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PREFACE

The Greensboro City Data Book represents a comprehensive review of physical, social, cultural, and economic trends. The book provides an overview of current conditions as much as possible, and the sources from which the data were derived.

The 2003 edition of the Data Book is the first attempt to update this document. Most of the 2000 Census data has now been released, allowing for more current and thus relevant statistical comparisons to be made. Further analysis of commuting data may occur in a future edition of the Data Book.

Data from the 2000 Census are included in this 2003 edition of the Greensboro City Data Book. However, only the City departmental statistics contained in the Key Indicators Chapter have been updated. Sections beyond Chapter 6 remain as they were in the original Data Book edition. Departmental chapters overall will be updated on a less frequent basis, usually on a once in five years schedule.

Portions of the Data Book will be updated as warranted, some on an annual basis. Subsequent updates will be used in a number of ways. These updates will track the selected key indicators and trends found in Chapter 1 and identify emerging key indicators and trends. The updates will also help to assess the current quality of life of Greensboro residents. Finally, subsequent issues of the Data Book will continue to compare the City to current as well as new state and national standards.

Five North Carolina cities were selected for the original Data Book as areas against which to compare and contrast Greensboro's characteristics. North Carolina comparison cities include Charlotte, Winston-Salem, High Point, Durham, and Raleigh. Three cities outside of North Carolina were chosen as well. These are Montgomery, Alabama, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Greenville, South Carolina. These selections were based upon relative size and socioeconomic characteristics. Many have also been used in other studies conducted for City of Greensboro.

The Data Book begins with an overall executive summary and is followed by a chapter on key trends and indicators for the City of Greensboro. These trends and indicators were chosen because of their importance and impact on the future growth and development of Greensboro. The indicators are followed by chapters on: the Triad region, demographics, the economy, zoning, commercial and residential development, the environment, water and sewer, transportation, solid waste, police, fire, schools, libraries, parks and recreation, financial conditions, capital improvements, and a glossary. Tables, figures, and maps assist in examination of relevant data.

At the same time the first issue of the Greensboro City Data Book was being compiled in 2001, seven "visioning" sessions and several follow up public meetings were held around the City to gather citizens' ideas of how they imagined Greensboro should appear in the future. The comments gathered from the visioning sessions, other public meetings and the contents in the Data Book served as guides in developing the Comprehensive Plan.

The Greensboro City Data Book can be found on the City's Website under Comprehensive Plan at http://www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/. Your comments and ideas regarding the Data Book are welcomed. Please call the Greensboro Planning Department at 336-373-2144 to speak with Art Davis or Amy Avers-Nelson. Or you may send your questions and comments via e-mail to art.davis@ci.greensboro.nc.us or amy.nelson@ci.greensboro.nc.us.