

Butner, North Carolina

Located in southern Granville County, the Town of Butner offers the ideals of small town living while being just minutes from Raleigh, Durham and the Research Triangle Park (RTP). Interstate 85 passes through the town with access from Exits 186, 189 and 191. The town has a total area of 13.9 square miles with a population of 8500 plus residents.

Butner has a rich history, originally an agricultural community later becoming a training camp during World War II, known as Camp Butner. It contained rifle ranges, artillery ranges, a prisoner of war compound, barracks, and support services for 40,000 plus troops. Part of the camp remains and is used as a training facility for National Guard and law enforcement. The War Department closed Camp Butner on January 31, 1947. In the same year the State of North Carolina took over the Camp and assumed the police and fire services and designated the State Board of Mental Health as the governing body of Butner. In 1973 the NC Department of Health and Human Services assumed the responsibilities for Butner. Many of the existing buildings left over from Camp Butner, were put to use as in-patient facilities to diagnose and treat individuals with psychiatric disorders and for treating severely mentally disabled individuals. A significant number of the Butner residents worked within the Butner mental health institutions.

The Butner Incorporation Bill #986 was signed by Governor Mike Easley on July 27, 2007 and the Town of Butner officially incorporated as a municipality on November 1, 2007. The Town operates with a full-time Town Manager and elected officials consisting of a Mayor and six Council members.

Given its proximity to RTP, local universities, major medical centers and major transportation thoroughfares, Butner is the industrial hub of southern Granville County. Butner is also the location of a Federal Correctional Complex, one of the largest federal prisons in the United States.

Butner is the perfect town for those looking to enjoy rural living without sacrificing convenience.