





Meta's Forest City Data Center

The Forest City Data Center is part of Meta's global infrastructure that brings our technologies and services to life.

\$750M+

Data center investment in North Carolina

Hundreds

Skilled trade workers on site at peak construction

2010

Broke ground on the Forest City Data Center

\$5.9M+

Direct funding to Rutherford Countyarea schools and nonprofits 275+

Operational jobs supported

250+

Grants and sponsorships provided locally since 2011

We prioritize sustainability



Meta's goal is to be water positive in 2030, where we restore more water than we consume.



Our data centers' electricity use is matched with 100% clean and renewable energy, and our global operations have reached net zero emissions.



Meta-supported projects are adding 310 megawatts of new renewable energy in North Carolina.



Meta's global fleet of data centers supports our technologies that empower more than 3 billion people around the world to share ideas, offer support and make a difference.

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Partnering with North Carolina

We are committed to supporting the community through sourcing labor and materials locally where we can, volunteering, partnering with local chambers, and supporting local schools, nonprofits and community projects.



Supporting local schools and nonprofits

We support the community through our annual Data Center Community Action Grants program and other direct funding for projects that put the power of technology to use for community benefit, give people the power to build strong, sustainable communities, and improve STEAM education.



Prioritizing sustainability

Meta approaches sustainability from the ground up — from design and construction to operations — by prioritizing energy efficiency and renewable energy, water stewardship, and responsibly managing the end of life of our equipment. Our operational data center buildings achieve LEED® Gold certification by focusing on efficiency, sustainability and innovation. We worked with Duke Energy to meet our 100% clean and renewable energy goal for the Forest City Data Center. This includes supporting four new renewable energy projects in North Carolina.



Minimizing water use

We are proud to build some of the most sustainable data centers in the world and prioritize on-site water efficiency. The Forest City Data Center:

- Uses cooling technology that is significantly more water efficient than the industry standard.
- Reuses water numerous times before discharging it as wastewater.
- Is landscaped with native vegetation where possible to reduce irrigation demand.
- Captures and infiltrates rainwater on site.
- Utilizes water-saving fixtures and technologies within data center facilities.

Community spotlight

In 2024, Meta was proud to support Isothermal Community College (ICC) in building a new Extended Reality and Artificial Intelligence Lab (XRAIL). The lab is positioned to transform the tech landscape in Polk and Rutherford counties. XRAIL serves as a technological makerspace that will facilitate the delivery of cutting-edge courses and provide equitable access to advanced technological resources to support the community, including K-12 partners, local businesses and industry, and up-and-coming entrepreneurs.





We're proud to support community projects led by:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland County

Cleveland County Schools

Grahamtown Team

Henderson County Schools

Isothermal Community College

Kenan Fellows Program for Teacher Leadership — North Carolina State University

KidSenses Children's INTERACTIVE Museum

McDowell County Schools

Norris Public Library

North Carolina Business Committee for Education

North Carolina Chamber of Commerce

North Carolina Technology Association

Omegabytes Robotics Team 5727

Polk County Schools

Rutherford BARN

Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce

Rutherford County Schools

Rutherford Outdoor Coalition

Southwestern Child Development Commission



