

North Carolina's Northeast Economic Development Region



INFRASTRUCTURE

Communications and other utility infrastructure are being increased with county and regional grants for increased capacity.

Our county governments are continually seeking creative opportunities to finance capital projects.



Fact: *The coastal area of North Carolina is the location of current wind turbine research that will propel the future of alternative energy sources.*

Electricity

Supplies of electricity in North Carolina's Northeast Region are abundant for the future and service reliability is rated among the best in the nation. These electric service providers invest in energy, community volunteer opportunities and the environment. In some areas of the region, a business has a choice of the electrical service provider.

Electrical Service Providers in North Carolina's Northeast Region include:

- [Dominion NC Power](#)
- [Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation](#)
- [Halifax Electric Membership Corporation](#)
- [Roanoke Electric Cooperative](#)
- [Tideland Electric Membership Corporation](#)
- [Edgecombe-Martin Electric Membership Corporation](#)
- [Progress Energy](#)
- [Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative](#)

Water & Sewer

Communities in North Carolina's Northeast continually update water and sewer infrastructure. North Carolina's Northeast and its communities have benefited greatly from state wide bond referendums, the [Clean Water Management Trust Fund](#), the [NC Rural Economic Development Center](#), and Federal programs like [USDA](#) and [EDA](#) that have expanded water and sewer availability and capacity throughout the region.

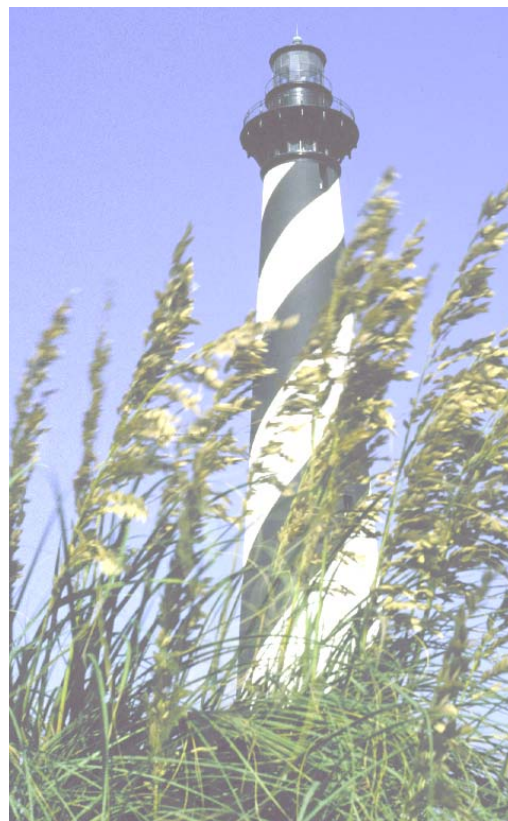
Natural Gas

[Piedmont Natural Gas](#) is the natural gas supplier in North Carolina's Northeast Region.

Communications

Most major business districts and employment centers in North Carolina's Northeast Region are served by fiber-optic based infrastructure. The overall coverage rate for high-speed Internet is 80.4% in the sixteen county area.

This infrastructure consists of SNET fiber optic ring technology connecting customer locations with serving central offices. Additionally, SNET ring architecture is used to connect central offices and multiple POP locations. Digital central office switches are used in major business districts and employment centers in the Northeast Region. Sufficient fiber infrastructure flexibility is available to provide customized fiber network arrangements to meet any customer's specific voice, data, or video needs.



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