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County of Catawba Featured in New Classroom Resource

CHAPEL HILL, NC — Local teachers and students reading the third edition of *Local Government in North Carolina* might notice some familiar faces. Catawba County is one of approximately 40 North Carolina localities featured in photos featured throughout the textbook.

Available online as a free downloadable PDF, *Local Government in North Carolina* provides an overview of the structure and operations of local government. To access the PDF, visit www.civics.org/lgnc/.

The author of the book is Gordon P. Whitaker, professor of public administration and government at the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The book was published by the North Carolina City and County Management Association and the School of Government with funding from the International City/County Management Association's Fund for Professional Management.

The book's content is designed to complement the state's 10th grade Civics and Economics curriculum, but it is a useful resource for anyone, young or old, seeking to learn more about local government. One purpose of the book is to encourage readers to play an active role in their own communities and to be personally involved in maintaining an effective government.

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