

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2021

SUBJECT: Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan

PRESENTER: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Henderson County 2045 Update
2. Flyer for Open House Events

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.

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.

Phase 2 will begin in January when the Planning Board, serving as the Steering Committee, begins their "visioning" process.

MEETING IN A BOX

- The "Meeting in a Box" is available online at www.HendersonCounty2045.com.
- Unfortunately, staff cannot present at every club or organization's meeting. This online tool will allow small groups to conduct their own meetings and submit their feedback to become part of the record.

REACHING OUT!

- Based on the Board's previous comments, the consultant is currently developing methods to ensure outreach to under-represented communities.
- In partnership with the City of Hendersonville, staff participated in a two-day diversity and inclusion training.
- Comprehensive plan materials like the survey and open house flyers are available in Spanish. All other languages will be made upon individual request.
- Staff will conduct a stakeholder meeting with the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee in November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS & PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

- All members of the community are encouraged to attend an Open House Meeting in addition to either the in-person workshop on Wednesday, November 10th at Blue Ridge Community College or the virtual option on Thursday, December 9th. These workshops will be facilitated by the consultants and include a brief presentation of early findings.
- A schedule of these events are included with this update.

OCTOBER 2021 UPDATES

COMMUNITY SURVEY

- Staff are continuing to receive returned surveys from the tax bill.
 - Over 2,000 paper surveys returned
- The online survey received over 3,000 responses

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

- Since the last update, staff conducted 4 open house events.
- These events are drop-in style and have multiple interactive stations that are self-guided. Staff are available at each station to answer questions and facilitate critical thinking.
- These events generated interest in the plan and engaged many community participants.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Meeting summaries of the stakeholder meeting series held in August are now available online.
- Staff and the consultant continue to meet with key stakeholders regarding their unique perspectives of the County.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN Public Input Events

The county is drafting a new Comprehensive Plan! The updated plan projects to the year 2045 and will serve as a guide for growth and development in addition to offering recommendations related to housing, economic development, natural resources, recreation, and more.

Henderson County is hosting multiple public input events in different areas of the County from September through December. Please drop-in on any Open House Event convenient for you and your family, friends, coworkers, etc. The locations are not community specific.

Each meeting will contain the same public input activities, so you only need to attend one. Feel free to join at any point during the specified time range. Staff will be available to facilitate dialogue and answer questions, but the events are styled so you can go through the activities independently and at your own pace. Kids are welcome to attend.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

TAKE THE SURVEY AT
www.HendersonCounty2045.com

Open House Events		
Date	Time	Location
9/28/21	2:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Tuxedo Park (weather dependent)
10/6/21	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Thomas Auditorium at Blue Ridge Community College
10/12/21	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Hendersonville Main Library
10/18/21	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Edneyville Community Center
10/26/21	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Community Center at Crab Creek
11/2/21	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Fletcher Library
11/3/21	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Grace Mills River Church
11/9/21	4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Etowah Library

The meetings listed below will be hosted by the consultant, Stewart Inc. These meetings will have a different format and can be attended in conjunction with another open house event.

Date	Time	Location
11/10/21	4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Blue Ridge Conference Hall at Blue Ridge Community College
12/9/2021	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Virtual - Link Provided on Website