



FARMLAND PRESERVATION TASKFORCE

Henderson County, NC

May 13th, 2024

6:00 PM



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Welcome & Introductions

Rebecca McCall, Chair	Board of Commissioners
David Hill, Chair	Board of Commissioners
Hunter Marks	Planning Board
Danny McConnell	Soil & Water
Gary Steiner	NC Cooperative Extension
Jimmy Cowan	NC Farm Bureau
Joffrey Merrill	AgHC
Randy Newman	Hendersonville Board of Realtors
Jason Edney	At Large
Justin Patwin	At Large
Linda Pryor	At Large
Alan Ward	At Large
Danielle McCall	At Large

Jonathan Wallin
April Hoyt
Soil & Water

Dr. Terry Kelley
NC Coop. Extension

Kieran Roe
Tom Fanslow
Conserving Carolina



**What is your background and/or
experience in agriculture?**

**What do you hope to accomplish
through this Taskforce?**



Taskforce Background





Past Efforts





2020 Comprehensive Plan

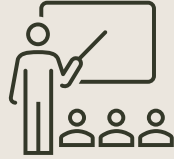
Recommendation A -01: Reduce Farmland Loss

- A. Consider the costs and practicality of establishing a farmland protection fund for Henderson County.
- B. Promote and expand voluntary agricultural districts to minimize land use conflicts and protect farmers' right to farm.
- C. Ensure that County -funded economic development programs and projects support farmland protection.

Recommendation A -02: Expand access for agricultural enterprises to economic development and tourism promotion programs and support services.

- D. Explore ways to make County economic development incentives more readily available to agriculture -related businesses.
- E. Provide maximum benefits under Present Use Value Taxation program.
- F. Provide ongoing training and technical assistance to farmers.
- G. Promote agricultural products that are produced in Henderson County.
- H. Identify an agricultural proponent or facilitator.

2045 Comprehensive Plan



AgHC

NC Cooperative Extension

Soil & Water Advisory Board

NC Farm Bureau

Blue Ridge Apple Growers

Future Farmers of America

NC Apple Festival



2045 Comprehensive Plan

Goal 2: Protect and Conserve Rural Character and Agriculture

Rec 2.1: Support agriculture as an economic driver.

Rec 2.2: Preserve existing farmland.

Rec 2.3: Promote cooperation between existing agriculture and new residential development.

Rec 2.4: Encourage non -farm development outside of agricultural areas.

Rec 2.5: Utilize zoning tools to help conserve rural character.

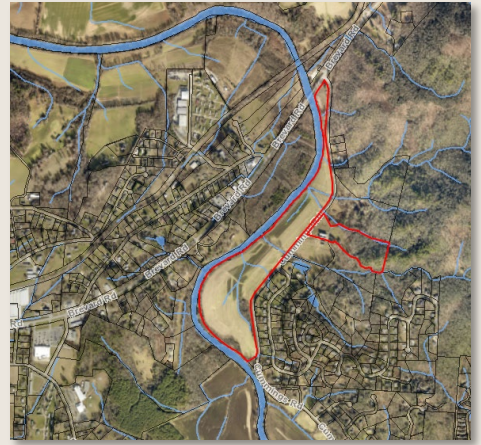
NC ADFPTF Easements (2023)

Conserving Carolina

Plumlea Farm
~200 acres

Brown Farm
~70 acres

Skybrook Farm
50 acres





Taskforce Goals & Outcomes



“The purpose of the Farmland Preservation Taskforce is to preserve and protect agricultural land throughout Henderson County while supporting local producers and the rural character of the County. The Henderson County Board of Commissioners hereby create the Henderson County Farmland Preservation Taskforce. The Taskforce shall assist the Board of Commissioners by providing input on the preservation of farmland in Henderson County.”





Taskforce Goals Discussion

Example Goals:

- Understand the agriculture needs in Henderson County
- Research existing agriculture preservation programs.
- Develop and recommend a Henderson County Agriculture Preservation Program



2024 Meeting Schedule

Second Monday of the Month

6:00 PM

100 N. King Street

King Street Meeting Room

Month	Date
June	10
July	8
August	12
September	9
October	14
November	11
December	9





Looking ahead.....



Future Topic Development

Guest Speakers

Organizations

Individuals



Thanks!

Next Meeting: June 10th @ 6:00 PM
King St Meeting Room

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