

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan

PRESENTER: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Henderson County 2045 Update
2. Map & Table of Meeting Locations

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.

SEPTEMBER 2021 UPDATES

COMMUNITY SURVEY

- Over 64,000 surveys were mailed with the real and personal property tax bills.
- As of September 2, we've received over 1,000 responses from community members.
 - 31 paper surveys
 - 976 online surveys
- Blue Ridge Literacy Council volunteered their services and translated the survey into Spanish, which is available online. Paper versions will be given to anyone who requests it.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Stewart consultants and staff facilitated 6 stakeholder meetings on August 25th and 26th.
- Over 50 participants were able to meet. A make-up meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.
- Four members of the Planning Board attended these meetings.

APPLE FESTIVAL

- In partnership with the County Environmental Coordinator, staff manned a booth on Friday at the festival. Volunteers continued to tell folks about the comprehensive plan throughout the weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

- In addition to the two public meetings the consultants will facilitate, staff are holding 7 open-house style meetings and 2 outreach events across the county.
- A schedule of the meetings as well as a map with directions to each location are on the County's website. Community members are encouraged to attend whichever meeting is most convenient for them.
- A virtual meeting option will be available later this year.

2045 Comprehensive Plan Public Input Meetings

