

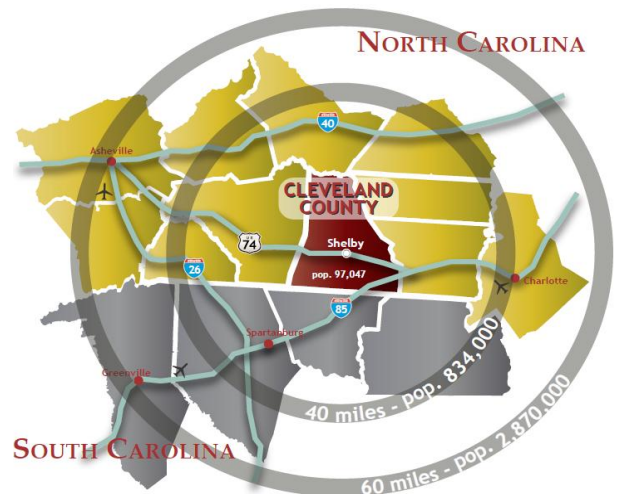
ENERGY

FAST FACTS:

- Duke Energy has corporate headquarters in CLT and is now the largest utility in the US.
- Duke Energy has a training facility in Cleveland County.
- The Energy Production Infrastructure Center (EPIC) at UNC Charlotte, which provides education and research to train electrical/civil engineers for careers in the energy field, is located only 45 minutes away from Cleveland County.
- In 2012, Schletter, Inc., a solar-component manufacturer established its US headquarters in Cleveland County.
- In 2014, NTE Energy announced its plans to invest over \$450,000,000 in Cleveland County and will construct a dual turbine plant in Cleveland County.

WHY CLEVELAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA?

- **Accessibility**
 - The CLT Region is a distribution hub for the seventh-largest urban region in the US.
- **Business Strengths**
 - Growing energy cluster in Cleveland County.
 - Accessibility to strong energy supply chain in CLT Region.
 - Diversified local economy with strengths in advanced manufacturing.
 - NC has lowest unionization rate in the US. There are no unionized facilities in Cleveland County.
- **Shovel Ready Sites & Available Buildings**
 - Sites available from 10-400 acres that can be potentially gifted to companies for development.
 - Attractive and modern industrial shell buildings available.
 - Robust and cost efficient electrical, water, sewer and natural gas utilities.
- **Local Government Support**
 - Expedited & Streamlined Permitting.
 - Aggressive Financial Incentives.
- **NC Renewable Energy Incentives**
 - Provides a 35% tax credit of the cost of renewable energy projects that are constructed, purchased or leased in NC.



Major Energy Firms in Charlotte USA



CLEVELAND COUNTY LOGISTICAL ADVANTAGES

- **Reliable Air Transportation**
 - Charlotte Douglass International (CLT)
 - Greenville Spartanburg International (GSP)
- **Fast & Interstate Highway System**
 - I-85, I-26, I-40 Accessibility
- **Sophisticated Rail Service**
 - Norfolk Southern Intermodal, Charlotte, NC
 - Norfolk Southern Inland Port, Greer, SC
- **Well Integrated Port System**
 - Port of Charleston, SC

