



Meta Forest City Data Center

The Forest City Data Center is part of our global infrastructure that brings Meta technologies and programs to life, making the future of human connection possible.



\$750M+

Data center investment in North Carolina

2010

Broke ground on the Forest City Data Center

275+

Operational jobs supported

Hundreds

Skilled trade workers on site at peak construction

\$6.4M+

Direct funding to Rutherford County-area schools and nonprofits

290+

Grants and sponsorships provided locally since 2011

Operating Responsibly



Responsible energy and water use

Meta worked with Duke Energy to plan for our energy needs and to ensure we are paying the full costs for the energy used by our data center, so consumers are not negatively impacted. Meta has also worked with the Town of Forest City to pay the full cost of water and wastewater service for our data center. Our operational data center buildings achieve LEED® Gold certification by focusing on efficiency, sustainability and innovation.



Water stewardship

Our goal is to be water positive in 2030, where we will restore more water than we consume globally where Meta has owned operations.



Clean and renewable energy

We are committed to supporting the addition of new energy projects to the grid — this includes six projects in North Carolina that are adding 410 megawatts of new clean and renewable energy. Meta matches all of its electricity use with 100% clean and renewable energy.



Our global fleet of data centers supports Meta technologies that empower more than 3.6 billion people around the world to share ideas, offer support and make a difference.

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Partnering with North Carolina

Meta is committed to being a good neighbor and community partner. We do this by working with city and local partners to fund new critical infrastructure, such as roads, energy, water, wastewater and conservation projects, in addition to providing grants annually to support schools and nonprofits.



Workforce Development

We are driving America's Workforce Academy (AWA), a nationwide, cost-free, fast-track program to long-term career in a skilled trade powered by an initial \$115 million investment. Graduates earn both industry-recognized National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) credentials and an America's Workforce Certificate, as well as a guaranteed job.



Supporting local organizations

Meta supports the community through The Future is for Everyone Fund, providing direct funding for local nonprofits that support the community. Additionally, we bring our no-cost digital skills training workshops to Forest City, helping small businesses and nonprofits grow their reach.

Meta is proud to partner with Isothermal Community College on XRAIL (Extended Reality and Artificial Intelligence Lab) — a new facility that will provide students and community members with hands-on access to XR and AI technologies. This program will strengthen the local tech workforce pipeline, offer college pathways for high school students, and serve as a resource for entrepreneurs and small businesses exploring emerging technologies. Through this investment, Meta is helping to build a thriving tech ecosystem in Forest City.

Community spotlight: Preparing youth for STEM careers

Since 2010, the Forest City Data Center has supported organizations and projects that meet community needs. Meta invested in The Factory at KidSenses Children's INTERACTIVE Museum to create the Meta Youth Futures Program — an initiative helping students ages 11 and up gain the skills and knowledge required to succeed in STEM careers. The program features state-of-the-art technology, preparing young people for a tech-based workforce. Through this investment, Meta is helping to ensure that Rutherford County students have access to the career-focused enrichment opportunities they need to thrive.



Water Stewardship

Our water stewardship program is focused on increasing data center water efficiency, supporting water restoration and conservation projects in watersheds where we have data centers, and being transparent with our water data.

The Forest City Data Center prioritizes on-site water efficiency by:

- Using cooling technology that is significantly more water efficient than the industry standard.
- Reusing water numerous times before discharging it as wastewater.
- Landscaping with native vegetation where possible to reduce irrigation demands.
- Capturing and infiltrating rainwater on site.
- Utilizing water-saving fixtures and technologies within data center facilities.



We're proud to support community projects led by:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland County	LYNK Robotics
Boys & Girls Club of Rutherford County	McDowell County Schools
Cleveland County Arts Council	Norris Library Foundation
Cleveland County Schools	North Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Explore Forest City	Omegabytes Robotics
Grahamtown Team	Polk County Schools
Henderson County Public Schools	R.E.I.G.N. Rutherford Education, Innovation & Growth Network
Isothermal Community College	Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce
Kenan Fellows Program for Teacher Leadership – North Carolina State University	Rutherford County Schools
KidSenses Children's INTERACTIVE Museum	Rutherford Outdoor Coalition
	STEM West



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