

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: February 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan

PRESENTER: Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner
Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Henderson County 2045 Update

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

In May of 2021, 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 have completed Phase 1 and are currently in Phase 2 of the plan process. 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 2

The comprehensive plan is a detailed plan that will take 18 months to complete. The process is broken into three phases. Phase 2 is anticipated to run through the end of summer 2022.

Phase 3 will begin in the early fall when the plan is drafted.

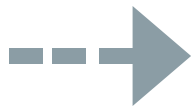
Community Survey

- **Staff received over 6,500 surveys responses!**
 - That's 11% of total households!

Key Takeaways

- 53% of respondents are aged 55 and older yet they only make-up 26% of the county's population.
- 62% of respondents have lived or worked in the county for at least 10 years.
- 48% of respondents think the County should *enhance* regulations of property land use and 39% of respondents think the County should administer the current regulations.

Top Priorities from
Survey Responses:



1. Protect Open Space/Forests
2. Conservation of unique natural areas and farmland
3. Improve access to internet/broadband

UPCOMING EVENTS

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

- Stewart Inc. conducted a visioning session with the Planning Board in January. They will continue work on this at their March 17th meeting. All Planning Board meetings are open to the public.

ONGOING PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Staff's intern crafted a public engagement strategy that includes a demographic analysis, a database of potential community partners, and an action plan for maximum public participation.
- County staff are in the process of meeting with various internal boards and committees as well as active local clubs and organizations.
- After Planning Board approval, a survey will be available to the public to prioritize draft plan goals.