

## **Farmville License Plate Mural**

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Nothing says small town USA like a front bumper license plate with your town's name on it. This trend permeated small towns in the 60's, 70's and 80's.

In recent years, front bumper license plate holders have disappeared from many cars along with these iconic symbols of pride representing "where you are from."

These symbols of local pride are a nod to another day and time. The Farmville Group raised local funds and hired two ECU College of Fine Arts Students, Andrew Wells and Vincent Li, to reproduce one of these Farmville license plates on a grand scale.

The mural is on the Walnut Street side of the North Carolina Furniture School building. Prior to the furniture school occupying this building, it housed a series of auto parts stores since 1950, with the latest being Ray Nanny's NAPA Auto Parts.

And today, you can stop by the Farmville Chamber of Commerce to purchase a modern-day version of this iconic license plate for your car, that honors Farmville's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, which will be celebrated in 2022.