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## ANDERSON COUNTY – Iva Library Renovation

- Branch library in the Town of Iva was small/outdated, unable to hold regular programming, had flooding issues, and was not fully accessible to the disabled
- Also located on edge of town and outside of the core business district, so not conducive for use by those visiting downtown



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## ANDERSON COUNTY – Iva Library

- Town owned an old, vacant fire station in core downtown area, and directly across the street from town square
- County/town held meetings with architect to see about re-use of the old fire station
- Resulted in a \$1.5M project between town/county to renovate the old fire station into the new branch library:
  - CDBG - \$500,000
  - County - \$1,000,000



Old fire station property



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## ANDERSON COUNTY – Iva Library

- Eligibility – **105 (a) (2)**
- National Objective – **LMA**
  - *Due to location and lack of other libraries within 30 minutes, service area larger than the town*
  - *Ended up basing benefit on block group data – County provided documentation to support that all those who held library cards resided in certain block groups*
- Since town owned building but county operated library, State required operations/maintenance agreement



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## ANDERSON COUNTY – Iva Library

- Grand Opening was held in late May 2025



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## ANDERSON COUNTY – Iva Library

- Multiple benefits to this renovation:
  - *More functional space for library patrons*
  - *Regular programming now available*
  - *Building is fully accessible*
  - *Better location with easier access when patrons are conducting other business or attending events downtown*
  - *Library can now tie into events in downtown/adjacent town square*
  - *Re-use of an abandoned downtown building to help further revitalize the block*



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## ANDERSON COUNTY – Iva Library

- Impact to date (June/July 2025):
  - *53% increase in checkouts*
  - *44% increase in patrons*
  - *9 summer story times and 7 summer reading programs (vs. none in prior building)*



## TOWN OF CARLISLE – Regional Sewer

- Very small town with 179 homes & 13 businesses (360 residents)
- For decades, town's sewer was being treated by an on-site WWTP at a local textile industry - - free of charge
- In 2019, industry advised town they were selling the site, the new operations would not need the WWTP, and WWTP would close at end of 2023, which created an emergency for the town



## CARLISLE – Regional Sewer

- As soon as town was notified of the pending sale, Mayor called for meetings to figure out a viable solution to their critical sewer needs
- Monthly meetings were held during 2020 to discuss solutions, including:
  - *Existing/new industry owner*
  - *SC DHEC*
  - *Engineering firm*
  - *Potential funding agencies (CDBG, Rural Infrastructure Authority, State Revolving Fund)*
  - *Local government officials*
  - *Catawba COG*



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## Carlisle – Regional Sewer

- Feasibility study conducted & best solution was to extend sewer to the City of Union about 10 miles away for treatment, but at a cost of \$6.5M
- Due to high cost, project required funding agencies to consider allowing larger grants (& for CDBG, waiving cost per unit cap)
  - *CDBG cost per unit cap was \$10,000, but this project was \$16,759*
  - *CDBG max grant award generally \$1M, but awarded \$3M*
  - *CDBG waiver justified due to critical need*



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## Carlisle – Regional Sewer

- Eligibility – 105 (a) (2 )
- National Objective – LMA
  - *Town wide benefit based on HUD census data - 360 residents of whom 230 are LMI persons (64%)*



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## CARLISLE – Regional Sewer



- Was a formal agreement between town and prior/new industry owners to treat waste until regional connection with Union could be made
  - *Included provision for extending beyond 2023 if needed, as long as construction was underway*
- Town agreed to raise rates to cover the cost of Union's treatment
- CDBG application approved in 2021



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## CARLISLE – Regional Sewer

- Funding Partners:

CDBG	\$3,000,000
Rural Infrastructure Authority	2,000,000
State Revolving Fund	1,000,000
Union County	<u>580,000</u>
	\$6,580,000

- Operation Partner: City of Union agreed to own/operate/maintain the force main & pump stations
- Result: Project was completed in early 2024



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## CARLISLE – Regional Sewer

- Project would not have been possible without:
  - Everyone being involved in finding solution
  - Funders waiving caps/providing larger grants
  - City of Union agreeing to treat the town's waste, as well as operate/own/maintain the new infrastructure
  - Owners being agreeable to extending 2023 closure deadline if needed



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