2026 Primary Election

Proposed Early Voting Implementation Plan

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Timeline

- ✓Aug. 19 – Proposed plan presented to Board
- ✓Aug. 20 – Public input survey opens
- ✓Sept. 26 – Public input survey closes
- ✓Oct. 7 – Preliminary review of public input
- Oct. 14 – Final review and vote by Board

Proposed Plan Overview

- 10 Early Voting sites
- Open Saturday, Feb. 21
- Open Sunday, Feb. 22
- Weekend Hours = 10:00am – 3:00pm (One Shift)

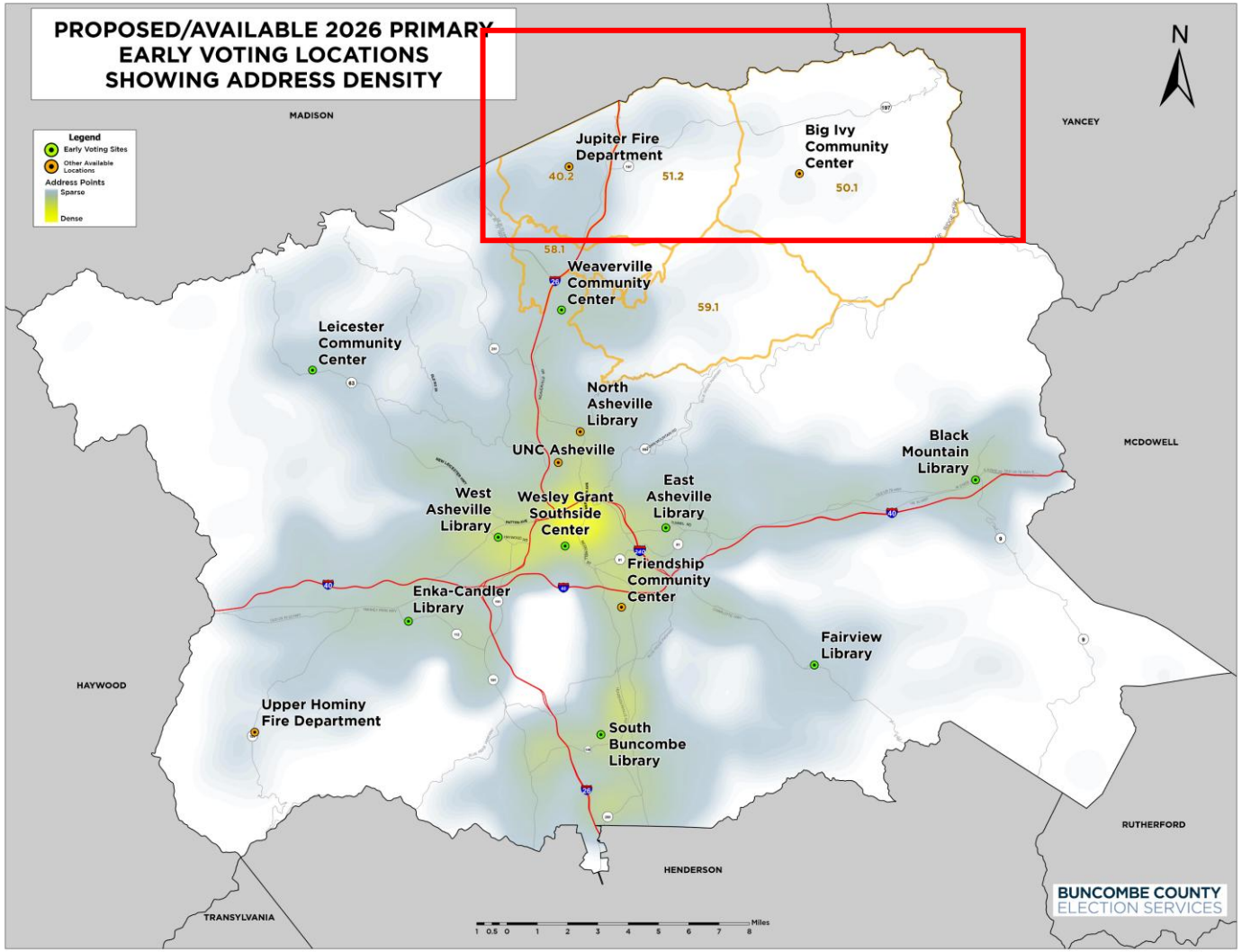
Proposed Sites

1. Black Mountain Library
2. East Asheville Library
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Site Research

Possible Sites - North



- Big Ivy Community Center – waiting to hear back
- Jupiter Fire Station – available/reserved

Jupiter Fire Station

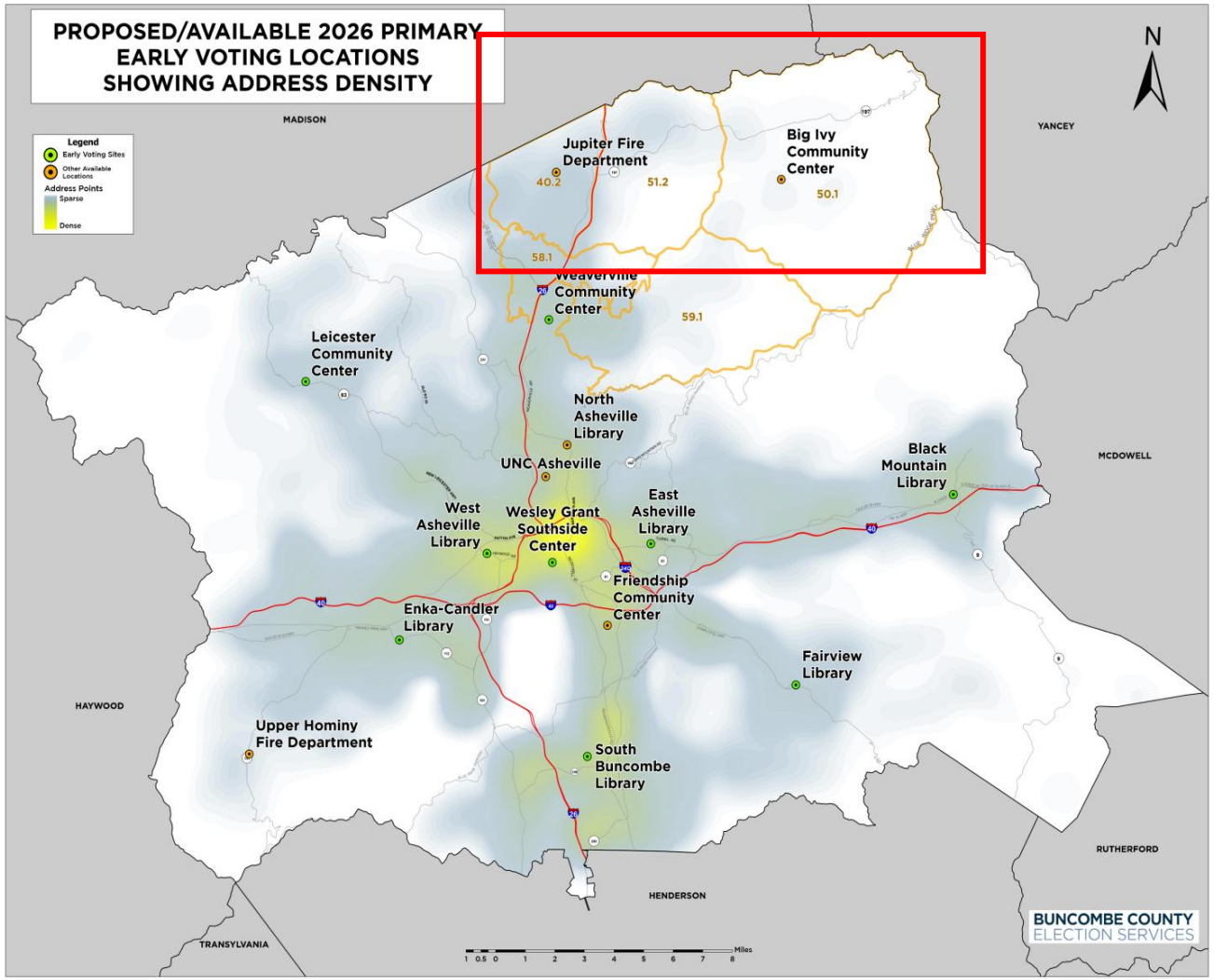
- Located 7 miles from Weaverville Comm Ctr
- Located 7.7 miles from Barnardsville
- Located 1.6 miles from I-26/Exit 15







Registered Voters

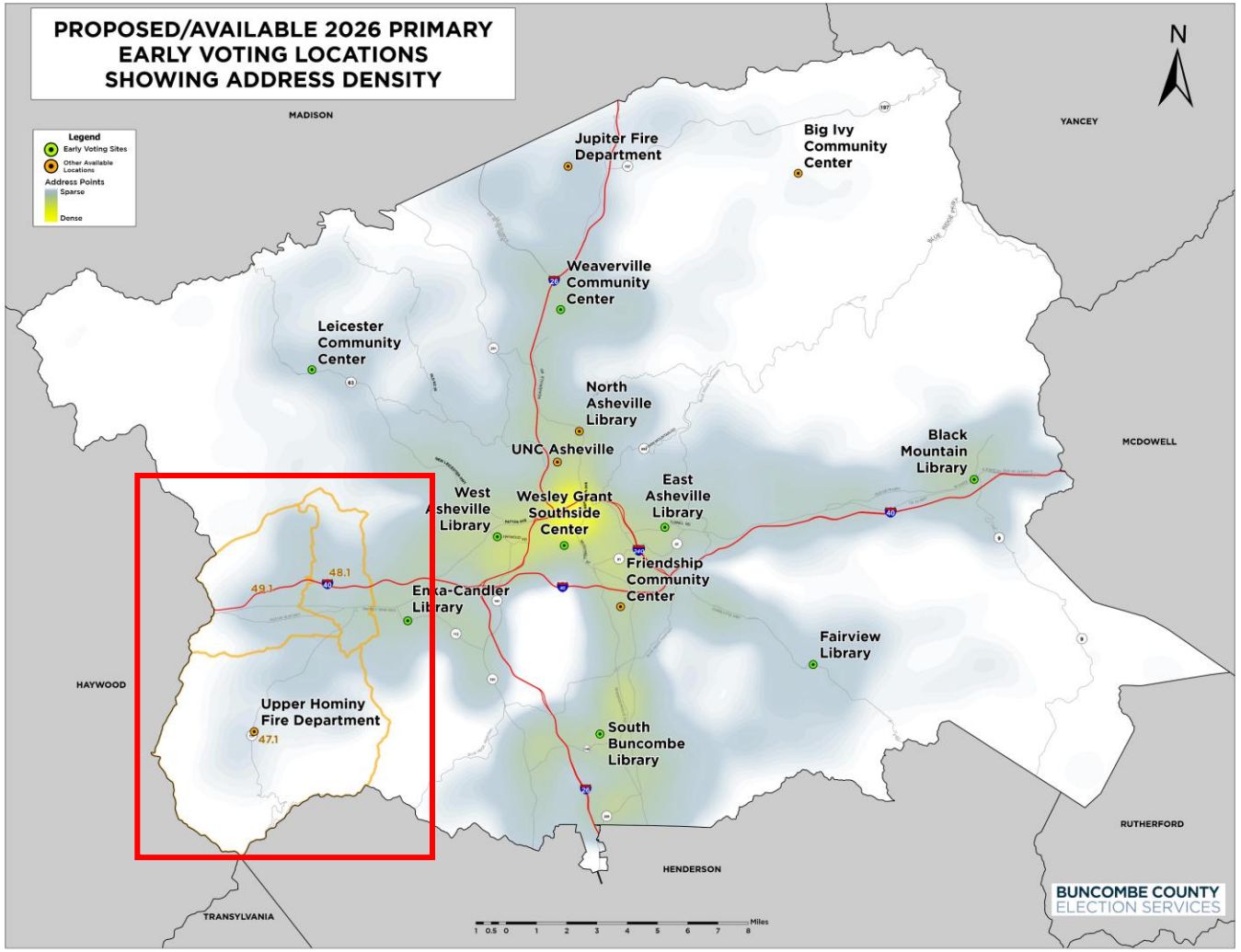


	Barnardsville/Jupiter Precincts		
Election	40.2	50.1	51.2
May Primary 2010	3,413	1,572	1,866
May Primary 2014	3,657	1,570	1,953
May Primary 2018	3,749	1,555	2,061
May Primary 2022	3,929	1,500	2,096
As of 10/8/2025	4,061	1,537	2,184
Percent Change:	15.96%	-2.28%	14.56%

Average Growth = 13.59%

Total Voters (as of 10/8) = 7,782

Possible Sites - West

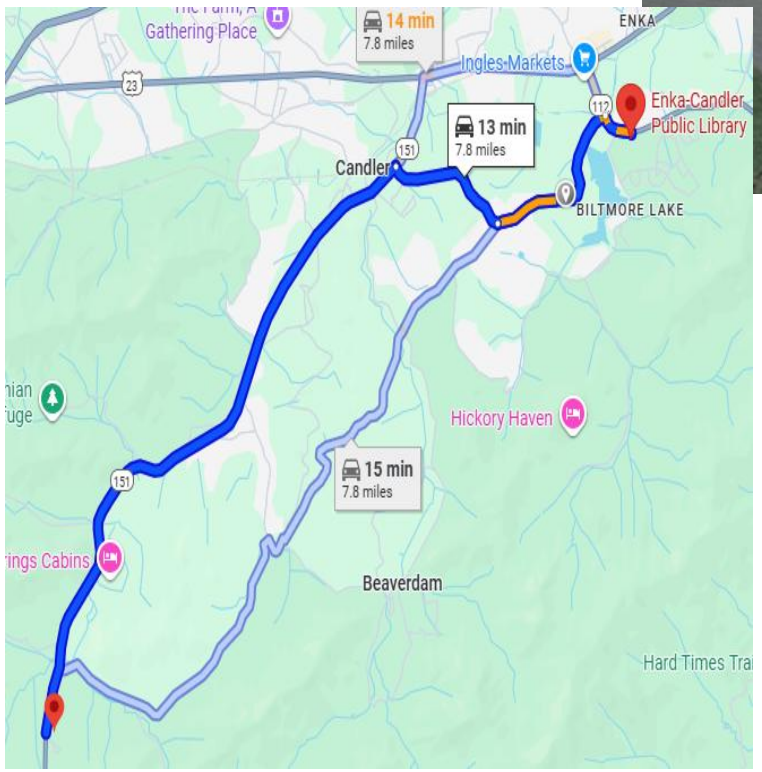


- Upper Hominy Fire Station – available/reserved

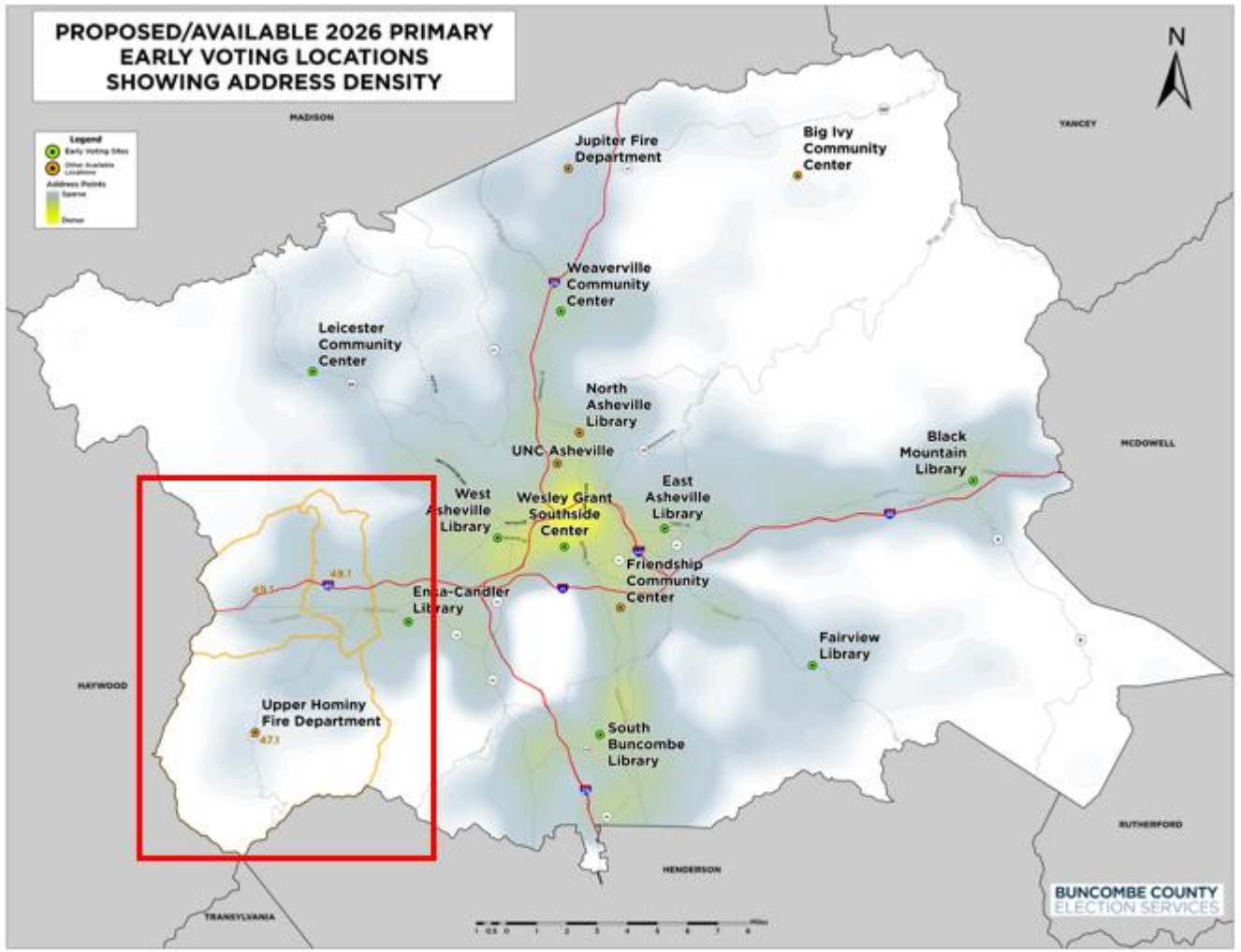
Upper Hominy Fire Station

- Located 7.8 miles from Enka-Candler Library
- Located 5.7 miles from Smokey Park Hwy





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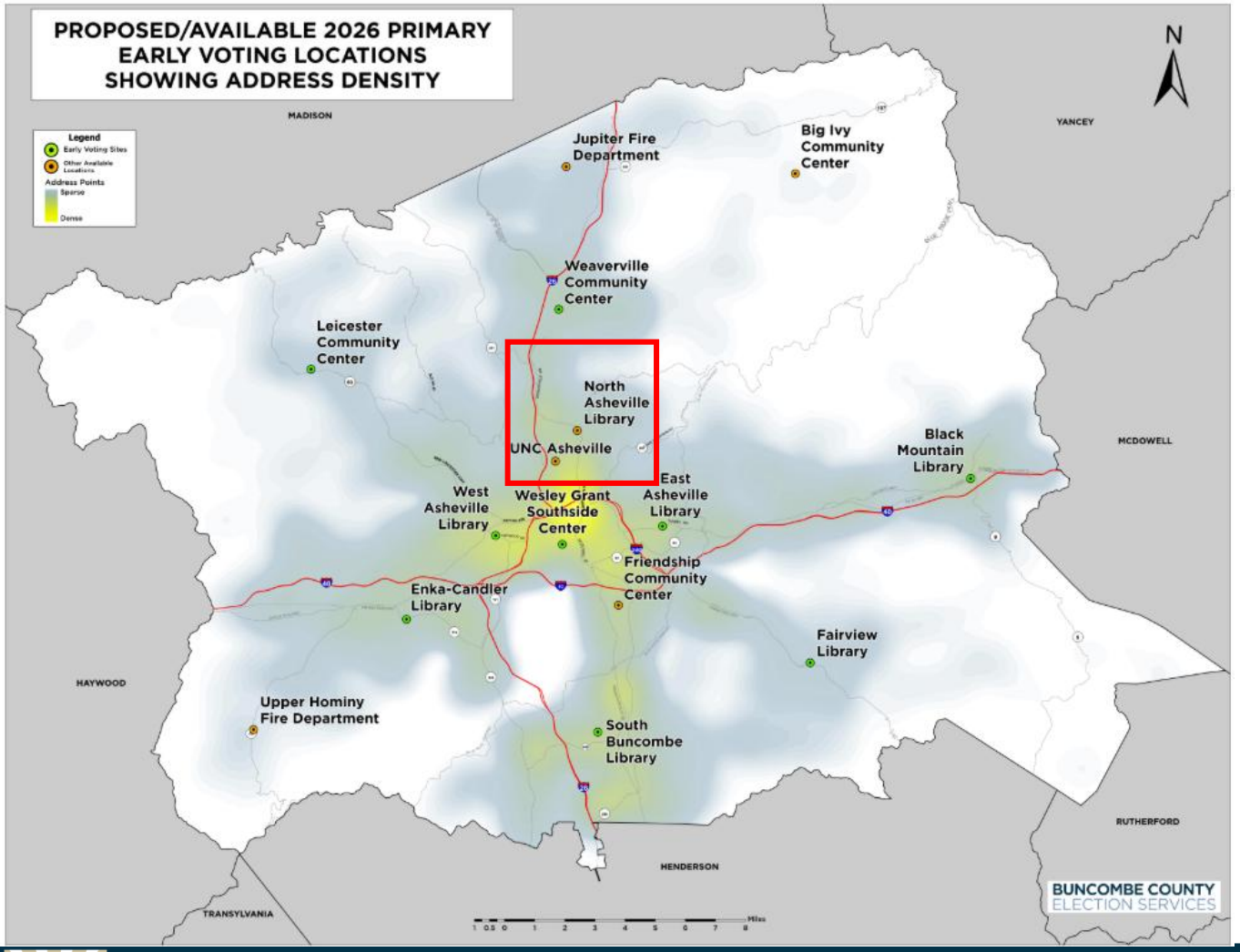


	Enka/Candler Precincts		
Election	47.1	48.1	49.1
May Primary 2010	3,957	3,333	3,809
May Primary 2014	3,945	3,441	3,882
May Primary 2018	4,211	3,767	4,109
May Primary 2022	4,242	4,073	4,343
As of 10/8/2025	4,432	4,109	4,473
Percent Change:	10.72%	18.89%	14.84%

Average Growth = 17.25%

Total Voters (as of 10/8) = 13,014

Possible Sites – N. Asheville

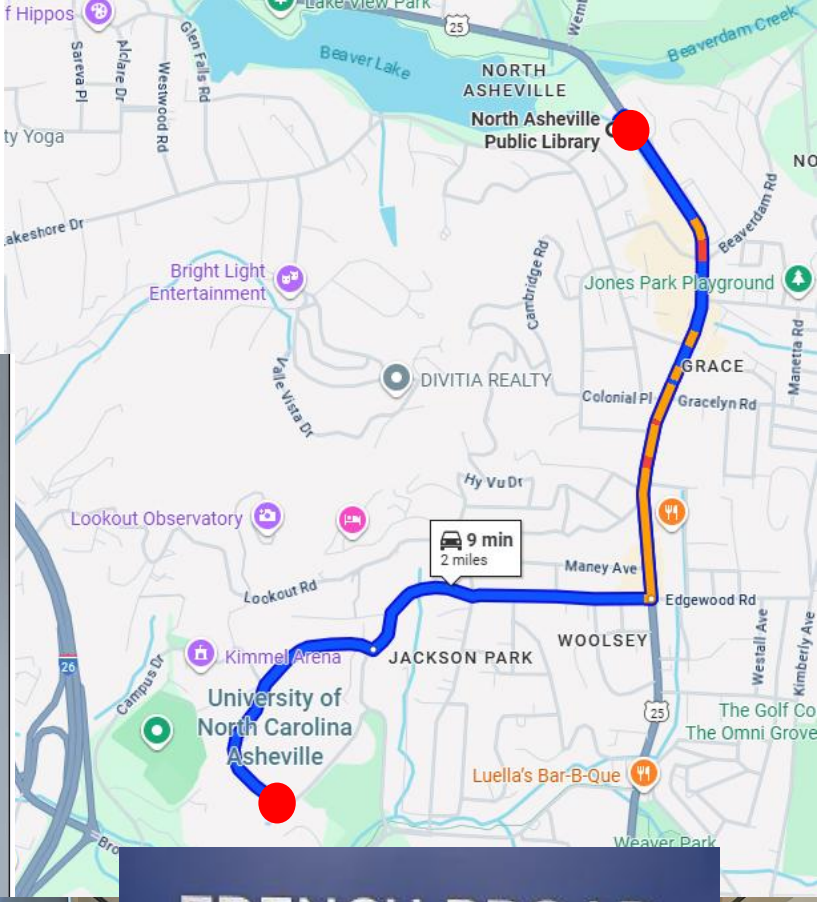


- North Asheville Library – available/reserved
- UNCA – available/reserved

UNCA Site

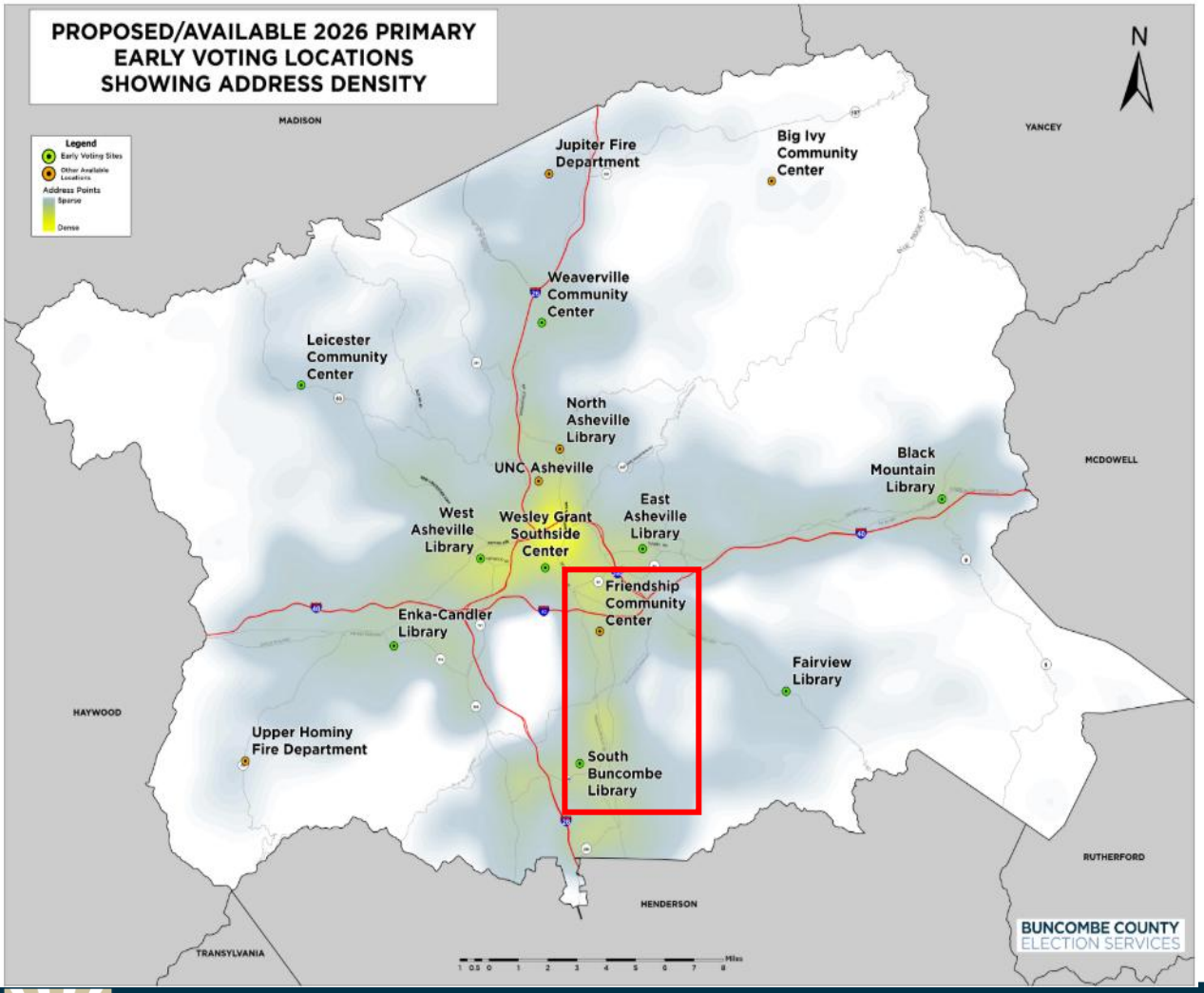
- Located in Highsmith Student Union Building
- Voters would have to take stairs or elevator to access room
- 2 miles from North Asheville Library







Possible Sites - South



- Friendship Center
  – room available/reserved
- S. Buncombe Library
  – room available/reserved

Proposed Plan Overview

10 Early Voting Sites

Weekdays – 8:00am to 7:30pm (mandated)

Open Saturday – Feb. 21
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Weekends – 10:00am to 3:00pm

Last Saturday – Feb. 28
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Board Decides

- Weekend Dates and Hours
  - Feb. 20 - 21
  - 10am – 3pm
- Sites (up to 11)
  - Additional Sites for Consideration
  - Jupiter Fire Dept. (north) vs. Upper Hominy Fire Dept. (southwest)
- North Asheville location
  - N. Asheville library **or** UNCA
- South Asheville location
  - Friendship Center **or** S. Buncombe Library