

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: August 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan

PRESENTER: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Henderson County 2045 Update
2. Project Schedule

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

In May of this year, the Board of Commissioners approved the contracting of Stewart Consultants for the facilitation of the new Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan. This plan, required by NC General Statutes, will provide a guideline for growth and development in the County.

The plan requires extensive public input and involvement, which equates to a long planning process. The consultants have divided the estimated 18-month process into three phases. We are currently in Phase 1. The Board will receive regular monthly updates throughout the process.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No action is required of the board. This is for informational purposes.

Suggested Motion:

None.



HENDERSON COUNTY 2045

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

PHASE 1

The comprehensive plan is a detailed plan that will take 18 months to complete. The process is broken into three phases. Phase 1 is anticipated to run through the end of 2021.

AUGUST 2021 UPDATES

WEBSITE - WWW.HENDERSONCOUNTY2045.COM

The County's 2045 Comprehensive Plan has its own website! The website is linked from the County's homepage and on the Planning Department's page.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

The survey is live online and will also be mailed out in August to real and personal property owners in the County tax bill. The survey will remain open until December.

SOCIAL MEDIA PUSH AND ONLINE PRESCENCE

In coordination with the PIO, staff created a social media push to encourage community members to take the survey. A press release is being prepared and staff is working with the Library Director for customer access to the survey.

MEETING IN A BOX

Interested neighborhood groups, churches, or just a group of friends can conduct their own informational session about the comprehensive plan with a "meeting in a box". A video presentation is available with a survey and private link to an interactive mapping activity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Staff is working in conjunction with the Environmental Coordinator to have information and surveys available at the Apple Festival.
- Staff will host a series of meetings throughout the community. A calendar of these meetings will be posted on the plan's website later this month.
- The consultants will interview over 50 identified stakeholders for their input on the plan in late August. The Planning Board, serving as the plan's steering committee, will also participate in these interviews.

Schedule

We anticipate the following schedule for development and adoption of the Henderson County Comprehensive Plan:

