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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in Camden County. I have enclosed several items of interest pertaining to the history of Camden County. These items are designed to give a general overview of the history of our county. For a more complete history, visit: <http://www.camdencountync.gov/about/history> (or from the Camden County Homepage, on the 'About Camden' menu, click 'Camden's History'. Also on this menu is 'Demographics', and 'Points of Interest'. Also, these resources and more are available by clicking 'School Resource Information' on the side menu of the history page.

The above website should be able to answer most of the questions that you asked in your letter regarding the population, demographics, watersheds (rivers, creeks, etc.), and historical sites and events that took place in Camden County, NC. Primary industries in the county are mainly agricultural, some construction, some marine commercial businesses, a few restaurants, and of course the facility formerly known as Xe / Blackwater USA.

Our county is a developing county, so there are no recreational activities directly in the county with the exception of activities taking place at the Dismal Swamp Welcome Center and Dismal Swamp State Park. There are other recreational activities available in adjacent counties. In Pasquotank County, which is just over the Pasquotank River Bridge, there are movie theaters, a bowling alley, night clubs for dancing at, plenty of places to go and have a good time. Camden County is also within an hours drive from a major metropolitan city, Norfolk, VA, which has much the same types of entertainment, only many more selections to choose from. As far as restaurants go, Camden County has a small handful of mom-and-pop style restaurants - and we just recently got our first pizza delivery restaurant, called "Itza Boutza Pizza"! In neighboring Pasquotank County, there is Ruby Tuesday's, Ihop, Applebees, Golden Corral, and most of the Fast Food franchises have restaurants there.

Regarding local wildlife, we have deer, bears, opossums, squirrels, and birds of most kinds. Camden County contains approximately 25% wetlands as well. A little bit about wetlands, there is a rule of development that says if you disturb an acre of wetlands to build a house or a commercial building, you must create an acre of wetlands somewhere else within the same county. This is called 'mitigation' (pronounced 'mit-uh-ga-shun'). It is very important because wetlands help to soak up water after large rainfalls. Imagine what would happen if there were no wetlands, and a strong category 3 or 4 hurricane were to come through... much of our county would likely end up under some amount of water, and see much storm damage, without these wetlands to soak up the water (just a bit of trivia).

I think that just about answers all of the questions you asked about, if you have any other questions, please send me an email to 'abarnett@camdencountync.gov' or give me a call at (252) 338-1919 extension 235.

Sincerely,

Amy Barnett, Planning Clerk
Camden County Planning Department