



Incorporated: 1891
2006 population: 387
County: Halifax
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Hobgood Utilities:

- Electricity
- Water
- Wastewater

Major Employers:

- Hobgood Academy

Transportation:

- Major highway routes serving Hobgood: NC 125, NC 122, and NC 97
- Air: Halifax County Airport (general aviation), Halifax-Northampton Regional Airport (under construction)
- Rail: CSX Transportation/Seaboard System Railroad

A Warm, Down-to-Earth Quality

The Town of Hobgood at the southeastern tip of Halifax County is a comfortable, safe and friendly community bordering the Edgecombe and Martin County lines. In an uncrowded, quiet and relaxed setting near the scenic Roanoke River, the Town is close enough to several major cities to enjoy the benefits of urban amenities and has connections with the transportation and communication infrastructure to put it in touch with the world. It is a distinct community with an amiable small town atmosphere where friends and family are still important.

In 1889-90, the Atlantic Coastline Railroad established a rail head in between the towns of Conohoe (present-day Oak City) and Scotland Neck. A depot was constructed during that time and a settlement formed around it which was incorporated as the Town of Hobgood in 1891. In large part because of the railroad, the town flourished both economically and culturally. A large hotel was built to house the overnight travelers and Main Street was a flurry of activity with numerous shops and stores on both sides of the street. When highway travel replaced the railroad's presence, the dynamics of development were altered. Although the Town's population has remained relatively small over time, the addition of vital infrastructure in recent years has opened the door to new development.

Hobgood's assets include an ideal geographic location, a lower cost of living, productive workers, an exceptional quality of life and a positive attitude toward business and residential development. Located within a geographic area that is equidistant between New York and Florida, Hobgood is within a day's drive of one-third of all the nation's markets. Just 90 minutes from Raleigh and within a short drive of Greenville, Wilson, Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids, the Town has easy access to a complete complement of business and consumer services. The region's labor force has a strong work ethic and a proven track record. Property and labor costs are extremely competitive and the Town has land holdings that can be utilized as development incentives. The county qualifies for the maximum state financial incentives and tax credits. Access to exceptional state job training services and right-to-work laws supplies added benefits. And there is always the friendliness and charm of the people, rich history, and inviting climate and natural setting that makes the quality of living in Hobgood second to none.

Affordable housing, friendly neighborhoods, safe and secure surroundings, good government and excellent services, along with one of the finest private schools in the state provide citizens with a unique combination of qualities that give them pride in their community and appreciation of their quality of life.



INTERESTING FACTS

Hobgood has a proud heritage of achievement in a variety of areas. James Hogun, Brigadier General of the Revolutionary War, Lt. General Frank Armstrong, World War II fighter pilot, Miss North Carolina USA 1989, Jackie Padgette, and recently retired Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, General Hugh Shelton, are just a few of the more notable examples of natives who grew up within a two-mile radius of the Town.

In the center of Hobgood's downtown area, Friendship Park with its shrubs, azaleas, bradford pear and dogwood trees is a great place for relaxation and enjoying the company of friends and acquaintances. A fountain is located in the center of the park and is surrounded by bronze plaques commemorating the contributions of the town's most noteworthy citizens.

Behind Friendship Park is The Country Church Museum. The old Methodist Church building (ca.1880) has been completely restored and renovated as a museum and is available for weddings, concerts and community activities.

Located across the street from the park and church is the historic Atlantic Coastline Railroad Depot. The depot serves as the center for all community activities and projects and is being renovated to include internet access for visitors, a conference room and railroad museum.

The Town celebrates the area's largest cash crop each year on the second Saturday in October with the Hobgood Cotton Festival. This event features a fun filled day of shopping, games, food and even a bit of education. Historic agricultural exhibits are highlighted along with a variety of live music. There are cotton wagon rides, bingo and arts and crafts exhibits.

The Town of Hobgood celebrates Independence Day with live music, food, drama, and fireworks in the Park Complex every 4th of July. This annual celebration of freedom is sponsored by the Hobgood Revitalization Committee.



Civic Pride and Citizen Participation

Active, progressive local leadership has helped overcome many of the constraints to development experienced in the recent past. When septic tank problems resulted in a housing moratorium, the Town moved aggressively to install a sewer collection system and contract with a neighboring municipality for wastewater treatment. Strong citizen participation in revitalization projects has confirmed the pride the residents have in their Town and its future.

The Hobgood Revitalization Committee has been instrumental in beautifying and expanding park and recreation facilities, as well as adding attractions to draw attention to the Town and its offerings. Improvements to the park and festival grounds, a fountain and the relocation of the historic church and railroad depot have added new life to the downtown area. The Town has assisted in renovating the depot to include a meeting room, railroad museum and library with computers for community access. In addition, Hobgood has invested in a low-power FM station to help keep citizens informed and make them part of the decision-making process.

A Safe Haven for Retirees

With its convenient location, attractive environment and exceptional lifestyle, Hobgood is an excellent choice for retirees seeking a safe, friendly, inexpensive and accommodating location. The region around the Town provides the perfect climate and natural surroundings for year-round outdoor activities. Shopping, cultural, social and recreational activities are all within a short drive on uncongested roads.

For area workers, residents of larger cities, and military personnel, the Town offers the friendly small-town characteristics so preferred by those seeking a quality retirement location. The Town is committed to building a community around family values and community pride where diverse individuals develop a common bond of affection for their town and neighbors.

