# 21st Century Transportation Commission Overview of Regional Growth

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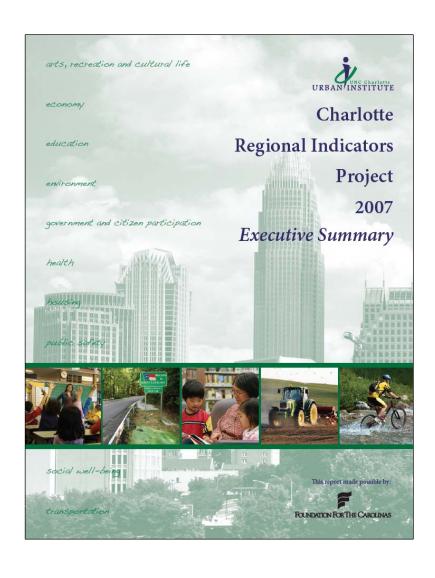








#### **Charlotte Regional Indicators Project**

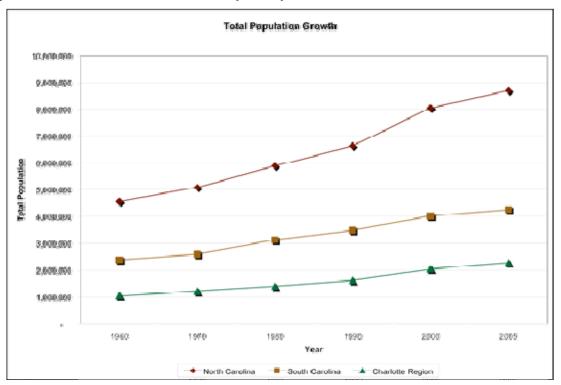


- Based on indicators of success for the 14 county Charlotte Region
- 10 Theme Areas
- 54 Indicators



#### **Demographics: Total Population Growth**

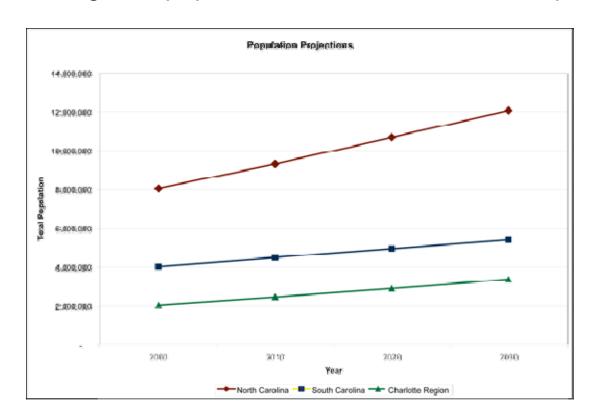
- The 14 county Charlotte Region is home to 2.2 million people
- Migration accounted for 68% of growth from 2000 to 2005 (compared to growth by birth rates)
- The Region added 400,000 people in the 1990s





#### **Demographics: Population Projections**

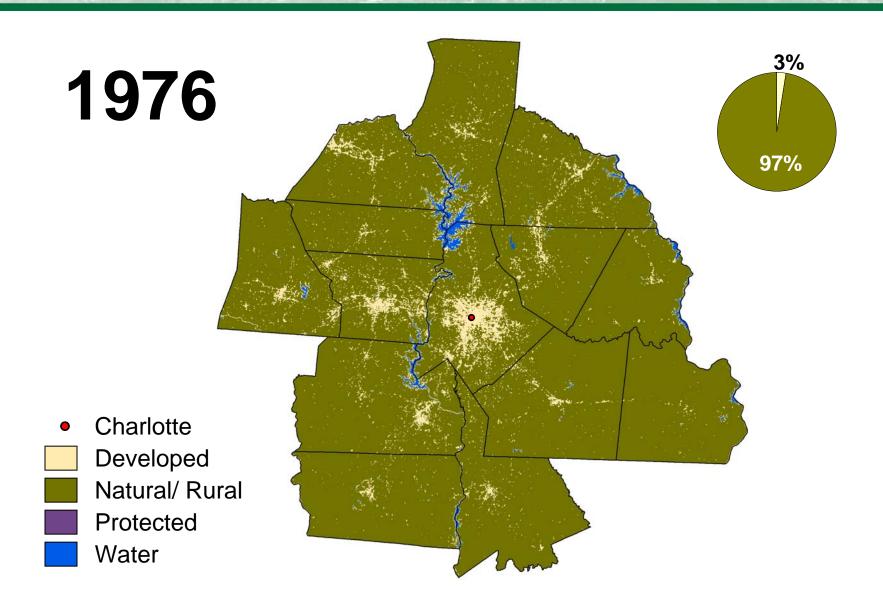
- The Region is expected to add 400,000 people from 2000 to 2010 (the Region experienced an increase of 200,000 from 2000 to 2005)
- The projected regional population for 2030 is 3.3 million people



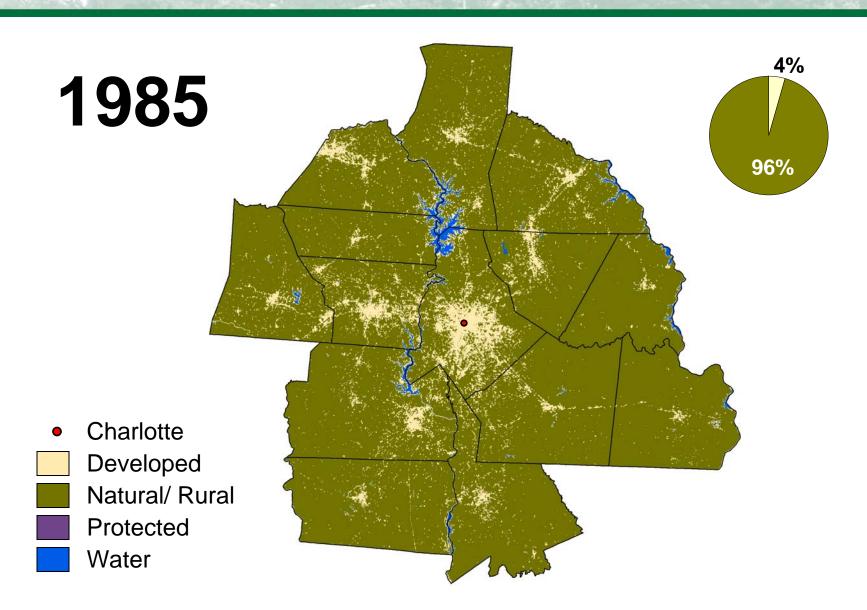


- Conversion of undeveloped land to development
- 1976, 1985, 1996, and 2006 satellite imagery
- Project funding from the Open Space Protection Collaborative (OSPC)
- Results:
  - ➤ 3% developed—1976
  - ➤ 23% developed—2006

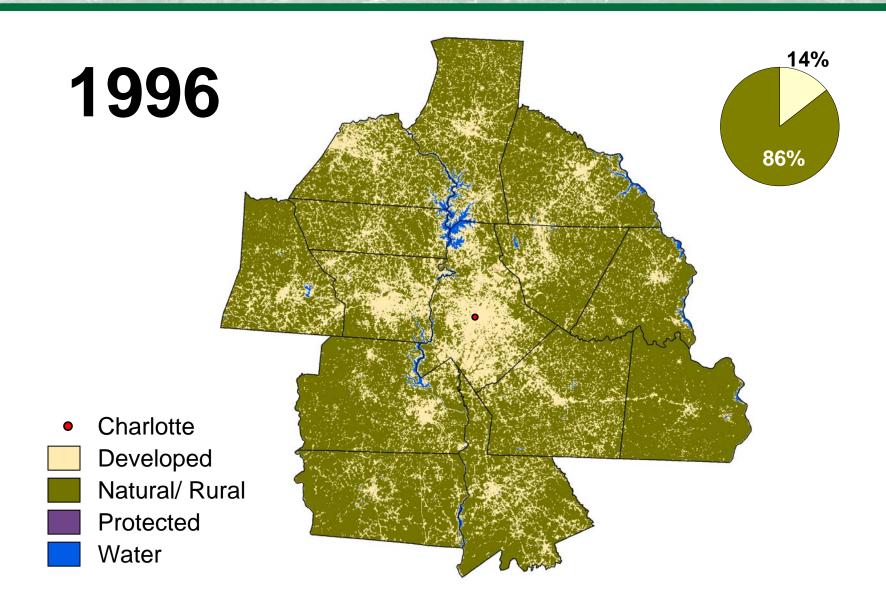




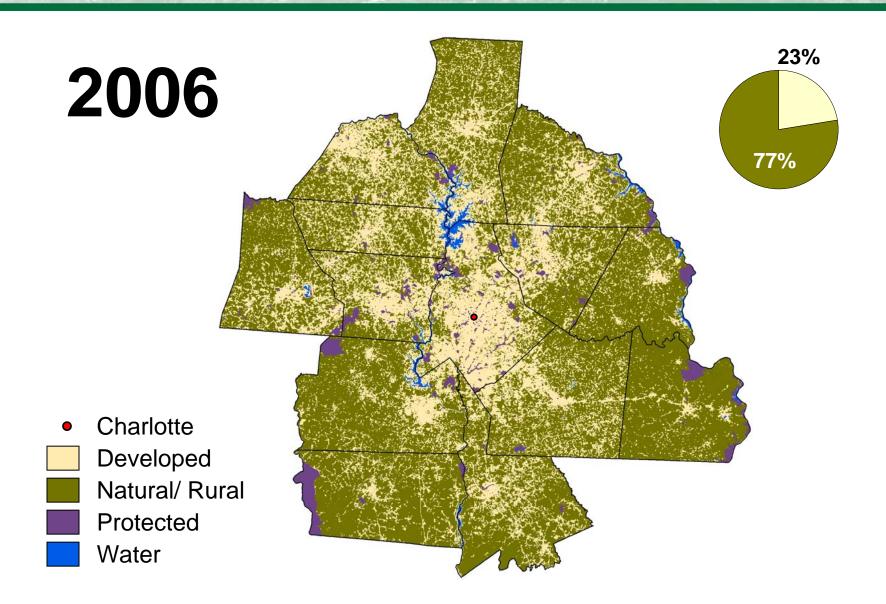








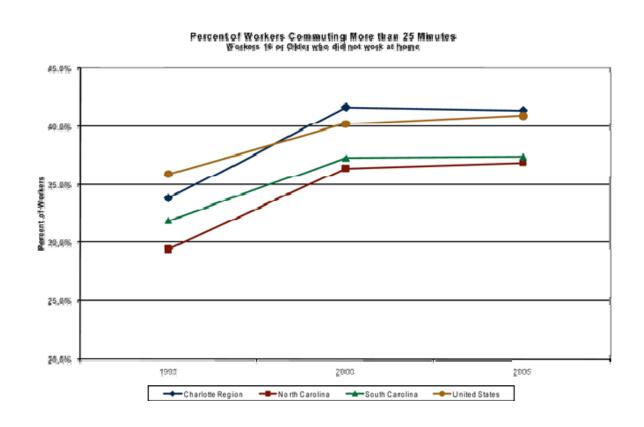






#### **Transportation: Commuting Time**

In 2005, 41.5%
 of workers
 traveled more
 than 25 minutes
 to their jobs,
 up from 33.9% in
 1990\*

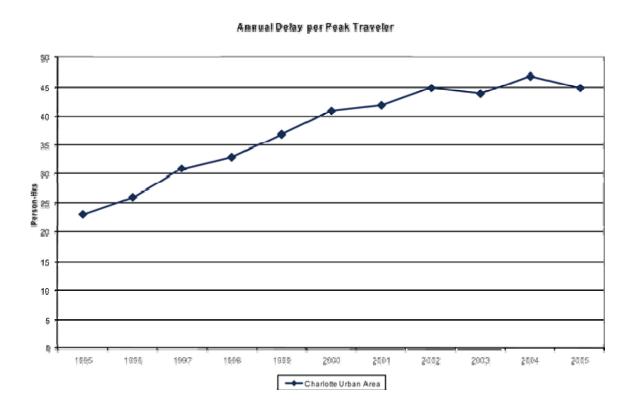


<sup>\*10</sup> county region – no data for Anson, Chester, Lancaster and Stanly counties



### Transportation: Average Annual Delay Per Traveler

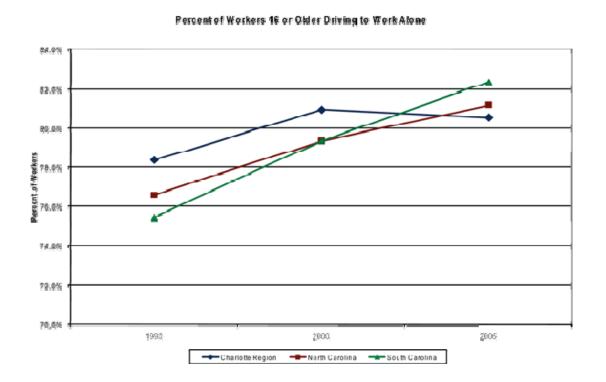
- The average peak traveler was delayed 45 hours in 2006
- Average annual delay per traveler in the Charlotte Urban Area nearly doubled from 1995 to 2005





#### **Transportation: Commuting Alone**

In 2005, 80.5%
 of workers in the
 10 county region
 commuted alone\*



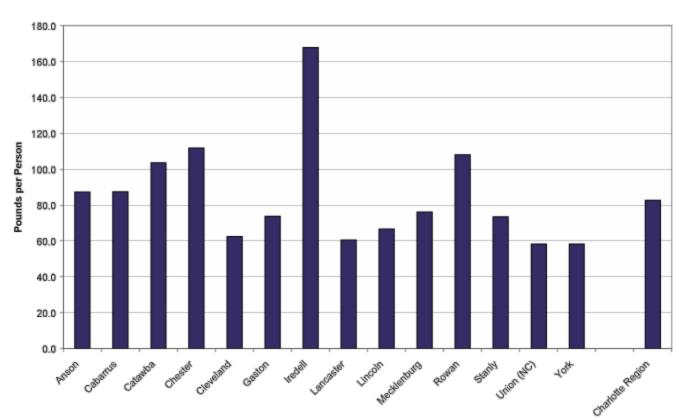
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#### **Environment: Vehicular Emissions**

- Nitrogen oxides (NOx) contribute to the production of ground-level ozone
- For 2000, vehicles in the region produced 82.8 lbs of NOx per person

#### Per Capita On-Road Vehicular Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), 2002







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