



Office of
Emergency Services

Creating the Mangum Fire Protection Service District

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Current State

- Durham County is covered by seven fire departments: Bahama, Eno, Lebanon, Moriah, New Hope, Redwood, and the City of Durham Fire
- City of Durham Fire is funded through the City budget
- Moriah receives no funding from Durham County
- Bahama, Eno, Lebanon, New Hope, and Redwood receive County funding and have their own tax rate





Proposed New District

- NCGS §153-302 establishes requirements for new service district
 - Report for Board of County Commissioners
 - Notice to Property Owners
 - Public Hearing
 - Effective at start of next fiscal year



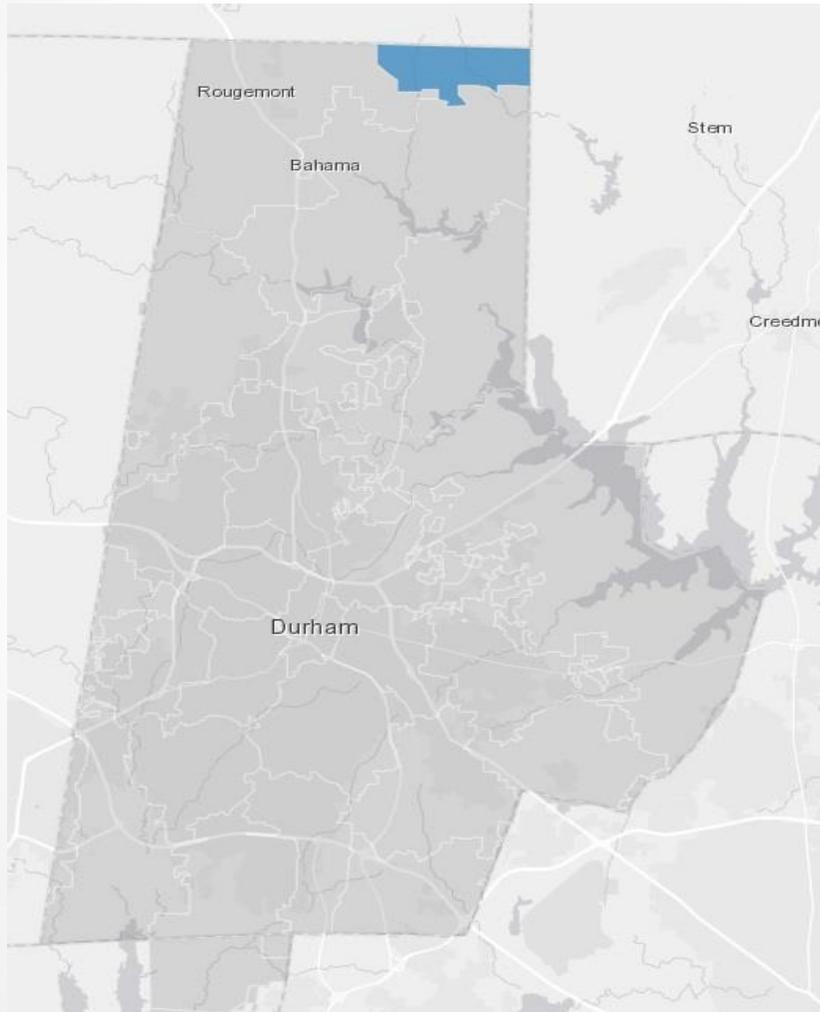


Proposed New District

- Report for Board of County Commissioners
 - Prepared by Office of Emergency Services in collaboration with Tax Administration, County Attorney's Office, and City/County GIS
 - Submitted to the Clerk to the Board on Friday, February 6, 2026



Report Findings



- Proposed district is 3.55 square miles
- 268 taxable parcels - \$64,119,329
- Fire protection has been provided by Moriah Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- Durham County does not have the capital, equipment or personnel
- County-only tax rate for this area is 0.5542
- Tax rate for fire protection in Durham County ranges from 0.0484 to 0.919
- Proposed district creates an equitable, cost-effective solution



Property Owner Impacts

- Average property tax value: \$239,000
- For comparison, applying a tax rate of .0919 per \$100 of value:
 - \$219.64/annually
 - \$18.30/monthly
- Preserves ISO rating and prompt fire response for residents





Process

- Report for Board of County Commissioners – February 6
- Notice to Property Owners – February 6
- Notice of Public Hearing – published February 23
- Public Hearing – set for March 9





Next Steps

- Public Hearing on March 9
- Prepare recommended tax rate for new district through the annual budget process





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Questions?