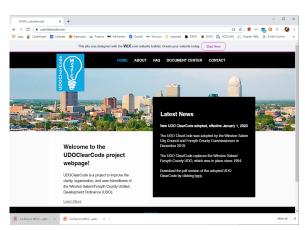
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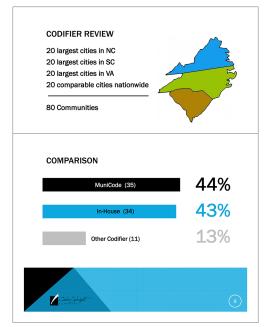
UDO Assessment & Reformat

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KEY PROJECT FEATURES

- Reformatting of current code language into a new document structure, layout, and numbering system
- Innovative means of distinguishing between text applicable to a land in one jurisdiction versus another
- Overview of digital codification options and best practices

Code Wright

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County is a community of 250,000 people in the Triad region of North Carolina. The community has a consolidated Planning and Development Services Department that serves both the City and the County. The community contracted with CodeWright to assess their 1,000-page UDO as part of a multi-pronged approach to updating the document, which has been amended over 300 times since its adoption in 1994.

The project, called UDO Clearcode, included a detailed code assessment report, a project web page, and substantial public outreach to the public, development community, and City/County staff. The assessment identified a wide range of substantive and non-substantive recommendations for improvement to the UDO. It also included a thorough review of the document's compliance with applicable State and federal planning law and court precedent. In addition, the project included a review of digital codification options for the community's consideration.

Following completion of the assessment report, the community extended its contract with CodeWright for the reformatting of the current UDO with a new intuitive structure, new style set and numbering system, and conversion of prose paragraphs into numbered statements and summary tables. The community adopted the reformatted version of the UDO in December of 2019, and will use this document as the basis for a series of staff-generated text amendments based upon the recommendations included in the code assessment report.