



An Appealing Escape in a Thriving Region

Landis is located in the rapidly growing piedmont area of North Carolina along Interstate 85, “the boom belt,” in the southwestern part of Rowan County. The County’s central location astride three major interstate corridors, with close proximity to two major metropolitan areas, provides a perfect blend of urban and rural landscapes, with a growing and diverse population and industry base. Area officials have worked hard to develop the area’s business environment, educational resources, workforce, recreational facilities, transportation, government services and quality of life. Rowan County offers some of the lowest personal property taxes and land/construction costs in the southeast, and has a strong pro-business atmosphere. The county offers a premier location for warehouses, manufacturing and distribution facilities since the largest consolidated rail system in the country is centered in the region. Rowan is also home to over 45 freight companies.

The organization of a new community in Rowan was begun in 1900 when the Linn Mill Company was chartered. In May of that year, at the second meeting of subscribers, plans were put into motion to construct a mill building, a railroad siding for receiving cotton and a railroad station. Mr. D.B. Coltrane, a Concord banker who had helped to financially back the enterprise, began looking into the process of locating streets and naming what was to become the Town of Landis.

Although the importance of textile manufacturing operations to the economy has declined over time, Landis has become a more diversified community attracting new growth and development with its progressive attitude, appealing small-town character and exceptional quality of life. A productive work force with a strong work ethic together with low building and operating costs offer ample opportunities for profitable business operations. Attractive, safe, and friendly neighborhoods display a wide selection of quality, affordable properties to satisfy any need.

The Town takes pride in the responsiveness, effectiveness and efficiency of its municipal services. Landis has owned and operated its own electric system since 1917 and now serves not only its citizens, but southern Rowan County and the northern part of Kannapolis as well. The Landis Public Works department is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the electric system and has an impressive facility and equipment. Landis also maintains its own water distribution and wastewater collection systems as well as miles of Town streets. The Public Works department provides garbage collection and recycling services and maintains all of the Town’s vehicles.

Incorporated: 1901
2006 population: 3,033
County: Rowan
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Landis Utilities/Services:

- Electricity
- Water
- Wastewater
- Police
- Fire
- Recreation
- Streets
- Sanitation
- Administration
- Zoning/Planning

Major Employers:

- Ceco Friction Products, Inc.
- Frank C Corriher Beef
- Harmony Laboratories, Inc.
- Kannapolis Sprinkler Co
- Parkdale Mill
- Pinnacle Corrugated, LLC
- Rowan County School System
- South Rowan Public Library
- South Rowan YMCA
- Town of Landis

Transportation:

- US Routes and NC Roads serving Landis: I-85 North and South Bound, US Highway 29/601, US Highway 29-A, NC Highway 153
- Air: Charlotte/Douglas International Airport and Piedmont Triad International Airport
- Rail: Norfolk-Southern Railway and Amtrak Passenger Service



INTERESTING FACTS

Landis is built around the mainline track of the Norfolk-Southern Railway, running from New York to New Orleans.

Landis is served by three public schools: Landis Elementary (K-5); Corriher-Lipe Middle School (6-8); and South Rowan Senior High School (9-12). All three schools are located within the Town's corporate limits and South Rowan houses the largest student population in the county with 1,800 students and staff members.

Landis has nine full-time police officers and five auxiliary staff.

The Landis Fire Department operates with two full-time fire engineers and 25 volunteer firefighters. Landis is in the process of constructing a second Fire Station to be attached to the Municipal Building. This new Fire Station will serve the southwestern portion of the town.

A new Landis Municipal Building was constructed in 1962 and now serves as the Police Station and Fire Station #1. Prior to that, the Town Hall was located in the Linn Mill company offices.

In May of 1991, a town gazebo was constructed across the tracks from the old depot and in October of 1993, a town clock was installed on the strip of land between the railroad tracks and Central Avenue in downtown Landis.

The Old Landis Post Office building has also been used as a meat market, a café and a warehouse. It originally opened in 1901. The Landis Railroad Depot was built in 1902.

In 1935, the Landis Cardinals won the Carolina League pennant. The Carolina League was an organization of professional baseball which developed outside of the accepted "professional" baseball teams and was considered "outlaw" baseball. Local interest was such that many players left the ranks of major league baseball to play for these teams.

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Creating a Friendly and Relaxed Atmosphere

The celebration and preservation of its cultural history and maintenance of its friendly and relaxed way of life has long been a priority in Landis. In the 1970's the Landis Community Foundation was set up by the Linn and Corriher Mills to help the town with historical preservation. With the help of this foundation, Landis began relocating, preserving and displaying old buildings including the Old Post Office, the Old Jail and the Landis Railroad Depot.

A mix of old and new neighborhoods offers a choice of housing in a wide variety of prices and styles. With excellent schools, convenient services, small-town hospitality and values, safe streets and friendly neighbors, families experience a standard of living that is enriching and satisfying in every way.

The Recreation Department sponsors an active summer program and its facilities include softball fields, a little league field, a recently renovated swimming pool, tennis courts, a pavilion and the American Legion Building. Just a short drive away, there are recreational facilities for boating, camping and fishing. Plus, you're never far from the state's mountains and beaches.

Residents enjoy a rich and comfortable lifestyle that is, in many ways, a uniquely rewarding living experience.

Bright Prospects for the Future

Late last year, plans were unveiled for the North Carolina Research Campus, a massive scientific and economic revitalization project within four miles of Landis. The planned 350-acre campus will house the most highly advanced, state-of-the-art laboratory space in the nation and is expected to become home to over 100 biotechnology companies. The Campus is scheduled for completion in five years, with construction on the main laboratory building already underway. The planned project will include more than one million square feet of office and laboratory space, 350,000 square feet of new retail and commercial space and will create 30,000 new jobs for the area.

