

CAMDEN COUNTY, NC

Where Companies find High Quality of Living and Low Cost of Business

Only a handful of locations across the nation can boast of the illustrious historical past associated with the Great Dismal Swamp. Its location was the determining factor for a waterway access to connect the Chesapeake Bay to the Albemarle Sound and provide a means for colonial growth. George Washington and a group of investors owned some 50,000 acres in the swamp and paved the way for the historic Dismal Swamp Canal's creation. Today, the canal is a part of the Intracoastal Waterway and the western border of The Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and the Dismal Swamp State Park.

Today, Camden County is still considered a "connecting" component for business, with a close proximity to Hampton Roads, Virginia's metropolitan area (Norfolk, Virginia Beach) and the beaches of North Carolina's Outer Banks (Nags Head, Kitty Hawk and Hatteras). U.S. Highway 17 enters the state from the north through Hampton Roads, VA. while U.S. Highway 158 intersects the heart of the county, connecting neighboring Elizabeth City to the coast. Camden's location is approximately mid-way on the Eastern Seaboard and in close proximity to other major population centers in North Carolina.

Many families reside in Camden County, due to **quality of life, regional accessibility, cultural amenities, military facilities and superior school options**. The workforce is highly diversified. The latter being a key asset which not only adds dimension to the County's demographics, many elect to call Camden County home providing a **dedicated, well-trained, available workforce**. Residents enjoy safe neighborhoods and a welcoming sense of community. Camden's school system is rated as a top performer overall within the State of North Carolina. The community is progressive with students consistently scoring well above the scoring well above

the statewide average while celebrating high retention rates for top-rated teachers.

Camden County officials know smart businesses are looking for every cost advantage possible when starting or relocating a business. The groundwork has been laid to work with The State of North Carolina and select agencies to explore and obtain any relevant incentives to secure mutual benefits. **North Carolina has also reduced its corporate income tax rate to six percent. This rate could drop as low as three percent by 2017. State tax rates coupled with County rates equate to significantly lower operating costs for business.** Importantly, the county has multiple affordable sites available to provide a close connection to **The Port of Virginia, Norfolk International Airport and major arterials**. Real estate and overall living costs are significantly less for Camden businesses as well as for those electing to establish residence in the County. **Due to the close proximity to amenities**

in Hampton Roads, lack of congested traffic and quality of life, Camden has become a desirable place to thrive. The County's new **Eco Industrial Park is located on U.S. 17** immediately accessible to the aforementioned labor pool and related business operations in Hampton Roads. Retail growth opportunities abound associated with the growing population boasting one of the highest household income communities in North Carolina. It's about the cost of effectively operating a business while capitalizing on **geographic advantages, market growth and supportive local government**.

Camden County is aggressively pursuing its rational growth strategy and inviting investment to the community. The commitment to inviting business and residents while sharing the spirit of being welcome is abundant.

For additional information on Camden County, please visit the county's website at www.camdencountync.gov or call 252-338-6363. 🏠



The County's geographical desirability to the major population center of Hampton Roads (Virginia), global port facilities, air transportation and major transportation arteries are key to the attraction and expansion of business opportunities.