\$50,000</u>
Subtotal Strategy 1	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
<u>Strategy 3 - Recovery Support Services</u>			
Adult & Teen Challenge	\$104,857	\$19,231	\$85,626
First Health	\$53,250		\$53,250
Samaritan Colony	<u>\$105,294</u>		<u>\$105,294</u>
Subtotal Strategy 3	\$263,401	\$19,231	\$244,170
<u>Strategy 4 - Recovery Support Housing</u>			
Samaritan Colony	<u>\$14,706</u>		<u>\$14,706</u>
Subtotal Strategy 4	\$14,706	\$0	\$14,706
<u>Strategy 5 - Employment-Related Services</u>			
First Health	<u>\$739</u>		<u>\$739</u>
Subtotal Strategy 5	\$739	\$0	\$739
<u>Strategy 7 - Naloxone</u>			
First Health	<u>\$13,325</u>		<u>\$13,325</u>
Subtotal Strategy 7	\$13,325	\$0	\$13,325
Total	\$342,171	\$19,231	\$322,940
	12/31/2025	12/31/2025	12/31/2025

*Boys & Girls Club funded \$28,724 through General Fund for Early Intervention, not using Opioid Settlement Funds

Impact Reporting by Strategy - Summary

9/1/23-6/30/24

7/1/2024-6/30/25

Strategy 3 - Recovery Support Services*

Adult & Teen Challenge	35	136
Samaritan Colony	42	63
First Health	98	277
Total	175	476

Strategy 4 - Recovery Housing Support*

Adult & Teen Challenge	35	71
Samaritan Colony	42	63
Total	77	134

Strategy 6 - Early Intervention

Boys & Girls Club	554	753
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Strategy 7 - Naloxone Distribution*

First Health - Kits Distributed	17	266
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*Clients may be included in more than one strategy. Impact Report for 6/30/25 due in state portal by 9/27/25.



Others that have expressed Interest in Opioid Settlement Funds

Sent Information:

- Life Springs Dream Center – Strategy 2, 10 and 12, Request \$571K
- Partners for Children – Smart Start, Need Annual Audit – Strategy 3 and 6, Request \$407K
- Acadia – Pinehurst Comprehensive Treatment Center, Strategy 2, 3 and 4, Request \$152,350

Others Expressing Interest or Inquiring:

- Solas Health
- Rise Up Moore
- Changing Destinies Ministries and Place of Grace in Rockingham
- The Place to Heal
- Focused Addiction Recovery of Duplin County



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Other Items for Discussion – Next Steps

- Requirement of MOA – Annual Municipal Meeting 9/16/25, previously 9/17/24
- Extension of current existing partner contracts past 12/31/25
- Task Force and R&R discussion on possible 2nd RFP
- Discussion on August 25, 2025, with OSTAT (Opioid Settlement Technical Assistance Team from the NCACC):
 - Strategy Focus
 - Definition of Strategy 6 – Early Intervention from OSTAT
 - At Risk
 - Elevated Risk
 - Group Approach vs Individual
 - Ways to measure impact of strategies
 - Veterans Treatment Court – How to use funding (OSTAT Discussion)
 - Option B Strategy Discussion



Other Items for Discussion – Difference between Option A and Option B Strategies

- The Board of Commissioners selected the Option A Strategies
- Boards may approve both Option A and Option B Strategies

Option A Strategies:

This option offers a streamlined process for local governments to access and use opioid settlement funds, with fewer requirements for local-level planning.

- **High-impact strategies:** Under Option A, a local government can choose from a list of high-impact strategies (Exhibit A) to address the opioid crisis.
- **Less planning required:** Localities do not need to undergo the comprehensive strategic planning process outlined in Exhibit C.
- **Direct funding:** It allows governments to directly fund specific projects from the pre-approved list.



Other Items for Discussion – Difference between Option A and Option B, continued

Option B Strategies:

This option requires a more involved, collaborative strategic planning process for local governments.

- **Wider range of strategies:** By completing a strategic plan, local governments "unlock" access to a longer list of strategies (Exhibit B) in addition to those in Exhibit A. This allows for a more comprehensive, "wrap-around" approach to treatment and recovery.
- **Collaborative planning:** This option mandates a collaborative planning process, often involving diverse community stakeholders, to create a report and recommendations.
- **Strategic plan requirement:** Local governments must produce and present a formal Report and Recommendations to their governing body and to CORE-NC within 90 days of presentation.

Note: The collaborative planning process must be repeated every 4 years to continue funding any Option B strategy.



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Other Items for Discussion – Difference between Option A and Option B, concluded

Option B Strategies (continued):

Feature	Option A	Option B
Required Planning	Minimal planning activities required.	Mandatory collaborative strategic planning process (Exhibit C).
Available Strategies	Limited to the list of high-impact strategies in Exhibit A.	Access to a broader range of strategies from both Exhibit A and Exhibit B.
Project Flexibility	Less flexible, focused on a shorter list of pre-approved projects.	More flexible, allowing for tailored, comprehensive "wrap-around" programs.
Process	Simpler and more direct allocation of funds.	More involved, requiring public reporting and recommendations.

Comparison of the two options

When considering which strategy to use, what specific types of opioid crisis-related programs or community collaborations are you looking to fund?



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Resources

- Community Opioid Resources Engine (CORE-NC)
 - ncopioidsettlement.org/
- NC Association of County Commissioners
 - NCACC.org/opioidsettlement
- NC Department of Justice
 - morepowerfulinc.org
- NC Department of Health and Human Services
 - ncdhhs.gov/opioid-and-substance-use-action-plan-data-dashboard



Discussion with Municipalities

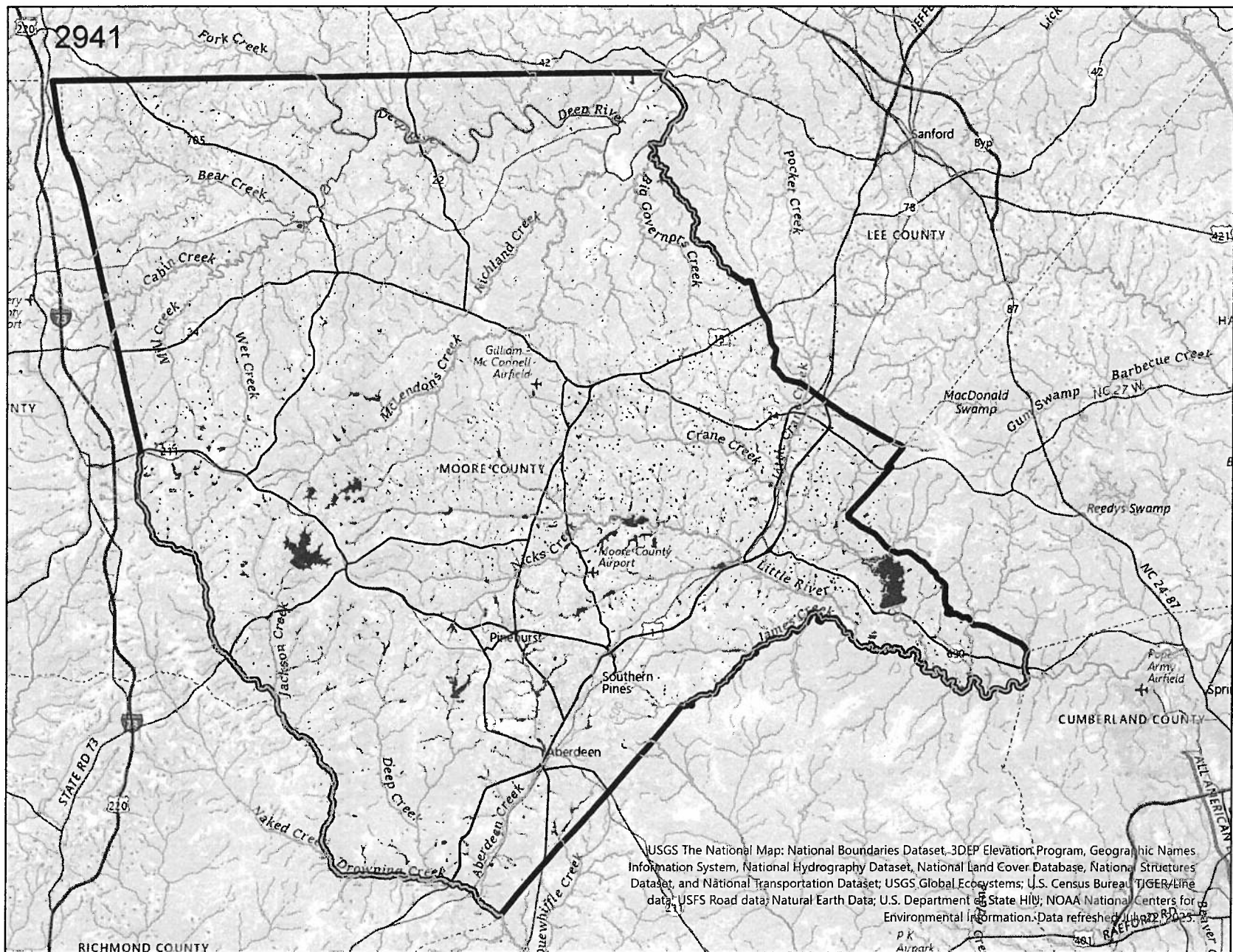




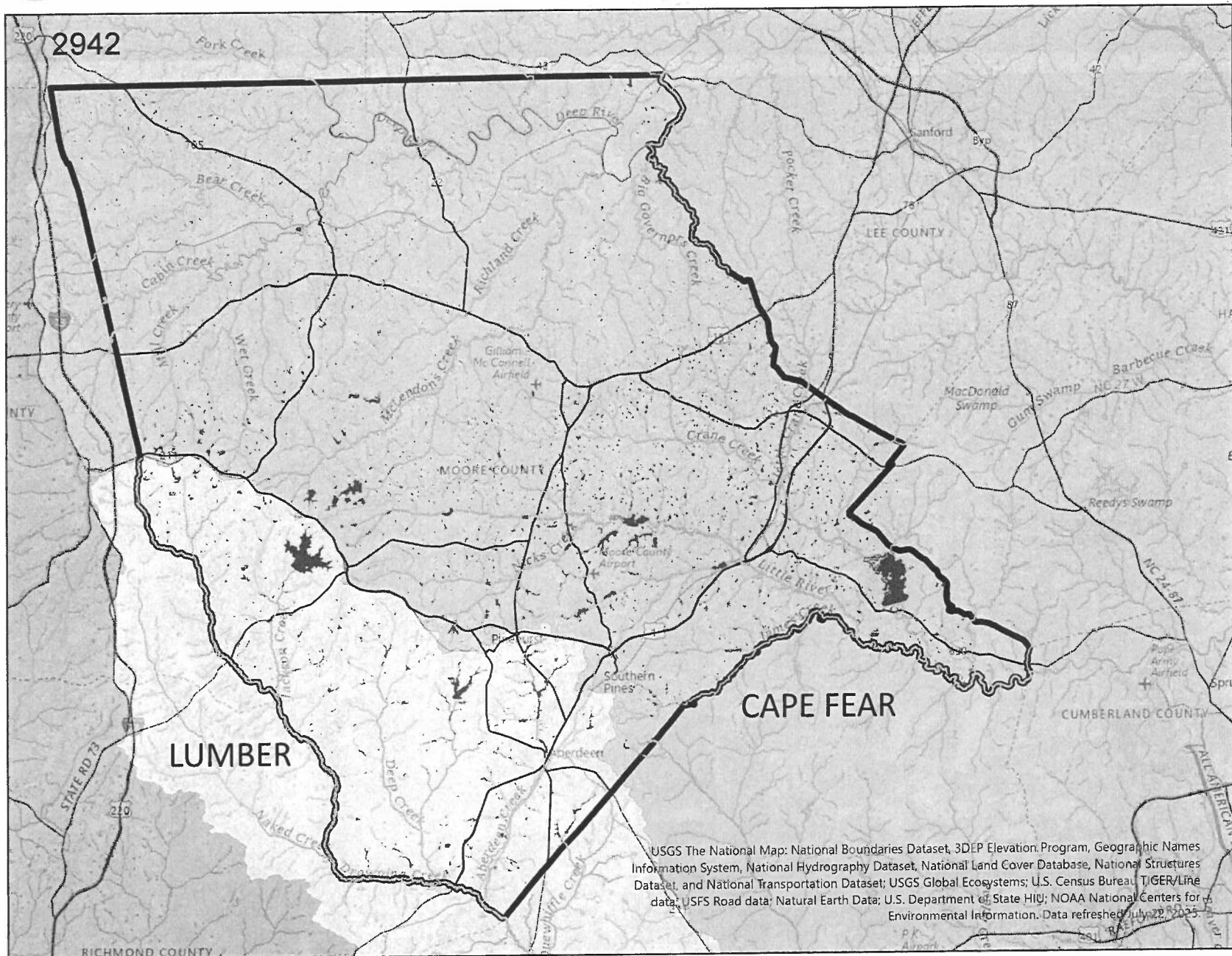
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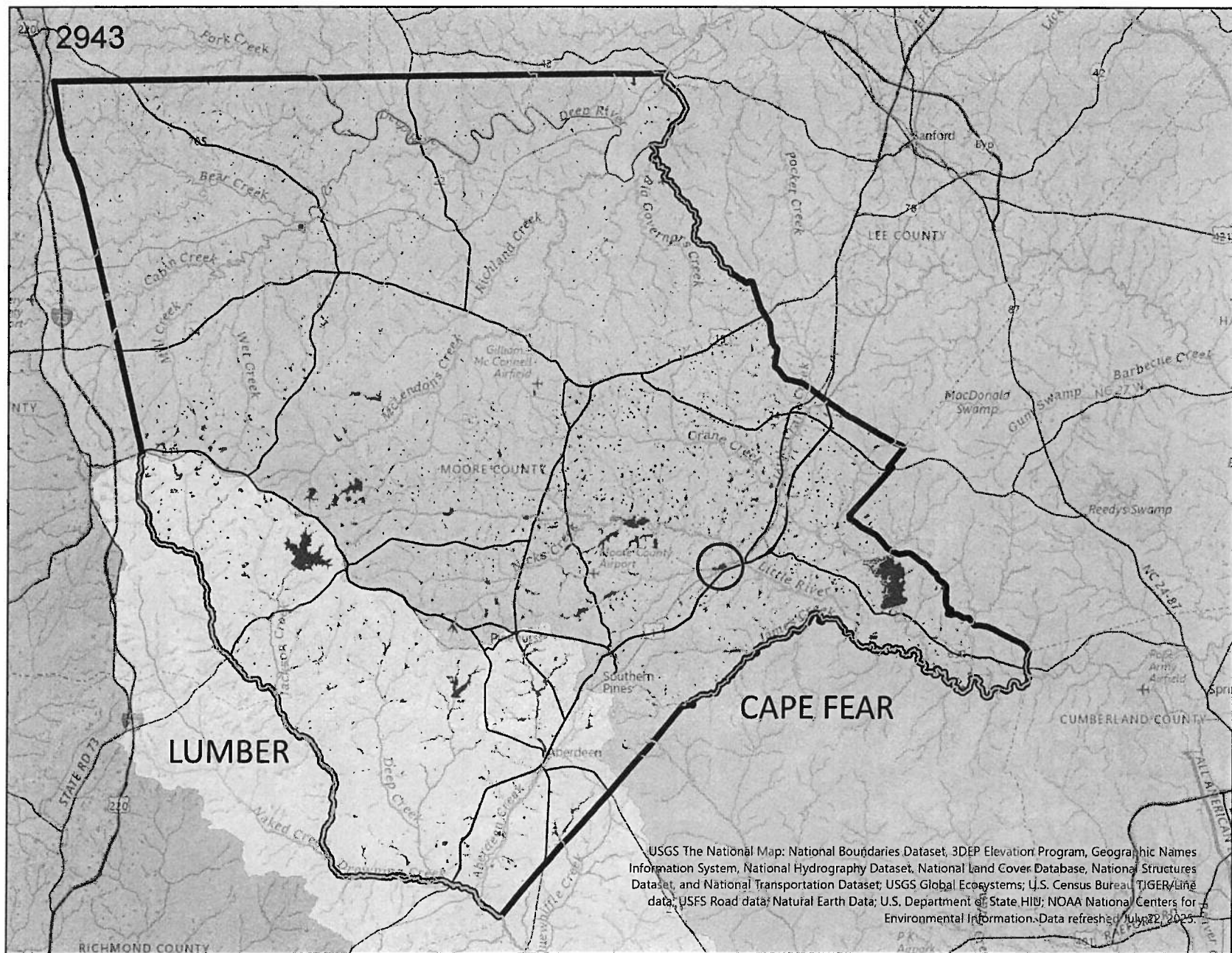
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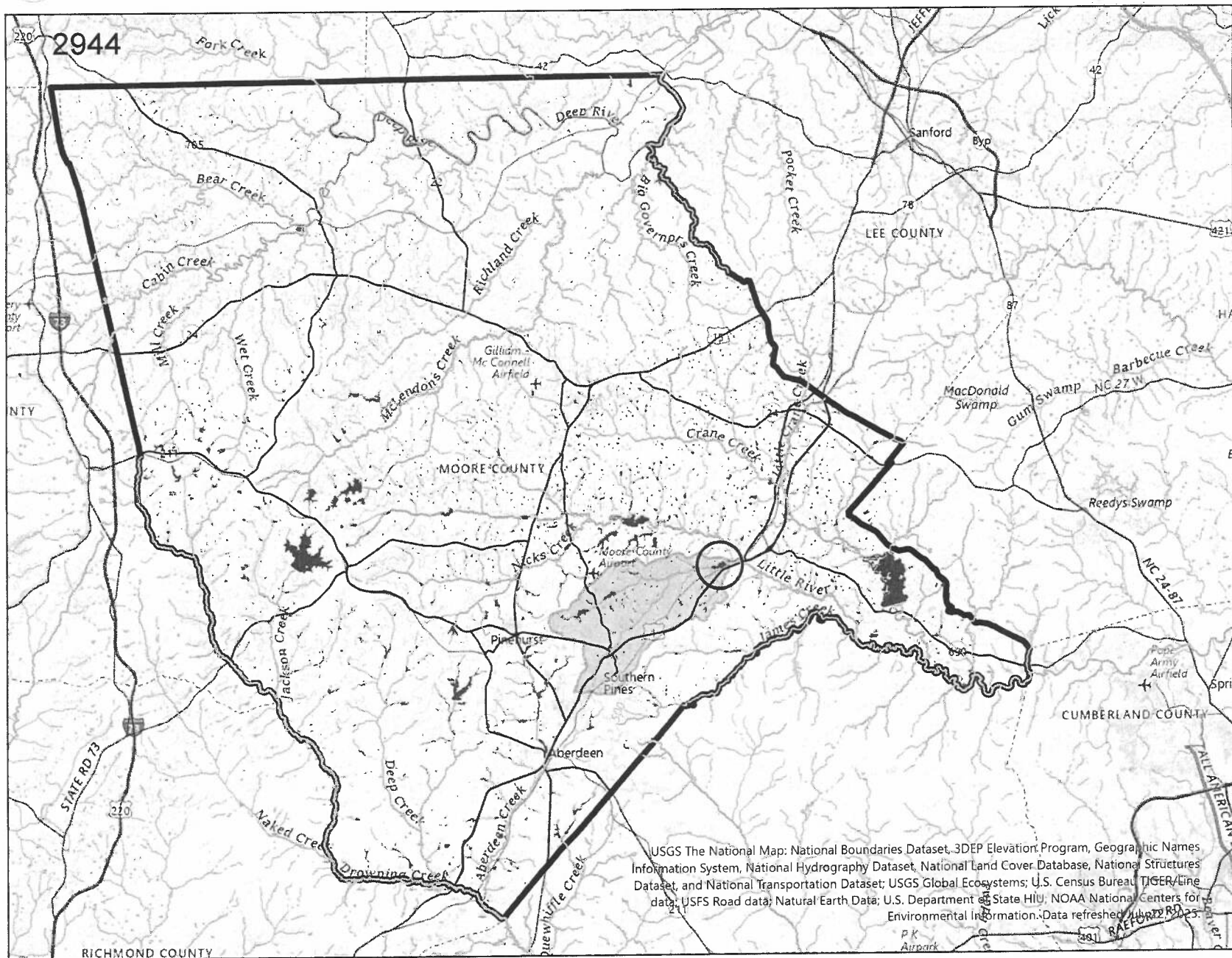
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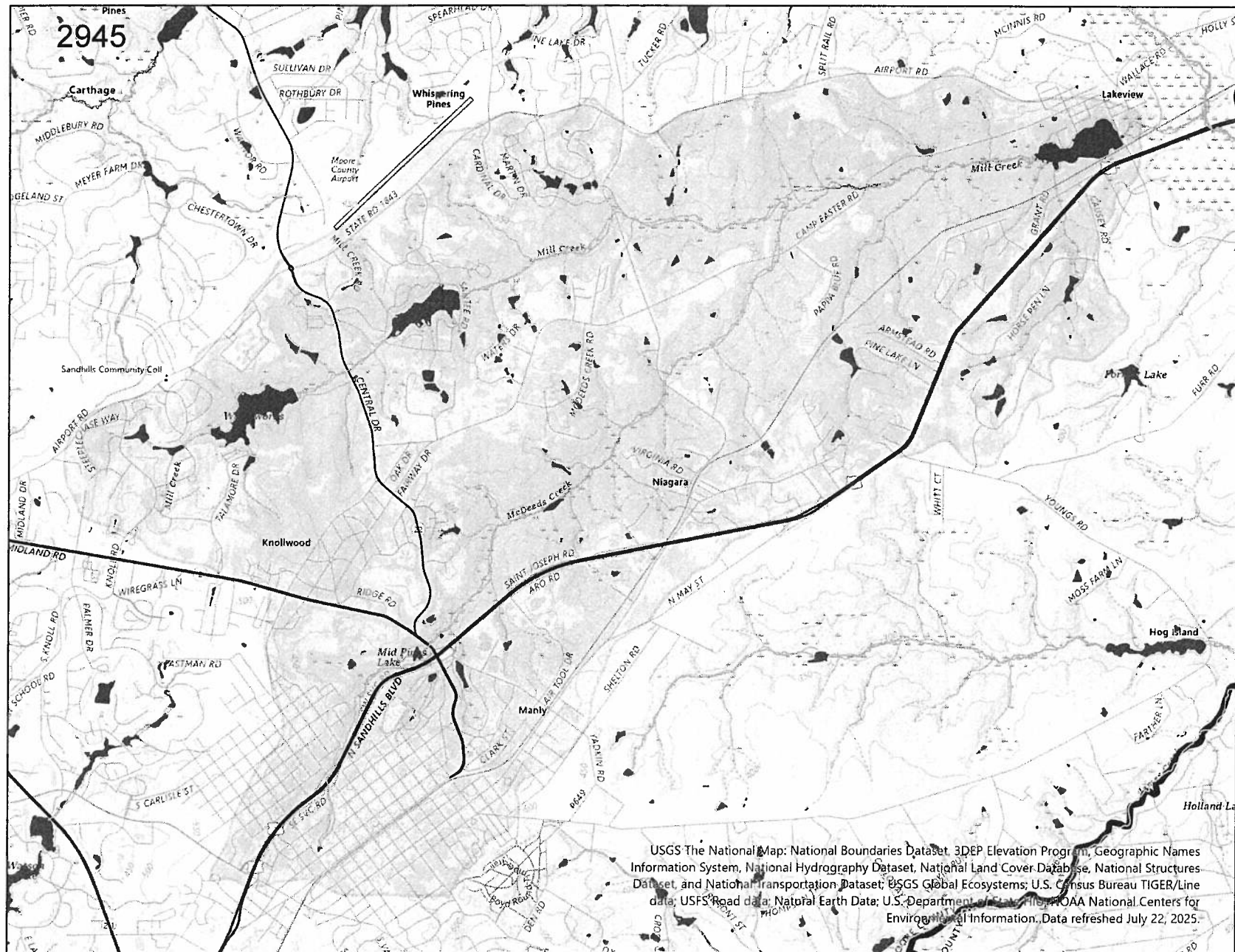
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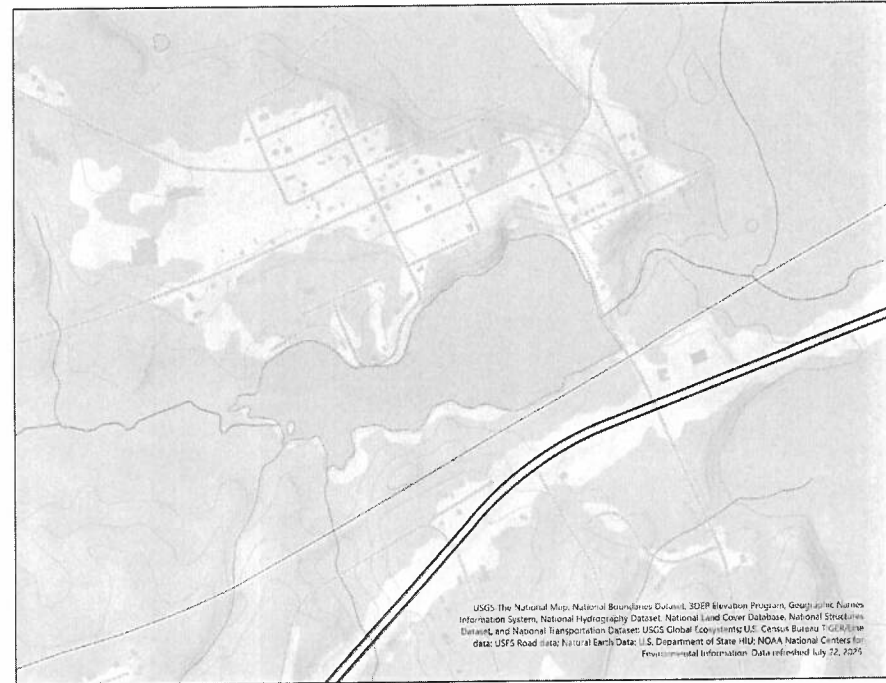
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Crystal Lake Dam NC000086

- Built in 1902
- Drainage Area: 20 Sq.miles
- Surface Area: 59 Acres
- NID Height: 16 ft.
- Normal Storage: 270 Acre-ft
- Max Storage: 385 Acre-ft
- Estimated Storage:
88-125M gallons



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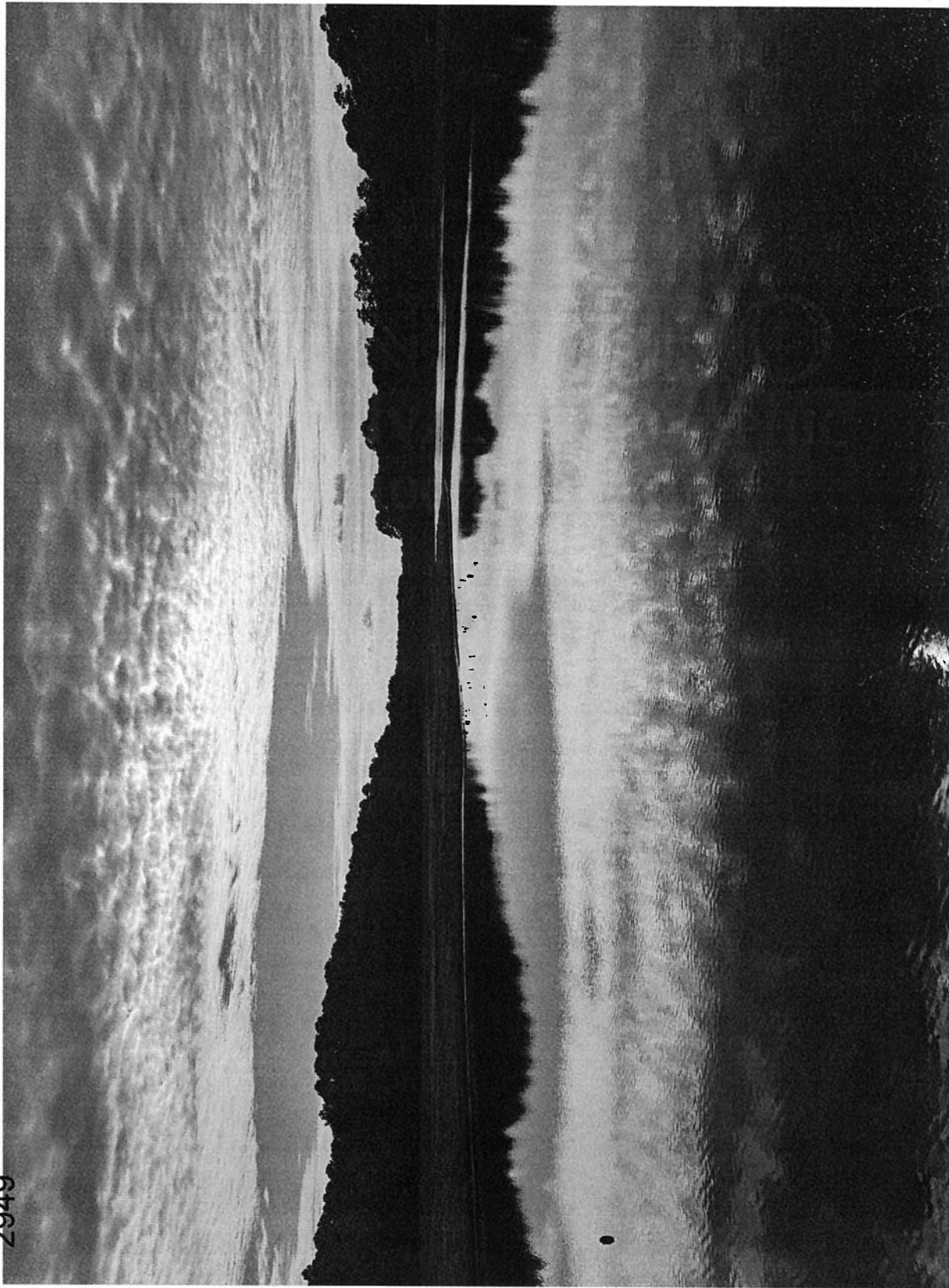
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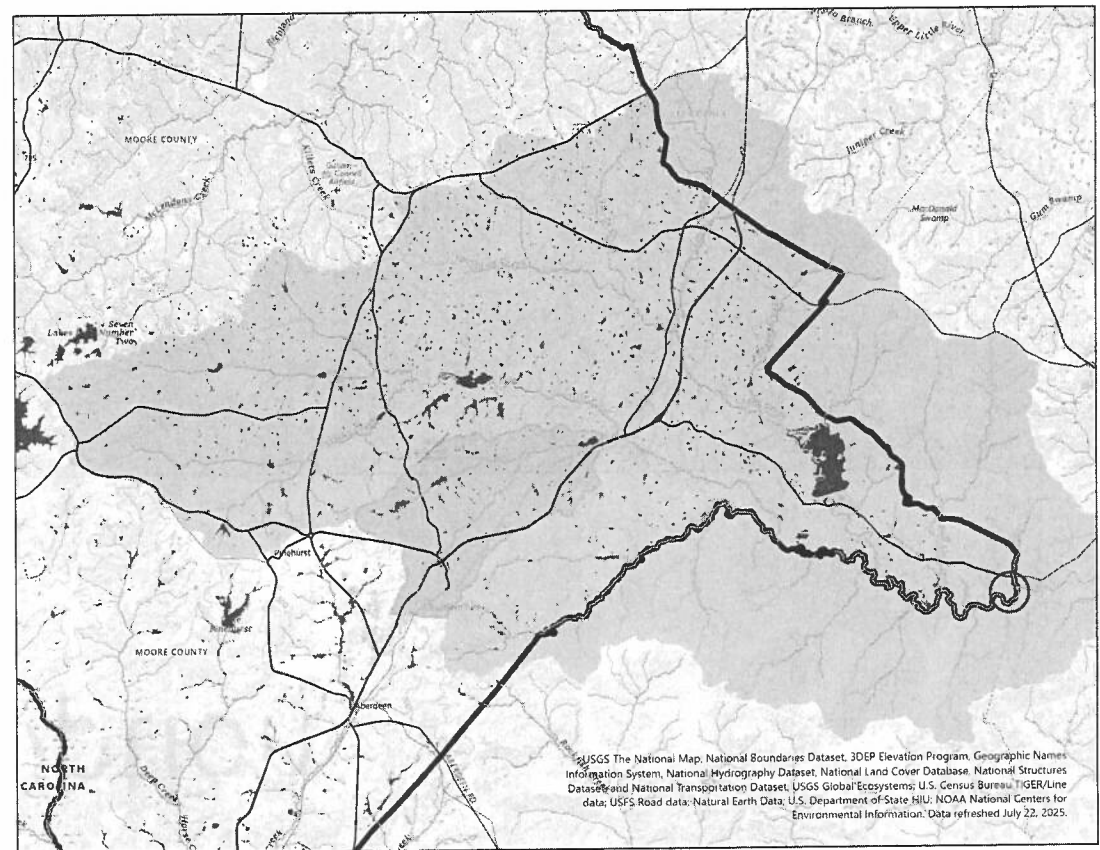
Water Supply Options

- Drowning Creek
- Deep River – Carbonton
- Sanford (TriRiver)
- Harnett County
- Little River / Crane Creek



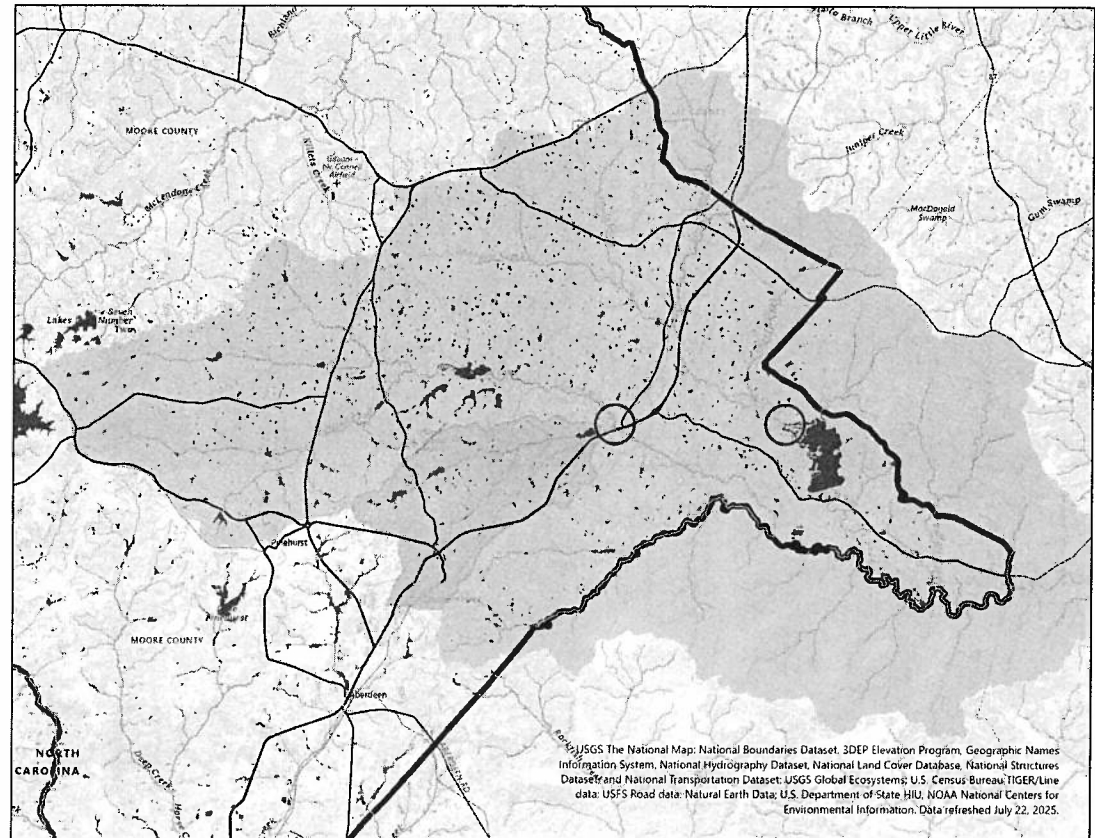
Little River Option

- USGS Request 2/27/2023
- 7Q10: 0 - 102 cfs
- Annual avg: 28 cfs
- Median: 18 MGD
- 20% 7Q10: 3.6 MGD

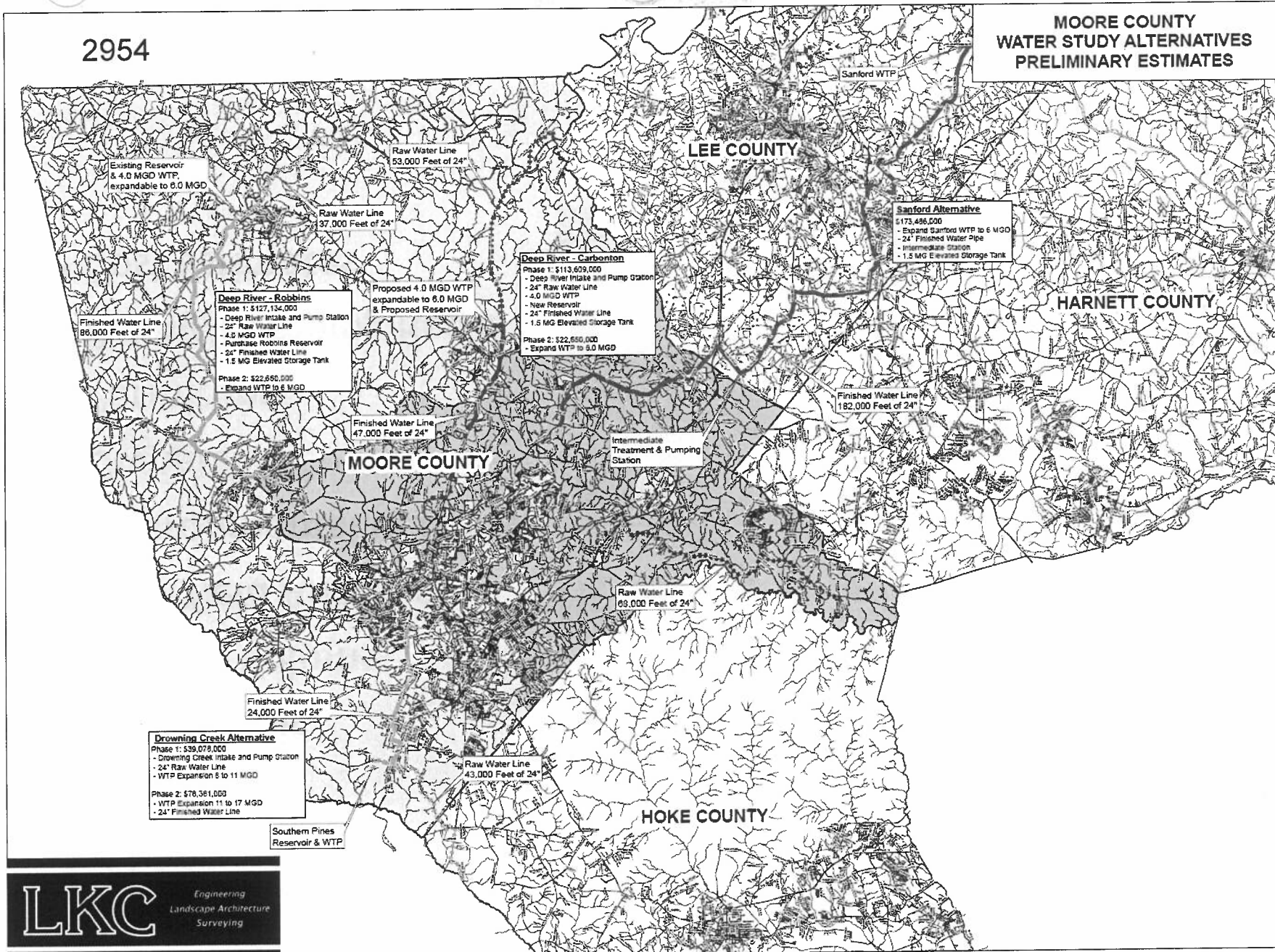


Little River Option

- Previous Study (1998)
- Little River (Vass)
- 20% 7Q10: 1.4 MGD
- Crane Creek
- 20% 7Q10: 2.3 MGD



MOORE COUNTY WATER STUDY ALTERNATIVES PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES



LKC

Engineering
Landscape Architecture
Surveying



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Little River Option – Next Steps

- Dam Repair
- Storage Volume
- Safe-Yield Analysis
- Environmental Impacts
- Ownership
- Permitting
- Piping/Pumping Req'd
- Cost Estimates

