

Infrastructure

Much like our **transportation assets**, Onslow County has reliable, robust utility infrastructure.

Water & Sewer

Onslow Water and Sewer Authority (ONWASA), a public, non-profit entity that provides water and sewer (wastewater) services to the unincorporated areas of the county as well as most municipalities in Onslow County. ONWASA serves approximately 56% of the Onslow County population. The **City of Jacksonville** provides water and sewer to more than 80,000 residents.

Electricity

Duke Energy Progress and **Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation** (JOEMC) provide electric service to businesses and residents in Onslow County. Duke Energy Progress, a subsidiary of Duke Energy serves nearly one and a half million customers in North and South Carolina. The utility serves a territory encompassing more than 34,000 square miles including the cities of Jacksonville, Raleigh, Wilmington and Asheville in North Carolina. Duke Energy, a Fortune 250 utility company based in Charlotte, NC operates in six (6) states serving millions of customers with clean, reliable and cost-effective electricity. JOEMC provides electricity in Jones and Onslow counties. Electric Membership Corporations are private independent electric utility businesses established to provide at-cost electric service. They are owned by the

consumers they serve, and are governed by a Board of Directors elected from the membership.

Broadband/Telecommunications

Onslow County has ten (10) Broadband/Telecommunications service providers for residential, commercial, industrial, and government customers. The County is served by two (2) cable providers – [Time Warner Cable](#) and [Charter Communications](#), one (1) DSL provider – [CenturyLink](#), two (2) fiber optic providers – [Level 3 Communications](#) and [MCNC](#), three (3) mobile providers – [AT&T Mobile](#), [Verizon Wireless](#) and [Sprint Direct](#), and two (2) satellite mobile providers – [HughesNet](#) and [ViaSat Communications](#). More information about Broadband services is available at www.NCBroadband.gov.

Natural Gas

[Piedmont Natural Gas](#) is an energy service company primarily engaged in the distribution of natural gas to more than one million residential, commercial, industrial and power-generation utility customers in portions of North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, including customers served by municipalities that are whole sale customers. Its subsidiaries are invested in joint venture, energy-related businesses including unregulated retail natural gas marketing, regulated interstate natural gas transportation and storage, and regulated intrastate natural gas transportation businesses.