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Engaging, Training, and Retaining Talent To Lead and Work in Wilson

John Hood (President of the John William Pope Foundation in Raleigh, NC, and Chairman of the Board at the John Locke Foundation) met with the Wilson Leadership Institute participants in April. Hood shared insight gained from his experiences in public policy, education, and governmental affairs. He defined his perspective of strong leadership and offered ideas for the group to consider, including the ability to focus on opportunities that capitalize on individual strengths while managing recognized weaknesses. Wilson Leadership Institute's co-facilitator of the program, Ryan Simons (President, Wilson Chamber of Commerce), spoke to the group on best practices for public speaking and shared a rubric to follow when presented with future public speaking opportunities.



Wilson Forward has engaged in many conversations with community leaders who want to ensure our community attracts and retains talented young professionals to live and work in Wilson. The participants in the Wilson Leadership Institute are collecting the voices from many of our area's young professionals and exploring their opinions through a survey.

Along with information gathered through the survey, this cohort's research and recommendations will reflect their own experiences as young professionals and will incorporate a deep analysis of tools and strategies deployed in other communities. The Wilson Leadership Institute participants will present their findings and recommendations at the 2021 Wilson Forward Annual Meeting in October.

Are you a young professional in Wilson? Do you know a young professional in Wilson who could offer insight into this project? Click here to sign up for the WLI Survey in May!

Wilson Counts on Volunteers

It's National Volunteer Appreciation Week, and we are reflecting on all of the important ways volunteers have made a meaningful and measurable impact in our community, especially over the past several months.



Collaboration is the heart of our work at Wilson Forward. What makes that heart beat? It's the hundreds of community partners and volunteers of all ages representing neighborhoods, schools, and businesses across our community. We want to thank the Wilson Forward Board Members, Wilson Forward Board of Advisors, community partners, and all of the volunteers who offer their time, talents, and resources to make our community the best place to work, play, and live for all.

Visit the United Way of Wilson County for Volunteer Opportunities and Ways to Get Involved

A SPECIAL THANKS

Wilson Forward recently joined several community partners to celebrate Maj. Scott Biddle's service to the Youth Master Plan Safety Impact Team. Biddle's contributions were also signified by the Paul Lee Stevens Humanitarian of the Year Award presented by the Human Relations Commission and the City of Wilson's Human Relations Office. Both of these awards recognize Maj. Biddle's many years of leadership and contributions to the Wilson Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL), the United Way of Wilson County, and other organizations. Wilson Forward is particularly grateful for his leadership and commitment to support the youth of Wilson. We are a better community because of his leadership and dedication, and it has been an honor and privilege to work with him.

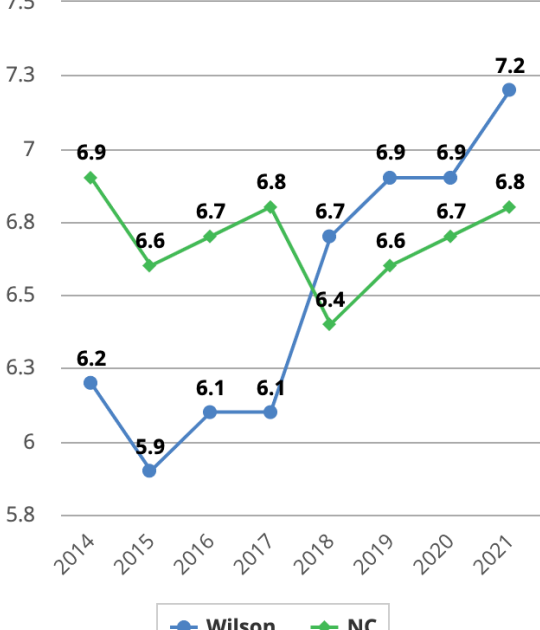


Read More About the Youth Master Plan Here

DID YOU KNOW?

Food environment index is an index of equally-weighted factors that contribute to a healthy food environment, including limited access to healthy foods and food insecurity. The Food Environment Index ranges from 0 (worst) to 10 (best) and equally weights two indicators of the food environment.

FOOD ENVIRONMENT INDEX



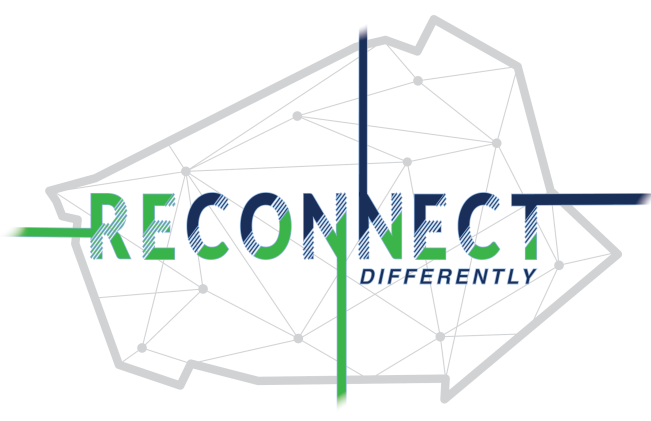
The measure of the food environment accounts for both proximity to healthy foods and income. This measure includes access to healthy foods by considering the distance an individual lives from a grocery store or supermarket, locations for healthy food purchases in most communities, and the inability to access healthy food because of cost barriers. There is strong evidence that food deserts are correlated with high prevalence of obesity and premature death since supermarkets traditionally provide healthier options than convenience stores or smaller grocery stores. Lacking consistent access to food is related to negative health outcomes such as weight gain, premature mortality, asthma, activity limitations, and increased health care costs.

Wilson Forward is committed to working with partners to improve our community's access to healthy food. This work includes supporting initiatives through the Wilson Wellness Collaborative and the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments Healthy Food Asset Mapping Project designed to create holistic and collaborative ways to build healthy community opportunities.

Interested in Exploring More Wilson Data? Visit the Wilson Forward Data Dashboard Here

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Every donor, every dollar, and every act of generosity makes a difference!



Wilson Forward has served the Wilson community since 2007, and our work has never been more important. Even in this challenging environment, we are building and supporting connections between people, organizations, opportunities, and resources to improve education, health and wellness, and workforce development. We stand united as a community of partners who always demonstrate resilience and support for each other.

Every single contribution can have an impact on the future of our work. As you consider your philanthropic priorities for this year, we hope you will make Wilson Forward one of those priorities with a personal and meaningful gift as a part of our Annual Campaign.

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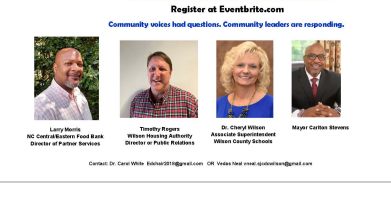
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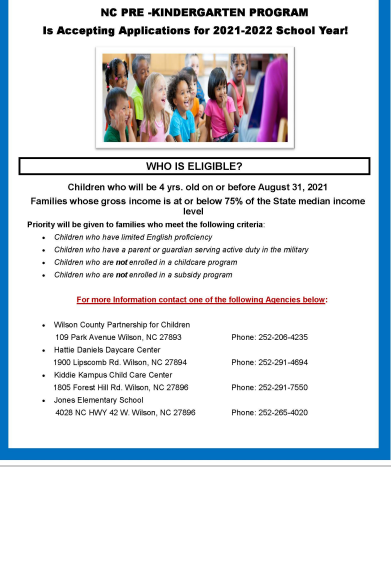
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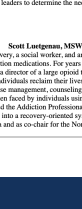
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