

Sugar Creek Corridor Updates

2026

Stabilizing the intersection to create opportunity for the residents.

A YEAR AT A GLANCE

253 NEW HOUSING UNITS	289 FEWER HOTEL/MOTEL ROOMS	2 NEW MURALS INSTALLED	3 CORRIDOR CLEAN-UPS COMPLETED	2 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENTS SUPPORTED
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HOOVER TOWNES DEVELOPMENT

AFFORDABLE TOWNHOMES COMING

The City of Charlotte purchased the former Economy Inn hotel site through the Corridors of Opportunity program. Prosperity Alliance will develop the land into 39 affordable townhomes, featuring public art and placemaking elements including a sculpture by artist Marcus Kiser.

Affordable Housing | **Public Art**

PLACEMAKING HIGHLIGHTS

ART, SPACE & COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Placemaking investments across Sugar Creek include new murals, improved public spaces, and art integrated into mobility infrastructure. The Lions Service Braille Trail opens May 21 — a landmark placemaking project for the corridor.

Murals | **Public Space** | **Braille Trail 5/21**

SUGAR CREEK MOBILITY CORRIDOR

COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

- **Goal:** Better connections along & across Sugar Creek Rd through complete street enhancements and improved transit access
- **3 Mobility Hubs planned:** Derita, Merlane, and Sugar Creek LRT Station access
- **2023 BUILD (RAISE) Grant** secured for project funding
- **Current Phase:** Design in progress
- **Construction Start:** Expected 2028

BUSINESS MATCHING GRANTS (BMGS)

BMGs support physical improvements to commercial properties along the corridor, improving safety, aesthetics, and business viability. 6 completed facade project improvements and 3 active security grants.

RAISE Grant | **Design Phase** | **3 Mobility Hubs**

SHE BUILT THIS CITY

OPPORTUNITY HUB AT 721 W. SUGAR CREEK

She Built This City is one of six Opportunity Hub Operators in the Corridors of Opportunity program. Their focus includes construction trades training, youth workshops, and childcare services for participants serving 253 workforce participants and 63 businesses to date.

Workforce Development | **Youth Programs**

SUGAR CREEK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

GROW TOGETHER

The new business hub at 610 W. Sugar Creek Rd supports local entrepreneurs through the Sugar Creek Business Accelerator — a 90-day pilot designed to increase visibility, strengthen businesses, and build the corridor. Visit sugarcreekbusiness.org to learn more.

Business Hub | **90-Day Accelerator**

MAY IS SMALL BUSINESS MONTH!

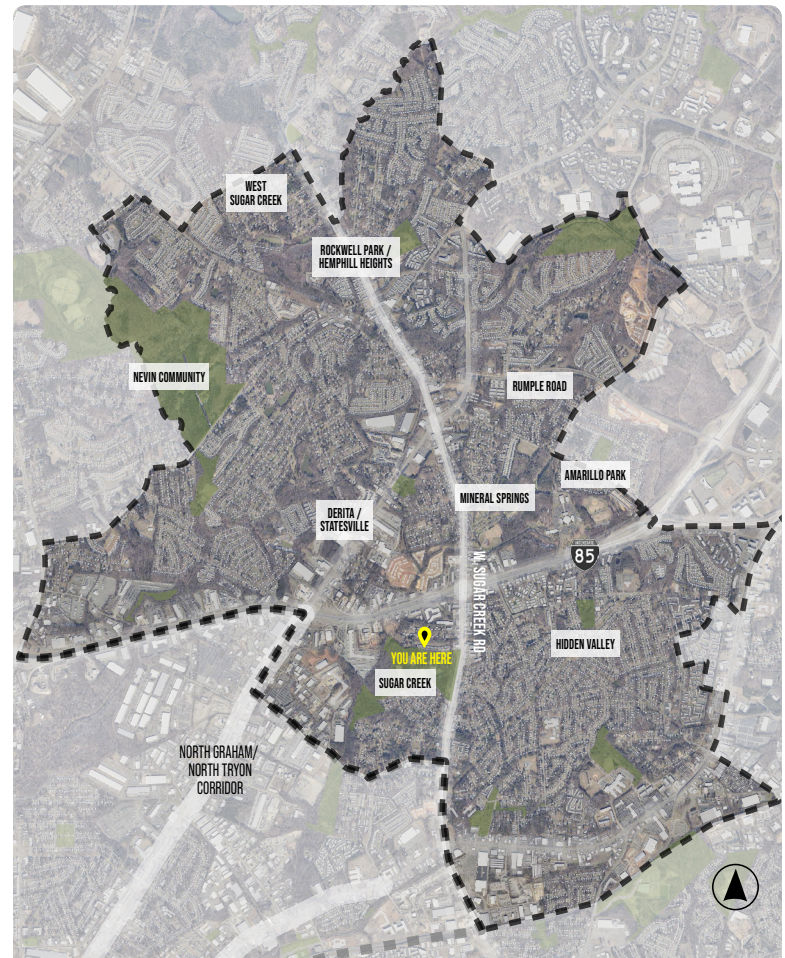
CELEBRATING CORRIDOR BUSINESSES

This May, the City of Charlotte's #31DaysofBiz spotlights a different business every day, celebrating growth and innovation across the city's six Corridors of Opportunity. Watch all 31 videos on the Charlotte Economic Development YouTube channel and connect with the Sugar Creek Business Association to get involved.

TOP PLAYBOOK PROJECTS: COMPLETED & ONGOING

- \$4.8M in Housing Trust Fund investments led to the development of Union at Graham and Hoover Townes townhomes.
- The Charlie Studio Rentals is a hotel-to-housing conversion by Sage Investments, with renovations now complete and 214 units available for rent.
- Charlotte Legal Initiative to Mobilize Businesses, Inc (CLIMB), provides pro bono legal services to small businesses, targeting those located in the corridors.
- Installed Fiber optic to accommodate the SafeBiz Cameras and CDOT's signals. Project limits are W Sugar Creek Road from N Tryon Street to I-85 SB Ramp.
- Upgraded existing streetlighting to LED along Sugar Creek Rd between Equipment Dr and Nevin Rd.
- \$50,000 invested to install two murals at the The Charlie Studio Rentals formerly at the site of Rodeway/Speedway Inns.
- \$200,000 investment in public space at the Hoover Townes Townhomes with an estimated completion of Spring 2027.
- 11 security camera installed during Safe Biz CLT pilot program.
- Four active Edible Landscapes in the Sugar Creek/I-85 Corridor: Faith CME Church, Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle, Sugaw Creek Recreation Center, and Bread of Life Deliverance Church.
- 33 Housing program investments in Sugar Creek corridor in downpayment assistance, housing rehab and repair
- Three Healthy Corner Stores participating in the Refrigerator Program or have received a N.C. Healthy Food Retail Designation in the corridor: El Tigre #2, La Corona Meat Market, Fruteria El Barrio.

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